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It was a family affair at the top of the leaderboard for the 2025 J/22 Midwinter Championship hosted by Rush Creek Yacht Club in Heath, Texas. Chris Doyle led *The Jug 4 1* team including brother Peter Doyle and son Nick Doyle. They opened the event with a 6, and only improved from there, ending the seven-race one-discard series with 16 net points. Local favorite Jeff Progelhof's *Schitzen Giggles* with wife Erin and Eric Hemker claimed the runner-up position at 22 points. Alex and Mike Schwinn's *Tilt* took the bronze at 26 points.

The Championship got off to a sporty start on Friday when gusty winds challenged the fleet, allowing only one race. Mother Nature calmed down for the weekend, as four races were completed Saturday and two on Sunday.

Nineteen teams competed from March 14-16. Photos are available on the J/22 Class Facebook page, and complete results may be found at [2025 J/22 Midwinter Championship](#).

Thanks to Jeff Progelhof for this report: The J/22 Midwinter Championship wrapped up Sunday, March 16. Seven races were completed for the 19 teams in winds ranging from 6-28 mph. After the practice race Thursday, sailors enjoyed appetizers from Manny's during the competitors briefing and prepared for the big winds forecasted for Friday. The forecasters nailed it. Friday's single four-legged race started in 14 knots from the southwest and finished in 28 knots. There were a handful of swimmers, a broken spinnaker pole and broken tiller. *Schitzen Giggles* reached 14.9 knots on the second downwind prior to dropping the spinnaker and gybing for the finish. The fleet was off the water by 11:30 am and racing was cancelled for the day at 1:00 pm. The wind dropped a bit around 1:00 pm but at 2:30 pm, it rotated to due west and came in at 40 mph. Folks still left at the RCYC were glad we were not on the water.



Saturday morning, sailors arrived to a layer of dust on boats, cars, etc. The large winds Friday brought dust from West Texas that settled after the winds calmed. Four races with winds from the west were completed Saturday. Winds ranged from 12-18 mph throughout the day. After racing, the tired sailors were treated to a complimentary Mount Gay bar, keg beer and a sailors debrief with James Freedman, Travis Odenbach and Jeff Progelhof.

The Saturday night barbeque dinner, catered by Eddie Dean, filled the tired sailors. Sunday morning, the sailors were treated to lighter winds from the north. They finished two races before the winds became unstable and light. Trophies were awarded for individual race winners: Jeff Progelhof, Chris Doyle, Alex Schwinn and Jeff Hayden. Kevin Orff won the Vela Award.

THE TOP FIVE TEAMS WERE

Place	Sailors	Sail/Bow Number	Boat Name	Club	Net	Total	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7
1	Chris Doyle Peter Doyle Nicholas Doyle	1649/07	The Jug 4 1	Youngstown YC	16	22	(6)	4	1	2	3	1	5
2	Jeff Progelhof Eric Hemker Erin Progelhof	24/01	Schitzen Giggles	Rush Creek Yacht Club	22	35	1	1	8	1	8	3	(13)
3	Alex Schwinn Mike Schwinn Ben Robbins	918/10	Tilt	Lakewood Yacht Club	26	33	(7)	5	4	7	5	4	1
4	Casey Lambert Evan Smith Jon Larson	1531/02	Blackburnmarine.com	Lakewood Yacht Club	32	46	3	9	13	3	2	(14)	2
5	Jeff Hayden Steve Hunter Ian Hunter	1586/08	Polar Express	Severn Sailing Association	35	46	2	7	(11)	8	1	6	11



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Technical Committee Report

By Thomas Lösch, International Technical Committee Chair

When we prepared the updated Class Rules with the effective date March 1, 2025, we missed deleting the sentence in

C.5.2 OPTIONAL

(b) NOT FOR USE WHILE RACING

(iii) Devices such as GPS that give location information.

This was contradicting our emphasis to allow devices with GPS capabilities. We addressed this to World Sailing (WS) in an urgent WS Class Rules Changes Request. This change request was approved by WS with the effective date April 23, 2025.

Class Rule C.5.2 OPTIONAL reads now as follows:

(b) NOT FOR USE WHILE RACING

(i) Mobile telephones or any devices capable of receiving data transmissions.

(ii) Navigation devices with charting capabilities.

~~(iii) Devices such as GPS that give location information.~~

(iii) Fenders and dock line

With the Class Rule change on March 1, 2025, we also did a housekeeping change and defined fenders and dock line only under

C.5.2. OPTIONAL

(b) NOT FOR USE WHILE RACING

(iii) Fenders and dock line

The actual Class Rules approved by WS can always been found under: <https://www.sailing.org/classes/j22/#Documents>

I would like to encourage you to continue giving us feedback or comments. Only by that can we develop the Class in the spirit of its sailors. I am honored to work with all members of the various Committees of our Class to make our Class even better.

Anyone with questions or comments should feel free to contact me (thomas.loesch@t-online.de).





2025 J/22 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: THE CHARM OF NAPOLI MEETS GREAT SAILING

The **2025 J/22 World Championship** is set to unfold in Napoli from **11 to 19 October**, hosted by Lega Navale Italiana Napoli at the historic Porticciolo del Molosiglio.

Conveniently situated within a short walk of Naples's most historic and elegant neighbourhoods, the Club offers easy access to the city's boutiques, cafés and cultural landmarks. Under the joint auspices of the Italian and the International J/22 Class Association, the world's finest crews will vie for the title in identical one-design J/22 keelboats across a maximum of twelve races.

