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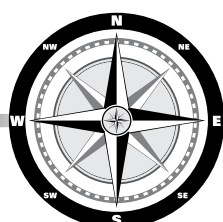
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John Mollicone's *Sparcraft* Takes J/24 North American Championship

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In the final three races of the J/24 North American Championship, John Mollicone's *Sparcraft* posted scores of 1,2,3 to leap from third place to first and claim the 2023 title with 25 net points. With team Geoff Becker, Dan Borrer, Rich Bowen and Dan Rabin, the Rhode Island-based skipper now holds three J/24 North American trophies, after back-to-back wins in 2012 and 2013. Aidan Glackin's *Mental Floss* compiled a stellar series including four bullets, but a tough last race left them in second place overall with 28 points. Mike Stasko's *Redline* topped the 12-boat Corinthian division and placed third overall with 32 net points. The crew was comprised of Aaron Holland, Roy Ingham, Gavin Smith and Austin Zauner. Rounding out the top three all-amateur teams were Dave Constants' *Blitz* and Steve Callison's *Whiskey River*.



Twenty-eight teams competed at Sandusky Sailing Club in Sandusky, Ohio USA from August 10-13. Nine races were completed, with one discard. Sandusky Bay conditions on the final day saw sunny skies, warm temperatures and breeze at 10-12 knots. Race winners were Mollicone, Glackin and Josh Kerst's *Instant Karma*.



DAY ONE RECAP: Teams delighted in winds of 12-14 knots, blue skies, summer temperatures and flat water, completing four races. Stasko's *Redline* proved the most consistent with scores of 2,4,1,4 for 11 points and the initial advantage. In second place was Mollicone's *Sparcraft* at 16 points, and another point back in third was Bill Fastiggi's *Fawn Liebowitz*. Mollicone's *Sparcraft* kicked off the Championship with a victory, ahead of Stasko's *Redline* and Fastiggi's *Fawn Liebowitz*. In race two, the top trio included Ted Wiedeke's *Caramella*, Fastiggi and Tony Parker's *Bangor Packet*. Stasko took line honors in the third battle, with Kelly FitzGerald's *Rush Hour* runner-up and Parker again in third. Closing out the day triumphantly to lead teams to shore were Glackin's *Mental Floss*, Mollicone and Kerst's *Instant Karma*.

DAY TWO RECAP: Teams waited ashore for the breeze, however it never filled in. Competitors enjoyed dinner at SSC.



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DAY THREE RECAP: Double bullets for Glackin's *Mental Floss* launched the team up to second place after six races (now including the discard). Their dominance on the day didn't knock leader Stasko's *Redline* off their throne, as the Corinthian team maintained all top-four scores to hold the overall advantage with 13 points to Glackin's 14. Mollicone's *Sparcraft* stayed in the hunt in third place with 19 points. Winds on the penultimate day started at 12 knots, dropped to 6 then back to 10 before the Race Committee sent teams ashore ahead of rain squalls. Following *Mental Floss* in race five were Kerst's *Instant Karma* and Mollicone. Race six saw Glackin and Stasko in familiar 1-2 spots, while Steve Callison's *Whiskey River* rounded out the top three. SSC again provided a delicious dinner to competitors.

TOP FIVE OVERALL:

1. *Sparcraft*, John Mollicone - 1 -9 -4 -2 -3 -[14] -1 -2 -3 ; 25
2. *Mental Floss*, Aidan Glackin - 11 -6 -5 -1 -1 -1 -2 -1 -[18] ; 28
3. *Redline*, Mike Stasko - 2 -4 -1 -4 -4 -2 -6 -[11] -9 ; 32
4. *Instant Karma*, Josh Kerst - 9 -[11] -9 -3 -2 -6 -4 -7 -1 ; 41
5. *Fawn Liebowitz*, Bill Fastiggi - 3 -2 -6 -6 -5 -8 -15 -[19] -6 ; 51

Complete results may be found at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15584>, and photos are available on the International J/24 Class Facebook page.

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Between August 20-27, the Balatonfüredi Yacht Club, in collaboration with the Hungarian J/24 Class Association, the Hungarian Sailing Federation and the International J/24 Class Association, hosted the J/24 European Championship. With eight nations, 42 boats and 210 competitors, the event took place over five days with five valid races out of the planned 10. Due to challenging wind conditions, no races were possible on the final day, so medals were awarded based on the standings from the fourth day.

Cillian Dickson, skippering *Headcase*, secured the European Championship title for Ireland. *Schwere Jungs*, led by Stefan Karsunke, claimed the silver medal for Germany. Meanwhile, Hungarian team *iIroncat*, helmed by Gábor Sallai, proudly took home the bronze. All three groups competed as all-amateur teams, among 37 of the total entries.

The fifth and last race day faced adverse wind conditions, reducing the Championship from the initially planned 10 races to five. Thanks to the exceptional efforts of

the Balatonfüredi Yacht Club's organizers and the Race Committee, led by Danish PRO Peter Lübeck, the event remained valid after five races and the possibility of one eliminated race.

The top 10 teams were awarded at the European Championship, with a special acknowledgment for the amateur category. *Headcase's* Dickson expressed their happiness, exceeding expectations and prevailing in a highly competitive field. He emphasized the fantastic environment and the friendly atmosphere in the close-knit J/24 community.

Schwere Jungs had initially led the standings but ultimately settled for silver. They entered the competition aiming for a top-five finish and were content with their performance in challenging, unfamiliar winds.

Local expert Sallai and team *iIroncat* clinched the bronze medal. This was a significant improvement from their 2017 ninth-place finish, aligning with their goal to better their previous position, which they successfully achieved.

Fourth place went to American skipper Kurt Dammeier with *Amuse Bouche*, followed by the Greek team *Hellenic Police*, led by Alexandros Tagaropoulos, in fifth place. The Italian boat *La Superba*, captained by Ignazio Bonanno, secured sixth position, while seventh place was claimed by the Hungarian team *JBond*, with Balázs Tomai at the helm. They were followed by the German team *Hungriger Wolf* in eighth place, the Italian *Pilgrim* in ninth place, and the Hungarian *El NINO*, skippered by Farkas Litkey, rounding off the top 10.

Recognizing the importance of fostering new talent and engaging a diverse range of age groups and backgrounds, the International J/24 Class awarded special prizes to U25 teams, the best women's team and the oldest participant. *Jinge*, captained by Attila Kovács from Hungary, secured the top spot in the U25 category. Germany's *Rotogirl* was crowned the best women's team, while the oldest and most accomplished competitor, Italy's Mauro Benfatto, received due recognition.

