

THE NATIONAL PINTAIL CLASS ASSOCIATION  
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

This organization shall be known as "The National Pintail Class Association". The abbreviated form shall be "NPCA".

ARTICLE II EMBLEM

The class emblem shall consist of the silhouette of a flying duck and the letter P.

ARTICLE III OBJECT

To promote and develop acceptance of the Pintail and NPCA in all localities under uniform rules and specifications governed by NPCA while retaining the family day-sailing characteristics of the Pintail.

ARTICLE IV JURISDICTION

The NPCA has jurisdiction over all Pintail class activities; the By-Laws govern all sanctioned Pintail races, regardless by whom held. The Constitution and By-Laws bind all members and fleets, and all registered Pintail class boats must conform to official plans and specifications. The National Constitution of the class takes precedent over any confliction with local fleet rules.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

1. Categories:

- (a) A Fleet Member shall be an Owner, a Part-Owner, or a bona fide Charterer of a Pintail class boat, and shall be a Member of a Fleet in good standing. Fleet Members shall be privileged to vote, hold office and to race a Pintail boat in all races.

A Fleet Member shall belong to only one Fleet for representation in Class Championships. For other purposes he may belong to more than one fleet.

- (b) Independent Members shall be persons to whom Fleet Membership is not available but who meet all other requirements of active membership. They shall enjoy all the privileges of active members except fleet representation.
- (c) Associate Members shall be yachtsmen who are interested in the Pintail Class but who do not own or charter a Pintail. Associate Members shall not vote or hold office, but racing privileges and other provisions for Active or Independent Membership shall apply. Associate Members may not compete as helmsmen for regional or national championships.
- (d) Honorary Members shall be those having rendered extra-ordinary service to the NPCA. They shall be elected by the governing board and shall have the privileges of an active member.

2. Membership Retention:

Membership in Fleet or Independent Classes ceases when a Member sells his Pintail or when his Pintail boat no longer conforms to specifications, All sales of registered Pintails should be reported to the NPCA Secretary. The National Organization or Chartered Fleets shall not use their position or association with the NPCA for the purpose of buying, selling or advertising boats.

ARTICLE VI DUES

NPCA dues shall be fixed by the By-Laws; Fleet dues, if any, by the Fleet. No person shall be in good standing whose dues are in arrears.

ARTICLE VII ORGANIZATION

1. Basic Organization:

The individual shall apply for Membership through the Fleet in whose waters he normally sails, or in the absence of such a Fleet, through the NPCA Secretary. The power to accept or reject applications for memberships is vested in each Fleet subject to refusal for cause by the Governing Board. Fleets shall be organized into regions, which shall be under the jurisdiction of the Governing Board.

2. Fleets:

The Fleet is the local unit of the NPCA and is composed of three or more eligible boats. It elects its own officers, to be known as Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Secretary-Treasurer and Commodore-At-Large. Persons eligible to form a Fleet may apply for a Charter to either their Regional Vice-President or the NPCA Secretary. Fleet Charters are granted by the NPCA Governing Board signed by the Secretary, and may be revoked by the Board upon failure to maintain the minimum number of members in good standing or for continued and intentional breach of the Constitution and By-Laws.

3. Regions:

- (a) Regions shall be established by the Governing Board and may be changed or subdivided by it. Fleets shall be assigned to their respective regions by the President. Each region may conduct an annual Regional Championship Regatta open to all active members of the region only. A Regional Meeting conducted by the incumbent Regional Vice-President, shall be held at the time and place of the Regional Championship Regatta. The Regional Vice-President shall be elected at this time. If a Regional Championship Regatta is not held, the Regional Vice-President shall appoint a committee who shall nominate and send ballots to the members of their Region who shall elect the Regional Vice-President by mail .
- (b) The Regional Vice-President shall be a member of the NPCA Governing Board, the Senior Executive Officer of the Region, and shall arrange and have charge of Regional Regattas, Meetings and promotional activities leading to the formation of new fleets within the Region. His term shall run From October 1 to September 30.

