

REFERENCE FORM FOR UMPIRES

Please fill out below form.

NU = National Umpire

Candidate name: _____ Assessor name: _____

Event: _____ Dates: _____ - _____

Organizer: _____ Number of races: _____

Class: _____ Number of boats: _____

Grade _____ Number of teams: _____

A. OBSERVATION	NU Standard	Borderline	Not NU standard	Don't know
1. Identifies own boat 80% of the time.	—	—	—	—
2. Spots competitor activities: Y-flags, red flags, breakdowns and penalties taken.	—	—	—	—
3. Observes relevant race committee actions: start sequence, recalls, course changes.	—	—	—	—
4. Concentrates on own issue, avoiding other issues when these are distracting.	—	—	—	—
5. Observes other matches and reacts when other umpires need assistance.	—	—	—	—
6. Is able to clearly describe an incident after the match, both afloat and ashore.	—	—	—	—

B. Communication	NU Standard	Borderline	Not NU standard	Don't know
1. Uses standard umpire terminology.	—	—	—	—
2. Listens to and takes account of fellow umpire's opinions and observations.	—	—	—	—
3. Gives and receives proper wing boat calls.	—	—	—	—
4. Is able to communicate clearly and calmly with fellow umpires, competitors and organizers.	—	—	—	—
5. Speaks the key facts and rule transitions concisely as they occur.	—	—	—	—
6. Communicates decisions and reasons, only stating facts/rights/obligations when relevant.	—	—	—	—
7. Predicts standard match racing maneuvers and states most likely option 70% of the time.	—	—	—	—

C. Rules: Application and Decisions	NU Standard	Borderline	Not NU standard	Don't know
1. Clear understanding of definitions affecting on-the-water rules.	—	—	—	—
2. Identifies right of way boat and basic obligations and opportunities 80% of the time.	—	—	—	—
3. Recognizes and applies the principles of rule 15 and 16.	—	—	—	—
4. Identifies when rule 17 applies and interprets proper course correctly.	—	—	—	—
5. Is able to call incidents at marks correctly and recognizes when rule 18 turns on and off.	—	—	—	—
6. Identifies obstructions when relevant and when these rules come into force.	—	—	—	—
7. Understands and correctly implements umpire-initiated, red-flag, double and twin penalties.	—	—	—	—
8. Applies rules, cases and calls correctly.	—	—	—	—
9. Makes consistent decisions.	—	—	—	—
10. Is able to call and process multiple incidents occurring in rapid succession.	—	—	—	—
11. Demonstrates knowledge of rules, cases and calls on the water, in discussions and debriefings.	—	—	—	—

D. Boat Driving and Positioning	NU Standard	Borderline	Not NU standard	Don't know
1. Is able to operate small powerboats. First preparation, leaving/returning to mooring/dock, going to and returning from the course safely, transferring personnel safely.	—	—	—	—
2. Minimum rushing around so that passengers are never at risk.	—	—	—	—
3. Is able to follow the basic position plan, modifying when appropriate.	—	—	—	—
4. Correct distance from and angle to race boats 50% of the time.	—	—	—	—
5. Smooth transition between scenarios.	—	—	—	—
6. Rapid response when out of position.	—	—	—	—
7. Low level of interference with any match and no unnecessary wash.	—	—	—	—
8. Anticipates possible maneuvers and drives proactively (not reactively)	—	—	—	—

E. PROCEDURES

	NU Standard	Borderline	Not NU standard	Don't know
1. Is well prepared both ashore and afloat.	—	—	—	—
2. Handles competitor-initiated and umpire-initiated penalties correctly.	—	—	—	—
3. Proper use of radio, including procedures and response to calls.	—	—	—	—
4. Understands protest committee procedures.	—	—	—	—

F. Temperament and Behaviour

1. Accepts World Sailing rules, cases and calls.	—	—	—	—
2. Team player, pulls own weight within the team and works well with others.	—	—	—	—
3. Helps less competent umpires positively both afloat and ashore.	—	—	—	—
4. Is able to maintain good relations with umpires, organizers and race committee.	—	—	—	—
5. No prejudice to any competitors, either negative or positive.	—	—	—	—
6. Handles post-race de-briefings in a manner that encourages learning and improvement.	—	—	—	—
7. Works well under pressure and is able to make and signal timely, accurate decisions.	—	—	—	—
8. Is willing to learn and accepts comments/advice from others.	—	—	—	—
9. Accepts change and has a positive attitude to suggestions from others.	—	—	—	—
10. Keeps to time.	—	—	—	—
11. Has respect for other people's property and treats accordingly.	—	—	—	—
12. No alcohol until the work of the day is done.	—	—	—	—
13. Responds in a timely manner to pre- and post-event communication.	—	—	—	—

G. Physical Fitness

1. Is able to spend long days on the water in small boats in bad conditions and maintain focus.	—	—	—	—
2. Mobility adequate for transferring between small boats afloat in moderate conditions and able to stand in good position to umpire.	—	—	—	—
3. Hearing, eyesight and voice adequate to function as an umpire.	—	—	—	—
4. Is able to participate and contribute in meetings and debriefings after long days on the water.	—	—	—	—

ADDITIONAL REMARKS:
