

GLSS announces its 2013 Calendar of Events

Founded in 1979, and home of Singlehanded Sailors from around the world, the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society (GLSS) announces its slate of challenges for 2013.



The GLSS sponsors events in all 5 Great Lakes. All events are distant challenges ranging from 230 – 1200 nautical miles. Only with the safe and successful completion of one of these challenges can a sailor be granted membership. To date less than 280 sailors from around the world including the United States, Canada, and Australia have been bestowed membership.

The Great Lakes Singlehanded Society is an organization brainstormed in a bar over drinks and boasts of singlehanded abilities. It was established for the perpetuation of the sport of solo sailing. Its purpose is twofold: the first being to develop and educate sailors on suitable techniques, equipment, and gear for shorthanded passage under sail; the second being the recognition of accomplishments of singlehanded sailors in the Great Lakes region.

Membership in the Society is conveyed only to those individuals who successfully complete any of the following Solo Challenges: Port Huron or Chicago to Mackinac Island, the Sault Ste. Marie to Duluth, the Lake Erie Solo, or the Lake Ontario 300. The satisfactory completion of any one of these challenges is viewed as a singularly significant individual accomplishment. The Society views all who do so as winners and are accorded lifetime membership in the Society. Non-members must submit a sailing resume and complete a solo qualifier of least 100 miles over a period of no less than 24 hours to be allowed entry.

From the Skipper's Meeting to the Awards Ceremony; bravado, courage, and seamanship highlight every sailor's Challenge experience. A sense of kinship and respect are shared by all who compete.

Information about all of the challenges, safety seminars, support events and complete entry requirements are found at www.solosailors.org.

2013 Challenge Calendar

June 22	Port Huron to Mackinac Island Solo Challenge
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July 13	Lake Ontario 300 Solo Challenge
August 3	Trans-Superior Solo Challenge
August 17	Lake Erie Solo Challenge