

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (please print name of member) understand that the True North Sailing Club is an organization of sailors dedicated to providing cruising, educational and social activities for its 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.
- 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 guidelines my membership may be suspended or terminated at any time during the season without dues reimbursement. (PAGE 1 OF 3)
- 4) I agree to accept full responsibility for any guests that I bring to the club and I'll be responsible for insuring that my guests sign club waivers and pay guests fees BEFORE they enter the gate to the dock and sailing.

- 5) I understand that sailing is a sport that involves risk such as injury, loss, damage or death. 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 rules require that all members and guests wear a PFD at all times whenever boating.
- 2) I agree to always wear a PFD during ALL club on water activities including cruising, 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 all club members sailing a club boat are collectively and equally responsible for reimbursing the club for any damage or loss sustained while using a club boat. Individual 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. If I volunteer for club activities I understand that the club is not expected to reimburse me in any way for my volunteerism.
- 2) I agree to be a contributing factor in the club's emphasis on boating safety and education by demonstrating safe boating 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) Non – Compete – I will not use my "connections" made at the club to organize events that may be in competition with the club.
- 5) I hereby give True North Sailing the authorization to distribute my contact information listed below to other club members to help schedule sailing time for me.

Home Phone - \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone - \_\_\_\_\_

Email - \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name of member) have read all of the above clauses and understand and agree to them all. I have also reviewed and familiarized myself with the Club Guidelines.

Signature of member

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Please mail this fully completed & signed membership agreement along with your dues check for \$1,177 made out to True North Sailing to –

True North Sailing School & Club  
345 Rumson Road  
Little Silver, NJ 07739