

Notice of Race (NOR)
2024 Carol Becker Women's Regatta
April 20th, 2024
Texas Association of Social Sailors (TASS)
www.sailtass.com

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2024 Carol Becker Women's Regatta on April 20, 2024. 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 with 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 2021-2024 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 via email and posted to the TASS Racing Page at [Carol Becker Woman at the Helm Regatta](#).
- 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 from the start of the regatta (including preparation to start) to the finish line. In other words, there is no time at which a male may manipulate the helm, and if so, it would be grounds for disqualification. The remainder of the crew may be co-ed, women and men.

2. Eligibility and Registration

- 2.1. Participation in the 2024 Carol Becker Women's Regatta is open to all woman competitors.
- 2.2. The regatta will consist of three classes: Spinnaker PHRF, 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 (3) three. If fewer than three boats for a class are registered at the registration deadline, TASS reserves the right to cancel the regatta for that class.

2.5. Competitors may enter the regatta at [Carol Becker Women's Regatta Registration](#). The registration deadline is Thursday, April 18, 1900 hours, US Central Time.

3. 2024 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series

3.1. The Carol Becker Woman's Regatta is a points qualifier for the 2024 Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series. A Link to the Galveston Bay Women's Championship Series will be provided once the respective Notice of Race (NOR) has been published.

4. Fees All entry Fees have been waived for the 2024 Regatta

4.1. Entry Fee for TASS Members : None
4.2. Entry Fee for Non-TASS Members None

5. Schedule

5.1. Thursday, April 18th, 2024, 1900 hours – Registration Closed
5.2. Friday, April 19th, 2024, - 1800 hours – Distribution of Sailing Instructions via email and posted on the TASS Website, www.sailtass.com
5.3. Saturday, April 20th, 2024
1300 hours – Scratch Start (anticipated; see Sailing Instructions for details)
1745 hours – After Race Party (Tie-one-on for Buzz)
1830 hours (approximately) - Awards Ceremony

6. Measurement

6.1. A valid Galveston Bay PHRF certificate shall determine handicap for boats participating in the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker PHRF classes. A provisional certificate can be obtained and is sufficient to participate in the regatta.
6.2. Boats participating in the Non-Spinnaker Club Handicap Class will be assigned a handicap by the TASS Race Czar based on GBCA Club Handicap, if available, or current TASS or another Club Handicap.
6.3. During registration, competitors shall indicate their handicap per Galveston Bay PHRF certificate or GBCA Club Rating as applicable.
6.4. The TASS Race Czar has ultimate decision authority over the assignment of the handicap.
6.5. There are no stipulations/limitations on boat length or weight.

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1. Sailing instructions will be distributed via email by Friday, April 19th at 1800 hours and at the competitors' briefing (TBD) and posted to the TASS website {[HERE](#)}. The sailing instructions will include the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions.

8. Venue

8.1. The regatta 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.

9. Courses

9.1. The pursuit line will race around fixed and dropped marks
9.2. The Sailing Instructions (SI) will describe the course.

10. Scoring

A single race completed will constitute a series.

11. Prizes

11.1. During the Awards Ceremony, the perpetual Carol Becker Trophy will be awarded jointly to the skippers of record of the winning boat of each regatta class.
11.2. Additional prize trophies will be awarded as follows:
Three (3) Boats with recorded finish: First place
Six (6) Boats with recorded finish: First and second place
Nine (9) Boats with recorded finish: First, second, and third place

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

13.1. Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, *Decision to Race*. The organizing authority, 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

14.1. For further information on the 2024 Carol Becker Race, consult the [TASS Website](#) or contact TASS Vice Commodore Dan Arcy by email at vicecommodore@sailtass.com or the TASS Race Czar John Klumb at seadogjohn@hotmail.com
14.2. Competitors shall record their track using the RaceQs phone application, which is available at the Apple Store. The app works best and without issues on an iPhone.

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Boat & Crew List for 2024 Carol Becker Women's Regatta

This document is intended to be used exclusively for safety, critical race communications, and emergency notifications for the 2024 Carol Becker Woman's Regatta. Each registered skipper must turn in this document to the TASS Race Czar before the regatta, at the latest before publication of the Sailing Instructions on Friday, April 19th, 1800 hours. **It may also be submitted via email to seadogjohn@hotmail.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 #