



**Great Lakes Singlehanded Society
St. Clair Solo Race
October 1, 2011
Sailing Instructions**

1. Organization and Management

The race shall be under the management of the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society Race Committee who shall have 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 as adopted by the US Sailing Association.

2. Responsibility

In this regatta, neither the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society, nor the Race Committee, nor any officer of the Society 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 Great Lakes Singlehanded Society that his or her vessel is seaworthy and that all U.S. Coast Guard required equipment is kept and properly maintained, and the skipper is competent to handle the vessel for the event.

3. Personal Safety

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

4. Skipper's Meeting

Where: Rojo Mexican Bistro
(formerly Andiamo's)
24026 Jeferson Ave.
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
Located next (West) to GLYC
When: Friday, September 30, 2011 at 1900 hr.
The Meeting will take place on the second floor

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. Skippers finishing when the RC boat is off station must record their own finish time and report the information within 60 minutes by VHF (Ch. 72) or to cell phone number: **(248) 514-0410**.

6. Withdrawals

Participants withdrawing from this race **SHALL** immediately notify another race participant by VHF radio (Ch. 72), and then the SC-Solo Race Chairman by telephone: **(248) 514-0410** within a reasonable amount of time. If there is no answer by telephone, leave a message informing the RC of your status. Failure to comply with this directive shall result in the competitor not being invited to future Great Lakes Singlehanded Society races.

7. Protests and Redress

All protests 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 72** for race updates and changes.

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9. Courses

Two courses will be offered - a traditional Spinnaker course and a separate Jib and Main course. Those electing the JAM course must indicate their election on the entry form. In the event of a short course all races will use the short JAM course.

10. 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 NE of the GLYC marina. The precise location will be given at the skippers meeting. Monitor VHF Ch 72 for updates. **CAUTION: NOTE CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE "GAUKLER SHOAL."** **CHECK YOUR CHART(S) FOR DETAILS.**

11. Restricted Area Near Starting Line

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

12. Starting Time and Sequence

The first class will start at 09:00 hours (time sequence starts @ 08:50). Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signals given 10 minutes before each start. This changes RRS 26. Starting times, start sequences and division splits will be provided at the Skipper's Meeting. Monitor VHF Ch 72 during the start sequence for the most current information.

13. Recall

The Race Committee will display a code flag "X" (white field with a blue cross) with one sound and may hail or announce the sail number(s) of over early yacht(s) by VHF Ch 72. The code flag "X" will be displayed until all over early yachts have restarted properly of 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.

14. Postponement

Skippers will be notified of a postponement from the Race Committee with a 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 raising the warning signal for the next scheduled class start. Class starts may be broadcast on VHF Ch 72 by the Race Committee.

15. Long Course

Approximate locations **Total Distance: 42.7 nm**

Leg	Description	Lat.	Long.	Distance & Heading
Start	Between RC & LSSC "G" Race Mark	N 42. 28.5'	W 82. 15.0	
1	Starting line to channel mark R18 (port)	N 42. 25.7'	W 82. 48.2'	3.5 nm @ 150 Mag
2	R18 to Thames River buoy RW "T" (port)	N 42. 20.7	W 82. 28.2'	15.3 nm @ 117 Mag
3	Thames River Buoy to 1PH (port)	N 42. 33.2	W 82. 44.8'	17.3 nm @ 324 Mag
4	1PH to LSSC "G" Race Mark	N 42. 28.5	W 82. 15.0'	6.6 nm @ 231 Mag

16. JAM Course and Short Course

Approximate locations **Total Distance 24.1 nm**

Leg	Description	Lat.	Long.	Distance & Heading
Start	Between RC & LSSC "G" Race Mark	N 42. 28.5'	W 82. 15.0'	
1	Starting line to channel mark R18 (port)	N 42. 25.7'	W 82. 48.2'	3.5 nm @ 150 Mag
2	R18 to Environment Canada Weather Sta.	N 42. 25.5'	W 82. 40.5'	5.7 nm @ 100 Mag
3	Environment Canada Weather Sta to 1 PH	N 42. 33.2'	W 82. 44.8'	8.3 nm @ 231 Mag
4	1PH to LSSC "G" Race Mark	N 42. 28.5'	W 82. 15.0'	6.6 nm @ 231 Mag

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17. Finish Line

Finish line is between Race Committee and the 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 72). Mark your finishing time if there is no boat on station.

18. 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 by the Race Committee and may be subject to legal actions by the U.S. Coast Guard.

19. Awards

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

20. Directions

Great Lakes Yacht Club

23900 Jefferson Ave.

St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

Contact S.C. Solo Race Chairman for specific dock location

21. Slips and Dockage

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

22. Public Launch Ramp Locations

✚ End of 9 mile Rd

✚ Metro Beach

23. Entry Forms and Information

✚ Website: <http://www.solosailors.org/scs.php>

✚ PayPal electronic payments accepted and appreciated – Entry fee is USD \$35

24. Race Chairman and entry form mailing address

Jeff Golding

35208 Spring Hill Rd.

Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Phone: (248) 514-0410

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