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2024 J/22 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ANNAPOLIS, MD

October 19–26, 2024

EASTPORT YACHT CLUB

LESS THAN A YEAR AWAY –

SO START MAKING YOUR TRAVEL PLANS NOW!

Annapolis and its surrounding waters are a remarkable place to sail the J/22. Annapolis offers a level of resources for regatta support that is unmatched in all but a handful of the world's global sailing centers. Annapolis' central location on the east coast of the US makes it an ideal place to host an international event. It is served by three international airports and the Port of Baltimore. Visit http://www.annapolis.gov/ for more information.

Eastport Yacht Club is internationally known for its high-visibility racing, philanthropic and social events. It's a fun, informal club that welcomes all people young in age or heart. Its Race Committee hosts and manages some of the biggest and best races on the bay. EYC is the "little club" that could, did and continues to do.

HOTELS AND VACATION RENTALS:
Annapolis can routinely accommodate large numbers of out-of-town visitors. There are currently over 2,000 hotel rooms in Historic & Greater Annapolis in over 20 separate hotels. The Annapolis area currently supports over 300 private homes and condominium rentals that can support teams of any size. The timing of the event allows competitors to avoid the peak pricing of summer and Annapolis Boat Shows.

AIRPORTS:

There are three international airports that service to Annapolis:

- Marshall Baltimore Washington International Airport
- Ronald Reagan National Airport
- Dulles International Airport

COMMERCIAL SHIPPING:

The Port of Baltimore is approximately 25 miles from EYC (about a 30-40 minute drive) and is an ideal destination for shipping boats from Europe. Port details can be found at https://mpa.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx. EYC can provide storage options in Annapolis for boats after arrival.

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SPONSORSHIP

EYC is currently distributing a sponsorship plan and is pursuing cash and services-in-kind sponsoring partnerships.
EYC has currently secured Mt. Gay Rum, David Walters Yachts, Team 1 Newport and Will Keyworth Photography.

J-22 EUROCUP
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 thermical 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.

