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Tony Parker's Bangor Packet Takes J/24 Midwinter Championship



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Tony Parker's Bangor Packet Takes J/24 Midwinter Championship

Class veteran Tony Parker's Bangor
Packet stayed consistent through nine
races to earn the 2025 J/24 Midwinter
Championship in Miami, FL. With crew
including World Champion Will Welles
as well as Will Bomar, Emmet Todd and
James Niblock, Parker never finished
lower than sixth to win the title. In the final
three races on Sunday, Bangor Packet
closed with scores of 5,1,2 to net 27 points.
2024 winner Paul Abdullah on Tremendous
Slouch started strong but couldn't outlast
Parker and placed second with 41 points.
Michael Goldfarb's WarCanoe ended only
one point further behind in third.













Twenty-six boats competed from March 21-23 in coveted south Florida conditions. On Friday, winds were in the midteens, and lightened through the weekend under gorgeous blue skies. Photos are posted on the USA J/24 Class Facebook and Instagram pages, and complete results are available at https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/16833.



TOP FIVE OVERALL:

- 1. Bangor Packet, Tony Parker, 1, 3, 4, (6), 6, 5, 5, 1, 2 27 points
- 2. *Tremendous Slouch*, Paul Abdullah, 2, 1, 2, (19), 5, 6, 4, 11, 10 41 points
- 3. *WarCanoe*, Michael Goldfarb, 9, (10), 1, 5, 2, 7, 8, 6, 4 42 points
- 4. Evil Twin, Jasper Van Vliet, (16), 11, 5, 1, 11, 3, 9, 7, 1 48 points
- 5. Caramella, Frederick Wiedeke, 12, 5, 7, 2, 13, 1, 1, 10, (13) 51 points



























What you can expect at the 2025 J/24 World Championship in Plymouth, Britain's Ocean City...

Fierce on the water racing

Join multiple National, Continental and World champions from around the globe on one of the UK's finest stretches of water. Up to 70 boats will get to see not only this phenomenal racetrack, but also get to battle it out for the title of J/24 World Champion.

Social Programme

As well as the gorgeous waters of Plymouth Sound, competitors and their families will also get to visit host clubs Plym Yacht Club & Saltash Sailing Club on the East and West sides of Plymouth. Social events at both clubs will be complemented by a Race Village at Plymouth Yacht Haven Marina, with food, drink and hospitality stalls, as well as a 100 ft pirate ship for spectators through the event. The full social calendar will be released in your entry pack in September, as well as a guide to some local sites, such as the Mayflower Steps, National Marine Aquarium and historic Barbican, to allow you and your family and friends to maximise the most from your stay in Plymouth.

Exclusive Discounts & Offers

As part of our generous sponsorship package, there are lots of lucrative offers and opportunities for competitors before, during and after the event. Prior to the event, NJO Sails, North Sails and Quantum Sails are offering exclusive discounts for J/24 sails for the event. Contact us directly for discount codes, as these are exclusively for boats that have entered the 2025 Worlds. Not only that, they will be delivered straight to the venue pre-measured for the event! Save on expensive airfare for your sails, and save money on them too!

Still want to take part?

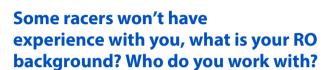
At time of writing, we still have charter boats, accommodation and volunteer positions available. If you want to get involved please reach out via our socials, or email hello@j24worlds2025.com



J/24 Worlds 2025 RO interview with **Sean Semmens**

Hi Sean! Pleased that we can announce your appointment as RO for the J/24 Worlds in 2025. How are you feeling about it?

Really excited! I love the J/24 as a boat and as a fleet, having been lucky enough to have sailed in the J/24 Worlds in Annapolis (USA) back in the day when I was a nipper. The World Championships is the pinnacle of any class, so it is an honour and privilege to be invited to help in some small way to join the party.



I am a sailor really, and started being an RO at my local club to help out. My home club does quite a few dinghy National Championships a year and I found that with the advantage of seeing the wind and tide patterns from the 'luxury' of a stable platform watching the top sailors work out where to make gains helped my sailing. I like to play a chess game with myself; as I see shifts, I try to predict what the top sailors are likely to do next, would I do the same? This helps to keep me 'in phase' and I find it easier to notice when something on the race course is not quite as it should be and plan to make corrections. As well as the UK J/24 fleet, I seem to find many of the UK traditional dinghy classes keep coming back to my local club for more and now my son is cutting his teeth in the Topper class, I spend way too much time helping the Toppers out.

You have worked with the UK J fleet in Plymouth for several years now, what keeps drawing you back to the class?

You keep asking! Actually I really enjoy the J/24 class. The racing has always been competitive which attracts top sailors. The J/24 fleet know pretty quickly when we have set a biased line or an off-axis course and this keeps me on my toes. I really enjoy the challenge and frankly I have a bit of a soft spot for the J/24.

The J/24 class has a reputation for being entertaining on and off the water; what are you looking forward to in 2025?

Well I guess it has to be the competition, it makes my personal chess game more fun! I don't often have the time to watch the occasional gung ho starting strategies of some, but this close racing is what makes the J/24 magical. The J/24 sailors have always taken their responsibility to play hard both afloat and ashore seriously – there is a class tradition to adhere to. I like a pint and to socialise with the sailors as much as anyone, and what better venue than Plymouth to sail and find a watering hole is there?



We have only had one GBR J/24 Worlds winner (Ian Southworth in 2015) Do you think this could be a year for another British win?

Maybe! Obviously the UK Nationals have been held in similar race track area a few times now, maybe that is a slight advantage? But being honest, sailing South of Plymouth Breakwater does take away any local advantages because a) the geographical features have less effect and b) even the Plymouth boats rarely race in this race track area. I guess the reason the Brits have found it hard to win the Worlds is because it is very difficult.

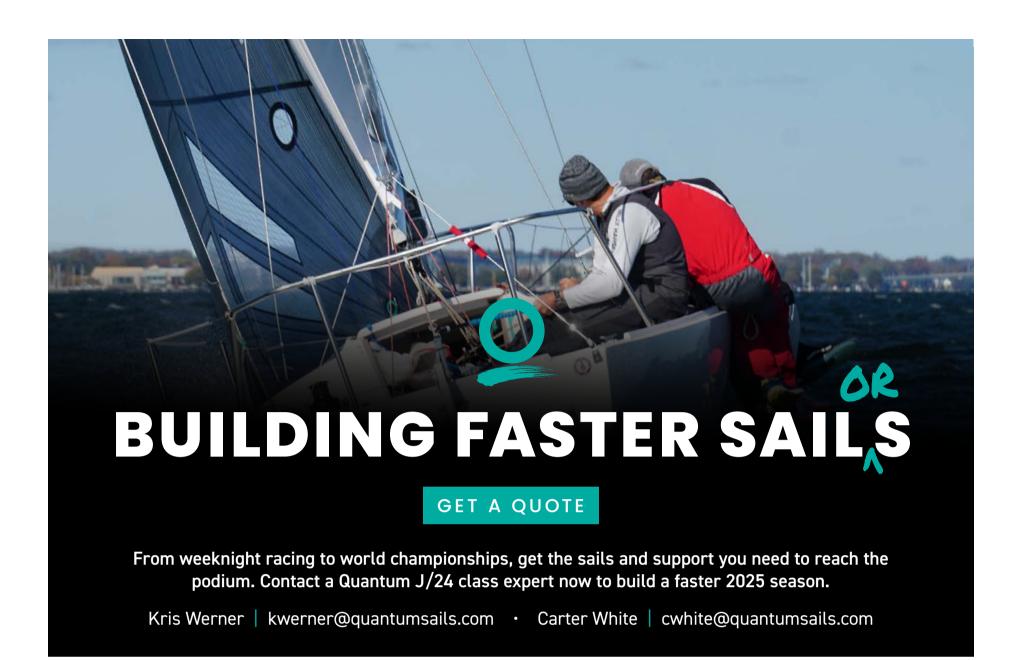
I think getting a consistent series in 2025 will be just as hard. And that is what will make it a great event.

