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Seventeen boats from The Netherlands, France, Italy and Germany competed May 23-25 for the J/22 European Championship, part of the North Sea Regatta in The Netherlands. Congratulations to team *Fraporita* (NED) of Jean-Michel Lautier, Giuseppe D'Aquino, Denis Neves and Stan Heltzel for winning the title! The silver position was earned by team *Jazzy* (FRA), led by Reiner Brockerhoff. Italian team *Pestifera* placed in the bronze position with skipper Bruno Conetta.

Thank you to the Dutch J/22 Class for this report:



On the final day, we spent the entire morning waiting pleasantly with the whole fleet during the delay hours. A small breeze slowly built up, but we had learned that with the current, a small breeze is unfortunately not enough—at least, if you want to round the top buoy before Christmas.



Nevertheless, the atmosphere on the jetty was great. Some teams rigged their boats neatly, others waited a bit longer, and still others started cleaning their sails with fresh water. Inside, people were playing cards, discussing tactics and drinking lots of cups of coffee.

Unfortunately, a sailing race turned out not to be possible on the final day. But the Class subsequently showed its best side with what must surely be the new European record for speedy sports boat cranes: 17 boats in just over an hour. With all the sailors, led by the EC organizers, we craned one J after another out of

the water like a well-oiled machine at a killing pace. Without pushing and shoving, without a queue for trailers or boats, without shouting or cursing, but with all the energy, enthusiasm and camaraderie we still had left after all the coffee and waiting.

Afterwards, we were able to go straight to the prize-giving ceremony. Reigning European Champion *Fraporita* was allowed to take the challenge trophy home immediately. The French team *Jazzy* finished in second place, and the Italians from team *Pestifera* took third place. Congratulations!



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All in all, it was an amazing European Championship, with four full days of sailing, summery weather, and above all: a mega-friendly Class. Thanks to the organizers of the North Sea Regatta and the European Championship, thanks to all the volunteers, and most importantly: thanks to all the sailors who made this weekend such a success!

**DAY ONE RECAP:** Day 1 of the European Championship started with... a delay! The crew of *Katapult* made the best of the situation and threw a SUP in the water. The rest of the crews waited patiently in the shade for the D-flag.

In an adventurous tow of more than 10 Js, we eventually headed out of the harbour after about an hour. The day was all about constantly reading shifting currents, wind, and land- and sea-effects.

*Jabbadabbadoo* had it figured out and took the first win. The Race Committee kept up a good pace, and we barely had time to drink some water and apply another layer of sunscreen before the next start.

The second race was won by *Pestifera*, one of the Italian teams. The third race followed quickly and was won by *Fraporita*, who also led the overall standings. Two photographers captured all the action beautifully — even from the air!

In the evening, all J/22 sailors gathered on the upper floor of Villani for an elegant Class dinner. Complete with a seating arrangement, three courses and special beer mats. Afterwards on to the tent party with the rest of the NSR. All in all, a very successful first racing day!



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**DAY TWO RECAP:** The second day brought even more sun, sea and sailing. After the very successful tent party with Vangrail, everyone was fresh and fruity on the jetty. The current was an even bigger challenge this day.

The tension in the vanguard was palpable. *Jazzy* eventually won the first match; the second match was won by *Jadten*.

During the last race, the wind dropped further and further. As the first boats finished, a handful of boats fought for every meter at the top mark. But every few meters you advanced, the current pushed you away again. One team even rounded the top mark but then failed to reach the spreader. *Fraporita* again won the last match and still led the rankings.



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Event details:

[North Sea Regatta 2026 manage2sail](#)

Dutch Class updates and photos from the Championship:

[EK Nieuws – J22 klasse Nederland](#)



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# Allstate Sugar Bowl 2026 J/22 World Championship

**October 5-10, 2026 • Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans, Louisiana USA**

Southern Yacht Club is very excited to announce the title sponsor for the 2026 J/22 World Championship: Allstate Sugar Bowl. Sugar Bowl's mission is to promote and finance amateur and collegiate sporting events for the purpose of generating tourism. While most will know about Sugar Bowl from the annual New Year's football game, ASB sponsors multiple sporting events around the greater New Orleans area, including basketball, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming

and sailing. The annual Sugar Bowl Race of Champions, sailed in conjunction with the GYA Capdevielle series, actually predates the football game by a few days, dating back to 1934.

This year's World Championship will be held October 5-10 at Southern Yacht Club on the shores of Lake Pontchartrain. The racecourse is a short sail from the newly renovated dry storage facility, which includes ample parking, three



hoists and a covered dock for post-race chalk talks and casual get-togethers. Competitors from around the US, as well as Canada, Cayman Islands and The Netherlands, are already registered for what promises to be a great event. The committee is working hard to plan several fun social events, including an Opening

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The Notice of Race and registration can be found at [2026 J/22 World Championship](#).



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# GERMANY REPORT: **Conclusion of the Winter Series in Essen**

***Winter sailing on Lake Baldeney has become really popular in recent years. The J/22 Class takes advantage of the cold season to be active on the water even in frosty temperatures and wintry wind conditions. This year, 11 teams competed.***

The J/22 Winter Series 2025/2026 took place on five dates: November 23, 2025, December 14, 2025, January 11, 2026, February 8, 2026, and March 1, 2026. The regattas were organized by ETUF Essen. This allowed sailors to gain competitive experience and foster a sense of community even in winter. Unfortunately, the event on January 11 had to be canceled due to low temperatures and the frozen lake.



***Baldeney-Lake on January 11, 2026***



**Ulrike Paland from the hosting ETuF won the competition, followed by Christian Greving and Thomas Lösch.**

The series on Sunday, March 1, 2026 ended under optimal conditions. The weather was sunny and windy, with wind speeds of up to approximately 11 knots.



### Overall Results

As of 1 MAR 2026 At 14:04

Discard rule: Global: 5. Scoring system: Low Point.

Rk.	Sail Number	Name	Points per Race									Total Pts.	Net Pts.
			R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9		
1	GER 1384	Ulrike PALAND	5	(12) DNS	2	1	3	4	1	1	1	30	18
2	NED 1396	Christian GREVING	1	3	1	5	1	6	2	4	(7)	30	23
3	GER 1640	Thomas LÖSCH	3	(6)	6	3	5	2	3	2	2	32	26
4	GER 1411	Andreas DILLMANN	6	(7)	3	2	2	1	4	6	5	36	29
5	GER 1244	Felix MEYER	2	5	4	4	4	3	(6)	3	6	37	31
6	GER 1321	Julian FLAKE	(8)	1	7	7	6	5	7	7	4	52	44
7	GER 1343	Tobias MATTHEISEN	7	2	5	8	7	8	8	(10)	9	64	54
8	GFR 1359	Christian HAUG	4	4	9	(12) DNC	12 DNC	12 DNC	5	5	3	66	54
9	ITA 35	Ilka FFLZER	(10)	9	10	6	8	10 TLE	10	9	8	80	70
10	NED 46	Marco HENSING	9	8	8	10	9	7	9	(11)	10	81	70
11	NED 46	Beate WIEGAND	(12) DNC	12 DNC	12 DNC	9	10	9	11	8	11	94	82

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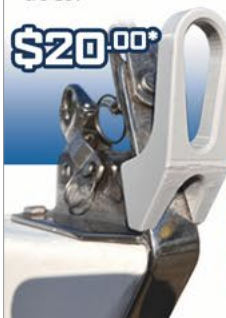
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