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UMPIRE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Qualifications

DEFINITION OF AN UMPIRE: An umpire in the sport of Sailing is a person who functions as a race official by applying the rules of the sport (match racing or team racing) to racing situations, primarily on-the-water as situations occur, to resolve rules issues. Knowledge of applicable rules (RRS, Appendices C & D, and their interpretations as found in the Call Books and Case Book) and a demonstrated ability to make decisions on-the-water as situations occur is necessary.

US SAILING UMPIRE CERTIFICATION QUALIFICATIONS

To be appointed a US SAILING Umpire, a candidate shall:

- Be a member in good standing of US SAILING.
- Have attended a current US SAILING or ISAF Judges seminar and passed the written examination within the last four years; this requirement is waived for people who are currently certified as a US SAILING or ISAF Judge.
- Have attended a US SAILING or ISAF Umpire Seminar within the last four years; this requirement is waived for people who are currently certified as an IU.
- Have passed a current US SAILING or ISAF Umpire Examination within the last four years.
- Work a minimum of eight (8) events on the water umpiring match or team races with US SAILING Umpires and/or ISAF International Umpires within the last four years. A minimum of one day must be spent in both a team race and a match race. Two events must be principal events, or ISAF Grade 3 or above.
- Be recommended by at least three different US SAILING evaluators. Evaluations must be from at least three different events. Copies of evaluations must be sent electronically with the application.
- Own and maintain the current version of the RRS, ISAF Match Race and ISAF Team Race Call Books, the ISAF Umpire Manual, the US SAILING Appeals Book and the ISAF Case Book.
- Be willing to serve actively at US events for a four-year term.
- Possess "judicial temperament," have a reputation for mature judgment and have an outstanding reputation for integrity.
- Be above reproach before, during and after an event; mature and temperate, moderate in the use of alcohol, especially careful of medications and in full control of their faculties.
- Have served as a race official in another capacity.
- Be an active sailor who has had racing experience.
- Be endorsed by a yacht club or local sailing organization.
- Be a minimum of 21 years old.
- Be willing to and be capable of submitting reports via email.

To be re-appointed as a US SAILING Umpire, a candidate shall:

A. Satisfy the requirements above for initial appointment except 5, 6 and 13.
B. Work a minimum of eight (8) events on the water umpiring match or team races with US SAILING or ISAF International Umpires within the last four years. Two events must be principal events, or ISAF Grade 3 or higher.
C. Maintain a current, up-to-date SOARS log of his/her umpiring activity.

Certification is valid for four years.

APPLICATION FOR
( ) CERTIFICATION or ( ) RECERTIFICATION
(please check one of the above)
as a US SAILING UMPIRE

raceadmin@ussailing.org
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Last Name:	First Name:	Birth Date:

Mailing Address:	Email address:

Business Telephone:	Home Telephone:	Cell number:

Sailing Association:

US SAILING Member #:	Expires:	Area:

YACHT RACING EXPERIENCE

Number of years racing:
One Design: _____ Offshore: _____ Handicap or PHRF: _____
Number of seasons racing as:
Skipper: _____ Navigator/Tactician: _____ Watch Captain or other Crew: _____

RACE OFFICIAL EXPERIENCE

Please name a significant regatta in which you served as a Race Official in a capacity other than umpire.

	Dates	Regatta & Location	Role	Hear Protests?
1				

UMPIRING EXPERIENCE

A minimum of 8 events, two of which must be principal events, or ISAF Grade 3 or higher, is required.

	Dates	#Days	Regatta name, location and type of racing boats	ISAF Grade	Event Type: MR/TR	# of Entries	# Races Umpire/ Wing
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							

SEMINARS AND TESTS

	Seminar Location (City, state):	Dates:	Test location (City, State – when passed):	Seminar Instructor

THIS PAGE IS REQUIRED FOR **INITIAL** CERTIFICATION ONLY

EVALUATIONS

Please include, with this application, evaluations from **three different** US SAILING Umpire evaluators.

YACHT / SAILING CLUB ENDORSEMENT

Please supply the name and contact information of a representative of your Yacht Club or Sailing Association who will endorse your application.

Name:	Yacht Club / Sailing Association:	Phone:

Please ***email*** this application with attached evaluations to Race Administration, raceadmin@ussailing.org

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