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Dear J/22 Sailors,

The 2021 J/22 World Championship is fast approaching, and Corpus Christi Yacht Club is ready to welcome you July 17-23!

As of late May, we have 39 registrants from eight U.S. states and one international entrant. Travel restrictions appear to be limiting international participation at this time. We encourage you to keep checking for changes as they are frequently updated, and waivers may become available for athletes participating in major sporting events. As a result of these restrictions/uncertainties, we have extended the early registration deadline to July 1, and allow full refunds up to July 1.

Looking for a preview of Corpus Christi sailing conditions? The Surfin' Safari is an annual J/22 and J/24 regatta being held on June 12-13. Come on down and try it out!

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22531>

Worlds event information and registration:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21100>

See you on the water,

Brad Stokes

2021 Chairman, J/22 World Championship



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Glenn Darden's *Baby Doll* Earns Morgan Stanley J/22 Midwinter Championship



Glenn Darden's *Baby Doll* bested 29 other teams to secure the 2021 J/22 Midwinter Championship hosted by Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans, Louisiana USA from March 18-21. All nine scheduled races were completed in mostly breezy and lumpy conditions on Lake Pontchartrain. Darden, of Fort Worth, Texas, with crew Marcus Eagan, Jackson Benvenuti and Sarah Raymond won the opening race on the final day. Travis Odenbach's *Honeybadger*, just one point off the pace at the start of the day, placed seventh. *Honeybadger* stormed back to win the final contest, however *Baby Doll* placed fourth and secured the Championship with 16 net points (Odenbach ended with 20). Casey Lambert's *Blackburn Marine Racing* put together a solid weekend for third place (40 points).



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Darden's team members are all in the New Orleans area. He praised them, adding, "Marcus and Jackson are wizards of this lake." The group practiced the prior weekend at the local Mardi Gras Regatta. Darden summarized the Midwinters' conditions as, "Very streaky and shifty all three days. We like the lump with the breeze. We got off the line well, which was probably our key."

DAY 1 RECAP: Thirty J/22s got back to Championship racing in breezy and bumpy conditions, testing some boats and equipment. Darden's *Baby Doll* mastered the shifts, winning two of three races and placing second in the other for 4 points and the early advantage. Odenbach's *Honeybadger* bounced back from being over early in race two, and added a pair of top three finishes for second place overall (14 points). Lambert's *Blackburn Marine Racing* stood three points back in third. Eager teams were greeted with a grey



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sky, and winds consistently in the mid-teens. Odenbach opened the regatta with a bullet, trailed by Darden and Benz Faget's *Fats*. Darden earned his first victory in the next contest, ahead of Tommy Meric Jr.'s *Carnival Time* and Lambert. Following Darden in the day's final match were Alexander Schwinn's *Tilt* and Odenbach.



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DAY 2 RECAP: Seven races were in the books, and only one point separated the leaders heading into the final two races. Day one leader Darden's *Baby Doll* opened Saturday with a pair of bullets, but added a 5 and 13 (their discard) for 11 net points. Odenbach's

Honeybadger notched all top-three finishes on the day, and dropping a 10 from Friday, brought him within a single point of the lead. Lambert's *Blackburn Marine Racing* remained in third place with 27 net points. Teams enjoyed a brightening day on Lake



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Pontchartrain in winds averaging 7-10 knots and lighter chop. Darden picked up where he left off the prior day with back-to-back wins (first ahead of Lambert and Odenbach, then again topping Odenbach and Faget's *Fats*). Odenbach took race six for his second victory of the series, followed by Boo Heausler's *Rebound Girl* and Schwinn's *Tilt*. Mark Foster's *Pressure Drop* led the fleet back to shore, as Odenbach placed second allowing him to close in on the overall Championship, and Faget came in third.