ARTICLE VIII NPCA OFFICERS

1 . National Officers:

The National Officers of NPCA shall be known as President, Vice-President, Executive Vice-president and Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be nominated and elected as provided in Article IV and X and shall hold office from October until September 30.

2. Duties:

- (a) The President shall preside at all Meetings, shall be Chairmen of the Governing Board and ex-officio member of all other committees. He shall appoint special committees, rule on procedure and jurisdiction and authorize payment of all bills.
- (b) The Vice-President shall officiate in the absence of the president and have charge of promotional activities, such as the development of the Class, organization of new Fleets, granting of Charters, etc.
- (c) The Executive Vice-President shall interpret the measurement rules, and have charge of measurement of boats entering the National Championship Regatta and shall be responsible for other duties assigned to him by the President and Vice-president. The Executive Vice-President shall represent independent members on the Governing Board. Their interests and development shall be his care.
- (d) The Secretary-Treasurer shall record the minutes of the Meetings of the Governing Board and the NPCA. He shall be responsible for keeping the roll of the fleet members, the roster of names and numbers of boats of the Class. He shall also collect, deposit and, on authority of the President, dispense the funds of the NPCA.

3. Fleet Officers:

Fleet Officers shall be known as Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Commodore-At-Large, Secretary-Treasurer . Their duties shall correspond to those of National Officers as defined in Article VIII, Section 1, but on the local level. The Commodore of the local Fleet shall automatically be a member of the National Governing Board.

ARTICLE IX MEETING

1. Time and Place

- (a) The Annual Meeting shall be held during the National Regatta, at a time set by the Governing Board.
- (b) Notice of the Annual Meeting and Special Meeting, if any be called, shall be sent by the Secretary to the Secretary of each Fleet, and to each independent member at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the Meeting.

2. Voting:

Each boat is entitled to one vote, but no Fleet shall cast more than 25% of the total votes cast. A simple majority of the votes present in person or by proxy shall decide all questions. Proxy votes must be in writing and must be submitted by mail to the National Secretary not later than seven (7) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Any member entitled to vote may give his proxy to any other member entitled to vote and he need not be a member of the same fleet. Prior to calling for a vote on any item, the proxies shall be counted and the Secretary shall record in the minutes the number of proxies to be voted by each fleet representative and by the Secretary. The count of votes shall be a tabulation of the members present and the proxies.

3. Order of Business:

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| (a) Call to order.                  | (h) New business.                                |
| (b) Roll call of fleets.            | (i) Election of officers for the following year. |
| (c) Count of proxies.               | (j) Adjournment.                                 |
| (d) Minutes of last meeting.        |  |
| (e) Reports of officers.            |  |
| (f) Charters, ratified and revoked. |  |
| (g) Unfinished business,            |  |

ARTICLE X GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board shall serve one year, from October 1 to September 30. The Board shall consist of all Officers of the NPCA and the Commodore of each Fleet. If the Commodore of a Fleet is an Officer of the NPCA, the Vice-Commodore of that Fleet will be a member of the Governing Board and represent that Fleet. The past President of the previous year shall also be a voting member of the Board.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be proposed by a majority of an Annual Meeting or at any time by the Governing Board. The vote must be by mail to the entire membership and a majority of the votes received shall determine the adoption or rejection of the proposed amendment.

ARTICLE XII SUBJECTS NOT OTHERWISE COVERED

Rules, however complete, cannot anticipate every possible situation. If a subject is not covered in the Constitution and By-Laws, or by the dictates of common sense, a ruling to cover the subject must be obtained from the Governing Board.

BY LAWS

ARTICLE I - FLEET BUSINESS AND MEETINGS

The Annual Meeting of each Fleet shall be no later than December 1 of each year, and results of the election of Fleet Officers shall be filed with the Association no later than two weeks after this election.

