



# The GLSS Solo Challenger

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## *From The Helm*



Greetings solo sailors,

I hope everyone is recovered from the Mac races we had starting June 18. It sounds like the Port Huron racers had pretty nice conditions until that nasty beat at the end. The Chicago racers enjoyed tons of flies and light air on Saturday and building southerly breeze on Sunday making for a quick race for most. Personally, Sunday was some of the best sailing I've ever had on Lake Michigan. The perfect running conditions allowed the fleet to eat up the miles lost on Saturday. We had 18 starters and 15 finishers on the Chicago side, and 16 starters and 13 finishers on the Port Huron side. Congratulations to all solo challengers on your accomplishment! Chris Ongena won the President's Cup for the best finisher of a new challenger on the Chicago side. Welcome to the group, Chris.

Part of our recovery every year is the kegger debrief on the yacht club's back patio. Thank you to the Rubright family for donating the keg every year and allowing us to share war stories, exaggerate our tactics and reflect on the adventures we just shared.

As usual, the awards luncheon at the Mackinac Island Yacht Club was fantastic. Past President and Mac Chair Jeff Neuhalfen did a great job organizing the event on both lakes and making sure our record number of luncheon attendees were entertained and well fed. Mark Gannon kept us organized on the Chicago side and did an outstanding job running the race. A couple key people behind the scenes that help year after year running this event are Ken Verhaeren and Rick McLaren. They have donated countless hours to the often tedious tasks that make everyone run smoothly on the Chicago side. Thank you also to Glenn and his outstanding race committee. It is a pleasure being a part of such a well-run event, and sail with an exceptional group of sailors!

The Lake Ontario 300/600 is about to shove off, good luck to all the challengers. The Lake Erie Solo is in August and we have more great events scheduled. Check out the event calendar on our web site, [www.solosailors.org](http://www.solosailors.org).

John Hoskins      GLSS President



## 2016 SOLO MAC CHALLENGE ends with a BANG!

It was a fast trip up the lakes with big winds hitting sailors on both lakes. For the Chicago MAC soloists it occurred on Sunday night into Monday morning. Winds built up into the 40kts area and pushed the boat up the lake after a slow start on Saturday. The Superior division lead the way saw some lead changes along with 16kts of boat speed.



The tail end of the fleet arrived on Tuesday morning after Ken Verhaeren sat for 8 hours just off of the island. Sunrise finally gave him a wispher of wind to get in at 0938 in the morning. Kris Kimmons had his fastest Solo Mac on his boat Shadow beating his best time by more than 24 hours.

On the Port Huron side of the MAC a great trip up the lake ended in a Microburst of wind at the finish. As the norm, the Pt. Huron soloist beat most of the Lake Michigan fleet to the island and got the best of the Rum donated by our friends at Quantum Sails. The Michigan division with three boats (two T-10's) was the most competitive group finishing within an hour and a half of each other.

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**Mike Hebert won the President's Cup for the best finisher of a new challenger on the Pt Huron side.**

And of course there was the food! A full house enjoyed the excellent meal presented by our host the Mackinac Island Yacht Club



For full results of the 2016 Solo Mac go to <http://solosailors.org/pdfs/mac16Results.pdf>



Finally the last boat attempting the Challenge is ANNE BONNY. Getting amazingly close to the finish line a Dale was unable to finish under sail. We look forward to his finish next year!

Sometimes we forget why we call it the **SOLO**  
**MAC CHALLENGE!**

Ron Smalbone

S/V Epiphany ,1987 Mirage 275

# Port Huron to Mackinac Island solo race June 18 2016

In early May of this year I approached our Commodore Martin Lomas and posed a difficult question. What is your favorite drink? I explained to him that I was unable to make our annual PCYC sail past due to a conflict in my entry into the 2016 solo Port Huron to Mackinac Island race. Martin graciously requested that if I write an article for Credit Notes he would forego the traditional penalty of buying the Commodore a drink.

I have been active racing solo since the 1990's and have participated in many single handed races including Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, and now Lake Huron. My personal goal is to complete solo races in all of the Great Lakes including the solo Chicago to Mackinac Island and Trans - Superior in 2017.

In 2005, the year of 2 category 5 hurricanes, I decided to sail Epiphany south. After transiting the Erie barge canal I ended up single handing my boat from New York City to Varadero Cuba. (But that's entirely another story!)