Competitors will convene on **11–12 October** for onsite check-in, crew weigh-in, and boat & sail measurement. The opening ceremony will take place on the evening of **12 October**, officially launching a week promising tactical racing and camaraderie. From **13 through 17 October**, each day begins with a competitors' briefing, followed by an intended warning signal for up to three races (with a fourth reserved if delays occur). The championship culminates with the prize-giving ceremony on the evening of **17 October**, after which sailors will haul their boats on **18–19 October** and depart Napoli enriched by both competition and culture.



MARITIME HERITAGE

Napoli's maritime heritage stretches back over 2,500 years to its founding by Greek colonists as Neapolis. From its early role as a military and commercial harbour under the Greeks and Romans to its expansion under the Angevin and Bourbon dynasties, the port has remained central to the city's economy and identity. Today, the Museo del Mare preserves three centuries of naval tradition, underscoring Napoli's enduring bond with the sea. For the World Championship, the fleet will race in the sun-lit, sheltered waters of the Bay of Napoli, directly in front of Castel dell'Ovo and the Mergellina waterfront—offering both competitors and spectators panoramic vistas of Mount Vesuvius and the historic skyline.

In October the Gulf of Napoli enters its autumn marine regime, with sea-surface temperatures averaging 21 to 23 °C and moderate, seasonally variable breezes. Winds blow predominantly along two axes: the cool northeasterly "Grecale" and the warmer south-westerly "Libeccio", both sustaining five to fifteen knots and delivering reliable racing conditions. Occasional Scirocco events can briefly boost winds to fifteen to twenty-five knots. This breeze regime, combined with fetch across the Tyrrhenian, produces moderate wave heights. Sporadic showers may interrupt the week, but the overall mid-October pattern favors steady, competitive sailing throughout the Championship.



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DISCOVERING NAPOLI

Beyond the racecourse, participants and visitors can immerse themselves in Napoli. The city offers a vibrant street life, a living museum of Baroque churches, narrow alleys, and world-renowned cuisine. Its historic centre—inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995—preserves the ancient Greek street grid along the Decumani, where Baroque churches such as Santa Chiara and medieval palaces stand side by side with bustling cafés and pizzerias. Just a short journey from the city centre, visitors can explore the Archaeological Areas of Pompeii and Herculaneum, whose remarkably preserved streets and villas offer an unparalleled glimpse into Roman daily life. When the day's racing concludes, the energetic pulse of Napoli carries you from the master artisans of Via San Gregorio Armeno—who, in year-round workshops, perpetuate the eighteenth-century presepe tradition with hand-crafted terracotta shepherds and satirical figures—into the city's dynamic nightlife. Historic squares such as Piazza Bellini and the alleyways of Chiaia brim with intimate wine bars, café-lounges, and disco bars, while live-music venues and nightclubs keep the streets alive well past midnight, reflecting Napoli's energetic after-dark spirit. No visit to Napoli is complete without its world-famous cuisine: in the shadow of historic buildings, you can taste the original pizza Margherita, born here in 1889, or indulge in sfogliatelle and rum-soaked babà at time-worn cafés. For a final perspective, a funicular ride up to Vomero offers sweeping panoramas of the Bay of Naples and Vesuvius beyond.

By combining top-tier sailing competition with the rich tapestry of Neapolitan culture, the 2025 J/22 World Championship promises not only sporting excellence but also an authentic encounter with one of the Mediterranean's most storied port cities.





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Housing will be provided for out-of-town teams, and when the racing wraps up, the party starts. Thanks to our friends at Fifth Frame Brewing, there will be plenty of great food and local craft brews to keep everyone well-fed and in high spirits all weekend long.

Don't miss this premier event on the J/22 calendar—mark your calendar and join us in Rochester!

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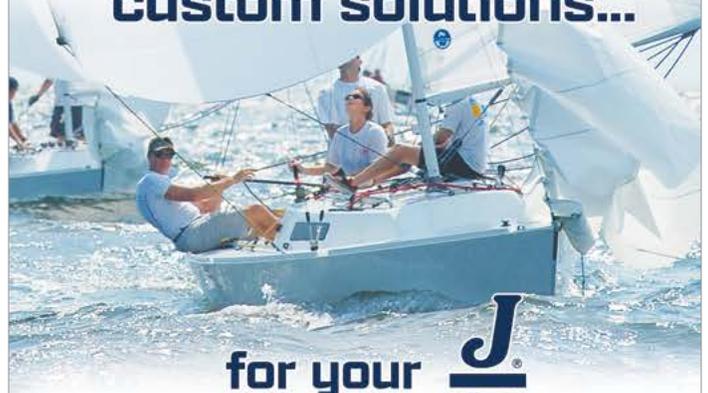
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The Stellendam Yacht Club organized the Stellendam Regatta again this year. This event marks the start of the sailing season for many Classes in the Netherlands.

This regatta is usually sailed at the end of April on the Haringvliet in front of Stellendam Marina. It has also become a party to celebrate the start of the season. This is where the sailors of the ORC and the one-design Classes meet again after the winter season.

The J/22 fleet of eight boats included participants from both Germany and the Netherlands.

On Saturday, the weather was sunny with temperatures up to 19°C/62°F, but on Sunday, the sun only came out a little bit, and the

temperature dropped to 12°C/49°F. Saturday began with a delayed start because there was little wind in the morning. However, it remained mostly dry, accompanied by windy weather that continued on Sunday.

After the races on Saturday, there was once again the popular tradition of a festive evening with freshly baked fish and live music, which makes the regatta a special experience.

After eight exciting races, the young German team from Berlin won.



1	GER 1591 Tintin	Jules TRONQUET	CNFT	12
2	NED 1514 Smurfenbåd	Sanne van RIJN	TU Delft	14
3	NED 1295 Jut en Jul	Dirk Jan VERDOORN	WVL	19

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