



Commodore by Jay Leggett

Hi TASS,

Best of luck to our TASS boatowners and crews participating in the Harvest Moon Regatta, which will have been completed and all boats and crews safely back in their slips, by the time you read this.



First and foremost, on behalf of the Board, I want to thank the members that participated in the online poll we distributed last month. Our goal is to continue to always improve the TASS organization. While we are enjoying a higher than usual sailing season with great attendance on leisure sails, the regatta charter boat and our training sails which have filled up several weeks before the event date; we seem to be experiencing lower than usual attendance for weekly meetings and of course we are always looking to increase our active membership base. Your input is valuable to help us evaluate creative solutions to our goals. The Board has been given the results to review, and we will continue the discussion at our next Board meeting and will soon be sharing the results with our members.



Speaking of the Board, it is that time of the year where we will begin to ask our member base for volunteers to step forward and become a candidate on the ballot for the 2019 TASS Board. Serving in the organization can be rewarding. TASS has a rich history and talent spanning many areas throughout our membership. Believe it or not, each of you have something positive, creative and fun to contribute to TASS. Bringing your gifts and talents to service on the Board can help enrich our members and TASS, and if you're a new member, there's no better way to get to know your fellow members.

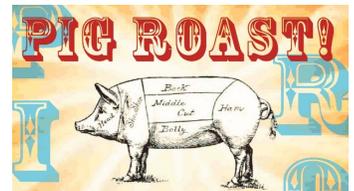
Commodore - Jay Leggett—continued

Think about it! Could this be the year that you give back a little time over the next 12 months of Board service to our great organization that has given so much to so many. We need YOU! to become part of the team by serving on the Board. Think about running for a position on the TASS Board, let me know where your interests are and where you think you can make a positive contribution and we'll help you get your name on the ballot in February 2019. It's a great way to give back to our great organization and bring into the fold new ideas to help TASS grow.



It's hard to believe it's almost Thanksgiving and our Holiday Gala at Moody Gardens is right around the corner on Dec 1st. We've got live entertainment provided by Claudio and his son again this year, so don't miss out on the party - [signup now](#). The TASS special room rate at Moody Gardens expires the first week of November, so call them to reserve your room ASAP.

Our pig roast last month was a great event, thanks again to Charlie Holcomb, Than Dauterive, Urs Rathgeb, Joanne Moschella and everyone else that helped make this a great event. If you've got a great idea for a TASS Social event, send Joanne an email at Social@SailTASS.com and offer to host it (we'll help too).



We miss connecting with our TASS family and friends at our weekly meetings, if you haven't been recently try to come, and better yet bring a friend or prospective new member.

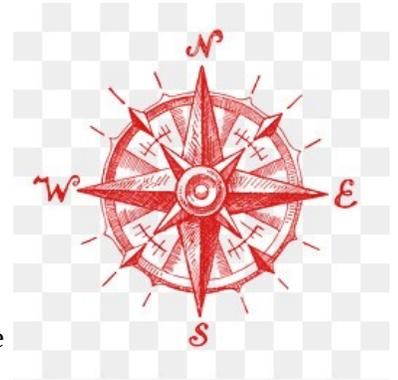
Vice Commodore - Urs Rathgeb

Racing Activity

After the weather dictated break from racing in September, we sailed our fifth race of the season in October. In honor of "Breast Cancer Awareness Month", the teams wore pink during the race and the following race party.

Jim LeBlanc took away his first win of the season on Two Thumbs Up. Here are the complete race results:

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Boat Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 st Place	Two Thumbs Up	5
2 nd Place	Astarte	4
3 rd Place	Mischief	3
4 th Place	Nightwind	2
5 th Place	Alcyone	1
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3rd Place went to Nancy Welch on Mischief



Cheryl Morvillo (Astarte) was presented with the trophy for 2nd Place

Vice Commodore - Urs Rathgeb—Continued

Racing Activity

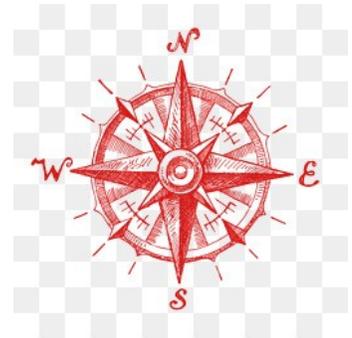


1st Place went to Jim LeBlanc and his crew on Two Thumbs Up

After the race, everyone met at Bakkhus to exchange stories, and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon with grub and drinks and in good company.