Rumour has it that you used to run a J back in the day... Saltash SC have quite a large Westerly-build J fleet. Have you got any advice for anyone that might be looking to get into the class for qualifying this year?

Well 'running' a J/24 is a bit of an exaggeration. I started out as bow on a competitive J in the late 80s and then was trusted with tactics, moving into the middle of the boat. The 1991 Euros in Cowes was our highlight, but eventually losing the event to David Bedford's team in the last race. I guess realising the racing is very close is important. This makes the class very rewarding but it is not at all easy to just jump in a boat and win. Time in the boat and crew synchronicity is very important. Practice makes perfect and that means time on the water.

Any advice for travelling boats?

Plymouth can be a challenging place to sail, but wind and tidal information is well published. The race area south of the breakwater has two tidal influences. The south area of the race track is mainly influenced by the main English Channel tide which broadly speaking runs East /West. However, the western and eastern entrances to Plymouth Sound (either side of the breakwater) have flow filling or emptying Plymouth Sound so that is a North / South flow. All competitors will need to study tidal flow charts and although it is not hard to understand the tidal flow will be a crucial factor in your race tactics. Equally the tide is not the be all and end all. The channel tide flow in particular is fairly consistent over the track, so wind shifts, bends and boat on boat strategy will probably be even more important. Oh and more practical advice, be sure to check out the watering holes on the Barbican! Most important of all have fun. If you are not having fun – you are in the wrong sport...



Looking for Vendors for Your J/24?

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We are delighted to announce EPIGEN Industrial Systems as our major sponsor of the 2026 World Championship. This exciting and timely partnership lays a strong foundation for delivering a world-class regatta experience for local and international competitors joining us in Melbourne in November 2026.

A look back: the 2024-2025 season

On racing related news, the summer season of 2024-2025 J/24 racing has just concluded marking a vibrant season with multiple regattas and events across the country and overseas.

International highlights

Two Australian teams proudly represented the Class on the global stage. In June, *Bruschetta VI*, helmed by Hugo Ottaway from Melbourne competed in the Range Rover 2024 European Championship in Sardinia.

This was followed by *Innamincka*, steered by John Crawford from Sydney, competing in the Beechers 2024 World Championship in Seattle in September.



Australia Report



NSW report

High Drama and Tight Battles at the 2025 Nautilus Marine Sydney Harbour Regatta

Sydney turned it on for the 20th anniversary of the Nautilus Marine Sydney Harbour Regatta, with a kaleidoscope of sails and edge-of-your-seat racing that had spectators and sailors alike on high alert.

From March 1–2, Sydney Harbour played host to one of the country's most vibrant sailing spectacles. With 13 divisions and six start lines spread across its iconic waters, the regatta was a visual feast—and none more so than the fiercely contested J/24 fleet, a staple of the event since its inception. Boats from Sydney's top yacht clubs fronted for the six-race series, run by Middle Harbour Yacht Club. The action spanned everything from glassy calms to gusty duels, all capped off with camaraderie and cold drinks back onshore.

DAY ONE: A Slow Start, Then Sparks Fly

The regatta began with a frustrating calm—a mirror-flat harbour that tested both patience and tactics. Race officers scrambled to find wind, eventually setting Race 1 near Obelisk Bay where a whisper of easterly finally teased out a start. John Crawford's *Innamincka* sprang off the line with precision, carving an early lead while the fleet bobbed in the doldrums near Middle Head. *Ace*, helmed by David West, jumped the gun and paid for it with a sluggish return to the line in the light air. Meanwhile, a wildcard team from Manly Yacht Club, led by Michael Rowe and sailing *Kaotic* (on loan from Arthur Crothers), proved they hadn't lost their touch—despite years away from J/24s. Marc and Olaf Tromp aboard *Waterborne Again* looked strong, holding third at the top mark, while Defence Force crewed *Calypso* fought tooth and nail with Anthony Poole's *Waterhound*.

As the race unfolded, a surprising shift opened a door for *Ace*, who rocketed from last to nearly snatch the win. But *Innamincka* held firm, taking the bullet ahead of *Ace* and *Kaotic*. Races 2 and 3 saw more shuffling—new start lines, shifty breeze and relentless jockeying for position. *Ace* found their groove, claiming back-to-back wins. *Innamincka* stayed consistent, and *Kaotic* held their own, narrowly losing second in Race 3 by a mere 4 seconds.

Australia Report



DAY TWO: Wild Wind Shadows and a Twist Ending

Forecasts for Day 2 promised up to 16 knots, but again the morning started in a windless lull. When racing resumed, the regatta delivered its most nail-biting drama yet. Race 4 ended in chaos. Innamincka led into the final downwind leg, with Ace charging hard. Just meters from the line, the towering Wild Oats X, retired from a neighbouring race, sailed past—casting an enormous wind shadow over the J/24s. Both frontrunners stalled. In a literal breath of fresh air, Innamincka wriggled free first, claiming victory by 3 seconds over a frustrated Ace. The breeze picked up in Race 5, shifting direction and morphing the course into a highspeed reach. Kaotic nailed the start, but a spinnaker mishap out of the top mark let Ace and Innamincka slip by, finishing in that order. Going into Race 6, the championship was on a knife's edge—Ace on 7 points and Innamincka on 8 points, each needing a win to seal the deal. The final race delivered in spades. A stiff 16–18 knot southeasterly whipped across the harbour, forcing all boats onto jibs. Innamincka and Kaotic surged ahead early while Ace gambled on the right

side of the course—and lost ground. But downwind, *Ace* clawed back to third after *Waterborne Again* ran into spinnaker trouble. On the final upwind leg, *Ace* once again took the less-travelled path to the right—and it paid off. They crossed *Kaotic*, closing in on *Innamincka*, who looked set to seal the regatta. But fate had other plans. Caught in a powerful ebb tide, *Innamincka* brushed the final mark, and to their horror, wrapped the buoy's anchor line around their rudder. *Ace* slipped by cleanly and stormed downwind to clinch the series in a dramatic finale. *Kaotic*, ever-consistent, rounded out the podium in third, with *Waterborne Again* just missing out.

A Regatta to Remember

The 2025 Nautilus Marine Sydney Harbour Regatta delivered everything: tactical masterstrokes, hard-luck heartbreaks and a finale worthy of a Hollywood script. For the J/24 fleet, it was a weekend of high tension and higher standards—fitting for a 20th anniversary that'll be remembered for years to come.



Thrills, Grit and Glory at the 30th Helly Hansen Women's Challenge

Manly Yacht Club on Sydney Harbour's north shore once again delivered an unforgettable day on the water as the Helly Hansen Women's Challenge celebrated its milestone 30th anniversary. With around 40 teams from across New South Wales, fierce competition and community spirit were on full display in this iconic event for all-women and female-helmed teams.

First held in 1995, the Women's Challenge has long been a staple of Sydney's sailing calendar—and this year, it doubled as the grand finale of the 2025 Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat Series. With bragging rights on the line, the fleet came out fighting. Among the standouts were the J/24s, a class that has consistently punched above its weight. Six boats contested both the main Division 2 and a separately scored J/24 division, making it one of

Kaotic powering away from the top mark Helly Hansen Women's Challenge Courtesy Marg's Yacht Photos



the most closely watched matchups of the day. Thanks to strong backing from the local New South Wales J/24 Class Association—where women make up almost 40% of the membership, including a growing number of under-25 sailors—the turnout was as impressive as the talent on display.