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TOP FIVE:

1. *Baby Doll*, Glenn Darden, Fort Worth BC, 2-1-1-1-1-5-[13]-1-4- ; 16
2. *Honeybadger*, Travis Odenbach, Rochester YC, 1-[10]-3-3-2-1-2-7-1- ; 20
3. *Blackburn Marine Racing*, Casey Lambert, Lakewood YC, 6-3-8-2-4-7-5-[21]-5- ; 40
4. *Pressure Drop*, Mark Foster, CCYC, 4-5-[31/RET-BF]-18-9-9/RDG-1-3-3- ; 52
5. *TILT*, Alexander Schwinn, Lakewood YC / Fort Worth BC, 9-[13]-2-5-12-3-8-11-11- ; 61



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Photos are available on the J/22 Class Facebook page, and complete results may be found at www.j22mw.com.

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RUDDER STRAPS

By Boo Heausler



So, there I was about to start the first race at the Morgan Stanley J/22 Midwinter Championship. The 30-boat fleet was tuning up in the 18-knot northerly with some stiff Lake Pontchartrain chop. Our boat was in tip top shape, the bottom was perfect, the sails were new, the rig was tuned for the conditions and the crew was well experienced. With four minutes to go before the first race, we tacked around at the pin and, all of a sudden, the tiller pops up into my lap... "Big Problem." I look back, and we had broken our lower rudder strap.

We proceeded to get the sails down and hail for Chris Howell to tow us into the dock. I can tell you that a J/22 without a viable rudder does not tow well. The only way to tow a disabled J/22 is to hip up alongside a rib. Once we were at the dock, we were able to talk to the Judges about permission to haul out to repair the rudder strap.

Good news for us, I had a spare rudder from my old boat. We were able to remove the lower strap and replace it, and we were back sailing. Thanks to our Nascar pit crew, we only missed the first two races.

I offer up this bit of advice as this is now the second rudder strap I have broken (the first on hull 1043 and now on hull 711). For any boat that sails in heavy salt water or is of this vintage, it would be a good idea to check your rudder straps. For ours, we had inspected this before the races, but no corrosion or cracking were visible from the outside. The cracks started from the inside of the straps. I offer several pictures of the cracks for the armchair metallurgists out there. Note to self, buy new rudder straps.



FRANCE REPORT

By Amélie Juvien

Sport Nautique de l'Ouest – SNO Nantes

Sport Nautique de l'Ouest (SNO) Nantes has a real passion for sailing since its foundation in 1882.

The SNO Nantes has its sailing area on the river Erdre near Nantes in the west of France.

Generations of budding sailors have taken their first steps on the River Erdre in an exceptional and protected environment, ideal for learning, having fun and winning. The quality of training offered by the club has allowed us to train Olympic champions and great sailors, some of whom have become professionals in regattas and ocean races.

These human and sporting values are expressed in the learning and practice of young and old.

Our motto: Learnt, Enjoy, Win

Meanwhile, the SNO owns seven J/22s and is using them for:

- Sailing courses for adults all year round
- Youth match racing sessions in collaboration with Mathieu Richard (well-known match racing specialist in France)
- Corporate team building sessions for private companies
- Regattas local, national, international

We are very happy and lucky to see some J/22 sailing in our club. This year we invested in sails and fittings for our boats to host more competition. It's an engagement for the club to carry on, maintain and use the J/22s.

For us, it is important to keep traditional momentum for our members to preserve the pleasant atmosphere.

The full provisional calendar of our J/22 events:

➤ *Trophée Brétéché: 20. June, 12. September and 28. November.*

The Brétéché trophies are club regattas where we welcome all participants wishing to race a J/22. Members and participants of the Saturday courses come to borrow boats, and J/22

owners join them for a friendly regatta.

SNO Nantes: 22 to 25 April -> Cancelled

This year, we decided to organize our first Grade 2 of Match Racing with the J/22. This regatta was created for sailors under 23 years old, because in France there is no regatta specifically for young people.

The J/22 is very well adapted for the practice of youth match racing by its size, its handiness and is part of a process of progression in view of the European Youth in Italy also taking place in the J/22.



The SNO Nantes Youth Cup is perfect to prepare the Europeans. Because of the COVID-19 crises, it had to be cancelled, and the SNO replaced it with a coach regatta with three teams to select the one that will represent France at the European Youth Match Racing Championship.