After five races sailed, ranking for the 2018 Commodore's Cup is as follows:

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Boat Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 st Place	Astarte	16
2 nd Place	Mischief	13
3 rd Place	Oxbow	9
4 th Place	Nightwind/Tarah Shell	9
5 th Place	Two Thumbs Up	8
6 th Place	Nirvana	4
7 th Place	Escape Hatch	3
8 th Place	Alcyone	2



The final race on the schedule will be the Commodore's Cup Race on November 10, and there is still a small chance for an upset! Three boats are already registered for the race! If you have not done so yet, go on-line at www.sailtass.com to register your boat. The TASS Charter Boat is already full, but I am sure that some of the other competitors are still looking for crew. Come to the weekly meeting and talk around!



Training Activity

We had not one, but two trainings scheduled in October.

The **Crew Training 2** session took place on October 13, and was a continuation of the Crew Training 1 session in August. After a brief recap of the August training, the morning in the classroom covered how to tie the most essential knots, some basic navigation, as well as safety. In the afternoon, the attendees learned to safely handle the boat in all conditions.

Here is what our member Catey Carter, who participated in both trainings, had to say:

"I highly recommend TASS Basic Crew Training to anyone who is new to sailing! Urs Rathgeb and John Klumb held a two day course that included two mornings of classroom instruction followed by hands on sessions sailing in the bay.

A group of us (plus our two instructors) signed up for the course and completed the training on 10/13. The weather was great with winds gusting up to 20 knots that provided perfect opportunities to demonstrate and practice what we learned. We covered everything from basic terminology to points of sail, tacking and jibing, knot tying, dock lines, right of way and much more. A delicious lunch was provided with plenty of freshly baked cookies (thank you, Thann!).

We even left the dock and returned with all eight crew!

What a great way to make new friends and "learn the ropes!" If you are a new sailor looking for sailing "personal training," Urs and John are the best!"

Instead of more words, I let some pictures speak.





Training Activity

John and I are looking into running these two courses again next year. If you want to freshen up your skills, or introduce some friends that are new to sailing to our great pastime, this would be a great opportunity. Look out for when the trainings show up on next year's calendar.

The next day, our long-time member Cheryl Morvillo shared some of her vast knowledge during our **Weather for Sailors** training with a group of approximately 20 members and two guests. During a very interesting afternoon, Cheryl covered everything from how to read weather charts to clouds and cloud formations, tides, and of course how to obtain forecasts using the latest technologies online. I trust everyone who participated now knows what a GRIB file is. If not, Cheryl put the together a great set of handouts for reference and further study, so you can look it up.



Thanks, Cheryl, for a very well presented session!

Our final training session for the year will take place on **November 11th**, the **CPR, First Aid and AED** class is scheduled from 1 – 5:30pm. TASS is holding this class every two years, and this year's training session will once again be conducted by Marilyn McFarlane, who a number of you will know from previous classes. After successful completion of the class, you will receive a CPR, First Aid and AED Certificate, valid for two years. This is an excellent opportunity to learn or freshen up your skills which you hopefully will never have to apply, but might save lives when you depend on them. Cost for the training is \$60 for guests and \$50 for TASS members. The training is free for active TASS skippers, since we require all of our club sail skippers to be certified. Must sign up on line.

I look forward to see you on the water or at one of the training sessions.

Fair Winds!

Social Director—Joanne Moschella



As we close our race season, we celebrate with our biggest race party, the Annual Commodore's Race Party which will be a seated buffet dinner at Sundance. We will be in the Member's Room to the left as you enter and due to space constraints will be limited to 30 people in the room. The overflow will be outside with covered tables on the patio. If we have an overflow, those people can move their chairs to the inside once dinner is served. Be sure to sign up early to be seated inside. The bar will open up at 5:00 p.m. on the patio and the buffet dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. The Commodore's cup and prizes from the race will be given that evening.



