

Because It's There!

GLSS members are often asked what compels them to undertake a seemingly dangerous and arduous passage...alone. The answer lies at the heart of one's existence—to ***push his or her personal limits***. This is particularly true in today's world that eschews risk and, by extension, reward.

Solo sailors tend to be adventurers, undeterred by conformity and comfort. They generally do not lead plain vanilla lives. ***They love the challenge of life.***

And in this modern world where instant gratification is reflected in the trappings of success, solo sailors seek an inner satisfaction that endures long after the event.



"Having shared the common experience of reaching Mackinac alone, there is a sense of personal accomplishment and a strong bond of respect among fellow members."

Our Purpose

The Great Lakes Singlehanded Society is an organization established for the perpetuation of the sport of solo sailing. Its purpose is twofold - the first being to encourage the development of 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, or the Lake Erie Solo. 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 of these events, and they are accorded lifetime membership in the Society.***



These bronze medallions are only awarded to those sailors who successfully complete one of the Solo Challenges.

For more information, please visit the

GLSS Website:

<https://www.solosailors.org/contact.php>

The GREAT LAKES SINGLEHANDED SOCIETY



GLSS

Experience the thrill and satisfaction of singlehanded sailing!



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The GLSS has a rich history—become a part of it!

From its humble beginnings in 1978, the *Great Lakes Singlehanded Society* has grown to become the premier association of solo sailors in the United States. Less than 250 individuals have become life members by completing a Solo Mackinac Challenge from either Port Huron, Michigan or Chicago, Illinois, the Trans Superior Solo, or the Lake Erie Solo Challenge. In the future, it is expected that a Challenge from Lake Ontario will be recognized as an equally significant accomplishment, and membership bestowed upon those skippers who successfully complete it. Skippers who began their solo sailing careers with the GLSS have gone on to compete in grander challenges including:

- ◆ *The BOC Challenge*
- ◆ *Around Alone*
- ◆ *OSTAR*
- ◆ *Solo Trans—Pac*
- ◆ *Bermuda One -Two*



GLSS member Tim Kent aboard Everest Horizontal in Newport, RI prior to the 2003 "Around Alone."

You've thought about it.....

Solo sailors are unique. They are universally independent and, at the same time, incredibly social. Competitive, yet helpful. Irreverent and respectful. They continuously seek personal challenges and admire the same trait in others. Above all, they appreciate the relationship between a skipper and his well-sailed vessel.

If this echoes within your spirit, then perhaps you have found a new course on your sailing horizon...

Join us!



Experience firsthand the satisfaction of completing one of the Singlehanded Challenges!

Solo Mackinac Challenges

June 18 , 2011

33rd Port Huron—Mackinac Island

15th Chicago—Mackinac Island

Plus the Super Macs!

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Lake Ontario 300 SC

July 16, 2011

3rd LO300 Solo Challenge

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Trans Superior Solo Challenge

August 6, 2011

Lake Erie Solo Challenge

August 20, 2011

5th Monroe to Erie

The GLSS, through its sponsorship of singlehanded challenges, encourages the development of short-handed sailing skills. GLSS members are eager to share their experiences in overcoming weather, gear failures and the personal obstacles that stand between a sailor and his personal achievements.

And though membership in the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society is limited to those who have completed sanctioned challenges, there are many ways to join in the fun prior to, or after a successful challenge.



Our Fall Race slate consists of three races, two of which are single day events. The Lake Michigan Scramble is an overnight affair, which serves as a great warm up to a major GLSS challenge!

St. Joseph-Chicago and Back

95 miles

August , 2011

Lake Michigan Solo Scramble

110 miles - Holland & Racine Starts

September 9 , 2011

Lower Huron Solo

43 miles

September 10 , 2011

St. Clair Solo & Big Al's Steak Roast

39 miles

October , 2011