

From The Jury Desk – The CYA Judges Newsletter

Notice 22 – June 2009

Happy Canada's Days and Independence Day – enjoy the celebration of your country's history.

Judges Committee Requires Feedback

The following events occurred recently:

– A major class sent a broadcast e-mail in mid June: We are once again looking for a Judge to oversee the 2009 National Championship in xxxxxxx, xx on August 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Please reply as soon as possible to xxxxxx (Association Vice President) at xxxxxxxx. I can provide more details upon request.....thanks for your consideration!

(Additional note – the above is a holiday weekend)

– A major club held its open regatta including a popular dinghy class without having appendix P (modified or not) applied and were somewhat surprised when 2 prominent sailors, on a light air day, gybed their way through the fleet to the finish line. (Additional note – they were protested and both DSQd)

– Last week a major club holding a national championship of a major dinghy class e-mailed me and asked whether I would be available to hear protests should the need arise. They would call me and I could drive to the club (about 1 hour away). (Additional note– the regatta was 10 days away but had been announced a year ago)

– About three months ago an OA that had secured a MNA's named event to be held in dinghies complained that getting judges to the event was too expensive and since they did not have any local judges they contemplated using athletes and coaches to hear protests (and I presume appendix P would not be in affect). (Additional note – the MNA has since supplied funding to get a senior judge to the event and to hold a seminar)

As a judge I just shook my head – “Don't they understand?” That question raised several others:

“Am I out of touch or are my expectations consistent with the rest of the judges' community?”

“Does the OA truly not understand the number of requests judges receive annually?”

“Have we, as a group, failed to communicate our expectations or requirements to the OAs?”

“Are our expectations the consequence of a “sense of entitlement”?

“Are our expectations the consequence of the limits of our own monetary resources?”

“Do the sailors understand or care whether certified officials are at the event?”

“Are sailors willing to pay extra on their entry fee to ensure certified officials attend the event?”

This newsletter is asking you to respond to a series of questions and solicits any additional comments. I hope most of you will participate. It would very interesting to obtain the sailor's viewpoint on some of the questions – so if the opportunity presents itself, please ask them and send their response. The answers will be tabulated and the results sent to CYA, the PSAs and copied to our counterparts at USSA. The summary will also be sent with the next newsletter.

The regatta considered is the one you do most often. It could be a multi-day event 4 days to a week plus including travel time or a local 1-day / 2-day events. This spread might make some of the answers a little more difficult but please try. If you need to qualify your response, please do so.

Judge Responding -

-You are a: Club Judge – Provincial Judge – National Judge – Senior National Judge – International Judge

-The regatta to which your answers relates is: 1 or 2 day events – 3 to 7 day event – longer than 7 days

-Now many of these events do you do per year?

-The regatta is local – within a 90 minute drive. Not local - outside of a 90 minute drive.

-Does the event have a: protest committee, non-appeal protest committee – international jury.

-The regatta is: a dinghy event; Olympic Class event; keel boats under 40 feet; keel boats over 40 feet; multihull events; or mixed fleets. (More than one answer may apply)

-The average number of boats in the event – under 25, 25 to 50, 50 to 100, over 100

-Are you normally involved with applying appendix P?

-Do you believe the OA always has the best interests of the sailors in mind as they plan their event and arrange for the officials or do you think that budget constraints take precedence?

-Are some or all members of the protest committee imported?

-Lead Time – as a general statement, most of us must plan our vacation time / family time / sailing time and judging time. What length of lead time do you need and what are you normally given?

As Chairman of a Protest Committee or Jury

Less than 3 months

3 to 6 months

6 months to 1 year

1 to 2 years

2 + years

- As the Chairman – are you normally given the opportunity to review the NOR and SIs?

- As a member of a Protest Committee or Jury

- Less than 3 months

3 to 6 months

6 months to 1 year

1 to 2 years

2 + years

- As a member - are you normally given the opportunity to review the NOR and SIs?

- Expenses General – as a given, when you attend an event there will be some expenses incurred.

- What do you consider you spend as a normal amount of out-of-pocket expenses?

- Expenses Specific

- Travel to an event –

- Driving

What would your driving limit be if you were paying your own way?

What would your driving limit be if you were paid for mileage?

What rate for mileage would you expect?

Revenue Canada or IRS rate? -

Other

- Airfare

Would you fly to an event using your 'air-mile points'?

Would you fly to an event and pay your own air fare?

Do you have a dollar limit?

Do you pay for your ticket and get reimbursed?

Do you have your ticket paid for by the OA?

- Accommodations

Are you normally billeted?

Do you normally stay in a hotel?

- Meals

Are all your meals covered?

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Special Events – VIP Party / VIP Dinner etc.?

- If your “significant other” travels with you as a non-participant –

Do you expect OA to cover their travel / meal /accommodation costs?

Do you always pay those costs yourself?

Other – as a general statement

Do you expect a gift from the OA?

Do you normally receive a gift from the OA?

Have you purchased a regatta souvenir?

Comments – please add any other comments you wish to make.

Log Entry

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up. - Thomas Edison

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