

Skipper: \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Charter Co: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL SAILORS – Boat Waiver**

- [www.sailtass.com](http://www.sailtass.com)

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, the 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, their agents, employees, and 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 the use of photographs will be limited to educational, non-commercial purposes.
9. **Swimming:** I, undersigned, being 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, or 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.

The undersigned agrees that in any event any provision of this document is found invalid, that the rest of the document remains in effect.

**I have read and understood this document. No oral representation has been made regarding liability. I voluntarily sign and agree to this document.**

**Note any defects or damages on back** (or on empty lines above). Email Fleet Coordinator describing the defects/damages as soon as possible. RETURN THIS FORM & CHARTER CONTRACT to Fleet Coordinator OR scan all pages and upload to the TASS BOX– [www.BOX.com](http://www.BOX.com)

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**BOAT CHECK LIST**

<b>General</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Preparing to Leave</b>	
Check weather report		Shut off AC Power and UNPLUG AC shore line	
Give Cell phone number & Sail Plan to Charter Co. or Others		Unplug any other dock lines (Cable TV, Telephone, Anode)	
<b>Below Deck</b>		Remove sail cover, other covers, and stow below	
Boat Documentation on board?		Close hatches	
Fire Extinguishers* – Check pressure gauges # On Board		Run engine, check exhaust/water pumping	
Visual distress signals expiration date:		Check Transmission shift (forward and reverse)	
First Aid Kit – check contents		Check Steering & Rudder operation before casting off.	
Supplies – Paper towels, trash bags, ice/refrigeration		<b>Crew Instructions</b>	
Bilge and electric bilge pump (Dry?)		Crew Experience Established and Introductions Made	
Water tank/ Water pressure (Level?)		Crew Swimming ability established	
Holding tank (Level?)		Crew Sailing Fees collected, if any	
Head – Check operation, cleanliness, toilet paper (Clean)		Drug Policy Explained	
<b>Down Below to be moved to or checked Top Side</b>		Head Operation Explained	
VHF radio – familiarize, move to helm if handheld available		Location of First Aid kit	
Horn or Sound device (move to helm) Bell?		Trash/Water Balloon Policy Explained – Nothing Overboard	
Boat Hook		PFD Locations disclosed to Crew	
Navigation Lights: Bow ___ Stern ___ Steaming ___ Anchor Light		Man Overboard procedures Explained	
<b>Top side</b>		Give Crew Specific instructions on Cast-off Tasks and Preparation	
Emergency Tiller			
One Type I, II, III PFD for each person			
One Type IV PFD in cockpit or life sling (throwable cushion/horseshoe)			
Manuel Bilge pump and handle			
Existing Damage to boat? Notify Charter Co. before sail			
General overall safety check – note any concerns		<b>Engine - *optional for day trips (normally checked by charter company)</b>	
Running and standing rigging Check for damage and wear.		*Engine coolant/                      *Engine oil/	
Winch handles		*Fan Belt – check tension and wear	
Anchor & rode		Batteries and battery switch	
Fenders # Port # Starboard		*Propeller Shaft Packing Gland	
Check fuel level (Level)			

\*Fire Extinguisher Requirements - Boat Length: 26-39 ft 2-B1 or 1-B2 Boat Length: 40 – 65 ft 3-B1 or 1-B1 and 1-B2

**Pre Sail:** Note missing or damaged equipment. Inform the charter company before leaving.

**Post Sail:** Note needed repairs and/or damages or injuries. Also, note any unusual events of the sail.