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Travis Odenbach's *Honeybadger* Conquers J/22 World Championship



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A white J/22 sailboat is shown in action, racing on the water. The boat is moving quickly, creating a large splash of white water. Two crew members are visible on the deck, wearing blue jackets and sunglasses. The background shows a clear blue sky and distant buildings.

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Travis Odenbach's *Honeybadger* Conquers J/22 World Championship

Mr. October may be a name known for Major League Baseball's *World Series*, but Travis Odenbach's *Honeybadger* has earned the name this year for sailing. Only three weeks after winning the J/24 World Championship, Odenbach won the 2024 J/22 World Championship hosted by Eastport Yacht Club in Annapolis, Maryland USA from October 21-26. With crew Geoff Becker and Justin Damore, the Rochester, NY-team

outlasted 48 teams representing 15 states and four countries. They were the only group to post scores all in the top twelve of the 10-race series, while avoiding penalties, to claim the title by 6 points. Glenn Darden's *Baby Doll* made a strong effort, posting a 2,1 on the final day, but couldn't catch *Honeybadger*, taking the silver position. Will Welles' *Cougar* put together a solid series for third place.



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“That was a very tough regatta, but great people!” beamed Odenbach. “I love doing this with my friends.” Odenbach’s wife and daughters were spectating at the finish, “Winning in front of my family was a first!”



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DAY ONE RECAP: Summer-like conditions greeted racers with blue skies, temperatures in the 70s and winds at 8-10 knots in a light chop. The Race Committee managed three races, with up to 11 planned. Odenbach's *Honeybadger* compiled all top five scores (5,4,2) to capture the initial advantage at 11 points. Only two points were separating the top three, as Chris Doyle's *The Jug 4 1* held second and Darden's *Baby Doll* third. *The Jug 4 1* kicked off the Worlds with his

first of two consecutive bullets on the day in race one. Following him in the first contest were James Freedman's *Miss Conduct* and Kurt Taken-Holtze's *Turn Down 4 What*. Rounding out the top group in race two were Welles' *Cougar* and Brad Julian's *Yard Sail*. Local Jeff Todd's *Hot Toddy* prevailed in the day's final battle, trailed by Odenbach's *Honeybadger* and Darden's *Baby Doll*.



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DAY TWO RECAP: Another three races were run by PRO Mark Foster and the Race Committee, bringing the total to six and including the discard. Winds started at 16-18 knots, and dropped only slightly throughout the day, with continued sunny skies, moderate temperatures and choppy seas. Odenbach's *Honeybadger* maintained his hold on first place, posting scores of 4,12,1. Dropping the 12, the team had 16 net points, one better than Darden's *Baby Doll*. Welles' *Cougar* rose to third overall with a stellar day (2,6,2) for 23 net points. Teams departed the dock on time for race four, won by local Julian's *Yard Sail*, pursued by Welles and Darden. In the next contest, Darden moved up to the top spot, with Chase Quinn's *Osprey* and Mike Gemperline's *Defiance* getting in on the action. Odenbach secured his position for Thursday with a bullet to close the day, while Welles stayed strong as runner-up and Mike Farrington's *AdJusted* third.



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DAY THREE RECAP: A southerly wind of 5-7 knots led to new race winners but not a change to the top of the leaderboard. Julian's *Yard Sail* and Quinn's *Osprey* swapped firsts and seconds to launch up the standings on this penultimate day. Odenbach's *Honeybadger* posted scores of 11,9 to hold the overall advantage at 36 net points. Only five points separated places two through six: Julian's *Yard Sail*, Darden's *Baby Doll*, Welles' *Cougar*, Quinn's *Osprey* and Todd's *Hot Toddy*. Following an onshore postponement, Quinn's *Osprey* bested the fleet, ahead of Julian's *Yard Sail* and Jeff Hayden's *Polar Express*. Race Committee posted another U Flag start for race 8, followed by a general recall, leading to a black flag start. Eight boats were over early in another general recall, leading to another black flag start. In race eight, Julian's *Yard Sail* outlasted the fleet, trailed by Quinn's *Osprey* and Todd's *Hot Toddy*.



