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# Travis Odenbach Dominates at J/22 North American Championship

Travis Odenbach's *Honeybadger* dominated to secure the title of the 2022 J/22 North American Championship, racing J/22 USA sail #1542. With crew Geoff Becker and Billy Farmer, the Rochester Yacht Club-based team tallied just 14 points in eight races, including one in which they did not start (1-3-2-1-2-1-4-[22/DNS]). Christopher Doyle's *The Jug 4 1* put together a solid three days on Tawas Bay to earn second place with 20 points, after winning the last race of the weekend. Jeffrey Todd's *Hot Toddy* won race seven in winds of 10-13 knots for third place overall at 27

points. Twenty-one teams representing 10 states competed from September 15-17 in East Tawas, Michigan USA.

Odenbach credited this win to great teamwork. "I'm so happy to have worked in this event with two of my best friends, Geoff Becker and Billy Farmer. Tawas Bay Yacht Club was amazing, along with Jennifer and Chris Princing," he summarized. "We just kept grinding away and collectively made good decisions. Now back to the kids!"



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**DAY ONE RECAP:** Light air conditions only permitted two races, the first dominated by Odenbach's *Honeybadger*, and the second dominated by Chase Quinn's *Osprey* (Bristol Yacht Club) with crew Nick Cromwell and Jimmy Kennedy. Quinn was also awarded the coveted pig for "Boat of the Day" for his



performance in his first major J/22 Class event. Kurt Taken-Holtze's *Turn Down For What* placed second in both races. Racing was then called for the day as winds dropped to 2-3 knots. Tawas Bay Yacht Club facilitated two days of seamless registration and inspection, including a practice race and an opening ceremony on Wednesday.

**DAY TWO RECAP:** Two days of racing proved strong for Odenbach's *Honeybadger*, with 9 points. In second place with 24 points was James Freedman's *Miss Conduct*, joined by crew John Skiles and Angel Shellenberger. With 26 points, Quinn's *Osprey* was in third place and Todd's *Hot Toddy* fourth on a





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tiebreaker. Three races were completed in the afternoon. Todd's *Hot Toddy* won race three in winds between 7.5-9 knots, followed by Odenbach's *Honeybadger* in second and Freedman's *Miss Conduct* in third. Then Odenbach's *Honeybadger*

won race four in winds around 9 knots, trailed by Doyle's *The Jug 4 1* and Mike Marshall's *Bad News*. Race five was won by Doyle's *The Jug 4 1*, ahead of Odenbach's *Honeybadger* and Marshall's *Bad News*.





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## TOP FIVE:

1. *Honeybadger*, Travis Odenbach, Rochester Yacht Club, 1-3-2-1-2-1-4-[22/DNS]- ; 14
2. *The Jug 4 1*, Christopher Doyle, Youngstown Yacht Club, 3-[13]-9-2-1-2-2-1- ; 20
3. *Hot Toddy*, Jeffrey Todd, Annapolis Yacht Club, [9]-7-1-4-5-5-1-4- ; 27
4. *Bad News*, Mike Marshall, New York Yacht Club, [11]-8-4-3-3-4-3-2- ; 27
5. *Osprey*, Chase Quinn, Bristol Yacht Club, 4-1-5-[10]-6-3-6-5- ; 30





Photos and videos can be found on the J/22 International Class Association Facebook page or at <https://www.gretchendorian.com/2022-J22-North-Americans/>. Complete event details may be found at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23836>.



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# A Wonderful Day at the J/22 World Championship in Travemünde!

# 2023



*...imagine, you awake from a horn, hear the seagulls that follow a fisher boat and the leaves sweep in the wind. After a short swim in the Baltic Sea and a breakfast with your sailing tribe, you rig your J into ready-to-race-mode and relax under the sun. After three exhausting races in 14 knots breeze, you drink a beer at the pier, and you could not turn away your eyes from the amazing pictures of the day. Right next to you, the German Class president is trying to draw a perfect freezing cold German beer...*

## **Yes, you are at the J/22 World Championship 2023!**

Some more details:

Travemünde Week is one of the biggest sailing events in Germany with more than 1,600 sailors from all over the world, and some other sailing Classes will have their championships during that week. The festival mile on shore will offer music and culinary delights, with many events and free concerts. Laser and fire shows will be held from the 4-mast-barque **Passat**.



Framed by an opening ceremony and the award ceremony, two days of registration and measurement are planned, as well as five days of racing. The berthing place of the J/22 Class is located directly in front of the big Travemünde promenade. We will have some drinks there, time to talk and relax after the race days.

Hope to see you all in Travemünde!

Please do not hesitate to contact us, should you need further information or assistance:  
[pr@j22kv.de](mailto:pr@j22kv.de)

## **Preliminary schedule of the J/22 World Championship, July 23-29, 2023:**

- Sunday, July 23 to Monday 24: Registration & Measurement.
- Monday, July 24: Practice Race & Opening Ceremony
- Tuesday, July 25 to Saturday, July 29: Races
- Saturday, July 29: Final Races & Prize Giving Ceremony







# Save the Date

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**July 13-16, 2023**

**Kingston, Ontario, Canada**

**The Canadian J/22 Class Association, in conjunction with CORK,  
looks forward to welcoming your Team to the  
2023 J/22 North America Championship.**

**Join us for great racing and fun on Lake Ontario, in  
Kingston, in July 2023.**

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# Technical Committee Report

*By Thomas Lösch, International Technical Committee Chair*



## CLASS RULES

*Before we issued the new Class Rules in 2020, we had our Class Rules dated 03/01/2013 in place. In order to clarify technical developments over time, we put together 17 topics in a Q&A document. The last issue of that was 8/27/2019.*

*In this issue of the newsletter, I will describe how topics 10 to 17 have been transformed into our new Class Rules. The majority of the topics haven't been transformed in a one to one form. It was our intention to have a wording that was anticipating future developments.*

### IN THE FOLLOWING, YOU FIND THE TRANSFORMATION INTO THE NEW CLASS RULES:

#### **10. Is a jib barber hauler permitted?**

No, as described in CR 1.2 and 1.3, this is not an addition that is permitted.

