

Judges' Committee Minutes

August 27, 2024

7:00 PM EDT, 4:00 PM PDT

I. Call to order

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

II. Roll Call

Attendees (√ = attended)

Chair √ Wayne Balsiger

RAJs:

- √ Mary Pearce, Area A
- √ Bruce Cook, Area B
- √ Harry Foote, Area C
- √ Jerry Thompson, Area D
- Nancy Zangerle, Area E
- √ Chris Luppens, Area F
- √ Don Wieneke, Area G
- √ Tom Pochereva, Area H
- √ Steve Holmstrom, Area J
- √ John Porter, Area K
- √ Craig Daniels, Area L

Members at Large

- √ Mark Townsend, Chair Judges Training and Testing Subcommittee
- Bruce Martinson, Chair Club Judge Program
- √ Nancy Glover, Round Table Coordinator
- Sarah Ashton, RRS 68 Newsletter
- √ Steve Schupak, Chair, Umpires Committee
- √ Darryl Waskow, IJ Candidate Mentor
- √ Matt Hill, Race Administration Director

III. Approval of Minutes

The June Minutes were approved as written.

IV. Welcome and Announcements – Wayne Balsiger

- a. Thanks to Don Wieneke for helping with meeting notes.
- b. JETTS Chair: I am pleased to announce that Mark Townsend has accepted the JETTS Chair position. Mark has been involved with our education offerings and I think will do a good job filling the big shoes and footprints left by his predecessor, Bill Simon. Thanks to everyone that gave me input on possible candidates.
- c. [Guidelines for Difficult Conversations and Using RO Reports and Complaint Policy](#) are posted on the website under Judges Guidelines and Documents
- d. A Line is an obstruction as defined in the new rule: “an area or line in a *rule* that boats are prohibited from entering or crossing.”
- e. You may have heard about the conflict between part (d) in the 2025-2028 RRS definition Obstruction and rules 30.2, 30.3 and 30.4. The US Rules committee wrote an 'emergency' submission that was sent 7/31, just prior to the 2024 submission deadline.

- f. As part of the US prescriptions, a US Note for 2025-2028 RRS 69 text was approved by the rules committee. We will add a link to the rules page to refer to the Judges' Manual. Should be approved and available shortly after Sept 16, 2024.

SECTION C

MISCONDUCT

US Sailing Note: Before conducting a hearing under rule 69, a protest committee is urged to study the chapter on misconduct in the US Sailing Judges Manual. Go to rules.ussailing.org and click on the link to the Judges Manual.

- g. US Prescriptions are up for approval vote by BoD on September 16th.
- h. Status update on Reg 15 update and the Rule 69 Task Force Bylaw Amendment for Reg 15: The committee members met with Justin Sterk in July and reached consensus on all the changes. Justin was going to find out whether the few changes needed BoD approval again or were just technical changes.
- i. RAJ terms expiring the end of year 2024 – Wayne. Need replacement candidates.
 - a. Bruce Cook
 - b. Nancy Zangerle
 - c. Craig Daniels

V. Race Admin Director Report – Matt Hill

- a. Update on insurance counts. NASO.org insurance is available via US Sailing group discount. 103 race officials took , 54 judges, 73 RO, 7 Umpires
Refunds for those who signed up early
- b. Update on personnel Changes at US Sailing.
- c. Update on financial structure at USS.
- d. Update on LMS (Learning Management System) platform is in place starting with Safety at Sea. Race Admin will be last group and be in 2025. Q1 2025.
 - i. Platform is in place and working on transitioning courses.
 - 1. Salesforce platform: New Start Mobile.
 - 2. SOARS continues but will transfer to new platform.
 - ii. Race admin courses are being designed to make the new platform to ensure smooth transition.
 - iii. Will continue to work on Canvas until then.
 - iv. Will need to update to new RRS 2025-2028 for all education materials.
- e. Update on Review Board action status.
 - i. Mediation was not successful. Review Board hearing in September.

- VI. IJ Candidate Mentor – Darryl Waskow:
 - a. Update on the IJ seminar November 15-17 at Chicago YC. [WS Link for info](#) First but not last deadline to apply was August 15.
 - b. We have 20 applications to date 8/20.
 - c. There are as of this meeting 6 available seats. Double check all NJs appropriate for notification.
- VII. New Applications/upgrades
 - a. Michael Balay, RJ – Mary Pierce (Approved)
 - b. Peter Fanta, NJ – Harry Foote (Approved)
 - c. Bob Meagher, NJ - Jerry Thompson (Approved)
 - d. Warren Collier, NJ - Jerry Thompson (Approved)
 - e. Paul Murray, NJ – Steve Holmstrom (Approved)

At the end of August, we are heading to have more woman certified as Race Officers than last year. We are at 17 this eyar compared to 19 all last year.

- VIII. Newsletter – Sarah Ashton
The RRS 68 September issue deadline is August 30.
- IX. Education – Mark Townsend, Bruce Martinson and JETTS team
 - AJS – Mark Townsend: Welcome. Need to work on seminar updates for new RRS.
 - CJS - Bruce Martinson:
 - Round Tables - Nancy Glover: New calendar is in progress.
 - Protest Days - Bruce Cook
 - Rule 42 – Craig Daniels: Seminar with new presentation in beta.
 - USS – Matt Hill:

- X. Annual Meeting 2025 Feb 21, 22 – Wayne Balsiger
 - As you know we are meeting in Denver on Saturday Feb 22.
 - 2025 Schedule

Friday 2/21	Time
Manager’s Reception	5:30 PM
Dinner for in-person	~6:30 PM
Saturday 2/22 meet	8:30 AM MST
Meeting End	4:30 PM MST
Managers reception if we want	5:30 PM
Dinner at local restaurant	6:00 PM MST

Sunday 2/23 depart, if not before
 Let me know if you are planning to attend in person or zoom or unsure.
 Any agenda items send to Wayne.

XI. Judges Manual Update – Wayne Balsiger

- a. Just a reminder to be reviewing your assigned chapters.
Submit changes by August 30 (??? on waiting until new prescriptions are out?)
Manual in great shape by 10/1
- b. US Prescriptions are up for approval vote by BoD on September 16th.

XII. Rule 42 Endorsement certificate

- a. We removed Rule 42 from NJ requirements awhile back. We planned on an endorsement certificate but have not done so.
- b. Jerry Thompson has sent out his proposal for Rule 42 knowledge
Discussion of requirements for an endorsement.
Craig Daniels: not requiring for judge certification but seminars are necessary.
General discussion involving how, what and who will be endorsed for R42 Apx P.
Including motor boat training options, Grandfather any Rule 42 for the Endorsement
New Group for Rule 42 education: Mark Townsend, Jerry Thompson, Craig Daniels, Darryl Waskow, John Porter.
 - i. Mark T. to setup first meeting to create a training and endorsement for R42 & Apx P.

XIII. Umpire Committee Report: Steve Schupak

- a. Schupak: discussion on new RRS; laminated rule book; distribution; no prescriptions but cases and calls included for match and team; interpretations for R42; \$55 ea. Call books etc. \$150 for all books. Steve will coordinate ordering these. Matt Hill will send out a notice to Judges that these are available.

XIV. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM EDT, 5:30PM PDT

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Balsiger, Don Wieneke