

J[®]
24

INTERNATIONAL PULSE



USA's Team *Furio* Reigns at J/24 World Championship



Photos courtesy of Christopher Howell

Issue 40
December
2023

Executive Committee

IJCA Chair

Will Welles, USA

will.welles@northsails.com

IJCA Vice Chair

David Cooper, United Kingdom

davidcooper4271@gmail.com

IJCA Finance Committee Chair

Kat Malone, USA

krobinson75@gmail.com

IJCA Technical Committee Chair

Curt Barnes, USA

curtbarnes@gmail.com

IJCA Past Chair

Nancy Zangerle, USA

nzangerle@yahoo.com

IJCA Council Member

Nicolas Cubria, Argentina

cubrianik@hotmail.com

IJCA Council Member

Mark Usher, Ireland

ushermark67@gmail.com

IJCA Council Member

Aris Pallikaris, Greece

president@j24class.gr

IJCA Council Member

Maike Hass, Germany

maike.hass@hotmail.de

IJCA Council Member

Keiji Kondo, Japan

Kondo@konkin.co.jp

IJCA Council Member

Dan Busch, USA

dwbusch2013@gmail.com

IJCA Executive Director

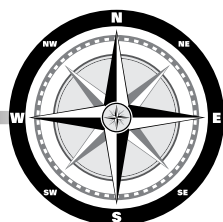
Chris Howell

1604 Ventana Dr.

Ruskin, FL 33573

director@j24class.org

P: 440-796-3100



IJCA Technical Committee

Chairman

Curt Barnes, USA

curtbarnes@gmail.com

Gianpietro Pollesel, Italy

pqs@tiscali.it

Michael Johnson, USA, Designer's Appointee

mj_3747@yahoo.com

Michael Peters, GER

michaelpeters1501@googlemail.com

Nick McDonald, GBR

osen.uk@googlemail.com

Nancy Zangerle, USA

nzangerle@yahoo.com

Kenneth Porter, Mexico

kennethporter-s@hotmail.com

Alex Finsterbusch, Argentina

alexfinsterbusch@gmail.com

Timothy Winger, USA

timwingr@gmail.com

J/24 Builders

J/Boats Argentina

España 1265 (1642)

San Isidro ARGENTINA

+54 11 4747 4162

roberto@jboats.com.ar

J/Boats Italy

17 Porto Turistico Chiavari

16043 ITALY

+39 335-688-5005

jboats@jboats.it



Looking for Vendors for Your J/24?

www.j24class.org/useful-links/



BUILT ON A CHAMPIONSHIP SPIRIT

Talk to a J/24 class expert
northsails.com

WILL WELLES

will.welles@northsails.com

ANDREA CASALE

andrea.casale@northsails.com

KEI TAKAKUWA

kei.takakuwa@northsails.com



Photo courtesy of Christopher Howell

USA's Team *Furio* Reigns at J/24 World Championship

Keith Whittemore's *Furio* of the USA, with team Willem van Waay, Marianne Schoke, Brian Thomas and Melanie Edwards, have been crowned 2023 J/24 World Champions. Whittemore, who also won the 2019 J/24 World Championship in Miami, Florida USA, ended this event with only 25 net points in the full 10-race series. After discarding a 19 from race seven, the Seattle, Washington-based helmsman kept scores in the top seven including three bullets. Ignazio Bonanno's *La Superba* of Italy compiled their reliable solid scores all week, winning two races, for 40 net points and the silver position. Tony Parker's *Bangor Packet*, also of the USA, was in the hunt

throughout the Championship, placing third overall with 52 net points. Parker has been sailing in the J/24 Class for all of its 45 years, and shipped his hull #58 to Greece.

Cillian Dickson's *Headcase* of Ireland won the 23-boat Corinthian division, also placing fourth overall and tied on points with Parker. The crew included Ryan Glynn, Marcus Ryan, Louis Mulloy and Sam O'Byrne. The all-amateur podium was also comprised of Stephan Mais' *Running Men* of Germany and Alexandros Tagaropoulos's *Hellenic Police* of Greece.



The IJCA awarded its perpetual Youth Turner Trophy to Papanikitas Spiridon-Eleftherios's *Hellenic Naval Academy*.

Thirty-five boats from 10 nations and four continents competed from Argentina, Australia, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan and the United States from September 12-16 at the Nautical Club of Thessaloniki in Greece.

DAY ONE RECAP: After three races under blue skies and breeze of 8-10 knots, Whittemore's *Furio* led the pack with scores of 2,2,1 for just 5 points. Bonanno's *La Superba* held second place with 11 points. Tagaropoulos's *Hellenic Police* of Greece was in third overall at 16 points. Bonanno's *La Superba* of the Italian Navy launched the Championship with a bullet, with Whittemore's *Furio* in second and Dickson's *Headcase* in third. *Headcase* won the J/24 European Championship in Hungary two weeks prior. Parker's *Bangor Packet* won the next match, with Whittemore and Dickson again runners-up. Whittemore's *Furio* dominated the day's third and final battle, followed by Parker and Bonanno.

J[®]
24



Photos courtesy of Christopher Howell



DAY TWO RECAP: Two more races went in the books on another gorgeous day of bright skies, warm temperatures and breeze of 8-12 knots. Taking into account the discard, Whittemore's *Furio* kept hold of the top position with 9 net points, following finishes of 4 and 7 on the day. After a victory in race four, a tough race five kept Bonanno's *La Superba* in the runner-up spot at 12 points. Dickson's *Headcase* posted a pair of fives to move into third overall with 16 points, able to toss a previous UFD. Bonanno's *La Superba* racked up their second bullet of the Championship to start the day, Parker's *Bangor Packet* added another silver and Mais Stephan's *Running Men* of Germany took bronze. Balaz Tomai's *Jbond* of Hungary led the fleet home to close the day, along with Sotiriou Stelios's *Jmania* of Greece and Kohei Ichikawa's *Gekko Diana* of Japan. The Nautical Club of Thessaloniki hosted their gala dinner for crews in the evening.

DAY THREE RECAP: Patience paid off for both the Race Committee and competitors on the middle day. Scheduled for a 1500 start, and then postponed ashore, teams may have started making their evening plans. But the breeze picked up, and boats headed out for two more races (bringing



Photos courtesy of Christopher Howell



the total to seven) in winds of 6-10 knots. Whittemore's *Furio* sustained his hold on first place, although it was feast or famine for the team with a bullet but also a 19 on the day (the 19th becoming their discard). They had 17 net points. Parker's *Bangor Packet* shot up to second place with scores of 3,1 and 21 net points. Bonanno's *La Superba* and Dickson's *Headcase* were tied for the next two positions at 26 points. Whittemore's *Furio* earned their second victory of the Championship in race six, with the familiar *La Superba* and *Bangor Packet* completing the top trio. Parker's *Bangor Packet* continued their solid day with the next win, tailed by Dickson's *Headcase* and Ramiro Martin Clemente Diaz's *Tata Patagonia* of Argentina, as the sun began to set on the bay.

DAY FOUR RECAP: With nine of 10 races completed, Whittemore's *Furio* had yet to relinquish hold of first place. Posting scores of 1,3 Friday, the team had 21 net points, nine ahead of Dickson's *Headcase*. Race eight began on schedule at 1500 local time, however was twice abandoned due to 30-degree wind shifts shortly after the start. When finally underway, Whittemore's *Furio* added their third victory of the Championship, ahead of Bonanno's *La Superba*. *La Superba* held the bronze position overall with 37 net points. Multiple teams suffered BFD penalties in race 9, but thriving was Dickson's *Headcase* taking line honors, plus Manolakis Antonios's *Aurora-Spanopoulos* runner-up and Whittemore third.