A Classic Harbour Battle Unfolds

The racecourse—a long, challenging passage through shifting easterlies—offered plenty of tactical conundrums. A general recall delayed the Division 2 start, but the J/24s



were soon off cleanly in round two. Leading the charge was *Okavango Delta*, skippered by Macie Bourke and a sharp crew from Manly Yacht Club. Right on their heels was *Ace*, helmed by the experienced Lyn Humphreys with a blended team from Middle Harbour and Manly.

Kaotic, sailed by Catherine Thornton-Rofe, also from Manly, stayed low on the line but made early gains with good boat speed. And after a slower start, Tegan Franklin's Innamincka surged into contention by the top mark, turning the heat up on the leaders. The first work saw tight exchanges with Stock Car (skippered by Natasha Leung) and Waterhound also very much in the mix. As the breeze danced between east and north, fortunes shifted with every leg. By the second upwind beat, Innamincka had surged into the lead—but the long, snaking downwind stretch from North Head to Balmoral Beach shuffled the order again. Ace grabbed the advantage at the bottom mark, followed closely by Kaotic and a persistent Innamincka. On the final work back toward Manly, it became a two-boat drag race. *Kaotic* closed in hard, flying on the reach into the finish. But Ace held her nerve and her lead, snatching victory by a nail-biting four seconds. Innamincka crossed the line third after a valiant campaign.

Celebration, Recognition and What's Next

Back ashore, the atmosphere was pure celebration. As the sun dipped over Manly Cove, sailors and supporters gathered for a classic post-race barbecue and prizegiving on the clubhouse deck. On PHS results in Division 2, Ace, Kaotic, Okavango Delta and Waterhound placed second through fifth respectively—out of a competitive 24-boat fleet. The success was a testament not only to talent but also to the depth of women's sailing on Sydney Harbour. Gratitude was shared for event sponsor Helly Hansen, whose steadfast support over three decades has helped shape this regatta into a pillar of inclusivity and excellence in the sport. The tireless work of organisers and the Race Committee volunteers was also warmly acknowledged. Looking ahead, eyes are now on the upcoming J/24 Youth Challenge, also being run out of Manly Yacht Club and set to bring another wave of energy to the harbour in June 2025. (Dave West - NSW President)

Australia Report



Sandringham Yacht Club

National Report

With growing excitement for the forthcoming Epigen J/24 Worlds 2026 in Melbourne, all major regattas are now scheduled out of Sandringham Yacht Club. The first, the Sandringham Hodges 2025 Australian Championship, attracted entries from four states with the biggest effort from Janet Syme sailing *Jet* coming 1829 Km (1136 Miles) from "Far North Queensland." The regatta also featured five past J/24 Australian Champions all keen to get back in the Class.

Sean Kirkjian (*Vice Versa*, six-time National Champion) took the title ahead of two past National Champions Brendan Lee (*Great White*) in second and Steve Wright (*Tinto*) in third. Notably, three all-female crews from three states competed with 1969 World Moth Champion Dave McKay (*Stamped Urgent*) finishing sixth.

The next regatta was the historic Festival of Sails (the oldest sporting event in Australia) over the Australia Day long weekend in Geelong, 50 km south of Melbourne. Attracting 300 entries from TP52 to one-design fleets, seven J/24s sailed the 50 km (27 nautical miles) passage race, with three windward/leeward one-design races, finishing up on day three with a casual 60 km (32 nautical miles) sail home in 30 knots and 35 degree heat. *Two Dogs*, skippered by Jack Fullerton, won ahead of *Convicts Revenge* Simon Grain and *Kaotic* Catherine Thornton-Rofe from NSW.

The final regatta of the season was the Sandringham Hodges Victorian Championship, once again sailed out of Sandringham Yacht Club. The entry list was a repeat of the National Championship with the exception of *Tinto*. With winds ranging from 17 to 25+ knots, this was a predominantly jib-only event. Once again, Sean Kirkjian sailing *Checkmate* (yes, that's his second boat) excelled, winning with a third-place drop. Second and third were closer with Brendan Lee in *Great White* followed by another National Champion Hugo Ottaway in *Bruschetta VI*.

Class momentum and growth

The buzz around the Class is growing. Six boats have changed hands since December. Both Sean Kirkjian and Dave West have purchased a second boat; Kirkjian notably buying two in a month.

Catherine Thornton-Rofe and her all-female crew have

purchased *Kaotic*, while former champions are returning to the Class: Nick Chapman (1997 National J/24 Champion) buying *Joyride* and Barney Walker (1993 J/24 National Champion) chartering *Haywire*.

In Adelaide, South Australia, six club J/24s have recently been sold to new owners, keen to reinvigorate the Class in SA, led by Mark Evans and Scott Hagan.

Over in Perth, Western Australia, Ron Thompson in his Italian built J/24 *Fun2* is leading a group of four other owners all keen to transport their boats 3000 km across the Nullarbor desert to Melbourne for the 2026 Worlds. A truly impressive effort!

Finally, investments continue across the fleet: new masts have been purchased with another four new rigs due next month, and leading sailmakers are getting deeply involved. Doyle Sails and North Sails staff are sailing in the fleet with *Jab* backed by Warren Slater's South East Sails.

Looking ahead

Moving forward, four teams are heading to the Plymouth 2025 World Championship: *Tinto* Steve Wright, *Innamincka* John Crawford, *Ace* Dave West and *Jab* Warren Slater. We encourage everyone to connect with these teams to learn more about our the Epigen 2026 Melbourne World Championship.

The 2025 Winter season starts with a winter series from May to September at Sandringham Yacht Club, followed by a regatta in Manly, NSW on the June long weekend.

The 2025-26 Summer regattas start with Sail Sandy at Sandringham Yacht Club in October, followed by the NSW state titles in Cronulla first week of November.

The 2026 Australian Championship in January 2026 at Sandringham Yacht Club will be a critical qualifying event for the Epigen Worlds 2026, bringing the best J/24 sailors from around the country. This will be the most competitive fleet in years with major investments already being made by owners to get their boats and teams up to speed.

We look forward to this exciting season going forward, and welcoming friends - old and new - from near and afar to the shores of Melbourne. (*Hugo Ottaway, J/24 Australia*)

Join Us for the 2025 J/24 European Championship in Wemeldinge!



Preparations are well underway for the 2025 J/24 European Championship, which will take place July 7-12 in the beautiful sailing town of Wemeldinge, the Netherlands.

The team is working hard to create an unforgettable event both on and off the water. Wemeldinge offers fantastic sailing conditions, excellent facilities and a welcoming atmosphere — everything you need for great racing and great fun.

We warmly invite all J/24 sailors from across Europe and beyond.

Mark your calendars, gather your crew and get ready for top-level competition and memorable moments. We can't wait to welcome you to Wemeldinge!

European Championship J/24 2025 manage2sail



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Championship is hosted in Plymouth by the Plym Yacht Club and Saltash Sailing Club. Both clubs are actively building to an event in September that will see 60 plus J/24s racing outside the breakwater in what will be a hotly contested event. Teams already entered are from as far away as America, Argentina, Australia, etc.

FUN FACT: Plymouth is the home of the Mayflower steps where the Pilgrims boarded their boat and left England to invent America and landed initially at Plymouth Rock.