ARTICLE II - DUES

1. Annual Dues:

- (a) Annual dues for membership in NPCA shall be Five (\$5.00) Dollars. Annual dues for independent members shall be Five (\$5.00) Dollars. Associate membership shall be Three (\$3.00) Dollars; a person paying dues after September 1, shall state the year for which dues are intended.
- (b) The Governing Board shall have the power to increase or decrease all NPCA dues by notice sent to all members before January 1.

2. Fleet Dues:

- (a) Fleet dues are optional and are retained by the Fleet.

ARTICLE III - SANCTIONS OF REGATTAS

1. Regional and National Championship Regattas:

- (a) Sanctions for Regional and National Championship Regattas shall be granted by the Governing Board of NPCA.
- (b) Non-Sanction Regattas may be held within a fleet or between fleets in an area at the Fleet Officers discretion.
- (c) Copies of all sanctions shall be filed with the NPCA Secretary together with copies of race results.

ARTICLE IV - REGULATIONS FOR ELIGIBLE BOATS

A boat is eligible for sanctioned regattas and considered in the Pintail Class only if it conforms to the measurement rules as certified by a class measurement certificate, has been properly registered and is owned or chartered by a qualified fleet or independent member or members, recorded at the time as in good standing with the NPCA

ARTICLE V - MEASUREMENT OF BOATS AND SAILS

1. Certificates

- (a) All boats shall have a certificate signed either by the manufacturer or a member of the Measuring Committee stating that the hull, spars and rigging are in conformity with the measurements and requirements of the Pintail Class.
- (b) Measured and approved sails should be so marked by the Measurer.

ARTICLE VI NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Purpose:  
To determine annually the Championship of the entire Pintail Class by bringing together, insofar as possible, the best skippers from the entire Association
2. Trophies:  
The perpetual trophy shall be the "National Championship Trophy", which shall be held by the winner until the next series, subject to the Governing Board's approval and order. Each of the first five placing boats shall be awarded a trophy which will be selected by the Host Fleet and be paid for out of revenue received from the entry fees Other trophies may be awarded by the NPCA or the sponsoring fleet.
3. Entries:
  - (a) The National Champion of the preceding year shall be entitled to enter.
  - (b) Entries shall be made by the Regional Vice-President so as to be received by the Governing Board before the entry deadline as set by the Governing Board.
4. Home Fleet:
  - (a) The Governing Board shall select the site of the Championship Regatta with due consideration to bids from the various fleets .
  - (b) The Home Fleet shall have the responsibility of arranging for and providing the proper facilities, prizes, entertainment, housing, etc. It shall cooperate with and be guided by the Governing Board.
5. Eligibility:
  - (a) A participant must be a Fleet or independent member of the NPCA in good standing.
  - (b) Each Fleet shall select its representatives by any method it chooses.
  - (c) An independent member shall have been a member of the NPCA for a period of at least six months prior to the entry dead line. This requirement may be waived by the Governing Board in special cases. Independent entries shall be approved by the Vice-President-at-large representing Independents.
6. Measurement of Winning Boats:  
The first five placing boats will be subject to weighing and measuring at the discretion of the Chief Measurer. Any boat that does not conform to the measurements as set forth in the Measurement Rules shall be disqualified and the next boat will move up in position.

ARTICLE VI NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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7. Conditions Governing Regatta:

- (a) The Regatta shall consist of 5 completed races. This number shall not be changed except that, in the event of extreme weather conditions which would unduly prolong the duration of the series, the number may be reduced to not less than 3 completed races.
- (b) The Regatta shall be held in waters agreeable to the majority of fleets participating. The host fleet should avoid using its normal waters.
- (c) Courses may be triangular, windward-leeward or Gold Cup. The course should total of least 2.5 nautical miles.
- (d) The host club Race Committee shall have entire charge of the races, operating under the NPCA Constitution .
- (e) The time limit shall be set at time of skippers meeting prior to racing.
- (f) NAYRU racing rules shall apply.
- (g) Protests shall be presented to the National Race Committee not later than one hour following the time the Race Committee comes ashore after the last race of the day in question, or as stated in the race circular. For the purpose of presenting trophies, the decision of the N.R.C. will be final.

