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I will start my first letter as incoming President of the US J/22 Class Association with a thank you to the outgoing President Mark Stuhlmiller and his predecessor Sandy Adzick for the energy and dedication they have brought to the Class. During Mark's tenure, he was able to get the Youth Scholarship Boat Program off the ground, and I hope that as a Class we can build on this and find other ways to keep the Class healthy and fun.

I joined the ranks of J/22 owners in 2008 with the purchase of USA 1575 and have slowly gotten more and more involved with the Class over the past decade. After sailing the boat only in my home state of Rhode Island for a couple of years, I started trying to do at least one or two road trips each year, mostly in the Northeast although I've made it as far as Charleston a couple of times. I've spent some time perusing old Class newsletters, and I think I echo the comments of many others who have come before me in saying that the Class is a great place for someone who wants to sail in a competitive but welcoming fleet. I have learned a lot over the past decade, and that has been greatly helped by the fact that the top sailors in the Class are more than willing to help anyone who takes the time to ask questions. The dock talks instituted by Mike Marshall and others at many recent regattas are, perhaps, a formalization (I use the word lightly) of a spirit that has existed in the Class for some time.

I have spent a certain amount of time over the past few years thinking about how the Class may need to evolve in the coming years. I cannot say I have any brilliant new ideas, but I have been able to observe a rapid expansion of the J/22 fleet in Narragansett Bay over the past few years which I feel is food for thought. When I started sailing in 2008, there were five to six J/22s actively racing in Jamestown, RI. There were no other active J/22 fleets in Rhode Island at that time. The total number of Rhode Island boats went up and down a bit over the years, until three years ago when the East Greenwich and Bristol Yacht Clubs each acquired six J/22s that they charter to both members and non-members. At the same time, a number of "private" boats were purchased in these locations as well as in Wickford, RI. In the past two years, Conanicut Yacht Club in Jamestown purchased four J/22s, meaning that around Narragansett Bay there are now close to 25 J/22s being actively raced in the area without including the somewhat modified J/22s at Sail Newport. Suddenly, it is a good time to be a J/22 sailor in Rhode Island! The boats are used for a variety of activities from team racing to fleet racing to giving youth and adult sailing lessons with a bit of match racing thrown in.

I'm also aware of a number of fleets of J/22s in the Northeast that have weekly series in the summer, but whose members are not inclined to put their boats on trailers to go to a Midwinters, a North Americans or a Worlds. Many or most of these sailors have no connection with the US J/22 Class Association beyond the type of boat they are sailing. I assume this pattern is not unique to the Northeast.

With those observations, I will fall back on what appears to be a J/22 Class newsletter tradition which is an appeal to hear from any of you about what is going on with the Class in your region. Are there things you see that the Class might do that would help bring the much-loved spirit of the J/22 to more people and keep the Class vibrant? I can be reached at matthew.dunbar.ri@gmail.com and welcome your comments and input.

Matt Dunbar
USJ22CA President



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By Terry Flynn

Houston Yacht Club and J/22 Fleet 6 are excited to host the 2018 J/22 Midwinter Championship, March 16-18. HYC's warm friendly clubhouse nestled in Shore Acres, TX is a great place to have fun on and off the water. High temperatures average in the 70s and lows around 55, but I can't make any promises on that.





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Fleet 6 is looking forward to this event and is planning to show off our Texas hospitality. Facilities at the club include launching cranes, floating docks and plenty of paved trailer parking. The harbor is open to the bay with quick access to the race area, and we usually have chop of only 1 to 3 feet.

The racing will be fiercely competitive as we are known for some world-class sailors in our area,

however, it will be a fun regatta with no crew weigh-ins required.

Registration begins Thursday, March 15, with racing commencing Friday through Sunday. We are expecting 35 plus teams, and we hope your team will be one of them! For complete details and to register, check out www.j22mw.com.



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TIPS & TECHNIQUES

FOR J/22 SAILING

By Travis Odenbach



Photos courtesy of Christopher Howell

This fall, Chris and Julie Howell asked me if I would like to write an article on tips/techniques to sailing a J/22. My Answer of course was yes because I feel that sharing information on how one person may sail the boat can only offer the fleet a different perspective on sailing the J/22. Of course, my way of sailing the boat may differ from others, but I have learned from many different sailors on how to sail the J/22 and have taken bits and pieces and made it my own.

The last time I sailed the J/22 was at the North Americans hosted out of Buffalo Yacht Club in New York. This was a great venue because it offered just about every sailing condition we could handle—from medium air with chop to light wind and flat water. A venue that throws every type of condition at you is tricky in that each day your boat set-up should be different for each condition. Before each day of sailing, I go through my rig making sure it is straight in the boat and go back to my base settings, so that when I leave the dock and practice before racing,

I know exactly where I started and can change from there. I have a matrix written down in my wet notes which allows me to know every turn needed on the rig for every condition. I do not have to even think once about how many turns it will take me to get from base to my next step up on the rig. In order to get my matrix, I run through my rig tune at the dock and write down the number of turns it takes me to get from 4 knots to 20 knots. The goal in rig tune for me is to simplify how much I will be thinking about it on the water and to always be ready to change in an instant between races.