Hungary was hosting the continental competition for the third time after 2008 and 2017. Racing began on Wednesday, August 23, following a two-and-a-half-day registration/inspection process and a light-wind practice race. The opening ceremony began with a welcome from Chris Howell, Executive Director of the IJCA, who emphasized the importance of support to the local organizing teams and the National Classes. Next, András Holczhauser, General Secretary of the Hungarian Sailing Federation, greeted participants. He was followed by István Bóka, the Mayor of Balatonfüred, who emphasized the city's commitment to sports. After welcoming words from István Böröcz, CEO of the host Balatonfüredi Yacht Club, Erik Hercsel, representing the Hungarian J/24 Class Association, wished the sailors successful racing and enjoyable time both on the water and land.



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DAY ONE RECAP: The first day of racing concluded with two valid races and one abandoned race under the November flag. The German team *Schwere Jungs*, led by Karsunke, was in the lead, followed by a Hungarian crew on *iIroncat* skippered by Sallai in second place, and the Irish team *Headcase* helmed by Dickinson in third place. The Race Committee completed two successful races amidst tricky wind conditions on Lake Balaton. The first race, originally scheduled for 10:00 AM but delayed to 11:00 AM due to variable and unstable wind conditions, started in excellent 8-10 knot south-southwesterly winds under the U flag after a General Recall. This race was won by the American team *Amuse Bouche* skippered

by Dammeier, followed by the German *Hungriger Wolf* helmed by Meyer in second place, and the German *Schwere Jungs* in third place. The second race faced a long delay as the promising 12-14 knot NW winds at the start of the race decreased significantly and shifted, forcing the Race Committee to abandon it after 50 minutes. After an onshore postponement, teams returned to the water at 4:30 PM and successfully completed the race in 6-10 knot northern winds. First place went to the German youth team *Fast Forward* skippered by Hannes Hess, followed by the German *Schwere Jungs* in second place and Hungarian crew *iIroncat* in third. After the two races, the German team *Schwere Jungs* led by Karsunke was in the lead, followed by the Hungarian *iIroncat* skippered by Sallai in second place and the Irish team *Headcase* under the leadership of Dickinson in third place. The long and tiring day concluded with the Après Sailing beer party, sponsored by Quantum Sails, a prominent supporter of the European Championship.





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DAY TWO RECAP: Due to insufficient winds, no races were completed.

DAY THREE RECAP: The day began with an onshore postponement by the Race Committee, and at 13:00, relying on continuously improving wind conditions on the racecourse, PRO Lübeck sent the fleet onto the water. The course was set in a 5-5.5 knot easterly breeze, and the race got underway under the strictest Black Flag due to time constraints and the experiences of previous days. Throughout the race, the wind gradually decreased,

prompting a shortened course for the competitors. This shortened race was won by *Hellenic Police* (GRE 751), skippered by Tagaropoulos. *Budapest Wedding* (HUN 64) with András Bajusz at the helm secured the second position, while *Amuse Bouche* skippered by Dammeier from the USA claimed third place. The scorching day was relieved by the post-race Après Sailing beer party, courtesy of the Championship's strategic title sponsor, Quantum Sails. At 19:00, the organizers treated competitors and crew to a Gala dinner.



DAY FOUR RECAP: The Championship continued with two more races on Lake Balaton. After five races, the Irish team was in the lead, with Dickson at the helm of *Headcase*. In second place was Karsunke skippering *Schwere Jungs*, and in third place, the best Hungarian team was represented by Sallai on board *iIroncat*, despite incurring a black flag disqualification during race 5. The introduction of the elimination race after the fifth race slightly shifted the earlier podium standings. The fourth day of racing started with a shore postponement, as the wind conditions only allowed for races to commence at 16:00. Race 4 under the U flag got underway with a 6-7 knot westerly wind and only one over-the-line starter. At the first mark of the fourth race, the order was German sailor Karsunke (*Schwere Jungs*), Hungarian sailor Sallai (*iIroncat*) and Irish sailor Dickson (*Headcase*). However, the finishing order changed to Irish, German and Hungarian. In fourth place was *JBond*, steered by Balázs, while the German boat *Pfau*, helmed by Hauke Kruess, secured the fifth position. The start of the fifth race was marked by a general recall following the first attempt, leading the Race Committee to initiate a black flag start for the second try. As the afternoon progressed, the earlier 6-7 knot



average wind dropped. Therefore, the Race Committee decided to shorten the course and set up the finish line at the second weather mark. In the weakened breeze, the results of the fifth race unfolded as follows: the Irish team aboard *Headcase*, followed by the Italian boat *La Superba*, skippered by Bonanno, and third place went to *El Nino*, steered by Farkas.

Event details and results: <https://www.j24.hu/2023-j24-ec/>
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J/24 MEASUREMENT FAQs

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Q: When do I need a new measurement certificate?

A: There currently is no expiration date on certificates. However, "The shape of the keel and rudder shall not be modified without remeasurement, and allowed is only cleaning and hull surface work like light sanding, painting and polishing which do not change the shape of the hull. Allowed are minor repairs to the surface of the hull, keel and rudder that do not change the shape nor penetrate into the core material." So yes, you likely have already invalidated your current measurement certificate by doing work on the boat. Change of ownership also invalidates a certificate, however there is an easy process for new owners to address that on the IJCA website.

Q: Where can I get a clean copy of the equipment list template, and the template for getting a new measurement certificate?

A: Go to the International Class site (www.j24class.org), then Rules and Regulations, then Measurement Forms and Change of Ownership.

Q: Why did the measurement from the hull datum point to the trailing edge of the keel at Section IV fail by 5mm when it was checked at a regatta, when it passed easily last time and I didn't change anything?

A: You may have changed the support on the trailer, or the boat may have been measured before while hanging. Take some pressure off the aft trailer pads and see how much this measurement is changed! If you run into failure at this point during measurement, you should make this adjustment and remeasure before tearing into the keel.

Q: What instrumentation is allowed and what is prohibited?

A: Rules say that allowed are: "Electronic devices for tactical and navigational functions, excluding wind instruments." So there is no limit on the navigational devices, other than that they may not link to wind instruments.

Q: I don't see where the weight of the sails is included in either the 1270kg basic boat weighed dry, nor on the 1330kg "all up" weight for racing?

A: Correct. The sails are not included in either weight. The only sail that can be included in the "all up" 1330kg weight is if you elect to carry a spare spinnaker, then it is to be listed on your equipment list as optional equipment.

Q: When should I get a new lifting strap?