8. Safety:

In all sanctioned races the following equipment must be on board:

- (a) Life jacket - one for each member and will be worn in winds where the Race Committee deems it advisable prior to the start of the race. In those cases where the Race Committee orders that jackets be worn, they must be worn during the remainder of the race, regardless of wind change.
- (b) Anchor and 50 feet minimum of line.
- (c) One paddle.
- (d) Bailing bucket or pump.

9. Outboard motors.

- (a) These may be used on class boats to get to and from the starting line prior to the ten-minute warning signal. Motors may not be started or their stowed position altered during the course of a race.
- (b) When on outboard motor is carried, approved Coast Guard Fire Extinguishing equipment must also be on board.

ARTICLE VI NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
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10. Scoring:

The official Scoring System shall be as follows:

- 1 point will be awarded for starting each race
- 1 point will be awarded for finishing each race
- 1/4 point will be awarded for winning each race
- 1 point will be awarded for each boat beaten, including all boats entered even though they may not have started.

The winning boat shall be the boat with the most points. The second place boat shall be the boat with the second most points, etc. Ties shall be resolved in favor of the boat with the most points in a single race. If a tie still exists, the second highest point race shall be used, etc. However, if a tie still exists, it will be decided in favor of the boat which has finished ahead of the other boat the most number of times. If the tie cannot thus be resolved, there will be a match race between the tied boats.

11. Protests:

All protests must be made in writing and in accordance with NAYRU racing rules.

12. Appeals:

All appeals must be made in writing and within 30 days of the decision of the protest.



## RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS

- I. Interpretation:  
Specifications, however complete, cannot anticipate every situation which may arise. If a point is not herein covered, a ruling should be obtained from the Measurement Committee. In interpreting these Rules and Specifications, the Measurement Committee shall consider the intent rather than the technical construction that might be derived from the wording. It shall bear in mind always the basic principle of the specifications, which is to maintain the National Pintail Class Association as a One-Design Class. Nothing is optional in these Rules and Specifications unless so stated.
- II. Registration Certificate:  
See Article 4, Measurement of Boats and Sails, Section I.  
The Certificate shall also state the boat's number, name, owner, builder, and first sailing season. The Registration Certificate and the statements in writing by the Measurement Committee are the only recognized proofs of eligibility of a boat in the National Pintail Class Association. No boats registered shall be challenged except by means of protest in writing stating the grounds thereof, submitted to the Class Committee for a decision. Any such protest shall be accompanied by a check of \$10.00, which shall be returned if the protest is sustained and otherwise paid into the Class Treasury. The Measurement Committee shall have the power to revoke or suspend any Registration Certificate issued as a result of fraud or mistake or the Certificate of any boat which has been altered so as to no longer conform to the Rules. The owner of a pintail shall be responsible for procuring the certificate from the Measurement Committee.
- III. Hull, Centerboard and Rudder:
1. The hull shall conform to the design and specifications of the National Pintail Class Association as built by the ANCHOR SAILBOAT COMPANY, and no changes are permitted which are intended to modify the exterior lines of the hull. The centerboard slot and trunk interior are to be considered exterior lines of the hull. (Boats of the older type may be modified to conform to the new type.) Each hull shall bear a number assigned by the Manufacturer. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the owner from making such interior changes in the hull as he wishes to the extent that the changes are not specifically prohibited elsewhere in these rules. The flotation tanks as delivered by the builder shall not be altered without specific written authorization from the manufacturer and the NPCP except for additional foaming. Racing weight of the hull and centerboard complete with all the fittings, but less spars, rudder, sails and other loose gear, shall weigh not less than 350 pounds. Any fixed ballast necessary to meet the required weight must be provided.
  2. Any convenience for the storage of sails or equipment is allowed so long as it does not endanger the structural integrity or affect the safe operation of the boat. Spinnaker bags or "turtles" are permissible.
  3. The centerboard size and profile shall not be changed, and centerboards are to be used and must be of 3/16" thickness...of any material.
  4. Rudders: The rudder shall be of any material and of a pivoting type to the shape and profile shown in the plans.
  5. Any simple convenience for handling of the rudder may be used. Position of the rudder shall be optional,

