



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Organizing Authority: T-Ten Class Association

Hosted by Vermillion Boat Club (VBC)

August 10 – 14, 2016

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### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including the Bylaws of the T-10 Class Association and the T-10 North American Championship Regulations.
- 1.2 Where a conflict exists between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern. *This changes rule 63.7.*
- 1.3 The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60.1, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.4 Sponsor or other regatta stickers may be required to be attached to each side of each boat as required by the Organizing Authority.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND INFORMATION MEETING(S)**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located in the Kid's Room at VBC (same location as registration).
- 2.2 There shall be a competitors' meeting at immediately following the T-10 annual meeting (approximately 1900) on Wednesday, August 12 at VBC.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than 90 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it shall take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 on the day before it shall take effect or by the protest time limit, whichever is later.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the VBC flag pole near dock #9.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 75 minutes" in race signal AP. *This changes race signals AP.*

### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 The warning signal for the practice race shall be at 1300 hrs on Wednesday, August 10.
- 5.2 The first warning signal on August 11 and 12 shall be at 1055 hrs. The first warning signal on August 13 and 14 shall be at 0955 hrs.
- 5.3 The Race Committee (RC) shall attempt to run three races on each day (two on the last day of the event), conditions permitting. Eleven total races are scheduled. The RC may run four races in one day if the number of races is behind schedule, but in no event shall the number of races be ahead of schedule.
- 5.4 No warning signal shall be made after 1400 hrs on Sunday, August 14.

### **6 CLASS FLAG**

The class flag shall be the T-10 Class insignia on a white background.

### **7 RACING AREA**

In the open waters of Lake Erie, approximately 1 nm NNW of the mouth of the Vermillion River.

## 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the course designation number.
- 8.2 The RC intends to have a gate at the leeward end of the course. However, a single leeward mark may be set, in which case it shall be left to port.
- 8.3 The RC signal boat shall display on its starboard side the designated course number on a placard and may also display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1 and 2S and 2P (the gate) shall be **green** inflatable marks.
- 9.2 The offset mark shall be an **orange** cylinder.
- 9.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 11, shall be **yellow** inflatable marks with black bands.
- 9.4 The starting and finishing marks shall be inflatable marks, or an anchored boat displaying a staff with an orange flag.

## 10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying an orange flag as described in instruction 9.4.
- 10.2 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. *This changes rule 26.*
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes rule A5.*

## 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the position of the next mark, the RC shall lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 When a change mark is used to replace a weather mark, no offset mark shall be used.

## 12 THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying an orange flag as described in instruction 9.4.

## 13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit
T-10	60 minutes	180 minutes	60 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark 1 (the initial windward mark) within the Mark 1 time limit the race shall be abandoned.

- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.*

## 14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the registration desk. Protests shall be delivered there to the jury secretary within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC boat docks after the last race of the day or 1400 hrs, whichever is later. *This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.*

- 14.3 Protest notices shall be posted no later than 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings shall be held in the protest room, the location of which shall be posted on the official notice board, beginning at the time posted on the official notice board.
- 14.4 Protests by the RC or Protest Committee (PC) shall be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5 Breaches of instructions 1.3, 1.4, 10.3, 13.2, 16, 17, 18 and 19 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. *This changes rule 60.1(a)*. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the PC so decides.
- 14.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. *This changes rule 66*
- 14.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

## **15 SCORING**

- 15.1 Four (4) races constitute a series.
- 15.2 There shall be no excluded race score. *This changes RRS A2.*

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1 Before the start of the first race of the day, and after any postponement ashore, competitors are requested to sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hail their sail numbers to check in.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

## **17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 17.1 Substitution of competitors beyond the final entry list shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.
- 17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Request for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a T-10 Class Association measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **19 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 19.1 All radio communications between the RC and the competitors shall be on a VHF channel to be announced at the competitors' meeting and posted on the official notice board.
- 19.2 Various race information, including notification of OCS boats after the start, may be provided by the RC as a courtesy to competitors. This does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the RC's visual signals which shall govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions regarding this instruction shall not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a)*.
- 19.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

## **20 AWARDS**

- 20.1 Awards shall be presented at the Awards Ceremony after the conclusion of racing on the last day of each event.
- 20.2 The North American Championship Trophy shall be awarded to the North American Champion.

- 20.3 The Sparkman Stephens Performance Trophy shall be awarded to the contestant who wins an individual race during the North American Championship by the widest time margin.
- 20.4 The Charlie Britton Memorial Award shall be 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 shall be eligible for the award. Prior North American Champions are not included, nor the Champion of the current regatta.
- 20.5 The Elaine and Wes Pignolet Award shall be awarded to the best performing yacht in the North American Championship of those yachts with at least three (3) family members sailing the series.

## 21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

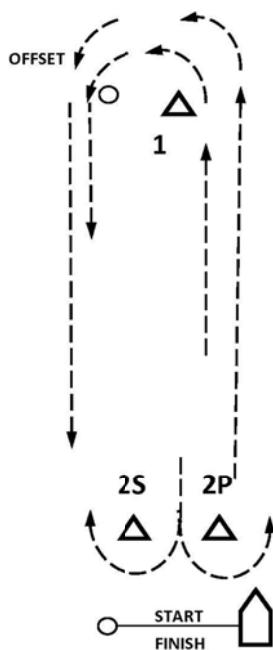
### ATTACHMENT A ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES

#### COURSE 4 and 6 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 4: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – FINISH  
(2 laps / 4 legs, downwind finish)

Course 6: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – FINISH  
(3 laps / 6 legs, downwind finish)

Mark 2 may be either a gate or a single mark

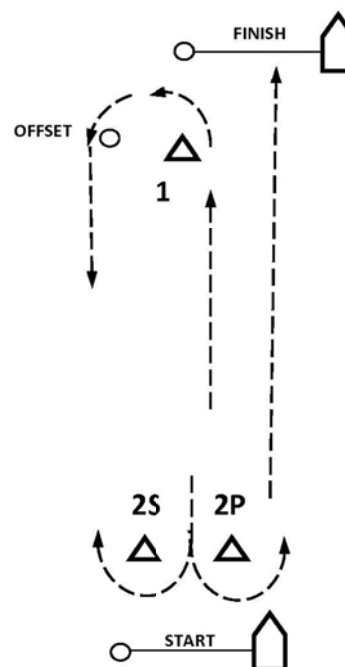


#### COURSE 3 and 5 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 3: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – FINISH  
(1 ½ laps / 3 legs, upwind finish)

Course 5: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – FINISH  
(2 ½ laps / 5 legs, upwind finish)

Mark 2 may be either a gate or a single mark



**If there is only one leeward mark (Mark 2), it shall be left to port.  
When a change mark is used to replace a weather mark, no offset mark shall be used.**