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# ALL EYES ON NAPLES: THE BATTLE FOR THE J/22 WORLD TITLE HEATS UP

Get ready for a world-class showdown! As the 2025 **J/22 World Championship** in **Naples** draws nearer, excitement is steadily building around what promises to be a highly competitive and closely followed edition of the championship. Having highlighted the stunning location and prime sailing conditions in our spring newsletter, we now turn our attention to the growing list of confirmed participants and the compelling competitive narrative already taking shape in the lead-up to the event.

Scheduled from **October 11 to 19** and hosted by **Lega Navale Italiana Napoli** at the historic **Porticciolo del Molosiglio**, the championship will bring together top-tier crews from around the world for up to twelve races in the iconic waters of the Bay of Naples. These same waters—set against the backdrop of Mount Vesuvius and Castel dell'Ovo—will also host the **38th America's Cup in 2027**, underscoring Naples' rising prominence as a premier international sailing destination. The 2025 J/22 World Championship will thus serve not only as a top-level competition in its own right, but also as a preview of the world-class racing theatre Naples is poised to offer in the years to come.

Naples' selection as America's Cup host is no coincidence.

The city offers a potent combination of reliable Mediterranean wind regimes, technical sailing conditions shaped by coastal geography, and a deep maritime tradition. By staging the J/22 World Championship in this setting—just two years ahead of the Cup—the international class is positioning itself at the heart of sailing's global conversation.



Among the most anticipated entries is the return of the 2023 World Champions, the Dutch-flagged team *FRAPORITA* (NED 1273), skippered by Jean Michel Lautier with Giuseppe D'Aquino and Denis Neves. Their dominant performance at the Travemünder Woche, where they secured seven wins out of nine races, set a benchmark for excellence in the class. Their presence in Naples ensures that the title defence will be tested against an increasingly deep and competitive fleet.

Indeed, the growing list of registrants already includes several highly regarded Italian teams. *Alcione* (ITA 705), runner-up at the most recent *Italian Sportboat Championship* and winner of the 2024 *J/22 Italian Nationals*, enters the event as a top domestic contender. Close behind are *Jolly Roger* (ITA 606) and *Pestifera* (ITA 603), who claimed second and third place, respectively, at the national championship. Alongside them, boats such as *Les Alizes*, *Margot*, *Lamù*, and *White Magic*, all based in Naples, have been training intensively over the past months with the goal of reaching peak performance in time for the Worlds. Their familiarity with local conditions, honed through focused on-water sessions throughout the season, may provide a slight edge when racing begins in earnest.



The international profile of the regatta is also strengthening week by week. In addition to the reigning champions, several other foreign teams from the Netherlands and Germany have already registered or pre-registered. Notably, *J-Bender* (GER1449) took third place at the 2024 *German Open* in Travemünde, while *Jola* (GER1411) achieved a third-place finish at the 2025 German Open. With further international entries anticipated, the fleet is shaping up to deliver a world-class level of competition, combining tactical excellence, local knowledge, and global experience.

Naples—with its blend of vibrant cultural heritage, deep maritime identity, and reliable mid-October sailing conditions—will offer the perfect backdrop for this event. As competitors finalize their preparations, it is increasingly clear that the 2025 J/22 World Championship will be more than just a regatta, it will be a celebration of the class' spirit and skill at the highest level, in a city rapidly emerging as one of the global capitals of competitive sailing.

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# Technical Committee Report

*By Thomas Lösch, International Technical Committee Chair*

In 2023, we celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first build of a J/22. During this time, the Class has grown and developed worldwide. During this 40 years, we continuously developed the Class Rules and made thoughtful and deliberate changes to them when necessary and always with an eye on fundamental fairness, controlling the cost of participation and maintaining a level playing field.

Not everyone is continuously monitoring the changes we have done during the time, and therefore I want to emphasize the mandatory personal and portable equipment. Some of the equipment which has been mandatory in earlier versions of the Class Rules are not anymore needed, e.g. water-resistant flashlight with spare batteries and bulb. On the other side, we have also excluded some optional equipment which has been allowed in earlier versions, e.g. spare spinnaker pole.

Here is the actual list of mandatory personal and portable equipment which is required:

1. One personal flotation devices (PFD) for each crew
2. One fixed device to deliver a magnetic compass heading or course over ground
3. One manual bilge pump
4. One anchor with 30m of non-floating line
5. One fog horn
6. One bucket with a minimum 9-litre capacity and attached lanyard
7. A marine first aid kit

8. Code Flag B (red protest flag)
9. A copy of the current Racing Rules
10. One paddle
11. A tow line at least 19 metres in length
12. Local or government mandated safety equipment

**REMARK:** The list has been simplified, and if in doubt, the text of the actual Class Rule prevails.

The list for the optional equipment is pretty lengthy and should include everything that might be needed on board for a race day. Everything that is not included in this list shouldn't be on board during a regatta.

I would like to encourage you to continue giving us feedback or comments. Only by that we can 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 contact feel free to contact me ([thomas.loesch@t-online.de](mailto:thomas.loesch@t-online.de)) and/or the Class Executive Chris Howell.