Our Annual Christmas Gala will be a Moody Gardens on Saturday, December 1. Do make sure you have reserved a room at the TASS discounted which will close by November 8th, no exceptions. Cocktail attire is the norm as we start the evening in the Party Suite at 5:30 p.m. so please bring an appetizer and a bottle of Champagne.

Following this pre-party we'll have our Silver Bells Dinner Dance which starts at 7:00 for an evening of music furnished by Claudio and his son. Start thinking about that special song you like and Claudio will be sure to accommodate your requests, if possible.



While you are in Galveston during our Holiday Gala, drop in on Dickens on The Strand before or after our Gala. Moody Gardens Hotel has shuttles to/from the Strand area for their guests. Everyone raves about this festive Event which is jammed packed with non-stop entertainment.



The year would not end right without the Annual Black Eyed Pea Contest always celebrated by Lois and Neil Geyer. Details to follow and will be posted on the website.



Social Director—Joanne Moschella—continued



This year's Halloween Party was held at Meade and Jim Leblanc's home in League City. Costumes were a must and not optional. Everyone was supposed to bring a Ghoulish Dish. Prizes were awarded for the Best Male Costume, Best Female Costume, Best Couples Costume, and Most Ghoulish Dish. It was a good turnout and all had a fun evening.

On the right - -Nancy Kahlden' winning Frankenguacamole.



On the left was the centerpiece for the evening, Skeleton Franks.



Social Director—Joanne Moschella—continued





NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION



Our National Weather Service Tour in Dickinson began at 11:00 am and what a treat it was.

Social Director—Joanne Moschella—continued



What a day TASS had at the Weather Service in Dickinson, after the Tour Lois took us to Dickinson BBQ for lunch.

Social Director—Joanne Moschella—continued



Sailing Angels Regatta Banquet where several of our members participated.



Social Director—Joanne Moschella—continued



TASS Gallery watch party luncheon in Galveston before the start of the race.



Sail Boats coming in for the start line at Pleasure Pier Just Beautiful



TASS Gallery lined up on the Sea Wall waiting for the Race Start with Wine to toast the start.

Social Director—Joanne Moschella—continued



Sailing boats coming in to the starting line.....



Sail Boats lining up for the start line. Just Beautiful

Cheryl's Astarte is on her way to the start line.....!



Social Director—Joanne Moschella—continued



Sailboats at the start!



Here comes Astarte.....

There goes Astarte!

Astarte took **1st Place in the Non-Spin Cruising Canvas Class** (5 boats in class. Congrats to Cheryl, Jose Santin, Blanche Cahill, Martin McAfee & Melissa McAfee.



TASS TOPSIDER

Social Director—Joanne Moschella—continued



Nancy Welch on her Mischief came in 4th in her class but did Win the Luna Trophy. Also Nancy daughter's was on Board, so Nancy was proud.

On Board was Marion Herdon, Wendy Chopin, Vicki Berkebile, Layde Jane Stone, Cyundi McDermott, Mary Welch and Nancy Welch.



Mother Daughter Luna Trophy, big smiles. Bet Dad is proud.



Membership Director— Patricia GUMBS

TASS Membership is 151 Strong and growing!



Honoring Marilyn Reed’s Request to take some time away from the duties of the board I have volunteered to step up in her Absence. I wish the best for her and look forward to her returning soon as she has been a great asset to TASS and will always be a valuable member.

Let’s give a big welcome to our newest 3 new members, Brit Babcock, Sharon Sims, and Gregory Janak.

