

**2009 T-10 North American Championship**  
**Hosted by the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club**  
**Fleet # 3**  
**Mentor, Ohio**  
**August 7, 2009 – August 11, 2009**

**Sailing Instructions**

**Event Location:** Mentor Harbor Yachting Club (MHYC), 5330 Coronada Drive, Mentor on the Lake, Ohio 44060. Event Headquarters will be in the Spinnaker Room, located on the lower level of the club house next to the drysail area. The Official Notice Board will be located at the MHYC Gas Dock.

**1 RULES**

**1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the US SAILING prescriptions; the 4/1/2008 revision of the T-10 Class One Design Rules (Class Rules), the Sailing Instructions and the current T-10 Class North American Championship Regulations (NACR).

**1.2** No advertising may be displayed on hulls, spars and sails except on the spaces reserved for identification by Appendix G of the Racing Rules and event advertising prescribed under Section 3.4. under BOW STICKERS.

**1.3** In the event of conflict between the RRS, Class Rules, NACR, Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

**1.4** Advertising may not be displayed on hulls, spars and sails except on the spaces reserved for identification by Appendix G of the Racing Rules and event advertising prescribed under SI 3.4.

**2 ENTRIES – REGISTRATION – MEASUREMENT**

**2.1** The regatta is open to all boats of the T-10 one design class that meet the requirements of the Class Rules. .

**2.2** All competitors shall comply with the eligibility requirements in accordance with the NACR Article 6 - Eligibility.

**2.3** All competitors must comply with the entry requirements as noted in Section 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY in the Notice of Race.

**3 BOW NUMBERS**

**3.1** At the time of registration a bow number will be assigned to each yacht.

**3.2** The assigned bow numbers shall be attached to both sides of the yacht's hull approximately 8" to 10" below the deck level, with the leading edge approximately 10" to 12" aft of the bow.

**3.3** A yacht failing to display bow numbers may be subject to disqualification or some lesser penalty at the discretion of the Judges Committee.

**3.4** Sponsor or other regatta stickers may be required to be attached to each side of each boat as required by the organizing authority.

#### **4 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS AND CLASS FLAG**

**4.1** Notice to competitors will be posted on the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club's Official Notice Board which is located on the outside of the MHYC Gas Dock.

**4.2** The Class Flag will be white with the T-10 Class Logo.

#### **5 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**5.1** Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0800 on the Official Notice Board on the date such change(s) shall take effect.

**5.2** Any change to the schedule of races shall be posted on the Official Notice Board by 1900 hours on the day before such change shall take effect.

#### **6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**6.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the MHYC flag pole which is located next to the MHYC gas dock.

**6.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the Racing Signal AP.

#### **7 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Warning Signal</b>	<b>Number of races</b>
Friday, August 7	1300	1 (Practice Race)
Saturday, August 8	0955	Up to three races
Sunday, August 9	0955	Up to three races
Monday, August 10	0955	Up to three races
Tuesday, August 11	0955	Up to two races (no races will be started after 1300)

**7.1** All races are conditioned upon time and weather

**7.2** When the Race Committee elects to run another race each day, this intention will be signaled by displaying Code Flag R. The Race Committee may attempt to make modification courtesy announcement by broadcasting on VHF channel 72.

**7.3** No race will be started after 1300 on Tuesday, August 11, 2009

## **8 VENUE**

Racing area will be upon the open waters of Lake Erie, north of the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club.

## **9 THE COURSES**

**9.1** Windward/Leeward courses will be used during this regatta. See attached diagram.

**9.2** An offset mark (Mark 1A) will be used at the weather mark, placed at approximately a right angle to the first leg of the course, and approximately 80 yards from Mark 1. Mark 1 and Mark 1A shall be rounded to port.

**9.3** A leeward gate will be used for the original course for each race. The gate will be located slightly to windward of the Race Committee Signal Boat. Yachts shall sail between Mark 2S and Mark 2P from the direction of the last mark and shall round either Mark 2S to starboard and Mark 2P to port. The leeward gate has no significance on the first leg of the course.

**9.4** The length of the first leg of the course will be shown on a place card on the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat. Prior to the warning signal, the Race Committee will hoist a numeral pennant which will designate the number of legs in the race.

