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# LAKE MICHIGAN SINGLEHANDED SOCIETY

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## Notice of Challenge

### Lake Michigan Doublehanded Championship

#### East-Shore and West-Shore Divisions

Thursday, 11 June 2026

The LMSS Doublehanded Championship—our 40th annual Double—will start June 11, 2026. This race is intended to encourage adventure and competition in the tradition of shorthanded sailing and cruising. The Doublehanded Championship will consist of a race to Port Washington, Wisconsin.

**Awards:** There will be classes for Monohulls, with awards for first, second, and third place in each class. There will be a class for Multihulls if at least three enter. Class sizes will be at the discretion of the race committee.

**The Course—East-Shore Division:** 66.5 nautical miles from a starting line at Muskegon, Michigan, by any course, to a finish line at Port Washington, Wisconsin. Starting will commence at 0800 (local time) June 11, 2026.

**The Course—West-Shore Division:** 54.4 nautical miles from a starting line at Racine Harbor, WI then South around Kenosha Yacht Club Race Buoy “NE” then North by any course to a finish line at Port Washington. Starting will commence at 0830 (local time) June 11, 2026.

Kenosha Yacht Club Race Buoy “NE” is reported to be at approximately 42 36.418N 87 47.223W

**Crew:** Each yacht must have a crew limited to two individuals. The safety of each yacht and her crew is the sole responsibility of the owner and the skipper, who must ensure that the yacht is fully found and that the skipper and crew are fit for the passage.

**Notes:**

- The entry fee includes mooring at Port Washington Marina on June 11 thru 13. Mooring will be in the basin with rafting as determined by the Harbor Master and their crew. Please be sure to follow their instructions.
- LMSS uses spinnaker PHRF HCP ratings for all divisions so everyone can compete for the overall trophy and places.
- Additional amendments and modifications may be made to the race rules no later than the conclusion of the skippers' briefing prior to the race. Such changes will be announced and additional race information will be supplied as needed.

**Eligibility of Yachts:** The race is open to offshore yachts 26 to 50 feet LOA. Larger and smaller yachts will be considered on an individual basis. For equipping the yacht, skippers should use as a guide the US Sailing updated Coastal recommendations. <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/> The following modification, amendments, and supplements must be observed:

1. Liability insurance must be carried by each yacht.
2. All Coast Guard safety requirements must be met by each yacht.
3. Each yacht must carry a modern VHF marine radio. Channel 69 will be used for race communications. All radios must be accessible to racers while at the helm. This can either be an adaptation of the permanent radio or a second radio such as a hand-held.
4. A racing pennant (to be provided) must be flown from the backstay (or similar location) at all times.
5. Correct sail numbers must be displayed on the mainsail.
6. While an auxiliary engine is not required, each yacht must be capable of making her way to the starting line and of returning to port after the finish, without tows or other assistance.
7. Each yacht should carry enough fuel, water, and food to be self-sufficient for the duration of the course, as if cruising.
8. Each yacht must have a system such as jack lines, running from near the cockpit to the foredeck, so that the crew can move from the cockpit to the forestay without disconnecting the safety harness.
9. Each crew member must have a safety harness properly fitted and worn at all times when not below decks. Any time a crew member leaves the cockpit, they must be hooked to the jack line.
10. A personal strobe light must be worn by each crew member at all times when not below decks.
11. Life jackets are recommended to be worn at all times. It is required that a PFD be worn from sundown to sun-up and at all times during severe weather conditions. It must be marked with reflecting tape.
12. Each yacht must have a system for re-boarding in place at all times. This may include looped lines or a ladder.
13. A radar reflector must be in place above decks at all times.
14. Each yacht must have a system for self-steering.

**Exceptions** are as follows:

The man overboard pole, water light, horseshoe, and associated equipment are not required for SOLO yachts.

**Inspection:** All yachts will be subject to inspection, at any time. If any requirement 1 through 14 is not met, the yacht may be disqualified.

