

US Sailing Judges Committee Meeting
April 4, 2018

1. The Meeting was called to order at 1935.
2. In attendance were Sullivan, Krolak, Glover, Balsiger, Mallinson, Crabbe, Collins, Ashton, Kaspar, Simon, Gross.
3. The minutes of the Atlanta Meeting Minutes were approved as written.
4. Welcome to Mike Groves the new Area G RAJ.
5. *Guidelines for Hearings Involving Support Persons*, crafted by Wayne Balsiger, can be found on <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/judges/judge-guidelines/>.
6. Test Taking Period. After much discussion, the test-taking window remains the last year of current certification. However, if a Judges Workshop is taken then the 30-day window will apply if a participant wished to take the test after attending a JW. The seminar testing option will be in affect any time within the 4-year certification period. Joe Krolak made the motion that AJUW Instructors be required to take a test to recertify as other judges. The motion was seconded and approved. The comment was made that the instructors should want to take the test to get a feel for the test.
7. CEEs - Krolak made the motion that the 90-minute Safe Sport certification course and testing fall under the proposed "Webinar" event, earning participants 8 CEUs (and, since they need to engage in the webinar every two years, a total/maximum of 16 CEUs over a four-year period). The motion was seconded and approved. Joe requested again that everyone look over the CEU list that he sent out earlier and also add topics to the Round Table query that he also sent out previously. He will resend both.
8. Arbitrator's Role in a hearing as prescribed in the Judges Manual - Deferred to another meeting.
9. Chapter 12 - Mike Kaspar is continuing to edit and stream-line the very complicated chapter of the requirements for US Sailing Judge. Please review what he sent out and send him any comments. The need for a table was re-iterated.
10. Safe Sport - Sarah Ashton brought up the fact that at the present time there is no reporting system set up by US Sailing to handle the cases that are not directly to local law enforcement (bullying, stalking, harassment etc.). Bill Simon stressed the need for a system to investigate any allegations. The race officials, instructors etc. should not be put in this position. Sarah Ashton will stress to the Race Administration Committee that there be a uniform reporting system across all disciplines. Krolak has met with Jeff Johnson to incorporate Safe Sport into training seminars.

11. Recertification Application – It was felt that the Recertification Application was too complicated. The lists of events were not needed, just that the candidate’s SOARS was up to date. Ashton will get with Matt Hill to simplify the application.
12. Judge to Regional Judge Title Change – Much discussion ensued on the title change. Some felt that the change would signal a demotion to some judges. Others felt that it would be a promotion. Some suggested that a new judge certification would receive the title Region Judge, others would retain Judge. Edith Collins made the motion to change the title from Judge to Regional Judge. The motion was seconded and soundly defeated.
13. Applications for Certification
 - i. Mark Smith - Rick Mallinson Approved National Judge Certification
 - ii. William Campbell (renewal) – Steve Schupak Approved 2018 Judge RecertificationAshton will notify US Sailing Race Administration
14. The meeting was adjourned at 2050.