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Four decisions were made on the penultimate day of the 134th Travemünde Week: In addition to the ranking regattas of the Kielzugvögel and Korsar, it was the title fights in the J/22 and Olympiajolle that attracted the most attention. The race committee of the Zürcher Yacht-Club (ZYC) started the day with great ambition to get many more races on the list for the J/22 World Championship. And three more races succeeded. "We would have liked to start a fourth, but the time limit put limits on us.



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We were only a few minutes short of being able to start another race," reported Lionel Büttner from ZYC. However, this would not have changed anything about the World title—the multinational team under the Dutch flag of Jean-Michel Lautier was superior.

The new J/22 World Champions had to wait a long time before they could hold the winner's trophy in their hands. A protest hearing put the award ceremony on hold. Jean-Michel Lautier, Giuseppe D'Aquino and Denis Neves seized the opportunity.





The trio dived into the sailors' village at the Marinepool store to convert the 300-euro prize money from Friday's Trave Race into shirts and shorts. Shortly afterwards, they were celebrated by the 26 crews as World Champions. The winning crew itself significantly increased the number of nations represented. The trio is a multinational team.









Skipper Lautier (47) is French, trimmer D'Aquino (56) is Italian and bowman Neves (47) is Portuguese. The boat name *Fraporita* is also derived from the national abbreviations. But that is not enough of the cosmopolitan appearance. "We all sail under the Dutch flag," Lautier explained. The background: The trio lives in Amsterdam and The Hague, as engineers they all work for the European Space Agency ESA. Formerly competitors, they have now been sailing together for 12 years. And with success—World Championship silver in 2015 in Travemünde was followed by another second place, then the title in Warnemünde in 2019 and now gold again. "They are really good," praises Holger Schmitt. The man from Duisburg is the head of the German fleet and felt he was in good hands with the J-family in Travemünde: "A great World Cup, with very nice races. We'd love to come again." Silver went to the crew of Jürgen Eiermann (Rastatt) and bronze to Wolf Jeschonnek (Berlin).





J/22 North American Champion: Glenn Darden's Baby Doll

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Glenn Darden's Baby Doll, sailing with Willem Van Waay, Jackson Benvenutti and Min Min Kelly, have been crowned 2023 J/22 North American Champions. Darden, hailing from Fort Worth Boat Club in Texas, and 21 other teams travelled to CORK in Kingston, Ontario, Canada to battle it out over seven races July 14-16. Able to discard a sixth from race one, *Baby Doll* pounded out only top three scores and took to the shores for the final race to let the fleet sort out the top group. Only two points separated places two through four, with Travis Odenbach's Honeybadger taking the silver position (24 points), one ahead of Mike Gemperline's Defiance sailing J/22 hull #16. This year marks the 40-year anniversary of the J/22.



"There should never be a quiet moment on the boat; constant information was key from the front to the back," summarized by Min Min Kelly. Added Willem Van Waay, "We had a sit-down talk after sailing the first day. How can we improve our game? We talked for a good hour on how to communicate clearer, our game plan, the rig, who to cover. Every start before the five-minute, we already knew exactly where we were at, our plan, our numbers, where to go and where we're tacking. That was a big gain for our group." Jackson Benvenutti confirmed, "Everyone was on the same page, asking the questions. Glenn lets us know when something needs to change. What would be better for you to know? Always being open and flowing with the communication, such as we might sail the boat a little different if we knew the rig was tight."

The Race Committee moved up Sunday's start by 90 minutes to maximize the final day of racing. Winds began around 11 knots, as Darden notched his third consecutive bullet. By race 8, won by Gemperline, the breeze faded to about 6 knots. Teams returned to shore for an hour and half, then headed back out on Lake Ontario for the final contest in 11 knots, won by Chris Doyle's *The Jug 4 1*.





DAY ONE RECAP: After strong winds swept through the area on Thursday, the breeze was slow to rejuvenate Friday. But competitors only had to wait a short time before the wind came up to 8 knots and continued to increase during three races to the low teens. Odenbach's *Honeybadger*, with Kris Werner and Ian Coleman, excelled in the conditions, posting scores of 2,1,3 for 6 points. Darden's *Baby Doll* (10 points) and James Freedman's *Miss Conduct* (11 points) compiled solid days for second and third place, respectively. With sunny skies and warm temperatures, Jeff Progelhof's *Schitzen Giggles* opened the Championship with a victory, ahead of Odenbach's



Honeybadger and Freedman's Miss Conduct. Odenbach and Progelhof switched places in Friday's middle race, with Darden's Baby Doll in third. Darden kept his momentum going to win the final contest, while Doyle's *The Jug 4 1* and Odenbach completed the top trio. Sailors gathered on the docks at CORK for an afternoon debrief, followed by dinner hosted at Kingston Yacht Club.