IV. Spars:

1. Spars, including replacement spars, shall be made from an aluminum alloy extrusion with an integral sail slot and shall not be tapered. The mast partner shall be mounted at the fore and aft centerline of the boat and on top of the forward seat. Fore and aft placement on the seat is optional. However, no modification of the seat or deck to allow greater movement of the mast partner is permitted.
2. The mast shall have a maximum length of 21 feet, 8 inches. The stays shall be attached to the mast a maximum of 15 feet, 6 inches from the butt. The spinnaker block shall be attached to the mast not more than 12 feet 9 inches or less than 12 feet 3 inches above the top of the bottom band of the mast.

V. Sails:

1. Limitations Governing Purchase of Sails
  - a. The purchase of new sails by Pintail owners shall be limited to one suit every two calendar years, except that one additional suit may be purchased for any Pintail during its first sailing season. This rule shall apply to both working sails and spinnakers.
  - b. In case of accident to sails, the owner may petition the governing Board to permit use of an additional sail replacing the one so damaged.
2. General Notes
  - a. There are no limitations as to weight of sailcloth for spinnaker Genoa, Jib or Mainsail.
  - b. No boards or battens permitted except as shown.
  - c. Material shall be woven sailcloth of the same nominal weight throughout, except for conventional strengthening at head, tack and clew.
  - d. Synthetic films are not permitted except for windows as specified.
  - e. Laminated materials are not permitted.
  - f. Increasing the number of thickness of material is permitted only for seams, conventional tabling and strengthening at head, tack and clew. Conventional tabling is the multiple thickness of material applied to the

leech (or foot of a jib) for strengthening. Tabling that stiffens the leech (or foot of a jib) so as to permit a roach has the effect a batten and is prohibited

- g. Zippers or cunningham holes are not permitted.
- h. Adjustable tuffs are not permitted on jibs and Genoas.

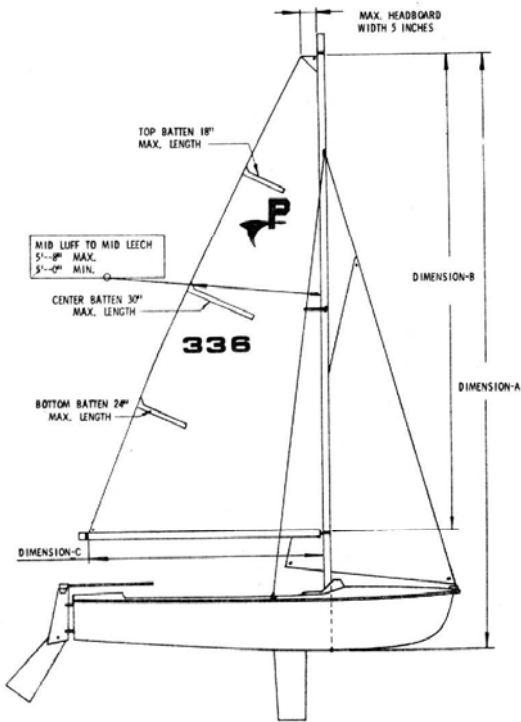
3. Mainsail

- a. Mainsails when set shall be attached to the spars by running the bolt rope in the slot provided in the spats. Loose-footed mainsails are not permitted.
- b. The midpoints of luff and leech are determined by folding the luff with headboard grommet on tack grommet (or tack cringle) and the leech with headboard grommet on to clew grommet.
- c. The correct number and Pintail emblem must be displayed on both sides of the mainsail. The numbers to be minimum of 10 inches high.
- d. There shall be 3 battens with lengths as shown spaced equally within 3 inches.
- e. Two bands shall be placed on the mast and one on the boom. These shall be black, either painted or taped, and 1" wide, located as shown. The mainsail shall be set within these bands.
- f. Dimensions:

Dimension A shall be 23'--0" maximum, 22'--4" minimum, measured from the bottom of the top band to the outside surface of the hull at the centerline directly below the front edge of the mast.

