



## TASS TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL SAILORS

P.O. Box 27050, Houston TX 77227

### FAQ's for Leisure Sails – What the Crew Wants to Know and How to Prepare

Often, we are asked by new members or first-time sailing guest what should you bring or how should you prepare for a sail with TASS. Below are “SUGGESTIONS” which will help you prepare and make your sail a more comfortable experience.

- Comfortable clothing, and soft-soled, non-marking shoes
- Sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen)
  - Some prefer a light long sleeve shirt for sun protection
  - Good idea to have a “crokie” for your sunglasses and a “hat keeper” to attach your hat to your shirt
    - #1 & 2 most lost overboard items – hats and sunglasses
- Light jacket in case of rain
- Sailing gear that you already may own (e.g. gloves). No need to buy any though, if you don't already own them.
- Small SOFT SIDED cooler – easy to stow on the boat and does not damage the boat
- Hydration is important any day on the water so a sufficient amount to water or sports drink
- **Life jackets etc. will be on the boat** – feel free to bring your own, not necessary to buy one
- Typically, the crew will bring snacks to share; chips, dip, finger food, fruit, etc.
  - This can be discussed with the skipper in command of your sail when he/she calls you the day before the sail.
- Spare change of clothes & towel/toiletries:
  - If you would like to take a shower after the sail, you are welcome to do so, the marina has nice clean showers

Remember, you must be **registered online at the TASS website [www.sailtass.com](http://www.sailtass.com) and paid in full** to sail. Acknowledgments through Facebook or Meetup **does not** constitute registration to any event. Non-members of TASS are always welcome to join our sails. The name of your Skipper in charge of the sail is always listed on the calendar website where you register. Should you have any questions, you can find the skippers email and phone contact information on the web under Contact > [Skipper Contact Information](#). Here we provide a short bio about all the skippers so you can get to your skipper before you sail.

When you register you will be asked for your contact information or to fill out a brief profile with information including emergency contact information, be sure to give a name and phone number that can be reached should need be. It is important we capture this information when you register in case we need to reach you prior to the sail or for the emergency contact we must know who to contact on your behalf.

The day before your sail you will be contacted by your Skipper in Command for the sail. He/She will confirm the meeting time, location, and answer any of your questions.



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### About the sailboats:

TASS exclusively charters boats from Windward Sea Venture located at 100 Admiralty Way, Kemah, TX 77565. The Windward Dock is #3. This is our launch and return destination unless otherwise stated to you by the Skipper in Command of the sail. The houseboat on the left of the dock is the Windward Sea Venture office and the charter boats are along the dock slips. You can always ask at the office where the boat is docked.



The skipper is there for your safety and your sailing enjoyment. To ensure everyone understands the TASS policy, you will be asked to sign a waiver on the day of the sail. Below are the stated terms and conditions of the sailing waiver. Be sure to take the time to read this document.

***When you register online all guest must fill out the profile information and emergency contact information including members that are registering a guest.  
This is mandatory for safety. Please give accurate information in our profile.***

### Sailing Waiver

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this document is to shift any legal burden or responsibility, which may arise, from the Texas Association of Social Sailors (hereinafter called "TASS") to the undersigned patron of TASS.
2. **Disclosures:** I, undersigned, acknowledge that I am aware that there are risks associated with boating activities. I further acknowledge that I will ask any question which might arise concerning safety or proper use immediately as it arises and that I will inform the Skipper immediately if I feel apprehensive about my personal safety. I further acknowledge that I will inspect all equipment, including any boat and find the same to be safe and reasonably suited for the purpose of sailing.
3. **Release:** I, undersigned, in consideration of TASS allowing me to participate in sailing activity do hereby release, discharge, waive and hold harmless, TASS, there agents, employees, independent contractors from all liability to the undersigned, their personal representatives, assigns, and heirs for any loss, damage, or claim as a result of personal injury or property damage which occurs as a result of my acts.
4. **Indemnification:** I, undersigned, agree to save and hold harmless TASS from any claims, loss, liability or damage, which occurs as a result of my acts.
6. **Assumption of Responsibility:** I, undersigned, assume full responsibility for any bodily injury, death or property damage due to my actions.
7. **Non-Smoking Policy.** For safety reasons and comfort of non-smoking guests on the boat, a no-smoking policy is in effect at all times on the boat at any time, including when docked
8. **Photographs.** I hereby authorize TASS to publish photographs taken of me, and my name, for use in TASS's printed publications and website. I understand that TASS is a non-profit organization and that use of photographs will be limited to educational, non-commercial purposes.
9. **Swimming:** I, undersigned, and fully informed of the risks and damages associated with swimming in a marine environment. Such risks include, but are not limited to, dangerous marine life, passing boats, slips and falls in boarding, hidden and underwater structures and debris, pollutants, shallow and shoaling waters, storms at sea and other acts of God. Therefore, I, the undersigned, represent and warrant to all present that I am of sound mind and judgment and do hereby release and hold harmless TASS and the Skipper of our charter vessel from any liabilities, damages, costs or acts of negligence associated with any harm that may befall me because of my personal decision to swim in a marine environment.
10. **Weapons:** No firearms, explosives, knives other than those intended for use as a rigging/sailing tool with blades not to exceed 2-3/4", or any other weapons are allowed at any time aboard the vessel.

We hope this information has been helpful to prepare for your wonderful day of sailing with TASS.

For more information on TASS or how to contact us, please go to our web at [www.sailtass.com](http://www.sailtass.com)