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T-10 (Tartan 10) CLASS ASSOCIATION

North American Championship Regatta Regulations

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1. ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE

The Purpose of the North American Championship is to determine annually the Champion of the T-10 Class Association, by competition between representatives of the Association's Fleets.

2. ARTICLE 2: ORGANIZATION

2.1 The Board of Governors shall establish the site and date of the North American Championship in accordance with Article 4 and insure that its management is performed in accordance with the intent of these Championship Regulations.

2.2) All other matters pertaining to the conduct of the North American Championship shall be the responsibility of the Championship Committee, appointed each year by the host Fleet with the approval of the Board of Governors. The Championship Committee will be assisted by a Judges Committee, a Race Committee, and such other Committees as it may deem appropriate.

3. ARTICLE 3: TROPHIES

3.1 North American Championship Trophy

- a. A large half model of a T-10, mounted on a wood plaque with spaces for the annual Championship's name and Yacht Club, is emblematic of the North American Championship of the T-10 Class Association.
- b. The Trophy is awarded to the North American Champion for custody until awarded by the Association to the next succeeding North American Champion.

3.2 Sparkman Stephens Performance Trophy

- a. Awarded to the Contestant who wins an individual race during the North American Championship by the widest time margin.

3.3 Charlie Britton Memorial Award

- a. Awarded to the best performing yacht in the North American Championship of those yachts with an overall standing score midpoint or greater at the end of the second race. In the event of an odd number, the odd numbered yacht will be eligible for the award. Prior North American Champions are not included, nor the Champion of the current regatta.

3.4 Elaine and Wes Pignolet Award

- a. Awarded to the best performing yacht in the North American Championship of those yachts with at least three (3) family members sailing the series.

3.5 The trophies are perpetual trophies; marked and maintained by the T-10 Class Association.

3.6 The trophies are property of the T-10 Class Association and shall be insured by the T-10 Class Association.

4. ARTICLE 4: SITE

4.1 The North American Championship shall be held one time each calendar year.

4.2 The Board of Governors shall endeavor to rotate the Championship among the three Regions (Lake Michigan, Lake Erie, and Lake St. Clair) set forth in the By-laws, as much as possible, within the constraints of fleet size, available boats, and interested host clubs. In the event no other host fleet is available, the same fleet may host the North American Championships more than one time in any three-year period.

4.3 The Fleet selected to host the North American Championship will have full responsibility to conduct the event through its Championship Committee, but will be subject to review and approval of the Board of Governors.

5. ARTICLE 5: CONTESTANTS

5.1 Any member in good standing shall have the right to be represented at the North American Championship.

5.2 Members shall be in good standing with the T-10 Class Association 30 days prior to the date of the first scheduled race of the North American Championship to be counted as a Member of their fleet.

5.3 Charter boats should be made available by the hosting Fleet.

5.4 Entries must be received by the host fleet by the date specified in the Notice of Race (NOR).

6. ARTICLE 6: ELIGIBILITY

6.1 This is an open regatta. Each Contestant shall be a Member in good standing of the T-10 Class Association; or a son, daughter, brother, sister, spouse or parent of such Member.

6.2 Each Contestant shall have qualified by sailing his own, his family's, or his chartered yacht in a series of T-10 races within the jurisdiction of the Fleet he is representing. The races shall be during the current season. A series shall include two or more races sailed in two or more days. Alternatively, a Contestant is qualified when he has been a Member in good standing of the Association the current year and two years prior to the current North American Championship.

6.3 Co-contestants may enter for the series if they have sailed together and qualified as Co-contestants under Article 6., but not all such Co-contestants are required to enter. If Co-contestants are entered, all Co-contestants shall be aboard the yacht in every race of the series. Failure of all Co-contestants to be aboard in a race shall result in disqualification from the race. Contestants who have qualified as Co-contestants may not enter separately unless they have qualified separately in a series where they were not entered as Co-contestants.

6.4 Any Contestant may charter a yacht for the North American Championship.

6.5 No Contestant may enter or use more than one yacht.

7. ARTICLE 7: open

8. ARTICLE 8: SAILS

8.1 Sails shall comply with the sail specifications set forth in the T-10 Class Rules. Reference Rules 3.6

8.2 Each Contestant shall use only those sails he is entitled to under the T-10 Class Rules Appendix A.

8.3 All sails used in the North American Championship shall be clearly identified with Royalty Paid Label as prescribed in the T-10 Rules Appendix B, and documented with the Championship Committee prior to the first race. Sails measured/approved/signed prior to 2009, shall be accepted as meeting the qualifications of T-10 Rules Appendix B if they display a T-10 Class Measurer's approval or a stamp from an NAC Regatta.