A: If it has any chafe, if you can't read the rating label, if it has a cover that hides the actual strap or if it is only rated for 5,000 lbs—those are all good reasons to replace your strap. A good strap is a 5' long nylon strap, rated for 9,800 lbs. (3x the boat weight). These things are sitting in water, sometimes subject to freezing in winter...meaning that they get abused. And a new strap costs only \$50.00USD, which is cheap insurance to protect your boat from falling, and your crew from injury. Order one today! While you are down in the bilge, loosen the two aft keel bolt nuts and check for corrosion on the keel bolts where they emerge from the fiberglass in the sump. Make sure that copper grounding wire is not on either of those two bolts. Re-tighten the nuts with a deep socket.

Sweden Report



For a couple of years, Monica Persson has been President of the Board for SWE J/24 Association. In the spring of 2023, Mikael “Tjalle” Albinsson took over the rudder of the Board. Thank you, Monica, for your years as President! Monica is remaining as a member of the Board. A few more changes have been made on the Board—we have recruited Hannes O. Tedin, an experienced J/24 sailor as Secretary. We are happy to engage younger people on the Board as a strategy for the future!

The Association had two training camps planned for 2023, one in Malmö and one in Västervik. Due to lack of interest, the training camp in Västervik was cancelled, but the one in Malmö was highly appreciated! Both new and old J/24 sailors participated, which turned out to be perfect to exchange experiences and knowledge. We hope more crews will participate next year and see it as a great opportunity to connect with other sailors also to learn more about sailing J/24s.

In 2023, we have seen a rebirth of old experienced J/24 sailors and also young people who are starting to be interested in the Class. Björn Österberg and Anders Edblad, who are past European J/24 Champions, have

started to sail the J/24 again and took part in the Swedish Championship this year. Albin Boman is a new J/24 sailboat owner. Earlier this year, he bought a J/24 and brought four friends and took part in both the training camp in Malmö and also came in third in the Swedish Championship! We are excited to see more of Albin and his team and what they accomplish in the future!

One of the best weather days this summer happily took place during our Swedish Championship with warm weather and great winds! There were 14 boats that participated and 70 persons, what a great turnout! Three boats came and participated from Germany, always happy to travel across the Baltic Sea to sail together. The Swedish Championship took place in Gislövsläge, in the south of Sweden. The club that arranged the Championship planned it great. They made a BBQ and provided a great atmosphere and a music playlist that turned the dinner into a party! In the Swedish J/24 Association, we have a tradition that the crew who came in third place are writing a recap of the Championship. If you are interested to read their story, it is published on our website: www.j24sweden.se.



The results of the Championship were:

1. *Front Runner* SWE4896 Per-Håkan Persson with crew
2. *Ca Plan* SWE110 Björn Österberg with crew
3. *Monospace* SWE860 Albin Boman with crew

In the highly appreciated Swedish holiday called Midsummer, we had two boats from Sweden that participated in Kieler Woche in Germany. It was a warm and sunny weekend for the teams who always appreciate to travel to Germany and meet the J/24 sailors over there. It is a great friendship that takes J/24 sailing across borders! We also had one team who traveled from Sweden to the German Open and did a great accomplishment in the races!

In the fall of 2023, the Swedish J/24 Association is planning to extend the activities to have more engagement in the Class all year around. We are planning workshops that are going to take place digitally once a month with themes like trimming, boat handling and guest lectures. We hope these will be attractive workshops that are appreciated by the members of the Swedish J/24 Association.

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The crew at the dock in Gislövsläge, Trelleborg.
From left: Joakim Romell, Albin Boman, Ellen Boman, Caroline Pettersson
and Claes Boman. Photo by Monica Persson.

J/ 24 Swedish Championship 2023-07-07 to 2023-07-09 Organizer Trelleborgs Boatsociety.

Report from *Monospace* SWE 860. At the keyboard, Claes Boman.

Our sailing history in this Class is short. Albin and Ellen purchased the J/24 *Monospace* (SWE 860) in the summer of 2022 because they wanted something to sail around Gothenburg, both for cruising and local racing. During the autumn, they realized that J/24 still holds the Swedish National Championship status, and the Nationals were scheduled to take place in Trelleborg, where their grandparents live. I was then asked to sail with them in the competition, and the family project kicked off.

The plan was for Ellen, who had never raced before, to handle the foredeck and learn it during the spring training at their home club in Gothenburg. Local talent Joakim Romell was asked to join as the trimmer on board. I would be in charge of tactics and helping with maneuvers during spinnaker hoists and takedowns. A fifth person was invited and accepted a month before the regatta, and that was 49FX sailor Caroline Pettersson also from Gothenburg.

So, the crew consisted of Albin as the skipper, Joakim on trim, Claes on tactics, Caroline on mast/keyboard and Ellen on the foredeck. The crew had extensive experience. Several of us have sailed in numerous Swedish, European and World Championships in different Classes, so we have the necessary skills. However, we don't know how fast our boat is since we have never raced against other J/24s before.

Upon arrival in Gislövsläge, east of Trelleborg, we launched the boat on Thursday evening and prepared everything for the two races on Friday, starting at 5 p.m. The plan was to sail two races on Friday, four on Saturday and two on Sunday. It seemed like a good schedule, but we were skeptical about sailing on Friday evening due to a high-pressure system with light winds and plenty of sunshine forecasted for the next few days.

Sweden Report



Photo by Monica Persson. *Monospace* and *Ca Plan*.

There were 14 boats gathered at the starting area on Friday afternoon, 10 Swedish boats and four from Germany. A light southwest wind of 2-3 m/s was present on the course when the start began. The first start ended with a general recall as most boats were too eager and jumped the gun. The second start went better, and we got off near the lower end of the line. During the first upwind leg, we realized that we were keeping up well with the fleet, and we completed the race without any incidents, finishing as the fifth boat. *Front Runner* took the win, with *Ca Plan* in second place, manned by the crew that won the 1993 J/24 European Championship. We were quite satisfied with our performance in the first race, and there were happy faces on the boat.

For the second race, we decided to start near the lower end of the line again, as there was a clear advantage on the pin end. *Ca Plan* also opted for the same strategy, and we ended up just to windward of them but misjudged the distance to the starting line and went over the line early. We immediately turned back and started again on port tack, trailing behind almost all the boats. It wasn't a pleasant start for us. However, we encouraged each other and knew that anything could happen in such light winds. We fought hard throughout the two laps and managed to finish seventh in the race. It was a good recovery, and we noticed that our upwind performance was strong, but the downwind legs were trickier in the light breeze. There was excellent communication between the tactician and helmsman. The boat was rarely quiet, with discussions about wind pressure, compass headings and boat positioning on the course.

