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2024 J/22 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ANNAPOLIS, MD **October 19–26, 2024**

Registration to open soon!

The newly created website will be launched this month - check often for updates on the regatta including accommodations, charter boats, inspection and much more.

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J/22 ROCKSTAR REGATTA

January 2024



By Sharin Richmond, J/22 South Africa Class Association

After an online meeting late 2023 (open to anyone interested in J/22s to share their thoughts and ideas on how to get more boats on the water), fun was one of the top criteria. So, as requested, the J/22 Rockstar Regatta was included as the first J/22 regatta of 2024. The objective: to get old, new, interested, and younger sailors or wanna be sailors onto the water in a J/22. The most important Rule 1—have fun. Rule 2—if you are not having fun, back to Rule 1 😊

Owners who were unable to sail were fantastic loaning their boats to competent crew. This resulted in an extra three on the entry list, with the fourth unfortunately having to withdraw under doctor's instructions. Not a happy sailor, but I am sure they will be there if the opportunity arises again.



Then came a call from a J/22 skipper. He had an interested sponsor! CHERY Edenvale and STAR CHERY Vanderbijl were on board with an amazing offer. As you thought things could not get better, KINGSBOURNE added their fantastic sponsorship. Our aim for a fun regatta was ensured.

Saturday wind was not looking promising, and Race Officer John Samuels, ably assisted by the very efficient Megan Johnson, had their work cut out for them. A light breeze eventually came through. The course was set. Sound signals heard. The enthusiasm of the J/22 sailors combined with the L26 National entries resulted in a general recall despite the length of the start line. The fleet were more cautious on the second start, and racing began. Unfortunately, the wind strength never increased substantially despite the storm moving around the shoreline. Three rounds were completed with wind shifts and tactics having a significant influence on the result. *Freeport*, skippered by Damian Muller, led from the start, and sailed like a champion. Light winds can still result in some interesting and questionable situations—a broken spinnaker pole beak, spinnaker sheets tangled around the shrouds, a 360 on the start line and a spinnaker being trawled across the finish line. It makes you think, doesn't it? As the storm and lightning moved toward the racecourse, boats were instructed to head home for the day.

A pre-supper fun prizegiving in the bar with prizes from CHERY, many on the water stories, laughter, connecting and catching up with friends not seen in a while, celebration of a 40th birthday...most definitely made the event it set out to be. FUN!



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The start on Sunday was moved forward, and as a “FUN” regatta, an amendment to the Rules was posted on the Notice Board: one race would constitute a regatta 😊 The breeze looked more promising, so racing started promptly at 09.00 resulting in some entries not making the start line in time. Another light breeze day made challenging conditions for the Race Committee as well as the sailors, and alas the only race of the day. But we had a regatta.



Our generous sponsors—CHERY Edenvale, STAR CHERY Vanderbijl and KINGSBOURE—enabled each boat to receive a cash contribution to their expenses, substantial first, second and third cash prizes, as well as cash acknowledgement of middle of the fleet seventh place and 10th place.

The champion J/22 rockstar is Damian Muller on *Freeport* with his crew Owen Diesel and Ayden O’Hare.

More fun events are planned for the year ahead, as well as the J/22 Nationals and Regionals so let’s get those J/22s on the water and enjoy what we enjoy most...sailing!

Technical Committee Report

By Thomas Lösch, International Technical Committee Chair

2023 SURVEY – ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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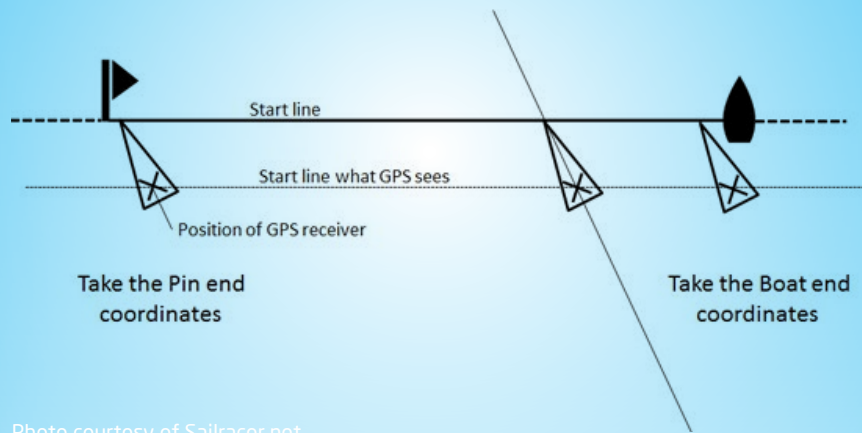


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In the 2023 survey, more than 60% of the respondents said that they don't want to change the Class Rule (CR) that would allow the use of any application or device that can measure time and/or distance to the start line.

