

The GLSS Solo Challenger

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From The Helm

Greetings solo sailors,

As the 2016 season is winding down and boats are tucked away for the winter, I reflect on the incredible season we had. Reports I heard (and you will read in our Challengers) most of the sailors on the four lakes (Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Ontario) had challenging, character-building conditions. Mother Nature has dished up some strong winds and big waves, giving us all a greater respect for the Lakes. I welcomed the big winds and big seas and managed to push myself to my limit (I found that limit this year), while trying to keep Madcap and myself safe. I love that type of sailing and love the memories, good and bad, it gives me all winter. I crew race quite a bit and can't remember some of those races, I remember all of my Solos.

Our Challenges are special and unique individual experiences for us. We set our own objectives that can range from trying to have a nice seamanlike passage with friends, trying to have a fast seaman-like passage, or trying to win. I think it is important for the GLSS to recognize all of these accomplishments - even overall wins. We currently have special trophies for seamanship accomplishments, and we only recognize overall winners in Lake Ontario. At the AGM we will have a members vote on whether or not to add overall trophies for our main events. Quantum Sails have offered to donate money to fund an overall trophy. I hope the GLSS will add an overall trophy to all lakes and acknowledge the past winners.

As I finish my term this year I would like to encourage the board and GLSS members to support and attend US Sailing's Safety at Sea courses. I have taken two and feel they are a great asset, especially for new challengers. This course will keep our fleet on top of the rapid evolution of safety equipment technology and changing Coast Guard communication protocols. You can attend a SAS course during this year's AGM at the Chicago Strictly Sail show.

The AGM will be on Jan. 14 at Maggiano's in Chicago during the Chicago Boat Show. Joe Harris, who just completed a solo circumnavigation on his Class 40, Gryphon Solo 2, will be our guest speaker. For the first time we're extending an invitation to any skipper who has participated in our challenges - so we hope to have a great turnout. We'll have details on the web site soon.

It has been a pleasure to serve on the board and thank you to all the volunteers that put in countless years to keep this wonderful society going! See you all at the AGM.

John Hoskins GLSS President

Did you attend the 2016 AGM? If not, you missed a GREAT time. Don't miss the 2017 AGM!

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Saturday, January 14 at Maggiano's in Chicago. Cocktails start at 1700. Out-of-Towners can take advantage of our block of rooms at the Kinzie Hotel (20 W. Kinzie) for \$105/night. This is the same weekend as the Chicago, Boat and RV Strictly Sail Show, so get your rooms early.

Anyone who has done a race with the GLSS is invited. You need not be a member and significant others are welcome.

We have a great speaker scheduled, Joe Harris, who recently completed a solo around-the-world transit. It should be a great event so please plan on attending. More details will be on the web site soon (solosailors.org).

John Hoskins
GLSS President



The 2016 GLSS sailing season ends after a summer of thrills. Check out the results!

Lake Ontario Solo 330/600

[http://www.yachtscoring.com/event_results_detail.cfm?
Race_Number=1&eID=1578](http://www.yachtscoring.com/event_results_detail.cfm?Race_Number=1&eID=1578)

Lake Erie Solo Challenge

<http://www.solosailors.org/pdfs/2016-LESC-PHRF-results.pdf>

Lake Michigan Solo Scramble

http://www.solosailors.org/pdfs/GLSS_Scramble_2016.pdf

Lower Huron Solo

http://www.solosailors.org/pdfs/Lower_Huron_16_Results.pdf

Lake St Clair Solo

http://www.solosailors.org/pdfs/2016_SCS_Results.pdf

GLSS 2016 Lake Erie Challenge

By Paul Nickerson, *Nicknack*

The 2016 Lake Erie **Challenge** emphasized the spirit and quality of our solos sailors and determination and respect we have for the Great Lakes. Twenty-one boats assembled at North Cape Yacht Club for the start of the **10th Edition** and spent a lot of time looking over the forecast. This was interrupted temporarily with a great skipper's banquet served by NCYC members and the skipper's meeting. But the forecast didn't change. Ten to 15 knot winds Saturday morning increasing to 20-25 knots with squalls later in the day. Winds maintaining 20-25 slowly shifting West and then going north after a cold front late Sunday.



