

US Sailing Judges Committee Minutes
via Conference Call
Monday August 6, 2018

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1931 hrs.
- II. In attendance were Ashton, Balsiger, Collins, Crabbe, Glover, Gross, Kaspar, Krolak, Martinson, Roth, Simon and Sullivan.
- III. June minutes were approved as submitted.
- IV. Judges Manual and Chapter 12 update –
Mary Savage and Matt Hill have been diligently working on the JM which is near completion. Mike Kaspar shared his work on Chapter 12, especially the National Judge certification qualifications. He will incorporate these with minor changes into the chapter. The consensus was that specific requirements such as number of hearings, hearings chaired etc. would be removed to a separate document on the Judges page. This would allow for easier altering of the specific qualifications. The chapter would still have the general qualifications, experience, personal, technical and physical attributes and explanation of the certification levels.
- V. Judge-in-Training Tracking – Rick Mallinson is willing to take this on. After some discussion the conclusion was that the best way to track JITs is to have the lead instructor of the Club Judge Seminar inform US Sailing Race Administration of those participants interested in becoming a Club Judge. Bruce Martinson will add a slide requesting that the participants tell the lead instructor that he/she would like to become a JIT. Race Admin can then designate those persons as JITs and enter them into SOARs. This way they will show on the Certified Officials List in SOARs allowing the RAJs to communicate with them.
- VI. Protest Day update – Bill Simon and Joe Krolak stated that all the materials for Protest Day are now in Dropbox and can be obtained after the event and Chair (Chief Judge) have been approved by the JETTS Committee.
References from Protest Day were discussed. The motion was made, seconded and approved to allow an attendee to obtain one reference from the Chief Judge to be applied to certification.
- VII. CEEs CEUs – Joe Krolak distributed the lasted CEU chart. After a brief discussion, the motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt and publish the chart with minor corrections to be done by Joe as the final version. It will be ready to be posted and distributed.
- VIII. Renewal applications status – Sarah Ashton stated that very few of those up for renewal have taken the tests, so the RAJs need to send out a final notice.
The renewal of G. Barbato and B. Smith were discussed and approved.
There was ensuing discussion on Club Judge recommendations. They need a recommendation from the lead instructor of the Club Judge Seminar, which is not electronic, and a recommendation from a Judge or National Judge which is provided electronically.
- IX. New Applications – Carrie Greene’s application for National Judge was approved.
- X. Other Business -

US Sailing/Sail Canada Judge certifications were discussed at length. Some of the points brought up were: What is the need for both certifications? The need to look closely at new applications to make sure a candidate is not circumventing his/her NMA. Require a letter of recommendation from the applicant's original NMA, as well as US ones. The Judge Committee policy needs to be in line with the Race Administration Committee's. Sarah Ashton will contact Warren Nethercote, Chair of Sail Canada Judge Subcommittee.

Welcome to the new Area H RAJ – Mike Roth. This Committee thanks to Tom Pochereva for his years of service as RAJ for Hawaii.

Discussion ensued on the feasibility of debriefing for all that wished it, not just those that did not pass. Again, it was reiterated that that would be arduous on the Test Chair and RAJ because of the number taking the test. Ric Crabb will look into the system currently used by Race Management that briefly shows the answers to the incorrect questions.

XI. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2129.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Ashton
Chair US Sailing Judges' Committee