**Entry Procedure:** Complete online registration at [https://lmssonline.com/doublehander\\_entry/](https://lmssonline.com/doublehander_entry/) or deliver your completed entry form, your LMPHRF Certificate (copy), proof of insurance and a check for \$110.00 for the Doublehanded Championship Race to:

Mike Kenny LMSS  
759 Thorndale Drive  
Elgin, IL 60120-8116

Applications will be received until May 27, 2026. Late applications will be accepted up till June 10, but may not include the free T-shirts or a participation flag. An application must be accepted by LMSS for an applicant to participate. **The decision of LMSS to accept or reject an applicant or a vessel is final.** Once accepted, the entry fee is non-refundable; however, if a refund is requested in writing by May 27, 2026, one-half of the fee will be returned. If an applicant is not accepted, the entire entry fee will be returned.

All questions should be directed to the LMSS at the address above or via E-mail to [mike@kenny.net](mailto:mike@kenny.net)

# The Double 2026

11 June 2026

Entry Deadline: May 27, 2026

Online Race available application at [https://www.lmssonline.com/doublehander entry/](https://www.lmssonline.com/doublehander_entry/)

## FLEET

\_\_\_\_\_ EAST (Muskegon)  
\_\_\_\_\_ WEST (Winthrop Harbor)

## DIVISION

\_\_\_\_\_ SPINNAKER  
\_\_\_\_\_ JIB & MAIN

### Skipper

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
DAY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
NIGHT PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

YACHT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
MODEL \_\_\_\_\_  
L.O.A. \_\_\_\_\_ DRAFT \_\_\_\_\_

### Crew

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
DAY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
NIGHT PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SAIL # \_\_\_\_\_  
PHRF RATING \_\_\_\_\_ (SEND COPY)  
YACHT CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

Timely race fee includes two Mens X-Large T-shirts. Please indicate if you want a different size: \_\_\_\_\_  
Silk-screened and embroidered golf shirts also are available on a prepaid basis. Sizes available are Men's S, M, L, XL, and XXL. (You may request a youth size, if unavailable, the closest size will be substituted.)

**Order deadline is May 31. Late entries will not receive the free T-shirts. Late shirt orders may not be filled.**

Item	Qty	Size	Qty	Size	Qty	Size	Total Qty	x Price	= Total
Embr. Golf								\$42.00	

NOTE: For this application to be complete, you must include:

\_\_\_\_\_ 2026 Midwest PHRF Certificate (copy)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Current insurance certificate (copy)

**Fees:**

**Total Shirt Cost**  
**Doublehanded race\***

**\$110.00\***

**Total fees, make check out to LMSS**

**\*Double race fee includes PWYC Party, dockage in Port Washington, and, if timely, two T-shirts and a participation flag**

I have read the Notice of Race and I agree to abide by the conditions set forth therein. By electing to participate, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless THE LAKE MICHIGAN SINGLEHANDED SOCIETY and its associated parties for any loss or damage to my person, crew, or property.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Entrant

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Signature of Boat Owner (if different)

Mail completed form to Mike Kenny, LMSS 759 Thorndale Drive, Elgin IL 60120-8116

GIVE A COPY OF THIS ENTRY FORM TO A FRIEND

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## Notice of Challenge SOLO / 2X2 CHALLENGE 2026

Friday 21, August 2026

SOLO / 2X2 2026—a singlehanded race run since 1981 (now with a double handed section)—will take place Friday, August 21, 2026. This singlehanded challenge is intended to encourage adventure, self reliance, and competition in the tradition of singlehanded sailing. While also a race, the primary focus of this challenge is accomplishing the goal of completing the course – relying on oneself, yet enjoying the camaraderie of like minded sailors. We include a separate division—the doublehanded 2X2—in keeping with the spirit of the singlehanded challenge. The following describes the conditions and qualifications for the challenge. Additional information will be supplied to entrants.

**Awards:** There will be classes for Monohulls, with awards for first, second, and third place in each class. There will be a class for Multihulls if at least three enter. Class sizes will be at the discretion of the race committee.

