

US Sailing Judges Committee
Conference Call
Jan 20, 2016
2000 hrs.

Minutes

On Call: Steve Wrigley – Chair, Joe Krolak-JETTS, Cliff Black Communications Lead, Nancy Glover-A, Ric Crabbe-C, Sarah Ashton-D, Doc Sullivan-E, John Siegel-G, Tom Pochereva-H, Latham Bell-J, Mike Kaspar-K. Wayne Balsiger-L

1. Roll Call and Welcome
2. JC alignment for 2016

Welcomed new Area K RAJ Mike Kaspar. Mike is Certified Judge and Umpire as well as an active sailor from the Chicago area. Mike's contact information will be placed on the web shortly.

The JC and US Sailing expressed their great appreciation to Bruce Martinson for his dedication and skill for the past 6 years as the Area K RAJ. We are pleased that Bruce will continue to be part of the JC as the Program Director for the Club Judge Program.

We are also please the have Tom Pochevera return to the JC for his 2nd term as RAJ for Area H.

We are indebted to Kerry Sullivan who has been jury secretary for the past 2 years. Kerry has committed to continuing her college courses and will focus on those goals. The JC and US Sailing send our thanks and good wishes for continued success in her efforts.

3. Renewals for 16. New applications

All RAJs were asked to contact their renewing 2016 judges with a reminder that all qualifications must be met before the end of the year. If renewal quals are not met, a judge will have 6 months to complete them but during that time will not be a certified judge. If not completed by the end of that 6 month period a judge will be required by the Regs to reapply for certification.

The JC congratulates and welcomes to our Judge Corps two new judges.

Ned Thompson Area C Judge

Shannon Bush Area F Judge

4. Online Testing

The online test is down for the month of February to archive data from 2015 and fine-tune the test questions. This is planned to take place annually.

This year there will be an exception as the down period will be extended to the 15th of February. All judges will be notified of when the test will be back up.

The Testing WP has reviewed all test questions for 2015 and have requested several changes be made to the data base. Most of all those who were not successful in their exam testing have been debrief either in person or via a video conference call.

A new introduction page will be added to the test and a hints document will be found on the judges website. A special information document will be sent each year to those judges who are renewing.

5. Club Judge Program

No news to report at this time. There are 65 CJ certified since the program was introduced and 2016 will be the first year of renewals for the program.

6. CEEs and Seminars schedule

Joe confirmed to the JC the proper procedures for Advanced Judge seminars. Applications are online and must be filled out by the host. All are submitted to the Chair of JETTS for approval as conflicted and need are ascertained. The Chair then works with the Host to appoint a certified ADJ seminar instructor.

Club Judges Seminars are to be schedule through the Area RA J and must be approved by the CJ Program lead. Applications to host are found online. The RAJ and CJ Program lead will assist in appointing an instructor.

7. International Judge application and procedures

All judges who are interested in becoming an International World Sailing (formerly ISAF) Judge must have their US application into the Judges Committee by June 1st of this year. All supporting documents per the Judges Manual Sdsdsection 12 (link found on the judges page at US Sailing) must be in by the same date.

World Sailing requires all applications and references be submitted by Sept 1.

NOTE: these two applications are separate processes and both deadlines must be met.

All RAJs are to mentor Judges who are following this path.

8. JM edits for 2016

Edits and corrections to the manual will be sent to John Siegel's attentions to develop a draft for submission to the JC. Final corrections are expected to be in place by March 1.

9. JCAM assignments

The updating of the JCAM (Judges Committee Administration Manual) continues with some RAJs drafts still to be submitted. The final draft is expected to take place at the JC meeting at the end of Feb.

10. Communications, Marketing

The JC welcomed Cliff Black our new Marketing and Communications Director (MCD) for the committee. The MCD will be responsible to the increase communications from and to our judge corps and the JC. The goal of the JC is to provide better information and new judge tools on a timely basis to our corps.

His are will be come an avenue of information to the Judge Corps as well as an avenue of communication from the Judge Corps.

9. Other

The Judges Committee member will be meeting in St. Louis for a face to face meeting Feb 27th.

Adjourned 2107hrs

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Jan 28, 2016