8.4 Replacement sails may only be used due to an accident or other occasion beyond the control of the Contestant and with approval of the Championship Committee.

8.5 The Championship Committee shall have the authority to direct the measurement or re-measurement of any sail at any time.

8.6 All sails must bear the same number except in situations authorized under Article 8.2. Only sails bearing the registered number of the yacht being sailed may be used on that yacht. Exception may be made only in the case of a Contestant using his own sails on a chartered yacht.

8.7 Members of the T-10 Class Association using a chartered yacht shall use the sails to which they are entitled by Appendix A of T-10 Rules for the yacht with which they qualified.

9. ARTICLE 9: YACHT SPECIFICATIONS

Each Contestant shall present to the Chairman of the Championship Committee a valid Certificate of Measurement certifying that the yacht entered has not been altered with respect to the T-10 Class Rules.

10. ARTICLE 10: RACES, SCORING AND RULES

10.1 The North American Championship shall be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), subject, however, to the most recent T-Ten Class Association North American Championship Regulations and T-10 Class Rules, which shall take precedence.

10.2 The Championship Committee shall schedule races in a four day period. Four races must be completed to constitute a series.

10.3 Yachts shall be scored as prescribe by the RRS. The number of entered and approved yachts will be the number of yachts used for scoring throughout the series.

10.4 The T-10 North American Champion shall be the Contestant with the lowest total point score.

11. ARTICLE 11: COURSES

11.1 Courses shall consist of Windward-Leeward courses, unless alternative courses proposed by the Championship Committee are approved by the Board of Governors and are included in the Sailing Instructions.

11.2 Races shall not be started at less than four nor more than ten nautical miles in length. The minimum length of a leg on the course shall be 1.0 nautical mile. In the case of a shortened course, the Race Committee shall have the competitors complete at least three legs of the course. In the event the course is reduced to less than four nautical miles, shortening the course shall not be subject to redress by Contestants.

11.3 As an exception to Article 11.2, The Championship Committee may allow one "distance" race during the series which shall count the same as any other race. The "distance" race shall be started at more than ten nautical miles in length, but may be shortened in a manner determined by the Race Committee.

11.4 A 30 degree or greater wind shift for more than five minutes prior to the leading yacht completing the first leg of the course as solely determined by the Race Committee shall result in an abandoned race.

12. ARTICLE 12: TIME LIMITS

12.1 A race in which the leading yacht has not completed the first leg of the course within sixty (60) minutes of the starting signal shall be abandoned. Races in which no yachts have finished within three (3) hours of the starting signal shall be abandoned.

12.2 open

12.3 After the starting signal, the race committee may shorten the course (display flag S with two sounds) or *abandon* the race (display flag N, N over H, or N over A, with three sounds), as appropriate,

- (a) because of an error in the starting procedure,
- (b) because of foul weather,
- (c) because of insufficient wind making it unlikely that any boat will *finish* within the time limit,
- (d) because a *mark* is missing or out of position, or
- (e) for any other reason directly affecting the safety or fairness of the competition,

or may shorten the course so that other scheduled races can be sailed. However, after one boat has sailed the course and *finished* within the time limit (ref. 12.1), the race committee shall not *abandon* the race without considering the consequences for all boats in the race or series.

13. ARTICLE 13: COMMITTEES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

13. The Championship Committee shall directly or through sub-committees shall:

- a. Make all logistical arrangements for conduct of the North American Championship.
- b. Appoint the Judges Committee and the Race Committee.
- c. Coordinate the work of all sub-committees.
- d.. Arrange for suitable trophies.
- e. Arrange for publicity.
- f. Arrange for a Judges Committee Boat if required.
- g. Arrange for a Race Committee Boat.
- g. Arrange for a stake boat if required.
- i. Arrange for launches for towing, establishing or standing by marks, carrying the press or spectators, etc. to the extent deemed desirable.
- j. Provide for communications, by radio if possible, between the Judges, Race committee and Stake/Mark Boat operator.
- k. Provide, if possible, for a recording device for the Race Committee to record finishes.
- l. Determine that the entries of all Contestants are completed in accordance with these regulations.
- m. Arrange for lodging, meals and other hospitality and entertainment measures for Contestants and visiting yacht persons.
- n. Arrange for a trophy presentation ceremony at the end of the series.
- o. Arrange for the Annual Meeting of the Association, if held in conjunction with the North American Championship regatta.

13.2 Judges Committee

- a. A Chief Judge shall be appointed by the Championship Committee to manage the Judges Committee. Two additional judges shall be appointed as part of the Judges Committee with the approval of the Chief Judge.
- b. The Judges Committee shall hear and decide all protests.
- c. The Judges Committee shall be provided a powerboat, if requested by the Judges Committee, specifically assigned for their use apart from the Race Committee boat to allow them to cruise at will.

