

GREAT LAKES SINGLEHANDED SOCIETY
2026 LAKE MICHIGAN SCRAMBLE
SOLO / DOUBLE HANDED
HOLLAND/RACINE/CHICAGO

NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE

1. MANAGEMENT

1.1 The Great Lakes Singlehanded Society (GLSS) is the Organizing Authority (OA) of the 2026 Lake Michigan Scramble Solo/Double Handed . The event shall be under the management of the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society Race Committee, who shall have full authority in interpreting the rules and conditions for this event, directing the race management, establishing the event, and establishing the Protest Committee for the hearing of protests.

1.2 The Race Committee shall have the right to reject the entry of any skipper or boat for any reason any time prior the start of the Challenge.

1.3 The Lake Michigan Scramble Solo/Double Handed will start on AUGUST 28, 2026.

1.4 The fleets will be divided into divisions or classes according to rating or handicap and other factors at the discretion of the Race Committee.

1.5 Questions can be sent to kb9ric@hotmail.com Phone:
Matthew Rubsam 708-646-9284

2. RULES

The Lake Michigan Scramble Solo / Double Handed shall be governed by:

2.1 The rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028) including US Sailing Prescriptions (RRS) except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 This Notice and Conditions of Race.

2.3. The Sailing Instructions and any Amendments

2.4. The Inland Navigation Rules

2.5. U.S. Coast Guard Rules and Regulations.

3. QUALIFICATION OF SKIPPERS

3.1 As used in this Notice and Conditions of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the term "Skipper" shall mean the person designated on the Entry Form as "Skipper" and who is operating the boat regardless of ownership.

3.2. I A Solo entrant shall be 18 years of age or older prior to the start and shall have had single handed sailing experience on a body of water equal to or greater than the magnitude of Lake Michigan.

3.2.1 Double Handed entrants shall be 18 years of age or older prior to the start and shall have had Double handed sailing experience on a body of water equal to or greater than the magnitude of Lake Michigan, or one of the sailors on board must have solo experience on a body of water equal to or greater than the magnitude of Lake Michigan.

4. ELIGIBILITY OF YACHTS

4.1 The Solo/Double Handed Scramble is open to single hulled self-righting boats with permanent cruising accommodations, or multihull boats with permanent cruising accommodations. Cruising accommodations shall consist of a marine toilet legal for Great Lake waters, a permanently installed bunk and galley facilities.

4.2 The overall length limits shall be a minimum of 26 feet in length (LOA) and a maximum of 50 feet in length (LOA). Boats exceeding either of these parameters may be considered for acceptance into the Solo Scramble by petition to the GLSS Race Committee.

4.3 The safety of the boat and the Skipper shall be the sole responsibility of the owner or Skipper, who shall insure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and that the Skipper and crew are physically and mentally prepared and properly trained for the challenge.

5. ENTRY PROCEDURES AND FEES

5.1 The Race Committee shall receive the following items prior to the Solo Scramble A). Completed registration on Yachtscoring.com.

B). Solo Scramble: Entry fee of \$ 85.00 US payable to the GLSS.

Double handed: Entry fee of \$115.00 US payable to GLSS

Preferred payment method is through Zelle to solosailors "GREAT LAKES SINGLEHANDED SOCIETY". Alternatively, payments can be made on Yachtscoring.com through PayPal.

C). A Waiver and Release form shall be signed and submitted no later than at the Skipper's Meeting for each individual participating in the event.

D). Evidence of Liability Insurance to cover this event, a copy shall be submitted no later than at the skipper's meeting. Each boat shall have a minimum of \$300,000.00 Liability Insurance coverage. Insurance shall be valid for the duration of the Challenge.

E). Rating Certificates: A copy of the boat's MWPHRF rating certificate shall be submitted by August 27, 2026. A boat without a current MWPHRF rating will be assigned a rating and may receive a 6 sec. penalty assessed by the Race Committee.

F). Signed copy of the recommended equipment list shall be signed and submitted no later than at the Skipper's meeting. This is list required to participate in the Solo Chicago to Mackinac Island Challenge, but the items are not required for this race.

5.2 It is preferred that all the required documents be submitted prior to final registration via Yachtscoring.com, or by email to kb9ric@hotmail.com. Please provide boat name in subject line.

5.3 Entry fees are non-refundable and cannot be applied to other GLSS events.

6. REGISTRATION AND SKIPPERS' MEETING

6.1 Mandatory Skipper's Meetings and weather briefing will be held on August 28 in conjunction with a final registration at the following locations:

- A). The location of the skippers meeting for yachts starting in Holland, MI. is TBD.
- B). The location of the skippers meeting for yachts starting in Racine, WI. is TBD.
- C). The location of the skippers meeting for yachts starting in Chicago, IL. is TBD.

6.2 Check-in will begin at 1100 local time in Holland, Racine and Chicago on August 28, 2026, with the Skipper's Meeting commencing at 1115 hours.

