
LAKE MICHIGAN SINGLEHANDED SOCIETY

Notice of Challenge

Lake Michigan Doublehanded Championship

East-Shore and West-Shore Divisions

Thursday, 12 June 2025

The LMSS Doublehanded Championship—our 39th annual Double—will start June 12, 2025. 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.

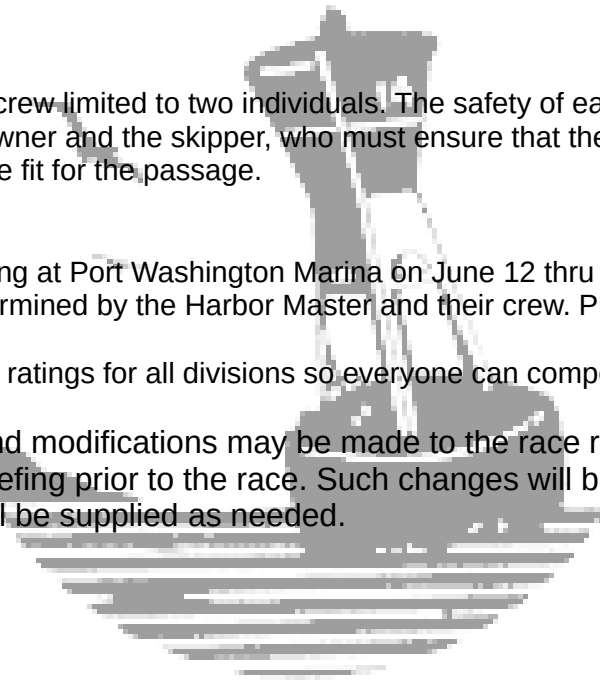
The Course—East-Shore Division: 66.5 nautical miles from a starting line at Muskegon, Michigan, by any course, to a finish line at Port Washington, Wisconsin. Starting will commence at 0800 (local time) June 12, 2025.

The Course—West-Shore Division: 53.5 nautical miles from a starting line at Winthrop Harbor, Illinois by any course to a finish line at Port Washington. Starting will commence at 0830 (local time) June 12, 2025.

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 12 thru 15. 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 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. The condition of the yacht and the equipment she carries should meet US Sailing "Recommendations for Offshore Sailing" for category-three races. The following modifications, 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 VHF marine radio telephone with at least channels 6, 16, 22, 69 and WX. 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. 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 to category-3 requirements 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/ 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 28, 2025. Late applications will be accepted up till June 12, 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 28, 2025, 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

The Double 2025

12 June 2025

Entry Deadline: May 28, 2025

Online Race available application at 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 _____

Crew

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 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:

_____ 2025 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

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

LAKE MICHIGAN SINGLEHANDED SOCIETY

Notice of Challenge

Q RACE '25

Friday, 15 August 2025

Q RACE '25—a singlehanded race run since 1981 (now with a double handed section)—will take place Friday, August 15 2025. 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—as an introduction to the spirit of the singlehanded challenge. The following describes the conditions and qualifications for the challenge. Additional information will be supplied to entrants.

Course: Approximately 70 nautical miles from a starting line at Racine, Wisconsin, rounding the south NOAA mid-lake weather buoy and returning to a finish line at Racine, Wisconsin.

Personal Qualifications: Entrants must be experienced sailors. Entrants who have completed previous SOLO races are automatically qualified. Other entrants, who have not raced with LMSS before, must provide evidence of experience. Please provide a letter stating sailing experience and/or offshore racing.

Eligibility of Yachts: The race is open to offshore yachts 26 to 50 LOA. The condition of the yacht and the equipment she carries should meet the US Sailing “Recommendations for Offshore Sailing” for category-three races, as modified and supplemented by the race committee (see "Equipment" section following). Yachts failing to meet the size limitations and radical yachts failing to meet all category-three requirements 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 and Doublehanded Monohulls based on Lake Michigan PHRF HCP ratings. Class divisions will be made after entries have been closed. There may be one class of Multihulls. Spinnakers may be used in all divisions.

The safety of each yacht and her skipper/crew 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 “Recommendations for Offshore Sailing” for category-three races. The following modification, amendments, and supplements must be observed.

- . Liability insurance must be carried by each yacht.
- . All Coast Guard safety requirements must be met by each yacht.
- . Each yacht must carry a VHF marine radio with at least channels 9, 16, 22, 69 and WX. 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.
- . A racing pennant (to be provided) must be flown from the backstay (or similar location) at all times.
- . Unless otherwise approved by the race committee correct sail numbers must be displayed on the mainsail, spinnakers, and all headsails larger than a working jib.
- . 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.
- . Each yacht should carry enough fuel, water, and food to be self-sufficient for the duration of the course.
- . 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.
- . 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.
- . A personal strobe light must be worn by each crew member at all times when not below decks.
- . 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.
- . Each yacht must have a system for re-boarding in place at all times. This may include looped lines or a ladder.
- . A radar reflector must be in place above decks at all times.
- . Each Solo yacht must have a system for self-steering. Also recommended and allowed for doublehanded.

Exceptions to category-3 requirements 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 is not met, the yacht may be disqualified.

Entry Procedure: Enter online at <https://lmssonline.com/q-race/> or send your completed entry form, your MW-PHRF Certificate (copy), proof of insurance and a check for (SOLO - \$95 or DH - \$120) to:

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

Applications will be received until July 30, 2025. Late entries will be accepted up until August 15th, but shirts and participation flags may not be available. Once accepted, the fee is non-refundable. However, if a refund is requested by July 30, 2025, one half of the fee will be returned. If an applicant is not accepted, the entire entry fee will be returned.

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Q RACE CHALLENGE '25

15 August 2025

Entry Deadline: July 30, 2025

Division

SOLO
 Doublehanded

SKIPPER

CREW (Doublehanded ONLY)

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____
 STATE _____ ZIP _____
 DAY PHONE _____
 NIGHT PHONE _____
 E-MAIL _____
 YACHT NAME _____
 MODEL _____
 L.O.A. _____ DRAFT _____

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____
 STATE _____ ZIP _____
 DAY PHONE _____
 NIGHT PHONE _____
 E-MAIL _____
 SAIL # _____
 PHRF RATING _____ (SEND COPY)
 YACHT CLUB _____

Timely race fee includes one (Solo) or two (DH) premiums. Please indicate your desired shirt size: _____
 Sizes available are Men's S, M, L, XL, and XXL. (You may request a womans size, if unavailable, the closest size will be substituted.) Deadline is July 31.

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

- 2025 Midwest PHRF Certificate (copy)
- Current insurance certificate (copy)
- Check to LMSS

DH Challenge	\$120.00
Solo Challenge	\$95.00
Total fees, make check out to LMSS	

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Signature of Entrant

Signature of Boat Owner (if different)

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

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Notices of Events for 2025

Double Championship
Q Race

June 12, 2025
August 15, 2025

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

Applications now also available at www.lmssonline.com

*Race Applications
Enclosed*

First Class

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