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The organizing committee of the **2003 J-22 North American Championship** is proud to announce that **Volvo** has come aboard as the title sponsor of this year's championship regatta. The official name of the event is **2003 J-22 Volvo North American Championship**.

The **2003 J-22 Volvo North American Championship** will be held at the Youngstown (New York) Yacht Club, June 23 – 28, 2003. The Youngstown Yacht Club, which hosted the J-22 North American Championship in 1995, was one of the first sailing clubs in North America to host a large multi-class "Level Regatta". Nearly 60 J-22 sailboats are expected to compete at the 2003 Volvo North American Championship in June. Crews will be coming from throughout the United States and Canada.

The Volvo 2003 sponsorship of the event is being conducted under the auspices of Volvo Construction Equipment, one of the world's largest builders of construction equipment, and its North America sales, marketing and customer support division, Volvo Construction Equipment North America, Inc., headquartered in Asheville, North Carolina.

Ron Huibers, Vice President, Volvo Construction Equipment, expressed his company's pleasure – and support – of the J-22 championship. "As most sailing enthusiasts know, sailing is a sport that Volvo, through its world-renowned Volvo Ocean Race, the premier ocean race on the planet, and youth sailing programs, takes to the world sailing community with great enthusiasm. We are delighted to have the opportunity to join the Youngstown Yacht Club as the sponsor of this world class sailing event."

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