The Spring Cup is the first event in the year that sees the fleet together, sailing outside of the breakwater where the Worlds will be held. With 16 boats entered and 15 taking part, this was going to be a congested day on the water. There was a chance to see what improvements / work had been done to the boats in the winter months. James Torr in *Majic* was sporting a newly faired / profiled keel and polished underwater profile. Chloe Nunn and her all-female team were there in a new-to-them J/24 *Mojo* with the antifoul

removed. Tim Octon was testing *NJO3* which has been chartered to an Australian team; she was looking very shiny. (Anyone looking for charter boats for the Worlds should reach out to the UK Association, as there are a few yet to be publicized.)

Launching was at Yacht Haven Quay (where the visiting boats will launch for the Worlds). As usual, they were very efficient and keen to get everyone launched on Friday afternoon as it was POETS day. After launching, the fleet moved to Yacht Haven Marina (the base for the Worlds).

The weather was looking promising for a weekend of racing outside of the breakwater for both the scheduled days earlier in the week. Saturday dawned with a forecast of very light winds from a variety of directions and a spring tide (visitors to Plymouth, especially those from the Baltic and any lake sailors, be aware that there is tide and the water keeps moving). This was going to prove to be a very testing day for Dave Curnow (thank you), the PRO for the weekend, and his team—especially the mark layers. And it proved to be with one race completed on the Saturday.

RACE ONE: Two laps with the wind very light, circa 6 knots, out of the south. There was lot of jockeying for position at the pin end, won by Dave Hale in his old boat *Davy J* (this was going to be a common theme for the weekend). John Gorman in *Italian Job* (a boat he has owned from new) took a decisive choice and took the port side of the



course. This saw him lead at the top mark being chased down by Dave Hale and his team who took the win with John coming a very solid second.

Race Two (Saturday): This was started in a southwesterly breeze of approximately 10+ knots and looked like it had set in as teams were spotted adjusting rig settings. However, Dave Curnow eventually abandoned this race when the wind died, veered 100 degrees and J/24s were seen running into the windward mark with spinnakers set. The bottle race to Saltash Sailing Club was abandoned, but the social was still on. Thanks must go to the club for arranging a subsidized bar and the galley for the sailing supper. Competitors to the Worlds will have a chance to visit Saltash Sailing Club mid-week as there is a lively mid-week party scheduled at the club with everything Cornish (remember Jam first) being represented.

Sunday dawns with a forecast of the wind set in the southwest at approximately 10 knots all day. The SIs were changed overnight to accommodate four races in the day.

RACE THREE: Saw *Davy J* take the win, but with *Majic* and *Jive* (Dave Cooper, IJCA Chair) filling the podium. All three boats had taken different routes to the first top mark, so it was impossible to work out if there was a preferred side to the beat. At the finish, there was the opportunity to lose several places on the final run (the author did), as the bulk of the fleet finished within 5 minutes of the winner.

RACE FOUR: Davy J again takes the win followed by Mr Mann (Shane Hewlett) and third Juggernaut (Neil Trathen).

RACE FIVE: First *Mr Mann*, second *Juggernaut*, third *Jive* (wow they are fallible or was *Davy J* sixth having lunch). The win for *Mr Mann* secured them second overall (what is *Juggernaut* doing in second, they are sailing so well chapeau).

RACE SIX: The final for the last podium place between *Majic* and *NJO3*. *Davy J* got that jump and led the fleet home. The race for third overall was decided with *NJO3* getting a favourable gust / shift down the final run courtesy of a moored ship which gave them two boat lengths over *Majic* with *Mr Mann* at the finish.

Congratulations to the winning team of *Davy J* owned by Nick McDonald and helmed by Dave Hale. They look to be the form UK boat that has the best chance at the World Championship—certainly something for the other UK boats to aim for.

A notable performance by Neil Trathen in his Westerly J/24 *Juggernaut* saw him finish fifth overall. With two podiums, he seems to have found significant height and speed in one of the fleet's local boats (put your money on him for the top Westerly at the Worlds).

Saltash Sailing Club provided glass and bottle prizes that filtered down the fleet at the prize-giving.



The iconic bay of Viña del Mar, Chile, will become the heart of sailing in South America as it hosts the J/24 South American Championship. More than 30 boats from Chile and other nations of the South American region will compete in this high-level regatta set to take place on November 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th, in the middle of central Chile's pleasant spring season.

Organized by the Yacht Club de Chile in Viña del Mar and J/24 Chile, the event promises thrilling races under ideal sailing conditions in the Pacific Ocean. Known for its competitive spirit, the J/24 class is a global benchmark in keelboat racing, blending speed, teamwork, and tactical skill.

With the stunning Pacific backdrop and intense on-water action, this championship will be a spectacle for both sailors and fans. Viña del Mar once again proves to be a premier destination for international sailing.



Get ready to witness the best of South American sailing!





As is the usual case, the Youth Grant Committee had a hard time picking one overall recipient for the USJCA Youth Grant Program. For the 2025 season, we decided to pick two winners: SAM HOPPER from Portland, Oregon and SAM PARSONS from Annapolis, Maryland. Help us welcome our two newest Youth Grant Recipients!

ABOUT SAM HOPPER AND HIS CREW

Outside of J/24 sailing, our team has quite the extensive resumes. (Sam is the current Junior World Champion.)

Sam Hopper (Owner/Skipper of Hull #62):

- 2022 Pac Cup raced J/105 Free Bowl of Soup finished
 1st in class, 4th overall
- 2024 Pac Cup raced Wylie 70 Rage 2nd in class, 5th overall
- 6 Pacific Northwest Offshores 1st in division five times,
 1st overall two times
- 9 Swiftsures 1st in class twice, 1st overall once
- 4 PNW Race Weeks 1st in division twice
- 3 Round the Countys 1st in class twice
- 2 Seattle J/Fest 2nd in J/105
- Sears, Triple Handed Youth Nationals
- J/24 Worlds 1st in Youth Division

Piper Easton (Trimmer):

- 4 Pacific Northwest Offshores 1st overall once, 1st in class, 2nd overall once, 2nd in Division
- 3 Swiftsures
- 1 Round the County
- Atlantic HH66 Catamaran delivery
- Bemis, Double Handed Youth Nationals
- J/24 Worlds 1st in Youth Division

Peter Schnell (Tactician):

- Bemis, Double Handed Youth Nationals -2nd overall once
- C420 Invitational from US Sailing 2nd Overall
- Sails for Olin College
- Pacific Northwest Offshore 1st overall
- J/24 Worlds 1st in Youth Division

Annika Phillips (Mid):

- J/24 Worlds 1st in Youth Division
- Pacific Northwest Circuit Champion in C420
- Tahiti Delivery

Everett McAvoy (Bow):

- · Sails for University of Hawaii
- Sears, Triple Handed Youth Nationals 6th overall
- Pacific Northwest Circuit Champion in C420
- 3 Pacific Northwest Offshore 1st in division twice
- 2 Swiftsures
- PCCSC Match Racing Championship
- PNW Race Week 1st in division
- Hawaii Soling States 1st overall
- Harbor Cup 1st overall
- J/24 Worlds 1st in Youth Division

After winning the Youth Division of the World Championship, and we were fortunate enough to receive the J/24 Kelly Holmes-Moon Youth Grant, we are planning to attend as many events as possible. Our calendars are marked for the following events and regattas:

- · Midwinters Miami, FL
- North Americans Houston, TX
- Regular Thursday Night Racing in Portland, OR
- Western Regionals
- World Championship, Plymouth UK

Keith Whittemore will be Sam's mentor.

