

US Sailing Judges Committee Meeting

Feb 27, 2016 – 0800 hrs.

Minutes

1. Roll Call and Welcome

JC meeting held in St. Louis. First full meeting face to face since 2014.

In attendance: Steve Wrigley-Chair, Joe Krolak-JETTS, Bruce Martinson-Club Judge Program Director, Cliff Black-MCD, Nancy Glover – Area A, Sarah Ashton – Area D, Doc Sullivan – Area E, John Siegel – Area G, Mike Kaspar – Area K, Wayne Balsiger – Area L.

A quorum of the JC was present.

2. Judges Manual (JM) Changes for 2016

- a. Changes for 2016 were voted upon and will be published online no later than April 1, 2016. Each change will be marked with a vertical line in the left margin. This will be brought to the attention of the Judge Corps in the upcoming News Blast and also in the new semi-annual “Facts and Conclusions.”
- b. JM layout and content were reviewed with respect to the major revisions for the new quad. The JM is quite hefty in its current state but is very informative for new and up-and-coming judges.
- c. The 2017-2020 Rules and Changes to the JM will be led by Doc Sullivan, RAJ for Area E. All members of the JC are to contribute by reviewing a given section. It is expected that we will have the final rule changes from World Sailing by June 1st. The goal of the JC is to have the final draft by Nov so that it will be ready for publication in December.

3. Renewals for 2016 – New applications

- a. New renewal letter been sent to all those renewing in 2016. It serves as reminder for the Continuing Education Units that are needed to renew. CEUs are provided by seminars and roundtables, and in the future clinics and webinars. See Section 12 of the JM for all qualifications.
- b. Blast from Marketing and Communications Director (MCD) will be coming in April updating the Judge Corps with news and JC direction. This new arm of the JC will be lead by Cliff Black.
- c. Discussion on the impact that arbitration and on-the-water umpiring might have on renewal qualifications in the future.
- d. If a judge has previously passed a written test and is to renew in 2016, 2017 or 2018 that test will be valid.

4. Online Testing

- a. Retest and Testing Polices will be published on the web in the guidelines section found on the judges page at US Sailing

- b. The test is back up again as of March 1st. The future goal is to have the test platform down for maintenance during the month of January, back up on Feb 1. New issues delayed this year's start up date.
- c. New editing parameters are now in place that allow instant access for corrections and score updates. Each RAJ and/or instructor will be notified when a candidate has not passed the test. Debriefs are then arranged for a full review with the candidate. After taking the seminar each attendee will have 30 days to take the test using the link provided based on registration. Passing marks from seminars are posted as soon as possible after the test has closed.
- d. The RAJs in addition to their access to SOARS information will be provided a monthly report from the RAD with the Monthly test results.
- e. Test scores are posted as soon as possible after the test has closed, and not more than 30 days after the test closes.
- f. All RAJs will be advised as soon as possible regarding an unsuccessful candidate from their area.

5. Club Judge Program

Bruce Martinson, Director

- a. 2016 will begin our first year of renewal for the Club Judge program. Their RAJ and the CJ Director will review each candidate for test results and CEUs, NOTE: Each renewing CJ must submit an application (found on line at the judges website).
- b. A section of the JCAM will have details in its appendix of steps to become and instructor. This will be published on the web.

6. CEEs and Seminars schedule

Joe Krolak, JETTS Chair

- a. Procedure for scheduling and approval of seminars and roundtable was discussed. Host must contact their RAJ and must submit an online application. This is then reviewed by the JETTS chair for possible conflict and once approved is added to the US Sailing seminar calendar.
- b. The above procedure is also required for roundtables.
- c. The development of Clinics is still a priority with the JC, but is moving slower than had been hoped. The new goal is to have one or two as test events by the 4th quarter.

7. JCAM

- a. The Judges Committee Administrative Manual (JCAM) is the guide for the JC on how the committee must function. It is distributed to members of the JC with parts and sections published on the web. The JCAM is to contain all of the forms and guidelines that are published by the Judge Corps. The first draft was reviewed for comments. Not all sections were complete and some will need further editing. Note: the JCAM is the 2nd of 2 manuals that are authoritative for JC procedures and guideline. A published reference article can only come from the JM or the JCAM, and must be identical in format and content to that found in its manual.
- b. A new goal of May 1st is set for publication for this year and will be reviewed again for 2017.

8. Communications, Marketing Cliff Black, Communications Director
- a. Under the leadership of Cliff, two new publications will be issued from the JC. A news blast that will come several times a year (4-6) and a Judges letter called Facts and Conclusions. The goal is to have this large edition provide more in-depth articles and items to assist our judges in their duties serving our sailors.
9. New Business
- a. Discussion on providing additional tools that our judges can access via the internet. These tools would be in the form of mock hearing procedures, discussion points, rules quiz regatta, etc., that the Chief Judge could use when racing is delayed or cancelled.

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