

US Sailing Judges Committee
Conference Call
Jan 18, 2017
2000 hrs.

Minutes

1. Roll Call and Welcome

Nancy Glover-A, Bill Simon-B, Ric Crabbe-C, Sarah Ashton-D, Rick Sullivan-E, Rick Mallinson-F, John Siegel-G, Tom Pocherva-H, Latham Bell-J, Wayne Balsiger-L, Cliff Black,

A quorum was present.

2. JC alignment for 2017

- The JC welcomed Bill Simon as the new RAJ for Area B. Bill is located on Long Island in NY and is the Sailing Director for Oakcliff Sailing.
- Many thanks to John Mooney, outgoing RAJ for Area B, for his skills, knowledge and contributions to our judges over the last 3 years in his service to the JC and our sailors in Area B.
- Congratulations to Sarah Ashton who has been appointed as Vice Chair of the Judges Committee.

3. Renewals for 16. New applications

- Congratulations to Randy Smith Area J who was approved as a National Judge.
- Our RAJs were reminded to follow with all judges who were to renew in 2016 that there was a 6 month time period to bring quals up to certification level. As all disciplines in US Sailing each must have their quals done by June 30th, 2017. Each official is not a certified official during this time period.

4. Online Testing

- It was confirmed that the online testing for both Club Judge and Advanced Judge will be down and inaccessible for January and February. During this time all data from the platform is downloaded and saved. New questions and the refining of existing questions are being undertaken. New questions to cover the new rules for 2017-2020 are being added.

- All tests will be back online now later than March 1st. Sooner if all of the quality standards have been met at which time the judge corps will be advised.
- Seminar takers during Jan and Feb will have to wait until March 1st before having access to their tests. The RAD will advise all seminar takers by email when there will be access.

5. Club Judge Program

- The year has started off well for our CJ seminars with 5 taking place in late January and early Feb. All seminars are listed on the US Sailing calendar. A goal for 2017 will be a minimum of 44 seminars. That would be take just 2 per Area to achieve.
- Instructors will be encouraged to be much more proactive in setting up seminars. Our instructors are asked to be the leading edge of developing new seminars and to insure that CJ seminars are designed for use within each club, not necessarily a region.
- As stated above, the test will be offline for Jan and Feb. There will be 5 or more seminars where the attendees will not be able to take their test right after the seminar ends. All will have their test window open up on March 1st and will be notified by the RAD with test connection information.

6. JETT Program report

- The JETT's seminar program is being changed to meet the new Rules that have been introduced for 2017-2020 quad.
- The new Racing Rules 2017-2020 will be added as one of the topics as a choice for Roundtable organizers. All are reminded that a Roundtable Organizers must apply for certification in order to earn CEU (continuing education units). Full details can be found on the Judges website.

7. International Judge applications 2017

- All JC members were reminded that all applications to be a international Judge representing US Sailing must be received by June 1st of this year.
- The JC vetting process of candidates for international judge can take as long as 2-3 months to complete initial review.
- Each RAJ was asked to remind their Areas that the application process for US Sailing is separate and in addition to the one for World Sailing. World Sailing's application date is September 1st.

8. JM edits for 2017 -2020

- All edits have been finished under the direction of John Siegel our Area G RAJ. The manual is now being reviewed at US Sailing for structure content. Once completed it will be posted on the judges website.
- All judges are to be reminded that our Judges Manual (JM) is an electric manual and is design to change more that once every 4 year. Updates, when necessary are expected to take place at the end of each year and all judges will be notified of any changes.

9. Communications, Marketing

- The JC will increase the number of corps communication to our judges this year.
- More information of JC changes, rules up dates and information on new procedures and guideline will be added.
- Guidelines for Video Conference hearings, On the Field decisions and Guidelines for Conclusions/Decisions are available on the judges web page.