ABOUT SAM PARSONS AND HIS CREW

Sam and his team of Chris, Hannelyn, Josh and DJ comprise the J/24 Lucky 13 sailing team. Together they have spent one season together competing at numerous handicap and one-design races on the Chesapeake Bay, culminating in competing at the J/24 East Coast Championship. Sam started competitively sailing at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy where he sailed Lasers, 420s and FJs, and helped qualify for College Sailing Nationals. He switched to keelboats and competed in the MAISA Match Racing Semifinals and in two Block Island Race Weeks skippering a J/111. Before purchasing J/24 Lucky 13, he competed with several boats on the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays and competed in the Annapolis to Bermuda Race. Chris sailed for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy as well, competing in numerous offshore races and winning the Kennedy Cup for college keelboat racing. Hannelyn has experience sailing Lucky 13 in one-design regattas as well as double-handing in many point-to-point races. Josh has experience sailing most nights of the week on various boats throughout the Chesapeake Bay area. DJ grew up sailing in the Annapolis area and has experience racing everything from dinghies to multiple Bermuda Races. The Lucky 13 sailing team looks to continue competing at many one-design and handicap races on the Chesapeake Bay and surrounding areas this year.

SCHEDULE

One Design: Charleston Race Week, Helly Hansen Sailing World Annapolis, East Coast Championship, J/24 Nationals, J/World Thursday Nights, AYC Frostbite Series.

PHRF: Spring Fling, Spring Race to Oxford, Five Forts Race, Annapolis to Miles River, Maryland Cures Cancer Regatta, Race to Baltimore, CRAB Cup, Annapolis to Cambridge, Hospice Cup, Race to Rock Hall

Jeff Hayden will be Sam's mentor.



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With the start of the 2025 season only around the corner teams are starting to dig their boats out of hibernation in ready for the first event of the year, The Western Championships in Sligo over the weekend 17th/18th May. Sligo Yacht Club boasts a strong local fleet and along with the usual travellers this is shaping up to be a great season opener.

A month later the fleet travel to Cork for the Southern Championships on 21st/22nd June. It has been eight years since Royal Cork Yacht Club last hosted a J/24 event and there is great excitement amongst the teams to return to this iconic venue.

With many local regattas taking place in July the next J/24 event will be 16th/17th August in Wicklow for our Eastern Championships. Wicklow Sailing Club hosted a

super event last year and we are delighted to return to this venue and it is the ideal event leading into the Worlds in Plymouth where the Irish Fleet will be fulfilling our allocation of entries.

After the Worlds we will conclude our season with our National Championships, this year being hosted by Lough Ree Yacht Club from 26th-28th September. LRYC is home to no other than Cillian Dickson of Headcase fame. Cillian and his team are very much looking forward to welcoming us there for our season highlight.

Best wishes and fair winds to all our J/24 Sailors.

Canada Report



Canada's freshly minted Class Council has been hard at work reviving the Class Association in Canada. First and foremost, the Canadian National Championship will be held for the first time since 2019 as a part of the annual Nepean One Design Regatta at the Nepean Sailing Club in Ottawa, Ontario, June 20-22. Council members and local fleet members are excited to host the event and look forward to welcoming visiting boats from Ontario, Quebec, the northeast US and Nova Scotia.

The Association has also been busy with branding and marketing. It has designed and adopted a new logo, launched a new website (www.j24canada.ca) and created new Facebook and Instagram channels. The Association hopes to reconnect with past members while connecting with new members through these channels.

In an effort to rebuild its membership base, the membership structure has been simplified to a single tier, with an annual fee of just \$35. Council members are hoping that the new low rate will serve as an enticement for J/24 enthusiasts to join and connect with others across the country through Association activities.

Looking forward, the Canadian council hopes to work on a multi-year event plan to increase the number of annual J/24 events, continued outreach to link with J/24 fleets across Canada and off-season activities to keep members connected.

To connect with the Class Association in Canada, you can write to Councillor Jeff Jorgensen at communications@j24canada.org.





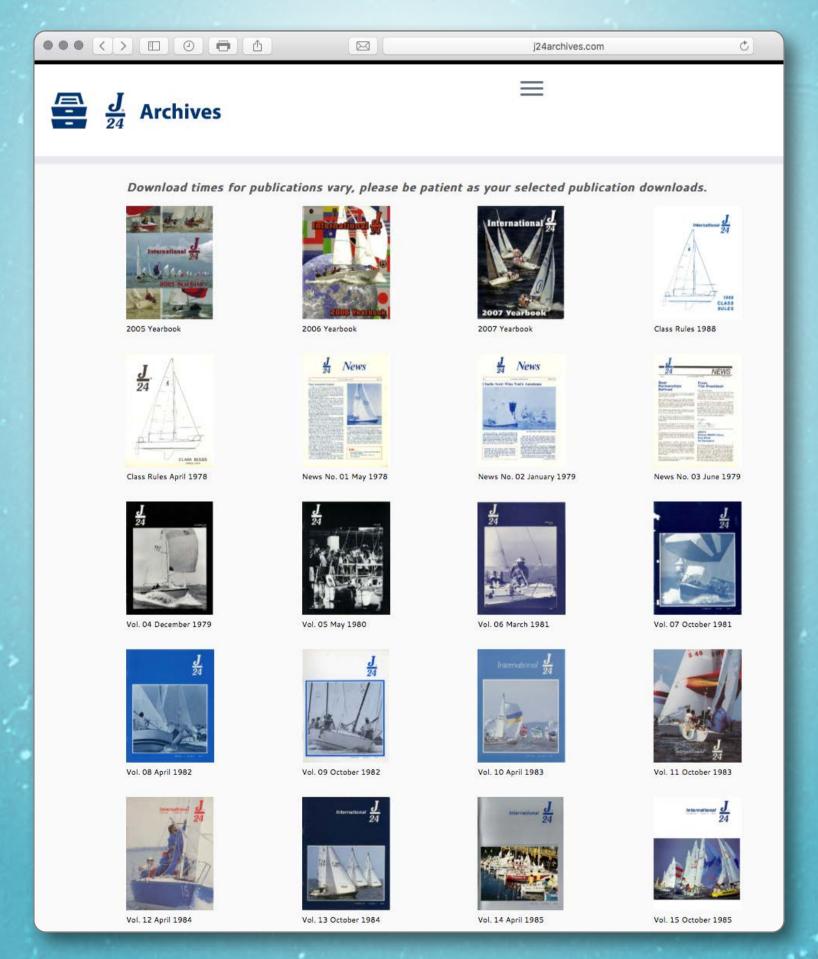


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Counting Down to the J/24 Open Spring Championship Looking ahead to the traditional Carrara-based J/24 event, scheduled over two weekends and organized by the Club Nautico Marina di Carrara in collaboration with the Italian J/24 Class Association.

Marina di Carrara. The J/24 Fleet of the Gulf of Poets is ready to set sail and welcome all J/24 crews wishing to take part in the J/24 Open Spring Championship, a traditional event that, together with the Club Nautico Marina di Carrara, in collaboration with the Italian J/24 Class Association and under the aegis of the Italian Sailing Federation, will officially launch the 2025 racing season for Carrara's J/24 fleet.

This year, the J/24 Open Spring Championship will be held over two weekends and will include twelve races in the waters off the Marina di Carrara harbor. The first warning signal is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 1st, with racing continuing the following day and then again on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th March. No warning signals will be given after 4:00 p.m. on the final day.

If fewer than four races are completed, no discards will be allowed; after the fourth race, one discard will be permitted, and with nine races, the two worst results may be excluded. Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in the overall standings.