**Course:** From the starting line, Racine, Wisconsin, around Buoy “R 4” seven nautical miles due east of Glencoe, IL, around the NOAA Southern Mid Lake Weather Buoy (Station 45007), around Buoy “G 1” at Milwaukee Harbor, around the Wind Point North Shoals Lighted Buoy #14 near the Wisconsin shore and return to finish line at Racine. A distance of approximately 135 nautical miles. The “R 4”, NOAA Mid Lake Weather Buoy and “G 1” must be left to port. Wind Point North Shoals Lighted Buoy #14 must be left to Starboard.

**Personal Qualifications:** SOLO entrants must be experienced sailors. Entrants who have completed previous SOLO races are automatically qualified. Other entrants must provide evidence of experience, including a documented singlehanded passage of at least 50 miles and including a statement of other experience sailing or racing offshore. New entrants will have until August 14, 2026 to complete the 50-mile passage.

**Eligibility of Yachts:** The race is open to offshore yachts 27 to 60 LOA. The condition of the yacht and the equipment she carries should meet the US Sailing updated Coastal recommendations. <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/> as modified and supplemented by the race committee (see "Equipment" section following). Yachts failing to meet the size limitations or failing to meet all US Sailing updated Coastal recommendations may be accepted at the discretion of the race committee.

This singlehanded race is intended to encourage adventure and competition in the tradition of singlehanded sailing. There will be classes for SOLO Monohulls, based on MidWest PHRF ratings—class size will be determined at the discretion of the race committee—and one or more classes for 2X2. Class divisions will be made after entries have been closed. There will be one class of SOLO Multihulls, provided three or more are entered. Spinnakers may be used in all divisions. The safety of each yacht and her skipper/person in charge is the sole responsibility of the owner and skipper, who must ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and the crew fit for the passage.

**Recommended Equipment and Use:** For equipping the yacht, skippers should use as a guide the US Sailing updated Coastal recommendations. <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/> The following modification, amendments, and supplements must be observed.

1. Liability insurance must be carried by each yacht.
2. All Coast Guard safety requirements must be met by each yacht.
3. Each yacht must carry a modern VHF marine radio. Channel 69 will be used for required reporting between competitors. All radios must be accessible to racers while at the helm. This can either be an adaptation of the permanent radio or a second radio such as a hand-held.
4. A racing pennant (to be provided) must be flown from the backstay (or similar location) at all times.
5. Correct sail numbers must be displayed on the mainsail.
6. While an auxiliary engine is not required, each yacht must be capable of making her way to the starting line and of returning to port after the finish, without tows or other assistance.
7. Each yacht should carry enough fuel, water, and food to be self-sufficient for the duration of the course, as if cruising.
8. Each yacht must have a system such as jack lines, running from near the cockpit to the foredeck, so that the crew can move from the cockpit to the forestay without disconnecting the safety harness.
9. The required safety harness must be worn and attached to the yacht from the time the yacht leaves the dock until it is secured after finishing, except when the entrant is below decks.
10. A personal strobe light must be worn by each crew member at all times when not below decks.
11. Life jackets are recommended to be worn at all times. It is required that a PFD be worn from sundown to sun-up and at all times during severe weather conditions. It must be marked with reflecting tape.
12. Each yacht must have a system for re-boarding in place at all times. This may include looped lines or a ladder.
13. A radar reflector must be in place above decks at all times.
14. Each yacht must have a system for self-steering.

**Exceptions** are as follows:

The man overboard pole, water light, horseshoe, and associated equipment are not required for SOLO yachts.

