

Judges' Committee Minutes
June 27, 2022 7:00 PM EDT

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Wayne Balsiger at 7:05 PM EDT, 4:05 PM PDT

II. Roll Call

Attendees

Chair Wayne Balsiger

RAJs: Mary Pierce, Area A
Bruce Cook, Area B
Jim Walsh, Area C
Edith Collins, Area D
Nancy Zangerle, Area E
Don Wieneke, Area G
Tom Pochereva, Area H
Steve Schupak, Area J

Members at Large

Sarah Ashton, Judges' Committee Newsletter
Nancy Glover, Round Table Coordinator
David Pyron, Chair Umpires Committee
Darryl Waskow, IJ Candidate Mentor
Matt Hill, Race Administration Director

III. Approval of April Minutes

The April Minutes were approved as written

IV. Announcements – Wayne Balsiger

- RRS 68 Newsletters are now on the Judges' page above the JC Minutes
- Judie McCann updated the Arbitration reporting form for us to reflect 30%, not the former 40%. Thanks to Matt Bounds and Judges at Chicago NOOD spending some spare time reading forms.
- Test-taking for recertification. All Judges are now queued in the CJ or AJ test portal so that they may take the test for recertification at any time. Everyone takes the test, even instructors.
- Working on SOARS queries for RAJs. If you have ideas for some queries, let me know. For example, we can get a list of Certified Race Officials and a list of Judges whose certifications expired in 2021 (Matt Hill stated that some judge information regarding expiration in 2021 has been inexplicably dropped from SOARS).
- The bigger question on why judges are dropping? Discussion about additional requirements required by the US government, including SafeSport, Background checks, and payment for seminars. Matt Hill stated his goal to have no cost for seminars (perhaps just for those in renewal year) approved effective 2023 this year.
- Several judges commented that US Sailing communication is poor.
- Several judges suggested stronger encouragement of reimbursement for judge expenses to OAs

V. Darryl Waskow – IJ Candidate Mentor

- a. No candidates for 2022
- b. Four candidates have contacted Darryl for 2023
- c. IJ Application deadlines: June 1 application to JC, July to USSA BOD, September 1 to WS (goal), October 14 deadline to WS

VI. Race Admin Director Report – Matt Hill

- Insurance
 - Efforts to replace Andres talking with a variety of underwriters and brokers
At least 4 underwriters: Epic, others not named
Tough market. Many are not interested in USSA business since the risk is very difficult to quantify.
 1. Coverage under USSA policy if a US Sailing event (USSA is OA).
 2. If OA is a burgee program club, there is some coverage per incident. Contractor rider may be available.
 3. Other: 25% OA are not US Sailing or Burgee program-related clubs. Large clubs generally do not use the Burgee Program but often use Chubb.
 - Infographics coming
 - Coming soon
 - Two template emails
 - 1 to OA asking what coverage OA has
 - 2 to RO what coverage OA has
 - Checklist for RO to use with Clubs
 - [Insurance for Race Officials](#) page on website will be updated as needed. Matt Hill will check if info is current at this point.
 - USSA should have information about USSA insurance renewals in July/August for 2023.
- Misconduct database status
 - Spreadsheet and file folder
 - Some entries have been submitted

VII. Sarah Ashton – Newsletter

July deadline just after this meeting

Need RAJs to send out and copy Sarah and Wayne

Race Management liked RRS 68 and is starting a newsletter now

VIII. New Applications/upgrades

- a. Tim Hohmann, RJ – Steve Schupak, Approved as RJ
- b. Reminder to check in with Judges whose Certification expires this year. Our aim this year should be to have very few grace period candidates. Let's work hard on getting all the boxes checked before the end of the year.

- IX. Misconduct database reporting, amend December Motion 1 – Nancy Glover
We need to remove "mandatory" and replace with language indicating that this is guidance
Nancy Glover proposes we amend Motion 1 to say:
Create a confidential database at US Sailing to contain Misconduct Information of any penalties imposed under rules 69.2(h) or (i). This will be treated as Guidance under rule 69.
(Motion 1 as passed in December: Create a confidential database at US Sailing to track any actions taken under rule 69.2(h) or 69.2(i) and make reporting to US Sailing mandatory.)
The amended motion passed.
- X. (ECOS) Engine Cut-Off Switches and Link – Nancy Glover
Nancy discussed promoting the use of ECOS and Link (tether or electronic). It is the law, but a change for support persons and Race Officials. Fines go to the operator, not the boat owner.
Dick Rose and Nancy have worked up some language for NoR on expectations of RO
She can send you the suggested text. The short version makes the failure to use the ECOS and Link a violation of a Racing Rule and requires a support person hearing. The longer version allows sending support persons in from racing area without a hearing. Some clubs prefer the immediacy of the later.
- XI. Registering support persons at regattas– Nancy Glover
Good practices with race documents and registration of support persons.
Communicating requirements and expectations with support people.
Recommend issuing flags with numbers to all support persons.
Can get into a future RRS68 newsletter.
Edith suggests that propeller guards be recommended or required as well. These do change the ability of boat speed and maneuverability, can break easily. The cost is approximately \$200.
There were discussions of competitor and support liability insurance.
- XII. Update on Rule 42 Endorsement – Wayne for Craig Daniels, Bill Simon
The Alpha clinic was on May 9. Craig is working on improving it by rearranging material, dropping some not core items, adding better video, and having three instructors. Craig wants to do the next "Beta" clinic in Mid-July, before Opti Nationals
- XIII. RAJ Guide – John Porter
a. John is soon sending out the proposed revisions for the JC to review.
- XIV. Judges Manual Update – Wayne Balsiger
Update status on JM. Making good progress.
- XV. Education – Bill Simon, Bruce Martinson, Bruce Cook
a. Bill proposes: Add to CEUs list: 160 CEUs for attending IJ Seminar (same CEUs as attending AJS).
Approved
b. Bruce Cook will update the CEU form

XVI. New Business

- a. Best Practices
 - i. How do we disseminate them?
 - ii. Good topic for the newsletter
- b. August meeting dates – Wayne

Wayne suggests the week of August 15 or the week of August 22

He will send sheet around for responses

BOD meetings: only possible conflicts are October 14, 15, and December 5

RO 2nd Tuesday of March, June, September, December

Race Mgmt. 3rd Tuesday of March, June, September, December



August 2022

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27

XVII. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM EDT, 5:10 PM PDT

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J Glover