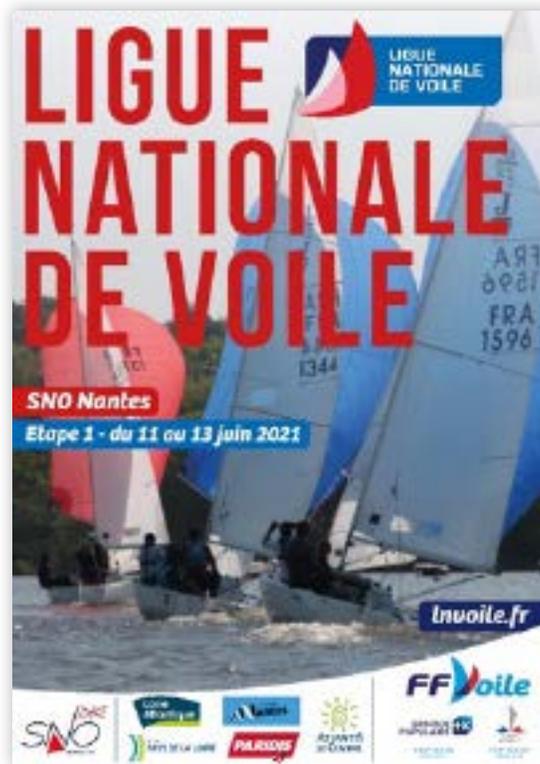
We are going to receive 18 teams, so 18 clubs of France on our J/22s. We are waiting for the authorization of the French federation to organize this event, and we really want to see this boat race.

Here is the promotional poster of the first event of the National Sailing League realized by the French Sailing Federation.

In 2022, we are going to propose this event, and do many editions for the next years.

Here are some pictures of the coach regatta with the natural water stadium in the SNO Nantes:

<https://www.dropbox.com/t/Hxau2Ie3aGKaxqQm>



➤ *Coupe des châtaignes: 23 & 24 October*

The Coupe des châtaignes (Chestnut-Cup) is organized all years where we welcome the J/22.

This year, we will receive the French National J/22 Class 2021.

➤ *French National League: 11 at 13 June*

We organize the first step of the two French National League this year.

It is new for the SNO Nantes. It is a friendly competition with the other club of France.

➤ *Locales regatta with a neighboring club*



Regularly, we organize Sunday regattas with a neighbor club that now has J/22s too. It's an opportunity to have races with more participants.

TIPS FOR REACHING WITH A SYMMETRICAL SPINNAKER

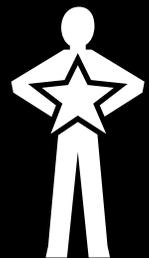
By Quantum Sails

While each sail has a prescribed purpose or wind range, there are techniques that allow you to push a sail beyond its intended purpose, particularly when it comes to spinnakers. Whether you want to avoid a sail change or you need to quickly alter course to make a mark or destination, here are a few quick tips for setting up your downwind sails to reach when the breeze is not cooperating.

Symmetrical spinnakers are designed to fly with the fullest shape possible. This allows the boat to run faster downwind by capturing as much breeze as possible. However, when you want to reach, you will need to set your symmetrical kite to act like an asymmetrical one. Start by moving the pole forward and down.

Next, set the weather tweeker at the deck and ease the leeward tweeker, use your spinnaker-pole downhaul, if equipped. Moving the pole forward sets the tack close to centerline (like a sprit) while the pole tip-down hardens the luff so it can act as a leading edge (like an asym). The hotter the angle of sail, the more forward the pole will need to be relative to the forestay. (Note: Be careful to keep the pole controlled and prevent it from banging against the forestay. A sudden gust can crash it into the forestay and damage the rig.) Once the pole is properly positioned, cleat the guy and have the trimmer trim the sail like an asymmetrical kite. Ease the sheet until the luff curls, then trim back in again. If you sheet it in hard or tight, it will act similar to a code zero.

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2022

**2022 J/22 World Championship
at Point Yacht Club**

Jul 3 – Jul 8

**2022 J/22 North American
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Sep 13 – Sep 17



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