



TASS Texas Association of Social Sailors

Carol Becker Annual “Woman at the Helm” Race TASS Texas Association of Single Sailors Deed of Gift

Introduction and Statement of Purpose:

The Carol Becker Annual “Woman at the Helm” Race”, (hereafter “the Cup”) is designed to be awarded to the winner of the sailing vehicle of the designated race.

The Cup derives its name from the former Texas Association of Single Sailors (hereafter “TASS”) member and avid female sailor Carol Becker who tragically lost her life in a boating accident in 1995. The Cup was a Deed of Gift to TASS in 1996 in recognition of the Woman at the Helm sailor exhibiting excellence in sportsmanship and proficient sailing skills in accordance to the TASS Race sailing rules set forth in this document.



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1 Trophy

- 1.1 Description: The Carol Becker Woman at the Helm is a perpetual Cup donated by "Friends of Carol Becker" and is awarded to the winner of the annual TASS Carol Becker Woman at the Helm race. Ownership and care: The CUP is to be kept at the GBCA Galveston Bay Cruising Association club house at the Watergate Marina, 1500 Marina Bay Dr., Kemah, TX 77565 Phone: (281) 334-1511
- 1.2 The engraving for its champion's year, and delivery to the location of the next Carol Becker Woman at the Helm race champion award and presentation is the responsibility of the Vice-Commodore of TASS.
- 1.3 Any other trophies or awards: Option to grant trophies to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers of the race will be decided by the Board of Directors of TASS and may be awarded to non-members as recognition for placement in the race but not declared as the winner of the Carol Becker perpetual Cup.

2 Administration of the Trophy

- 2.1 TASS, Texas Association of Single Sailors shall administer the Cup in accordance with the Deed of Gift.
- 2.2 If the provisions of this Deed of Gift are not met, the Cup shall not be awarded.

3 Trustee and Guardian of Trophy

- 3.1 The Texas Association of Single Sailors shall act as Trustee for and Guardian of The Carol Becker Woman at the Helm Cup.
- 3.2 If the Cup is not raced for as provided by this Deed of Gift, or if TASS does not schedule the required competition, the Cup shall be returned to the Texas Association of Single Sailors, which shall endeavor to maintain the Trophy.



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4 The Competition

- 4.1 During the race, a woman must be at the helm at all times from the start of the race to the finish line

5 Details

- 5.1 Woman at the helm versus skipper, i.e. there is a registered female skipper for each boat. If the registered skipper leaves the helm, she can only be replaced by a female crew member. Only the registered skipper must be a TASS member, in order to meet the requirement.

6 Trophies

- 6.1 The perpetual “Carol Becker” CUP will be awarded to the female skipper with the best finished time under consideration of the applied handicap who is a TASS member of current standing.
- 6.2 Race trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place finishers (skipper and her crew) of the registered female skippers according to the TASS racing rules.

7 Race

- 7.1 The Cup shall be competed for every year as scheduled by the race czar and Vice-Commodore of elect presiding on the Board of Directors of TASS.
- 7.2 Entries shall be open to all dues paying members of TASS and/or invited race entrants.
- 7.3 The location and date of the race shall be set by the current Board of Directors and advertised two months prior notice on the TASS web page. Should circumstances arise that the race date be changed, the original date can be changed or rescheduled by vote of the Board of Directors.



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7.4 The Championship will be valid if at least three boats are entered.

8 Courses:

8.1 Courses shall be decided by the TASS Race Czar and be published on the day of the race at the skippers briefing.

8.2 All registered skippers must be in attendance at the skippers briefing to be qualified for participation in the race.

9 Time Limits

9.1 Not stated

10 Scoring

10.1 Scoring is based on boat handicapping calculated by the TASS Race Czar. Information regarding boat for handicapping must be listed in the race registration form by entrants.

10.2 The winner will be declared based on the handicapped scores, time finished.

11 Rules

11.1 This race is a non-spinnaker race and is not limited to the boat dimensions.



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12 Protest Committee

12.1 The Organizing Authority in accordance with ISAF shall appoint a Protest Committee, whose decisions regarding any and all protests shall be final.

13 Revision

13.1 Revisions of this Deed of Gift can be made only with a petition from a TASS member in good standing and approved by majority vote at a TASS Board of Directors. If a revision is approved, the Deed of Gift will not take effect until 24 months after the vote.