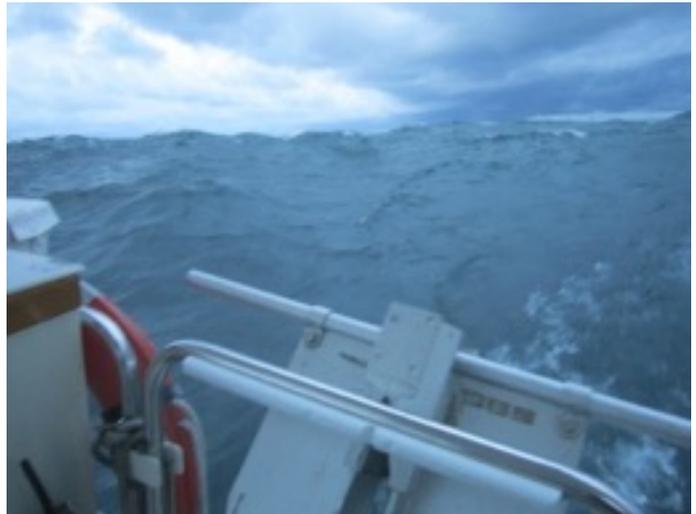
Nicknack anchors a raft at North Cape.



The Fleet blasted off the starting line at 1000 and never slowed down. By 1600 the fleet was past the Lake Erie Islands and the Southeast Shoal and into the central basin of Lake Erie. Around 2000 the sky turned black behind the

fleet and the squalls started. With winds on the beam and waves building it was mostly a question of how much sail do you dare carry.

A lot of double reefs went into the mains and head sails crept in or disappeared. The light weights were seeing speeds 15 knots and above. The heavy weights enjoyed double digit surfs with a great roar. Gusts well into the 30s became common as did some tangled lines and torn sails. As these conditions continued into the night the waves kept building and many sailors became more conservative while the auto helms argued with the skippers. Joey Baker in front with his Farr 30 sliced his main on his spreader. Ron Smallbone went surfing on a wave out of control only to find his rudder missing. Around 0330 the Coast Guard sent out a boat from Grand River to lend assistance. 8 hours later Ron and Epiphany were in Grand River. (See Ron's Story) Waves were running 6-8 feet with an occasional 10 foot set. Doug Patey had unknown steering issues as the boat would not turn properly. Later he discovered the rudder post had bent. These were standard Lake Erie waves with barely enough room between them to fit a boat.



A big wave gives Odyssey a ride.

By this time some of the fleet were looking at the chart and the heading to Erie for safe harbor. The squalls seemed to be past but the winds were still 20 knots and above. Everyone thought turn at Buffalo and coming back into the upwind and the forecast Northerly shift. A feature of the LESC is having the finish 65 miles the turn at the distant end of the course and Buffalo. What goes around comes around.

As the dawn brought light the confessions of



Larissa Smith shot this on Presque Isle as the waterspouts went through.

about the conditions unique feature back from the turn at

the skippers



Blasting through Lake Erie with a double reefed main. Could be any boat!

came across the radio. Double reefed main, no headsail, tore a sail, tangled lines, no sleep, broken autohelm, etc. The downhill run kept up.

Deciding to head to Erie, it was still a downwind slide doing 8-10 knots surfing on the waves for another 40 miles. You looked up at the tops of the waves and felt like you could touch them as they picked you up and pushed you down the lake before falling off the back.

Joey Baker led the way rounding Buffalo at 0944 only to take 14 hours for the return to Erie. Luke Brockman and Chris Cyrul in Olson 30s were 3 hours behind along with 79 year old Dave "RATSO" Evans. The early skippers struggled going into the wind and waves. The later boats had some of the same concerns as everyone set up for the anticipated

front and wind shift. It finally came about 1900 with a flurry of storms and water spouts. The sailors simply referred to it as "the Cloud". The storms hit and the wind immediately shifted north giving the fleet a direct shot to Erie, but still into some remaining large waves.

Joey finished at 0005 Monday with Luke Brockman two hours behind. Mike Mahar from Detroit and sailing Lake Erie for the first time held his own finishing at 0336. The smaller boats rounded Buffalo later and took advantage of the north shift sailing the Buffalo to Erie leg in around 12 hours.



Looking back at "The Cloud" - Wally McMinn

Walkure 2 sailed by Mark Smith led the 177 PHRF boats to finish at 0611. Why did he sail so fast? Turns out he broke a bone in his foot a minute before the start stepping on a bow cleat and as a doctor he knew it.

