

Judges' Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday October 21st

1. The meeting was called to order at 1930.
2. Present were Glover, Cook, Walsh, Collins, Mallinson, Gross, Schupak, Kaspar, Daniels, Ashton, Simon, Lindgren, Martinson, Balsiger and Hill.
3. The August minutes are approved as written.
4. Continuing Education updates - Bill Simon
The AJS is behind schedule. The roll-out seminar will be presented the end of January. Some of the clinics are going to be previewed at the College Nationals. Bill will send a synopsis of the clinics to the Committee members.
Nancy Glover stated that the round tables and “pop-up” round tables are doing well.
5. RAJ Guide - Wayne Balsiger
The guide is behind schedule. Craig Daniels sent out the draft to the Committee. Wayne gave an overview of the content. Each member is asked to review the document and make any comments, suggestions or corrections no later than Nov 10th to Wayne.
6. Club Judge - Bruce Martinson
The seminar has been updated and ready to go.
7. Background Checks (BCs)- Matt Hill
Matt discussed and clarified some of the background check policies including guidelines for privacy.
Race Admin and Compliance are strongly recommending that US Sailing will cover all the costs for BCs
8. Guidelines for complaints/grievances against race officials - Jim Walsh
Matt Hill, Justin Sterk, Compliance Officer US Sailing, and Jim along with Randy Draftz, Chairman of the Race Administration Committee (RAC), are working on a guidance document for reports regarding certified officials while engaged in their role as a certified official. The document will comply with both US Sailing Regulations 4, 14 & 15 and the Ted Stevens Act which is a US law. A draft of this document should be ready for the RAC next month. All the committees within the RAC will have the opportunity to vet the document.
9. Out of Area requirements for initial and recertification - Rick Mallinson
Proposed changes to the *US Sailing Judge Certification Requirements*:
 - 4.3 National Judge**
 - a) Initial certification**

Delete **4.3 a) 3) iii** which allows for exceptions to out of area events.
The motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the deletion. There was one opposed.
 - b) Renewal of certification**

Change **4.3 b) 3) iii** to “At the discretion of the JC, a one-time exception may be made for a candidate who has served on six or more protest committees at the national or international level, of which fewer than two events meet the distance

requirement. This exception should be made for someone with extensive experience.”

The motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the change. There were three opposed.

10. Atlanta February Meeting dates

Committee members will submit her/his preference by October 28.

11. Applications

- a. Ray Groble is approved for Regional Judge Certification
- b. Bill Simon is approved for National Judge Certification
- c. Pricilla Gettis is approved for National Judge Certification
- d. Renewals were reviewed. 4 renewals will be submitted to Race Admin.
Remaining deferred to Dec. meeting.

12. Other business

Matt and Justin Sterk will be attending a Safe Sport (SS) Best Practices Conference that will address how MGBs handle issues under SS which may answer many of the lingering SS questions.

13. The Meeting was adjourned at 2058

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Ashton, Chairman