**9.5** Prior to the warning signal, the Race Committee will display the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1.

## **10 MARKS**

**10.1** Mark 1, Mark 1A, Mark 2P, Mark 2S will be orange tetrahedrons.

**10.2** New marks when used in accordance with paragraph 14 CHANGE OF COURSE will be yellow tetrahedrons.

**10.3** In the event there are multiple changes of course the marks used will alternate between orange – yellow – orange – etc.

## **11 CHECKING IN**

Before the warning signal of the first race of the day, each yacht shall sail on STARBOARD TACK past the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat and hail her bow number until acknowledgement by the Race Committee has been made.

## **12 THE START**

**12.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26.

**12.2** The start line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a Yellow cylinder located to port of the Race Committee Signal Boat.

## **13 RECALLS**

**13.1** Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1

**13.2** In the event an individual recall is signaled, the Race Committee may attempt to broadcast the bow number of each recalled yacht on VHF channel 72. However, the following are not grounds for redress: failure of the Race Committee to hail any or all yachts; failure of the Race Committee to accurately hail one or more yachts; failure of a yacht to receive or hear its hail; timeliness of the hail; or the order of yachts within the hail. It is the responsibility of each yacht to start properly.

**13.3** General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2

## **14 CHANGE OF COURSE**

**14.1** A change of course after the start will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33.

**14.2** The new mark will be a yellow tetrahedron. Any mark to be rounded after the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

**14.3** In the event there are multiple changes of course, the marks used will alternate between orange – yellow – orange – etc.

**14.4** In the event the position of the leeward mark is changed after the start, a gate may or may not be used at the discretion of the Race Committee. If a gate is not used the new leeward mark is rounded to port.

**14.5** The Race Committee may elect to shorten the final leg of any race to less than 1.0 nm.

## **15 THE FINISH**

**15.1** When the course calls for a downwind finish, the finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a Yellow cylinder located to the starboard side of the Race Committee Signal Boat.

**15.2** When the course calls for an upwind finish the finish line will be between Mark 1 and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat anchored to the starboard of Mark 1.

**15.3** When a course is shortened at a leeward gate, a Race Committee boat will remove one of the gate marks and the yachts shall then finish by sailing through the line formed between the Race Committee boat displaying Code Flag S and the remaining gate mark. This changes RRS 32.2(c).

## **16 TIME LIMIT**

**16.1** A race in which no yacht has reached the first weather mark within 60 minutes shall be abandoned.

**16.2** A race in which no yacht has finished the race within 3 hours shall be abandoned.

**16.3** Any yacht which retires from a race prior to the finishing shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the race course area either in person or via VHF Radio, Channel 72.

## **17 SCORING**

**17.1** The current RRS Appendix A will be used. This changes the NACR Article 10.1. . Each boat's series score will be the sum of the scores for all races. This changes RRS A2 "No score will be excluded".

**17.2** Four races must be completed to constitute a series.

## **18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**18.1** Protests (or a Request for Redress) shall be on written forms which shall be available in the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club Spinnaker Room and filed with the Judges Committee within the Protest Time Limit.

**18.2** The protest time limit will begin at the time the Race Committee arrives at the dock after the last race of the day and shall terminate 60 minutes thereafter.

**18.3** Protest time limits will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

**18.4** Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties and/or named witnesses.

**18.5** Protest/Redress hearings will be held in the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club Lower Level Bar/Board Room.

**18.6** Notice of a protest filed by the Race Committee or a protest filed by the Judge's Committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform yachts pursuant to RRS 61.1(b)

**18.7** The penalty for any infringement of the T-10 Class One Design Rules or the T-10 Class North American Championship Regulations will be at the sole discretion of the Judges Committee.

## **19 NON RACING BOATS**

**19.1** Competitors may not have any contact or communication with support boats after reaching the starting area for the first race of the day until after they are finished racing for the day.

**19.2** Yachts infringing this rule may be subject to disqualification or some lesser penalty at the discretion of the Judges Committee.

## **20 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

**20.1** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**20.2** The Race Committee will use VHF channel 72 for OCS hails and for general fleet announcements. Yachts shall use VHF Channel 72 for any communications with the Race Committee.

