

US Sailing Judges Committee
Conference Call
May 3, 2016
Minutes

Meeting came to order: 8:00 pm EDT

Attending: Steve Wrigley - Chair, Nancy Glover - Area A, John Mooney - Area B, Ric Crabbe - Area C, Sarah Ashton - Area D, Doc Sullivan - Area E, Rick Mallinson - Area F, John Siegel - Area G, Tom Pochereva - Area H, Mike Kaspar - Area K, Wayne Balsiger - Area L, Bruce Martinson - Club Judge Director, Cliff Black - Marketing & Communication Director

1. Roll Call and Welcome
2. JM Changes for 2016 and 2017
 - a. Final review of changes to section 12 of the JM – John Siegel to make final changes approved by the JC and will be sent to the RAD for publication on the web.
 - b. New Revision for 2017 Rules and Changes, sections assigned by Doc Sullivan after St. Louis. A reminder to all RAJs to finish their assigned sections and send in to Doc within the next several weeks.
 - c. Final publication of the Study Version of the new Rules is expected to be available from ISAF around June 1st.
3. Renewals for 16. New applications
 - a. New renewal letter sent by Pat Crawford earlier this year.
 - b. RAJs need to follow up review their as soon as possible.
 - c. Master Renewal list for 16 will be sent by Steve.
 - d. Sam Veilleux approved as a Judge
 - e. Paul Kresge renewal as a National Judge approved.
4. Online Testing
 - a. Retest and Testing Polices, Ric Crabbe will be the new Testing Lead on the JETTs committee reporting to the Director of JETTS.
 - b. Those not passing will be offered a debrief for all questions and answers on their test via a video debrief during their 30 day waiting period. All test which are not passed are reviewed by the Testing WP and if needed are rescored for bad questions as needed. Each judge in this situation has 6 months to take the retest.
 - c. New Online test Intro and Guidelines (ADJOT Background and Advice, needs revision for timing, to the 6 month period) and will be published on the web.
 - d. Practice test now online, working well, people taking the test multiple times
 - e. The buttons that will be on the judges main page on the US Sailing website are being redesigned for a quicker and more direct route for such items as guidelines, application forms and reference forms.
 - f. Discussed clarifying 30 day window for the Seminar window for online testing with Pat. This can be adjusted/extended as needed by RAJ if there are unusual issues.

5. Club Judge Program – Bruce Martinson
 - a. Mentor development, seminar materials in good shape. It is planned to spend less time on rules (send before), more on mock hearings.
 - b. This is the first year of renewals for the Club Judge Corps and they are to have their own renewal letter issued by US Sailing. Each RAJ is to follow up
 - c. Status and Goals of Program for 2016
6. JETTs
 - a. Roundtables and Clinics: Feedback on roundtables is mixed. Joe has clinic development info and is working on a development direction to get full implementation as soon as possible.
7. JCAM
 - a. Status and Publication, now about 40 pages
 - b. Steve will send Working Copies this week, asking RAJs to add items and update needed improvements every month.
8. Communications, Marketing
 - a. “Facts Found” copy for comment to JC. Cliff is completing and will send out to JC for final proof reading. This is a new newsletter for the judging community that is to be issued several times a year. In addition there will be occasional news blasts from the Market Communication Director (MCD) throughout each year. All judges are encouraged to pass their comments or needs suggestions via the MCD.
 - b. Development Tools for judges are planned to be published on the website and accessed via the buttons on the open page for judges.
9. New Business
 - a. Area F RAJ. Rick Mallinson was introduced and welcomed to the JC (earlier on the call).
 - b. JC Structure, Steve discussed JETT structure, simplifying.

Adjourned 9:23 PM EDT.