

# Notice of Race

## 2021 Carol Becker Women's Regatta

### September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Texas Association of Social Sailors (TASS)

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#### Revision 1 – Add PHRF Spinnaker Class

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2021 Carol Becker Women's Regatta on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The regatta will be sailed on Upper Galveston Bay.

The Regatta derives its name from the former Texas Association of Social Sailors member and avid woman 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.

#### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and this Notice of Race.
- 1.2. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be issued prior to the race via email.
- 1.3. Racing rule(s) will be changed as follows: the changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
  - 1.3.1 Pursuit Fleet: Competitors will use a staggered time start based on their assigned club handicap. This modifies RRS 26.
- 1.4. A woman shall be at the helm of each boat at each time from start of the regatta (including preparation to start) to the finish line. The remainder of the crew may be co-ed, women and men.

#### 2. Eligibility and Registration

- 2.1. Participation in the 2021 Carol Becker Women's Regatta is open to all woman competitors.
- 2.2. The regatta will consist of three classes, Spinnaker PHRF, Non-Spinnaker PHRF, and Non-Spinnaker Club Handicap.
- 2.3. TASS reserves the right to add additional classes.

2.4. The minimum number of boats to compete for each class will be three. If fewer than three boats for a class are registered at registration deadline, TASS reserves the right to cancel the regatta for that class.

2.5. Competitors may enter at [Carol Becker Women's Regatta Registration](#). Regular Registration deadline is Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1900 hours, US Central Time.

**3. Fees** All entry Fees have been waived for the 2021 Regatta

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| 3.1. Entry Fee for TASS Members     | None |
| 3.2. Entry Fee for Non-TASS Members | None |

**4. Schedule**

- 4.1. Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 2021, 1900 hours – Registration Closed
- 4.2. Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2021, 1800 hours – Distribution of Sailing Instructions via email and posted on the TASS Website.
- 4.3. Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2021, 1900 hours – A competitors briefing may be held in person, subject to change. Separate announcement will follow.
- 4.4. Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2021
  - 1300 hours – Scratch Start (anticipated, see Sailing Instructions for details)
  - 1700 hours – After Race Party (Tie-one-on for Buzz) at Clear Lake Shores Club House
  - 1800 hours (approximately) - Awards Ceremony at Clear Lake Shores Club House, outside pavilion adjacent to Sundance.

**5. Measurement**

- 5.1. Handicap for boats participating in the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker PHRF classes shall be determined by a valid current Galveston Bay PHRF certificate. A provisional certificate can be obtained, and is sufficient to participate in the regatta.
- 5.2. Boats participating in the Non-Spinnaker Club Handicap Class will be assigned a handicap by the TASS Race Czar based on GBCA Club Handicap if available, or current TASS or other Club Handicap.
- 5.3. During registration, competitors shall indicate their handicap per Galveston Bay PHRF certificate or GBCA Club Rating as applicable.
- 5.4. The TASS Race Czar has ultimate decision authority over the assignment of the handicap.
- 5.5. There are no stipulations/limitations on boat length or weight.

**6. Sailing Instructions**

- 6.1. Sailing instructions will be distributed via email by Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 1800 hours and/or at the competitors' briefing (TBD). The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions.

## **7. Venue**

7.1. The regatta will be sailed on Upper Galveston Bay, roughly bounded by the Bayport Ship Channel to the north, the San Leon Shoreline to the south, the Houston Ship Channel to the east and the LaPorte/Seabrook shoreline to the west.

## **8. Courses**

- 8.1. The pursuit line will race around fixed and/or dropped marks
- 8.2. The course will be designated in the Sailing Instructions (SI).

## **9. Scoring**

9.1. A single race completed will constitute a series.

## **10. Prizes**

10.1. The perpetual Carol Becker Trophy will be awarded jointly to the skippers of record of the winning boat of each class of the regatta during the Awards Ceremony, as well as prize trophies for first, second and third place in each class.

## **11. Crew Lists for Emergency Communications**

11.1. For communication during emergencies, each skipper of record shall submit a crew list, to be submitted at the latest at the start of the Competitor's Briefing (attachment).

## **12. Disclaimer of Liability**

12.1. Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, *Decision to Race*. The organizing authority(ies), hosts, sponsors, and its officers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after a Regatta.

## **13. Additional Information**

13.1. For further information on the 2021 Carol Becker Race, consult the TASS Website [HERE](#), or contact TASS Vice Commodore Andrew Clark by email at [vicecommodore@sailtass.com](mailto:vicecommodore@sailtass.com), or the TASS Race Czar at [tassregattas@sailtass.com](mailto:tassregattas@sailtass.com).