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TOP FIVE:

1. *Honeybadger*, Travis Odenbach - 5 -4 -2 -4 -[12] -1 -11 -9 -5 -2 ; 43
2. *Baby Doll*, Glenn Darden - 4 -6 -3 -3 -1 -13 -[23] -16 -2 -1 ; 49
3. *Cougar*, Will Welles - 11 -2 -14 -2 -6 -2 -9 -[49] -4 -7 ; 57
4. *Yard Sail*, Brad Julian - 22 -3 -[49] -1 -7 -6 -2 -1 -1 -17 ; 60
5. *Osprey*, Chase Quinn - 7 -[49] -8 -10 -2 -17 -1 -2 -10 -8 ; 65



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Videos and photos are available on the International J/22 Class Facebook page, and complete event details may be found at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=16531>.

Technical Committee Report

By Thomas Lösch, International Technical Committee Chair

The proposed Class Rules Changes (CRC)

C.2 CREW LIMITATIONS

C.5.2 OPTIONAL PORTABLE EQUIPMENT and

C.9.7. STANDING RIGGING

have been approved by the World Council of the International J/22 Class Association.

This does not mean that the changes are now in force, but we have taken the first internal step to get them valid.

In the next step, we as an International Class Association have to request the approval of the Class Rules Changes at World Sailing. For this, World Sailing has defined a process where there is:

- a submission period (before CRCs Submission)
- an office review (before Equipment Rules Sub-Committee Meeting) and
- a feedback period (before CRCs Publication)

The current approval cycle would allow us, in the best case, to get them approved and published in March 2025. Therefore, we would like to ask you to be patient before making any changes to your current set-up.

We have also received some additional input for other changes, but in order not to delay the above mentioned Class Rule Changes, we will take them into consideration in future change requests.

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. I would like to encourage you to continue giving us feedback or comments. Only by that we can develop the Class in the spirit of their sailors.

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



2024 J-22 EURO-CUP

By Thomas Lösch



The J/22 Euro-Cup on Lake Wolfgangsee in Austria was an exciting and thrilling event that brought together J/22 sailors from four countries this October. The Union-Yacht-Club Wolfgangsee organized this event in a picturesque setting, surrounded by the impressive mountains and clear waters of Lake Wolfgangsee.

Despite the extremely bad weather forecasts: 5 to maximum 10 degrees, snow down to 1200 m above sea level, rain and hardly any wind, 15 weatherproof crews still came.

After craning in the boats, registering and welcoming the participants on Thursday, October 3, we headed out onto the water for the warm-up race in light westerly winds.





Most of the participants took the opportunity to get to know the area, adjust the boats to the expected conditions and test the right clothing.

The conditions were at times challengingly varied, with shifting winds providing both challenges and opportunities for the competitors. The races were well organized, and the Race Committee ensured that everything ran smoothly.

The atmosphere was one of sporting ambition and camaraderie. The sailors enjoyed the exciting competition and the opportunity to exchange ideas with like-minded people. In addition to the racing, there were also social events that gave the participants the opportunity to exchange experiences.