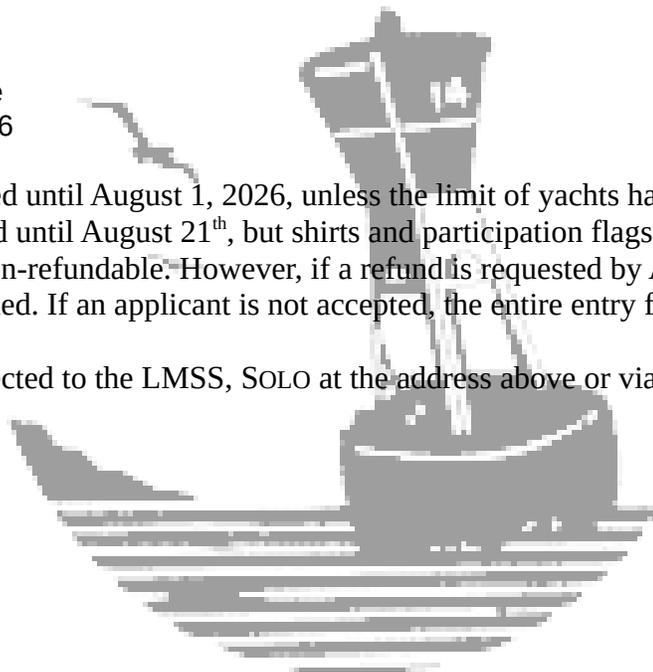
**Inspection:** All yachts will be subject to inspection, at any time. If any requirement 1 through 14 is not met, the yacht may be disqualified.

**Entry Procedure:** Send your completed entry form, MW-PHRF certificate (copy), statement of personal qualifications (including documentation of your 50-mile qualifying sail) and a check (SOLO - \$95 or 2X2 - \$120) to:

Mike Kenny LMSS  
759 Thorndale Drive  
Elgin, IL 60120-8116

Applications will be received until August 1, 2026, unless the limit of yachts has been reached first. Late entries will be accepted until August 21<sup>st</sup>, but shirts and participation flags may not be available. Once accepted, the fee is non-refundable. However, if a refund is requested by August 3, 2026, one half of the fee will be returned. If an applicant is not accepted, the entire entry fee will be returned.

All questions should be directed to the LMSS, SOLO at the address above or via E-mail to [mike@kenny.net](mailto:mike@kenny.net)



# Solo / 2X2 Challenge 2026

## 21 August 2026

Entry Deadline: August 7, 2026

Online Race application available at [https://lmssonline.com/solo2x2\\_entry/](https://lmssonline.com/solo2x2_entry/)

### Division

\_\_\_\_\_ SOLO  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Doublehanded

#### SKIPPER

#### CREW (Doublehanded ONLY)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 DAY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 NIGHT PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 DAY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 NIGHT PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

YACHT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 MODEL \_\_\_\_\_  
 L.O.A. \_\_\_\_\_ DRAFT \_\_\_\_\_

SAIL # \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHRF RATING \_\_\_\_\_ (SEND COPY)  
 YACHT CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

Timely race fee includes one (Solo) or two (2X2) Men's X-Large shirts. Please indicate if you want a different size: \_\_\_\_\_ . Sizes available are Men's S, M, L, XL, and XXL. (You may request a youth size, if unavailable, the closest size will be substituted.) Deadline for shirts is August 1.

NOTE: For this application to be complete, you must include:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 2026 Lake Michigan PHRF Certificate (copy)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Current insurance certificate (copy)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check to LMSS

<b>2X2 Challenge</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>
<b>Solo Challenge</b>	<b>\$95.00</b>
<b>Total fees, make check out to LMSS</b>	

**Late entries may be accepted, but shirts and participation flags may not be available.**

I have read the Notice of Challenge and I agree to abide by the conditions set forth therein. By electing to participate, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless THE LAKE MICHIGAN SINGLEHANDED SOCIETY and its associated parties for any loss or damage to my person, crew, or property.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Entrant

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Boat Owner (if different)

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: MIKE KENNY, LMSS 759 THORNDALE DRIVE, ELGIN, IL 60120-8116

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## Notices of Events for 2026

Double Championship  
Solo – 2x2 Challenge

June 11, 2026  
August 21, 2026

LMSS – In the spirit of adventure, self-reliance,  
competition, and camaraderie among sailors

Applications now also available at [www.lmssonline.com](http://www.lmssonline.com)

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*Race Applications  
Enclosed*

**First Class**

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