
From The Jury Desk – The CYA Judges Newsletter

Notice 17 – March 2008

Judges Write Back

Paging Protestors and Protestees

True to his word – on the topic of using restaurant pagers to call parties to the protest to a hearing - John Siegel wrote:

Sent: January-02-08 16:39

To: leo.reise@sympatico.ca

Subject: From The Jury Desk - The CYA Judges Newsletter - Notice 16 - September - December 2007 - Foreign Group 2

Leo:

P.S. Our (StFYC) pager system for Protest Committee parties has been an unqualified success - definitely worth the investment.

CYA Judges Data Base Access

A National Judge wrote:

Sent: April-08-08 11:16

To: leo.reise@sympatico.ca

... It took a long time for me to get your email from the CYA site; Ontario Sailing just linked to CYA but the page did not make any sense. What if someone from the States wants some help on short notice? I don't think the CYA's spam excuse justifies the lack of easy contact such as ISAF has for its officials. Besides, there are anti-spam and anti-junk mail features that are standard additions to software programs now. Who do I gripe to at CYA? ...

... My recommendation is to include the contact data as ISAF includes it in their website; plenty of it and freely available. That is, once the judge consents to the use of the personal information for CYA purposes; we talked about that before. When judges renew their certification, they renew their consent. ...

As an Editor's Added Note - the CYA Office has issued the following in a recent CYA Newsletter.

Race Officials

Please take a moment to update your Member Profile on our website at www.sailing.ca. In order for you to be listed as an available judge on the CYA website, you must respond YES to “**List CYA Certifications (in member's area)**” within your member profile. If you require assistance or are not sure of your username and password, please contact admin@sailing.ca.

Certification Renewals

All certification expire on Dec 31 on the four year cycle. The data base of judges held by the office is set to automatically drop anyone whose certification has expired.

Editor's Comments – If you are a CYA Official, this will get you listed on the site. Unfortunately, if you are not a CYA Official, or have not provided the details, your access is denied. Anyone from outside the country must rely on who they know or contact the CYA Office.

This complaint has been raised several times over a period of the last couple of years. Although 'spam' is of concern, I think the real culprit is the interpretation of the Privacy Act. If you have tried and had problems obtaining information and would like to see it changed, perhaps a note to the CYA Office may influence their decision. I would suggest you address your comment to Mr. Tim Brown – Exec Director CYA - tbrown@sailing.ca

In the meantime, if you need some assistance, I may be able to help.

Reminder

Changes to the Canadian Yachting Association Prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005–2008

The following change was effective March 15 2007:

The CYA prescription to rule 87 is deleted and replaced with:

CYA prescribes that sailing instructions of national or lesser events shall not change or delete any CYA prescription. For international events in Canada, sailing instructions shall not change or delete the prescriptions to rules 61.2, 68 and the preamble to Appendix F.

The following change was effective March 15 2007:

The CYA prescriptions to rules 69.1(c), 69.1(d), 70.2, F1 and F2.1 are deleted.

Add the following prescription after the preamble to Appendix F:

CYA may delegate an appeal or a request for confirmation or correction to a yacht racing association or provincial sailing association as appropriate. A decision of a yacht racing or provincial sailing association may be further appealed or referred to the CYA.

The following change was effective December 31, 2007:

The CYA prescription to rule 68 is deleted and replaced with:

CYA prescribes that a boat that is penalized for causing damage under rule 64 for a breach of these rules shall be considered at fault for the purposes of rule 68.

(Hint – To “cut and paste” using the old fashion method, copy the three prescriptions, each to a new page in Word. Set the margins at Top = .25, Bottom = 6.75, Left = .5 and Right = 4.5, change the type to 9 point Arial. After printing, trim the pages to suit that they will fit at the bottom of page 42 and the top of page 95, and cover the old prescription on page 36 respectively.)

Judges Equipment

We all carry enough equipment and are always looking for something smaller, easier to use, less expensive etc. We also forget that there are a number of other water sports that may have equipment that we can use.

