

Sail Canada

Judges Sub-Committee	Attendees: Joe Jospe (Chair), Katie Nicoll, Eric Turner, Michael Anderson, Lesley Taylor, Wendy Loat (TCAC Liaison), Lynne Beal Regrets: Mike Turner Observers:	Date: 2020/07/23 Time: 1:30 PM EST Location: Conference Call
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No.	Agenda Item	Discussion / Action description	Motion / Action
1.0	Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 1:30pm EDT	
2.0	Approval of Minutes	A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 4, 2020 was passed.	Moved by KN and seconded by ET.
3.0	Matters Arising		
4.0	Work Plan	<p>4.1 On-line Learning</p> <p>One session of the Advanced Judge Seminar has been delivered and the second is underway. Feedback has been very positive from the participants. The leaders have found that it is harder to have engagement with the participants than a classroom setting, with breaks and informal interaction and discussion. Asking all participants to keep their video on is helpful, so that one leader can monitor the chat and try to monitor engagement through the video view.</p> <p>A Club Judge Seminar was delivered at the end of June with participants from across the country. It was well received and there was engagement from provinces that do not often have the opportunity to have Judge training.</p> <p>A Protest Day webinar has also been run. Registration was capped at 15, however a few people did not login which required that the three groups be re-arranged at the last minute. Zoom breakout rooms were used and each room was led by a senior judge who acted as the facilitator and provided any guidance that was needed and a de-brief after each session. The feedback from this session was very positive and many who took part indicated they would like to these sessions to be delivered regularly (quarterly perhaps). There were 10 people on the waiting list and likely wider interest for future sessions.</p> <p>There was agreement from the JSC that charging a nominal fee would be reasonable to help to ensure registrants only sign up if they are committed to attending. Larger sessions could be run as long as there are senior judges willing to facilitate the breakout rooms.</p>	

Potential webinars for the coming months include a New vs. Old Rules seminar (K. Dyer in October or November), Rules Seminar (David Pelling), Rule 42 Seminar (K. Nicoll in August), Protest Day (J. Jospe). Suggestion that these be scheduled to allow one activity per month.

4.2 On-line Testing

The Classmarker platform was used first for the Club Judge test and then for the first Advanced Seminar test. It worked quite well for both.

The Advanced Judge Seminar required a proctor to be in the room with the ability to view the screen while the test was written. The proctors could be a course instructor, a Sail Canada, PSA or Yacht Club Board Member or International Race Official. This process worked well.

4.3 TCAC and cooperation initiative with RMSC & USC

The Chairs of the JSC, RMSC, USC and officials representatives of the TCAC met in place of a planned in person meeting scheduled to take place in April, but cancelled due to COVID. The agenda was based on meeting notes from an in person meeting held in 2017. There was agreement to meet more regularly with this group. Topics included collaboration with US Sailing, SOARS and setting up groups for Measurers and Technical Delegates.

4.5 US Sailing Cooperation Initiative

US Sailing has agreed to cooperate with Sail Canada, sharing test and seminar materials, etc.. as reported at last meeting.

4.6 Protest Days and hearing 'count'

Accepting protest day attendance along with in person protests at events for certification and recertification. It was previously discussed that this would require protest days to be well monitored by qualified facilitators.

There was agreement to allow protest days to be accepted for certification and recertification.

4.7 Hearing procedures and social distancing

Proposal put forward by Mike Turner following discussion at past meetings. It was noted that there are not many protests taking place this year due to cancelled racing. This item will be tabled for the next meeting.

4.8 Club Judge Reference Form

A revised reference form was circulated. This Sub-Committee and Ontario Judges Sub-Committee provided feedback.

Action Item: J. Jospe & K. Nicoll to finalize and circulate for final approval.

		<p>4.9 Judge Emeritus nomination</p> <p>W. Loat has proposed that Warren Nethercote be nominated as Judge Emeritus for his long standing involvement as an International Judge and as a volunteer on numerous Sail Canada committees and board, as well as his commitment to training judges.</p> <p>There was unanimous agreement to support this application.</p> <p>4.10 Safe Sport & Background Check</p> <p>Action Item: S. Crothers to modify application form to include requirements for Safe Sport & Background Checks and add directions for submitting applications to the form.</p> <p>4.11 Presentation Materials</p> <p>Materials have been developed for webinars as they have been developed. There was discussion around sharing these materials for others to deliver, rather than having to re-create presentations individually.</p> <p>Consideration was given to who and how these documents should be made available. This would apply to presentation materials such as Rules Seminars, Rule 42, etc., not the Club Judge or Regional Judge Seminars.</p> <p>There was agreement to consider this further.</p>	
5.0	Certifications	<p>Applications for certification were reviewed for three candidates.</p> <p>Mike Heseltine (Club Judge) - Review not complete, waiting on reference.</p> <p>Ryan Ley (Club Judge) - Approved</p> <p>Luke Porter (Regional Judge) Approved, pending confirmation of Advanced Seminar, Safe Sport & Background Check</p>	
6.0	AOB		
7.0	Future Meetings	To be set by doodle poll.	
8.0	Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm EDT.	