



Notice of Series

2023 Texas Association of Social Sailors (TASS) Commodore's Cup Galveston Bay

You are cordially invited to participate in the race series for the 2023 TASS Commodore's Cup. The series consists of an anticipated number of seven races held and organized by TASS on Galveston Bay.

1. Rules

This series of races will be governed by the rules defined in the 2021-2024 edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the individual races' *Sailing Instructions*, and this Notice of Series.

1.1. US Sailing Prescriptions and US Sailing Prescription Appendix V shall also apply.

1.2. RRS Rule 87 will be changed to read as follows: *The sailing instructions may change a class rule.*

1.3. Appendix A Changes: A2.1 is changed so that each competitor's score shall be the total of the points awarded in their best (highest) six (6) completed/scored individual races. The competitor with the highest Series score wins, and others shall be ranked accordingly.

1.4. Protests will not be held as part of any of the races of the Series. Skippers must discuss any infractions and resolve them in a sportsmanship fashion.

1.5. Notwithstanding the fact that there will be no protests, the TASS Race Czar shall have authority on all matters within his jurisdiction, including disqualifying any boat that starts early, who violates any other rules, or exhibits misconduct and unsportsmanlike conduct without notice or hearing.

2. Eligibility and Entry

Participation in individual races of the series is open to both members and non-members of TASS. However, only individuals who are members in good standing at the time of the final race of the series may be awarded the TASS Commodore's Cup Perpetual Trophy.

3. Fees

There are no registration fees for participation in any of the 2023 TASS Commodore's Cup series' races, neither for TASS members nor for guests.

4. Schedule



An anticipated seven scheduled races comprise the 2023 TASS Commodore's Cup Series, as follows:

Sweetheart Valentines Race	February 11, 2023
Crazy Irishman Chase	March 11, 2023
Flip Flop Race	April 8, 2023
Spring Challenge Race	May 6, 2023
Carol Becker Women's Regatta	September 9, 2023
Rock the Pink Race	October 14, 2023
Commodore's Cup Race	November 11, 2023

It should be noted that this schedule may be subject to change. Any such changes will be communicated in advance on the TASS Website - www.sailtass.com

5. Measurement

It is expected that all yachts meet PHRF-GB or GBCA Club Rating rules, as applicable.

6. Sailing Instructions

There are no Sailing Instructions for the 2023 TASS Commodore's Cup Series as a whole. *Sailing Instructions* will be provided for each individual race.

7. Venue and Courses

All of the races will be sailed in Galveston Bay, with the exact venue and course to be described in each race's *Sailing Instructions*.

8. Scoring

8.1. Each competitor shall be awarded Series points based upon their overall finish in a completed individual series race as follows:

<u>Finishing Place</u>	<u>Points</u>
First	5
Second	4
Third	3
Fourth	2
Each place thereafter	1

A competitor that did not finish (DNF) or was disqualified (DSQ) will not be awarded any points.

8.2. Each competitor's Commodore's Cup Series score shall be the total of the series points awarded in their best (highest) six (6) completed individual races. The competitor with the highest series score wins, and others shall be ranked accordingly.

8.3. Should any races be canceled, the number of scored races shall be reduced accordingly. E.g., should the number of races sailed in the series be reduced to six (6), each



competitor's Commodore's Cup Series score shall be the total of the series points awarded in their best (highest) five (5) completed individual races.

8.4. For TASS Charter Boats participating in the races, scoring for the series shall follow the boat, rather than the skipper.

9. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the competitors in first, second, and third place in each race. The TASS Commodore's Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the competitor with the highest series score. The timing and location of the presentation of the trophy will be decided at a later time during the season.

10. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in individual TASS races and the 2023 TASS Commodore's Cup Series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, *Decision to Race*. TASS 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 race.

11. Additional Information

For more information on the 2023 TASS Commodore's Cup Series, contact:

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