Photos courtesy of Christopher Howell



DAY FIVE RECAP: The final race winner was Ichikawa's *Gekko Diana*, ahead of Tagaropoulos's *Hellenic Police* and Bonanno's *La Superba*. Competitors were treated to a beautiful prize-giving ceremony on the terrace, with a proper flag-raising for the podium.



J/24



Photos courtesy of Christopher Howell



J/24

TOP THREE OVERALL:

- 1) Keith Whittemore, *Furio*, USA, 25 points
- 2) Ignazio Bonanno, *La Superba*, ITA, 40 points
- 3) Tony Parker, *Bangor Packet*, USA, 52 points

TOP THREE CORINTHIAN:

- 1) Cillian Dickson, *Headcase*, IRL
- 2) Stephan Mais, *Running Men*, GER
- 3) Alexandros Tagaropoulos, *Hellenic Police*, GRE



Photos courtesy of Christopher Howell



Photos courtesy of Christopher Howell

A complete list of all J/24 World Champions can be found at <http://www.j24class.org/about-the-j24/hall-of-fame/world-champions/>. The first J/24 World Championship occurred in 1979 in Newport, Rhode Island USA.

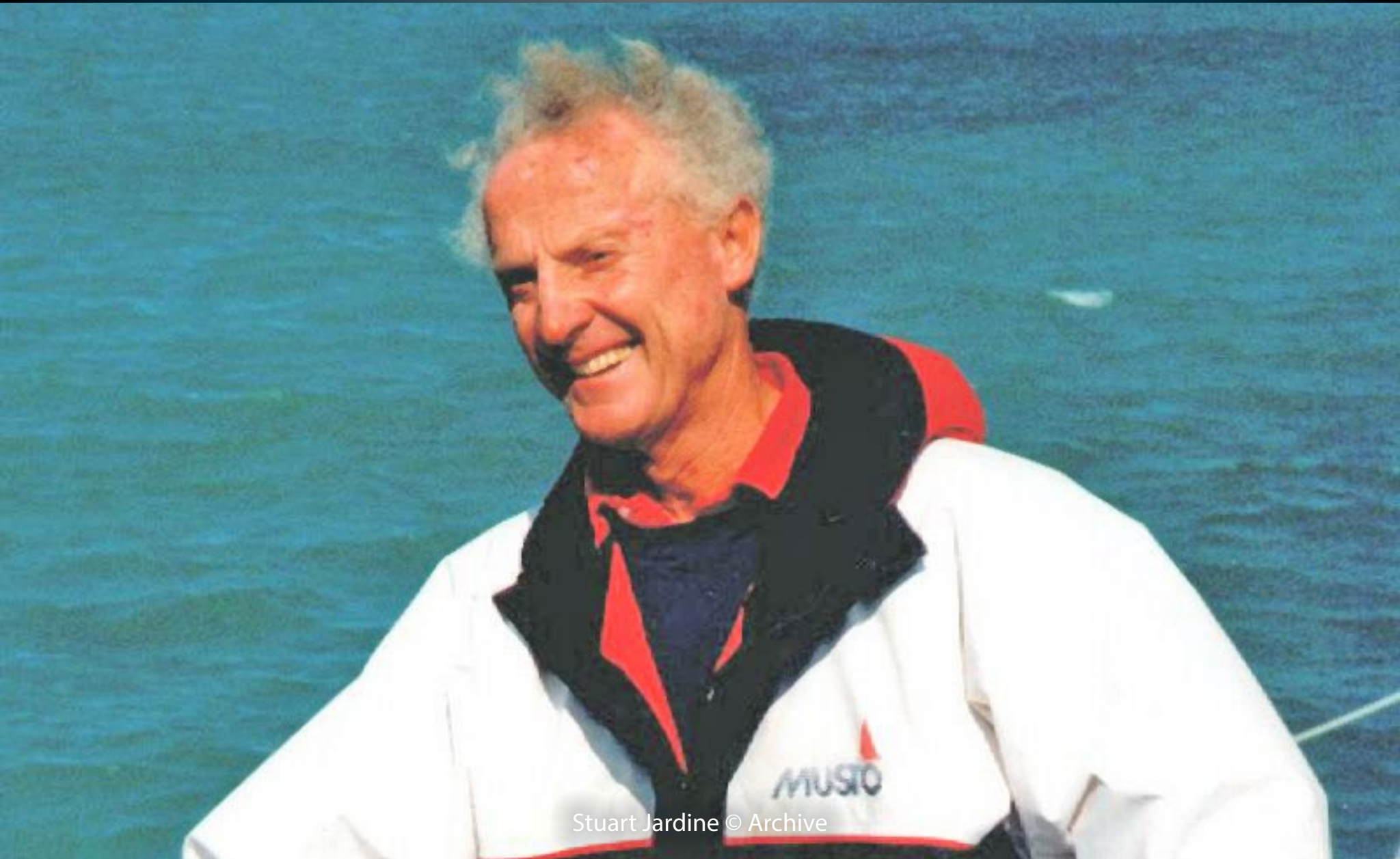


Photos courtesy of Christopher Howell



Complete event details may be found at <http://j24worlds2023.ncth.gr/>. Photos/video are available on the J/24 International Class Facebook page.

STUART JARDINE PASSES AWAY



Stuart Jardine © Archive

by Mark Jardine • www.yachtsandyachting.com

One of the best known and most highly respected sailors in the UK has passed away at the age of 90. Lt Col. Stuart Jardine OBE won championships over a remarkable eight decades, representing Great Britain at both the 1968 and 1972 Olympic Games in the Star class, and winning titles in a wide range of dinghy & keelboat classes.

Born in Salisbury on the 23rd August 1933, just minutes after his identical twin brother Ado, he soon moved out to Basra, Iraq, where his father, Frier, held a position in the Colonial Service. The family then moved to Palestine, where he and Ado had their first experience of sailing, before returning to the UK before the end of World War II.

His early dinghy sailing was dominated by sailing with Ado. The 'Jardine twins' took to the double handed sailing classes with gusto, winning the 1950, '51, '53 and '54 Firefly Championships in F597 'Javelin' and the National 12 Burton Cup in 1952, '54 and '56.



Stuart Jardine in his Flying Dutchman © Archive

In 1955, after attending The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, Stuart joined the Royal Engineers, in an Army career that took him around the world, including witnessing the hydrogen and atomic bomb test on Christmas Island and postings to Singapore and Germany. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was awarded the Order of the British Empire medal.

STUART JARDINE PASSES AWAY



John Wastall and Stuart Jardine in the Star during the build up to the 1972 Olympics - photo © Archive

While some overseas postings were somewhat restrictive, the Army in no way slowed down Stuart's sailing, and in 1956 he won his first XOD Captain's Cup, sailing with Ado and Jane Pitt-Pitts. In 1959 he purchased his first Flying Dutchman, winning the French Olympic Regatta in La Baule, France. In 1960 he finished 2nd in the Flying Dutchman UK Championship, and was selected as reserve for the 1960 Rome Olympics, where the sailing was held in Naples.

Stuart went on to win the Flying Dutchman UK Championship in 1961, '62, '64 and '65, as well as finishing third in the 1962 World Championship with crew James Ramus, behind sailing legends Hans Fogh and Paul Elvstrøm from Denmark, and Rolly Tasker and Andrew White from Australia.

On 28th July 1962, Stuart married Mary-Ann, who travelled the world with Stuart during his Army career, having three children together, before settling down in Milford-on-Sea in 1982, where they made their home for 40 years. They say that behind every great man is a great woman, and Mary-Ann supported Stuart throughout his



Stuart helming Rampant Robber - photo © Archive

career, and occasionally crewed herself, during countless sailing events.

