

## Judges' Committee June 11, 2024 Minutes

### I. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Wayne Balsiger at 7:04 PM EDT, 4:04 PM PDT

### II. Roll Call

#### Attendees

Chair Wayne Balsiger Yes

#### RAJs:

Mary Pearce, Area A No

Bruce Cook, Area B Yes

Harry Foote, Area C Yes

Jerry Thompson, Area D Yes

Nancy Zangerle, Area E No

Chris Luppens, Area F Yes

Don Wieneke, Area G Yes

Tom Pochereva, Area H Yes

Steve Holmstrom, Area J Yes

John Porter, Area K No

Craig Daniels, Area L Yes

#### Members at Large

Bill Simon, Chair Judges Training and Testing Subcommittee Yes

Bruce Martinson, Chair Club Judge Program No

Nancy Glover, Round Table Coordinator No (traveling)

Sarah Ashton, RRS 68 Newsletter Yes

Steve Schupak, Chair Umpires Committee Yes

Darryl Waskow, IJ Candidate Mentor Yes

Matt Hill, Race Administration Director Yes

### III. Approval of Minutes

The April Minutes were approved as written.

### IV. Welcome and Announcements – Wayne Balsiger

a. Thanks to Don Wieneke for helping with meeting notes.

b. US Note for 2025-2028 RRS 69 text was approved by the rules committee as of 6-5. Just received this information this morning.

#### **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](https://rules.ussailing.org) and click on the link to the Judges Manual.

- c. Status update on Reg 15 update and the Rule 69 Task Force Bylaw Amendment for Reg 15 update we requested and worked on. Matt: still back and forth with Tom Hubbell and Justin Sterk on the wording.
- d. US Sailing settles with America One Racing. The goal was to get America One to stop representing themselves as the Olympic sailing body.
- e. I forwarded to all the US Sailing Volunteer Committee Review Task Force report.
  - i. In it you can see what the input was including mine and Bill Simon as committee Chairs. You can see the recommendations made by the Task Force. A 'Summit' coming later this year with Chairs to gather more granular feedback.

V. Status update Guidelines for Using RO Reports and Complaints Policy

- a. Matt Hill and Justin Sterk reviewed and said it was fine. It is being posted to Judges page.
- b. I sent a copy to RAC Chair Sandy Grosvenor.

VI. Race Admin Director Report – Matt Hill

- a. Update on insurance. NASO.org insurance coming soon via US Sailing group discount. 380 responded, and ½ said they likely or very likely to buy insurance.

Several of us are still unhappy for US Sailing is not paying for insurance. Matt will try to include this in the budget next year.

Matt said So far 350 responses and most said they were likely or better to join. A website will be created to aid signups. Specific questions will get answered. Should be up and running before the end of June.

There was a general discussion on how well input from the Judges' Committee to US Sailing is occurring on items like insurance, LMS and such.

- b. Update on LMS (Learning Management System) platform It may implement in the next couple of weeks. Bill and others will get together. National Faculty meeting in October, want to get the correct people there . 5-year plan, invite Bill. Ready to operate in the Fall. Stu has to set the dates.
- c. Update on Review Board action status. Continuing discussions on the issue and no decision yet.

VII. IJ Candidate Mentor – Darryl Waskow:

- a. IJ Candidate – John Mooney - Approved to recommend MNA endorsement by US Sailing BoD.
- b. IJ Candidate – Lance Smotherman – NOTE: Lance's application came in late June and the Judges' Committee approved his endorsement request via an email vote on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. All the voting members voted.
- c. Then US Sailing has requested approval by WS for an IJ Seminar in November 15-17 at Chicago YC. Thaks to Darryl for leading this effort for the Judges' Committee.

## VIII. New Applications/upgrades

- a. Greg Meagher – NJ – Don Wieneke. Approved
- b. John Farris – RJ – Jerry Thompson. Approved
- c. Robert Hurst – RJ - Jerry Thompson. Approved

## IX. Newsletter – Sarah Ashton

The RRS 68 July issue deadline is June 25.

New series by Clark Chapin, latest WS Q&A and likely one more TBD

Anyone who wants to contribute is welcome.

## X. Certification Requirements – Craig Daniels, Wayne Balsiger

- a. The JC approved this change to the Certification Requirements:  
References are not allowed to be submitted by the RAJ from your area for National Judge.
- b. The above along with some minor updates from the prior meetings that allow the RAJ may act as a reference for Club Judge are now approved and included in the June 2024 version of the Judge Certification Requirements. The June 2024 version will be posted on the website soon.

## XI. Annual Meeting 2025 – Wayne Balsiger: Wayne suggested we begin to consider our location for next year.

- a. Look at 2025 Annual Meeting Thoughts on location?
  - ii. In-Person and Zoom
  - iii. Location
    1. History is St. Louis, Atlanta x 3 or 4, Pewaukee.
    2. St. Louis is center, nice hotel, but lack of flights. Atlanta, nice airport Hilton.
    3. In the past we looked at Denver, Dallas.
    4. Wieneke suggested Hawaii or San Francisco (St. Francis).
    5. It was agreed that to separate the two events and not meet at the same time as the Sailing Leadership Forum
    6. Sarah suggested the middle of country, like Atlanta. Have in one location so we don't have to leave the hotel.
    7. Motion passed to focus on Denver on Feb 22-23/2025.
      - I. ACTION ITEM: Wayne and Chris leading task. Book hotel with 12 to 15 rooms, plus meeting space.
      - II. No one said they could not make it.
  - iv. Conflicting dates: February
    1. Feb 8, 2025. Feb
    2. Conflicts Sailing Leadership Forum 2025 Feb 6-8, 2025 Coronado, CA
    3. They want Wayne to be at the SLF.

February 2025						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

2024 Schedule was:

Friday	Time
Pre-Dinner social hour	6:00 PM
Dinner for in-person	7:00 PM
Saturday meeting	8:30 AM
Meeting End	4:00 PM
Saturday Dinner	6:00 PM
Sunday depart, if not before	

## XII. Judges Manual Update – Wayne Balsiger

- a. Just a reminder to be reviewing your assigned chapters.
- b. Can comment on other chapters as well.
- c. Timeline: Rules are final 7/1//24
- d. Minor changes on Rule 18
- e. Part 5 is changed for better flow and more intuitive
  - i. Part 5 is completed rewritten
  - ii. So Protests, appeals, and such
  - iii. More intuitive flow better
  - iv. All the numbers change
  - v. Language, no big meaning changes

Submit changes by Aug 30

Manual in great shape by 10/1

- f. Discuss in the Judges' Manual: John Porter thinks we should add that it is bad practice to deny video evidence. Many juries deny all video and GPS evidence. I think our group should take a stand on this and list what we believe to be best practice. (P. 44 in JM)

## XIII. Meeting Adjourned at 8:28 PM EDT, 5:28 PM PDT

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Balsiger