We were content with the fifth and seventh places after the first day's races. However, once back on land, we found out that we were over the line early in the first race, so our result turned into an OCS and a seventh place. We weren't too happy about that. *Ca Plan* led the standings after the first two races with 3 points, followed by the German boat *Rotogirl* in second place with 5 points. *Airborn* was in third place with 9 points.

At the clubhouse, we were served grilled hot dogs, and the atmosphere among the J/24 Class was excellent, especially for us newcomers.

Saturday offered really good conditions with winds between 4-6 m/s from the southwest. The forecast predicted increasing winds throughout the day, shifting to the west after lunch. The sunny weather and 25°C warmth felt great.

Around 11 o'clock, all boats headed to the starting area. We checked the wind direction and did two test beats to see how much the wind shifted on the course. We also inspected the starting line and prepared for the start.

For the day's races, Ellen and Caroline switched positions during the starting procedure because Ellen felt uncertain about keeping an eye on the line and the landmarks we found to avoid another false start. Caroline, with more racing experience, took over this responsibility for the rest of the regatta. It worked well, and Ellen could observe and learn from this experience for future races.



Photo by Monica Persson. *Monospace* and *For Fun*.

The first start of the day was hectic, with many boats overlapped to leeward and windward. We had an okay start but had to tack immediately to sail in clear wind. We had a good race, especially on the upwind legs where we passed several boats. Approaching the downwind leg towards the finish line, we were sailing with about five boats side by side, realizing that we could finish anywhere from fourth to ninth place. In the end, we managed to secure sixth place, just seconds away from fourth or ninth. The racing was very close on the well-set courses set by the organizers.

In the fourth race, we started near the middle of the line, enjoying clear wind, and could choose our path on the upwind leg, *Front Runner*, *Rotogirl* and *Ca Plan* were closest to us. We noticed that we were sailing higher and faster than several competitors, which felt extremely good. The only boat that was faster was *Front Runner*, who had a clear speed advantage, even though they seemed to sail a bit lower. We studied them closely to see what they were doing differently and noticed that they possibly had a looser backstay and a fuller genoa. After the races, we asked them about their trim, and they described how they were not afraid to ease the genoa sheet to gain more speed. The difference in crew weight, with them being around 35-40 kilograms heavier, might also be a factor in the speed difference.

We continued the day with a consistent series of 3-6-2, still performing well on the upwind legs but losing some ground on the downwind legs. The wind remained stable, and we still remember headings of 185° and 255° for the upwind legs. *Front Runner* impressed everyone and achieved three first-place finishes during the day.

Saturday evening was reserved for the regatta dinner at the clubhouse, and we were served a delicious barbecue buffet from a nearby restaurant. It was a fantastic evening that perhaps affected some crews the next morning.

Sunday morning, the weather was still glorious, with sunny skies and 25°C warmth. The wind picked up around 10:30 from the southwest, and we headed out to the starting area.

In the first race of the day, we started to leeward, and things looked promising for a while. Unfortunately, the wind shifted to the right in the building breeze, and we lost a few boats. As we approached the windward mark on port tack, we were in third to fourth place. We tried to tack below the boats coming in on the layline on starboard tack, but there was no wind, and we couldn't make it up to the mark. We had to make two slow tacks and lost a lot of boats. We finished eighth in this race. However, we didn't let it get us down, as we knew we were capable of better performances.

In the final race of the competition, we started at the windward mark and immediately tacked onto port, heading out to the righthand side in clear wind. It was a highly focused beat, with control over compass headings and wind strength. It paid off, and we rounded the windward mark in first place ahead of *Front Runner* and *Ca Plan*. The racing remained extremely tight throughout the rest of the race, and we finished second, with *Ca Plan* in first and *Front Runner* in third place.

With a series of (OCS), 7, 5, 3, 6, 2, 8, 2, we ended up fourth in the regatta and third in the Nationals.

Front Runner took a commanding victory with a series of 1, (10), 6, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, totaling 14 points.

Ca Plan finished second with a series of 2, 1, (DSQ), 4, 2, 3, 3, 1, totaling 16 points.

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Mayo Duo Lead *Headcase* to Glory at J/24 Northern Championship

The J/24 Northern Championship, hosted by Mayo Sailing Club, saw 14 teams from around the country compete in six races over the weekend of 27th and 28th May. The event was raced in moderate winds and sunshine against the picturesque surrounds of Clew Bay.

The overall winner was *Headcase* with local sailors Louis Mulloy and Marcus Ryan onboard, who scored four firsts and a second in the six races. The team was rounded out by Cillian Dickson, Ryan Glynne and Ronan Armstrong.

Second place went to *Janx Spirit*, skippered by Tadhg Ó Loingsigh from Tralee Bay Sailing Club, who also finished second place to *Headcase* in the 2022 National Championship.

Third place was claimed by *Hedgehog* sailed by Mark Usher and his crew from Greystones Sailing Club, improving on

their fourth place finish in the Western Championship at Lough Ree Yacht Club last month.

It was the first time Mayo Sailing Club have hosted the J/24 fleet, and both the sailing and social side didn't disappoint. The Race Committee, led by PRO Derek Bothwell, efficiently ran six races in good breeze and some challenging chop against the backdrop of a sunny Croagh Patrick.

Crews were treated to a welcome feast of mussels and crab following lift-in on Friday. Live music and a great spread of food on Saturday evening went down well with sailors after a long day on the water.

Four races were sailed on Saturday with *Headcase* taking the first race win, followed by *Hard on Port* helmed by Dave Bailey in second, and *Hedgehog* in third. *Hedgehog*



excelled again in race two, taking the race win in lighter breeze, with *Janx Spirit* in second and *Jelignite* in third.

The final two races of the day saw *Headcase*, *Hard on Port* and *Janx Spirit* share the podium, leaving *Headcase* with a narrow overnight lead ahead of *HoP* and *Janx*.

Day 2 broke with a shifty offshore wind. *Headcase*, *HoP* and *Janx* broke away from the rest of the fleet in race five, trading places around the first lap before the tricky conditions allowed them to be reeled back in.

Headcase held on for the race win, wrapping up the event with a race to spare to the delight of local spectators. Class stalworth JP McCauldin on *Il Riccio* got in for second place with Diarmuid Mullen on *Smugairle Roin* finishing strongly to take third.

The breeze remained challenging for the final race, which *Hedgehog* led around the course, only to be passed by *Headcase* on the final cross of the race. That result was still enough to secure them third overall behind *Janx Spirit*.

