



the insideline

INTERNATIONAL J/22 CLASS ASSOCIATION



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS $\frac{J}{22}$



5 days Champagne Sailing!



2 days Registration/Measurement



Incorporated within MSC Week
www.J22.co.za

Saturday 27th June to Friday 3rd July 2020



International Class Chair

Mike Farrington, Cayman Islands
mike@compassmarine.ky

International Class Vice Chair

Thomas Lösch, Germany
thomas.loesch@t-online.de

International Technical Committee Chair

Ron Harris, Canada
rdharris@bell.net

US and International Class Office

1604 Ventana Dr.
Ruskin, FL 33573
440-796-3100
howell@j22.com

Newsletter Editor

Julie Howell
Ruskin, FL

GEAR UP FOR 2020

Photo credit - Chris Howell



J/22 EXPERTS

Mike Marshall

mike.marshall@northsails.com
401-965-0057

Zeke Horowitz

zeke.horowitz@northsails.com
941-232-3984

Jackson Benvenuti

jackson.benvenuti@northsails.com
228-216-6200

northsails.com



Join us at the **2020 Midwinter Championship** and **2020 North American Championship** for Daily Debriefs, expert insight, and everything else you need to dominate the course.

We are here to help make the 2020 race season your best ever. Don't hesitate to give us a call.

J. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS J. 22 DURBAN SOUTH AFRICA 2020 22



By Sharin Richmond, SA J/22 Class PRO,
sharinr@mweb.co.za

The highlight of the J/22 calendar must be the World Championship, this year being held in **Durban South Africa from Saturday 27th June 2020 to Friday 3rd July 2020.**

Durban is an easy drive, on highways, situated 600 km from Johannesburg or a flight time of one hour. The weather in June/July has average temperatures of 11C to 22C with little rain, making it a perfect time of the year to host a regatta of this stature. Good winds and sea sailing just offshore complete a perfect combination for all keen and competitive sailors. A bonus after the regatta is to do an amazing “game viewing trip” in the Pilanesberg or visit Cape Town to see one of the official New 7 Wonders of Nature, Table Mountain and experience the South African winelands (a producer of internationally acclaimed red and white wines).





Photos courtesy of Richard Crockett/Sailing Mag

J[®]
22

The host club, Point Yacht Club (PYC), is recognized as an International Jetty on the South African coast so provides all the necessary amenities required by yachts big and small.

PYC did host a very successful 2007 J/22 World Championship, and this year they are again working closely with the J/22 SA Committee who have been part of several previous World Championships.

There are numerous options for accommodations from free camping at PYC to easily accessible self-catering, B&Bs and hotels, depending on your preferences. The committee is very happy to help with specific options and recommendations.

Entry Fee: R5000.00. This includes entry to MSC Week Regatta being held from the same host club but with their own sailing infrastructure. This gives J/22 competitors the option to experience and partake in the additional MSC Welcoming party, drinks vouchers, MSC prize-giving party, daily entertainment from Rob Main-Baillie, karaoke evening and all the fun of traditional MSC Week.

Over and above this, the J/22 Worlds will have its own:

- Welcoming party and mixing of the water's celebration
- Wet bar on the international walk on jetties with (hopefully) sponsored refreshments directly after sailing
- Mid-week party at the new PYC Beach front club
- Our own prize-giving ceremony

Charter boats are available at a cost of 2000Euro that will be race ready and in Durban before the start of the regatta. Documentation and Terms and Conditions are available.

All final regatta documentation is with the regulatory authorities for sanctioning and will be distributed as soon as received.



Photos courtesy of Richard Crockett/Sailing Mag



Interest has been shown by several international teams, and the local South African J/22s are excited and committed to being hosts of yet another J/22 World Championship.

If you have any queries or would like to be included in our Worlds database to receive ongoing communications, please send your contact details to sharinr@mweb.co.za.



