



# The GLSS Solo Challenger

*The Official Newsletter of the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society  
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## *From The Helm*

Greetings solo sailors,

As I close out my term as President I think of the honor I've had in serving members of the GLSS for the past year. There are few organizations that have such dedicated members who are willing to give their time, experience and knowledge to improve not only solo sailing but sailing in general. As the boat show season is upon us, I look back at all of our members who were presenters in the Chicago and Toronto boat shows last year. The topics they covered were not aimed at solo sailors, they were to improve the skills and enjoyment of everyone involved in the sport we love. Even more of our members spread out over the Great Lakes region to discuss sailing skills at yacht clubs and boatyards where sailors gathered. It is hard to keep count of the number of events members of the GLSS participated in. Then there are members who use their boats to raise money for charities. Sailing for Children's Hospitals is one that gets to me every year! And of course there are numerous members involved in the Leukemia Cup regattas. As the new year starts my resolution is to try to raise my involvement to match your dedication to these charities.

On January 20th, we gather in Toronto to celebrate the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society, to celebrate you. Our Annual General Meeting will be held in Toronto for the first time. We have a great speaker who is also one of our own. I believe Diane Reid is our first female member from the LO300 Solo Challenge. She has inspired many sailors and loves helping others become better sailors. I know you will love her story.

I hope to see you in Toronto! Another first for the GLSS.

Fair Sailing,

Ken

# Did you attend the 2017 AGM? If not, you missed a GREAT time. Don't miss the 2018 AGM!

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Saturday, January 20 at Hilton Downtown in Toronto, Ca. Cocktails start at 1700. Out-of-Towners can take advantage of our block of rooms at the Hilton Hotel. This is the same weekend as the Toronto Boat Show, so get your rooms early.

Those currently registered to attend:

Ken Verhaeren & Judy  
Brian Mitchell  
david greene  
Ronald Smallbone  
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Michael Hettel (FOR TWO)  
Jeff Golding  
Robert Burger (FOR TWO)  
Elisabeth A Reichling  
David Courtney  
Edward Graham Dougall  
John Ollila  
Bert Barrett  
William Dembek (FOR TWO)  
Jon Jacobs & Joan  
R Geoffrey Roulet  
Paul Nickerson (FOR TWO)  
Jeff Neuhalfen  
Dan Pavlat (FOR TWO)  
James Roscoe  
Brian VanWieren  
Ann McMinn (FOR TWO)  
mark gannon  
Rick McLaren & Ann  
Kim Piller (FOR TWO)  
Brian Gray

Anyone with an interest in solo sailing or the GLSS is invited. You need not be a member and significant others are welcome.

We have a great speaker scheduled and she is a member of the GLSS, Diane Reid. It should be a great event so please plan on attending. Details are on the web site. ([solosailors.org](http://solosailors.org)).

**You're attendance is requested at the 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM) being held in Toronto, Ca., on January 20, 2018.**

**We have a number of items to vote on including the election of 3 new Board members.**

**1. No Board of Directors action can change the vote of the membership EXCEPT by a confirming membership vote at the next AGM.**

**2. All entrants into one of our Challenges must present to the Challenge Director a PHRF rating no older than 3 years prior to the start and certify that their boat complies with that PHRF rating. If a new rating is obtained that is not the same, the newer rating must be used.**

**3. Payment of dues for the coming year are to be submitted by the last day of the current year. There will be a grace period until the AGM but any dues submitted after the AGM will be increased by \$10. Any person granted membership into the GLSS is considered paid up for the current year.**

**4. It is the recommendation by the GLSS that all entrants into our Challenges have completed a Safety at Sea course.**

**5. It is the recommended by the GLSS that all entrants into one of our Challenges hold a current membership in the US Sailing or the Ontario Sailing organizations. These organizations promote the growth of sailing**

**6. Election of 3 new Board of Director members who will hold three year terms.**

**Recommendations by the B of D are... Rob Burger, Jeff Neuhalfen and Rick Stage**

**If you can not attend, you should consider sending in your proxy vote for the items listed above. This can be done by sending it to any board member or giving it to a friend who will be attending the meeting**

**Voting Proxy for the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society**  
***Annual General Membership Meeting***  
***Toronto, Ca ~ January 20, 2018***

According to Article II, Section 8, of the Bylaws of the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society, and as a ***current member with 2018 dues paid*** to date as stipulated in Article II, Section 9, I appoint:

\_\_\_\_\_ as my voting representative. He/she will be in attendance at the meeting.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name:\_\_\_\_\_

***Note: Votes will be taken on the BOARD MEMBERS Election and items listed below***

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2. It is the recommendation of the GLSS that all members and new entrants into one of our events have completed a Safety at Sea course.
3. All entrants into one of our challenges must present to the race committee a PHRF rating no older than 3 years and certify that their boat complies with that PHRF rating. If a newer rating is obtained that is not the same, the newer rating must be used.
4. It is recommended by the GLSS that all entrants into our Challenges hold a current US Sailing membership which promotes the growth of sailing.
5. Payment of dues for the coming year are to be submitted by the last day of the current year. There will be a grace period until the AGM but any dues submitted after the AGM will be increased by \$10. Any person granted membership into the GLSS is considered paid up for the current year.