PCYC has a number of active single handed racing sailors. They include Kim Piller (Solo), I Mark Searle, (Jersey Girl) ,George Minarik, (Entre Ami) and Great Lakes Single handed Society (GLSS) members: Jim French ,(Vague Location), Gene Joelson ( Joelyrose), Carl Riccutti (Finito), and Ted Spanos (Mythos)

PCYC member Kim Piller's Father, the late Gord Piller and David Hunter started the single handed race series back in 1975. Bill France, (who used to own a C&C 27: Anik II) was one

the founding members/ Chairman of what is now called the Lake Ontario 300. He was very active in the single handed series in the late 1980's and early 1990's. Bill France and the late Bob Sim sponsored my membership application to PCYC in 1988 and along with the late Herman Sneider (Whitehawk) were key reasons why I joined the single handed race series. Al Omarra ( Mystery) who now owns White Knight was a previous Chair of the Single handed race series. I am sure there are other PCYC members who also took part in the Single handed series including Lloyd Hircock ( Oddsocks) all well before my time.

Gene Joelson was the first PCYC member to complete the solo Lake Ontario 300 and Lake Ontario 600! He was awarded 'Athlete of the week' by City Pulse news.

Long time single hander George Minarik has just returned to PCYC after several years cruising to Bermuda (twice) then on to the BVI's , Saint Maarten, Saint Bart's and Antigua and many other Islands and southerly Ports.

Just a bit of information about my boat Epiphany, 1987 Mirage 275 (27') cruiser/ racer with hank on sails with an ice box. It is a simple boat but well equipped for single handed racing. I have a lot of redundancy and spares.

The sail inventory includes: 2 racing Mylar Kevlar no.1's, a number 3, storm jib, spare main, and 3 spinnakers. I carry 2 spinnaker poles and a whisker pole. It also is equipped with all of the required safety single handed equipment and back up navigation spares. (Chart plotter, Navionics loaded on the IPAD, hand held GPS) In addition for the GLSS races I carry a 'Spot' Generation 3 tracker, AIS and a personal locator beacon. (PLB). With the Spot tracker I purchased (USD) \$100,000 insurance towards search and rescue.

Getting to Port Huron means locking up bound through the Welland Canal. The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation requires that you have a minimum of 3 to lock up bound and 2 down bound on the Welland canal. On Monday June 6th at approximately 10pm I along with fellow PCYC members Tom Eagles (Soaring Eagles) and Kevin Suddes (Wie der WIND) departed the club.

It had been a hectic weekend completing the Susan Hood Trophy race commencing the

previous Friday, followed by a wild and windy LOSHRS race on the Sunday, and finally a lightning storm cancellation on the Monday night racing series. We arrived at the entrance to the Welland canal just before 4am Tuesday June 7th and were promptly allowed passage through the 8 locks. At about 1130am we were safely secured to a dock at the Sugarloaf Marina, in Port Colborne, Ontario. At this point Tom and Kevin departed and I was joined by my girlfriend Trish McCarthy. It was blowing like stink from the northwest. We decided we would plan the 51nm trip to the Erie Yacht Club the following day.

On Wednesday June 8th at 930am we departed Port Colborne and set a course for the Erie YC. The winds were 18 knots and there was a small craft warning due to high winds. We just closed hauled, double reefed the main, and set the number 3 jib. We checked in to US Customs Border Patrol via cell phone at the Erie YC at 1030pm. We are both Nexus members, so clearing in was a simple process. It was a windy, wavy ride but we arrived safely with no equipment failures.

The Erie Yacht club was established in 1885. They have numerous antique photographs of people, boats and regattas dating back to the late 1800's until the present date. I first attended this club during the finish of the 2015 GLSS Lake Erie solo race. The Commodore at the time, and solo competitor Brad Enterline (on his yacht Peacemaker, a Tartan 35)" graciously hosted the single handed sailors including fellow solo Lake Ontario sailors David Courtney (Betterstill, LSYC) and 'Mac' McKenzie ( Worthy Pearl, EYC) The following day I met with Brad and advised him of my next scheduled stops on the south shore of Lake Erie. He suggested we stop at the Mentors Yacht Club located about 70nm from Erie located just west of Cleveland Ohio.

