

Judges' Committee Minutes template

December 3, 2024

7:00 PM EST, 4:00 PM PST

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Wayne Balsiger at 7:01 PM EST, 4:01 PM PST

Attendees

Chair Wayne Balsiger Y

Vice Chair: Edith Collins Y

RAJs:

Mary Pearce, Area A Y

Bruce Cook, Area B Y

Giff Constable, Area B 2025 Y

Harry Foote, Area C Y

Jerry Thompson, Area D Y

Nancy Zangerle, Area E Y

Clark Chapin, Area E 2025 Y

Chris Luppens, Area F Y

Don Wieneke, Area G Y

Tom Pochereva, Area H Y

Steve Holmstrom, Area J Y

John Porter, Area K Y

Craig Daniels, Area L N

Barbara Belt, Area L 2025 Y

Members at Large

Mark Townsend, Chair Judges Training and Testing Subcommittee N

Bruce Martinson, Chair Club Judge Program Y

Nancy Glover, Round Table Coordinator N

Sarah Ashton, RRS 68 Newsletter Y

Steve Schupak, Chair, Umpires Committee Y

Darryl Waskow, IJ Candidate Mentor N

Matt Hill, Race Administration Director Y

II. Approval of Minutes

The October Minutes were approved as written

III. Welcome and Announcements – Wayne Balsiger

- a. I am pleased to announce Craig Daniels is becoming a member at large to continue work on Rule 42.
- b. Update on Review Board Action  
The committee discussed the current status and general discussion on policy and implementation in this situation. On how improvements to the process can be done and oversight of policies to ensure they are working well. Policies should account for areas where the Ted Stevens act does not apply.
- c. In SOARS for Judge the Rule 42 question is now: **Appendix P Observer**. This does not make old records inaccurate as this question only appears if you click Judge as your role(s) served.

- d. The Chair and Committee thanked Craig, Nancy and Bruce as outgoing RAJs for the fine work they did.

#### IV. Rule 42 Endorsement Proposal – Mark Townsend, Jerry Thompson

- a. Consider approving proposal

The consensus is to do all the tasks necessary to implement the proposal and not pass it as a roadmap. Then when all the action items are completed, the JC will vote to implement the Rule 42 Endorsement program.

##### Action Items for Working Party

Develop Rule 42 Seminar for initial certification

- 1) Develop Rule 42 Seminar continuing education for recertification
- 2) Develop a testing process for rule 42
- 3) Appoint Rule 42 Assessors.

#### V. Race Admin Director Report – Matt Hill

- a. Onboard Training for new RAJs is coming soon. Wayne will assist as well.
- b. **National Faculty meeting** (tentatively at San Diego YC Feb 4-5 (the two days before SLF, which is Feb 6-8 at Loews Coronado) – gather reps from judges, umpires and race management to discuss the new LMS and build a 5-year strategic plan for race administration education programs.

- c. **Update on Rulebook schedules**

Still waiting for WS final text.

Ready for Mobile app. Take about a day. Publish in mobile App. Need to update app.

Sandy Grosvenor is doing the index

Will have an index this year.

Paper versions of the Rulebook, likely not published until February.

As in the past, all race officials will receive a complimentary rulebook in their choice of paper or waterproof.

#### VI. New Applications/upgrades

- a. Steve Dolan, RJ – John Porter Approved
- b. Dean Drevlow, RJ – John Porter Approved

#### VII. Renewals for 2025

- a. RAJ note which RJ and NJs have met renewals requirements. Discussion is normally not needed.
- b. RAJ discuss their RJ and NJs with missing items
- c. Can mention status of CJs, especially if RAJ has any questions. CJ renewal is up to RAJ  
The Committee then reviewed candidates for renewal of RJ and NJ.

VIII. Note on Tests: For those taking the CJ or AJ test after the December seminars, the 2024 test is available until the 30 days are up. The 2025 test will have a new URL, so they are separate queues.

IX. IJ Candidate Mentor – Darryl Waskow: Report submitted by Darryl

a. Update on the IJ seminar November 15-17 at Chicago YC.