***6 Election of 2018 Board of Directors 3 openings to be filled.***

**MEET THE NOMINEES FOR THE**

## Call for Ballots & Proxies

**Rob Burger**



**Jeff Neuhalfen**



**Rick Stage**

## 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES

### Rob Burger

I grew up in Sandusky, Ohio and I have been boating since I was a toddler, starting on my Dad's 25' Lyman. When I was about 7 or 8 years old, my Dad put me in the Learn-to-Sail program at Sandusky Sailing Club and I've been sailing ever since. I'm still a member of the Sandusky Sailing Club and I still keep my boat in Sandusky Bay. I currently have a Beneteau Oceanis 41, which I have been docking at Cedar Point Marina since my wife, Becky, and I bought her new in 2013. My first sailboat was a Hobie 16 that, as a teenager, I used to take out on my own and sail in Sandusky Bay and out around the Lake Erie Islands. It turns out that I was single-handed sailing at a young age way before I knew that it was a thing. And I've learned that some things never change because, then and now, people still look at me cockeyed when they learn that I take my sailboat out by myself. Although I did some round-the-buoy racing as a kid, I was always looking for a destination, so there's no question I'm a cruiser at heart.

### Jeff Neuhalfen

Jeff is a Past President who continues to help the GLSS in any way possible. Former Solo Mac Chairmen, he continues to work on our important lead in events on Lake St Claire and Lower Lake Huron. This would be his 2nd term on the Board.

### Rick Stage

Rick is the current Vice President and has also serve as Treasurer. A President Cup winner on his first Solo Chicago Mac, he also sailed Alpha Puppy to a 1st place finish in the 2017 crewed Mac.

# GUEST SPEAKER

## GLSS Member      DIANE REID

Diane Reid, 42, is the first Canadian woman to be appointed as skipper in the world's longest ocean race and is hoping to emulate the success of her compatriot Eric Holden, winner of the Clipper 2013-14 Race.

For Diane, who was introduced to sailing as a baby on board her family's cruising boat,



this appointment is the latest in a long line of sailing accolades. Diane says: "The Clipper Race combines all my passions and goals. I want to race around the world stupidly fast and I love teaching sailing. I am a passionate sailor who loves competition and winning, but also loves seeing individuals excel and triumph over hurdles."

Diane has combined her career as a racer, competing in races such as the Mini Transat (from Northern Europe to Guadeloupe), with her desire to share her love of sailing with others, and as a result spends much of time in Canada teaching people how to sail. This dedication to race training has led to her being part of a team of experts who are rewriting the Canadian Basic Keelboat Racing Programme, to bring it up to date and make it easier to understand, giving it value for future implementation throughout Canada.

Speaking about the experience her Clipper Race crew can expect, Diane explains: "Advice is a very nice notion but holds minimal value most of the time so I want to educate my crew because education will give them the tools to stay safe, go fast and have loads of fun along the way.

"I always have a smile on my face and a positive attitude toward situations, regardless of crisis or stress. As well as some key people like Sam Davies, Alex Bennett and Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, I am inspired by both my grandmothers, and all the people I have taught to sail over the years who have found a love for the sea."

Five things about Diane

If I hadn't been a sailor I would be: very sad and bored.

My family describe me as: obsessed and crazy.

The countries I am most looking forward to sailing into are: Australia and China.

My aim for the Clipper Race is to: Stay safe, go fast and kick some a.....!

By Race Finish I would like: a happy, injury-free crew who have achieved their goals and are proud of their adventure. Winning would be stellar!







**PROGRESSIVE**

# Chicago Boat, RV & Strictly Sail Show

January 10–14, 2018 | McCormick Place - South



GLSS will have a booth that will need volunteers. Contact Jim McLaren, Rick McLaren or Ken Verhaeren if you can help.

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## Visitor Show Information

### Location

McCormick Place —South  
2301 S. Lake Shore Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60616

### Dates & Show Hours

**Wednesday - Sunday, January 10-14, 2018**

Wednesday	2:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Thursday	11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday	11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Sunday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM



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