After the conclusion of the J/24 Open Spring Championship, the Club Nautico Marina di Carrara and the J/24 Class will once again take center stage on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th April with the National Regatta – Nino Menchelli Trophy (coefficient 2), the opening event of the 2025 Italian National Circuit. This circuit, held from April to November in some of Italy's most beautiful sailing venues, is divided into nine stages and will award the Francesco Ciccolo Perpetual Challenge Trophy—reserved for the overall winner with no discards—and the J/24 Trophy,

awarded to the best Owner-Driver, calculated based on their top four finishes.

The second National Regatta of 2025 (also coefficient 2) will again take place in Tuscany: from April 25th to 27th, the J/24 Fleets will compete off the coast of Livorno, hosted by the local section of the Italian Naval League, as part of the International Sailing Week – Naval Academy and City of Livorno.

Last year, the J/24 Five for Fighting, owned and helmed by Eugenia de Giacomo (CC Roggero di Lauria, crewed by Nicola and Matilde Pitanti, Marco Bruna, and Lorenzo Cusimano), claimed victory at the Carrara J/24 Open Spring Championship with five race wins. Joining them on the podium were two local J/24 teams: Razor Bill, helmed by Giuseppe Simonelli, and Percinque, owned by Antonio Criscuolo and helmed by Luca Macchiarini (CNMdC). The six races were sailed in calm seas with building breezes around 7 knots. The Race Committee was chaired by Admiral Luigi D'Amico, assisted by Gigi Porchera, Tiziano Menconi, and Vincenzo de Meo, while Nicola Bucci and the mark layers Milosh Grinbergh, Simone Vallerini, and Matteo Bertaccini managed the windward mark.

In 2023, Ita 212 Jamaica, owned and helmed by Italian Class President Pietro Diamanti, won ahead of Ita 304 Five for Fighting (tied on 6 points) and Ita 483 Percinque, all protagonists of one of the three races completed. Severe weather on Saturday prevented the scheduled three races from taking place on the first day. The Race Committee was composed of Chairman Adm. Luigi D'Amico, Gigi Porchera, and Tiziano Menconi.

Now that the various Winter Championships have concluded, crews of the world's most popular and widely raced one-design keelboat—designed by Rod Johnstone in 1976 and still going strong—are preparing for another season of high-level competition.



With a full and engaging calendar that continues to attract new teams and capture public attention ashore, the Italian J/24 Class Association is especially eager, once again in 2025, to welcome new young sailors into the fleet—an important sign of the vitality and adaptability of the Class. Updates and activities will continue to be shared across the J/24 Italian Class Association's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Jamaica Leads the J/24 Open Spring Championship in Carrara

Seven races and fierce competition mark the first weekend of the traditional Carrara-based J/24 event, held over two weekends and organized by the Club Nautico Marina di Carrara in collaboration with the Italian J/24 Class Association.

Marina di Carrara. Jamaica and Five for Fighting, the J/24s that dominated the last two editions of the J/24 Open Spring Championship—an event organized by the Club Nautico Marina di Carrara, in collaboration with the Italian J/24 Class Association and under the patronage of the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV), which officially opens the racing season for the Gulf of Poets' J/24 Fleet—were once again the stars of the first two days of the 2025 edition. Ita 212 Jamaica, owned and helmed by Italian Class President Pietro Diamanti (winner in 2023), and Ita 304 Five

for Fighting, owned and helmed by Eugenia de Giacomo (winner in 2024), dominated the first seven races of the just-ended weekend, each securing three wins.

"Saturday's three races, sailed off the coast of Marina di Carrara, were marked by a Tramontana breeze reaching 10 knots, while Sunday's four races enjoyed a Scirocco wind, sunshine, and flat seas," commented Diamanti. "They were great races—very competitive, with boats extremely close to each other. A perfect training opportunity ahead of a busy racing season."

At the end of the first leg, just a few points separate the leaders:

Jamaica (CN Marina di Carrara) is currently first with 12 points (1,2,1,4,1,3,4), followed by Five for Fighting (CC Roggero di Lauria) just one point behind at 13 points (4,1,3,1,3,1,5), and Ita 508 Furio with Paolo Pucci (CNMC) in third place with 17 points (3,4,4,2,2,4,2).

Winner of the seventh race, Ita 449 Razor Bill, helmed by Giuseppe Simonelli, holds fourth overall (CNMC, 18 points; 2,3,2,5,5,1), ahead of Ita 483 Percinque, owned by Antonio Criscuolo and helmed by Luca Macchiarini (22 points).



The J/24 Open Spring Championship, spread across two weekends and twelve races, will resume on Saturday, March 15 and conclude on Sunday, March 16.

Following the Spring Championship, Club Nautico Marina di Carrara and the J/24 Class will once again take center stage on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 April with the National Regatta – Nino Menchelli Trophy (coefficient 2), the opening stage of the 2025 National Circuit.

This circuit, held from April to November across Italy's most scenic sailing venues and structured over nine stages, will award the Francesco Ciccolo Perpetual Challenge Trophy—reserved for the overall winner with no discards—and the J/24 Trophy for the best Owner-Driver, with the score calculated on the four best results.

In Carrara, the J/24 "Jamaica" is the 2025 Spring Champion.

Seven races and intense competition during the first weekend, followed by a standstill in the final one due to adverse weather and sea conditions: the traditional J/24 Carrara event, held over two weekends and well organized by the Club Nautico Marina di Carrara in collaboration with the Italian J/24 Class Association, concluded with the awards ceremony.

Marina di Carrara. J/24 ITA 212 Jamaica, owned and helmed by the President of the Italian Class Pietro Diamanti (already winner in 2023), is the 2025 Spring Champion. After seven fiercely contested races in the opening round—marked by an exciting head-to-head with last year's winner, ITA 304 Five for Fighting (owned and helmed by Eugenia de Giacomo)—the adverse weather and sea conditions of the recently concluded weekend prevented the remaining scheduled races from taking place, leaving the J/24 Open Spring Championship standings unchanged.

The classic event, well organized in the waters off Marina di Carrara by the Club Nautico Marina di Carrara, chaired by Carlandrea Simonelli, in collaboration with the Italian J/24 Class Association and under the patronage of the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV), traditionally opens the racing season for the J/24 Fleet of the Gulf of Poets. The

championship ends, therefore, with the victory of Jamaica (CNM Carrara; 12 points; finishes: 1,2,1,4,1,3,4), crewed by Pietro Diamanti, Antonio Lupo, Paolo Pezzica, Andrea Porchera, and Luca Lattanzi. Five for Fighting (CC Roggero di Lauria; 13 points; 4,1,3,1,3,1,5) placed second by just one point, and ITA 508 Furio with Paolo Pucci (CNMC; 17 points; 3,4,4,2,2,4,2) took third place. Winner of the seventh race, ITA 449 Razor Bill helmed by Giuseppe Simonelli, came in fourth overall (CNMC; 18 points; 2,3,2,5,5,1), followed by ITA 483 Percinque, owned by Antonio Criscuolo and helmed by Luca Macchiarini (22 points).

The Race Committee was chaired by Admiral Luigi d'Amico, assisted by Gigi Porchera and trainee Vincenzo de Meo. Among the buoy layers, the youngest was Mattia Bucci.

With the conclusion of the J/24 Open Spring Championship, the Club Nautico Marina di Carrara and the J/24 Class are set to return on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 April for the National Regatta – Trofeo Nino Menchelli (coefficient 2), the opening round of the 2025 National Circuit. This circuit, held in some of Italy's most beautiful locations from April to November and consisting of nine stages, will award the Francesco Ciccolo Perpetual Challenge Trophy—reserved for the overall winner without discards—and the J/24 Trophy, awarded to the best Owner-Helmsman based on the top four races sailed.