Photos courtesy of Richard Crockett/Sailing Mag

J/22 Open European Championship
North Sea Regatta
The Hague



Save the date!

Thursday 28 May - Monday 1 June

J/22 European Championship at the North Sea Regatta in Scheveningen

May 29-June 1, 2020

<https://www.jachtclubscheveningen.com/nsr>

The NSR and Dutch J/22 Class present the European Championship J/22 2020. Sailing on the North Sea at The Hague, it promises to be an exciting event with traditionally challenging conditions. For options regarding charter boats, please mail secretary@j22.nl.

2020 J/22 North American Championship

CORK/Sail Kingston

Kingston, Ontario



www.CORK.org

Register Now!
August 6-9, 2020

IRO David Sprague
Jury Confirmed

Regatta Dinner @ Kingston Yacht Club

Post Racing Dock Talks
Friday & Saturday with refreshments.

Technical Committee Report



By Ron Harris, International Technical Committee Chair

- The J/22 Class Rules have been re-written to put them into the required World Sailing format, and to incorporate some changes as suggested by Class members. These updated Rules are currently being reviewed by some knowledgeable Class members and the Technical Committee. They will then be reviewed by World Sailing to ensure they meet their standards. Finally, they will be reviewed and voted on by all current National Class Associations, and any changes required will be made before acceptance at the end of 2020.

- In the meantime, any Technical Ruling updates are available on the J/22 International Class website at this link: <http://www.j22.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Class-Rules-FAQ-2019-1.pdf>.

Some of the key ones more recently posted are:

- ***Can I use a ProStart or similar device that gives me time and distance to the starting line?***

- No. As discussed in CR 1.2 and 1.3, the calculation functions available with this type of device are

not explicitly stated or specifically permitted within the Class Rules.

IJ22CA Technical Committee 8/27/2019

This document is updated from time to time by the International J/22 Technical Committee (ITC). Questions should be submitted to howell@j22.com and will be forwarded to the ITC.

- ***Is a Velscaf mast with a flat mast base legal for the J/22?***

- Yes. Velscaf Spars have been approved by J/Boats. These new spars do not include the standard mast base with exit blocks for halyards and topping lift. The new spar has a flat plate at the bottom of the spar and exit holes for the halyard tails. This design mast step has been reviewed and approved by the J/22 Technical Committee, and

is approved for use in all J/22 Class events, with the following provisions:

1. No halyard or topping lift may be cleated on the mast spar itself.
2. Only the attachment end of any halyard or topping lift may exit from above the gooseneck fitting on the mast.

- o ***Is it allowed to have a J/22 mast base plate with holes that are larger than the pins that were delivered with the boat originally or to have a slot instead of holes where the mast base plate pins are inserted?***

- No. The mast plate must have circular holes for the mast base plate pins, and the holes must be no larger than the pin circumference, so that the pins just fit into the mast base plate. There should be no possibility of the mast moving up and down on the mast base plate once properly attached.



A BIG SHOUT OUT TO THE QUANTUM-POWERED J/22 WORLD CHAMPIONS:

Jean-Michel Lautier's Fraporita with crew Denis Neves and Giuseppe D'Aquino.

PHOTO BY CHRIS HOWELL

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

EXPECT MORE FROM YOUR SAILMAKER. CONTACT OUR TEAM TO ELEVATE YOUR 2020 J/22 CAMPAIGN.

BILL DRAHEIM

972-998-5313

bdraheim@quantumsails.com

TRAVIS ODENBACH

585-943-8652

todenbach@quantumsails.com



GIRL TALK



By Holly Jo Anderson, *moxXie J/22 1048, J/22 Fleet Captain and J/22 Class Association Secretary/Treasurer, Wayzata, MN*

In December, I had the pleasure of attending GIRL TALK, facilitated by Allison Thompson at the Mike Plant Community Boathouse. There were more than 20 women sailors at the first GIRL TALK event. The women, from various fleets and yacht clubs, ranged in age from late teens to early 60s with diverse sailing experience levels.