HoP dropped to sixth overall after a tough day which saw them retiring from both races on day two.

The J/24 fleet would like to thank Mayo Sailing Club and all the volunteers for their warm welcome and hope not to leave it so long to return to Clew Bay.

Speaking after the event, the crew of *Headcase* said that they were delighted to get some very competitive racing under their belts in their last Irish J/24 event of 2023. Their plans for the rest of the Summer see them bringing *Headcase* on an Odyssey to the Aegean Sea, challenging for the European Championship on the way in Lake Balaton, Hungary in August, before taking on the World Championship in Thessaloniki, Greece in September.

J/24 National Circuit (1°,2°,3°,4°,5°,6° round) and XLII Italian Open J/24 Championship.

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Sixth round of the National Circuit J/24- Lake Caldonazzo, Trentino Sailing Association.

**The J/24 Joanna armed by Fabrizio Dallacasa wins
the National Regatta Fabio Apollonio Trophy.**

Caldonazzo Lake. On Lake Caldonazzo, the National Regatta of the J/24 Class took place in memory of my friend Fabio Apollonio, former president of the Italian Class. The event, organized by the Trentino Sailing Association and valid as the sixth round of the National Circuit, saw the participation of eleven boats from many regions of Italy. Despite the unstable wind, the Jury managed to have all the six races scheduled at the end of which the crew of the Flotta della Romagna Ita 271 Joanna armed with Fabrizio Dallacasa was the winner (8 points; 1,ocs,2,1,31), followed by the hosts of Ita 182 J-Jam helmed by Dario Cattarozzi (AVT, 11 points; 4,2,5,2,1,2) and by Ita 469 Bruschetta Guastafeste helmed by Pierluigi Puthod and rigged by Ciceri sisters (CV Tivano 19 points; 6,8,1,3,5,4). At the foot of the podium Ita 476 Dejavù rigged and helmed by Ruggero Spreafico, protagonist in the second regatta but penalized by an early start in the last race (CV Tivano, 24 points; 5,1,7,9,2,ufd). Both Saturday and Sunday the wind was not stable, tacks



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are never predictable even if generally there was more pressure on the left side of the racing field. The racing was very technical and the crews were forced to tack very frequently to make the most of the wind fluctuations. As always, the hospitality of Velica Trentina was impeccable, which on Saturday evening organized a dinner based on polenta concia with a side dish followed by an excellent strudel, while on Sunday, before departure, arrostitini were served.

All the participants, in addition to the T-shirts of the event, received apples and small fruits offered by the Sant'Orsola and La Trentina cooperatives and presented with a document holder bag made by the Aurora social

cooperative while the first three were rewarded with a basket of local products. Great satisfaction for the perfect success of the event both on the part of the Velica Trentina management and of the brothers Dario and Giuliano Cattarozzi thanks to whom the J/24 has also spread on Lake Caldonazzo. The J/24 National Circuit which, divided into nine rounds from March to November, will award the J/24 Trophy to the best Helmsman-Owner and the Francesco Ciccolo Perpetual Challenge Trophy to the first classified of the National Circuit without considering the discards, after the summer break, will continue with the seventh stage scheduled for the weekend of 30 September - 1 October in Mandello del Lario thanks to the local section of the Italian Naval League.



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XLII Italian Open Championship J/24- Cala dei Sardi, Yacht Club Cala dei Sardi.

La Superba is reconfirmed in the Italian flag. Silver and bronze for Bottadritta and for Giulietta.

The 2023 Italian title was awarded after 10 races contested by 25 crews in the Gulf of Cugnana on the Costa Smeralda. The organization and hospitality of the Cala dei Sardi Yacht Club is excellent.

Cugnana (Olbia). After 10 hard-fought and spectacular races, held over four days of regatta in the Gulf of Cugnana, the heart of the Costa Smeralda, and a rich program of collateral events, the XLII Italian J/24 Championship successfully concluded, well organized by FIV delegation, from the Yacht Club Cala dei Sardi with the collaboration of the Italian Class J/24 Association.

With one day to go, the victory went once again to the J/24 of the Naples Sailing Center of the Navy Ita 416 La Superba helmed by Ignazio Bonanno in crew with Alfredo Branciforte, Francesco Picaro, Simone Scontrino and Vincenzo Vano: the defending champions, in fact, thanks to four victories of the day and regular partials (GSMM 14 points; 1,1,2,2,1,2,1,2,2,dnc) they won the Challenger J/24 Trophy and the ninth Italian title in the J/24 Class (after those won in 2011, '12, '15, '17, '18, '19, '21 and '22 -it was not awarded in 2020 due to the pandemic-) which add up to the two J/24 European titles. The podium is completed by the silver of Ita 460 Bottadritta of Mariolino Di Fraia from Maddalena, former President of the Italian Class,

crewed by his son Camillo, Ezio Diana, Davide Schintu and Andrea Tiroto (LNI La Maddalena, 49 points 6,2,1, 6,16,3,7,15,6,3 the partial) and the bronze of the J/24 bearer of the organizing Club, Ita 420 Giulietta rigged by NSS Yachting and helmed by Antonello Ciabatti crewed by Eugenio Basciu, Marco Naldoni, Sergio Contu and Walter Marcello Troiano (YCCdS, 55 points; 14,6,10,1,4,1,5,14,8,6). On the other hand, the Ita 212 Jamaica narrowly missed the podium, armed and helmed by the President of the Italian Class Pietro Diamanti (CNMCarara 57 points, 2,5,3,bdf,11,18,3,7,7,1 crewed by Fabrizio Ginesi, Paolo Governato, Antonio Lupo and Matteo Tronfi), penalized by a bfd in the fourth round but winner of the final one. Fifth position, finally, for another protagonist of the Sardinian J/24 fleet, Ita 405 Vigne Surrau of the Arzachena Nautical Club and helmed by Aurelio Bini with Evero Niccolini, Roberta Piras, Mauro Pisanu, Pietro Alvisa and Michela Piu (CN Arzachena, 66 points, 13 ,3,7,12,2,9,6,9,5,22). In this 2023 Italian Championship, twenty-five battle-hardened and titled crews of the most popular fixed keel one-design in the world designed in 1978 by the American Rod Johnston competed on a particularly suggestive regatta course that had already hosted two European Championships and four Italian J/24 Championships. The individual races were won by La Superba (1st, 2nd, 5th and 7th regatta), Bottadritta (3rd), Giulietta (4th and 6th), Ita 304 Five for Fighting (CCRoggero Lauria) armed and helmed by Eugenia De Giacomo Pitanti (8th), Ita 443 Aria the J/24 of LNI Olbia helmed by the National Councilor and Fleet Chief Sardinia Marco Frulio (9th) and Jamaica (10th). "It was a truly exciting and fun Italian Championship, thanks to a good wind, four splendid sunny days, an excellent regatta course and a splendid