**20.3** Any communication between the Race Committee personnel, which may be overheard by competitors, shall not be grounds for redress or protest.

## **21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

**21.1** All competing yachts shall be afloat by 1800 on August 7, 2009.

**21.2** Per Article 14.5 of the T-10 North American Championship Regulations; no yacht may be hauled out or laid on shore during the period of the series, except in case of accident or other necessary repairs.

## **22 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

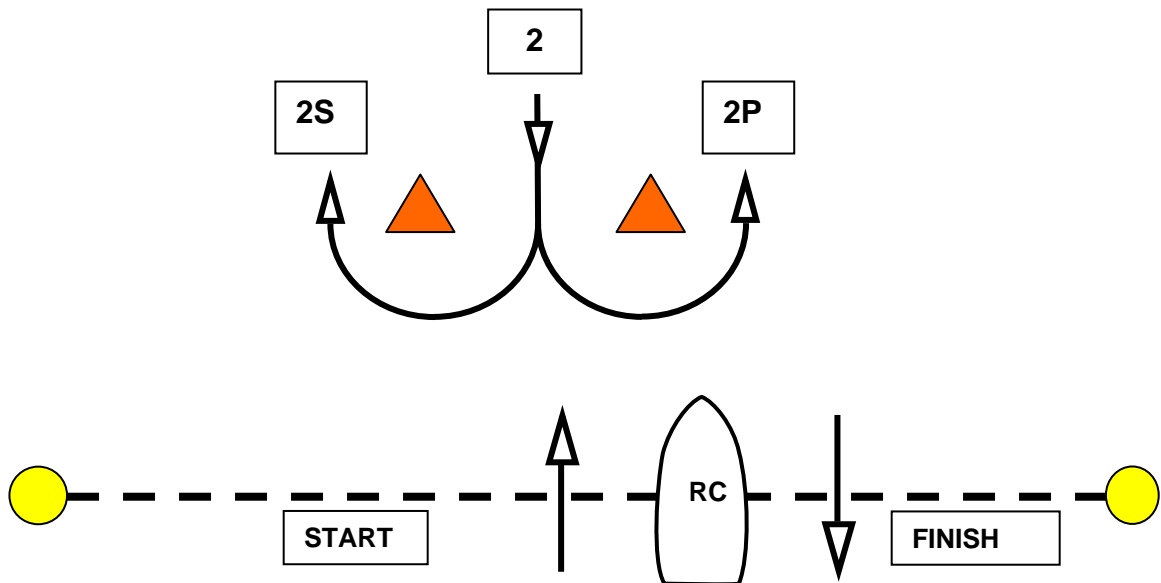
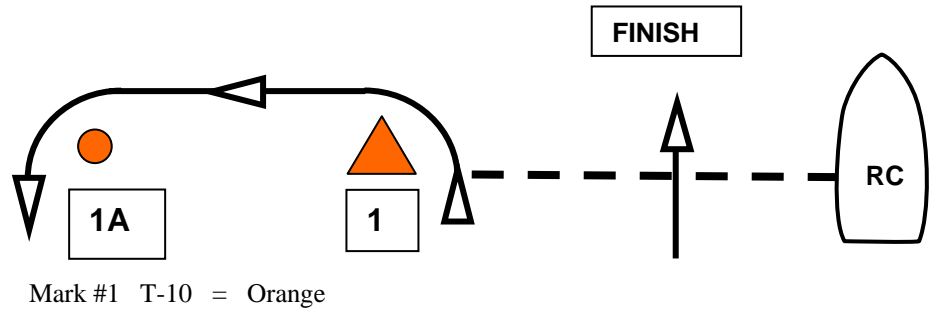
Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **23 CAREENING**

Careening by any means for the purposes of cleaning or inspecting a yacht's hull is prohibited. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keel hauling using ropes or cloth.

# WINDWARD-LEEWARD COURSE DIAGRAM # 1

NOT TO SCALE



**COURSE A: START—1(port) —1A(port) —2Gate —1(port) —1A(port) —2Gate—FINISH(UPWIND)**

**COURSE B: START—1(port) —1A(port) —2Gate—1(port) —1A(port) —FINISH(downwind)**