Once in Erie everyone enjoyed a well earned nap. Organizing boats and cleaning up debris could wait. Word came in that Ron Smallbone was trying to make boat arrangements in Grand River to care for his injured *Epiphany*. Stories could wait until a pizza bash Monday evening and then we

proceeded to close the Erie YC bar with more tales.

Breakfast at Avanti's was played again this year with all in attendance.

Dave Evans was awarded the Commodore Perry Award as the only one to finish all of the first 10 Lake Erie Solo Challenges. As usual the 79 year old Dave was speechless in acceptance of the honor.

Again, congratulations to everyone on a great LESC. None of the challengers will ever forget the 2016 Lake Erie Solo Challenge.



Mike Mahar on Mariah working the spinnaker.



Ron Smallbone and Adrian van den Hoven discussing Canadian politics, Probably Not!



Craig Campbell demonstrates the ease of rolling out the spinnaker.



You should have seen the Mainsail...



The front passed and the winds shifted.



Rob Burger gets the chute drawing on a tight reach.



Fortunately there weren't too many radio check in's.



Seneca Shoal Buoy



Doug Patey on Fiddler's Green early in the LESC.



Wally McMinn and Odyssey shortly after the start.



Try to keep a log in the cockpit of a Tarten Ten.

Long time member Noel Brockton submitted this article about this years Lake Erie Solo.

Buffalo Harbour



It started with a question from Blair Arden (Ottis B Driftwood) in the middle of the first night of the Erie Solo, ‘has anyone been in the Buffalo Harbour or know anything about it?’

We all were struggling in 20-30 knots of wind dead astern in the middle of Lake Erie about 80 miles from the turning mark at Buffalo, with waves 6-8 feet occasionally up to 10 feet. Our two small boats were surviving the wild surfs off the big waves and felt making it to Buffalo was likely, but knew neither of us would be able to sail into a beat in those waves.

His Columbia 26 and my C&C 27 V had way too much freeboard and not enough water line to do the job and it would be brutal. Considering Ron Smallbone (Epiphany) on his Mirage 27.5 broke his rudder and was completely void of steering, it was a tough go. Worried about him and concerned my own transom hung rudder would snap (it did the year before) it all played on my mind. Shortly thereafter, Ottis B Driftwood reported on channel 72 that he was heading to Erie Pa. after just being swamped by a monstrous wave that flooded his cabin as well as himself. He had had enough and along with six other sailors made the wise decision to retire while they were still in one piece.

Blair rarely abandons a race especially this year which would have been his 10th Erie Solo and 40th challenges, so you know it was pretty bad. I considered doing the same thing, even had a course plugged into my GPS, it would have been a fast reach of about 20 miles. But having my son Luke on WALL-E (Olson 30) ahead by about 15 miles, I just couldn’t do it. So, I reset my waypoint back to the Seneca Shoal light, and continued being thrown off these waves, and one point my GPS hit 16 knots.

The next morning, still in one piece, the winds continued from the west steadily blowing 25+ knots and waves building even higher. As I approached the rounding, I had a visual on RATSO who was being passed by the other Olson 30 (Opus Dei) who would totally disappear in the troughs of the waves. I set up my #3 headsail to the reefed position; my main was still double reefed just before the rounding about 5:45 pm on Sunday.

The next 15 minutes of attempting to get this floating cottage to sail up and over these waves was comical. Boy did I miss not having my long time best boat Blue Jay, a Viking 28 that would have easily sailed in those conditions. Well, time to head into Buffalo about 5 miles off the wind and hope I could find a place to stop for the night. The harbor looked a lot different than it appeared on the GPS mapper, but I sailed into the channels that seemed to lead to the only marina.

Once I approached, there only sign I saw at the Erie Basin Marina was a NO UNAUTHORIZED DOCKING, didn't make me feel real welcome. But I spotted an empty slip, pulled in like I owned the place, tied up and re-treated into my cabin.

A hotdog and a beer later, I was ready for some sleep which I hadn't had since North Cape on Friday night. I awoke Monday morning at 4:30 am, made a coffee and was on my way back to where I suspended my race with the plan to complete the challenge. At 6:30 am, I was back where I left the day before with winds now out of the north at 14kts, great sailing conditions.

The first 16 nm were great sailing, then the wind shut down and continued to test my patience for the next 15 hours, but at 1:50 am on Tuesday morning, I made my final tack across the line, the only small boat to finish with everything still in one piece.