DAY TWO RECAP: Light winds allowed one more race, bringing the total to four. Darden's *Baby Doll* notched their second consecutive bullet of the Championship to move into first place overall with 11 points. Freedman's *Miss Conduct* placed third in Saturday's lone match to shift up to second place with 14 points. Day one leader Odenbach's *Honeybadger* fell to third. Gemperline's *Defiance* earned the runner-up position in race four.

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TOP FIVE:																
1st	15	1076	Glenn Darden	<u>Willem Van Waay</u> Jackson Benvenutti Jewel Kelly	Baby Doll		*	6.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	(23.0 DNS)	37.0	14.0
2nd	21	1542	Travis Odenbach	<u>Kris Werner</u> Ian Coleman	Honey Badger		ă	2.0	1.0	3.0	(10.0)	7.0	4.0	7.0	34.0	24.0
3rd	20	16	Michael Gemperline	<u>Abigail Cook</u> Megan Roach	Defiance		٠	10.0	7.0	(12.0)	2.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	37.0	25.0
4th	18	752	James Freedman	<u>Angel</u> <u>Shellenberger</u> Matt Jones	Misconduct		*	3.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	6.0	(7.0)	6.0	33.0	26.0
5th	22	1464	Jeffrey Todd	<u>Chip Carr</u> Chris Ryan	Hot Toddy			7.0	8.0	(10.0)	5.0	3.0	3.0	8.0	44.0	34.0



Photos are available on the J/22 Class Facebook page. Complete results may be found at: <u>https://cork.org/past-results/results2023/J22NAS/results.html</u>.



Technical Committee Report

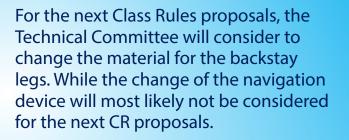
By Thomas Lösch, International Technical Committee Chair

2023 SURVEY UPDATE

Overall we had 154 responses, compared to 196 responses for our Class survey in 2019.

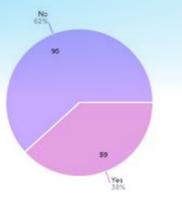
First, I would like to pick the two topics with a relative clear preference:

 More than 60% of the respondents say that they don't want to change the CR that would allow the use of any application or device that can measure time and/or distance to the start line.

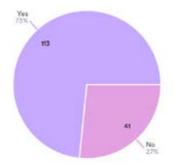


More investigation is still necessary on the topic of crew weight, as the feedback here is not that obvious, and we are planning to have another short survey on this with less options to provide more clarity for the next steps.

I am proud to serve as your Technical Chair and am honored to work with all members of the IJ22CA Technical Committee to make our Class even better. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to address them to the Class Office or to myself (thomas.loesch@t-online.de).



2. Regarding a change of the CR that would allow the backstay legs to be made of spectra, 73% are in favour of such a change.



J-22 EUROCUP 3rd – 6th October 2024



SAILING AREA

- Lake Wolfgangsee is one oft 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.



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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 OctoberEqu
sailFriday, 4th OctoberRacSaturday, 5th OctoberRacSunday, 6th OctoberRac

Equipment and sail control Races Races Races

9 Races, maximum 4 races a day





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By Sharin Richmond

The first KZN Regionals at Midmar Dam was a winner, with no doubt that they will host future regional championships. By early evening on Thursday June 15, the camp site at Henley Midmar Yacht Club was a buzz with J/22 sailors. The free beers were available and braai fires lit. The J/22s had arrived. What a great experience we all had. As promised, the wind on Midmar never lets you down—sometimes light but always there. Beautiful setting for sailing, and plenty close by for the "support" folk to do. As one support folk said, "Sitting on the grass in the sun, refreshments close by and being able to see all the fleet and what is happening on the water is great." Camping and comfortable chalets within walking distance…what more can you ask for? Most definitely a venue to visit regularly and to be scheduled in the calendar for Nationals. So what did those who didn't make it miss?

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FRIDAY 16TH An early morning chill in the air but the promise of breeze by 11.00. The last of the boats were launched, the RO Derek Wilkes had an on shore briefing, and soon after the committee boat left with the mark layers close behind to drop the course buoys.

RACE 1 saw very light breeze with close racing. The challenge was there from the first start with only 7sec between the first two boats.

RACE 2 With the wind increasing, the race was started in 6.5K with little room to manoeuvre on the start line. On round 2, *Phantom, DaJ* and *Joint J* had a small lead on the fleet that had spread out. By the last windward mark, *G'Day J* had joined the leaders, but there were still more position challenges as they went into the last round.

Phantom, on a port tack took first with *DaJ* close behind, followed by *Joint J* and *Hot Salsa*. *Jaywalker* retired, despite no protest, having done a 360 and not 720.