Everyone has heard of ‘Wet Notes’. Everyone (almost) has had at least one book – 30 or so pages – bound by a plastic cover and held by a spiral binding. They are practical because they can be written on when wet

– uses a standard ‘lead’ pencil or pen, and cost about \$20. However, the books do bend, not the greatest for writing on without a solid surface, the pages have been known to tear and the spiral binding breaking.

Recently a German National Judge I was working with went on a small buying trip and came back with something better.

He went to a ‘dive shop’ and found an underwater writing tablet, about 5 X 7 inches (130 mm X 180 mm). With a graphite pencil on a string it cost about \$10. I thought that was pretty good idea so when I returned home, I went to local dive shop. What I found there was a smaller writing slate consisting of 7 ‘pages’, each 3 1/2 X 5 inches (90 mm X 130 mm) in size, bound by a split ring, with a solid graphite pencil attached by a clip. Cost about \$15. Won’t tear, fits in your pocket, reusable. You can write on it in the pouring rain and it erases with a good ‘white’ eraser. The product is made by Dive Rite and their website is www.diverite.com.

Judge Emeritus

A clause from the program states:

The Judges Committee may, from time to time, confer the status of Judge Emeritus on an individual who has given long-standing service as a CYA judge and made an exceptional contribution to our sport. A Judge Emeritus will be listed as part of the database, continue to receive communication as it relates to the Judges Program and may act as a resource to the organization.. A Judge Emeritus is a recognition status, not a certification and as such, there is no application procedure. The appointment of Judge Emeritus is for the lifetime of the individual.

It is with great pleasure the Judges Committee announces of our unanimous decision to confer the status of Judge Emeritus to John Holmes.

As excerpt from our letter to him reads:

“The members of the committee have all expressed their appreciation of your efforts over the extended period of time. You have acted as a mentor for most of us – helped bring our thoughts back on track – and brought the voice of reason when some of us have taken a “ready – fire – aim” approach to problem solving.”

Eulogy Doug Bond

Some of you knew Doug Bond very well. We were saddened to learn of his sudden death and very shortly thereafter I received the following from his wife, Jane. I thought I would share it with the rest of the community.

-----Original Message-----

From: Doug and Jane Bond
Sent: February-02-08 23:59
To: leo.reise@sympatico.ca
Subject: Doug Bond

Dear Leo –

I am sure you will be shocked to hear this but Doug passed away from a massive heart attack on Thursday, January 31st. It was very sudden and definitely unexpected. Doug was always in good health and exercised regularly but who is to know how these things happen.

He was pleased and honoured to have received his Senior National Judge certification and I am happy that he got this news before he passed away. He enjoyed and took great pride in his judging activities and was looking forward to participating at several regattas this coming year.

I wonder if you would be good enough to pass this message on to those who have been associated with Doug in judging activities in recent years.

Thank you.

Jane Bond

Ontario Judges Seminars

April 27 - Kingston Y.C.

http://www.ontariosailing.ca/Racing/Regatta_Officials/Judges/JudgeJudging_Seminars.php

Log Book Entry

“One man practicing sportsmanship is better than a hundred teaching it.” --Knut Rockne,

Editors Notes:

You may have noticed on the copy you received a notation buried in the subject line, Group x Copy, Foreign Copy, PSA Copy or Coaches Copy. You did not receive a different version. This is just a method used to avoid being classed as spam because of the number of recipients.

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From the Jury Desk is posted on the CYA Website. Previous issues can be found at <http://www.sailing.ca/services/individuals/raceofficials.shtm>

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You have received this message because you are recognized as a certified judge by the CYA, your MNA, or ISAF.

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If you have received this message from a colleague or other organization, your e-mail information contained in our database is not current. To receive it directly please reply and provide your address details.

If you have received this message in error or if you prefer not to continue receiving e-mails containing information for the judging community, please reply to this message and request your address be removed from the group list.

Keeping your e-mail address current will allow us to continue to provide updates. Please notify us of any change.

This newsletter may be copied, in whole or in part, or re-distributed providing the source is acknowledged.

If you have a question regarding the Judges Program, RRS, or have information you think should be shared, reply to this e-mail.

CYA Judges Committee

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Leo Reise - Chairman