

To US Sailing Judges Renewing in 2016

Both US Sailing and the Judges Committee would like to thank you for your dedication, time, and knowledge as a Certified US Sailing Judge.

Your contributions to the sport of sailing, its competitors and supporters are highly valued and we look forward to receiving your renewal application by end of this year.

Each renewing Judge must file an application By Nov 1st in their renewal year, confirming their commitment to being a judge and confirming that they meet the requirements to be one. The application form is available online at:

<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/become-a-race-official/certification-forms/>

A copy is automatically sent to your RAJ.

Certification Information

Every four years, we must take a test and attend a seminar or in lieu of the seminar, have earned the equivalent hours of certified Continuing Education. Full details of certification qualifications and of continuing education options (roundtables, clinics and seminars) can be found at the following link:

<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/judges/judges-program/>

Commencing in late April 2015, the US Sailing Judges Test was required that it be taken online. A written test may be made available but it is only offered under exceptional (usually a medical or other similar circumstances) situations. Please contact your RAJ should you seek such an exception.

NOTE: The online test may only be taken when one is in the year of their certification renewal. The Judges On-line-Test will also be offered to initial Judge Certification candidates when they attend a seminar. This will be the practice for each year going forward. The test platform will be updated each year with those names that are renewing in that year.

Renewing Judges who chose to attend a seminar will have their IDs already in the data base at the beginning of the year.

The test will be available from Feb 1, 2016 and all renewing judges are asked to has this and all of their qualifications complete by Nov 15, 2016.

Each Judge is expected to attest to the integrity of the procedures and the testing while at the same time insuring that no outside assistance is used to take the test, including no assistance in any manner from any other individual or unauthorized source.

Note That the test taking Judge or candidate agrees not to copy, transmit, transfer, retain or in any manner reproduce the US Sailing Renewal Test or parts thereof, during or after the test.

Testing Information

This is an open book test, but you may use ONLY these following publications (written or electronic*):

- US Sailing Rules of Racing
- US Sailing Judges Manual
- The International Regulations for the Prevention Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS)
- US Sailing Appeals Book
- ISAF Case Book

*Note: during the online test, you may only access the internet test site (i.e., you may not access any other online sites or materials while testing). The electronic versions of the permitted documents (above) must be contained on a device (e.g., laptop, tablet, smartphone) with on-line access of that device disabled during the test (e.g., device operating in “airplane mode”).

- The Advance Judge and Club Judge test are one hour with 50 questions. 40 True/False, 10 Scenarios. They will come up randomly during the test. The passing grade for AJ is 84%, for CJ 80%
- If you loose the internet connection or log off while taking the test you will not be able to re enter, call your RAJ to arrange for you to have access to a new test.
- At any time, the test will allow the test taker to go back and review and edit all questions, **but this must be done before you click on “finish”**
- Your mark will be provided at the end of the test and those results will automatically be sent to US Sailing so that SOARs may be updated.
- Each question has a master number (a letter and numbers) that must be used if you have any specific questions. Be sure you take note and pass along that number.
- If there are concerns or questions please contact: judgestest@ussailing.org
- Do not contact the Race Administration office. A member of the testing working party will respond to you as soon as practicable.

Be sure to also consult with your RAJ or the Chair of JETTS for any specific questions or feedback. All input is welcome.

A Guideline for testing can be found at the US Sailing Judges web page.

The test will be available on and after March 1, 2016. The link to the test site is:

<https://www.classmarker.com/online-test/start/?quiz=cve54ee0184580ca>

This link is confidential and cannot be used unless one is a renewing judge, and their US Sailing membership number has been entered into the data base by your RAJ or the Testing Working Party (WP)

Good sailing and fair winds