The second National Regatta of 2025 (also coefficient 2) will also take place in Tuscan waters: the J/24 Fleets will compete from 25 to 27 April off the coast of Livorno, hosted by the local section of the Lega Navale Italiana, as part of the International Sailing Week of the Naval Academy and City of Livorno.

It's an intense calendar that promises to engage an increasing number of boats and attract public interest ashore. For 2025 as well, the main goal of the Italian J/24 Class Association remains to welcome more young sailors into the fleet—confirming the vitality and versatility of the Class and the J/24. The season's activity will be followed closely through the Italian J/24 Class Association's Facebook and Instagram pages.



The J/24 Puglian Fleet Zonal Championship Kicks Off The event is scheduled for the weekend of March 22 and 23 with the J-Spring Trofeo Ippocampo.

Thanks to Circolo Nautico Ippocampo, the Associazione Compagnia del Mare, CN II Maestrale Santo Spirito, and Fleet Captain Soriano, the J/24 Puglian Fleet is returning to the water with even more enthusiasm and determination, with a special focus on youth.

Molfetta (Ba) – After a few years of absence, the J/24 Puglian Fleet, thanks to the commitment of Circolo Nautico Ippocampo and Associazione Compagnia del Mare—both based in the city of Molfetta—is ready to return to racing in its home waters for the 2025 Zonal Championship, scheduled for Saturday, March 22, and Sunday, March 23. Fleet Captain of Puglia, Nino Soriano, is counting on the participation of around ten boats, but above all, on the growing enthusiasm of the owners and their crews as they face new opportunities—potentially including a stage of the J/24 National Circuit in Puglia in the near future. For the past couple of years, following the lead of the region's most representative boats—Ita 427 Jebedee and Ita 439 L'Emilio, respectively owned by Fleet Captain Soriano and Compagnia del Mare and regulars on the national and international circuits of the world's most widespread one-design keelboat—several new owners have taken their first steps into the J/24 racing scene. Thanks also to promotional events aimed at young sailors, organized by the FIV's VIII Zone Committee, crews are young and promising, eager to take on racing maneuvers and starts. Circolo Ippocampo has provided the platform for this growth, demonstrating its strong organizational skills despite being a relatively young club.

The J/24 Zonal Championship, organized under FIV delegation by CN Ippocampo in collaboration with Compagnia del Mare and CN Il Maestrale Santo Spirito, with the patronage of the Municipality of Molfetta, includes: **Saturday, March 22**: Opening ceremony and skipper

briefing at 9:00 AM, followed by the warning signal for the first race at 11:00 AM, and subsequent races throughout the day. At 6:00 PM, a social gathering will be held for registered crews.

Sunday, March 23: The warning signal for the first race is scheduled for 10:30 AM. After the races, the top three boats will be awarded in a prize-giving ceremony. In the event of adverse weather conditions that prevent the races from taking place, the event will be rescheduled for March 29 and 30 with the same program.

A maximum of six races are scheduled (with one discard allowed starting from the fifth race), with no more than three races per day. The Championship will be valid if at least two races are completed. The course will be a windward-leeward (sausage) layout with a downwind finish behind the committee boat, as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

So, the rendezvous for all Puglian J/24 enthusiasts and sailing fans is Saturday, March 22, for the **J-Spring Trofeo Ippocampo**, with hopes that the current momentum will attract more crews and contribute to the growth of one of Italy's largest J/24 fleets.

J/24 Lumachia Wins the J-Spring Trofeo Ippocampo in Molfetta

Also on the podium: Jebedee with an Under 25 crew, and L'Emilio.

The event, valid for the J/24 Puglian Fleet Zonal Championship, concluded after four races.

Thanks to Circolo Nautico Ippocampo, Associazione Compagnia del Mare, CN II Maestrale Santo Spirito, and Fleet Captain Soriano, the J/24 Puglian Fleet returned to the water with even greater enthusiasm, determination, and a strong focus on youth participation.



Molfetta (Ba) – Successfully held in the waters off Molfetta by CN Ippocampo in collaboration with Compagnia del Mare and CN Il Maestrale Santo Spirito, under FIV delegation and with the patronage of the Municipality of Molfetta, the **J-Spring Trofeo Ippocampo** took place this past weekend, featuring ten J/24 boats and their equally eager crews battling it out to determine the VIII Zone Champion of the Puglian J/24 Fleet.

Of the four races held on Saturday (Sunday's races were canceled due to adverse weather conditions), the winning boat was Lumachia from Circolo Nautico II Maestrale, crewed by Puglian Fleet Captain Nino Soriano, along with Nicola Macina, Francesca Birardi, Bart Modugno, Jury Baldassarri, and Nicola Saracino. Their results—2-2-1-1 secured a strong lead over **Jebedee**, helmed by Remo Soriano with an entirely Under 25 crew (Luca Dalessandro on sheets, Sofia Mazza in the center, Andrea Camporeale on the mast, and Alessandrino Favia on the bow), and **L'Emilio** from Compagnia del Mare, helmed by Ciccio Mastropierro (with crew members Gabriele Allegretta, Carlo La Porta, Alberto Crismale, and Mimmo Guglielmi). Just off the podium was **Buccia di Banana**, helmed for the occasion by Italian J/24 Class President Pietro Diamanti, with a Puglian crew.

"The weather conditions weren't easy—the sirocco wind in the Adriatic was highly variable in both strength and direction, making things difficult not just for the race committee in setting the course but also for the crews," commented Fleet Captain Soriano. He was especially pleased with the performance of the two Circolo II Maestrale boats, composed—except for himself and experienced sailor Nico Macina—entirely of Under 25 sailors, rising stars in the one-design racing scene. He also noted the renewed interest among Puglian owners in the J/24 class.

"A big part of the credit for this successful event goes to Ciccio Mastropierro and his association Compagnia del Mare, which helped gather this enthusiastic group and also promoted an all-female crew—**Le Pink Sailing Team**—

led by Giuseppina D'Ambrosio. Special thanks also go to Circolo Ippocampo, with Davide Gadaleta and other members, for organizing both land and sea operations so efficiently," added both Soriano and Gadaleta.

"Our goal now is to maintain this momentum and develop new initiatives—we'd love to host other fleet teams, possibly through a National stage of the J/24 Trophy. After all, Puglia has no shortage of boats and owners, and this initiative is reigniting a desire to race, even among crews from Salento and Taranto, who will soon be joining the ten boats seen in this championship."

A special thank-you was also extended to Italian J/24 Class President Pietro Diamanti "for honoring the championship with his presence and experience," and to sponsors Ragno Gioielli, Obiettivo Mare, Mancini Group, Etichette L'immagine, Sud47, and the Municipality of Molfetta for their contributions to the success of the event.

The J/24 Joanna of Fabrizio Dallacasa dominates and wins the Cervia Winter Series – 19th Stefano Pirini Memorial.

The J/24 helmed by Andrea Collina triumphed in the traditional event organized by CN Amici della Vela. Thirteen races were held over seven days and two legs, in the waters off the beach of Milano Marittima.

Cervia. With the overall victory of the J/24 Joanna, owned by Fabrizio Dallacasa (CNCervia) and helmed by Andrea Collina, the 2024–2025 One-Design Winter Championship – 19th Stefano Pirini Memorial came to a close. This traditional event, dedicated to the J/24 Class, was well organized by the Circolo Nautico Cervia Amici della Vela under delegation from the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV) and, as always, was divided into two legs, held from October 19, 2024, to March 30, 2025.

Joanna – which secured victory thanks to six first-place finishes and consistently strong results, dominating both legs – finished ahead of a podium entirely made up of Circolo Nautico Cervia representatives. In second place was



Ita 500 Jay Jay, owned and helmed by Mirco Minotti with a crew of young sailors and instructors from the sailing club, and third place went to Ita 373 Arche, owned by Giuseppe Monari and helmed by the President of Circolo Nautico Cesenatico, Massimo Magnani (50 points; partials: 9,7,4,3,2,4,3,6,4,3,6,5,3).