RESULTS:

1st FRA 1444 Brockerhoff, Declerque, Michaux

2nd NED1455 Overbeeke, Meinhardt, v de Velden, Leerdam

3rd AUT1127 Holzner, Höller, Moser

Platz	Boot	Crew	Punkte	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	GER 1368	Reiner Brockerhoff / DUYC (Duisburger Yachtclub) Christophe Declerque / DUYC Charles Michaux / DUYC	14	6	1	4	1	2	[8]
2	NED 1455	Jesper Overbeeke / D.S.W.Z. Broach (Delftse Studenten Wedstrijd Zeilvereniging Broach) Merle Meinhardt / D.S.W.Z. Broach Sijmen van de Velden / D.S.W.Z. Broach Lucas Leerdam / D.S.W.Z. Broach	14	1	[5]	2	5	3	3
3	AUT 1127	Karl Holzner / UYCWg Rudolf Höller / SYC Jörg Moser / UYCWg	21	2	2	[9]	3	5	9
4	NED 1500	Sanne van Rijn / Orionis (ASZV Orionis) Frederik Winnubst / Broach Julia van den Heuvel / Broach Ezra van der Ven / Broach	22	5	6	6	4	[10]	1
5	GER 1384	Lasse Paland / ETUF (Essener Turn- und Fechtclub e.V.) Ben Zimmermann / ETUF Lars Christiansen / ETUF	27	3	4	3	[11]	11	6
6	AUT 1442	Felix Rittinger jun. / SYC Gernot Fleischmann / SYC Thomas Oswald / SYC	28	[16/DSQ]	8	1	8	6	5
7	GER 1190	Felix Laukhardt / SCU (Segelclub Undine Offenbach e.V.) Thomas Laukhardt / SCU Timo Laukhardt / SCU	28	7	3	[12]	7	9	2
8	AUT 1680	Rudolf Mayr / UYCWg Wolfgang Falkensteiner / UYCWg Philippe Boustani / UYCWg	29	11	[13]	8	2	1	7
9	GER 1619	Hardy Kleinfeld / SCPs (Segelclub Prinzensteg) Dirk Glanzmann Christian Raschke	34	[10]	9	5	9	7	4
10	GER 1390	Holger Schmitt / SLS (Segelgemeinschaft Lohheider See e.V.) Sabine Schönfeldt / SLS Thomas Hanf	37	9	7	[14]	6	4	11
11	GER 1472	Jorge Ferrero / SCK (SCKollerskipper Brühl e.V. Mannheim) Christian Fliegel / HSK Jens Hübner / HSK	46	8	10	10	10	8	[12]
12	AUT 1510	Marco Rihl / SYC Oliver Rihl / SYC Sigrid Straßer-Rihl / YCA - Segelsport	49	4	[15]	7	13	15	10
13	GER 1244	Lilith Gatz / ETUF (Essener Turn- und Fechtclub) Levin Kempken / ETUF Hannah Rente / Etuf	62	13	12	11	[15]	13	13
14	GER 1640	Thomas Lösch / DKSC (Duisburger Kanu- und Segel-Club) Ekatarina Lenskaya Gabi Kretschmer	64	12	14	[15]	12	12	14
15	AUT 1499	Walter Haschka / UYCWg Bernhard Kurzweil / UYCWg Balbina Klobner / UYCWg	66	14	11	13	14	14	[15]



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2025 J/22 Midwinter Championship



The J/22 Midwinter Championship is coming back to Rush Creek Yacht Club in Rockwall, Texas March 14-16, 2025. RCYC last held the Midwinters in 2008 and ran the 2000 and 2009 J/22 North Americans.

You are guaranteed two things in Texas. First, there is plenty of room for parking, trailer storage, launching and dockage. Second, you will have a great time on and off the water. RCYC just held the 2024 Sunfish World Championship with 100 competitors from 14 different countries and is looking forward to again hosting the J/22 Midwinters.





Thursday, March 13 is a practice race at 3:00 pm followed by a welcome reception and competitors' briefing at 7:00. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, breakfast will be served + a quick competitor briefing at 8:45 with the first warning signal at 9:55. After racing Friday and Saturday, there will be a keg, snacks and sailors' debrief on the back deck. Nine races are scheduled with no race after 2:00 pm on Sunday. The dinner and party for three crew Saturday evening is also included in the entry fee. Extra meal/social packages will be available to purchase at registration.

