

Minutes of US Sailing Race Management Committee Meeting (Conference Call)  
Sept. 15, 2020

Called to order by Taran Teague at 1930 E

RMC and US Sailing Staff Attendees: Wayne Coulon, Tom Duggan, Taran Teague, Jeff Johnson, Bill Stump, Chris Luppens, Becky Ashburn, Matt Hill (Race Admin Director) and Josh Toso (Marketing Director).

The minutes from June 16, 2020 were approved.

Chair RMC – Taran Teague reported on the Race Officials Task Force led by Charlie Arms. The survey will be sent out next week to race officials and to anyone who has taken a seminar. The results will be analyzed, along with input from the strategy sessions. A draft report should be ready by mid-October with the final report submitted to the BOD.

The RMC's comments on the renewal and certification in 2020 were sent to the RAC. The new policy is now posted on the web site, as well as included in the package for tonight. The policy allows a one-year extension of certification for anyone unable to recertify due to COVID cancellations, as well as a five-year (extended from four) look-back at SOARS.

Staff Report – Matt Hill mentioned the new rule books and app are on target for distribution. Please vote on the selection of the cover photo. The RO background checks are about 80% complete at this time. The staff will continue to push the completion of checks for our officials. Matt concluded with an update on how US Sailing and the staff are dealing with the pandemic and work at home.

Rules – Bill Stump presented the 'almost final' draft of Changes to RRS 2021-2024 that Affect Race Management. Many thanks to Bill for pulling this document together.

ROT&C – Jeff Johnson/ Lynn Lynch/Mary Ellen DeFrias/Becky Ashburn: The One Day RM Seminar (now Basic Race Management Seminar) is now live! Kudos to the ROT& Cert Team and US Sailing for making this happen! We look forward to also having the ARMS on line.

World Sailing – Tom Duggan mentioned the WS meeting will be held virtually this year. The President and VP candidates are posted. Cory Sertl is running as VP candidate. (Subsequently Cory was elected as one of 5 World Sailing VPs.)

Certifications Approved in Executive Session:

Steve Podlich – RRO Initial  
Mark Santorelli - RRO Renewal  
Wayne Coulon – RRO Renewal  
Jeff Johnson – NRO Renewal  
Fairlie Brinkley – NRO Renewal

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Respectfully Submitted,

Taran Teague  
Chair RMC

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