This unique, interactive experience started with self-guided skill and knowledge assessments. Thompson incorporated technology-based group collaboration using participants' smartphones to answer questions, which were displayed real-time on the screen. Breakout group learning stations included race preparation procedures, racing rule scenarios, wind direction simulations and an ideation session on improving women's racing and sailing leadership participation.

One of the owners of J/22 1510 at Wayzata Yacht Club, Thompson used her outstanding presentation skills and expertise as a sailing instructor, coach and teacher to create an

event that allowed the women attendees to interact and learn from each other. The goal of GIRL TALK is to strengthen the skills, knowledge and participation of women sailors. GIRL TALK is helping to build a more robust community of women sailors through collaboration to enrich competition and make sailing more rewarding.

Future topics include boat handling, sail shape and speed, boat care and maintenance, application and understanding of racing rules, race tactics, sports theory, starts and finishes, mark rounding strategies, boat ownership and more. Thompson's vision is to continue the interactive classroom setting on and off the water.

It was a tremendous success, and I am looking forward to attending the next GIRL TALK. All women sailors are invited. To register or learn more about the next GIRL TALK, visit the event page on Facebook at <http://bit.ly/girltalksail>.





Tips for Making J/22 Regattas Easier and **MORE FUN** for Everyone Involved

By Quantum Sails' Travis Odenbach

As the 2020 sailing year begins, I like to think back on past years and reflect on what worked and what didn't work in regattas or with teams I sailed with. This process helps me improve and move forward in the year to come.





In a perfect world, we'd sail with the same people at every event. Our teams would become almost machine-like, and with little communication needed, prepare for a regatta. But the truth is, this is not a reality for most teams in the J/22 Class, so if you can't sail with the same team every single regatta, what should you do?

In the J/22 Class, I've learned to create a list of 10 to 15 people with whom I can build a team. I look at weights, sailing ability, and, most importantly, compatibility. Making sure that everyone gets along, and more or less thinks the same way, will get you off to a good start and ensure you have a good time at the regatta. Once you find a team of compatible people, then look at weight and skill level to decide who will be doing what on the boat. With your team identified, you can get down to the nuts and bolts of the program—the stuff that makes your team work and makes it easy for everyone to focus on sailing and having fun.

For years I arrived at regattas early to get the whole boat set up and launched by myself. By the time the actual regatta began, I was cranky, tired and pretty much burned out. I started to realize there had to be a better way. Sure enough, there was. Through good communication with my team, we started to spread out the jobs based on all kinds of skill levels, not just those that pertain to sailing. This was a big change to the program. Skills also include cleaning the boat, tuning the rig, shopping for food, and checking into the

house, among others. We started to pick our jobs in advance of the regattas. Two people rigged the boat, one cleaned the boat, and the last person made sure the sails were ready to go and got food for the boat. Everyone pitched in. Whether we were at a Worlds or a District regatta, the process became easier and the team stayed energized and excited to sail.

My tips to make your 2020 season easier and more fun:

1. Find a team that is compatible with each other.
2. Assign a job to each crew member, from cleaning the boat, organizing sails and rigging the boat to filling up water bottles and making sure the crew has food for the day.
3. Try to arrive to the event as a team. After all, this is a chance to sail and spend time with friends. It also makes life so much easier.

In my opinion, sailing is the greatest team sport in the world. We all sail because we love it and want to improve. I truly believe that incorporating these tips will not only help your sailing season improve, but also make it more enjoyable. Remember to enjoy sailing for the reasons you got into the sport in the first place: friends, competition and traveling!

I look forward to seeing you at the 2020 regattas.

