**Resume of Amar Patel**

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Eight years ago, I started sailing/racing on Rhodes 19s thru a local club here in Savannah and still continue to race them today.  We also campaigned in four US nationals with that class and our best overall finish was 8th place in Chicago a couple of years ago.  Anyway, two years into Rhodes 19 sailing, one of the club members was selling his J/22.  I ended up partnering with another club member in purchasing that J/22 (Sail # 874), we named her Lady In Red and for five years we raced the hell out of that sailboat.  Quite honestly it was the best recreational decision I ever made, hopefully more of those to come as I'm 35 years young.  We mainly campaigned her between Hilton Head SC and Savannah GA - and during that time there was only one on the water weather condition we did not experience, snow.  Anyway, being a partner in the sailboat we would often swap roles between helming, trimming and working the bow (my favourite) - I got pushed forward a lot because all the guys in the back were well overweight.  That said I am versatile when it comes to crew positions while racing sailboats.  Check out the attached picture of us reaching downwind and doing a horizon job on some competitors in a distance race several years ago.  Where we are geographically located most of the racing occurs on tidal rivers or offshore or a combination of both.

Sadly, we sold J/22 Lady In Red but before we did we purchased a J/24 (Sail # 5005) and named her ROGUE.  We've been racing her the last couple of years but still reminisce much easier handling days and more victories on Lady In Red.  I think we ended up with a dozen or so podium finishes and plenty of stories to tell.  If you'd like to hear more - I'm happy to share...

Sounds like you've got a solid group of J/22's in SA.  To answer your question, I am comfortable skippering a J/22 but feeling uncomfortable about doing so in unfamiliar water.

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