

US Sailing Judges Committee Minutes  
via Conference Call  
Monday October 15, 2018

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1930 hrs.
- II. In attendance were Ashton, Balsiger, Collins, Crabbe, Glover, Gross, Kaspar, Krolak, Hill, Lindgren, Mallinson, Martinson, Roth, Schupak, Simon and Sullivan.
- III. August minutes were approved as submitted.
- IV. Judges Manual and Chapter 12 update – JM is near completion. Chapter 12 was discussed. Mike Kaspar's detailed revised Chapter 12 – **US Sailing Judges Program** - will be the definitive stand-alone document covering certification/recertification qualifications. This would allow for easier altering of the specific qualifications. The chapter within the manual would still have the general qualifications, experience, personal, technical and physical attributes and explanation of the certification levels. Mike will resend the final **US Sailing Judges Program** to the JC.
- V. Judge to National Judge (NJ) Upgrade term - Rick Mallinson pointed out the loop-hole where by someone could receive an upgrade from Judge to NJ in his/her second year of the four-year Judge term and not have to take a test and meet the CEUs required for seven years. He made the motion that when one upgrades from Judge to NJ, his/her four-year term is not upgraded i.e. if there were 2 years left in the Judge certification term he/she would need a test during those 2 years, not in four years. The motion was seconded. Much discussion ensued. One alternative suggestion was to require a test within 18 months of upgrading to NJ. The motion was defeated. Joe Krolak recommended that this issue be further studied with a more appropriate solution being formulated.
- VI. Paper Tests – The need to administer a paper test as opposed to the electronic test was discussed. Matt Hill stated that the policy has been that there needs to be a medical reason why one cannot take the electronic test. If it is deemed a necessity to take a paper test, one is generated by Ric Crabbe, mailed to the RAJ or approved proctor who will administer the test and mail the test and answer sheet back. Steve Schupak reminded the Committee that we need more qualified judges and we need to be more tolerant. It was suggested that someone asking to take the paper test be encouraged to take the electronic one. If he/she does not pass it, the RAJ can do a debrief and then request a paper test. This could be expedited and the person not have to wait the required month.
- VII. New Applications – Scott Melander's application for Judge was approved. Anne Newton's appointment to Judge Emeritus was approved.
- VIII. Recertifications will be finalized at the next meeting.
- IX. US Sailing/Sail Canada Judge certifications - Sarah Ashton contacted Warren Nethercote, Chair of Sail Canada Judge Subcommittee who did not express concern over dual certifications. It was noted that at the present time, Sail Canada judges are taking the US Course and a Sail Canada Advanced Judges Seminar (AJUS) is acceptable substitute for the US Sailing AJUS on a case by case basis. The question rose to why does one want two certifications? Sail Canada offers the same insurance in and out of country. A former Sail Canada Judge Subcommittee chair did express concern over dual certifications

The need to look closely at new applications to make sure a candidate is not circumventing his/her NMA. The consensus was that those already certified in both MNA would be grand-fathered in, but should not be continued. This issue will be forwarded to the US Sailing Race Administration Committee.

- X. Round Table (RT) – Joe Krolak stated that the application system is in place and that 90-day posting is the normal time frame, but exceptions can be made upon request and with good reason. Nancy Glover is going to provide more guidance as to content of the RTs while keeping the event free-flowing. Both Joe and Nancy stressed that educational value of the RTs will be maintained.
- XI. Safe Sport (SS) – Mike Gross raised the question as to what happens Jan 1 to those that are not required to recertify that have not completed the SS requirement? Matt Hill suggested that US Sailing and the Race Admin. Committee will be examining the number of non-compliant officials there are on January 1 and decide the precise wording/consequence under the US Olympic Committee guidelines.
- XII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2113 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Ashton  
Chair US Sailing Judges' Committee