Having been posted to Germany in 1965, Stuart purchased his first Star class sailboat called 'SNAFU' (a well-known acronym used in the Army) in 1967, and was selected for the 1968 Olympic Games held at Acapulco, Mexico, where he finished 10th with crew James Ramus.

During a posting to Singapore between 1969 and 1970 he also won the 505 SE Asian Championship, as well as the Singapore Osprey and GP14 Championship. With two young sons at this stage, Lewis and Robert, he also started to build 'Economists' at Changi Sailing Club, which were, as the name suggests, a budget version of an Optimist, made out of a single sheet of plywood with sails cut from discarded sails from other classes. On a trip to Singapore during the 1980s, Stuart was very pleased to see a thriving Optimist fleet at the club.

Stuart was posted back to Germany in 1971, purchasing another Star and was selected for the 1972 Olympics with crew John Wastall, where the sailing was held at Kiel in

STUART JARDINE PASSES AWAY



Stuart Jardine, Mark Jardine & Christian Brewer XOD sailing at Cowes Week - photo © Eddie Mays

Germany, finishing 7th overall and winning the first race. In the same year he also finished fourth in the Star European Championship. 1972 was also the year when Stuart and Mary-Ann's third son Mark was born.

In the 70's Stuart was posted to the Junior Leaders Regiment in Dover, followed by The Royal School of Military Engineering at Chatham and then the Army Apprentice College in Chepstow, where he coached young sailors, as well as sailing a Quarter Tonner 'Rampant Robber', Bosun Dinghies and Lasers. Next up he was posted to the Royal Engineers Diving Establishment at Marchwood in 1982, where he played a part in the raising of the Tudor ship, Mary Rose. In 1985 he was posted back to Chatham where he sailed a Half Tonner and a Laser. During this time he Captained both the Army and the Royal Engineers Dinghy Teams for many years, and won the Inter-Services Gold Cup thirteen times, which was held in Seaview on the Isle of Wight.

In 1988 he took on an Army J/24 called 'Chieftain' which started a long association with the class, first as a competitor and later on both the organisational and technical teams. The J/24 also proved to be a great boat

for the Jardine twins to sail together again, with various crew, including sons Robert and Mark at various times. In his first year in the J/24 he finished second in the UK National Championship.

During the '80s and early '90s Stuart continued to inspire the younger generation of sailors, running junior sailing at Keyhaven Yacht Club, and then being Race Officer for the Optimist and Scow fleets at the Royal Lymington Yacht Club's Junior Regatta. Many top sailors who have come through the Club, credit Stuart with putting them on the road to success.

1989 was when he bought his own J/24 called 'Stouche'. He was also presented with a Silk Cut Nautical Award, as well as being awarded the OBE in the New Year Honours List.

Stuart's J/24 sailing continued in 1990 with a third-placed finish at the European Championship being the highlight. He went on to win the J/24 UK National Championship six times in total, as well as winning the 1995 European Championship at the age of 62 in a fleet of 82 boats with his twin brother Ado, Richard Dyball, Freddie Blencke and son Mark.

STUART JARDINE PASSES AWAY

The 1990s also saw Stuart return to the XOD fleet sailing again, winning the Captain's Cup at Cowes Week in 1996, making it a forty-year gap between wins at the event. In 1997 he purchased X119 'Lone Star', which he sailed regularly in the Wednesday and Saturday series at the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, and added a further six Captain's Cup wins, with his final win being in 2009. A record which stands to this day in the class.

The mid 1990s also saw Stuart and Ado collect a hat trick of wins in the International Masters Regatta, held in San Francisco. The event attracts the best Masters sailors in the world, and the twins were incredibly proud to win the 1995, '96 and '97 editions.

Both the J/24 and XOD saw Stuart sail regularly with Christian Brewer, a sailor from Whitstable, Kent whose sailing he'd supported since Christian was a teenager, first crewing on 'Rampant Robber' and then on a string of top level half ton and $\frac{3}{4}$ ton yachts. Christian sailed with Stuart at all his major XOD wins, including the Captain's Cup wins from 1996 onwards, and famously when asked about why he wasn't aboard for Stuart's first Captain's Cup win, replied 'Because I hadn't been born then'. He goes on to comment how Stuart had played a huge role in mentoring his life from those early days.

Everyone who has sailed with Stuart will know of his whistling. Nobody was quite sure what tune he was whistling most of the time, and if he was sailing well

he'd go quiet, but when things were tricky he'd whistle the Marseillaise, the French National Anthem!

In 2006 Stuart, Ado and Jane Pitt-Pitts reunited as a crew for the XOD Captain's Cup, fifty years after winning the event together. There was no fairytale win in this event however, as it was one of the windiest Cowes Weeks in history, which left them battered and bruised. But they still made it through the whole event with a creditable overall result, where many others were forced to retire.

He continued to sail the XOD until the Covid pandemic hit, and won his final major championship at the 2018 Royal Solent Yacht Club's Tattinger Regatta at the age of 84 in a fleet of 42 boats.

The last two years saw shingles rob Stuart of much of his mobility and he moved into care at Belmore Lodge in Lymington. He passed away peacefully on Tuesday 7th November at Lymington Hospital, having received superb care from the team there.

Stuart is survived by loving wife Mary-Ann, sons Lewis, Robert and Mark, as well as grandchildren Jamie, Arabella, Sean, Sam and Philippa. He will be sorely missed and leaves a huge legacy in sailing and amongst all who knew him.

Funeral and memorial details will be announced in due course.

by Mark Jardine • www.yachtsandyachting.com



Stuart Jardine becomes the oldest foiling moth sailor at 78 - photo © Peter Barton

2024 J/24 North American Championship

APRIL 11, 2024
IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA!

Sailors Get Ready!
Hosted at the
St. Petersburg Yacht Club
www.spyc.org/Regattas



Technical Summaries: J/24 European Championship in Balatonfüred Hungary 19.8 - 26.8.23 and J/24 World Championship in Thessaloniki Greece 9.9 to 16.9.2023



By Michael Peters, Event Technical Chair

The Hungarian J/24 Class has since May 2023 four new National Measurers—Anna Kratzi, Andeás Görög, Adám Héjj and Bence Toronyi. The EUC inspections were carried out from 19.8 to 21.8 at noon. All boats were able to participate in the regattas afterward. The J dimension, mast check and total boat weight of 1330kg were checked. There were minor problems with the boat forestay and the mast height of 400mm. During my inspections on the water, four protests were made: 1. international measurement certificate was missing 2. motor was lying on the keel and not secured 3. 12 L drinking water was lying on the keel 4. fuel canister was not secured. The Jury assessed the offenses differently, which should make the Class think about, for the Jury, a penalty catalog for offenses.

From 9.9 to 11.9 at noon, a full measurement was carried out on 35 boats, keel, rudder, mast as well as the dry weight of 1270kg at the Worlds. There were problems with forestay, rudder and the 400mm on the mast and also the dry weight of some boats was too low and supplemented with lead according to the Rule. My thanks go to Alex, Stavros, Nick and Marcus and all the other helpers who made this possible. During the races, 29 boats were checked but no complaints were found. Thank you to all



teams for fair sailing and compliance with the technical Rules. Special thanks to the Greek J/24 Class and Chris Kifidis and Aristofanis Pallikaris as well as to the Yacht Club Thessaloniki and Akis Tsalikis and all those who made this World Championship possible.