Doug Elder NZ and Nelson Iiha BRA hosted an IJ seminar for a full house of 25 attendees. The MNAs represented were BRA, USA, PAR, CAN, ANT, and the attendees numbered six women and nineteen men. Darryl hosted two zoom study sessions before the seminar that a number of participants attended in preparation. The seminar included practice questions and decision write ups to prepare for the test as well. Doug also shared how the write ups were going to be graded and what the instructors were specifically looking for. Given all the prep work a high pass rate is expected. Recent pass rates stated in the 2023 IJ Sub Committee minutes were in the mid 40% but that year all the seminars were in non english speaking countries. The pass rate in Atlanta was higher. It was a good seminar.

Darryl has already been contacted by IJ candidates looking for principal events where they can get experience with IJs, IJ panels, rule 42 and/or get an IJ recommendation.

If anyone on the committee has any opening next year on panels for IJ candidates Darryl would appreciate finding regattas for these candidates.

With the committee's permission Darryl would like to contact all the US IJs and ask them if they can help place IJ candidates in IJ principal events. YES

Some NJ events as well for events that they can use.

FYI World Sailing only reports test results to the individual attendees so they need to self-report if they passed and want to proceed with IJ certification. It will be some time before we know how many candidates are looking to proceed with becoming IJs.

b. Congratulations to our new IJs John Mooney and Lance Smotherman.

X. Newsletter – Sarah Ashton

- a. The RRS 68 January issue deadline is December 28.
- b. Area H spotlight
- c. Mark: video evidence
- d. Need one more article

XI. Education – Mark Townsend, Bruce Martinson and JETTS team

- a. Around the Race Course.
- b. Protest Procedure card is updated. Can buy 10 at a time and hand them out to pass out. One suggestion is to send one with Rule book to Judges.

AJS – Mark Townsend

CJS - Bruce Martinson

## Round Tables - Nancy Glover

- a. Procedures for Pop-Up Roundtables. These are great sessions!

However, after they occur either Mark or I must approve. I request a listing of topics discussed, time spent and participants. At least two NJs or IJs should be present to ensure quality. We can approve one NJ/IJ if a very strong person is involved.

Once approved, Judie will enter the data in the system for CEUs. "Bar talk", discussions and debriefs of specific protests at an event, umpire debriefs, etc. are not judge training.

Roundtables should involve discussions of rules, cases, best practices, and judge soft skills (preparing for an event, working well with RC).

We continue to welcome and encourage Pop-Ups!

Protest Days - Bruce Cook  
Rule 42 – Craig Daniels

## XII. 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 your plans on attending the Annual meeting in Denver.

So far this is what I have:

### Planned Attendance

IN PERSON: Wayne Balsiger, Edith Collins, Chris Luppens, Darryl Waskow, Nancy Glover, Jerry Thompson, Matt Hill, Tom Pochereva, Sarah Ashton, Steve Holmstrom, Clark Chapin, Giff Constable, Barbara Belt. John Porter (unless IJ duty), Mary Pearce

Guests: Sandy Grosvenor

ZOOM: Bruce Martinson, Donald Wieneke

## XIII. Judges Manual Update – Wayne Balsiger

- a. Review where we are on the update.
- b. Appeals book is scheduled for Dec 1.
- c. Case Book is Scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Latest version of US RRS for our use is \_\_\_\_.

- e. Manual Status In good shape
  - i. All submittals reviewed
  - ii. Mark working on Detailed Hearings Procedure updated
  - iii. Graphic for Guidelines for Ranges of Penalties for Misconduct is with graphics for updating
- f. In 2020, we published in the new year after we handled the Case and Appeals update.

XIV. Umpire Committee – Steve Schupak

- a. Congratulations to John Christman and Jared Hickman as our new lus
- b. Working on revamp and make training more useful and sustaining
- c. Create RAU (like RAJ) but with fewer areas  
Midwest, PNW, and in the South  
Umpire do call rule 42 on the water.

XV. Meeting Adjourned at 8:49 PM EST, 5:49 PST

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Balsiger