TASS Membership Renewal Due—Renewal for November is around the corner, remember if you renew before your membership expires you get a \$5.00 discount.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT RENEWAL

In order to receive your Early Renewal Discount, **you MUST use the coupon code**. The code is simply one word -- **EARLY** -- all caps. This is easy to remember and the system will prompt you to enter this code on renewal. If you do not use the code, you will not receive the early discount. You are only entitled to this discount if your membership is not overdue. Once your membership is past your renewal date, the discount will not apply and the system will not take the coupon code. This message and the coupon code will be repeated in the email renewal notifications you receive during the month that your renewal is due. If you have let your membership lapse, it is time to log on and renew! Upcoming events planned that you are not going to want to miss Commodore Cup Race and Dinner, Christmas Party. Don’t pay the guest price for events RE-NEW NOW. We value you as a member.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS, Join us for upcoming EVENTS.

Happy Birthday to all you November Sailors! Come on to one (or all) of the November meetings and we’ll raise a glass to you and even toss you a free TASS koozie! The November honorees are:

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
<i>John Durkin</i>	8	<i>Susan Sedwick</i>	19
<i>Errol Gomez</i>	9	<i>Monika Trieb</i>	20
<i>David Iffergan</i>	9	<i>Jo Ann Zemlicka</i>	20
<i>Harry Elmendor</i>	15	<i>Chuck Forrest</i>	22
<i>Pete Mathieu</i>	16	<i>Yvonne McMahon</i>	23
<i>Mary Ann McCulley</i>	16	<i>Marty Pedowicz</i>	25
<i>Andy Lang</i>	16		



Webmaster, Social Media—Thann Dauterive



Our website is working! How do you know it is you ask? In March 2018 our goal was to give TASS a new look and feel. This was done through a new membership management software that brought us many significant upgrades over the past system which frankly we had outgrown.

We needed a reliable system to manage membership accounts/profiles/renewals, a system that was dynamic and real-time to communicate events, building web pages that would deliver informative, entertaining and an interactive experience for members and one that would attract new members to our terrific soon to be 35-year-old organization.

TASS people, we are so proud, yes you are using the system and it seems to be serving everyone well. Online registrations are around 95% for events, sails and races. Through your grand cooperation and using the online services, you are helping the club become efficient with little manual intervention and all this allows for a smooth operating organization.

THANKS – Thanks to everyone using the system. If you have not yet renewed your membership, or updated your profile, take a few moments during the Thanksgiving holiday to visit the web, update your information and OH YEA! Register for the Christmas Party and Reunion.

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## Webmaster, Social Media—Thann Dauterive—continued



**Friends of TASS** – *It takes a village to run a tribe.*

This little corner of information has become popular since I have started sharing information about some of our friends in the community and their activities. Supporting community activities makes us a stronger tribe.

### **Saturday, December, 2018 – Galveston SeaWalk Fundraiser for the Haynie Bone Cancer Foundation**



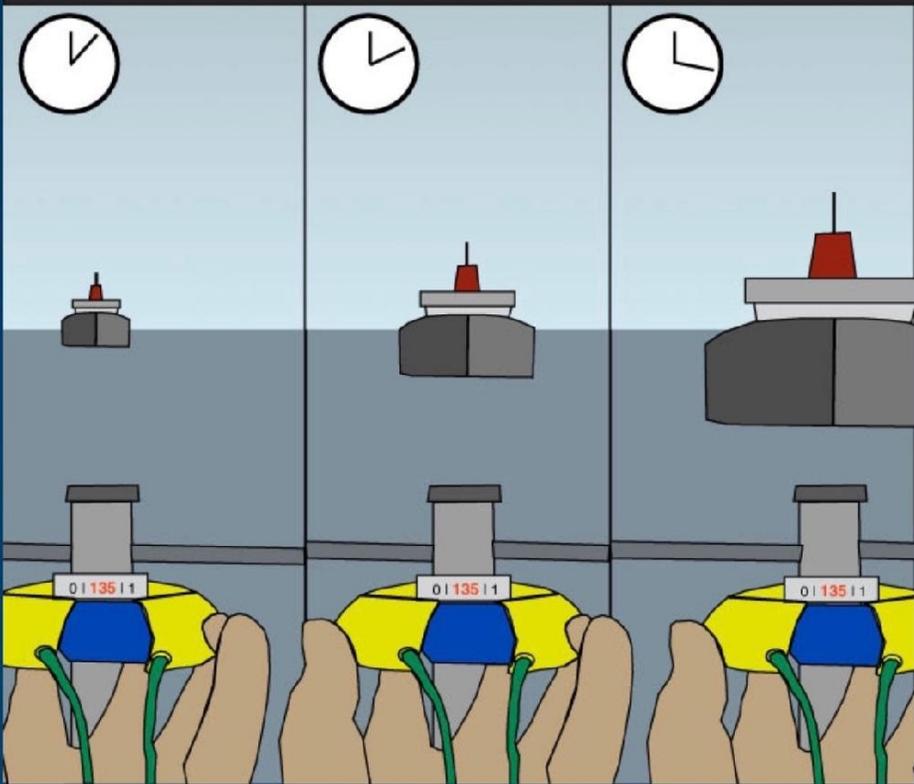
Warm up before the TASS Holiday Party in Galveston with a Seawall walk. Join Catey Carter, Thann Dauterive and others as participation will be a no brainer for this charity.