J/24 European Championship 2024 to be Held in Costa Smeralda Championship Set to Run from

10th to 16th June 2024

With the 33rd edition of the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup wrapped up, work on the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda's 2024 sporting calendar continues. From 10th to 16th June 2024, the European Championship for the J/24 Class, the most popular one-design keelboat in the world, will be organized by the YCCS Association in Porto Cervo in association with the International J/24 Class.

As hosts of the 2024 European Championship, the YCCS wishes to extend a warm welcome to all those who would like to come and experience sailing in the wonderful waters of the Costa Smeralda.

Pending the opening of entries and further details on the program, the video presentation of the 2024 European Championship captures both the beauty of sailing in the Costa Smeralda and the fun of racing with a sporting spirit on the J/24s: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Biwj2KY4DgQ>. For more information please visit the YCCS website www.yccs.com.

About YCCS: The Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) was founded in Porto Cervo, Sardinia in 1967 by current president H.H. the Aga Khan and a group of founder-members as a non-profit sporting association for fellow sailing enthusiasts. The YCCS is renowned for organizing international sailing events such as the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup and the Rolex Swan Cup as well as World and European Championships for top one-design fleets and superyacht regattas. The Club was also behind Azzurra - the first Italian challenger for the America's Cup in 1983 - which became a legendary Italian brand and was relaunched by the YCCS in 2009 with a victorious participation in the Louis Vuitton Trophy in Nice, followed by victories with the TP52 Azzurra in the 52 Super Series. In 1992, YCCS launched the motor yacht Destriero which set a transatlantic crossing record that still stands to this day. The YCCS also took part in the Volvo Ocean Race 2001-2002 with a two-boat Nautor Challenge campaign, one of which had an all-female crew. 2017 marked the 50th anniversary of the Club's foundation and saw the launch of the sustainability programme One Ocean. In 2020, the YCCS also launched the Young Azzurra Sporting programme dedicated to young Italian sailors, with a focus on equal opportunities.

J/24 MEASUREMENT FAQs

Q: I heard someone got a penalty for something not being tied down. What's up with that?

A: OK...next road trip, your team needs to print out and fully READ the Rules. **Motor, battery, anchor—all must be secured when racing.** These are safety issues. When the boat is on its side and the keel out of the water, the last thing you want is the motor crashing around inside the boat.

Q: My rudder has a hairline crack near the lower fitting. Can I use some carbon fiber to repair it?

A: No. Our Class Rules are “Closed Rules” which means that **only things that are specifically allowed in the Rules can be done.** If it doesn't say allowed in the Rule, or the manufacturers didn't deliver the boat with it, then it isn't allowed.

Q: I have two bullet blocks on my stern pulpit to keep the backstay lines from tangling in the tiller, but someone told me this isn't legal.

A: Again, Closed Rules. This isn't stated as allowed in the Rules, and the manufacturers did not deliver the boats with this, so it is **not allowed.**

Q: Are bow lights required?

A: As of the most recent approved Rules changes, bow and stern lights are optional and may be removed and appropriately filled in.



Q: How do I measure my forestay length?

A: With mast up, swing the forestay next to the mast. Transfer the datum point punch mark that is at the bottom of the lowest mastband onto the forestay with tape. Reconnect the forestay and measure to the point of the bow. 945mm maximum.

Q: There are cracks where the keel meets the hull at the front and back of the keel. Is my keel going to fall off?

A: Won't fall off but it might be leaking, plus it likely is moving and stressing the hull in that area. The cause of this is typically the result of when water in the sump freezes and starts stressing the fiberglass. Keep the sumps dry in the winter! Fixing those cracks requires grinding out the loose and festering fiberglass, re-glassing the area ground out, and adding some additional glass on the inside to gain strength and support. Contact a Measurer to document the work. Typically, the keel sump bulkheads are in need of repair too.

Q: Is it possible to ship a J/24 in a shipping container?

A: YES! You just need a good shipping agent, and a way to tip and support the boat to 41 degrees and take both the pulpits and one of the stanchion bases off.

J[®]
24

DAVIS ISLANDS
YACHTCLUB

J24 MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

FEB. 23-25 2024

JOIN US FOR FUN IN THE
SUN!

Three Days of Racing and Fun on the waters of Tampa Bay Florida



8138420928



www.diy.org



fleetcaptain@diy.org

IJCA Technical Report

By Curt Barnes, International Technical Chair, curtbarnes@gmail.com

TECHNICAL REPORT

It was a busy year for training and expanding our worldwide Class Measurers. The ITC has now been communicating via email with the Measurers, and that has allowed them a way to ask questions and seek advice. The list of template assets is also becoming more accurate. We have grown the Technical Committee to include an eighth member—Nancy Zangerle, in the role of regatta document template control. Nick McDonald (UK) has also joined in place of Bob Kinsman (USA), who is taking a break. We now have a regular FAQ section in the quarterly newsletters, and members will soon be able to find a folder on the website with a compilation of those FAQs. At the Europeans, we noticed an increase in penalties for simple violations like not having equipment secured or certificates on board...likely because some teams just not being fully aware of the Rules regarding these things. Upcoming FAQs will focus on a few of those basics.

We now have 76 Class Measurers worldwide! There are continued questions related to the Closed Rules. Again: Boats are only allowed what is specifically spelled out as allowed in the Class Rules, or if it was the way the boats came from the manufacturers. Rules used to have wording such as "No Titanium." Now with Closed Rules, those negative statements are out. For example, carbon fiber is only allowed where the manufacturers delivered boats with that included. Therefore, carbon is allowed in spin poles, tiller extensions, winch bases, compass mounts and cleats. Nothing else. (No, not in traveler bars or motor mounts...)

In an effort to respond to our members' desire to cut down the days of pre-event inspection (less time measuring and more time racing), there has been a shift toward electronically handing in equipment lists and certificates for review a week prior to events. Coupled with less pre-event inspections but increased spot checks during the events, this has been well received by members. Inspection at upcoming World Championships will be similar as in the past, with

boats being pre-inspected thoroughly in the days prior to the event.

Inspections at other levels of events (including Continental and National events) will have fewer days of pre-event inspection but more spot checks during race days. This approach has been called the "honor system," but... with verification. Members must note that the penalty for being out of tolerance in a spot check is considerably more severe than in a pre-event inspection.



We now have written guidelines for what items should be measured at various levels of events, and how to become a Class Measurer. Recognizing that most sails are made from templates and quality control has been good, there has been a shift toward the sailmakers being responsible that their sails are within tolerance when they leave the loft. Some events we have been measuring only one suit of each of the sailmaker's sails, since they tend to be identical.

The Technical Committee always welcomes feedback on technical topics. And always looking for more Measurers! Contact me, anyone on the ITC or another Measurer if you know of someone who might be a good fit.

Torbay Royal Regatta – 18 – 19 August 2023

Sam Marshal, WiJit

5 J/24's made the trip to Torquay for the 2023 edition of the Torbay Royal Regatta. A less than optimistic forecast meant that there was no Mojosi, and Italian Job was unable to make the 50 mile sail from Plymouth. The remaining boats rushed to rig-up and crane in before the rain started. Some were successful, and made it to the Commodore's Reception and enjoyed complimentary food and Pimms at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

Friday's Pimms tempted the sun out, but with forecasts gusting in the mid to high 20's and the Yankee flag raised, the fleet set out under jib. In their new boat Mr Mann, fleet stalwarts Shane and Sheep quickly found their pace, gaining an early lead, with some confusion at the shortened course allowing James Torr's MaJic to slip through in second in Race 1. The blustery conditions, as well as chopped-up sea from the previous days gale made keeping your boat upright and fast tricky, but the fleet stayed pretty close across the four races of the day, Mr Mann leading convincingly on straight wins, MaJic in second and DanJerous When Wet in third. Crews headed back to the dock to dry clothing and lick wounds, while some others had running repairs to complete to get back on the water the next day! The RTYC hosted a barbecue in the evening, and whilst the other fleets

petered out, the whole J fleet stayed in the yacht club to enjoy the music, dancing and two birthday celebrations.

