



## Spain Takes The Lead In The Tutima J80 Worlds

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'Have a shower..', that was the motto for today's races. Heavy rain showers cooled down the fresh winds during the first day of the Tutima J80 Worlds on Kiel Bight. In between wind speed decreased a bit, but the wind came back punctually for the third race. Finally four races were sailed in at least best conditions. The courses were dominated by the crews from Spain, at the end Ignacio Camino Rodriguez (ESP) and his crew took the lead in front of Javier Padron (ESP). The British team of Kevin Sproul achieved the third place. J-Boats designer and maybe the first J80 sailor in the world at all Jeff Johnstone from the US came in fourth and showed how well he knows his 'own' boat.

Race director Jobst Richter had fired the signal for the first race of the day at firm winds from west at 11:25 a.m. "We had very variable wind conditions on the courses and had to lay out a new course for each new race. With every cloud the wind shifted by at least twenty degrees, which made it a challenge for the sailors as well", declared Jobst Richter. He will now give the race management responsibilities into the hands of Mandus Freese for the rest of the Tutima J80 World Cup.

The new J80 World Champion will be determined on Saturday.

Top five after four races:

1. Ignacio Camino Rodriguez/Alberdo Padron/Gomez Jose Luis/Armando Coniertua (ESP/2,2,6,8) 18
2. Javier Padron/Juan Gonzalez/Abelardo Queuedo/Cesar Obregon (ESP/1, 9,4,9) 23
3. Kevin Sproul/Yoann Richomme/Robert Gullan/Aarian Gray (GBR/3,14,2, 4) 23

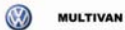
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4. Patrick Bot/Matthieu Durand/Frederic Hauville/Agathe Brucelle (FRA/ 22,1,1,1) 25
5. Jeff Johnstone/Bo Teichmann/Stella Mau/Florian Foh/Henning Mittelmann (USA/7,11,3,5) 26



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