Ratso had promised me during a VHF conversation about an hour before I finished where he played some Bob Dylan, (I didn't think Bob Dylan was even around during Dave's impressionable years) that he would have a drink for me, but he was right on the verge of passing out so he wasn't there to greet me. It was good to have my son and Paul Nickerson welcome to the club, definitely a tough one for the Downhill Run.

Until next year.....

Me and my Melanoma:

By Paul Nickerson, *Nicknack Tartan 37c #168*

By now most of you know I was diagnosed with Melanoma Skin Cancer at the end of summer in 2014. Let me give you a brief history.... As kids we all grew up playing outside and got an occasional sunburn. Some of us grew up enjoying the outdoors, even sailing. Well it turns out being outdoors

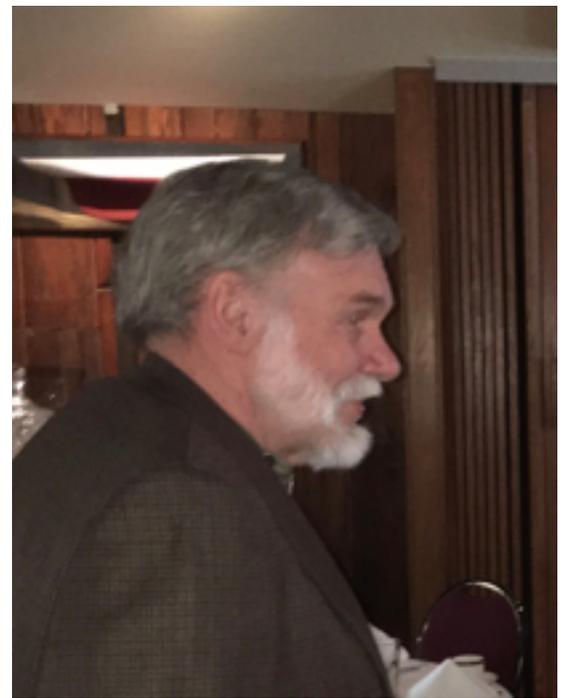
in the sun is not necessarily all that good for your skin and your UV exposure builds over time. Some of us through heredity are more susceptible to skin cancers. What you may not consider is that if you have ever had a sunburn you may have genetically changed an area of your skin and that or another area can become a cancer. Basically this is to say everyone is subject to skin cancer and you should be aware of your skin and any changes.

A year ago I noticed a small freckle or mole on my chest split into several pieces. This was nothing more than a visual thing on the surface of the skin to me. This spring I developed a small sore in the area, it seemed like nothing more than a zit or pimple at the time. As summer went and I put in many hours of sailing, mostly in cold temperatures with plenty of layers, and this sore started to grow. With retirement, sailing and healthcare considerations (getting enrolled in COBRA) I waited till the end of summer to get to the doctor. I knew this wasn't a normal growth but didn't think of it as a cancer as it wasn't on typically exposed skin.

I was immediately sent to a doctor in plastic surgery where they did a biopsy which came back positive for Melanoma, Stage 3. Now it was time to have it removed through surgery. Consulting with the doctor she said that surgery would require removing the growth plus at least an inch of skin all the way around it, that's about a 2.5" circle of skin and the melanoma was relatively thick. Part of the surgery was also checking and preventing the spread of melanoma cells, especially to lymph nodes. For this they put a nuclear dye into the area and traced what lymph nodes it travelled to, emulating any spread of Melanoma. This showed possible travel to both armpit lymph nodes and a neck / shoulder node.

Surgery was Sept. 9th 2014 and the Melanoma and skin was removed from my right chest / pectoral area. To replace the removed skin there are typically 2 processes: a graft harvesting skin from another area on your body or a "flap" where an adjacent piece of skin is cut out keeping some nerves and an artery and flipped and grafted onto the area where the melanoma was removed. My "flap" came from my left Clavicle / breast area. Think about how much extra skin we have there. Only issue is my brain still thinks the skin is on my left side. Yes, when I scratch my right chest or get in the shower, I feel it on my left chest. Lymph nodes were also biopsied from my armpits and neck.

