

Sail Canada: Judges Program

Regional Judge Overview



Sail Canada Judges program has 3 aims:

- Serve the sport by producing well qualified judges and protest committee personnel
- To encourage sailors to become involved in protest hearings at all levels of competition
- Actively improve the knowledge and skills of judges so that they can effectively apply the RRS on the water and in the protest hearing room



Regional Judge

- Serves their local and provincial sailing communities
- Important part of the sailing sport structure serving on club protest committees and well as other events outside of their region or the country



What makes a good judge?

- Displays a confident knowledge and understanding of the Racing Rules of Sailing
- Is unbiased in his / her judgements
- Is a sympathetic arbitrator
- Can draw widely from personal sailing experience to reach sound decisions



Regional Judge

- Belongs to a Sail Canada member club or other club affiliated to an ISAF member national authority
- Shall be a club judge or have equivalent experience
- Submits application form and references to Sail Canada office
 - Application form details the practical and theoretical tasks along with references from any of the following: member of the Provincial Certification Committee, ISAF Judge, Sail Canada or foreign National judge or Race Officer



Practical Experience

- Protest Committee experience
 - Chairing protest committees for provincial or regional events
 - Forming committees, selecting judges meeting the OA requirements
 - Preparation and organization for protest hearings
 - On the water judging of kinetic infractions
 - Familiar with requirements for submitting an appeal
 - Serve on protest committee (min of 6 significant events) in the previous four years, with two events outside of the applicant region or classed as out of region events.
- Racing Participation
 - Encouraged to continue to participate in racing
- Race Committee Experience
 - Encouraged to continue to participate in race management



Theory Requirement

- Shall attended rules, judging or race management seminar or assist in the presentation of such seminar within the last 4 year.
 - Seminar should cover all sections of the RRS and PC activities
- Achieved a passing grade on any written rules test in conjunction with a seminar as approved by the JSC
- Should attend a seminar on the kinetic infractions
- Should be familiar with the NOR and SI and being capable of vetting them prior to a regatta
- Should have a valid Pleasure Boat Operators Card
- Should have a valid VHF license



Reporting

- Should maintain a log of all of their practical activities during the past last 4 years
 - Information should included: date, location, subject, leader of seminar, marks received
 - Sample log available on Sail Canada web site

Certification

- Is for a period of 4 years, ending on December 31st of the fourth year



For more information about the requirements or about Sail Canada Judges Program can be found on the Sail Canada web site at sailing.ca