6.3 Skippers shall be required to ensure that all required documentation has been provided. The following shall be submitted at registration if not previously provided:

- A). Completed registration on Yachtscoring.com.
- B). Entry fee.
- C). A Waiver and Release form.
- D). Evidence of Liability Insurance.
- E). Rating Certificate.
- F). Signed copy of the Recommended equipment list.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be distributed at the mandatory Skippers' Meeting. The Sailing Instructions will also be available for downloading from Yacht Scoring at www.yachtscoring.com.

8. RECOMENDED EQUIPMENT

8.1 The Recommended Equipment is listed as "The Required Equipment List" for the 2026 Challenges and shall be posted to the GLSS website: www.solosailors.org/mac This Required Equipment List is Highly Recommended for this race however items are not required unless listed as required in Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.

8.2 The Great Lakes Singlehanded Society requires that a Skipper wear a Life Jacket and Safety Harness designed and constructed for offshore sailing and be always tethered to the boat. However, a skipper need not be tethered to the boat if they are wearing:

- A). A self-inflating life jacket with personal strobe and whistle AND a
- B). Personal Location Beacon (PLB) registered with a current SRSAT registration sticker, AND
- C). A registered DSC capable waterproof VHF.

Otherwise, a Skipper shall be wearing a Life Jacket and tethered to the yacht from the time of casting off the dock to start the Challenge until the yacht crosses the finish line and returns to the proximity of the dock.

8.3 The use of powered winches and powered winch drivers shall be permitted

8.4 A VHF marine radiotelephone with at least channels 6, 9, 16, 22, 72 and 78.

8.5 Properly secured port and starboard jacklines or other appropriate method allowing the skipper to travel fore and aft on deck while remaining secured to the yacht. Securing to the yacht's lifelines to meet this requirement will not be acceptable.

8.6 All boats are required to have a functional mechanical (wind vane) or electrically operated autopilot installed and ready for use while racing. Wheel and tiller locks do not meet this rule. Double Handed entrants are exempt from 8.6

9. DATE

The start of the Solo Scramble will be on Friday August. 28, 2026, at 1400 hrs. local time.

10. COURSES

Holland

Start 1 mile off Pier (approximately N 42 46.425 W 86 14.278) to NOAA Mid-Lake Buoy ODAS "45007" (approximately N 42 40.416' W 87 01.572') leave to Port and then proceed to finish at Michigan City Buoy "A" (approximately N 41 45,331 ' W 86 58.563') Leave to Port (90.4NM)

Racine

Start, Green Buoy "I " (approximately N 42 43.551 ' W 87 46.023') Leave to Port then proceed to NOAA Mid-Lake Buoy ODAS "45007" (approximately N 42 40.416' W 87 01.572') Leave to Starboard and then finish at Michigan City Buoy "A" (approximately N 41 45,331 ' W 86 58.563') Leave to Port (87.9NM)

Chicago

Start, South end of Navy Pier break wall (approximately N 41 52.810' W 87 35.432') Leave to Port, then proceed to the Tri State boarder (N 42 29.600' W 87 01 ,200') Leave virtual mark to starboard and then finish at Michigan City Buoy "A" (approximately N 41 45,331' W 86 58.563') Leave mark to Port. (89.2 NM)

11. STRUCTURE OF RACING DIVIS10NS

Boats entered in the event will compete in several Monohull or Multihull divisions TBD. PHRF ratings will be used for handicapping boat performance within each monohull division. GLMRA ratings will be used for handicapping multihull boat performance. Any Skipper wishing to participate in the Solo / Double Scramble without a PHRF or a GLMRA certificate issued within the same may assign ratings for this event. calendar year may do so however, If none is provided a rating will be assigned by Race Committee based off information from the Entry Form, and any other information requested by Race Committee. A six second/mile penalty shall be imposed to that rating. The GLSS Race Committee, at its sole discretion,

12. AWARDS

12.1 Skippers and their guests are invited to attend the Awards dinner to be held at the at the conclusion of the race Saturday August 28, 2026. There will be a \$10.00 charge for each guest who is not registered in the event.

12.3 Flags will be awarded using PHRF time allowances calculated on a time-on-time basis. Flags will be awarded by using the following criteria:

2 boats in a division — 1st place.

4 boats in a division — 1st and 2nd place.

6 or more boats in a division — 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

The GLSS reserves the right to provide additional awards for exceptional passage or seamanship.

13. SAFETY INSPECTIONS

A). Each boat may be inspected upon finishing the Solo Scramble. Boats failing a post finish inspection shall be subject to penalty at the sole discretion of the Race Committee

14. RISK AND LIABILITY

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I "the participant" hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society, the officers and directors, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official or member of such a committee) involved with the event with respect to any and all personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my yacht, including death, as a result of my participation in this event and hereby release to the fullest extent permitted by law the race organizers from any and all liability associated with my participation in this event .

15. RISK STATEMENT

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor and crew agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. The Race Committee and Great Lakes Single Handed Society will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew and guests of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from this regatta, and future regattas.