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location. A round of applause to the crews, the organizing Club and the guys from the IPIA Professional Institute of Olbia who helped us on the support boats, on the Committee Boat and on the buoy-laying dinghies: really good and efficient!" commented the President of the Regatta Committee, the Lucchese Stefano Giusti assisted by the young Pisan Matteo Chimenti (also president of the protest committee) and the locals Marco Clivio, Daniel Pau and Antioco Ticca. The Technical Committee, on the other hand, engaged Emanuela Donati and Paolo Luciani with Giampaolo Sanna, Marco Andrisano, Luca Mallus and Marcello Schirru. Among the numerous side events, very welcome by all the participants and their companions, the pasta party at the end of each day, the opening ceremony, the gala dinner (during which the winners of the Perpetuo Ciccolo 2022 Challenge Trophy were awarded , -La

Superba- and the J/24 Trophy to the best Helmsman 2022 -Jamaica-, the barbecue sponsored by the Monolith company and the closing ceremony with a goodbye toast. "Receiving compliments from the crews and the Committee - comments the president of the Cala dei Sardi Yacht Club Alessandro Balzani - was a great satisfaction for all of us on the board. I thank everyone, the sailors, the regatta committee and the measurement committee but above all the guys from Cala dei Sardi and especially my vice president Eugenio Basciu for the excellent work done." "Cugnana and the Cala dei Sardi Yacht Club was a perfect choice for the 2023 Championship: an excellent organization both at sea and on land - concluded the President of the Italian Class Pietro Diamanti - Sardinia is always a wonderful place for regattas, where we will return next year for the European Championship."



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Fourth round of the J/24 National Circuit - Livorno, LNI section. of Livorno

The J/24 of Marina Militare La Superba wins the Italian Cup - Apollonio Memorial Challenge Trophy.

Livorno. In the beautiful setting of the Mascagni Terrace, at the Sailing Village, the awarding of the fourth round of the J/24 National Circuit, the Coppa Italia - Apollonio Memorial Challenge Trophy, was held, organized by the Livorno LNI Section as part of the Naval Academy International Sailing Week City of Livorno. The classification was drawn up on the results of the three races held on the opening day, as it was then not possible to carry out the regattas scheduled for the following two days due to the strong Ponente wind and the critical sea conditions which prevented the exit of the boats from the Medici port. Fourteen crews at the start. The first race, characterized by numerous wind shifts, oscillating from SE to SW, was dominated by ITA 212 Jamaica, followed by ITA 499 Capitan Nemo from ITA 416 La Superba. In the second, with robust S and SW winds, however, La Superba got the better of Jamaica and ITA 182 Kaster while in the third, with significantly increasing weather conditions, La Superba anticipated ITA 469 Bruschetta Guastafeste and Jamaica. At the end of this

first day it was unfortunately clear that the following ones would be at risk due to the arrival of a heavy disturbance. And endlessly, in the following days, despite the crews being ready and waiting to be able to leave the mooring, the CoR, excellently chaired by Maurizio Giannelli, was forced to determine the objective impossibility of continuing. However, the three races disputed allowed the classification of the stage to be drawn up but prevented that of the Coppa Italia Trophy Challenge Memorial Apollonio which, as per the announcement, required the carrying out of at least four races. During the award ceremony, the President of the Class, Pietro Diamanti, collecting the prize for the runner-up, was therefore forced to postpone this appointment to the 2024 edition, not failing to remember with moving words his friend Fabio Apollonio, who unfortunately passed away in 2021, at the time President of the Class, great sportsman and generous person. The fourth stage was therefore won by La Superba of the Navy, with Ignazio Bonanno at the helm (5 points) followed by just one point by Jamaica armed and helmed by Pietro Diamanti (6 points). Third place for Bruschetta Guastafeste with Sonia Ciceri at the helm (10 points) followed by Kaster (13 points), Capitan Nemo (16 points), Magica Fata (19 points), Jorè (22 points), Joanna (25 points), Dejavu (points 28), PERCINQUE (points 29), Nereide (points 30), Pilgrim (points 35), Polymnia (points 36), and The Nine Muses (points 41).

Third round of the J/24 National Circuit, Marina di Carrara - Marina di Carrara Nautical Club.

The J/24 of the Navy La Superba makes poker and wins the National Regatta J/24 Menchelli Trophy.

Marina of Carrara. Thanks to a poker of victories of the day on the seven races disputed, the J/24 of the Centro Vela Altura Napoli ITA 416 La Superba helmed by Ignazio Bonanno crewed by Alfredo Branciforte, Francesco Picaro, Simone Scontrino and Vincenzo Vano (GS MM, 11 points; 3,1,6,1,4,1,1 the partial times), after that of Anzio, he also won the third stage of the 2023 National Circuit, an event which, after nine heats from March to November, will award the J/24 Trophy to the best Helmsman-Owner and the Perpetual Challenge Trophy Francesco Ciccolo 2023. Silver went to the very regular Ita 271 Joanna, crewed by Fabrizio Dallacasa (CNCervia) and helmed by Andrea Collina (CV Ravennate) crewed by Francesco Vallicelli, Mirco Mongardi and Mauro Lugaresi (15 points, 9,2,5,2,2,2, 2) and bronze for the home J/24 ITA 212 Jamaica, armed and helmed by the President of the Italian J/24 Class, Pietro Diamanti who, after leading at the end of the first day, finished in third place (CNMC, 20 points, 2,4,2,3,5,9,4). "We could have done better at the start - commented Diamanti in the crew with Fabrizio Ginesi, Paolo Governato, Matteo Tronfi and Antonio Lupo - but we are equally satisfied." On the other hand, the J/24, winner of the last edition, Ita 304 Five for Fighting, armed and helmed by Eugenia De Giacomo, narrowly missed the podium, protagonist of two victories of the day (CCRdL, 25 points; 4,8,1,7,1,4, 8) and fifth position for the winners of the opening regatta, Ita 469 Bruschetta