While recovering from the skin graft the biopsy for the left armpit lymph node came back with a microscopic trace of Melanoma so it was then decided that they would have to remove the Axillary lymph node group from that area. (<http://www.cancer.org/cancer/cancerbasics/lymph-nodes-and-cancer>) Sept. 26th it was back to surgery and a group of 43 lymph nodes were removed. The good news is pathology came back and no more melanoma cells were found. **What's next?**



With the skin tumor removed and no apparent spreading of the melanoma cells you may be asking well is that all? What the doctors ask “What is the chance of re-occurrence?” and statistically for my situation they claim it is somewhere around 60% over the next ten years. They have a formula where they “stage” a cancer according to the melanoma characteristics. Here’s the Cancer Society site explaining staging <http://www.cancer.org/cancer/skincancer-melanoma/detailedguide/melanoma-skin-cancer-staging> or you can just look at my staging diagnosis. The key here is “no distant spread”.

Stage IIIB

One of the following applies:

T1b to T4b, N1a or N2a, M0: The melanoma can be of any thickness and is ulcerated. It has spread to 1 to 3 lymph nodes near the affected skin area, but the nodes are not enlarged and the melanoma is found only when they are viewed under the microscope. There is no distant spread.

T1a to T4a, N1b or N2b, M0: The melanoma can be of any thickness, but it is not ulcerated. It has spread to 1 to 3 lymph nodes near the affected skin area. The nodes are enlarged because of the melanoma. There is no distant spread.

T1a to T4a, N2c, M0: The melanoma can be of any thickness, but it is not ulcerated. It has spread to small areas of nearby skin or lymphatic channels around the original tumor, but the nodes do not contain melanoma. There is no distant spread.

So the options now are “Do you want to try to prevent it from re-occurring?” or “Do you want to take your chances that there will be no re-occurring?” The Chemo and Radiation treatments you hear about are for cancers that have spread and do not apply in my case. The only option for prevention that has now been around for a while but has no proven guarantees is immunotherapy. Basically this therapy builds the immune system to help prevent the recurrence of melanoma. You can read all about it here:

<http://www.cancer.org/cancer/skincancer-melanoma/detailedguide/melanoma-skin-cancer-treating-immunotherapy>

While there are other experimental drugs being worked on the only thing available at the time Interferon. In summary it is a year long treatment of injections with not so pleasant side effects (many flu like) that is closely monitored by your doctor. It starts with a full body PET Scan to check your body for possible other issues. The PET scan basically allows the doctor to fly through your body in 3D and inspect all the organs.

Interferon-alfa as adjuvant therapy

Patients with thicker melanomas often have cancer cells that have spread to other parts of the body. Even if all of the cancer seems to have been removed by [surgery](#), some of these cells may remain in the body. Interferon-alfa can be used as

an added (adjuvant) therapy after surgery to try to prevent these cells from spreading and growing. This may delay the recurrence of melanoma, but it is not yet clear if it improves survival.

High doses must be used for the interferon to be effective, but many patients cannot tolerate the side effects of high-dose therapy. These can include fever, chills, aches, depression, severe tiredness, and effects on the heart and liver. Patients getting this drug need to be closely watched by a doctor who is experienced with this treatment.

When deciding whether to use adjuvant interferon therapy, patients and their doctors should take into account the potential benefits and side effects of this treatment.

So if you really want to check out the full treatment and side effects here is the Cleveland Clinic site and their write up. <http://chemocare.com/chemotherapy/drug-info/intron-a-interferon-alfa-2b.aspx#.VDfkeTbD-Uk> Bottom line is the doctor recommended I go with the treatment.

The American Cancer Society has a great website explaining almost everything about cancer which I highly recommend you check out if you have any questions about any cancer for you or a loved one. Here is a link to their 60 page pdf document <http://www.cancer.org/acs/groups/cid/documents/webcontent/003120-pdf.pdf> condensing all the information about melanoma from their website <http://cancer.org>

Check your skin today and something I have found out is doctors love digital pictures from smart phones.

So zoom ahead to November of 2015. A year of Interferon treatments are over. Through it I had a lot of fatigue, chills and it effected my balance that I could barely stand on a boat. 2015 Nicknack never left the dock.

What's New!

After finishing the Interferon It was time for another PET Scan and a CT Scan. To everyone's surprise the Melanoma had metastasized and there were several lymph nodes in the intestinal area into small tumors. A biopsy with collection from the inside out was performed. Yes, down the throat, out the stomach with needles and Ultra Sound heads to collect evidence. Lab results came back positive for melanoma and it was time for some other options. With surgery out of the question it was time to look into some brand new drugs.

