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# 2024 J/22 World Championship

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# Glenn Darden's *Baby Doll* Earns J/22 Midwinter Championship



It took a tiebreaker to determine the winner of the 2024 J/22 Midwinter Championship hosted by Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans, Louisiana USA: Glenn Darden's *Baby Doll* of Fort Worth Boat Club in Texas. Eking out the victory at 28 points, including back-to-back bullets in the final two races, the team included Willem Van Waay, Jackson Benvenuti and Min Min Kelly, all gearing up for the 2024 J/22 World Championship in Annapolis, Maryland this fall. The same team won last year's North American Championship. Darden is a veteran of several Classes, and said about the J/22, "Great people! The Class is strong, and racing is hard, very close and competitive." Jeff Hayden from Newport, Rhode Island, the youngest helmsperson in the event, was runner-up. Kurt Taken-Holtze from Wayzata, Minnesota proved the most consistent throughout the Championship, never finishing out of the top seven, for third place (34 points). Nine out of nine planned races were completed.



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The three days saw a myriad of conditions, ranging from light and lumpy Friday to windy and wavy Saturday to the highest breeze Sunday, although with flatter seas. "It was typical Lake Pontchartrain," summarized Benvenuti. "It was really tricky, and we were struggling at the beginning. Our heads were spinning sometimes." Van Waay added, "In the lighter air,

we had some tough times. We also had a rough start in the last race, and ducked a few boats. Even at the top, we could never relax."

Racing in this event were J/22 hulls ranging from #8 through 1649, following the 40-year anniversary of the boat in 2023. Helmspersons ranged in age from 26 to more than 80 years old.



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**Day One Recap:** Light and shifty breeze welcomed teams. Following an onshore postponement while rain squalls passed through, two races were accomplished under clearing skies and spring temperatures. Michael Gemperline's *Defiance* from Bristol Yacht Club in Rhode Island posted a pair of deuces for 4 points and the early advantage. Hayden stood only one point back, after finishing 4,1 on the day. Matthew Thompson's *Gray Duck* from Wayzata,

Minnesota held third with 7 points. Kicking off the Championship with a win was Taken-Holtze's *Turn Down 4 What*, ahead of Gemperline's *Defiance* and Thompson's *Gray Duck*. Hayden took the next battle, with Gemperline and James Freedman's *Miss Conduct* completing the top trio. The Race Committee attempted a third race on the day, but the wind did not cooperate, and teams returned to shore.



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**Day Two Recap:** Teams started on shore due to blustery conditions. The breeze settled down to 16-18 knots and eventually to 8 knots, permitting four races on the day for six total. Factoring in the discard, Hayden moved to first overall with all top-five finishes and 12 net points. Gemperline's *Defiance* scored a bullet in Saturday's last race to secure second place at 19 net points. Darden's *Baby Doll* notched two firsts to move into striking distance at 21 points. Teams stayed ashore for a couple hours while winds and waves settled down on Lake Pontchartrain,



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before Darden's *Baby Doll* won their first of two wins on the day. The top group was consistent for both contests including Hayden and Jeff Progelhof's *Schitzen Giggles* following Darden. Jeff Todd's *Hot Toddy* moved up the standings, winning race five and trailed by Boo Heausler's *Second Line* and Hayden. Gemperline's *Defiance* maintained his stance on the regatta with Saturday's final victory, with two local boats following: Tommy Meric's *Carnival Time* and Chris Wientjes.



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## Top Five:

1. 1076, *Baby Doll*, Glenn Darden, Fort Worth Boat Club, 5-[15]-1-1-5-9-5-1-1- ; 28T
2. 1586, Jeff Hayden, Sail Newport, 4-1-2-2-3-5-[14]-6-5- ; 28T
3. 1318, *Turn Down 4 What*, Kurt Taken-Holtze, Wayzata Yacht Club, 1-[7]-6-5-7-4-4-4-3- ; 34
4. 1649, *The Jug 4 1*, Christopher Doyle, Youngstown YC, 10-5-4-[12]-4-6-1-2-6- ; 38
5. 1464, *Hot Toddy*, Jeffrey Todd, Annapolis YC, [9]-6-7-8-1-7-3-7-4- ; 43



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Twenty-eight teams competed from March 22-24. Photos are available on the J/22 Class Facebook page, and complete results may be found at [www.j22mw.com](http://www.j22mw.com).





