



TASS Texas Association of Social Sailors

Do you want to be a TASS skipper?

Being a TASS skipper is an extremely rewarding and fun experience. I would encourage anyone, who enjoys sailing and is interested in expanding their sailing knowledge, and teaching others the same, to become a TASS skipper. The pleasure you derive from being a skipper will be in direct proportion to the effort you put into being a skipper. These skippers should have fun with their crew and help them learn about the equipment, sailing terms, and safety. Getting started on earning your skipper credentials is easy. Below you will find the basic requirements and further information on advancement to becoming a TASS skipper.

The basic TASS requirements for becoming a skipper are as follows:

- 1) Be a member in good standing for a least six months
- 2) Have participated on at least 6 sail where the skipper knows that you are training to become a skipper
- 3) Participate in at least one official crew training sail
- 4) Keep a log of all sails you participate in
- 5) CPR Certification is required and must be kept current – TASS holds a CPR class every 2 years check the calendar for this class.
- 6) Obtain and outfit a skipper's bag and bring the bag on all sails. (See the website for a complete list of TASS require skippers equipment)
- 7) Register with the charter companies from whom TASS charters boats, currently Windward Ventures Sailing.
- 8) Pass an approved boating safety course; approved courses include USCG Aux, Power Squadron, et al.

Once the basic requirements are met, an **application** can be filed with the [vice commodore](#) who will select three current skippers and schedule three check-out sails. Upon successful completion of the check-out sails, the skipper committee with the three check-out skippers will review your application.

Once approved by the committee you have joined the ranks of TASS skippers! You should let the [fleet coordinator](#) know when you are available to lead sails for TASS.

Now as you pass your skills on to others, you can begin adding to your credentials by working toward approval to be an offshore and night skipper.