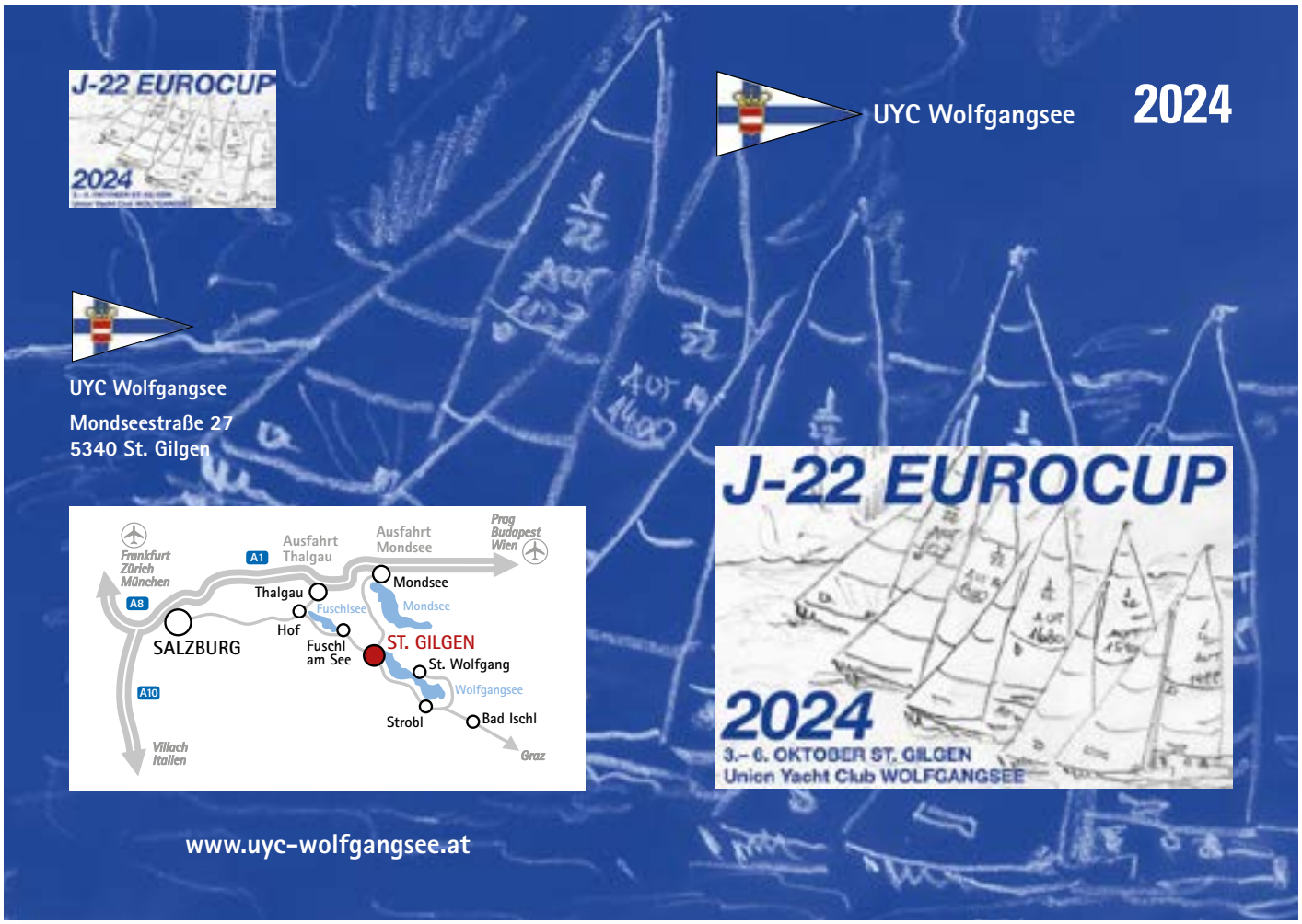
INFRASTRUCTURE

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

9 Races, maximum 4 races a day



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Technical Committee Report

By Thomas Lösch, International Technical Committee Chair

2023 SURVEY – CREW WEIGHT

The members of the International Board and the Technical Committee are constantly looking to new developments in our sailing community.

One topic which has been popping up from time to time is the crew weight. Our current Rule has served the Class for many years and kept the variety of participants very well. Due to the age of our Class and other competing Classes, the variety is shrinking due to the fact that sailors are becoming older and the average crew weight is increasing.

In the last changes of the Class Rules, we have put into Section I - Event Rule Change Options the option to change the crew weight for an event in the Notice of Race.

The Class Rules in this section say:

I.3. CREW LIMITATIONS

This changes class rule C.2.1 per RRS 87.
There shall be no limit on total crew weight.

This should give all organizers the possibility to adapt the Class Rules in the NoR to match the expectations of the participants. Based on this, you can now get a couple buddies together and you can sail with them.

Based on the experience of using this option, we will get back to the topic of crew weight to consider a change of CR C.2.1

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 feel free to contact me (thomas.loesch@t-online.de) and/or the Class Executive, Chris Howell.

2023 J/22 East Coast Championship

By Brad Julian

The 2023 J/22 & J/24 East Coast Championships (ECCs) were an event to remember, featuring wet and wild conditions that will be discussed for quite some time. The regatta was hosted by Severn Sailing Association (SSA) from Friday, October 20 to Sunday, October 22. The J/24 fleet sailed all three days, while the J/22 fleet sailed on Saturday and Sunday.

The event attracted 20 different J/22 teams to register, seven of which hailed from out-of-town locations, ranging as far south as Atlanta, GA, as far north as Bristol, RI, and as far west as Minnetonka, MN.

A cold front descended on the region in the early hours of Saturday morning, bringing low temperatures and heavy, puffy and shifty wind conditions from the Northwest. By the time racing began on Saturday, average wind speeds exceeded 23 knots, with gusts consistently exceeding 30 knots. The dedicated team of volunteer Race Committee officials from SSA set a course at the mouth of the Severn River, with the windward mark just under Greenbury Point. Three races were completed for the J/22 fleet on Saturday, that put boat handling, tactics and equipment to the fullest of tests. There were several knockdowns and multiple capsizes, including our own team capsizing three times before the event was over. By the end of racing on Saturday, Aden King's *Rhythmic Pumping*, with teammates Jeff Sullivan and Billy Farmer, was in the lead with 7 points, while I, Matthew Schubert and Colin Robertson trailed by 1 point on *Yard Sail* in second place, followed by Jeff Todd on *Hot Toddy* with Chip Carr and Chris Ryan in third place.

Following a lively tent party on Saturday night at SSA featuring traditional Maryland crab soup, fresh oysters, silent auctions and more organized by regatta chair Kelly Fitzgerald, Sunday brought no relief and delivered similar conditions as Saturday. Aden King started Sunday off strong with a first-place finish in the first race of the day and extended his lead. Feeling the pressure, we knew we had to sail cleanly and work hard. We had good starts, connected with the puffs and shifts upwind and stayed upright downwind, enabling us to win the second race of the day and finish second in the final race behind Chris Doyle from Youngstown, NY, a seasoned veteran in the Class with multiple Championships under his belt, who sailed *The Jug 4 1*.

After a total of six races, with one drop race, the top five finishers were:

1. Brad Julian / Matthew Schubert / Colin Robertson – *Yard Sail* – 8 points
2. Aden King / Jeff Sullivan / Billy Farmer – *Rhythmic Pumping* – 15 points
3. Chris Doyle / RJ Moon / Peter Doyle – *The Jug 41* – 15 Points
4. Jeffery Todd / Chip Carr / Chris Ryan – *Hot Toddy* – 16 points
5. Mike Gemperline / Abby Cook / Jimmy Kennedy – *Defiance* – 19 points

Full results can be found at https://yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative.cfm?eID=16039.

