

## **Dockage before and after the GLSS Trans Superior Solo Challenge**

**Purpose:** This document provided information about dockage before and after the GLSS Trans Superior Solo Challenge from Sault St Marie to Duluth.

**Discussion:** For the GLSS Trans Superior Solo Challenge it is the skipper's responsibility to obtain dockage before and after the race. The following information is provided to assist in this effort and represents the general experience of GLSS skippers. The skipper is responsible for dockage fees at both ends of the race as described below. The exception is that the Trans Superior Race Committee has provided very basic or rustic dockage a Duluth.

**Sault St Marie:** If you want to avoid customs, the easiest is to stay at the George Kemp Marina on the U.S. side, and reservations may be made on-line through the Michigan DNR web site. They have excellent facilities, and deep draft vessels can be handled with ease. It's a short walk from there into town, or to the Soo Locks. The George Kemp Maria has fuel and pump out. A convenience store is a short walk away for last minute stuff but they have a limited selection. The pre-race festivities take place on the Canadian side of the Soo, so you'll need to find transportation over and back. A passport, enhanced driver's license or similar document is now mandatory to cross the border. If you wish to stay on the Canadian side of the Soo prior to the race, the Roberta Bondar Marina is the place to stay. You can clear customs, get fuel and water, and are within an easy walk of a mall for last minute shopping and a variety of restaurants. The mandatory pre-race skipper's meeting takes place in Canada. There's quite a current at the entrance to the marina, it's best to approach it heading upstream. Boats head off together on race day and go through the locks as a group. Both marinas are conveniently close to the locks. Marina and lock locations are shown on the map on page 2.

- [Roberta Bondar Marina](#) (web site link)  
99 Foster Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 5N1, Canada  
Phone: 705-759-5430  
Contact on VHF Channel 16
- George Kemp Marina  
485 East Park Place Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783-2049  
Phone: (906) 635-7670  
[Make Online Reservations](#) or Call: 800-447-2757  
Contact on VHF Channel 9 or 16

**Soo Locks:** A separate paper has been prepared that describes the Soo Locks and how to lock through.

- [Passage Through the Soo Locks \(web page link\)](#)

**Duluth:** After finishing in Duluth, there will be free transient docking in a no longer commercially used freighter slip, known as Slip #2. It is located just to the west of the Aquarium and it is a very convenient walk from there into downtown Duluth. Duluth has a number of tourist attractions within walking distance of Slip 2 even though it does not have any marina amenities. There are no electrical hook-ups, nor fuel/water available there. The closest marina is the Lakehead Boat Basin which is a scruffy marina but the closest to Slip #2 being located just south of the lift bridge at the harbor entrance channel. Here

you can get fuel and pump out. A much nicer, full service marina is the Barker's Island Marina, located in Superior, Wisconsin. It is located about 5 NM to the southeast of Slip #2 and is closer to the Superior harbor entrance. If you need repairs or want a more comfortable place to dock this is a great place to go. It is also located adjacent to the whaleback freighter museum, featuring the SS Meteor. Marina and slip locations are shown on page 3.

- [Lakehead Boat Basin](#) (web link)  
1000 Minnesota Ave Duluth, MN 55802-2421  
Phone: 218-722-1757
- [Barker's Island Boat Marina](#) (web link)  
250 Marina Drive, Superior, WI 54880  
Phone: 715-392-7131

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