

US Sailing Judges Committee Meeting Minutes  
via Conference Call  
Monday June 4, 2018

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1931 hrs.
- II. In attendance were Ashton, Balsiger, Collins, Crabbe, Glover, Gross, Hill, Kaspar, Mallinson, Martinson, Schupak, Simon and Sullivan.
- III. April minutes were approved as submitted.
- IV. Judges Manual Chapter 12 update – Matt Hill presented two tables, *Personal Attributes* and *Ch 12 Requirements Matrix*, to supplement/replace and/or be an addition to Ch 12. This is all in the attempt to keep the manual short and simpler. During the discussion, the requirements for Club Judge (CJ) renewal were reviewed. The motion was made, seconded and approved that for renewal will need 4 hearings with facts found, two of which need to be with a Judge or National Judge one of whom will submit a reference for that CJ's renewal. Bruce Martinson will suggest the wording for the JM. Mike Kaspar reviewed the qualifications for National Judge. The main issue was the requirements for being Chief Judge at four events. The 2016 JM was consulted and it was agreed that that version be followed, briefly chief judge at 4 events at the Regional level or higher. Hill questioned whether or not the requirements were too complex and onerous as this committee often struggles with the qualifications. Hill, Kaspar and Rick Sullivan will have a conference call to review Chapter 12 with the new clarifications. Kaspar and Hill were both thanked for the tremendous amount of time and effort they have put into Ch 12.
- V. Protest Day update – Bill Simon stated that there have been three so far and that they all have went very well. Hill gave a summary of the latest one in Newport. Simon stated that the syllabus with instructions and scripts is ready to go "national". Hill suggested that a description of the Protest Day (PD) seminar that describes the setup, goals, and expectations of the seminar be published on the site so that people can see what it takes to hold one and what to expect if participating in one. The actual materials for PD would remain with the JETT Committee. Simon stated that PD is an excellent teaching experience and added that Bruce Cook and Joe Krolak have put a tremendous amount of work into the program. Nancy Glover questioned instructors giving references from hearings at PD. Simon felt that it was a great opportunity to observe someone especially as it is up to five hearings so a reference would be highly relevant.
- VI. Clinic update – Steve Wrigley has completed two modules and will submit them to Krolak.

- VII. Continuing Education (CE) – Sarah Ashton will check with Krolak on the status of the final chart listing the CE units for the various events. Hill emphasized that the Administration staff need the most up-to-date version to assign CE units to the judges. It was discussed and agreed upon that those renewing can use the current CE units for teaching seminars prior to the system being implemented in 2015.
- VIII. International Judges (IJ) mentoring – Rick Mallinson is establishing a mentoring program for those wishing to become IJs. His goal is to be able to track and communicate with those that wish to move forward. He is working on the mechanics of this mentoring. World Sailing (WS) has recently updated/clarified the qualifications. Communications is the key to keep the applications apprised of the qualifications and of time table for applying through US Sailing for the needed recommendation. He is also working on a committee of established IJs that could advise the candidates as to the strength of their qualifications and the necessary steps to correct any deficiencies.
- IX. Renewal applications status – Ashton reminded the RAJs to keep up with their judges' progress in renewing their certifications. Discussion ensued on various aspects of the recertification process. To recertify one has to take the test with a seminar, the test being in the current quadrennium, or within the last 18 months before the end of the current certification. If any judge needs the code to take the test he/she or the RAJ can contact Hill or Reagan.
- X. New applications -
  - a. Hickman IJ application – Presented by Wayne Balsiger. The JC approved to recommend Hickman's application for WS IJ to the US Sailing Board of Directors contingent upon a favorable reference for a Lead WS IJ from the 2018 Melges 24 Worlds. Ashton will notify Hill if/when the recommendation meets the Committee's approval.
  - b. Hawkins IJ application – Steve Schupak presented the application. The JC approved to recommend Hawkins' application for IJ to the US Sailing Board or Directors.
- XI. Other business - 2019 Judges Committee Meeting – Ashton noted that there were two suggestions other than Atlanta for the meeting, Las Vegas NA and Annapolis MD. Kaspar is still looking into both options. The suggestion was made that the meeting be scheduled for Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.
- XII. The meeting was adjourned at 2118 hrs.