

2019 Judge's Committee Meeting
Monday December 16
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chair Sarah Ashton at 7:30 PM EST 4:30 PM PST

I. Roll Call

Attendees

Chair Sarah Ashton

Wayne Balsiger, JC Secretary

RAJ's: Nancy Glover, Area A

Mary Pierce, Incoming Area A RAJ

Bruce Cook, RAJ Area B

Jim Walsh, Area C

Edith Collins, Area D

Nancy Zangerle, Area E

Rick Mallinson, Area F

Michael Gross, Area G

Michael Roth, Area H

Steve Schupak, Area J

Mike Kaspar, Area K

Craig Daniels, Area L

Matt Hill, Race Administration Director

Bill Simon, Chair Judges Training and Testing Subcommittee

Bruce Martinson, Club Judge Administrator

II. Approval of Oct Minutes

October meeting minutes approved

III. Recertifications

Committee Reviewed Recertifications from each area. These are tracked in a spreadsheet and those that meet requirements are recertified. Any that do not meet, can be given a 6 month grace period. Also noted are Judge retirements and recertification at a lower level.

IV. New Applications

a) *Warren Collier – Edith* Approved as RJ

b) *Amy Ferreira – Nancy* Approved as NJ

c) *Sam Veileux – Mike K* Approved as NJ

V. Documents Pending

a) *RAJ Guide – Wayne Balsiger*

We have made good progress on the RAJ Guide. I am reviewing latest edits. Still short a few sections including retaking the test when one fails. My intention is to send out for final review by my committee this year and then send to JC for review and approval.

b) *Advanced Judges Seminar – Bill Simon*

Bill and sub-committee have about 110 slides ready to go for the January 25 test.

c) *Judges' Plan of Improvement – Jim Walsh*

Will have in near future.

d) *Change US Sailing Judge Certification Requirements - pg 11 Procedures for Unsuccessful Applications – c) and d) ~~written~~ test*

For Matt, need to make several changes to what is shown on the web-site. In this case delete the word written. Also with Regional Judge replacing Judge, that change can be made on a number of places on the

web-site. Another reminder is to fix the Out of Area change form.

VI. Other Business time permitting

e) Number of times to retake test.

Debrief is optional because we give tester the correct answers.

Page 11 of Judge Certification. Judges Manual should refer to the certification page. Seven (7) days is now the correct delay required, not 30, on how soon you can take the retest. There is currently inconsistency between Judges Manual and web-site on retesting. The website is more current information and soon will reflect seven days.

Longer term we want the Judges manual to be more general and to refer to the website. This allows more timely changes by having the document on the web-site.

A tester can take a third test without approval of the JC. If more than 3 fails, need permission of JC.

Bill Simon expands on this:

“There is a discrepancy about how many times a prospective judge can re-take the test before having to retake the seminar. We agreed last night that they can take it a second time simply by requesting from their instructor, RAJ or Race Officials staff at US Sailing. They need the RAJ approval for a third time and the JC approval for a fourth time.

We should be clear that neither the current AJS nor the re-write in progress AJS spend much time on the boat on boat rules. They are addressed in the homework only. Thus re-taking the seminar is not a significant support for the test. My understanding for the RAJ approval after two failures and JC approval after three failures is to make sure that whomever needs that many re-takes is a serious candidate who likely will make a strong judge. Additionally, if that candidate needs support like a paper test, reader / writer or extra time we make sure that support is available early in the process.”

Mike Stainsby is approved to take the test a fourth time. Motion Passes.

For people with learning issues, they can take a proctored test or take on paper.

f) Significant Race Committee Experience – needed for Certification. What is considered “Significant”?

Basically see the other side of race management. Understand nuances of running a races is all about. Candidate has been around a RC enough to understand what they do.

g) Four members on the call will not be at the Atlanta In-person meeting in February. Sarah will send out info on how to reserve your room this year.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 EST, 5:49 PST

Wayne Balsiger
JC Secretary