Dutch Open

September 30-October 1, 2023

Medemblik Regatta 2023 © Laurens Morel • saltycolours.com

This race in the beginning of October is the closing of the summer race season. The number of J/22 participants in the Dutch Open was unfortunately very limited this year, nevertheless the spirit was great.

Just the way to Medemblik was already exciting over the dike between the Ijsselmeer and the North Sea. The weather was very gracious with lots of sun and decent wind on Sunday.

The team of *Fraporita* was (as already demonstrated at the World Championship in Travemünde) sailing ahead of everybody. Therefore, the places 2 and 3 were even more competitive, and both went to the Hamburger Sailing Club. Congratulations at this point to Thorsten Spötter and team for second place.

Team *Jola* took third place and have been more than happy with this result.

All top three crews got nice medals for their achievements.

Up to six different classes started on the same course. What a crowd at the starting line, and highest respect for the double-handed ORC class…what others do with up 6, they manage in pairs.

Unfortunately, one of the Dutch teams broke the rudder blade, so they had to stop racing on the second day.

The J/22 is, and remains, a great Class—both from the point of view of the boats and the teams! This was again very noticeable at this regatta.

Results:
https://manage2sail.com/nl-NL/event/Medemblik2023#!/results?classId=J/22

Regatta Jack Frost

("Väterchen Frost") on the Alster in Hamburg

At the end of the regatta season 2023, a considerable number of sailors once again came together to take part in the Väterchen Frost regatta on the Alster on November 11-12. The Alster is only about 500 meters away from Hamburg's main railway station and is surrounded by office and commercial buildings. The sailors were welcomed on both days with winds between 6-10 knots, an air temperature of 8 degrees, surprising wind shifts and a few additional rain showers on Sunday.

In addition to the J/22 fleet, the J/24s and J/70s also had their end of season regatta there, so that a total of more than 35 boats were sailing between the buoys.

After a long break, Hardy Kleinfeld was back at the start and took second place on Saturday behind Thorsten Spötter from Hamburger SC. However, Hardy Kleinfeld was able to overtake Thorsten on Sunday and won the 2023 season finale with a 4-point lead. Third place went to the young crew of Lasse Paland from ETuF in Essen.

1. **GER 1619 Hardy KLEINFELD**
   (Segelclub Prinzensteg e. V.) 9 Pkt
2. **GER 1449 Thorsten SPÖTTER**
   (Hamburger Segel-Club e. V.) 13 Pkt
3. **GER 1384 Lasse PALAND**
   (Essener Turn- und Fechtklub e. V.) 15 Pkt

Now most of the boats are going into winter storage, and all the teams are starting to plan for 2024.

J/22 Midwinter Championship

March 21-24, 2024

Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans, Louisiana

www.j22mw.com

Southern Yacht Club and Fleet 46 in New Orleans, LA are excited to host the 2024 J/22 Midwinter Championship March 21-24. Registration will be Thursday with racing beginning Friday morning and continuing through Sunday midday. Up to nine races are planned. Registration will be opening shortly with more details at www.j22mw.com.

Your host committee is diligently working behind the scenes on regatta planning and expect this to be another top-notch event hosted by Southern Yacht Club. Sponsorship details are in the works right now so look for details soon.

As with past events, the competitors will be treated to incredible and sometimes unpredictable weather on Lake Pontchartrain. The winter wind pattern cycles from balmy Gulf breezes to strong Northerly fronts and finally to light wind/high pressure systems. This broad spectrum of conditions is sure to challenge everyone! Late in March, however, the cycle is less severe with few extremes.

The Lake is actually a brackish estuary open to the Gulf of Mexico. There is little tidal effect and no current to speak of in the racing area.

At about 24 miles in diameter and averaging 14' deep, the lake's saucer-like shape can make for a short, steep chop.

Ceremonies will open on Thursday, March 21, and the skippers' meeting will be that evening.

Your event committee is busy planning the social events for your stay in New Orleans. With any visit to New Orleans, you can guarantee you will be well fed at numerous restaurants. While at the event, club staff will take care of all your dining needs with the best southern charm. A social schedule will be posted on the website, so stay tuned for more specifics.

Southern Yacht Club is located on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain on the New Orleans Lakefront. There is a variety of seafood houses and other restaurants nearby, and the French Quarter is only an Uber ride away! There are also many local hotels just minutes from the club to make your stay enjoyable.

Contact Boo Heausler (rheausler@gmail.com) if you have any questions or for further details, and check out www.j22mw.com for information on the 2024 Midwinter Championship. Information on Southern Yacht Club can be found at SouthernYachtClub.org.

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2024 J/22 Eurocup

Union Yachtclub Wolfgangsee, Austria

Oct 4 – Oct 6

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