The technical development as well as the corresponding prices in this area are still very dynamic. We are facing the situation that high-end electronic devices which meet the current Class Rules without measuring time and/or distance to the start line are nearly as expensive as the low-end electronic devices which are measuring this data.

We certainly are seeking a technical definition and not a list of allowed instruments, as the latter doesn't allow for the dynamics of development.

If we are adapting the definition for electronic devices of similar Classes as the J/22, we are facing the challenge that besides allowing low-end devices, we are also opening the door to the high-end electronic devices that can measure time and/or distance to the start line. These devices are, on average, about 2-2.5 times as expensive as the low-end ones.

If we go for a CR change, some sailors might not be satisfied with the low-end devices and we purchase the high-end solution within the CR and that can end up at approximately 5.000- €.

One of the reasons why sailors stated that they don't want to change the CR is that we shouldn't increase the cost of racing.

Therefore, in the next month, we will do an investigation into various proposals to the Class Rules and their impact of which devices would be Class legal and what are the potential costs.

I am enjoying the challenges that are being presented as the Technical Chair, and I am honored to work with all members of the various Committees of our Class to make our Class even better. It is in great shape with all the work the Technical Committee has already put in to get us to this point.

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

J-22 EURO CUP

3rd – 6th October 2024



SAILING AREA

- Lake Wolfgangsee is one of the most popular sailing areas in Austria, with a beautiful natural landscape combined with excellent infrastructure for sailing.
- There is a thermal breeze, called “Brunnwind” and there are also westerly and southerly winds.

ORGANIZING CLUB

- The Union Yacht Club Wolfgangsee looks on a history of more than 120 years (founded 1901) with a lot of successful sailors in international and national competitions.

VICTORIES

- Members of the Union Yacht Club Wolfgangsee won 3 medals at Olympic sailing events (1 Gold, 2 Silver medals) and titles and medals at World and European Championships.



INFRASTRUCTURE

- Marina for about 40 boats
- Good parking facilities for cars, trailers and small camping cars
- Very fine touristic infrastructure in the region
- Adequate overnight accommodation possibilities in the village of St. Gilgen

PROGRAM

Thursday, 3 rd October	Equipment and sail control
Friday, 4 th October	Races
Saturday, 5 th October	Races
Sunday, 6 th October	Races

9 Races, maximum 4 races a day



March 21-24, 2024

New Orleans, Louisiana

www.j22mw.com

While Mardi Gras is over, the party never stops in New Orleans. Come for a wonderful weekend of socializing and sailing at the Southern Yacht Club March 21-24 for the 2024 J/22 Midwinter Championship.

Online registration is open at www.j22mw.com. The event begins at 1000 on Thursday, March 21, followed by an afternoon practice race with a warning signal at 1455. We'll finish off the day with a competitors' meeting and welcome reception at 1900. No blazers or ties required.

Breakfast will be offered each morning in the Grill, and racing will commence at 0955 on Friday. March weather on Lake Pontchartrain (a shallow, brackish estuary) can be somewhat fickle. Plan for a little bit of everything...

balmy, shorts weather to nippy 50-60s; drifter conditions to blow your doors off wind; flat, calm southerlies to steep, choppy northerlies. Each afternoon's racing will be followed by a keg at the Tiki Bar under the clubhouse (weather permitting).

An online store from Coral Reef Sailing Apparel is available, so visit the J/22 Midwinters website (www.j22mw.com) for the link to get regatta gear. Regatta shirts and other paraphernalia will be available to outfit you and your crew.

If you haven't registered already, now is the time to do so before the entry fee goes up on March 8. The regatta committee is hard at work planning the social events that have become such a fun part of this regatta. Don't miss out – sign up today!



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October 4 - October 6

2024 J/22 World Championship
Eastport Yacht Club,
Annapolis, MD, United States
October 19 - October 26

2025

2025 J/22 North American Championship
Rochester Yacht Club, Rochester, NY,
United States
October 3 - October 5

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