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EYC is thrilled to host the 2024 J/22 World Championship, and has been diligently working toward the event. We are now in the home stretch, and the regatta is almost upon us. We have received several grants for the regatta and are now seeking additional sponsors. We cannot wait to host the fleet in October!

Day	Date	Time	Event
Saturday	19 October		Pre-World's Regatta (hosted by SSA)
Sunday	20 October		Pre-World's Regatta (hosted by SSA)
Monday	21 October	1000 – 1700	Boat & Sail Measurement Crew Weigh-in & Registration
Tuesday	22 October	1700 1800	All boats afloat Opening Ceremony
Wednesday	23 October	1100 1800	First Start Panel Discussion Competitors Explore Annapolis Night
Thursday	24 October	1100 1800	First Start Panel Discussion & Diner
Friday	25 October	1100 1800	First Start Panel Discussion & Dinner
Saturday	26 October	1100 1800	First Start Closing Ceremony & Awards
Sunday	27 October		Haul out & travel day

Technical Committee Report

By Thomas Lösch, International Technical Committee Chair

J/22 International Technical Committee Report

Looking Ahead

SAIL CERTIFICATION

Our actual Class Rules specify that J/22 sail measurement control is event driven (see G.2.3 Measurement). As we are normally only doing sail measurement during major Championships, there is no proof that a sail which is used in a regatta is in line with the Class Rules.

In many other Classes, it is a requirement that sails which are used in a one-design regatta are certified. Such a change has two benefits:

- Every sailor can easily check that his competitor is using Class legal sails. This will secure the fairness in the regattas.
- The sail inspection during major Championships is faster, as there is normally no initial measurement for sails needed. Initial measurement means **all** dimensions of a sail need to be measured.

This change should not be put in place with immediate effect, but should be done well ahead e.g. in a two-year time period. This means all new sails are getting certified and the non-certified are dying out over time.

EQUIPMENT RULES OF SAILING (ERS) 2025-2028

The upcoming ERS 2025-2028 are coming up with a definition of maintenance. We should adapt our Class Rules to use that definition as this change will align the definition of maintenance in our Class Rules for hull and hull appendages with the updated definition of maintenance in the ERS 2025-2028.

There is also a definition of what repair means, but our current Class Rules are more strict for the definition. Therefore, we should not change to the definition provided in the ERS 2025-2028 for that.

None of the above topics is in any approval process yet. These are just some thoughts on what changes might be considered in the future.

Anyone with questions or comments should contact me (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.



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***What a start to the 135th
Travemuende Week!
With sunshine and a
beautiful easterly wind, the
maximum number of three
planned races could be
completed on time.***

The J/22s sailed their German Open on the sea course far out in the Bay of Lübeck. As expected, the German-French crew led by Reiner Brockerhoff (Duisburg), who has already celebrated many successes in Travemuende, came out on top. However, with the Berlin team led by skipper Wolf Jeschonnek, last year's World Championship runner-up at the same venue, they have a strong opponent who managed to snatch one victory from the Brockerhoff crew in three races and otherwise finished just behind the favorites.

The weather scenario on day two of Travemuende Week was not quite as perfect as at the start. The changing wind conditions offered tactical options, which Reiner Brockerhoff and his team were ultimately able to use to secure their storm to the top step of the podium.

An unexpected gust front with top speeds of up to 27 knots moved across the Bay of Lübeck on Monday afternoon and made life difficult for the participants. While the keelboats, including the J/22s, were able to cope with the conditions, the dinghies had to fight hard.

The winner of the J/22 German Open was Reiner Brockerhoff who, with his son Felix and the Frenchman Christoph Declerque in the bow, had an almost flawless winning streak. The Franco-German crew won seven of the eight races. "In the first race, we had to get used to it a bit, but after that, it went very well. We had very good speed, especially in the stronger winds today," reported skipper Brockerhoff.

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He acknowledged that the second-placed team from Berlin, led by Wolf Jeschonnek, were strong opponents. Third place went to Thorsten Spötter and his team from Hamburg. However, several crews from the German fleet were missing from Travemuende.

