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Dear George,

Your service to sailors and US Sailing has been extraordinary. For over 60 years you have been a living embodiment of the concept of "leading by example." With quiet determination, you have served the sport of sailing as a judge, race officer, volunteer leader, administrator, teacher and more. You are responsible for introducing thousands to the sport of sailing and mentoring hundreds to follow your lead in service to our sport.

Your dedication to sailing has been most evident in your unwavering support of collegiate sailing. From your continued efforts to develop and improve the Procedural Rules, to your service in multiple leadership roles in the Intercollegiate Sailing Association, you have given unsparingly of your time, energy and wisdom, and your contributions have been recognized in the form of multiple awards and recognitions, including the dedication of several sailing trophies in your name.

You heard your first protest hearings in September 1966. Since your appointment as a certified judge in 1982 in the newly-created certified judges program, you have given many thousands of hours to the cause of serving and educating sailors.

In recognition of your leadership, wisdom and devotion to our sport, which have significantly contributed to the development of collegiate sailing and our Judges program, the US Sailing Judges Committee is honored to confer on you the designation of Judge Emeritus.

With grateful appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne E. Balsiger".

Wayne Balsiger
Chair, US Sailing Judges Committee`

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Jepsen".

Rich Jepsen
President, US Sailing