On Friday June 10th at 6am we departed the Erie Yacht club headed to Mentors Ohio. The winds were light out of the east so I decided to fly the spinnaker. The winds proceeded to increase so I decided to take it down when the spinnaker halyard jammed and one of the sheets wrapped around the propeller shaft. We tried to untangle the mess but to no avail. I then decided to sail into the port of Grand River, Ohio and sailed up to an in-

dustrial wall. I then put on my wet suit and dove on the prop shaft, freeing the tangled sheet. Trish then hoisted me to the top of the mast, where I freed the jammed halyard and unwound the tangled, albeit damaged spinnaker. We then made our way to the Grand River Yacht Club (GRYC) and tied up for the next two nights. GLSS member John Olilia (Tartan 28, Finnair) keeps his boat here across the river from the club. GRYC is located about 5nm west of our intended destination of Mentors Harbor. I presented Commodore Gary Horvath with our own PCYC burgee with a request from him for a PCYC reciprocal card. We then went to 'Pickle Bills' for some cold draft beers on the river floating bar, and then crossed the street to Brennan's Fish restaurant for the best raw oysters on the half shell, and crab cakes.

On Sunday June 12th at 510am we departed the Grand River and headed to the south shoal light through the Pelee passage, then on towards the Detroit River. At 1230am (Now Monday June 13th) we pulled into the Brumon Yacht club, Amherstburg, Ontario for the night. This is a shallow draft, all power boat club. We found there was at least 6 feet of water depth and had no problem finding an empty slip. At 630am we departed Brumon's and by 9am had passed under the Ambassador bridge. The Detroit River current is about 3 knots against us so it was a slow motor for my one cylinder Yanmar engine. There are plenty of up bound and down bound freighters. I counted at least 6 passing through the Detroit River in this area.

At about 4pm we checked into a quaint, Cape Code style community on Harsens Island, Michigan at the South Channel Yacht Club. (SCYC) This is part the Great Lakes Delta region known as the St. Clair flats. The dock master is a local resident who lives beside the club. She charges a \$1 a foot plus 5 dollar refundable key deposit for the clean wash rooms and showers. We departed SCYC at 6am Tuesday June 14th and arrived at the Port Huron Yacht club (Est.1923) inner basin at about 2Pm.

Port Huron to Mackinac Great Lakes Single handed Society solo yacht race 2016

There is a long historical connection between the city of Port Huron, Port Huron Yacht club (PHYC) and the yacht race to Mackinac Island. There is a commemorative plaque dedicated to the race in the park adjacent to PHYC as a registered Michigan historic site. The plaque states, quote: " Yacht clubs and World War II. After the first Port Huron to Mackinac race in 1925 entries in the sailing competition increased. A month after the United States entered World War II in December 1941, race organizers wrote to President Franklin D. Roosevelt asking if the Port Huron to Mackinac race should be suspended due to the war. In a letter dated February 6, 1942, M.H. McIntyre, Secretary to the President responded. The continuation of yachting on the Great Lakes is encouraged by the Navy. McIntyre urged Bayview Yacht Club and other Great Lakes yacht clubs to continue teaching young men navigation and seamanship skills and increase instruction in Morse code and radio communication." Unquote.

On the other side of this plaque details some of the history of the Port Huron to Mackinac race. Quote: " In 1924 members of the Bayview Yacht Club in Detroit raced a schooner named the Lloyd L. Berry and won the 731 mile race from Newport, Rhode Island , to Bermuda. Later that year, members of the Bayview Yacht Club, Port Huron Yacht club and other sailing clubs organized a long distance fresh water race on Lake Huron. The first annual race from Port Huron to Mackinac Island was held on July 25, 1925. Steamships towed boats from Lake St. Clair sixty miles up the St. Clair River to the starting line at Port Huron. Twelve boats began the 261 mile race to Mackinac Island, but only six boats finished due to high seas, strong winds and broken equipment." Unquote.

Once at the club a number of fellow GLSS solo sailors started to arrive leading up to the Friday skippers meeting. Most of the participants were from Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair. I was proud to represent PCYC as the only Lake Ontario entry. A number of these participants have signed up for our solo Lake Ontario 300. The skippers meeting was held at Vintages Tavern, a short walk from PHYC.

