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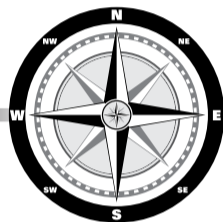
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# Chile Hosts a Memorable Return of the J/24 South American Championship After Years of Absence

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***After several years without a J/24 South American Championship on the continent, the 2025 edition—hosted in Recreo, Viña del Mar, by the Yacht Club de Chile—marked a highly anticipated return for the Class in the region. Twenty-four teams from Argentina, Chile and Uruguay gathered for four spectacular days of competition, camaraderie and world-class racing conditions.***

#### **A Wide Range of Weather Conditions Tested the Fleet**

The championship delivered a full spectrum of meteorological challenges, with winds ranging from light 6-knot breezes to strong 20-knot gusts on the final day. This variety rewarded consistency, adaptability and tactical precision—attributes that were on full display across the fleet.



### **A Championship Decided in the Final Race**

As forecasted, the title would not be settled until the final race of the series. After completing all 12 scheduled races (with one discard), *Mendieta*, helmed by Nicolás Cubría (ARG), claimed the South American title with 30 points, maintaining remarkable composure throughout the week.

### **The podium was closely contested:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – *Tata Patagonia* (ARG), Ramiro Clemente – 35 pts
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – *Manutara* (CHI), Gabriela Portus with tactician Juan Esteban Sánchez – 39 pts
- 4<sup>th</sup> – *Quattro* (ARG), Rubén Lozano – 45 pts
- 5<sup>th</sup> – *Joyita* (CHI), Carlos Solar – 62 pts

### **Flawless Race Management and Exceptional Spirit On and Off the Water**

The event was executed to perfection under the leadership of PRO Ricardo Navarro, allowing the fleet to complete the full program of races safely and efficiently. Competitors enjoyed sunny days, long Pacific swells and even sightings of dolphins around the course—elements that contributed to a uniquely memorable Championship.

Equally notable was the atmosphere ashore: warm hospitality, social gatherings and a spirit of friendship that reaffirmed the strength and character of the J/24 Class in South America.

### **A Strong Rebirth for the South American Championship**

The return of the J/24 South American Championship to Chile marked an important milestone for the Class, showcasing outstanding teams, challenging conditions and an exceptional level of organization.

Class President Cristián Echeverría (CHI) summarized, “We are extremely pleased with the turnout and the quality of racing. We enjoyed four fantastic days on the water, with tight competition from start to finish. It was an exceptional Championship.”

With renewed energy and a thriving regional fleet, this edition sets a high standard for future South American Championships, reinforces the J/24 Class’ vibrant presence on the continent, and highlights the dedicated joint effort between Chile and Argentina to strengthen and grow the Class across South America.

### **Event website:**

<https://yachtclubdechile.cl/blog/sudamericano-j24-2025/>

# J/24 European Championship 2026



***We are delighted to announce that the J/24 European Championship 2026 will take place in Gislövs Läge, Trelleborg, Sweden, 18–23 August 2026. Hosting Club: Trelleborgs Båtsällskap, TBS.***

Gislövs Läge is a charming harbour on the beautiful south coast of Sweden, just east of Trelleborg, offering excellent sailing conditions and a welcoming sailing environment.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the club originally planned to host the championship in Malmö had to Withdraw. After several months of dedicated work to find the best possible solution, we are very happy to welcome

you instead to Gislövs Läge, a venue where the Swedish J/24 fleet has sailed before with great experiences both on the water and ashore. The club TBS has a very warm and welcoming atmosphere.

We look forward to filling the harbour with J/24 boats, smiling sailors, and the fantastic spirit of our international fleet.

Come join us for great competition, strong sportsmanship, and plenty of fun both on the racecourse and ashore. It is you – the sailors – who make the J/24 class so special.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and the wonderful support from the J/24 community. More information and invitations will follow.

Warm welcome to Sweden – and fair winds at the J/24 European Championship 2026!