- not mentioned in C.7.2 and therefore not allowed

#### **11. Can I change the bow cleat to a mooring eye?**

No, as described in CR 1.2 and 1.3, this is not a change that is permitted in the Builder Specification.

- new D.5.1 (a)(iii)

#### **12. Can I change my rigging to Dyform?**

No, as described in CR 1.2 and 1.3, this is not a change that is permitted. The Builders Specification is 316 1x19.

- new F.6.2 (a)

#### **13. Are electronic compasses like the Tacktick permitted?**

Yes, as described in CR 6.1, electronic compasses are permitted.

- new C.5.2 (a)(i)

#### **14. Can I use a speed puck or other GPS device to measure speed?**

Yes, CR 5.9 allows electronic devices to measure speed.

- new C.5.2 (a)(iii)



# Technical Committee Report



## 15. Can I use a ProStart or similar device that gives me time and distance to the starting line?

No, as discussed in CR 1.2 and 1.3, the calculation functions available with this type of device are not explicitly stated or specifically permitted within the Class Rules.

➤ C.5.2 (a)(iv)

## 16. Is a Velscaf mast with a flat mast base legal for the J/22?

Yes. Velscaf Spars have been approved by J/Boats. These new spars do not include the standard mast base with exit blocks for halyards and topping lift. The new spar has a flat plate at the bottom of the spar and exit holes for the halyard tails. This design mast step has been reviewed and approved by the J/22 Technical Committee, and is approved for use in all J/22 Class events, with the following provisions:

1. No halyard or topping lift may be cleated on the mast spar itself.
2. Only the attachment end of any halyard or topping lift may exit from above the gooseneck fitting on the mast.

➤ new C.9.4 (a) and C.9.8 (a)(vi),(vii), (viii) and (xi)

## 17. Is it allowed to have a J/22 mast base plate with holes that are larger than the pins that were delivered with the boat originally or to have a slot instead of holes where the mast base plate pins are inserted?

No. The mast plate must have circular holes for the mast base plate pins, and the holes must be no larger than the pin circumference, so that the pins just fit into the mast base plate. There should be no possibility of the mast moving up and down on the mast base plate once properly attached.

➤ new C.9.4 (b)(iii)/(iv)

With the new Class Rules, the former FAQs have become obsolete and therefore were removed from our website.

If you you have questions, please don't hesitate to address them to the Class Office or to myself ([thomas.loesch@t-online.de](mailto:thomas.loesch@t-online.de)).





# SOUTH AFRICA REPORT

**BY SHARIN RICHMOND**

The J/22 Marriott World Championship held 2-8 July at Point Yacht Club Durban was a great success. The results were first the local heroes on *Nitro Juice* (skipper David Rae and crew of Sean van Rensburg and Siyanda Vato). Second “King of the Caribbean” in the form of a powerful team from the Cayman Islands—Mike Farrington and his team on *Running with Scissors*: Dre Giovannini and Joe Palone. Third was Richard Weddell on *Nitro* with Struan Campbell and Rudy McNeill. For all the race information and excitement, please see the links:

<https://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2022/07/08/2022-j-22-world-championship/>

<https://J/22.com/uncategorized/2022-j-22-world-championship/>

Since our busy Marriott J/22 World Championship, the J/22 sailing has been local club racing for most boats, as leave from work heading to year end is not easy. The series club racing, held over a few months, always attracts the J/22 Class who inevitably feature at the top of the results.



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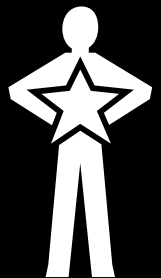


Our next big event is our SA J/22 Nationals, scheduled from 16-19 December 2022. Nationals will be on the Vaal dam, Gauteng, hosted by Deneyville Aquatic Club. The highlight of this year's Nationals is that they will be incorporated in the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of South African Sailing. The objective of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary event is to maximize "boats on the water" over this period to celebrate the occasion. All Classes

of all designs will be represented in either a youth, adult or masters category at various locations around the country to create this extravaganza of sailing to all.

So, until 2023 and a new sailing calendar with more fun times on our J/22s, we wish you a happy, safe festive season with family and friends and may 2023 be all you hope for.

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## Calendar

# 2022

**Jammin' J/22 Jamaica Regatta 2022  
at Montego Bay Yacht Club**

Dec 1 – Dec 3

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dates/information  
to [howell@j22.com](mailto:howell@j22.com)

# 2023

**2023 J/22 North American  
Championship at CORK**

Jul 12 – Jul 16

**2023 J/22 World Championship  
at Travemünder Week**

Jul 21 – Jul 30



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