

St. Clair Solo Regatta
September 27, 2008
Sailing Instructions

1. Organization and Management:

The race shall be under the management of the Race Committee of the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society who shall have full and final authority to interpret the racing conditions and the racing rules. Except as modified by these instructions, the race shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-2008 as adopted by US Sailing Association.

2. Responsibility:

In this regatta, neither the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society nor the Race Committee, nor any officer may be held liable for any injury or damage whatsoever to persons or property connected with or belonging to any participant in the race. All participants such as skippers, officials, and others engaged in the race participate solely at their own risk. The entrant represents to the Race Committee that his or her vessel is seaworthy and that all U.S. Coast Guard required equipment and safety equipment is kept and properly maintained, and the skipper is competent to handle the vessel for this event.

3. Personal Safety:

A safety harness of the skipper's choice **shall** be worn and attached to the yacht from the time the yacht leaves the harbor to the yacht returns to the harbor. Failure to comply shall result in disqualification.

4. Skippers' meeting:

Where: Great Lakes Yacht Club When: Friday, 26 September 2008
23900 Jefferson Ave. 20:00 hr.
St. Clair Shores, MI
48080
TEL: (586) 778-9510

5. Time Limit:

There is no time limit for this race. The Race Committee (RC) boat at their discretion may or may not be on station at the finish line after 1900 hours. Skippers finishing when the RC boat is off station must record their own finish time and report the information within 60 minutes by; VHF radio (CH. 68), Telephone: (586) 778-9510, or person to the Race Committee at GLYC.

6. Withdrawals:

Participants withdrawing from this race SHALL notify the Race Committee by VHF radio (CH. 68) or by telephone: (586) 778-9510 (GLYC) within a reasonable amount of time. If there is no answer by telephone, leave a message informing the RC. Failure to comply with this directive shall result in the competitor not being invited to compete in future St Clair Solo Regattas.

7. Protests and Redress:

All protest or redress must be filed in writing per US RRS Part 5 Section A with the Race Committee within 60 minutes after finishing the race.

8. Radio:

The Race Committee and Yachts are required to monitor VHF radio **CH 68**.

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9. Starting Line:

The starting line shall be between the RC flag displayed from the Race Committee vessel and a designated buoy located approximately 1 nautical mile northeast of the GLYC marina. CAUTION: CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE "GAUKLER SHOAL". CHECK YOUR CHART(S) FOR DETAILS.

10. Restricted Area Near Starting Line:

Prior to the starting signal of the division ahead, all other yachts must keep clear of yachts on the first leg of the course that have started and the restricted area 100 yards behind and parallel to the starting line.

11. Starting time and Sequence:

The first class will start at 09:00 hours. JAM classes followed by PHRF classes and Mulihulls. Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given 10 minutes before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26. Starting times, starting sequences and division splits will be provided at the Skippers' Meeting.

12. Recall:

The Race Committee will display a code flag "X" (white field with blue cross) with one sound and may hail or announce the sail number(s) of over early yacht(s) by VHF (CH 68). The code flag "X" will be displayed until all over early yachts have restarted properly or four minutes after the starting signal. Over early yachts failing to restart within the four minute time frame will be assessed a 30 minute penalty plus the elapsed time between the start and proper finish.

13. Postponement:

Skippers will be notified of a postponement from the Race Committee with the display of the code flag "AP" (cone shaped with vertical red and white stripes) accompanied with two sounds. This signal postpones the start for those divisions that have not yet started. It will be lowered one minute before the raising of the warning signal for the next scheduled class start. Class starts may be broadcast on VHF (CH 68) by the race committee.

14. Course:

See St Clair Solo Course and Starting Sequence Reference Card.

15. Class Split:

Class Splits will be handed out at Friday September 26 Skippers meeting and will also be available at Great Lakes Yacht Club front gate Saturday morning.

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16. Finish Line:

Finish line is between Race Committee & LSSC G Mark. The Race Committee reserves the right to abandon the race or modify the finish line as conditions dictate by radio, VHF (CH 68).

17. Freighter Channel Crossings:

Yachts participating in these races shall not interfere with shipping traffic in accordance with Federal law 89-764 and USCG Rule 18. Yachts violating these provisions shall be subject to protest.

18. Awards

All participants and their guests are invited to attend the awards presentations at the GLYC after the race.

19. Direction to the Great Lakes Yacht Club:

The same access drive is shared with Andiamo's restaurant.

Great Lakes Yacht Club
23900 Jefferson Ave.
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
TEL: (586) 778-9510

20. Slips & Dockage:

Overnight dockage is based on a first come basis. Rafting may be required as conditions dictate.

21. Launch Ramp Locations:

- > End of 9 Mile Rd.
- > Metro Beach
- > Clinton River

22. Entry forms and information:

Note: No online registration will be accepted after Wednesday September 24.

- > Website: www.solosailor.org
- > Pay Pal electronic payments possible.

23. Race Chairman and entry form mailing address:

Steven Stoll
19913 Rosedale
St. Clair Shores, MI. 48080

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