Guastafeste rigged by the Ciceri sisters and helmed by Pierluigi Puthod (CV Tivano, 33 points; 1,7,9,8,3,8,6). After seven races held in ideal wind conditions by seventeen crews from numerous fleets, the J/24 National Regatta "Nino Menchelli Trophy" was successfully concluded, well organized by the Club Nautico Marina di Carrara -chaired by Carlandrea Simonelli-, in collaboration with the National Association Class J/24, under the aegis of the Italian Sailing Federation. "The crews showed strong competitiveness which also cost a general recall on the second day of practice.- commented Laura Olimpia Salvatore, CNMC press office and member of the Regatta Committee -The venue provided perfect conditions with strong wind and sea calm that allowed the carrying out of seven races: the maximum number foreseen by the notice of race." Indeed, on board the "Braccio di ferro" Jury Boat, the Single Committee, chaired by Admiral Luigi D'Amico, was formed by Silvio Dell'Innocenti, Luigi Porchera, Laura Olimpia Salvatore and the Aspirant UdR Vincenzo de Meo. During the award ceremony at the Tennis Club of the Marina di Carrara Nautical Club, Filippo Menchelli presented the Trophy named after his grandfather, Cavalier Nino Menchelli, whose role as Secretary of the Second FIV Zone, of the National and as Sports Director of the Carrara association which honors his memory every year with this trophy reserved for the J/24 Class. Archived

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the first three stages - the National Regatta Memorial Biagio Manganelli disputed in Salerno and won by Ita 427 Jebedee of the Apulian Fleet Chief Nino Soriano and the National Regattas of Anzio and Marina di Carrara won by La Superba, the J/24 Fleet will remain in Tuscany but will move to the nearby waters of Livorno for the fourth stage of the 2023 National Circuit which will be organized from 23 to 25 April by the Livorno Section of the Italian Naval League as part of the Naval Academy and City of Livorno International Sailing Week and which will also be valid as a Cup Italy - Fabio Apollonio Trophy.

Second round of the J/24 National Circuit - Anzio, Rome Sailing Club.

The J/24 La Superba of the Navy wins the National Regatta of Anzio.

Anzio. After six beautiful and hard-fought regattas held in the waters of Anzio, the Italian J/24 Class has also successfully closed the second stage of the 2023 National Circuit, an event which, after nine rounds from March to November, will award the J/24 Trophy to the best Helmsman-Owner and the Francesco Ciccolo Perpetual Challenge Trophy. The top step of the podium, after five victories of the day, went to the J/24 of the Centro Vela Altura Napoli ITA 416 La Superba helmed by Ignazio Bonanno crewed by Alfredo Branciforte, Francesco Picaro, Simone Scontrino and Vincenzo Vano (GS MM 5 points ; 2,1,1,1,1 the partials). Second position for the winners of the opening race, the Hungarians of Hun 5493 Niño captained by Peter Tamas and with Miklos Rauschenberger at the helm (13 points; 1,4,2,3,3,13) and third for Ita 428

Pelle Rossa armed and helmed by the Counselor of the Italian J/24 Class Gianni Riccobono (CDV Rome, 23 points; 4,3,4,10,2,11). Followed in order by Ita 501 Avoltore (24 points) of the Argentario Fleet Chief and Honorary President of the Italian Class J/24 Massimo Mariotti (with Francesco Cruciani at the helm and his brother Fulvio at the sheets) and Ita 358 Arpione (SeVe MM Anzio) helmed by Michele Potenza (30 points). "It was a beautiful event, successful and well organized at sea and on land by the Circolo della Vela of Rome with the collaboration of LNI section of Anzio, RCC Tevere Remo and YC Nettuno. Some problems with the mooring places but this, unfortunately, is a long-standing problem in Anzio for which the clubs are not responsible.- commented the Counselor of the Italian Class J/24 Gianni Riccobono, owner and helmsman of Pelle Rossa -They disputed overall six hard-fought regattas in very different and difficult wind and sea conditions, all very enjoyable for the fifteen crews who took part in this National Leg of the J/24 Circuit."

On the first day, a strong wind (10-15 knots), initially coming from 165, rotating to the left, which gradually decreased, made it possible to carry out three exciting races that were never predictable.

In the following one, however, the wind of lesser intensity, always coming from the second quadrant but somewhat unstable, put the tacticians to the test due to the difficulty of "reading" the field of the other three races held as scheduled. The management of the Regatta Committee was always impeccable which, under the expert guidance of Mario De Grenet, promptly adapted the field to wind shifts. Among the boats coming from other fleets, the presence of the Hungarian boat and that of Massimo

Mariotti, also of Ita 432 Kaster of the councilor and Chief of the Garda-Caldonazzo fleet Giuliano Cattarozzi and Ita 427 Jebedee of the Chief of the Puglia fleet should be noted Nino Soriano demonstrating how much the Anzio regatta field is appreciated by national and international sailors. The award ceremony took place in the premises of the Club in the presence of the President Marco Buglielli at the end of this beautiful event: among the highly appreciated award winners, also the first classified female helmsman, Claudia Cecamore at the helm of Ita 447 Pelle Nera. "Our performance in the National Stage of Anzio was excellent - the satisfied comment of the "boys" of La Superba - The comparison with the Hungarian crew who offered us excellent information on setting up the boat was very useful! Thanks to the Sport Velico della Marina Militare which supports us in our project and a special thanks to all the staff of the Sailing Section of Anzio who host us and put up with us throughout the winter."

The next and third appointment with the J/24 National Circuit will be the Nino Menchelli Trophy National Regatta scheduled for Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 April in the Tuscan waters of Marina di Carrara, thanks to the local Nautical Club. The J/24 activity will also be constantly followed through the Facebook page "Associazione Classe Italiana J/24."



First round of the J/24 National Circuit - Salerno, LNI Salerno and the Agropoli J/24 Fleet

J/24 Jebedee makes poker at the National Biagio Manganelli Memorial Regatta.