The Haynie Spirit Bone Cancer Foundation invites you to our Galveston SeaWalk fundraiser taking place on December 1, 2018. Join us near the Diamond Beach condos on the west end of the seawall for a 6-mile walk to raise money for Children's Bone Cancer research. The walk starts at 10:00am so let's meet up around 9:45am.

Register on the Haynie Spirit Bone Cancer Foundation site. Cost/ donation is \$25.00. If you would like to walk with us, please drop me an email @ [tassthann@gmail.com](mailto:tassthann@gmail.com) so we know you plan to join us.

Visit [Windward SeaVenture](#) on their web site or follow them on [Facebook](#)

Risk of collision exists if the compass bearing of an approaching vessel does not change



— See rule

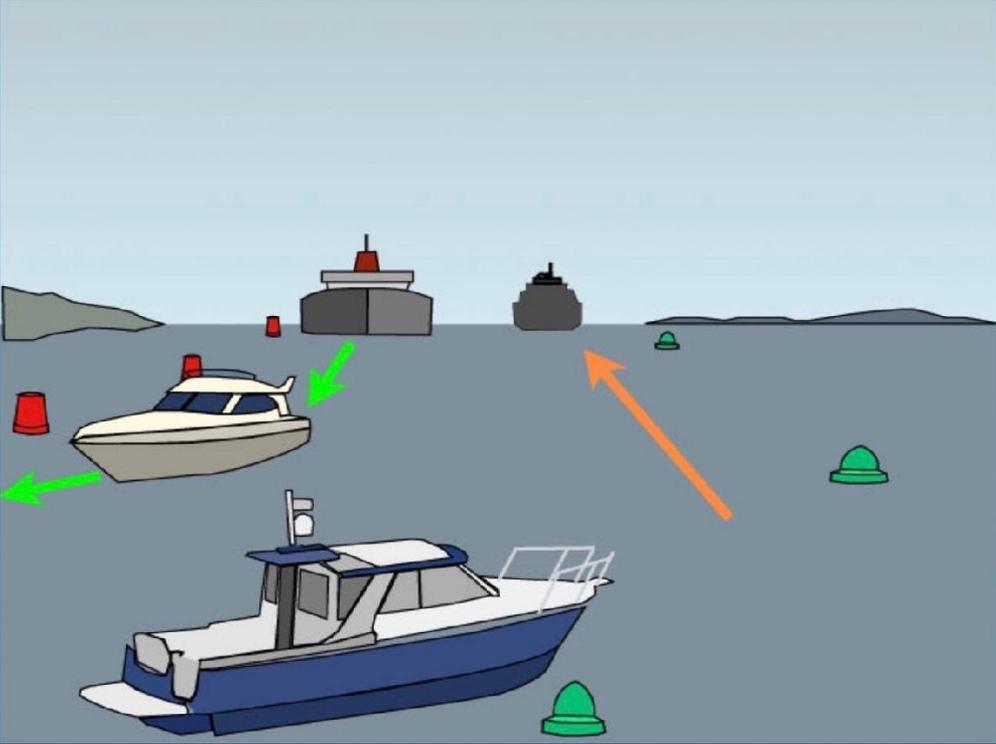
**Rule 7: Risk of Collision.**  
(d) In determining if risk of collision exists the following considerations shall be among those taken into account: (i) such risk shall be deemed to exist if the compass bearing of an approaching vessel does not appreciably change; (ii) such risk may sometimes exist even when an appreciable bearing change is evident, particularly when approaching a very large vessel or a tow or when approaching a vessel at close range.  
SEE COLREGS SECTION FOR COMPLETE RULE

