



History of the N10 Class Sail Boat:

The National 10 class was originally known as the Turnabout class, built in 1953 by Harold R. Turner as a small wooden single or double handed dinghy class. Many boats were kit built by "do it yourselfers" in their garages or cellars.

The boats were initially built as a junior training boat, although adults enjoy the boats as well. The class has grown mainly in the New England and Northeastern regions of the U.S. Fleets are located in Northern Lake George, New York, Boston, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine and New Jersey.

In 1972 the turnabout class formally changed it's name to the "National 10 " class. It also decided to refine the class by approving a new mold, designed as close as possible to the original wooden design. This was accomplished by J.R. Duplin Marine in 1972, with some major improvements, including aluminum spars. The minimum class weight of 215 lbs was increased to 255 lbs. to keep both the older Parker River turnabout, the woodies, and the new Duplin National 10's more competitive.

The class had it's growing pains for several years, dividing the older designed boats and the newer N-10s competition wise, as there was initially a major difference in all around performance; (which was to be expected, but not readily accepted).

In the fall of 1997 the class finally voted to have all boats compete together. This was accomplished with little argument and thus increased the fleet and regatta competitions. The 1997 Midgets competition had over 120 participants.

The class is now back on track to continue it's growth (approx. 4200) as a truly solid and competitive junior and senior class sailboat.