Dimension B shall be 18 ft. - 0 in. maximum, 17 ft.- 11 in. minimum, measured from bottom of top band to top of bottom band.

Dimension C shall be 8 ft - 11 in. maximum, 8ft - 10 in. minimum from bottom of bolt rope slot on mast to the near edge of band on the boom.

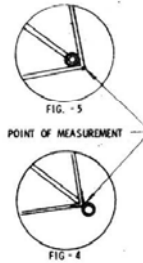
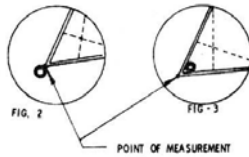
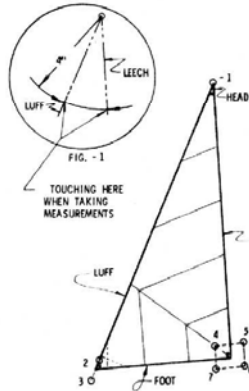


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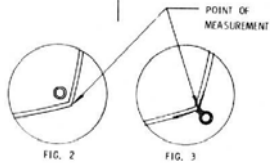
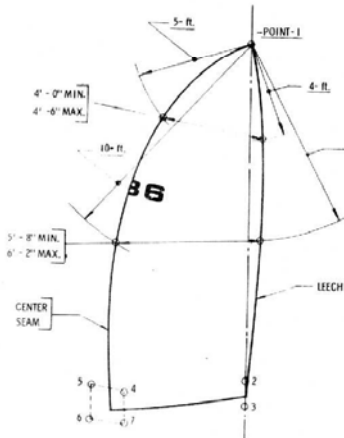
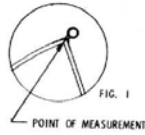
MEASUREMENTS.

1-2 = 12' - 9"	1-7 = 11' - 9"
1-3 = 13' - 1"	2-5 = 6' - 0"
1-4 = 11' - 2"	2-6 = 6' - 0"
1-5 = 11' - 1"	3-4 = 5' - 6"
1-6 = 11' - 9"	3-7 = 5' - 0"

1. PLACE HEAD OF LUFF AND LEECH AS SHOWN IN FIG. 1.
2. PLACE LUFF AND FOOT INTERSECTION ON LINE 2-3 (FIG. 2 & 3) PULLING CABLE TIGHT. THIS INTERSECTION MUST LIE BETWEEN POINTS 2 & 3.
3. HOLDING THE HEAD AND TACK AS INDICATED IN STEPS 1 & 2 ABOVE APPLY A TEN POUND PULL ALONG THE MITER. THE LEECH AND FOOT INTERSECTION MUST LIE WITHIN THE AREA 4-5-6-7.
4. THE ROACH ON THE FOOT SHALL NOT EXCEED 2-1/2". THE ROACH ON THE LEECH SHALL NOT EXCEED 1".



