



## 2006 TRUE NORTH SAILING CLUB MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Email 2 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Title / Job Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name of member) understand that the True North Sailing Club is an organization of sailors dedicated to providing cruising, racing, educational and social activities for it's members. I understand that to become a member I must agree to the following:

### RESPONSIBILITY

- 1) I understand that as a member of the True North Sailing Club my actions can affect the well being of the club and its members both present and future therefore membership entails a higher level of responsibility than an individual sailor who is not affiliated with the club.
- 2) I agree to abide by all club rules. I understand that these rules are posted on the club website and that it is my responsibility to keep informed of any changes or updates to club rules.
- 3) I understand that membership in the club is a privilege and that if I cause difficulty to the club or other members, or if I do not abide by club rules my membership may be suspended or terminated.
- 4) I agree to accept full responsibility for any guests that I bring to the club.

- 5) I understand that sailing is a sport that involves risk such as injury, loss or damage. I understand that as a member I share the responsibility for safety and agree to practice safe boating. I agree not to sue and agree to hold harmless the True North Sailing School & Cruising Club Inc. it's agents, officers, employees and other members from all claims of injury or loss to person or property arising from my participation in True North Sailing School & Cruising Club activities.
- 6) I hereby give permission to the club to use my photograph or likeness in any club or sailing school promotional material and website.

## **SAFETY**

- 1) I understand that the club recommends that all members supply their own Coast Guard Approved personal flotation device (PFD). I understand that the club encourages members and guests to wear a PFD whenever boating.
- 2) I agree to always wear a PFD during club racing and also while sailing with strong wind, bad weather or darkness approaching.
- 3) I agree not to go sailing on any boat or with any crew that I believe to be unsafe.
- 4) I understand that club skippers may not take a club boat out sailing unless they have an up to date nautical chart of the sailing area, a hand bearing compass, a fully functioning VHF radio and flashlight onboard. I understand that the club encourages all members to own a VHF radio as it provides important weather updates as well as a means to communicate with marine rescue services. I understand that squalls, thunderstorms and darkness are dangerous to mariners and that the club requires all boats to be returned to their proper dock before a thunderstorm, squall or darkness approaches. I understand that while sailing it is the responsibility of all crew on each boat to monitor the weather.
- 5) I agree that it is my sole responsibility to decide when to go sailing.
- 6) I understand that all boats must maintain a proper lookout at all times and must avoid any and all collisions (regardless of right of way), grounding and equipment loss or damage. I understand that club members sailing a club J/24 are collectively and equally responsible for reimbursing the club for up to \$2,500 for damage or loss sustained while using a club J/24. Equipment losses such as winch handles overboard etc. are the full responsibility of the "Guilty party."

## **CONTRIBUTION**

- 1) I understand that one of the greatest assets of the True North Sailing Club is its members and that by becoming a club member I will be part of a boating community. I understand that as part of this community I should also contribute to the club. As a member I agree to volunteer for club activities and to contribute my own talents whenever possible to help increase the value of the club for all members.
- 2) I agree to be a contributing factor in the club's emphasis on boating safety and education by demonstrating safe sailing techniques and sharing my knowledge with other members. I agree to strive to increase my sailing skill and ability on a continual basis.

- 3) I agree to be a contributing factor in the club's expansion efforts by helping to spread positive awareness of the club and voluntarily help with recruitment efforts whenever possible.
- 4) I agree to only use the club's membership roster as a means to contact members for True North Sailing Club activities ONLY. I will not use the club roster or attempt to contact other True North Sailing School or Club clients to organize my own events or other events that are not sanctioned by the club. I will not share club member's contact information with non-club members.
- 5) I understand that as a prerequisite to becoming a member of the True North Sailing Club I must be A.S.A. (American Sailing Association) certified at the Basic Keelboat Level. To become a club skipper I must be A.S.A. Coastal Cruising Certified. I attest that I am A.S.A. Certified at the following levels (check all that apply):

Basic Keelboat     Coastal Cruising     Bareboat     Coastal Nav.  
 Advanced Coastal     Other

I received these certifications at the following sailing schools:

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(Please attach a copy of your signed logbook certification pages)

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name of member)  
 have read all of the above clauses and understand and agree to them all.

Signature of member \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Please mail this fully completed & signed membership agreement along with your check for membership dues made out to True North Sailing to:

True North Sailing School & Club  
 500 Washington Blvd.  
 Jersey City, New Jersey 07310