## Tech Sailing Talk—continued

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### Narrow channels

Vessels in a narrow channel should keep as near to the starboard side as is safe and practicable



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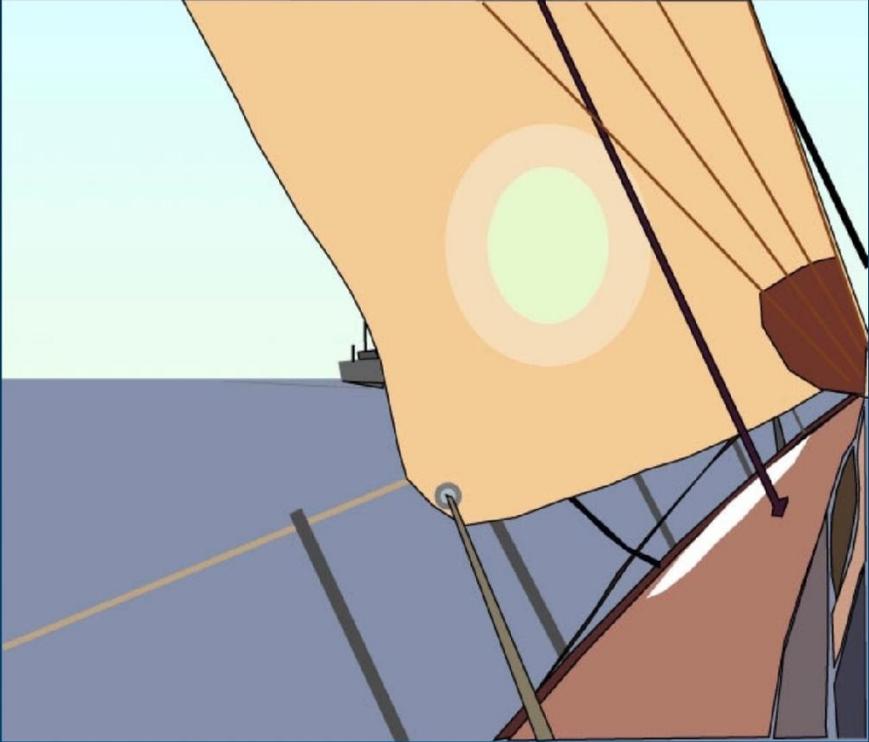
**Rule 9.1: Narrow Channels**  
(a) A vessel proceeding along the course of a narrow channel or fairway shall keep as near to the outer limit of the channel or fairway which lies on her starboard side as is safe and practicable.  
**SEE COLREGS SECTION FOR COMPLETE RULE**

## Tech Sailing Talk—continued

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**Look out**

Every vessel shall at all times maintain a proper look-out by sight and hearing



— See rule

**Rule 5: Look out.**  
Every vessel shall at all times maintain a proper look-out by sight and hearing as well as by all available means appropriate in the prevailing circumstances and conditions so as to make a full appraisal of the situation and of the risk of collision.

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## TASS Membership Fees

New ..... \$65.00  
Renewal before expiration .... \$60.00  
Out-of-town/state ..... \$30.00

## TASS Sails

Leisure Day & Moonlight sails  
\$50/members; \$65/Guests

Day sails depart at 12 or 1 pm till 5  
or 6 pm

Moonlight sails depart at 6 pm till 11  
pm

Crew Training Sails  
\$ 65 — \$ 85 Price depends on  
level of course presented

**We're on the web:  
[www.sailTASS.com](http://www.sailTASS.com)**

## Meetings

Every Thursday Night  
6:00 pm—Social Hour  
7:00 pm—Meeting

Check the calendar at  
[sailtass.com](http://sailtass.com) for details