

US Sailing Judges Committee
Conference Call
Oct 21 , 2015
2000 hrs.

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Steve Wrigley-Chair, Joe Krolak-JETTS Chair, Nancy Glover-Area A, John Mooney-Area B, Ric Crabbe-Area C, Sarah Ashton-Area D, Rick Sullivan-Area E, John Siegel-Area G, Latham Bell-Areas F & J, Bruce Martinson-Area K, Wayne Balsiger- Area L, Tom Pochereva-Area H, Matt Hill-RAD.

1. Judges Manual 2017

- a. A brief discussion that we will need to start our review process for the JM in the next 2 months. Not only to include the new rules approved by ISAF, but review the overall format and information such that it is useful and informative for our Judge Corps. Is our manual usable or is it too complicated?

2. JCAM Status

- a. About 40 % of the rough drafts are in with another 30% expected shortly. Our goal is to have a complete rough draft ready by mid-November.

3. Renewal Process for all Judges

- a. A brief review of the renewal process was undertaken. A new info letter to all judges was sent to each RAJ and is to be sent in addition to another blast to all renewing this year. A Master Renewal form has been sent to all RAJs and will be the basis for renewed certification. All renewing judges are to be reminded again that they must apply for renewal of certification. There is a new link for both the test and the application form on the judges' webpage.

4. Testing and CEE update.

- a. It is reported that we still have a low number of renewing judges who have taken their online renewal test.
- b. The JC voted and approved changing the retake time for the online test to 30 days. Now a judge who does not pass the 1st time can retake the test by contacting his RAJ and taking the test 30 days after the 1st

test. This new procedure will be added to the certification information in the Judges Manual.

- c. Voted and approved by the JC that for 2015 and 2016 a Roundtable will be half a seminar and 2 round tables will be accepted as the equivalent to a taking a seminar (160 CEUs). After 2016 a roundtable will return to its CEE units of 70.

5. Communications and JC contact

- a. Approved by the JC to have a position of Communication Lead on the committee that will be a non-voting position. This position has been created to step up the communication process between US Sailing, the JC and the Judge Corps. This position is to promote two-way communication between our judge corps and the JC on a much more consistent basis.

6. Certifications

Congratulation the new members of our judge team certified at the Judge Level:

Craig Daniels Area L,
Kevin Reed Area G,
Mike Palazzo Area D.

The JC is please to announce the appointment of new National Judges,
Lance Smotherman Area E,
Mark Foster Area F
Kevin Hawkins Area J

7. Other

The JC is discussing meeting in St. Louis for a one-day conference. Each member is to submit suggestions for a final agenda. A specific date has not been set at this time but the end of March or sometime by Mid April has been suggested.

Steve Wrigley, Chair
Judges Committee
October 30, 2015