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# Technical Committee Report

*By Thomas Lösch, International Technical Committee Chair*

## J/22 International Technical Committee Report

Based on discussions during the last months, the Technical Committee has put together draft wording on the following Class Rules Changes (CRC) for review by the J/22 NCAs. They were presented to the World Council and could be approved during the next World Council Meeting if the vote is favorable. The reason for each change is stated below each item.

### 1. Amendment

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**Old:**

#### **C.2 CREW LIMITATIONS**

The **crew** shall consist of a minimum of two people and the combined weight (in swim wear) of all crew members shall not exceed 275kg.

**Amend to Read**

#### **C.2 CREW LIMITATIONS**

The **crew** shall consist of a minimum of two people and the combined weight (in swim wear) of all crew members shall not exceed 290kg.

**Explanation:**

Based on various comments this will increase participation in racing.

### 2. Amendment

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**Old:**

#### **C.5.2 OPTIONAL**

(a) FOR USE WHILE RACING

(i) Electronic or mechanical timing devices, but not capable of providing any other tactical or navigation information, except as provided in (iv), below.

(ii) At least one compass, either magnetic card or digital type capable of instantaneous readout and heading trend information, but not capable of providing any other tactical or navigation information, except as provided in (iv), below. The compass may be GPS enabled, but shall not give location information.

(iii) At least one instrument capable of giving speed through the water, or over the bottom, but not capable of providing any other tactical or navigation information, except as provided in (iv), below. The speed instrument may be GPS-enabled, but shall not give location information.

(iv) Instruments providing a combination of the functions of (i), (ii) and/or (iii) above but not capable of providing any other tactical or navigation information.

(v) Any instrument capable of providing water depth, but not capable of providing any other tactical or navigation information.

**Amend to Read:**

**C.5.2 OPTIONAL**

(a) FOR USE WHILE RACING

(i) Electronic or mechanical timing devices. ~~but not capable of providing any other tactical or navigation information, except as provided in (iv), below.~~

(ii) ~~A minimum of one fixed (if the mount for the device is fixed to the mast or hull, it satisfies this requirement) device to deliver either a magnetic compass heading or course over the ground. This device shall not include charting capabilities.~~

(iii) ~~Electronic devices for tactical and navigational functions without external batteries and excluding wind instruments.~~

**Explanation:**

This change will allow besides the currently used devices as for example

- T060 Micro Compass
- T070 Race Master
- Velocitek PRISM  
price range 350,- to 1.000,- € (T070 Race Master with T910 Triducer for speed)

also the following devices as for example

- Vakaros Atlas 2
- Velocitek Pro Start
- SailMon Max  
price range 850,- to 1.000,- €

As there is no other technical differentiation but with the restriction of “without external batteries” we eliminate devices as

- B&G Triton Edge Processor with Triton<sup>2</sup> Instrumenten-Display and speed/depth transducer will be class legal as well. (price appr. 2.800,- €)

**3. Amendment**

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**Old:**

C.9.7. STANDING RIGGING

(a) DIMENSIONS

Item	Minimum	Maximum
Diameter of <b>forestay</b> and <b>shrouds</b>	4mm	
Diameter of upper <b>backstay</b>	3mm	
Diameter of lower <b>backstay</b> (wire)	3mm	

(c) LIMITATIONS

(iii) The **standing rigging** shall only be of stainless or galvanized, multistrand wire. Each strand of wire shall be of the same diameter and round in cross section.

F.6.1 MATERIALS

The **shrouds, backstay** and **forestay** shall be of stainless steel or galvanized multi-strand wire.

**Amend to Read:**

C.9.7. STANDING RIGGING

(a) DIMENSIONS

Item	Minimum	Maximum
Diameter of <b>forestay</b> and <b>shrouds</b>	4mm	
Diameter of upper <b>backstay</b>	3mm	
Diameter of lower <b>backstay</b> (wire)	3mm	

(c) LIMITATIONS

(iii) The **standing rigging** except lower **backstay** shall only be of stainless or galvanized, multistrand wire. Each strand of wire shall be of the same diameter and round in cross section.

F.6.1 MATERIALS

The **shrouds, upper backstay** and **forestay** shall be of stainless steel or galvanized multi-strand wire. **Lower backstay can be of stainless steel or Dyneema (or equivalent) rope.**

**Explanation:**

This will simplify the backstay rigging as such and will also simplify the backstay adjuster.

