

# Notice of Race

**2019 Carol Becker Woman at the Helm Regatta**

**September 28, 2019**

**Texas Association of Social Sailors (TASS)**

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You are cordially invited to participate in the 2019 Carol Becker Woman at the Helm Regatta on September 28, 2019. 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 2017-2020 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 and communicated during the skippers meeting.
- 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 2019 Carol Becker Woman at the Helm Regatta is open to all woman competitors.
- 2.2. The regatta will consist of two classes, 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 and refund registration fees.

2.5. Competitors may enter at [Carol Becker Regatta Registration](#) . Regular Registration deadline is September 24, 2019, 1700 hours, US Central Time.

### 3. Fees

3.1. Entry Fee for TASS Members	None
3.2. Entry Fee for Non-TASS Members	\$35
3.3. Late Registration Fee (up to Competitor's Briefing)	\$50

### 4. Schedule

- 4.1. Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 1700 hours – Regular Registration Deadline
- 4.2. Friday, September 27, 1900 hours – Competitor's Briefing at Houston Yacht Club, Centennial Room
- 4.3. Saturday, September 28, 2019
  - 1300 hours – Scratch Start (anticipated, see Sailing Instructions for details)
  - 1700 hours (approximately) - "Tie One On for Buzz" After Race Party at Houston Yacht Club – separate individual registration required [Regatta After Party Registration Here](#)
  - 1800 hours – Awards ceremony at Houston Yacht Club

### 5. Measurement

- 5.1. Handicap for boats participating in the Non-Spinnaker PHRF class 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.
- 5.3. During registration, competitors shall indicate their handicap per Galveston Bay PHRF certificate or 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 during the Competitor's Briefing. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions.

### 7. Venue

- 7.1. The race 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.

## **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. Berthing of Participating Vessels and Spectator Vessels**

11.1. Through separate arrangement with Houston Yacht Club (HYC), participating vessels may berth free of charge at the HYC marina for up to one week before and after the regatta.

11.2. Spectator boats (incl. power boats) are welcome and may also take advantage of the guest berthing at the HYC marina.

11.3. Competitors and spectators intending to take advantage of the berthing should contact the harbor master of the HYC Marina, David Hampp at [harbormaster@houstonyachtclub.com](mailto:harbormaster@houstonyachtclub.com) and mention that they are participating in the Carol Becker Woman's Regatta.

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

12.1. 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).

## **13. Disclaimer of Liability**

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.

## **14. Additional Information**

For further information on the 2019 Carol Becker Race, contact TASS Vice Commodore Urs Rathgeb by email at [vicecommodore@sailtass.com](mailto:vicecommodore@sailtass.com), or the TASS Race Czar at [regatta@sailtass.com](mailto:regatta@sailtass.com).



**CAROL BECKER WOMAN'S REGATTA**  
**TASS – TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL SAILORS**



**Boat & Crew List for 2019 Carol Becker Woman's Regatta**

This document is intended to be used exclusively for safety, critical race communications and emergency notifications for the 2019 Carol Becker Woman's Regatta. Each registered skipper is **required** to turn in this document in to the TASS Race Czar prior to the regatta, at the latest before the start of the Competitor's Briefing (Friday, September 27, 1900 hours). It may also be submitted via email to [regatta@sailtass.com](mailto:regatta@sailtass.com).

BOAT NAME:	SAIL # if available:	Skipper of Record:
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**Crew members: all crew members must be listed below, please type or PRINT clearly**

First Name	Last Name	Crew Member Phone #	Email address	Emergency Contact [First/Last name]	Emergency Contact Phone #