Salerno. With four victories out of the four disputed races, it was the J/24 Ita 427 Jebedee of the Apulian Fleet Chief Nino Soriano (engaged on board in the role of tailer and in the crew with Elena Piccolo as central and the young Remo Soriano at the helm, Andrea Camporeale at the mast and Alessandro Favia at the bow, all between 15 and 20 years old) to impose himself in the Salerno waters at the National Biagio Manganelli Memorial Regatta, the opening stage of the J/24 National Circuit which, after nine stages from March to November, will again this year award the Trophy J/24 to the best Helmsman-Owner and the Francesco Ciccolo Perpetual Challenge Trophy to the first classified of the Circuit without considering the discards. Second position for another standard-bearer of the Flotta Pugliese J/24, Ita 439 L'Emilio of the Compagnia del Mare helmed by Ciccio Mastropierro, with very regular placements (8 points; 2,2,2,2) as well as those of the third

classified Ita 124 Ossoduro of Francesco D'Ambrosio (CV Salerno; 12 points; 3,3,3,3). "It was a wonderful experience! - Soriano commented enthusiastically at the end of the event - The regatta course was very beautiful. On Saturday there was a very gusty and often intense land wind, and there we made the difference on the others with our technique. On Sunday, however, there was a pleasant breeze from the sea which allowed us to carry out two wonderful tests. To top it all off there was the fantastic welcome from the Italian Naval League of Salerno who worked hard to make the whole experience more pleasant and the great enthusiasm of the Fleet Chief of Agropoli, Peppe Manganelli. We are also very happy with the second place of the other Apulian crew, that of ITA 439 L'Emilio armed by Compagnia del Mare and helmed by Ciccio Mastropierro." The convivial buffet dinner on Saturday evening was also very welcome, as were the numerous gadgets and T-shirts of the event given free to all crew members. Both the enthusiasm and commitment lavished on organizing this event which - also intended

to commemorate the 16-year-old sailor who was a great sailing enthusiast, in love with his J/24 and its performance, unfortunately died prematurely in an accident at sea - was a pleasant opportunity to reiterate the hospitality and organization of the Salerno section of the Italian Naval League and of the J/24 fleet of Agropoli. "I would like to thank all those who have contributed to

the success of this National Regatta and in particular the President of the LNI Salerno Fabrizio Marotta and all his staff, the Single Committee chaired by Salvatore Rollin with Michele Sorrenti, Massimiliano Suter, Pietro De Luca and Roberto Guerrasio, the rowers who enlivened the sea trials even when the wind reached 25/30 knots, the two Apulian crews who faced the trip to race with us, and Vincenzo Vano who, representing the J/24 of the Centro Vela Altura Napoli La Superba, despite not having been able to participate in the regattas because they were still involved in the XLVII Winter Championship of the Gulf of Anzio and Nettuno, wanted to intervene at our award ceremony.- concluded the Fleet Leader Peppe Manganelli - Many J/24s, such as La In fact, Superba were unable to participate as they were still engaged in the last and sometimes decisive tests of the Winter Championships still in progress. We hope for a higher participation in our next regattas to which we already invite you now." The 2023 edition of the National Circuit reserved for the most popular Monotype in the world will continue on 18 and 19 March with the second stage scheduled in the waters of Anzio and organized by the Circolo della Vela Roma - with the collaboration of LNI section of Anzio, RCC Tevere Remo and YC Neptune.

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The 2023 National Circuit of the Italian J/24 Class, between reconfirmations and news. A captivating season for the J/24 world thanks to the nine unmissable appointments throughout Italy which will assign the two coveted trophies, and the opportunity to participate in the European and World Championships which will take place respectively in Hungary and Greece. After the break for the holidays, the J/24 crews have resumed racing in the numerous Winter Championships and have started planning the 2023 calendar, full of national and international events in which to be protagonists. "For our Class, in fact, 2023 will be a very interesting and exciting competitive season as, in addition to our engaging and traditional National Circuit with stages organized in the most beautiful locations throughout Italy, it will be easier for our rowers to participate in the Championships European and World Cups as they will take place respectively in nearby Hungary and Greece.- commented the President of the Italian J/24 Class Pietro Diamanti -The Board of Directors of the Italian Class, in agreement with the Italian Sailing Federation, has formalized the dates of the next edition of the J/24 National Circuit which, divided into nine rounds from March to November, will assign the J/24 Trophy to the best Helmsman-Owner and the Francesco Ciccolo Perpetual Challenge Trophy to the first classified in the National Circuit without considering discards." The 2023 edition of the J/24 National Circuit will start from Campania: the first National Regatta of this year, in fact, will take place on 4 and 5 March in Salerno and will be organized by the local section of the Italian Naval League.

From the waters of Campania, the crews of the most widespread One Design in the world will move to those of Anzio where the Circolo della Vela Roma -with the collaboration of LNI section of Anzio, RCC Tevere Remo and YC Nettuno- will organize the second 18 and 19 March stage of the National Circuit J/24. It will therefore be the turn of another classic appointment: the Tuscan one proposed by the Club Nautico Marina di Carrara on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 April.

Reconfirmation also for the Livorno stage organized by the Italian Naval League section of Livorno as part of the Naval Academy and City of Livorno International Sailing Week: this year the Regatta will be valid as the Italian Cup - Fabio Apollonio Trophy and will take place from 23 to 25 April. A month later, from 24 to 28 May, however, the attention of all Italian and foreign J/24 enthusiasts will be directed towards the most awaited event of the season: the Italian Open Championship. The Cala dei Sardi Yacht Club (<https://www.yccds.it/>) will organize this 42nd edition in the heart of the Costa Smeralda, in the splendid waters of the Gulf of Cugnana, in the locality of Cala dei Sardi. A total of ten rounds are envisaged and at least four must be

run to make the Championship valid. For the sixth round of the National Circuit we will have to wait for 1 and 2 July when the Associazione Velica Trentina will welcome the J/24 fleets on Lake Caldonazzo. Pleasant reconfirmations also for the seventh and eighth stage: on the weekend of 30 September-1 October the local section of the Italian Naval League will be happy to welcome once again the J/24 Class in Mandello del Lario, while the Circolo Nautico Amici della Vela di Cervia will confirm the proverbial Romagna hospitality and organization on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October. And finally, the enchanting Sardinia will once again host the final stage of the J/24 National Circuit thanks to the Olbia section of the LNI (11 and 12 November). The national calendar will also be joined by two prestigious international events, the European Championship and the 2023 J/24 World Championship which this year will take place respectively in Hungary and Greece. Indeed, the J/24 European Championship will be organized by the Balatonfüred Yacht Club, on Lake Balaton, from 20 to 27 August (<https://byc.hu/>) while the World Championship will take place from 9 to 16 September in the Thermaikos Gulf and will be managed by the Nautical Club of Thessaloniki (<http://J/24worlds2023.ncth.gr/>). An intense and exciting calendar which, I am sure, will be able to involve an increasing number of J/24s from all our fleets and attract the attention of the public on land. Our wish for 2023 is above all to see many young people join our crews, confirming the vitality and versatility of the Class and the J/24. The J/24 activity will also be constantly followed through the Facebook page "Associazione Classe Italiana J/24."





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.

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Start: September 28, 2024
End: October 5, 2024
Venue: Corinthian Yacht Club
Address: Seattle, WA, United States

2025

September 6, 2025

2025 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: September 6, 2025
End: September 14, 2025
Venue: Plym Yacht Club & Saltash Sailing Club
Address: Plymouth, England



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