Going into Sunday, many crews felt a little worse for wear after the previous evening's entertainment, but the promise of a drier lighter day encouraged boats out to the race course. With wind oscillating across the course, and big patches of light breeze, the racing looked set to be testing, only exacerbated by the IRC and Cruiser fleets barreling up and down the course. The RO set the other fleets on windward leewards as well as the J's, which made keeping out of traffic a priority, and several boats found their progress impeded by 40 footers. Sporadic downpours helped to dampen the mood and the waterproofs. Mr Mann stayed consistent enough to realistically seal the win by race 5, and a bad day for DanJerous When Wet was not enough to let NJO3 move up to fourth, finishing fifth on countback. Two seconds for WiJit moved them up to third, with MaJic comfortably in second, having taken the win in Race 6. The overall results suggest a much more spread fleet than the reality, with boats often finishing only seconds apart. On the final race each boat in the fleet was in first at all but the last mark of the course!

Torbay Royal Regatta 2023

Royal Torbay Yacht Club

Overall

Sailed: 7, Discards: 2, To count: 5, Entries: 7, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Class	Benita Bowl	SailNumber	BoatName	HelmName	CrewName1	CrewName2	CrewName3	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total	Nett
1st	J24		GBR4241	Mr Mann	Shane Hewlett	Paul Williams	Martin Bowmer	Ben Mad	Saltash Sailing Club	(1.0)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	(3.0)	1.0	9.0	5.0
2nd	J24		GBR4248	MaJic	James Torr	James Torr			Saltash Sailing Club	2.0	2.0	(3.0)	2.0	(4.0)	1.0	2.0	16.0	9.0
3rd	J24		GBR4235	WJit	Sam Marshall				Plym Yacht Club	3.0	(5.0)	4.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	(5.0)	24.0	14.0
4th	J24	Benita Bowl	GBR5238	DanJeros When Wet	Mark Lewers	Mark Lewers			RWYC	(5.0)	3.0	2.0	4.0	(5.0)	5.0	4.0	28.0	18.0
5th	J24		GBR4266	NJ03	Tim Octon	Tim Octon			Plym Yacht Club	4.0	4.0	(5.0)	(5.0)	3.0	4.0	3.0	28.0	18.0
6th	J24		GBR4251	Italian Job	John Gorman Gorman	John Gorman	Amy Street	Kyle Robinson	PYC	(8.0 DNC)	(8.0 DNC)	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	56.0	40.0
6th	J24		GBR4260	Mojosi	Nick McDonald	J Allen	A Allen	D McDonald	RYA	(8.0 DNC)	(8.0 DNC)	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	56.0	40.0



J[®] 24

Our thanks go to the RTYC for hosting and race management as boats prepare to head off to the Worlds in Greece. If you are interested in getting in a J before the 2025 Qualifying year please get in touch!

J24 Autumn Cup Plym Yacht Club 30 September – 1 October 2023

Photos courtesy of © Paul Gibbons Photography

Tim Octon, NJO2

The fleet, a total of 12 boats, was made up of several local boats and various travelers. A special mention to the crew of *Motley Crew*, as this is the first time we have seen their 1978 TPI on the circuit.

Launching and mooring was at the Yacht Haven Quay dry stack, which proved to be very efficient. They ran two of the three forklifts which made short work of the launch and recovery.

Plymouth, the venue for the worlds in 2025, has two sailing areas; with the first day's forecast being a solid F4/F5 from the south-it was going to be tough sailing outside the break water. Two boats retired after race 1: *Motley Crew* with seasickness (a real issue in a J24 in big waves which can be a feature at Plymouth worlds - travelers be aware) and *Juggernaut* with a kicking strap failure.

Conditions saw boats fast footing upwind under jibs to enjoy a sleigh ride down wind with speeds up to 11+knots(!) on the waves. The race committee handled the persistently veering wind during the day with superb race management, constantly adjusting the windward mark on each round. The day was won by *MrMann* with a near flawless performance, only missing out in race 2 to *NJO2* when the bow was spotted up the mast during the starting sequence.

An excellent social event in the Plym Yacht Club gave the fleet a chance to bond over an organised Thai box meal and drinks in the club.

Day 2 and the forecast is F1/2 with gusts to 8 knots from the southwest. The Race Officer made the wise choice to pull the sailing area into the flatter water in the Sound, as the sea state outside was liable to be lumpy and with the light wind forecast un-sailable. Race 5 and the usual order is resumed with *MrMann* taking the win, *Majic* taking a 2nd and we see *Jawbreaker* making an appearance on the podium at 3rd. In the light wind a good start is paramount and race 6 with a nice start and a failure to cover by *Majic* saw *NJO2* take their second win from *Majic* with *Mr Mann* in 3rd. The final race was a contest for 2nd overall between *NJO2* and *Majic* with the win going to *Majic*.

Thanks especially to Sam Marshall sailing *Wijit* who pulled the event together. If you want to race the worlds in 2025 you will need to qualify during 2024 as it is not an open event or find a spot on a boat. The J24 association has access to a few boats that can be made available to newcomers.

The day finished with the podium set as:

1st Mr Mann

2nd NJO2

3rd Majic

Rank	Name	Helm	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Net Pts
1	Mr Mann	Shane Hewlett	1	2	1	1	1	3	(7)	9
2	Majic	James Torr	2	3	(4)	4	2	2	1	14
3	NJO2	Tim Octon	3	1	3	3	(5)	1	5	16
4	Jawbreaker	David Cooper	4	5	2	2	3	4	(6)	20
5	Hi Jinks	Mark Lewers	5	(6)	5	5	6	5	2	28
6	Wijit	Sam Marshall	(6)	4	6	6	4	6	3	29
7	Italian Job	John Gorman	7	9	7	7	(10)	7	4	41
8	Hitchhiker	Chris Randall	9	8	8	8	7	8	(10)	48
9	Violent J	J Culmer, C Barton	8	7	9	9	11	(13/RET)	9	53
10	Nitro	Anthony Goodwin	11	10	11/RET	11/RET	(12)	10	11	64
11	Juggernaut	Neil Trathen	(13/DNF)	13/DNC	13/DNC	13/DNC	9	9	8	65
12	Motley Crew	Andy Willett	10	12/RET	(13/DNC)	13/DNC	8	11	12	66



Inaugural J/24 Corinthian US National Championship East

The waters of Lake Ontario witnessed an exhilarating display of sailing prowess as the Rochester Yacht Club (New York) played host to the inaugural J/24 Corinthian US National Championship East from October 4-8. The event drew 20 competitive boats, showcasing exceptional skill, camaraderie and the enduring spirit of sailing.

Friday kicked off the Championship with three races. The wind, shifty from the south/southwest and southeast, presented a strategic challenge for the participants. As the afternoon progressed, the wind waned, setting the stage for a weekend of varied conditions.

Saturday's races unfolded with strong westerly winds blowing between 15-20 knots, accompanied by higher gusts. The Race Committee adeptly navigated the challenging conditions, ensuring a fair and exciting competition for all.

Tar Heel Bill hailing from Jacksonville, Florida and skillfully skippered by Telmo Basterra, exhibited a dominant performance on Saturday with two firsts and two thirds, securing the first-place finish with a total of 18 points. The team included Sam Baker, Ian Hunter, Grace Mann and Brent Penwarden.