Weather in the middle of March can be warm in the 70s or colder in the 50-60s. The sailing area on Lake Ray Hubbard is mostly flat water unless there is a very strong northwesterly, which occurs as fronts move from Colorado to Texas. Bring your shorts, t-shirts, ballcaps, foulies, stocking caps and gloves! If you need racing equipment or sailing gear for the regatta, sponsor Vela Sailing Supply is located within 15 minutes of RCYC for shopping and/or delivery to the event.

Online registration is open at <https://rcyc.org/regatta/ftlecrDZaH>. Late registration fees will go up March 1. If there is anything you need to help facilitate your team coming to the Midwinters, please contact Jeff Progelhof at 214-334-9318 or jprogelhof@yahoo.com.

Additionally, March 1-2, RCYC will be hosting the two-day Texas Independence Day Regatta. You are welcome to come sail in the TID Regatta and leave your boat for the Midwinters.





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On the gray and chilly weekend of November 9/10, the Hamburg Sailing Club hosted its annual autumn spectacle on the beautiful and picturesque Alster. With a record turnout of 42 boats in the J/22, J/24 and J/70 classes, it got really crowded on the Alster at times. In the J/22 class there were 10 boats at the start and this was again an increase on the previous year. This shows that the sailing end of the year on the Alster continues to gain in popularity.

With weak and sometimes shifting winds on both days, it was sometimes a tactical challenge to decide on the right side. Seven races were sailed in all classes over the two days.

On Saturday evening, all 200 sailors were deliciously catered for by the club catering team.

The weekend was characterized by exciting races and intense competition. Some of the final placings were only decided in the last round.



RESULTS J/22:

1. Thomas Loesch, Gabi Kretschmer, Silke Basedow (DKSC) - 13 Punkte
2. Thorsten Spoetter, Hannes Ranke, Florian Buchs (HSC) - 24 Punkte
3. Reiner Brockerhoff, Christoph Declercq (DUYC) - 28 Punkte



Nr	Sail Number	Team	Club	T	N	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7
1	GER 1640	Thomas LÖSCH Gabi KRETSCHMER Silke BASEDOW	DKSC	18.0	13.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	(5.0)	4.0	3.0	1.0
2	GER 1449	Thorsten SPÖTTER Hannes RANKE Florian BUCHS	HSC	25.0	14.0	5.0	1.0	(11.0) RET	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0
3	GER 1444	Reiner BROCKERHOFF Christoph DECLERQUE	DUYC	25.0	18.0	3.0	(7.0)	2.0	2.0	2.0	5.0	4.0
4	GER 1411	Andreas DILLMANN Julia AUINGER Julia HARDER	HSC	29.0	21.0	1.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	5.0	(8.0)	3.0
5	GER 1541	Wolf-Dieter JAHN Johann-Nikolaus ANDREAE Emma HENNING	HSC	33.0	25.0	4.0	(8.0)	5.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	2.0
6	GER 1445	Dagmar HILCKEN Nicola DR RODENHAUSEN Mark-Anton WILKE	HSC	36.0	29.0	6.0	4.0	3.0	6.0	3.0	(7.0)	7.0
7	GER 1492	Harald BRUHN Christian GRUSCHKA Dirk RÖPER	HSC	45.0	34.0	9.0	3.0	7.0	7.0	(11.0) OCS	2.0	6.0
8	GER 1215	Sergei MESHCHERIAKOV Clara TROMMER Eugen SCHENTEL	HSC	53.0	44.0	8.0	(9.0)	6.0	9.0	7.0	6.0	8.0
9	GER 1353	Tobias MATTHEISEN Lea KEUTMANN Andreas HAMACHER	YCNO	55.0	46.0	7.0	6.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	(9.0)	9.0
10	4	Ulf GERLACH Anna DENKELER André GERSTBERGER	HSC	68.0	58.0	(10.0)	10.0	9.0	10.0	9.0	10.0	10.0

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