The skippers meeting contained the usual contents of sailing instructions and liability waivers and mandatory equipment requirements. The Skippers package also contained a black flag pennant 'Thunder 6759' to be flown from the back stay for the duration of both Mac Solo challenges. This is a somber reminder of the perils of single handed sailing.

Long time GLSS member Stuart Keys set solo sail on his boat 'Thunder' on May 13th, 2016 out of Little Sturgeon bay, Wisconsin (where he keeps Thunder). His boat was found washed ashore that evening and his body found the next day, Saturday morning to the west of the bay. The autopsy found that he sustained a blow to the head before he went overboard. His Son Sam salvaged the boat and will continue racing in honor of a close knit father-son team and single handed sailing that was part of that bond.

Race day Saturday June 18th 2016.

The weather was sunny, hot, and the winds were calm. The start (10am) is 3.5 miles north of the Sarnia Yacht club at their G mark. It took me an hour and half to reach the start line from Port Huron Yacht Club, due to the strong currents under the Blue Water bridge. The race course takes us to a mark just off of the mouth of the town of Goderich. We then cross the lake to Thunder Bay Island on the west coast of Lake Huron then to Bois Blanc Island and finally finish in front of the Mackinac Yacht Club.

Simultaneously GLSS solo Yachts depart Chicago and also finish (sometimes at the same time as the Port Huron boats) in front of the Mackinac Island Yacht club.

The start was orderly, friendly but very competitive. There were 16 boats all in one start. Everything from a C&C 121 to a Grampian 26 in 4 Divisions named Superior, Michigan, Ontario and Erie. The division's splits were based on your PHRF rating with Superior being the fastest and Erie boats (which I was in) with the higher ratings. It was very light but then slowly filled in from the south west in the evening providing a reaching spinnaker track to the Goderich mark. It was one of my best sails at night with flat warm calm Lake with a glorious clear sky and full moon. I rounded the Goderich mark at 230am (now

Sunday June 19th) and then gibed the spinnaker and set a course (328T) for Thunder Bay Island. (about 95nm)

By Sunday the boat was invaded with those small flies, a scene right out of the movie psycho. I thought to myself I need my head examined to be doing this! By 7pm the winds started to pipe up so the spinnaker came down and I hoisted my heavy number one. At 1020am I was abeam of Thunder Bay Island and set a course to Bois Blanc Island. Unfortunately I could not make this heading , so closed hauled on a heading of 314T which takes me the 76nm to Spectacle shoal light. It was now Monday at 545am ( June 20th).

The winds started to really pick up and by 930am I was down to a double reefed main and my number 3 jib. Just after 11am a weather alarm was issued for severe thunderstorms and golf ball sized hail (confirmed on their radar) with gusts up to 40knots. It was shortly after 11am the strong winds hit me. I had already dropped the main and was just on the small number 3 when the worst of it passed with no rain or lightning, only strong winds. The winds continued strong all afternoon and evening out of the northwest on a course that took me over Reynolds reef near Spectacle shoal. There is plenty of water but at one point I was in 16feet.

It took several tacks to the finish line. I was dueling with Lake Erie sailor Alan Belovarac, 'Moonbeam' a Catalina 34 from Erie, Pa right up to the finish line.

On Monday at 837pm I crossed the finish line. It was a great feeling to hear from the RC congratulations and welcome to Mackinac Island. Once tied up and greeted by the race committee every boat is inspected for some of the emergency equipment. In my case, a device on you to open a can (a leather man suffices), emergency Navigation lights and a hand held VHF. I then handed in my rounding mark report and radio logs. I was given a bottle of rum then off for a well deserved hot shower.

I met with three of the Chicago sailors (Dirk Krugar (Sea Raider), Rick Stage (Alpha Puppy), Jeffrey J. Stack (Compensable) and four of the Lake Erie guys (Dave Evans (Ratso) Mike

Hebert (Pointe Blank) Lease Schock (Avatar) and Alan Belovarac (Moonbeam) and as tradition has it attended the Pink Pony bar for beers.

On Tuesday June 22nd I spent the morning cleaning up the boat topping up the water tanks. There was an informal get together and a keg of beer for the GLSS competitors at the Mackinac Yacht Club at noon. Dick Lappin's (Ginger Kay) wife Virginia gave me two guest passes to historic Fort Mackinac.

Later that evening a number of the GLSS sailors went to the Yankee Rebel Tavern for dinner.