In total, thirteen races were held over seven days in the waters off Milano Marittima, with about fifteen crews participating, not only from the active J/24 Fleet of Romagna but also from CN Brenzone.

"All the races were beautiful, with variable weather conditions and some challenging days with waves and strong winds," commented Massimo Frigerio, Head of the Romagna J/24 Fleet. "Our fleet continues to perform at a very high level, and the leading group is always close and fiercely competitive at mark roundings. The successful format of this championship will be further improved, and new initiatives will be launched to increase participation, with particular attention given to youth crews – a testament to the vitality of the Class. We look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming races of the National Circuit."

The individual races of the Cervia Winter Series – 19th Stefano Pirini Memorial were won by:

- Ita 271 Joanna (16 points; partials: 1,1,1,2,1,3,2,1,2,2,2,6,1),
- Ita 505 Jorè, co-owned by brothers Alessandro and Alberto Errani, who claimed two wins and finished fifth overall (CNCervia AdV, 60 points; partials: 5,4,7,1,11,dnc,dnc,5,3,6,8,1,9),
- Ita 500 Jay Jay (CNCAdV, 31 points; 2,2,2,6,3,1,dsq,3,5,5,4,2,2),
- Ita 450 Marbea, owned by Riccardo Guardigli and helmed by Matteo Guardigli (CN Cesenatico; 50 points;

- 10,9,3,10,4,8,1,2,6,4,1,7,5), fourth overall,
- and Ita 499 J Capitan Nemo, co-owned by Domenica Brighi and helmed by Guido Guadagni (CV Ravennate; 60 points; dnc,dnc,10,7,7,7,7,1,1,3,4,6), sixth overall – both claiming two daily wins.

La Superba dominates the J/24 Winter Series in Anzio Anzio – The 50th edition of the J/24 Winter Championship of Anzio and Nettuno came to a close, running from October 13, 2024, to April 5, 2025. The program included ten racing days and a total of twenty scheduled races, of which eighteen were successfully completed. Only one day was canceled due to adverse weather conditions. The weather was typically wintry, marked by highly variable winds—ranging from light 4–8 knot breezes to more challenging conditions with 15–20 knots and rough seas.

Starting from the second race day, the Italian Navy crew aboard La Superba joined the championship, and went on to win eleven of the sixteen races they competed in—despite racing with a boat provided by the Sailing Section that was not in ideal condition. At the helm was Ignazio Bonanno, leading his longtime successful crew from the Navy's Sailing Section in Naples.

RACE RESULTS:

First Leg:

- 1st place: American Passage Paolo Rinaldi (Lega Navale Italiana, Anzio)
- 2nd place: Pelle Rossa Gianni Riccobono (Circolo della Vela di Roma)

Second Leg:

- 1st place: La Superba Ignazio Bonanno (Italian Navy Sailing Section)
- 2nd place: Pelle Rossa Gianni Riccobono (Circolo della Vela di Roma)



- Final Standings:
- 1st place and winner of the Challenge Cup UNUCI Trophy: La Superba – Ignazio Bonanno (Italian Navy Sailing Section, Naples)
- 2nd place: Pelle Rossa Gianni Riccobono (Circolo della Vela di Roma)
- **3**rd **place:** Enjoy 2 Luca Silvestri (Lega Navale Italiana, Anzio)

The eighteen races—diverse and hard-fought—were held in the beautiful, well-established racecourse of Anzio, managed efficiently by the Circolo della Vela di Roma and the Race Committee, chaired as always by Honorary Race Officer Mario De Grenet, assisted by Enrico Ragno and Alfredo Posillipo. The Protest Committee, chaired by Paolo Romano Barbera, had virtually no work to do, thanks to the excellent sportsmanship of the competitors.

As a side event to the championship, the **Roberto Lozzi Trophy**—in memory of the late owner and skipper of J/24 ITA 428 Kaster—was held monthly on Saturdays. The trophy was won by Luca Silvestri (LNI Anzio), followed by Michele Potenza (Italian Navy Sailing Section), and Paolo Rinaldi (LNI Anzio).

The Race Committee for the Lozzi Trophy was chaired by Livia Serafini.

The 50th edition of the Anzio-Nettuno Offshore and One-Design Winter Championship was organized by the Circolo della Vela di Roma in collaboration with the Anzio clubs: RCC Tevere Remo, LNI Anzio, and the Italian Navy Sailing Section.

J/24 *Jamaica* Wins the First Leg of the 2025 National Circuit in Carrara

Four races and plenty of competition in the first leg organized by Club Nautico Marina di Carrara.

Marina di Carrara – Despite adverse sea and weather conditions, fifteen determined crews took to the water for the National Regatta, which also served as the Menchelli Trophy. This marked the official start of the 2025 J/24 National Circuit, with the first of nine scheduled events running from April to November in some of Italy's most scenic sailing venues.

As always, the Circuit will award the **Francesco Ciccolo Perpetual Challenge Trophy** to the overall winner (without discards) and the **J/24 Trophy** to the best Owner-Helmsman.

The season's first win went to Jamaica (Ita 212), owned and helmed by Pietro Diamanti, President of the Italian J/24 Class (CNMdC, 10 points; partials: 2,1,3,4). Jamaica edged out Rabbit (Ita 438), owned by Francesco Nuccara and helmed by Fabio Ascoli (CV Medio Verbano, 13 points; 5,5,2,1), and La Superba (Ita 416), the Italian Navy's J/24 entrusted to Ignazio Bonanno (MM, 14 points; 1,7,1,5). Four races were completed over the weekend by the fifteen fiercely competitive crews, representing several different fleets. On Saturday, light winds prevented any official racing. After a first start was canceled, the Race Committee—chaired by Luigi d'Amico with Gigi Porchera and Vincenzo de Meo, and joined onboard Braccio di Ferro by CRO Anita Piva—sent the crews back to shore. Although they later returned to sea, the breeze remained too light for racing, and all further races were postponed to Sunday.

On Sunday, conditions improved, and four races were completed starting at 11 a.m., with winds ranging from 6 to 12 knots. The daily wins went, in order, to La Superba, Jamaica, La Superba, and Rabbit.

The event was well organized by the Club Nautico Marina di Carrara, in collaboration with the Italian J/24 Class Association and under the authority of the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV). It was also valid as the **Nino Menchelli Trophy**, a traditional event that marks the start of the Club's racing season, presided over by Carlandrea Simonelli.

During the awards ceremony, Pietro Diamanti thanked the organizers and everyone involved in making the event such a success—both on the water, including the mark layers and CNMdC sailors (notably young windsurfer Mattia Bucci upwind), and onshore. He also expressed gratitude to all participating crews and reminded them that the National Circuit will now continue with the second National Regatta (also coefficient 2), scheduled from April 25 to 27 in Livorno. This event will be hosted by the local section of the Lega Navale Italiana as part of the International Naval Academy Sailing Week and City of Livorno Regatta.

Calendar

2025

May 26 - May 31 2025 J/24 North American Championship

Houston Yacht Club La Porte, TX, United States

June 21 - June 29 Kiel Week 2025

Kiel, Germany Kiel, Germany

July 7 - July 12 2025 J/24 European Championship

van de Rest Wemeldinge, Netherlands

September 6 - September 14 2025 J/24 World Championship

Plym Yacht Club & Saltash Sailing Club Plymouth, United Kingdom

November 27 - November 30 2025 J/24 South American

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