Final Overall Results

As of 23 JUL 2024 At 11:59

Discard rule: Global: 5. 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	FRA 1444	Reiner BROCKERHOFF (1955) Felix BROCKERHOFF (1993) Christoph DECLERQUE (1973)	DUYC	(2)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	7
2	GER 1513	Wolf JESCHONNEK (1982) Frank STURM (1963) Steffen DÜLSEN (1982)	CSV	1	2	2	2	(4)	3	3	2	19	15	
3	GER 1449	Thorsten SPÖTTER (1967) Florian BUCHS (1993) Hannes RANKE (1983)	HSC	(4)	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	23	19	
4	GER 1390	Holger SCHMITT (1977) Anna Lisa SCHORN Thomas HANF (1978)	SLS	3	4	4	4	2	5	(10) DNC	10 DNC	42	32	
5	GER 1640	Thomas LÖSCH (1958) Ekaterina LENSKAYA (1975) Emmanouela FILIPPIDI (1983)	DKSC	(5)	5	5	5	5	4	5	4	38	33	
6	GER 1445	Dagmar HILCKEN (1958) Sergei MESHCHERIAKOV (1987) Nikki WENZEL	HSC	6	(8)	6	6	6	6	6	6	50	42	
7	GER 1353	Tobias MATTHEISEN (1972) Andreas HAMACHER (1963) Lea KEUTMANN (1999)	YCNO	(9)	7	7	8	8	7	4	5	55	46	
8	GER 1359	Christian HAUG (1966) Lars HORSTHEMKE (2007) Silke SANDKÖTTER (1967)	SCW	7	6	(8)	7	7	8	7	7	57	49	
9	GER 1168	Tobias HAUG (1974) Annegret PRUSSAT-MENKE (1959) Christoph HAGEMANN (1966)	SCW	8	9	9	9	9	9	(10) DNS	10 DNC	73	63	



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J/22 Youth Interclub Regatta 2024



By Sharin Richmond

Unfortunately due to COVID and the problem with the water hyacinth on Hartbeespoort Dam, the tradition of this regatta happening annually over Youth Day was on hold. This year, the decision was made to move the regatta to DAC on the Vaal Dam. What a great start to a regatta that had always been a highlight for the youth to participate in!

Eight entries and eight races! Entries from Glenwood High School and PYC, regular KZN competitors, and two entries from Sail Africa KZN, with the remaining entries from SPYC, VLC, TYC and LDYC. A big thanks to the J/22 owners who allowed the youth teams to use their boats. And to Dirk Manten who put in many hours of hard work ensuring the boats were ready to race. Your support will be the future of the Class!



There was a good standard of competitive racing from all participants who contended with light/variable winds for most races. *DaJ's* team “happened” as the result of an offer to Dawson (SPYC) to “get a team together” and enter. Dawson stepped into action asking Patrick (PSC) and JP (GLYC) to join him. A fourth crew was needed, so what do you do? Ask friend Liam, having never sailed, who joined them. The excitement to compete was the motivation to push through exams, what more could the parents ask for?

The Sail Africa team, on *Shamwari*, of Seth, Sohan and Benjamin thoroughly enjoyed their experience despite the challenging bitterly cold mornings (they are Durban boys after all) and a few on deck hiccups they were able to work through. The experience, however, was elevated by a fantastic crew and memorable moments like singing—despite (apparently) their questionable singing skills when waiting for the winds and the crew jumping into the freezing water. What youth do for fun 😊

The *Shamwari* team, as well as the other teams, learned valuable lessons in adapting to unexpected challenges. These are a crucial part of competitive sailing. For *DaJ*, the protest that resulted in a DSQ was their biggest challenge...but the high, they pushed through, and learned some valuable insight about Rules and procedures that will stand them in good stead for the future.

A high for the *Shamwari* team was that they loved meeting the other competitors and formed new friendships, which we “old sailors” know, often many years later, are stronger than ever.

It was great to see all the teams' commitment to racing!

Sail Africa on *J Suis*, VLC and PYC all secured a first place over the eight races.

DaJ, from the start, led the regatta with five first places and one second and third place.

Congratulations to our J/22 Youth Interclub winners: Dawson, Patrick, PJ and Liam on *DaJ*

We hope to see you all back next year, and please, ask a friend, it will be great to host more entries in 2025!



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