On Wednesday I went on to Main Street for breakfast with Dave Evans and his wife Maggie and was joined by Chicago sailor Mark Gannon (Gangbusters). At 1130am I attended the GLSS award luncheon at the Mackinac Yacht Club. I was presented a gold third place flag in the Erie Division. I sat with Mike Hebert, his wife Sarah and Mother Shirley and Father Dave. Mike won the President's trophy and placed first in the Superior Division and was successfully inducted as a life time member of the GLSS. He promised not to tell the Lake Ontario sailors that gold represented a third. In Lake Ontario gold is awarded to the first place boats. The lunch was prime rib beef, battered fish, salads, roast potatoes, green beans with an incredible desert of ice cream fudge sundae. I almost forgot unlimited beer on tap!! The award ceremony was emceed by GLSS President John Hoskins. There was a group picture of all of the participants on the front lawn of the yacht club. Later Trish joined us at the Yankee Rebel Tavern. We had dinner with Dave and Maggie Evans, Tom Hughes, Jeff Neuhalfen and his wife and John Olilia.

## **From Solo Challengers to Twice Around the Cans!**

**<http://www.solosailors.org/lo300.php>**  
**Lake Ontario 300 Solo Challenge 2016**

The **27th Annual Lake Ontario 300nm Race**, the Longest Annual Freshwater Yacht Race in the World, will begin on Saturday, July 16. This also marks the **2nd Bi-Annual Lake Ontario 600nm Challenge**. Despite what people in Chicago may say, this is now the 2nd longest of any races on all five Great Lakes, running second only to the Tri-Annual **GLSS Super-Mac and Back Race**.

2016 marks the 8th running of the 2016 Lake Ontario 300 Solo Challenge, with 16 solo sailors signed up for the event. This is the second most we have had attempt the Challenge, since 18 starters began the infamous 2010 race. Good luck to all sailors – sail safe!!!

By now I am sure that everyone is well on their way to getting their boats 100% ready for the start at Port Credit Yacht Club. Some of you are from PCYC or neighboring yacht clubs, some of us are 20-30 nm away, but for three of us this year, there is quite the journey just to make it to the starting line!

We look forward to welcoming Lease Schock aboard **Avatar**, from Sandusky YC Ohio, on Lake Erie. This will be Lease's first LO300SC. We also look forward to welcoming Joey Baker in his rocket-ship Farr 30 **Peace**, hailing from Macomb MI on Lake St. Clair. Joey is also sailing in his first LO300SC, and will be arriving next week via trailer. A huge Thank You goes out to the PCYC Harbor master for launching **Peace** before the race. And finally, from furthest afoot, we welcome Adrian Vandenhoven back, aboard **Ophir II**, returning to Lake Ontario for the first time since 2010. Adrian is sailing all the way from Collingwood YC. Though it is located at the north end of Hurontario Blvd, it is one heck of a long sail to get here. Please be sure to seek out and welcome our friends coming from so far away.

In addition to all of this, two of the 16 solo sailors will be attempting their first ever Lake Ontario 300 SC. We welcome well known Toronto sailor Gary Benner on **Shock Therapy**, and Bruce Moffitt, of EYC, aboard his Hunter 40 **Patience**. Bruce will be sailing his 100 nm / 24 hr qualifier and, if approved by the GLSS, he will be joining us on the start line.

Not bad for a fleet of 16 Solo sailors....2 countries, 3 US States, and 4 Lakes.....well done everyone.

Be sure to have your LO300 Documents in order when checking in at the Registration Table on Friday July 15th. They are of course found on the Yachtscoring site, and have been mentioned before.

In addition, please have the following GLSS Documents ready for handing in as well;

Signed GLSS Standard Equipment List (where there is conflict with the LO300 List, the LO300 List shall prevail)

Signed Exposure Suit Form (if you have one, Mustang Survival Suit will also conform)

Signed GLSS Waiver

Receipt of \$50.00 GLSS Fee

There will be a short Solo Skippers Meeting / Meet and Greet following the regular skippers meeting, at the PCYC Flagpole. Here we all get to know each other if we haven't met, receive our reflective glow strips for our mainsails, our Black Memorial "**Thunder**" pennants for our backstays, in commemoration of our fallen friend from Wisconsin, and our "voluntary" check in/radio sheets. This will be mentioned at the skippers meeting on Friday night.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Brent Hughes

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### **Lake Ontario 600 Challenge 2016**

2016 marks the **2nd Bi-Annual Lake Ontario 600 Challenge**. First run in 2014 as a test event in celebration of the 25th Running of the LO300, the LOOR Group received rave reviews from everyone involved. 2014 saw 14 starters and eight finishers of this marathon, which pits ALL boats, from ALL divisions together in one final division for the second lap of the lake. This means that any IRC times will be converted to PHRF, and the fully crewed will sail head to head with the double-handed and the solo boats. It is bound to be an exceptional challenge for all.

