

Minutes of US Sailing Race Management Committee Meeting (Conference Call)
June 16, 2020

Called to order by Taran Teague at 1930 E

RMC - Wayne Coulon, Tom Duggan, Taran Teague, Jeff Johnson, Bill Stump, Chris Luppens, Lynn Lynch, Becky Ashburn and Matt Hill (Race Admin Director).

AROs - Mary Ellen DeFrias (A), Cynthia Parthemos (B), Sharon Hadsell (C), JD Rosser (D), Steve Harris (E), Jack Yoes (F), Jeff Zarwell (G), Bruce Ladeira (H), Steven Kuritz (J), Eric Rimkus (L),

The minutes from December 12, 2019 and March 17, 2020 were approved.

Chair RMC - Taran Teague thanked John Strassman for his many years of service on the RMC and as Chair. Becky Ashburn was introduced as a new member of the RMC. Sadly, our good friend and race officer Mark Murphy passed away earlier this month. US Sailing posted a very nice notice detailing his life and specifically his contribution to US Sailing.

US Sailing has done a super job with the transition to digital as we all deal with the pandemic. The Starboard Portal is up and running with pertinent and varied content. Resources on how to run a regatta during a pandemic are on Race Officials web page. The Basic Race Management Seminar, among others, are now on-line. We noted real enthusiasm for our sport as the country begins to reopen.

Charlie Arms – Board Member joined the meeting for an update on the Race Officials Task Force. She mentioned break out groups, a survey to follow, then conclusion and presentation to the Board this Fall.

The RMC discussed alternatives and ideas for race officer certifications, due to the 'lost' events in 2020. Our committee's suggestions will be sent to Race Admin.

Matt mentioned there was one nomination for the St. Pete Trophy. Matt will check to find out if US Sailing will be awarding other trophies/awards this year.

ROT&C – Jeff Johnson/ Lynn Lynch/Mary Ellen Defrias/Becky Ashburn: The One Day RM Seminar (renamed Basic Race Management Seminar) is now ready to go live! Kudos to the ROT& Cert Team and US Sailing for making this happen! The ARMS is also slated to go digital perhaps even by the end of the year. New technologies, learning methodologies, plus race administration coordination has been included. We look forward to the new transparency, plus areas of objectivity around certification.

World Sailing – Tom Duggan stated the complications and challenges for WS due to the pandemic. The financial impacts will also be significant. The WS Annual Meeting will be virtual. WS is also looking at certification renewal options due to many events being cancelled in 2020.

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RRS 2021-2024 – Bill Stump With the new RRS expect a few rule changes: the definition of start and finish for the hull, new definition for sailing the course, new score NSC – Did Not Sail the Course, among others. Matt Hill mentioned new RRS app with considerable improvements. The traditional printed rule book will be sent to Officials. If a printed rule book is requested from others, there will be a fee. Roll out date – October.

Certifications Approved in Executive Session:

Bjorn Hooper - RRO Renewal Approved
Jeff Johnson – NRO Renewal Approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Taran Teague
Chair RMC

September 1, 2020