Mike Stasko at the helm of *Redline* claimed second place with 21 points, closely followed by Andrew Lerner on *Honky Tonk Hero* with 23 points.

Saturday's races were not without challenges. A wind shift during the first race prompted immediate action from the Race Committee, which expertly adjusted the course, affirming their skill in managing both the racecourse and the dynamic weather conditions.

Unfortunately, Sunday's races had to be canceled due to strong winds, a testament to the unpredictable nature of Lake Ontario. The safety and well-being of the participants remained the top priority, and the decision was made to conclude the Championship after the great racing on Friday and Saturday. The Rochester Yacht Club extends

its heartfelt congratulations to all participants for their exemplary sportsmanship, competitive spirit and resilience in the face of challenging conditions. The success of the J/24 Corinthian National Championship East is a testament to the dedication and skill of the sailors and the outstanding efforts of the Race Committee led by PRO Paul Clissold.

Complete results may be found at <https://yachtscoreing.com/emenu.cfm?eID=15691>, and photos are available on the USA J/24 Class Facebook page.





2023 J/24 Corinthian US National Championship West Southwestern Yacht Club, San Diego, CA September 6-10, 2023

Photo courtesy of Peter Blake

By Bill Ramacciotti

Fourteen J/24s registered for the Corinthian US National Championship West regatta. Seven from San Diego (*Greenback*, *Boomerang*, *ReIMAGINEER*, *Superdry*, *Challenger*, *Kudzu 3* and *Limoncello*) and seven from other parts of the west: Richmond, CA (*Little Wing* and *Evil Octopus*), Los Angeles, CA (*Take 5*), Tucson, AZ (*Calamity*), Ventura, CA (*Abracadabra*), Coeur d'Alene, ID (*Alice*) and Lakeside, MT (*Atomic*). Five boats were in the Mixed Plus Division (*Little Wing*, *ReIMAGINEER*, *Take 5*, *Alice* and *Limoncello*), with *Little Wing* an all-women crew.

Boats started to arrive at the club on Wednesday and were rigged and ready to be splashed on Thursday. All inspections, crew weigh-in and registration paperwork were handled Wednesday and Thursday with all boats in the water by 6pm Thursday.

Thursday afternoon was a practice day, and it met all expectations with moderate to heavy breeze. Competitors were anxious and excited to mix it up on the water and to line up together. Numerous starts and short races were conducted with an expected scream or two for mark room.

Thursday evening at the opening ceremony, MC Ramacciotti conducted a meet & greet with all competitors including skippers and crew introduced. Beer and wine were flowing along with fresh poke from a recently caught 35-pound blue fin tuna.

Friday started early to complete a couple of crew weigh ins. Boats were making their last-minute adjustments to their rigs, and some were up their mast to make necessary repairs. Once all the provisions were stowed away, boats left the dock for the first of the day's four races. Race Committee noted winds starting around 8-10 knots then building to 10-12, which clocked left for the second race, then back right for the last two with higher gusts.

Friday closed with a Hawaiian BBQ on the lawn. Doyle Sails was the sponsor of the day with their daily firsts of canvas bags. *Greenback* was in the lead over a three-boat tie for second by a single point. Competitors mingled then feasted on the BBQ while being entertained by a live band. Dancing progressed after dinner.



Saturday evening ended with a Santa Maria BBQ.

North Sails was the sponsor of the day with their daily firsts which were water bottles. The evening included a special recognition from North Sails for the five female skippers and the Southwestern Yacht Club junior boat too. Vince Brun, special guest speaker, enlightened the attendees with his knowledge and expertise of a J/24. He answered a few questions while everyone was intensely listening to the wisdom of a US Sailing Hall of Famer. Vince talked about the J/24 and the specialness he feels for these boats. After two days and seven races, *Evil Octopus* held a single point lead over *Greenback* with a two-way tie for second and another two-way tie after that.

Saturday racing was scheduled for three races as the evening boasted a special guest speaker – Vince Brun. Winds ranged from 12-15 knots at times, but very similar breeze and conditions as Friday. Unfortunately, *Abracadabra* was de-masted due to a turnbuckle failure, however no one was injured and Dan Chepley was able to sail Sunday with his sails on a borrowed boat (*Wharf Rat* owned by Chris Seidel). Another tight and close racing day between the top four boats, but *Evil Octopus* stretched away with three bullets. Attacking closely behind was *Greenback* with three seconds. For the second day, one point separated first and second, with two boats (*Take 5* and *Atomic*) tied for third place.



J/24



Photos courtesy of Peter Blake



Sunday racing was scheduled for two races, which meant the Championship was still in reach for *Evil Octopus* and *Greenback*. Third place was 5 points behind second. The conditions were different than the first two days, as the wind was dying and very shifty. Race Committee started a race in light breeze then abandoned at the weather mark due to a 50-degree or so wind shift. After a postponement, Race Committee started the only race of the day in light to variable breeze. Another repeat from Saturday—*Evil Octopus* was attacked and closely pursued by *Greenback* after their OCS, however *Evil Octopus* finished first and was crowned the 2023 J/24 Corinthian National West Champion.



Photos courtesy of Peter Blake

A relaxing Sunday evening with pulled pork sandwiches and keg beer on the dock. Quantum Sails was the sponsor of the day with their daily firsts which were backpacks. The closing ceremony was a night to thank all competitors, Race Committee, National Judges and Protest Jury, photographers (which included drone footage) and the over 40 volunteers and club members who helped with the regatta. Jasper Van Vliet on *Evil Octopus* was crowned champion of the inaugural J/24 Corinthian National Championship West.

1. Jasper Van Vliet, *Evil Octopus* (11 points)
2. Bill Ramacciotti, *Greenback* (13 points)
3. Susan Taylor, *Take 5* (23 points, winning a tiebreaker)
4. Ashli Slawter, *Atomic* (23 points)
5. Robin Van Vliet, *Little Wing* (35 points)
6. Matt and Kaci Gibbs, *Alice* (46 points)
7. Jerry Lewis, *Kudzu 3* (48 points)
8. Dan Chepley, *Abracadabra/Wharf Rat* (49 points)
9. Roni Hallauer and Andrew Lee, *Limoncello* (68 points)
10. Asher Feren, *Boomerang* (Juniors) (69 points, winning a tiebreaker)
11. Brian Dolan, *Calamity* (69 points)
12. Ryan Rogers and co-skipper Mark Thaidigsman, *Challenger* (70 points)
13. Juliana Collins, *ReIMAGINEER* (87 points)
14. Gordon Eckler, *Superdry* (88 points)



Photos courtesy of Peter Blake



Photos courtesy of Peter Blake

WHATEVER IT TAKES.

**From weeknight racing to world championships, we're here to help.
Contact a Quantum J/24 class expert for resources, support, & new sails.**

Kris Werner | kwerner@quantumsails.com

Carter White | cwhite@quantumsails.com

Travis Odenbach | todenbach@quantumsails.com

QuantumSails.com





The J/24 *Bruschetta Guastafeste* wins the National Regatta of Mandello del Lario

The J/24 Fleet is the protagonist on Lake Como for the seventh stage of the 2023 National Circuit organized by the Italian Naval League of Mandello.

Mandello del Lario. Confirming the 2021 victory and improving on the second place of the last edition, Ita 469 *Bruschetta Guastafeste* armed by the sisters Sonia and Alessia Ciceri and by Ancilla Scaccia and helmed by Pierluigi Puthod (CV Tivano 4 points; partials 1.3) prevailed in the J/24 National Regatta organized over the weekend just concluded in the waters of Mandello del Lario by the local section of the LNI and valid as the seventh stage of the 2023 National Circuit.