As of July 11<sup>th</sup> we have 14 yachts again signed up for the start, including 6 of the finishers of the Inaugural 2014 Challenge. Fantastic. There are currently 2 fully crewed, 2 double-handed, and 10 solo yachts signed up. The goal is simply to finish remember, so set that as the goal, and let the rest take care of itself.

This year's fleet will see a repeat of the head to head battle between **Lively** and **Happy Puppy** in the fully crewed division, while husband and wife team Mike and Carolyn will be sailing double handed on board **Transmission**. They will be joined by the new-comers on **Tim-Foolery**. The 10 other sailors with no friends and nothing else to do for the week, will round out the fleet of 14. I am happy to say that of the 10 solo

sailors, all three that are coming from Erie, St. Clair and Huron will be sailing in the LO600 as well.

Please remember to book your MANDATORY Pre Race Inspection for Thursday night or Friday, by emailing [safety@loor.ca](mailto:safety@loor.ca) if you have not already done so.

Good luck to all in the LO600 Challenge!!!

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## GLSS 2016 Calendar

### **July 16, 2016**

#### **Lake Ontario 300 and 600 Solo Challenges**

The Lake Ontario 300 Solo Challenge, details can be found at <http://www.solosailors.org/lo300.php>

This race involves completing a circular course of 300 NM around lake Ontario.

Non-member skippers who successfully complete the LO 300 Solo Challenge and have their finish approved by the Board of Directors will be granted membership in the GLSS.

### **August 2016**

#### **The Lake Michigan Singlehanded Society Solo Challenge.**

This fun race is 135 miles and starts and finishes in Racine Wisconsin. It is a good event for Lake Michigan sailors to enter to get your GLSS qualifier sail in, or enjoy a great overnight solo race. See <http://www.lmssonline.com> for more details.

### **August 20, 2016**

#### **Lake Erie Solo Challenge**

The **Lake Erie Solo Challenge Documents** are **available online for review at <http://www.solosailors.org/eriesolo.php>**.

This race extends from the western end of Lake Erie to the eastern end and back about 1/3 of the distance.

Non-member skippers who successfully complete the Lake Erie Solo Challenge, and have their finish approved by the Board of Directors will be granted membership in the GLSS.

## **September 9, 2016**

### **Lake Michigan Solo Scramble**

This is a fantastic event, and is steeped in tradition - get your entry in today! Concurrent starts Friday afternoon from Holland and Racine with the fleets proceeding to the mid-lake weather buoy 45007, and thence to a finish at Michigan City. A BBQ will follow Saturday evening at the Michigan City Yacht Club for racers and guests. Details can be found at: <http://www.solosailors.org/lmscramble.php>

## **September 10, 2016**

### **Lower Lake Huron Solo**

The details can be found at: <http://www.solosailors.org/lhsolo.php>  
You may use PayPal to submit the entry fee for the event (does **not** include dinner/beverages at the Sarnia Yacht Club). Make plans to enter and be a part of some great fall sailing!  
This is a 42nm race with a Canadian flair, as the start/finish are just off of Sarnia, Ontario. Following the race, there will be a BBQ and Awards Ceremony.

## **October 1, 2016**

### **St. Clair Solo and Big Al's Race Steak Roast**

It is a fun event, and we look forward to seeing you on the starting line!  
Details can be found at: <http://www.solosailors.org/scs.php>

## **August 2017**

### **The Trans-Superior Solo Challenge**

[The Trans-Superior Solo Challenge Documents](#) are available here.

This event takes place every other year (odd years only).  
Non-member skippers who successfully complete the Sault Ste. Marie to Duluth Solo Challenge, and have their finish approved by the Board of Directors will be granted membership in the GLSS.