



## **GREAT LAKES SINGLEHANDED SOCIETY CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this organization shall be "GREAT LAKES SINGLEHANDED SOCIETY"

### **ARTICLE II - PURPOSES**

1. To encourage development of suitable techniques, equipment and gear for shorthanded Great Lakes passages under sail.
2. Recognize accomplishments of singlehanded sailors from the Great Lakes region.

### **ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION**

- Section 1. The Great Lakes Singlehanded Society shall consist of individuals who have been awarded membership in this Society.
- Section 2. The administration of GLSS shall be vested in the Board of Directors.
- Section 3. The Board of Directors shall consist of nine members including a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, all of who will be elected as set forth in the By-Laws.
- Section 4. Standing committees as deemed necessary by the President and/or membership shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1. This Society shall have three classes of memberships:
1. Charter Membership - Shall be conveyed only to those individuals who successfully completed the first solo Port Huron to Mackinac Sailboat race within the framework as set forth by that first race committee.
  2. Regular Membership - Shall be conveyed only to those individuals who successfully complete either the Port Huron to Mackinac Island, the Chicago to Mackinac Island, the Trans Superior Singlehanded Challenge, the Lake Erie Solo Challenge, or the Lake Ontario Solo Challenge.
  3. Honorary Membership - Shall be conveyed to those individuals that exemplify the spirit of this Society as determined by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.



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### **ARTICLE V - VOTING**

All active members in good standing shall be eligible to vote at all meetings of the general membership of the Society.

### **ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS**

Section 1. Officers of the GLSS shall consist of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, Treasurer and any other officer that the Board of Directors shall deem necessary.

### **ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS**

Section 1. An annual meeting shall be held each year with the time and place to be selected by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

### **ARTICLE VIII - FINANCES**

Section 1. Members shall be responsible for payment of dues in the amount and by a method as set forth by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall control all GLSS finances and will furnish an annual audit for the membership at the annual meeting.

### **ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS**

To amend this Constitution, the proposed amendment must be presented in writing by a member to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has the responsibility to correct the proposed amendment, but not to alter its purpose. The Board of Directors will then present the amendment to the membership as a separate item on the agenda at the next annual meeting. The amendment must come up for vote at this annual meeting and may be adopted by a three-fourths majority approval of the voting members present.



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### **ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS Continued**

This Constitution was adopted for the Constitution of the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society, a Michigan Corporation, at the First Meeting of Incorporators and members and at the First Meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1980.

Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph 2 was amended at the AGM by a three fourths majority vote on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 1997 to add the Chicago to Mackinac Island Singlehanded Challenge.

Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph 2 was amended by a unanimous vote on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005 to add the Trans Superior Singlehanded Challenge.

Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph 2 was amended by a greater than three fourths majority vote on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2007 to add the Lake Erie Solo Challenge.

Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph 2 was amended by a unanimous vote on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010 to add the Lake Ontario Solo Challenge.