Now that rig tune was discussed, we can move on to the sailing portion! I have been sailing the boat for about six years now, and I have to say the one thing that I have started to focus on more and more is weight position and heel angle. Since Kris Werner has joined our team, he has taught us a valuable lesson in marking not only sheets and halyards but weight placements for different sea state. On our boat, we have made a mark with a Sharpie on both sides of the cabin top that would line up with the front of the keel. We use this mark to judge where our weight is on the boat. Upwind in light to medium air and flat water, our bow guy is as close to the mark as he can be, with us stacked against him keeping our weight as close together as we can. In medium to heavy air with waves, he moves further aft of the mark and butts up against us as much as he can, so once again we are together as much as possible. Along with our weight forward and aft, we continue to work on keeping the boat on a steady heel angle no matter what the wind condition is. Even when the breeze is light, we try to keep the boat as flat as possible without inducing leeward helm. All these weight movements upwind are so the keel can be working as efficiently as it can, and the driver has just enough feel so he is not moving the helm. I know it sounds like a lot to think about, but weight placement on the boat can mean the difference between good upwind speed and great upwind speed. Downwind is not much different. We try to keep the boat as flat as possible in all conditions. In light air, we move our weight forward, and in heavy air, we move our weight back. All these little techniques have been beaten into my head by either Will Harris or some other legendary J/22 sailor!



The last tip I can give is probably the most important tip of all. Communication! Communication is key for a driver to succeed upwind and downwind. I can tell you that when the boat is silent (for me, at least), I think the worst is happening and we're sailing off into space. That is never a good feeling. Most people think that upwind chatter is mostly between the trimmer and driver on what each other is doing with the mainsheet or jib sheet. But even more important than that, the communication should be between driver and tactician. The tactician is seeing most of the breeze coming from up the course and what other boats are doing. I always like when a tactician explains to the boat what he or she is thinking about for our next move and what the wind is about to do, so as a driver, I can have my head ready for my next gear

change. As a driver or a trimmer, your communication should include how boat speed is and what boats to leeward are doing. Are the boats to leeward coming at us? Or are they all on the same tack? This helps paint the picture for the tactician who is looking forward and thinking about his next chess move. Like I said, good communication can mean the difference between passing a few boats or crash tacking into a spot that you were not planning on being in. As many of you probably know, I have had my fair share of crash tacks. My bad!

At the end of the day, my lessons that I have learned throughout the years is to share the information that we learn, so, like I said before, we can all grow as a fleet and become better sailors. The J/22 fleet has been great at this and is still is my favorite fleet to sail in. My team and I are looking forward to Midwinters in Houston, Texas. Hope to see everyone down there!

2018 J/22 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis, MD
September 9-14

BY ALLAN TERHUNE, 2018 J/22 WORLDS CHAIRPERSON • ALLAN.TERHUNE@GMAIL.COM • 732 644 1051

We are officially less than ten months away from the 2018 World Championship, and even though it's getting cold in Annapolis, your Worlds' Committee and Fleet 19 are hard at work! As many of you are aware, our host yacht club, Annapolis Yacht Club, had a devastating fire during the holiday season 2015, and we are pleased to announce that the 2018 J/22 World Championship will be the FIRST major regatta to be hosted in the new venue. It will be stunning, and we are all very excited to have the J/22 Class as our guests to break the club in!

Racing will run from Tuesday, September 11 through Friday, September 14. Word to the wise—plan on leaving Saturday, as the Friday night awards bash will be one for the books.

Measurement will take place Sunday and Monday prior to racing getting started. Once you're measured in, be sure to take some time to take in the many historic sites that Annapolis has to offer, including the US Naval Academy, and the historic downtown waterfront. Keep in mind that Washington DC and Baltimore are only a 20-minute car ride away.

If you are looking to get to know the venue a bit better, please join us for the Annual Labor Day Regatta the weekend prior. Information for this event will be shared as the regatta date nears. You will be able to leave your boat between the events.

Foreign teams, please contact me or Brad Julian (bradley.julian@gmail.com) for charter boats and logistics. We are trying to get as many teams as possible from outside the USA to sail. Please contact me and let me know what we can do to help.

Most importantly, come ready to have a great time! We have a top-flight Race Committee on hand, some awesome evening events planned, and one of the best fall sailing venues around.

<http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/2018j22worlds>



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2018 St. Petersburg NOOD at St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, FL
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March 16-18, 2018

2018 St. San Diego NOOD at San Diego Yacht Club and Coronado Yacht Club, San Diego, CA
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March 16-18, 2018

2018 J/22 Midwinter Championship at Houston Yacht Club, Houston, TX
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April 12-15, 2018

2018 Charleston Race Week at Charleston Ocean Racing Association, North Charleston, SC
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May 4-6, 2018

2018 Annapolis NOOD at Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis, MD
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June 8-10, 2018

2018 Chicago NOOD at Chicago Yacht Club, Chicago, IL
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June 15-17, 2018

2018 Cleveland Race Week One-Design at Edgewater Yacht Club, Cleveland, OH
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June 29 - July 1, 2018

2018 NYYC One Design Regatta at New York Yacht Club, Newport, RI
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July 26-29, 2018

2018 Marblehead NOOD at Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA
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July 28-29, 2018

2018 CanAm Regatta at Youngstown Yacht Club, Youngstown, NY

August 18-19, 2018

2018 Tawas Bay of Pigs J/22 Regatta at Tawas Bay Yacht Club, East Tawas, MI
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September 8-14, 2018

2018 J/22 World Championship at Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis, Maryland USA
 Contact: Linda Ambrose, lambrose@annapolisyc.org

2019 Calendar

June 20-23, 2019

J/22 North American Championship at Wayzata Yacht Club, Wayzata, MN
 Contact: Jeff Cameron, 612-203-7259,
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July 7-15, 2019

2019 J/22 World Championship at Warnemünder Woche, Warnemünde Sailing Club eV, Warnemünde Germany
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