Opdivo, Keytruda and Yervoy are 3 immunotherapy drugs which went through clinicals with much touted success in treating Melanoma. My oncologist gave me some data and details on the drugs but there is still very little known about the treatment, results and withdrawal from the drugs. Take the drugs and hopefully the tumors go away and then maybe we'll finish the clinicals on what to do next. Bottom line (in my opinion from research) is the way the drugs work they will eventually cause your body to attack itself through an enhanced immune system which can't turn off.

Here's a couple of links to some of the drug sites:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nivolumab>

<http://chemocare.com/chemotherapy/drug-info/opdivo.aspx>

January, 2016 the decision was made to go with Opdivo treatment, in part on my decision because it had the fewest side effects. After 3 months a CT Scan was performed and the tumors had all cleared up. No daily side effects were apparent and blood work showed no kidney or liver issues. Great news but now what? There is very little data on what happens when you stop the drug. Meanwhile I am actually able to go sailing and enjoy being on *Nicknack*. It also happens to be one of the hottest summers ever in Cleveland so I wish there would have been more sailing but I can't take too much heat even after putting the Bimini (cockpit cover) on. So we decide to continue treatments until September when another CT Scan was done and everything was still clear. Still no good Opdivo weening data and we decide to continue until December and the oncologist guarantees me if the CT Scan is clear we will stop with the Opdivo.

Melanoma. It all started in my case with what looked like a zit on my chest which grew to a 10mm x 10mm growth (about the size of a pencil eraser). I know a lot more people with stage 1 and 2 melanoma which tends to look more like a skin rash and stay on the surface of the skin where it can be scraped off and doesn't tend to metastasize. Long sleeve UV blocking sun shirts, hats and sunglasses are the apparel of this sailor every time I head down the dock or just outdoors. I read an article which I can't find now that said one of the most important UV areas are the eyes. Light color eyes tend to let in more UV and this actually goes to the rest of the body. This all started 2 months after I retired and people always ask "How's retirement?" Next summer I hope to have a better answer for them.

Paul Nickerson

VENDEE GLOBE

Start Nov.6, 2016

Profile

Rich WILSON 66 years old

USA With a degree in mathematics from Harvard and in sciences from MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) in Boston, his home town, Rich Wilson is a brilliant

man, who has had numerous occupations: a maths teacher in Boston, defence analyst in Washington and consultant for a desalination plant in Saudi Arabia among others. In short, a brain. Rich Wilson is also a successful sailor, who became known back in 1980 when he won the Newport- Bermuda Race. In 1990, he decided to use sailing as an educational tool teaching children. When he attempted to smash the San Francisco-Boston record sailing double-handed aboard Great American, a 60-foot trimaran, he capsized off Cape Horn before being rescued by a cargo vessel. This episode which clearly left its mark was followed by many schoolchildren. Rich Wilson gave it another go on the same course three years later. The second attempt was successful as he was followed by 300,000 children in the United States, but also by millions of adults as his articles were taken up in many leading newspapers. Aboard Great American II, he set two new records between New York and Melbourne, and Hong Kong-New York, and finished second in the Transatlantic Race in 2004.

At the age of 58, he was the oldest competitor in the 2008-2009 Vendée Globe. Aboard an older boat, launched ten years before the race, he fought hard to overcome the gales and some serious damage. He reached les Sables d'Olonne after 121 days of sailing, once again having shared his race experience with as many people as he could. If he is returning in 2016, it is to be faster, but also to develop his educational programmes. Convinced of the usefulness of sailing as a tool to convey positive values to youngsters, Rich Wilson will spread the word in the United States and around the world. He hopes too that by competing, he can contribute to publicising the solo round the world race in the States, in order to see more American competitors lining up in the future. So, Rich Wilson is an incredible ambassador for the Vendée Globe. He will be 66 and the oldest competitor in the race this year.