RACE 3 saw the wind increasing to 9K, but at 15.00 the sun was dropping to the skyline and the chill set in. *Jaywalker* took the lead from the start and held their position. The second windward mark saw *Joint J*, *Merlion* and *Us n'J* fighting for second. Penalties by *DaJ* and *Nitro Monkey* didn't impact on their focus and determination to chase the leaders. The last windward rounding decided the result with *Jaywalker* first, *Joint J* second and *Hot Salsa* third. Three good races, all just within the 45min race lap time scheduled.

SATURDAY 17TH The wind was up to 10K, and the boats were ready.





10.30 saw the start of **Race 4**. *DaJ*, *Joint J*, *Hot Salsa* and *Nitro Monkey* all had a great start. *Jaywalker* "lost her main sail" but made an amazing recovery from the back of the fleet to finish fifth. *Merlion* retired with technical problems in the 36-minute race.

RACE 5 The wind held at 9k, and the fleet were in the "groove"! But just a tad too enthusiastic resulting in a general recall and a U flag for the next race. The RO was having none of it! *G'Day J* "forgot" the one-minute rule and was a DSQ despite a good race. *Merlion* joined the race two minutes after the start, having done quick repairs. *Nitro Monkey* were back on top with *DaJ*, *Joint J* and *Jaywalker*. The gate option on the course, with half the fleet opting port the other half starboard, made little difference to the result. What did make the difference was *Merlion* steadily making her way through the fleet and finishing second with only *Jaywalker* ahead.

RACE 6 No chances given, the U flag was hoisted, resulting in no casualties on this start. There was always the possibility of opportunity with a close competitive fleet, but never easy to find. The wind dropped from 7k to 4k, but the Committee and mark layer boats with the "media" crew on a rubber duck enjoyed the warmth and sunshine. There were seconds between the finishing boats: *Phantom* just ahead of *Jaywalker*, but every second counts. *Hot Salsa* third and *Da J* fourth in a 37minute race.

RACE 7 The RO must have decided the fleet had learnt their lesson, no U flag. The windward mark saw DaJ round first, followed by Hot Salsa, Us 'n J, Joint J, Merlion and Nitro Monkey. The wind was dropping and changing direction with a few tense moments bobbing on the water deciding the next tack to gain the advantage when the wind picked up. DaJ, Hot Salsa and Nitro Monkey made the most of the opportunity with DaJ increasing their lead. A slight break in transmission from the media boat as one of the team needed to go ashore as he had a rugby ticket, and it was time to leave for Hollywoodbets Kings Park stadium. The media crew arrived back on the course to see Hot Salsa take second, but DaJ held the first position.

RACE 8 The bodies were weary, but the competition still fierce. *Joint J* started first over the line, with *Merlion* fourth around the first mark. No boat was out of the competition with positions changing during and between each round. *Phantom* read the wind and fleet perfectly to get first place, *Jaywalker* second. *DaJ* after an amazing day of racing with two firsts came in fifth.

RACE 9 The fleet were now considering home as a good option, but the RO had other ideas. *DaJ* was back in the race, first around the first mark but sadly slipping to a fifth finish. *Joint J* had her best result of the regatta, a first adding to her three second places. *Hot Salsa* securing a second place and *Jaywalker* a fourth made for exciting racing on the last day. The ice-cold beer went down well!





WINNERS OF THE FIRST KZN CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNDAY 18TH A slightly later start at 11.30 in 6K of breeze.

RACE 10 *DaJ* and *Jaywalker* both knew they could not afford any mistakes. *Nitro Monkey* was not going to make it easy for them. *DaJ* had a three second lead on *Jaywalker* around the last windward mark, but increased their lead to a comfortable first position in a 42-minute race.

RACE 11 *Nitro Monkey* had a great start with three boats to windward, all of which tacked soon after crossing the line. The second weather mark rounding saw *DaJ*, *Jaywalker* and *Phantom* in the lead. With the fleet close behind, *Nitro Monkey* incurred a 720 penalty (not sure of the cause), with *Jaywalker* doing a 360 which put the pressure on as *DaJ* increased their lead. Making the spinnaker work to its ultimate and choosing the right wind shifts were all *Jaywalker* could do to not lose their final position. They sailed brilliantly moving up to second place...unfortunately just not quite enough. Racing finished at 13.15.

All the boats were quickly and efficiently back on the trailers, masts down and ready to head home, and the prize giving started at 14.30.

WINNER OF THE FIRST KZN CHAMPIONSHIP DaJ Skipper Dirk Manten, Crew Jj Van Niekerk and Nic Kroucamp.

Second Place *Jaywalker* Skipper Luke Wagner, Crew Craig Millar and Andrew Wittstock. A great, successful event enjoyed by all.

The Free State Regionals are scheduled for September at The Vaal Dam. A large fleet is anticipated as this is home to the majority of the J/22 sailors.

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