

US Sailing Umpire Committee Minutes

Monday, November 26, 2018

Present: Kathy Lindgren, Chair; Peter Wilson; Glenn Oliver; Bruce Cook; Charlie Arms; Greg Kiely; David Pyron

Call to order: 1930 EST

Agenda Items:

1. Committee membership – all currently serving have agreed to remain on committee
2. Committee Charter – the 2010 Charter provided by Bruce will be reviewed, updated and submitted to US Sailing Board of Directors prior to 1/23/2019.
3. Recertifications – the list of umpires with certifications expiring at the end of 2018 were reviewed. The following recertifications were approved:
 - a. Regional Umpire
 - i. Jared Hickman
 - ii. Eric Robbins (submitted 9/18)
 - b. National Umpire
 - i. Bill Simon
 - ii. Lance Smotherman
 - iii. Steve Schupak
4. Umpire Assessors
 - a. Regional – 6 approved. Kathy Lindgren to replace Charlie Arms
 - b. National – 14 approved. Charlie Arms to replace Henry Menin
5. Seminars – Discussion was held regarding seminar content for the 3 disciplines; Match, Team and Fleet.
 - a. Match was updated 2 years ago and current. Would like to obtain new video. Action item: Committee members asked to provide potential sources of video to use.
 - b. Team currently being updated. A Team Race Seminar is currently scheduled for January 18, 2019 at St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, FL. Peter Wilson instructor.
 - c. Fleet content has been developed. Discussion was held regarding enhancement of umpire positioning. Action item: Dave and Charlie to review and update as needed. Dave reported World Sailing (WS) has only Fleet Race Umpire Seminars on the schedule for 2019 (Long Beach?) and 2020 (New York?) as well as other locations across the world. WS also creating a proposed Appendix Q to replace Addendum Q for Fleet Umpired events. US requests for changing current Modified Addendum Q at an event must be submitted to Rob Overton as Chair of the Racing Rules Committee and Matt Hill.
6. CEU's – Discussion was held to establish continuing education to supplement/replace the need for seminar attendance every 4 years. Action item: Glenn will circulate information from a prior discussion to build from. Will be added to the next meeting agenda.

7. Mentoring – Charlie will distribute a spreadsheet of umpires. Action item: Committee members should review and identify mentors to provide any needed assistance to UIT's seeking certification; RU's seeking national certification and NU's seeking International certification. Mentors may also need to assist linking these individuals to potential events via OA's, Chief Umpires, etc.
8. Communication – Charlie has created an email grouping of all umpires to use to distribute WS communications (Rapid Response Calls, Q&A's, etc.). The committee approved posting minutes of its meetings on the Umpire page of the US Sailing website for member access.

Old Business:

None

Round table:

1. Glenn noted that we lack an Umpire Administrative Manual. Action item: Matt to provide a Race Admin template that can be used to develop a manual consistent with the Judges and other certified race officials. Will be added to the next meeting agenda.
2. Charlie reported AYC will be holding a Race Administration Summit the last weekend of February. Offers an opportunity to discuss Umpiring in addition to Judging and RC.
3. The committee noted that the criteria for US Sailing endorsement for WS IU is missing from the website. Bruce produced the prior document. Discussion was held regarding the requirement a candidate be certified as a Judge. The committee decision is to retain the requirement. Action item: Matt will provide the Committee with a revised and updated document indicating a National Umpire requesting endorsement for IU certification shall be a certified 'Judge or National Judge' to review before posting on the website.
4. Greg noted a trend that high school and college regattas no longer using certified umpires at their events. Discussion was held regarding ways to engage this group. No real solutions at this time; need to continue outreach.
5. Dave requested ability to use data from SOARS to target gaps in training, event coverage, etc. Matt will investigate.

Adjourn: 2122 EST

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lindgren

Chair US Sailing Umpire's Committee