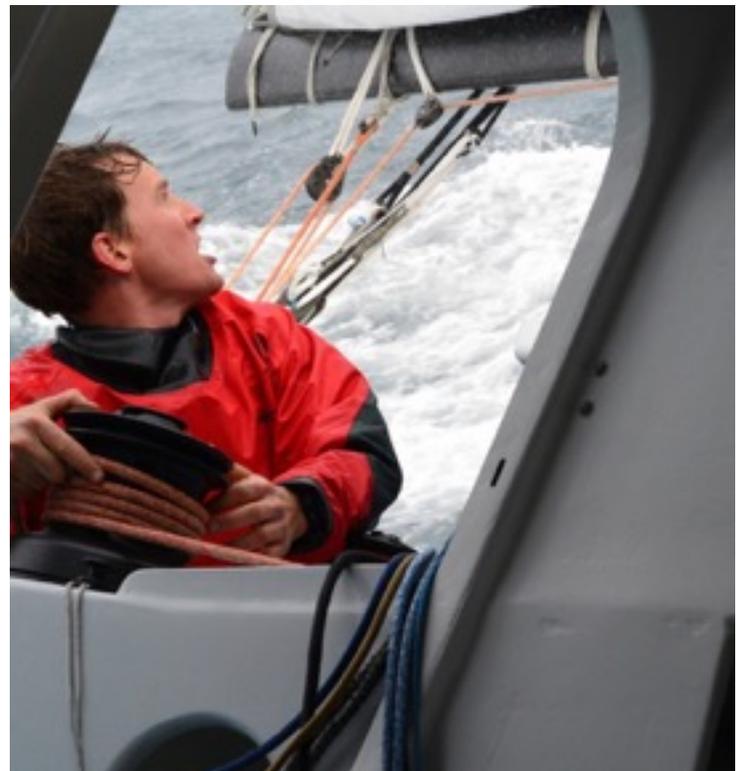
Profile

Conrad

32 years old USA

“They didn’t know it was impossible so they did it.” The famous quote from Mark Twain suits Conrad Colman perfectly. The young sailor is determined and when he has a project on his mind, it’s hard to get him to think about anything else. This is a valuable character trait, when you are about to tackle an event like the Vendée Globe... Originally from New Zealand, Conrad grew up in a family of keen sailors. Setting out from Bali (Indonesia), he spent the first year of his life on a boat. At the age of 15, he moved to the States, where he studied economics, before setting up his own firm making titanium bikes. During those years in America, Conrad pushed back his limits cycling and running and took part at the highest level. The sea however was far removed from his daily life. But that was only to last a while. Fed up with remaining ashore, he went back to sailing.

He had no hesitation in letting everything go and turned up in England with just a bag of clothes and with one idea on his mind. He wanted to take part in the legendary Vendée Globe. He offered his services free of charge to the British sailor Steve White, who took part in the 2008-2009 edition of the non-stop solo round the world race. In late 2008, he moved to Lorient, where he still lives today. Like many other sailors, he discovered solo ocean racing through the Mini Transat. In spite of not having much time to prepare, he managed to complete his first transatlantic race. In the following



year, he tackled the Route du Rhum in Class40 once again moving in at the last moment. But once again, he managed to complete his race.

Ambitious and confident in his ability to achieve great things, Conrad Colman then moved to Class40 with the Global Ocean Race, the double-handed race around the world with stopovers. He won four out of the five legs and was the overall winner. After this success, he set about looking for sponsors for his own IMOCA project. At the same time, he prepared Bertrand de Broc's boat (Votre Nom Autour du Monde) for the 2013 Transat Jacques Vabre and the 2014 Route du Rhum. Then, he met the Hungarian sailor, Nandor Fa who invited him to become his crewman in the Barcelona World Race, the IMOCA double-handed race around the world. During this trip, they suffered a lot of technical problems, but they hung on and finished after 110 days.

If Conrad Colman loves ocean racing, it's because the sport brings together everything he needs to be happy in life: entrepreneurship, top class racing and adventure. His dream is to complete the 2016-2017 Vendée Globe in adventure mode before returning four years later with a project that should allow him to be up with the frontrunners. It's not impossible and he may well succeed...

In order to join the list of those lining up at the start, Conrad obtained his qualification at sea during the New York – Vendée transatlantic race. He now only needs to obtain the certificates for his boat to show that the monohull conforms to IMOCA class rules.



PROGRESSIVE

Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show

January 11–15, 2017 | McCormick Place - South



GLSS will have a booth that will need volunteers. Contact Jim McLaren, Rick McLaren or Ken Verhaeren if you can help.

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Visitor Show Information

Location

McCormick Place —South

2301 S. Lake Shore Drive

Chicago, Illinois 60616

Dates & Show Hours

Wednesday - Sunday, January 11-15, 2017

Wednesday 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Thursday 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM



<http://www.chicagoboatshow.com/L>