### 5. SPINNAKER.



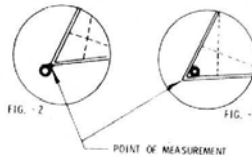
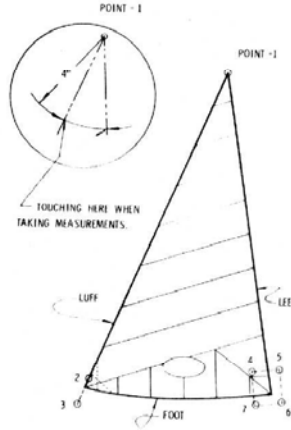
#### MEASUREMENTS

1-2	13'-10"	1-7	16'-2"
1-3	14'-10"	2-7	5'-2"
1-4	15'-2"	3-4	5'-2"
1-5	15'-2"	2-5	5'-8"
1-6	16'-2"	3-6	5'-8"

1. WITH SPINNAKER FOLDED ON SEAM PLACE SEAM AND LEECH INTERSECTION ON POINT - 1
2. PLACE LEECH AND FOOT INTERSECTION ON LINE 2-3. THIS INTERSECTION MUST LIE BETWEEN POINTS 2&3 AND PULL.
3. WITH CLOTH SMOOTHED OUT FLAT, AND PULL SEAM & FOOT INTERSECTION MUST LIE WITHIN AREA 4, 5, 6, 7.

NOTE!  
THE NUMBERS MUST BE 10 IN. HIGH CENTERED ON SEAM, BOTH SIDES.  
OVERLAPPING SLOTS OR VENTS ARE PROHIBITED IN SPINNAKERS.

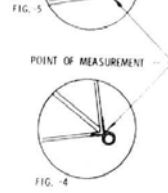
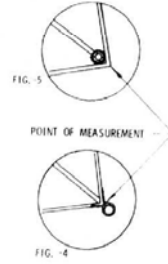
### 6. GENOA.



#### MEASUREMENTS

1-2	13'-1"	1-7	13'-2"
1-3	13'-6"	2-5	7'-2"
1-4	12'-4"	2-6	7'-2"
1-5	12'-4"	3-4	6'-0"
1-6	13'-2"	3-7	6'-0"

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3. HOLDING THE HEAD AND TACK AS INDICATED IN STEPS 1 & 2 ABOVE PULLY A TO POINT POLE ALONG THE METER. THE LEECH AND FOOT INTERSECTION MUST LIE WITHIN THE AREA 4, 5 & 7.
4. ONE TRANSPARENT PANEL IS REQUIRED WHICH MUST NOT EXCEED 18" IN ANY INTERNAL DIMENSION AND MUST NOT BE LESS THAN 6" FROM ANY EDGE OF THE SAIL.
6. MAXIMUM FOOT ROACH PERMISSIBLE 6 INCHES.



7. All sails as supplied as original equipment by the manufacturer shall be considered as meeting these specifications.

#### VI. Running Rigging

1. Fittings for halyards may not be altered insofar as their points of attachment to the mast are concerned. Halyards shall be of any material and the sheave or tube shall bear the weight of the sail. The arrangement of the main, jib and spinnaker sheets and guy, leads, blocks, fairleads and cleats shall be optional. The use of a downhaul in the tack of the jib or a winch on any halyard shall be optional.
2. The mainsheet may be led to a fitting attached to the centerboard trunk or other location. Traveler is optional. All sheet attachments shall be inboard of the rail.
3. Boom vang are permitted.
4. Trapezes are not allowed.

#### VII. Equipment

1. Hiking straps are permitted.
2. Whisker poles may be used in either a fixed or hand held position.
3. Telltales or wind indicators may be rigged.
4. A spinnaker pole shall not be more than 72 inches overall (fittings included).

#### VIII. Crews

1. All persons sailing on a Pintail in a race shall be amateur yachtsmen.
2. A Pintail shall be raced with a minimum of two persons, including helmsmen.
3. Only owners or bona fide charters, or members of their immediate family(s) may sail as helmsmen in races.
4. Helmsmen shall recognize that appreciable change in crew weight (25 lbs. or more) between races on a given day or within a regatta may give his boat an unfair advantage and could be considered uncorinthian.
5. There shall be no change in skipper on any boat during any regatta or series of races except that helmsman and crew may rotate while flying a spinnaker only.

#### IX. Rules

NPCA rules shall govern in all races except as otherwise provided, either herein or in the Race Instructions for the Regatta.