



**Club Judge Seminar**  
**At Hingham yacht Club**  
**1- Day Seminar in Person**  
**March 7, 2026**

Dear Coaches/Sailors,

We would like to share an upcoming opportunity for individuals who are interested in **initial certification as a US Sailing Club Judge**.

- *Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025–2028 that Affect Judging*

**Direct Registration Link:**

<https://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13510924>

**Seminar Description:**

**IN-PERSON Club Judge Seminar**

Hosted by Hingham Yacht Club.

211 Downer Ave, Hingham, MA.

The instructors are Mary Pierce and Bill Collins.

Being a Club Judge is a fun and interesting way to give back to the sport of sailing. As a Judge, you will learn what happens in a protest room, how decisions are made, and over time you will gain a better understanding of the rules, making you both a better Judge and a better racer!

The US Sailing Club Judge Seminar is 8-10 hours of on-line interactive learning and a one-day in-person seminar. The Club Judge Seminar is NOT intended to serve as a rules seminar, you should have a basic understanding of the sailing rules.

The goals of the seminar are:

- (1) to become a new judge at a local club and be able to serve on a protest committee;
- (2) for existing members of a protest (or race) committee to sharpen their judging and procedural skills; and
- (3) lay the groundwork to (potentially) pursue their US Sailing judging certification.

**Preparation Period:** Approximately two weeks prior to the in-person session the course will open in Canvas, US Sailing's online learning platform. You will receive an email inviting you to participate in the course from Canvas Free for Teachers, [notifications@instructure.com](mailto:notifications@instructure.com). Please click the "Get Started" link as soon as possible to complete your login profile in Canvas to begin the pre-course assignments. Expect to complete 6-8 hours of required pre-course work before the in-person seminar begins. All pre-course work **MUST** be completed in Canvas prior to in-person session in order to understand that portion of the seminar.

**Session 1:** Saturday, March 7, 2026, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm in-person.

Completion of all coursework and attendance is required to complete and pass the course.

The lead instructor will email you with additional course information.  
Bring laptops or tablets.

US Sailing Course Registration fee: \$40. A discounted US Sailing special introductory US Sailing membership is available for first-timers during the registration process.

Light lunch will be provided by the Hingham Yacht Club along with coffee/tea and other drinks..

Registration closes on Wednesday, February 25, 2026.  
Walk-In registrations are NOT allowed.

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