On the podium, in second position, the protagonist of the second race Ita 507 *Cucuia* armed by Ubaldo Ranzi and helmed by Marco Giannini, (CV Sarnico, 5.1 partials) who finished ex aequo (6 points) with Ita 409 *Tatanka* armed by Davide Grignani and Massimo Anghileri (LNI Varazze) helmed by Richard Martini (LNI Mandello, 4.2 partials).

"Two days of sunshine and a drop of wind allowed us to do only two very tough tests, with situations that were never predictable, well done *Bruschetta*, *Cucuia* and



Tatanka who deservedly got on the podium. - commented the Lario J/24 Fleet Chief Mauro Benfatto, co-owner with Francesco Nucara of Ita 498 *Pilgrim*, helmed by Gian Bartolo Gimba Barnao - I hope to see everyone back in the water soon with an invitation to the many absent for the next stages and for next year. With the next edition we will certainly change the formula, already taking advantage of the announcement on Sunday morning regardless of the forecast. Thanks to the staff of the Italian Naval League who worked hard not only in the water and thanks to the sponsor Monolith who delighted us with his delicacies. Good wind and thanks to all the racers!"

Italy Report



Once the first seven stages have been completed, the 2023 National Circuit which, divided into nine heats from March to November, will again this year award the J/24 Trophy to the best Helmsman-Owner (out of the best four races held) and the Francesco Ciccolo Perpetual Challenge Trophy (reserved for the first place in the National Circuit without considering the discards) will continue with the traditional event organized on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd October by the Circolo Nautico Amici della Vela of Cervia which will confirm the proverbial hospitality and organization of Romagna.

And finally, enchanting Sardinia will once again host the final stage of the J/24 National Circuit on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 November thanks to the Alghero section of the LNI.



J
24





J/24 National Circuit: waiting for the Cervia stage, the updated rankings.

Two stages from the end of the most popular National Monotype Circuit in the world, La Superba leads the ranking of the Francesco Ciccolo Perpetual Challenge Trophy and Pietro Diamanti's Jamaica leads the ranking of the Best Helmsman-Owner.

While waiting for the last two events - scheduled at the Circolo Nautico Amici della Vela in Cervia on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd October and at the Lega Navale Italiana section of Alghero on the weekend of 11th and 12th November - the seventh well-organized heat on the lake has been archived of Como from the Mandello del Lario section of the Italian Naval League, under the aegis of the Italian Sailing Federation, the Italian J/24 Class has updated the provisional ranking of the 2023 National Circuit which, divided into nine heats from March to November, will also assign this year the J/24 Trophy to the best Helmsman-Owner (out of the best four races held) and the Francesco Ciccolo Perpetual Challenge Trophy (reserved for the first place in the National Circuit without considering discards).



The provisional ranking of the 2023 Ciccolo Trophy drawn up after the first seven races (held so far in Salerno, Anzio, Marina di Carrara, Livorno, Gulf of Cugnana - the XLII Italian Championship organized by the Cala dei Sardi Yacht Club - Caldonazzo and Mandello) sees still in command is the J/24 reigning Italian champion, Ita 416 *La Superba* helmed by Ignazio Bonanno (Sez Vel Marina Militare, 183.5 points) but Ita 469 *Bruschetta Guastafeste*, rigged by sisters Sonia and Alessia Ciceri and Ancilla Scaccia and helmed by Pierluigi Puthod, thanks to the recent victory on Lario, moves up one position to second place (CV Tivano, 153.5 points) ahead of Ita 212 *Jamaica* armed and helmed by the President of the Italian J/24 Class Pietro Diamanti (CNMCarrara, 136 points), Ita 432 *Kaster* of Giuliano Cattarozzi (AVTrentina, 106 points) and Ita 505 *Jorè* of the brothers Alberto and Alessandro Errani and helmed by Marco Pantano (CNCervia AdV, 102.5).

Italy Report

However, as regards the J/24 Trophy, Pietro Diamanti with his Ita 212 *Jamaica* (CNMCarrara, 138 points) leads the ranking reserved for the best Helmsman-Owner followed by Eugenia de Giacomo with Ita 304 *Five for Fighting* (CCRLauria, 87 points), Ruggero Spreafico with Ita 476 *Dejavù* (CV Tivano, 77.5 points), and Mariolino di Fraia with Ita 460 *Botta Dritta* (LNI La Maddalena, 75 points).

Photos, updates and rankings on the Facebook and Instagram pages of the J/24 Italian Class Association

The J/24 of the Navy La Superba wins the J/24 National Regatta, eighth stage of the National Circuit.

Also on the podium were Jamaica from Carrara and the local representative Joanna.

The Amici della Vela Nautical Club of Cervia hosted the event also valid as the Antonio Antonelli Trophy in the waters of Romagna. Five regattas were contested by around twenty crews from various fleets.



Cervia. After five regattas held over the weekend by around twenty crews representing different J/24 fleets in the hospitable waters of Romagna in front of the beach of Milano Marittima, the eighth and penultimate stage of the 2023 National Circuit of the most widespread Monotype in the world concluded successfully, an event which at the end of the year will award the J/24 Trophy to the best Helmsman-Owner and the Francesco Ciccolo Perpetual Challenge Trophy, reserved for the first place in the National Circuit without considering discards, based on the ranking drawn up on the best four races held.

The victory of the J/24 National Regatta, well organized over two days by the Circolo Nautico Amici della Vela Cervia, also went to the J/24 of the Naples Sailing Center of the Italian Navy Ita 416 *La Superba* helmed by Ignazio Bonanno (SVMM 5 points; 4.1, 1, 1, 2) which - as in the previous edition - preceded the Ita 212 *Jamaica* on the podium armed and helmed by the president of the Italian J/24 class, Pietro Diamanti from Carrara (CNMCarrara, 13 points; 2, 2, 5, 6, 4).





On the third step of the podium of this 2023 edition, the J/24 bearer of the Ita 271 *Joanna* of Fabrizio dalla Casa and helmed by Andrea Collina (CNCVA 15 points; 8, 4, 2, 3, 6).



The individual races, however, were won in order by Ita 500 *Four K* armed and helmed by Stefano Leporati (CV Cesenatico, 32 points; 1, ufd, 7, 11, 13 partials) eighth overall, by La Superba (protagonist of three consecutive victories) and from the home J/24 Ita 1 *Jai Jai* entrusted to the coach of the Laser team Mirco Minotti with a crew entirely made up of very young sailors from the CNCVA (26 points; 7, 14, 14, 4, 1). For *Jai Jai* a fifth place in the general classification, behind Ita 499 *J Capitan Nemo* of Guido Guadagni, helmsman and co-owner together with Domenico Brighi (CV Ravennate, 16 points; 3, 3, 38, 2, 14).

The National J/24 Regatta of Cervia - as also remembered by the head of the J/24 Fleet of Romagna, Massimo Frigerio co-owner with Viscardo Brusori and Claudio Colombi of Ita 473 *Magica Fata*, eleventh overall in this stage - was also valid as the Antonio Antonelli Trophy, the owner and helmsman of Kismet, great friend of the J/24 Class and the world of sailing, a unique person and highly esteemed professional who died prematurely in 2016.

Furthermore, the tests held on Sunday were also valid as the first stage of the first heat of the XVIII Stefano Pirini Memorial Winter Championship, the traditional Cervia event divided as always into two heats from October 2023 to March 2024. The provisional ranking sees at command Ita 271 *Joanna* (5 points; 1, 2, 2) followed ex aequo (14 points) by *Jai Jai* (10, 3, 1) and *J Capitan Nemo* (5, 1, 8). Next stop Sunday 5 November.