13.3 Race Committee

- a. The Race Committee shall consist of at least three persons. Its Chairman shall be designated by the Championship Committee and be a member of that Committee. Its other members are to be experienced in racing and familiar with the waters of the site of the North American Championship.
- b. The Race Committee shall run the races, provide suitable racing instructions, establish courses, record the order and times of finishes, etc.

- c. The Race Committee shall provide a briefing for all Contestants prior to the first race and review the racing instructions, local waters and to the extent feasible, local racing knowledge.
- d. The Race Committee shall post a current cumulative score sheet at the end of each day's racing.

14. ARTICLE 14: GENERAL RULES

14.1 The Judges Committee shall have the right to disqualify any Contestant who is deemed to have violated the spirit of Corinthians or these regulations.

14.2 Team tactics are barred and are grounds for disqualification. An example of team tactics is the act of deliberately and willfully sacrificing ones' own chances or place in a race for the purposes of injuring or improving the chances of another.

14.3 Protests must be filed with the Judges Committee at the first reasonable opportunity, but in no case more than two hours after the Race Committee disbands the finish line of the last race of the day. In the Final race of the series, if known as such, the maximum time for filing will be one hour.

14.4 Notices, when posted by the Race Committee on the host Club's bulletin board, shall be considered to have been delivered to each Contestant.

14.5 No yacht entered for the North American Championship series may be hauled out or laid on shore during the period of the series, except in case of an accident or other necessary repairs.

14.6 The Association shall provide a kit on an ongoing basis for the use of the Championship Committee, which shall consist of the following:

- a. Current RRS Rule Book, Appeals Book, Race Committee Handbook and Judges Handbook.
- b. Three copies of the current Association By-Laws, One Design Rules, and Championship Regulations, one copy of each to be given to the Race Committee and Judges Committee.
- c. If available, an evaluation of the previous year's North American Championship by the Rules Committee and Championship Committee Chairmen, along with any recommendations for improvement by the Board of Governors.
- d. Sample entry and certification forms and copies of all pertinent printed material used at the previous North American Championship.

14.7 This kit shall be maintained by the Rules Committee and be the property of the T-10 Class Association. It shall be given to the Chairman of the Championship Committee of the host fleet upon request from that person and shall be returned to the Chief Measurer immediately after completion of the series.

14.8 The North American Championship shall be run on a financially independent and self-sufficient basis.

15. ARTICLE 15: GENDER

Any provision or reference in these regulations referring to the masculine gender shall apply with equal effect to the feminine.

16. ARTICLE 16: AMENDMENTS

16.1 The Regulations for the conduct of the North American Championship may be amended by an affirmative vote of a majority of the total membership of the Board of Directors. Such vote may be by mail, facsimile or return notice e-mail provided that all members of the Board are notified and none object to such procedure.

16.2 Amendment History:

VERSION	DATE	REVISION(s)	COMMENTS
2011.a	3/1/11	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Changed all references to T-ten to T-10, 2. Changed all references to the Rules to "T-10 Class Rules". 3. Revised "Board of Directors" to "Board of Governors" to be consistent with Rules 4. Revised language "must" and "will" to "shall" 5. Sail acquisition (article 7) regulation moved to Class Rules Appendix A 6. Added reference to Rule 3.6 in Article 8 7. Revised SAILS section to refer to the Rules Royalty Paid Labels 8. 8.3 - Revised to include reference Rules Amendment B, and acceptability of "previously stamped" sails. 9. 8.4 - Added ", and with approval of the Championship Committee" 10. Revised "Article 11 of the T-10 Class Rules" to "Appendix A of the T-10 Class Rules" in reference to the Rules released per Version 2011.a 11. Revise "Yachts that do not start (DNS), do not finish (DNF) or are disqualified (DSQ) will be awarded one (1) more point than the number of entered and approved yachts." to "Yachts shall be scored as prescribe by the RRS." In Article 10. 12. Moved 10.4 to 10.1 and renumbered the remaining sections of Article 10 subsequently. 13. Added 16.2 "Amendment History". 	<p>Composed by J. Sampson with review and recommendations from the Board of Governors.</p> <p><u>Class Vote:</u> For = 35 Against = 2</p>
2011.b	5/1/11	14. Initial release.	
2011.c	12/1/11	<p>15. Removed 12.2: "An exception to Article 12.1 is a "distance" race in which no yachts have finishing within eight hours of the starting signal shall be abandoned. A time limit shall not apply to the first leg of a "distance" race. "</p>	No longer necessary, as Distance Races are not conducted at the T-10

		16. Revised 12.3 to US Sailing (Rule 32.1) language	NAC. Approved by BoG vote December 2010