Anyone with questions or comments should contact me ([thomas.loesch@t-online.de](mailto:thomas.loesch@t-online.de)) and/or the Class Executive, Chris Howell.

I look forward to another great sailing season in the J/22 class.

Thomas Lösch  
International Technical Committee Chairman





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## Open Dutch Championship Scheveningen 18-20 May 2024

North Sea Regatta  
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The 2024 Open Dutch Championship was embedded into the North Sea Regatta in Scheveningen. This is the biggest sailing event on the North Sea in the Netherlands.

All scheduled races were sailed, and the competitors encountered a variety of weather conditions. On Saturday, both courses started in postponement due to light wind, and during the day, sailors got to test their light air sailing skills. Sunday was marked by champagne sailing conditions. On Monday, the breeze was on, while it was overcast with rain in the morning.

The current J/22 World Champion Jean-Michel LAUTIER and his multinational team had a nearly perfect series of only first and second places. Even the drop of his bowman into the North Sea on Sunday couldn't stop him from winning the Dutch title.

### RESULTS:

1. NED 1273 Jean-Michel LAUTIER
2. NED 1295 Dirk Jan VERDOORN
3. NED 1455 Ruben van der HORST





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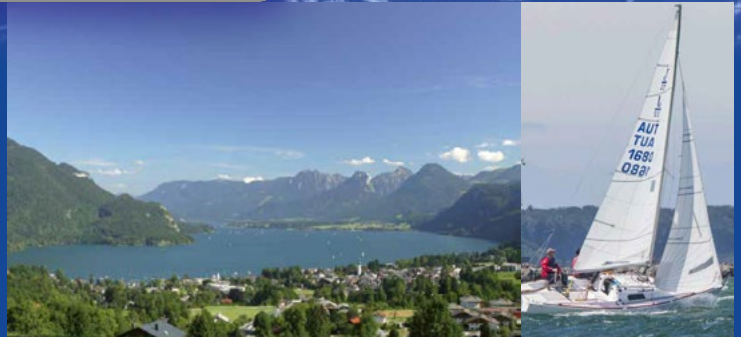
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# Hi World J/22 Sailors

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***Exciting news from the Dutch J/22 Class Association! On April 20-21, we sailed the first official race of the season in Stellendam, The Netherlands. More events are lined up, but first we're eager to share the experiences of the winning team with you:***

The race conditions were extremely challenging, testing our abilities after the winter season. Our sailing team, Smurfenbäd, was thrilled to compete in the season's inaugural race and even prouder to clinch the top spot at the Stellendam Regatta!

The journey to this victory was quite a challenge! On the first day, we faced strong winds that pushed us and the other teams to our limits. Everyone was constantly easing the sails! The competition with the other boat from our Delft sailing association and a German J/22 was fierce! After a significant broach from the boat in pole position, our main trimmer selflessly sacrificed himself to right the J, like a true dinghy sailor. Standing on the keel always helps, and they even kept the pole position. After the first day of sailing, three boats were in the running to win the event.



Fortunately, the weather was more favorable on the second day. With lovely sunshine and challenging winds, we battled against the other team for the top spot! It was incredibly tense until the final race on the second day, which we had to win to secure first place overall. The other team was caught off guard by a peculiar shifting wind near the bottom mark! This cost them a lot of height and speed, but luckily, we could use this wind advantageously and took the lead. From there, it was a straight shot to the finish!

We're eagerly looking forward to the next J/22 race, which also happens to be the Class Championship, the NSR Inshore! It's going to be an amazing event, and there's nothing quite like sailing on saltwater!

Best regards,  
Dutch J/22 Class Association



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Location</b>
May 18-20	North Sea Regatta	Scheveningen (NL)
August 3-8	Sneekweek	Sneek (NL)
September 14-15	Enkhuizer Sportboat Cup	Enkhuizen (NL)
September 21-22	Medemblik Regatta	Medemblik (NL)
October 4-6	Eurocup	Wolfgangsee, Austria
October 26-27	Cooling Down	Braassemmermeer (NL)



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October 4 - October 6

## **2024 J/22 World Championship**

**Eastport Yacht Club,**  
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October 19 - October 26

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