The Single Committee was chaired by Ettore Bonaguri and composed of the 1st member Franco Minotti with Enrico Pavirani Pozzani and Anna Crotti.

Nice opportunity to celebrate the J/24 Class all together in friendship, the Saturday evening dinner, much appreciated by all the crews and their companions and offered by the Organizing Committee which once again confirmed its great hospitality and excellent efficiency on the ground and at sea.

The 2023 edition of the J/24 National Circuit will end on the weekend of 11 and 12 November with the ninth and final stage organized by the Alghero Section of the Italian Naval League and the Sardinian Fleet Chief Marco Frulio.



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PLYMOUTH 2025


Plymouth, Britain's Ocean City, is to host the 45th edition of the J/24 World Championship in 2025. The Plym Yacht Club, Saltash Sailing Club and the UK J/24 Class Association will jointly run the event which will take place between the 6th and 14th of September 2025, and will be based on the Mount Batten peninsula, supported by Yacht Havens Group and the Port of Plymouth Sailing Association, with 5 days of racing planned South of Plymouth Sound.

Event co-director Sam Marshall said "We are absolutely delighted to have been given the privilege and honour of hosting the 2025 World Championship. J sailors across the country were gutted to not have the opportunity to race in the 2020 Worlds in Poole due to Covid, so to be able to host boats from around the world in the UK will be fantastic. The Port of Plymouth has had an active J/24 fleet for at least 30 years, and we are expecting some strong competition in the lead up to the event over the next three years. Events like SailGP have done a phenomenal job of showing what Plymouth has to offer on the water, and we are sure that people will want to travel from across the world to get a chance to sail in the same waters that they have now seen on television with the likes of Ben Ainslie and Tom Slingsby."

"The J/24 is a brilliant boat because it is really quite accessible due to its size and relatively low cost. Teams sail with between 4 and 6 people, so we are expecting to see a diverse selection of sailors from local amateurs to international professionals. We are anticipating over 50 boats, with about 500 people coming to Plymouth for the event over the week. There will be spectator boats on the racecourse too, allowing the public and event partners to get up close and personal with the action. The racing is seriously close and there will be plenty of spectacular boat-on-boat action for the racers and spectators alike. We can't wait!"

The J/24 is the most popular keelboat in the world, with some 5,500 boats sailing worldwide, and although it was designed in 1977, still attracts large fleets internationally, including 20 that actively race in port at the host clubs Saltash SC and Plym YC.

*For more information, entry details and how to get involved
please visit the event website at j24worlds2025.com.*





Discover Saltash

Located on the Rame Peninsula on the western banks of the River Tamar, Saltash is known as the "Gateway to Cornwall".

Experience Plymouth

Known as Britain's Ocean City with a long marine history, Plymouth is a vibrant and bustling city with lots of things to see and do.





Plymouth Sound

The first National Marine Park in the UK, Plymouth Sound is a unique area home to recreational, commercial and naval activity.

Plymouth

Britain's Ocean City



Hosted by Plym Yacht Club & Saltash Sailing Club

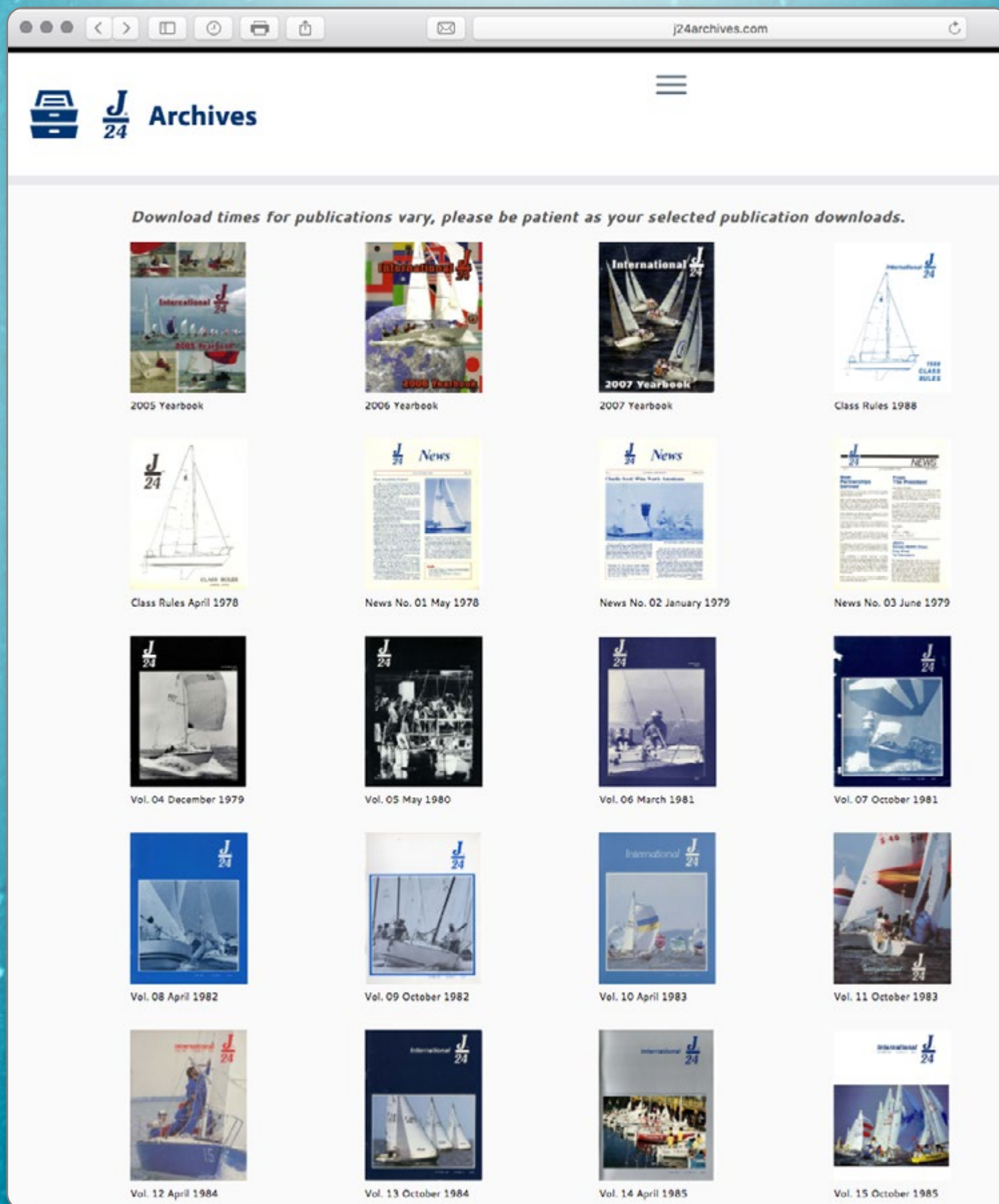
6th–14th September 2025

Find out more at j24worlds2025.com



All J/24 Magazines Now Archived Online

The IJCA took on the project of scanning ALL the old Class magazines. Go to <http://j24archives.com/> to view the editions dating back to 1978!



2024

April 11 - 14, 2024

2024 J/24 North American Championship

St. Petersburg Yacht Club

St. Petersburg, FL, United States

June 11 - 16, 2024

2024 J/24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Yacht Club Costa Smeralda

Porto Cervo, Italy

September 28 – October 5, 2024

2024 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Corinthian Yacht Club

Seattle, WA, United States

2025

September 6, 2025

2025 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Plym Yacht Club & Saltash Sailing Club

Plymouth, England