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## 2025 J/22 Nationals 14-16 June

***As posted on Facebook with the results, this is a Nationals that will be remembered, and despite the challenges, the J/22s made it happen.***

In December, there was no water (would we be able to hold this event?). In April, too much water (we could not hold the event as boats could not be launched safely). Rescheduled to June (these dates clashed with other events that crew had committed to, or boats needed to be moved to Cape Town for Lipton Cup). Despite this, 10 Gauteng based J/22s made it happen!

Great sailors, competitive teams, superb host club LDYC, competent Race Officer and committee boat crew all made for a great Nationals.

Our amazing sponsors **ULLMAN SAILS, ZIPTRAC, AMTEC and SAIL QUIP** honoured their commitment, which added a big "extra" for all the sailors. Our sincere thanks to you all, your ongoing support is appreciated.

With light winds on Saturday, and less predicted for Sunday, the Race Office had a prompt 12.00 start, took every advantage of the challenging conditions and completed four races. Light winds were not without interesting happenings on the water. Several 720s, twisted

spinnakers, unintentional protest flags flying and a general recall. Rumour has it the general recall was jinxed from a comment on the Bridge boat that *Majic* was “going to be over.” She was, but all the others followed too closely!

Saturday’s results indicated a close challenge between *Caspar* and *DaJ* for first, and eight boats with sights on third. With five boats 1 point apart, it was anyone’s position. How wrong we all were. No racing Sunday, although the Bridge did try and was forced to abandon.

Monday winds looked promising with the Race Office planning one, ideally two races, to complete the event. The wind gods were kind.

The Bridge made the most of the conditions, and three races were completed. This changed things dramatically.

The Ladies Trophy went to Jessica Roussouw for her ongoing commitment to the J/22 Class and regular participation in MOD and other events on the Vaal dam on *Jazzy*.

**ULLMAN SAILS**, with nine-year-old Max Giovannini as one of the crew, turned things around with their good results moving from eighth to **overall third place and winning the Zero to Hero trophy**.

**Second Place *Casper***, with solid results over seven races.

A well-deserved win for ***DaJ*, our 2025 J/22 National Champions**: Dirk Manten, Nic Kroucamp and JJ van Niekerk. Congratulations!!!

The positive posts and comments from the sailors confirm this J/22 Nationals was a success. We now look forward to watching those competing in Lipton Cup. Let’s show them what the J/22 fleet can do!





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# German Open 2025



## Travemuende, July 19-21

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The German Open was once again sailed during Travemuende Week. The German championship was decided over three days of sailing, with a total of eight races. Fortunately, the number of entries increased to 11 crews compared to last year.

And the wind and weather conditions could hardly have been better at the start of Travemuende Week. It started with a light breeze from the east, and the thermals picked up a little during the course of the day.

# Overall Results

**As of 21 JUL 2025 At 13:05**



Discard rule: Global: 4. Scoring system: Low Point.

Rk.	Sail Number	Name	Club	Points per Race								Total Pts.	Net Pts.
				R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8		
1	GER 1368	Reiner BROCKERHOFF (1955) Christoph DECLERQUE (1973) Nils HOFMANN (1996)	DUYC	2,2 STP	1	1	2	1	1	1	(12) DNF	21,2	9,2
2	GER 1513	Wolf JESCHONNEK Steffen DÜLSEN (1982) Frank STURM (1963)	CSV	3	2	2	1	(12) RET	2	3	1	26	14
3	GER 1411	Andreas DILLMANN (1965) Julia HARDER Silke BASEDOW (1984)	HSC	2	3	4	(5)	3	4	2	2	25	20
4	GER 1449	Thorsten SPÖTTER (1967) Hannes RANKE (1983) Florian BUCHS (1993)	HSC	(5)	4	3	4	2	3	5	3	29	24
5	GER 1390	Holger SCHMITT (1977) Hanna SCHMITT (2010) Thomas HANF (1978)	SLS	(12) NSC	12 OCS	5	3	4	5	6	4	51	39
6	GER 1619	Hardy KLEINEFELD (1964) Dirk GLANZMANN Jens OPALKA	SCPS	4	5	6	6	6	6	(7)	6	46	39
7	GER 1640	Thomas LÖSCH (1958) Ekaterina LENSKAYA (1975) Gabi KRETSCHMER	DKSC	6	6	(10)	8	8	8	4	5	55	45
8	GER 1364	Knut NESHEIM (1988) Chad RISLØV (1968) Tom GEDIEHN (1996)	BYC	7	8	9	7	5	7	(10)	9	62	52
9	GER 1215	Sergei MESHCHERIAKOV (1987) Clara TROMMER (1994) Gunnar STEIN (1970)	HSC	8	7	8	(9)	7	9	8	8	64	55
10	GER 1353	Tobias MATTHEISEN (1972) Andreas HAMACHER (1963) Lea KEUTMANN (1999)	YCNO	9	9	7	(10)	9	10	9	7	70	60
11	GER 1	Ulf GERLACH (1965) Christiane SCHAEFER André GERSTBERGER (1975) Anna DENKELER	HSC	10	10	(11)	11	10	11	11	10	84	73

# 2025

## **2025 J/22 North American Championship**

**Rochester Yacht Club**

Rochester, NY, United States

October 3 - October 5

## **2025 J/22 World Championship**

**Lega Navale Italiana Napoli**

Naples, Italy

October 12 - October 19

# 2026

## **2026 J/22 World Championship**

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