

2026 St. Clair Solo Challenge

Presented by the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society

October 3, 2026

Notice of Race

1. Rules

- 1.1. This event will be governed by the current rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. No class rules are applicable.
- 1.3. In the event of a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. Eligibility, Entry and Placement

- 2.1. This event is open to members of any sailing organization, yacht club, sailing club or other organization recognized by the Event Chair.
- 2.2. This event is open to singlehanded boats only.
- 2.3. The Event Chair shall, at his sole discretion, determine eligibility and placement within classes. There will be JAM and PHRF classes.
- 2.4. Eligible boats shall register online via www.yachtscoring.com.

3. Fees

- 3.1. The fee to enter this event is \$70 per boat.
- 3.2. Fees include entry, and a Big Al's Steak Roast dinner, Friday Bar B Que, and Saturday Continental Breakfast for participants. Additional dinner can be ordered for \$35 each.
- 3.3. Fees will be collected by YachtScoring.

4. Schedule of Events(all times are approximate and are subject to change).

4.1. Friday October 3, 2026:

5:00pm: Bar B Que on the patio at Great Lakes YC

7:00pm: Mandatory Skippers meeting in the Clubhouse at Great Lakes YC.

4.2 Saturday October 3, 2026:

6:30am: Complimentary continental breakfast in the Great Lakes YC clubhouse.

9:00am: 1st start

7:00pm(approximate): Big Al's Steak Roast Dinner, followed by Awards Ceremony in the Great Lakes YC Clubhouse.

5. Measurement

5.1. MW PHRF ratings will be used for this event. Other PHRF certificates may be submitted, which will be reviewed and adjusted at the discretion of the Event Chair.

5.2. Boats without a current certificate will be assigned a temporary rating at the discretion of the Event Chair, which shall be valid for this event only and cannot be appealed.

6. Sailing Instructions

6.1. Sailing Instructions will be posted on YachtScoring.

7. Courses

7.1. JAM classes will sail on the shorter course approximately 19 nautical miles, the PHRF classes will sail on the longer course approximately 39 miles. Course details and marks are listed in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Scoring

8.1. A low-point system of scoring based on corrected time will be used based on the elapsed time of each finishing boat using Time on Distance formula.

8.2. If the race committee boat is not recording finishing times, each boat shall record its own finishing time and report same to the Event Chair as soon as practicable after finishing via VHF Ch. 72 and by texting the event chair with their finish time and boat name.

9. Awards

9.1. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place finishes in each class, and overall for monohull boats on the PHRF course.

10. Insurance

10.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third-party insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury or death.

11. Waiver of Liability

11.1. Each participating skipper shall execute the GLSS standard form Waiver of Rights and Release

of Liability, which can be found in the *Documents & Forms* section of the Yacht Scoring page for this event.

11.2. Even if a signed Waiver of Rights and Release of Liability form is not returned to the Event Chair, by registering for this event on YachtScoring, each participating skipper is deemed to have agreed to the provisions contained in the Waiver of Rights and Release of Liability form.

12. Additional Information

12.1. Organizing authority: Great Lakes Singlehanded Society (www.solosailors.org)

12.2. Event Chair: Jeff Neuhalfen, 734-855-9447, jeff.neuhalfen@gmail.com

12.3. Limited dockage is available at the Great Lakes YC for Friday and Saturday night. Docking assignments should be available a couple days prior to the event. Those requesting dockage should indicate so on their registration entry.

12.4. Additional Big Al's Steak Roast dinners are available for \$35 each. Participants should indicate the number of additional dinners requested and pay at checkout on YachtScoring.com during registration.