Platinum Sponsors

Platinum Sponsors have contributed \$200 to the U.S. Class (in addition to full membership)

Mark Foster
Canyon Lake, TX

Richard “Boo” Heausler
New Orleans, LA

Gold Sponsors

Gold Sponsors have contributed \$100 to the U.S. Class (in addition to full membership)

Award & Sports
Saginaw, MI

Sandy Adzick
Haverford, PA

**Christopher
Doyle**
Kenmore, NY

Robert Grove
Boyne City, MI

Linda McDavitt
Austin, TX

**Willem (Mart)
Lamar**
Jackson, MS

Frank McGowan
Philadelphia, PA

James Rawlings
Alexandria, VA

**Matthew
& Allison
Thompson**
Minneapolis, MN



Corpus Christi Bay in Late July

By Mark Foster



Welcome to the 2021 J/22 World Championship. For the past 50+ years, I have raced and sailed in Corpus Christi and would like to share with you some of my experiences with the wind, waves and current patterns that normally occur during a July afternoon.

The sea breeze will be fairly consistent with small shifts. The pressure will build from the left side of the course. The normal SE seabreeze develops with the heating of the land and takes about 10 degrees of temperature differential to develop. The bay water in late July should be in the mid 80s. The seabreeze can start as far left as 90 degrees and as far right as 170 degrees; it usually settles in around 125 to 140 and starts at 8 knots and builds to 15-18 knots, gusting to 20.

Pull out a bay chart and locate the Nueces Bay Causeway. When sailing out of the gap, you will see the low long bridge with a small hump in it that is the Nueces Bay Causeway. From the Causeway looking upwind to the race course, you will notice more wind pressure over the length of the Causeway. The wind will build faster due to the fact it is not blocked by the downtown buildings. So, while the general consensus is to go right, due to the geographical shift it can pay to work the left side of the course as the winds build from 8-15.

The wave pattern is consistent across the course. Look at the chart and note that the bay averages 10-14 feet deep. With the SE breeze, the waves have an 8-10 mile fetch before they reach the race course. When big waves come,

they are in sets of three and you are advised to try and avoid them at all cost. Notice going upwind, that starboard tack is more into the waves and port tack is more across the waves. You should set your sail trim for each tack. In general, you will find that port tack is faster than starboard.

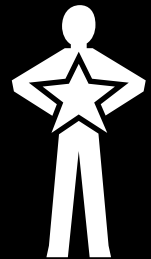
What is the best way to sail around the waves upwind? My advice is to steer downhill. How you do that is by keeping the bow pointing to the next low spot so that the boat is going downhill as often as possible.

The seabreeze will set up a wind-driven current that flows Northwest toward the Harbor Bridge and returns up the bay inside Alta Vista reef. The current is consistent across the course and usually does not exceed 3/8 knot. The Alta Vista reef runs parallel to the shore, approximately 1/2 mile off the bay front, marked by two markers—Number 1 which is a piling with a red triangle on the North end and Number 3 which is a piling with a day marker on the South end and are noted on the bay chart. The race course will be set outside the reef, and current should not be a factor in the racing.

Best part of racing is the sail to the dock afterward. It is a 1/2-mile run to the gap and a 1/2-mile reach to the dock after you finish the last race of the day...where a cold beer and the pool at CCYC await you.

Hopefully this gives you some insight to the local sailing conditions in Corpus Christi. Have a great time during the 2021 J/22 World Championship.

www.awardandsports.com



***Looking for Vendors
for Your J/22?***

WWW.J22.ORG/THE-BOAT/VENDORS/

2020

**2020 J/22 European
Championship at the North Sea
Regatta at Scheveningen**

May 29 – Jun 1

**2020 J/22 World Championship
at Point Yacht Club, Durban**

Jun 28 – Jul 3

**2020 J/22 North American
Championship at CORK, Kingston**

Aug 6 – Aug 9

2021

**2021 J/22 World Championship
at Corpus Christi Yacht Club**

Jul 18 – Jul 24

2022

**2022 J/22 North American
Championship at Tawas Bay
Yacht Club**

Sep 13 – Sep 17



Submit your regatta dates/information
to howell@j22.com