## TECHNICAL REPORT AND GREETINGS FROM THE IJCA TECH TEAM

Dear J/24 Sailors,

I hope you all have had a good start to 2026. As clearly shown in the photo, winter took a firm hold in Europe. At  $-7^{\circ}\text{C}$ , Rolf Stuberich's J/24 (© Photo) was lying "warm and dry" ashore and, under these conditions, truly lived up to her name Bikini Inspector.

I would like to provide you with an update on the J/24 Class Rules submitted to World Sailing. Not all Rules proposals progressed through the World Council Meeting for final consideration by World Sailing. I sincerely thank all members of the Technical Committee for their efforts in making the Class Rules clearer and more practical. Special thanks go to Nancy, Finn, Hugo and Nick for their dedication and excellent work here.

The updated 2026 J/24 Class Rules have approved by World Sailing and are available <https://www.sailing.org/classes/j24/#Documents>. You can view the specific changes there also.

I wish you all a successful winter season—spent on training, boat maintenance or final work ashore. And please remember: the next measurement is always approaching.

Fair Winds

**Michael Peters**, ITC Chair



## J/24 Canada Expands Regatta Schedule for 2026



***The J/24 Canada Class Association is excited to announce their 2026 regatta schedule. Building on the success of last year's Canadian Championship, three additional Class-sanctioned events are being added to the calendar for the 2026 sailing season. The expanded event schedule is a part of the Association's efforts to rebuild the Class in Canada and bring J/24 enthusiasts together for competitive racing.***

The season will kick off with the Ontario Championship to be hosted by the Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club in Toronto, May 22-24. This event will be a part of the club's annual ABYC Open.

The Nepean Sailing Club in Ottawa will once again host the Canadian Championship as part of the club's annual Nepean One Design Regatta, June 25-28. This event will see three days of racing that will bring together some of Canada's best J/24 crews as well as boats from the US northeast.

The Pointe-Claire Yacht Club in the Montreal region will host the Quebec Championship July 31-August 2. The club expressed considerable interest to see the return of a J/24 event to the Montreal area, as it has hosted both national and international J/24 regattas in the past. J/24 sailors in the area are thrilled to see the return of the "Coupe du Québec."

Finally, the Port Credit Yacht Club in Mississauga will host the J/24 North American Championship, September 30-October 4. The club last hosted the North Americans

in 2016 where two-time J/24 World Champion Will Welles took the top prize. Previous World Champions such as Canada's Rossi Milev and America's Travis Odenbach will be amongst this year's entries. The Regatta Committee is hard at work preparing for the event. Race registration is open (<https://2026j24nachampionship.com>), sponsors are coming on board, and planning for off-water activities is well underway.

Competitors at these events will also be vying for Canadian qualifying spots for the 2027 J/24 World Championship to be hosted by the Rochester Yacht Club.

In addition to these Class Association sanctioned events, other clubs have expressed an interest in having J/24 starts for their annual regattas, including the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club in Belleville, July 9-11, and the Whitby Yacht Club (Cam Smith Open), July 24-26.

J/24 Canada's President, Vince Somoza, is hoping that the expanded regatta schedule will inspire more J/24 owners to get their boats "off the hard" and back onto the water, and attract newcomers to the Class.



# 2026 EVENTS

**WORLD QUALIFIER**

## Ontario Championship

May 22-24, Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club  
Toronto, Ontario



**WORLD QUALIFIER**

## Canadian Championship

June 25-28, Nepean Sailing Club  
Ottawa, Ontario



## Bay of Quinte Cup

July 9-11, Bay of Quinte Yacht Club  
Belleville, Ontario



## Cam Smith Open

July 24-26, Whitby Yacht Club  
Whitby, Ontario



**WORLD QUALIFIER**

## Coupe du Québec

July 31-Aug 2, Pointe Claire Yacht Club  
Montreal, Quebec



**WORLD QUALIFIER**

## North American Championship

September 30 - October 4, Port Credit Yacht Club  
Mississauga, Ontario



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### Regatta Schedule

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Saturday 31 October - Sunday 1 November

### **J24 World Championship**

Wednesday 4 - Friday 6 November, Registration and Measurement, with an invitation race on Friday afternoon.

### **Racing**

Saturday 7 – Wednesday 11 November

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For more information go to :

**[syc.com.au/j24-worlds](http://syc.com.au/j24-worlds)**

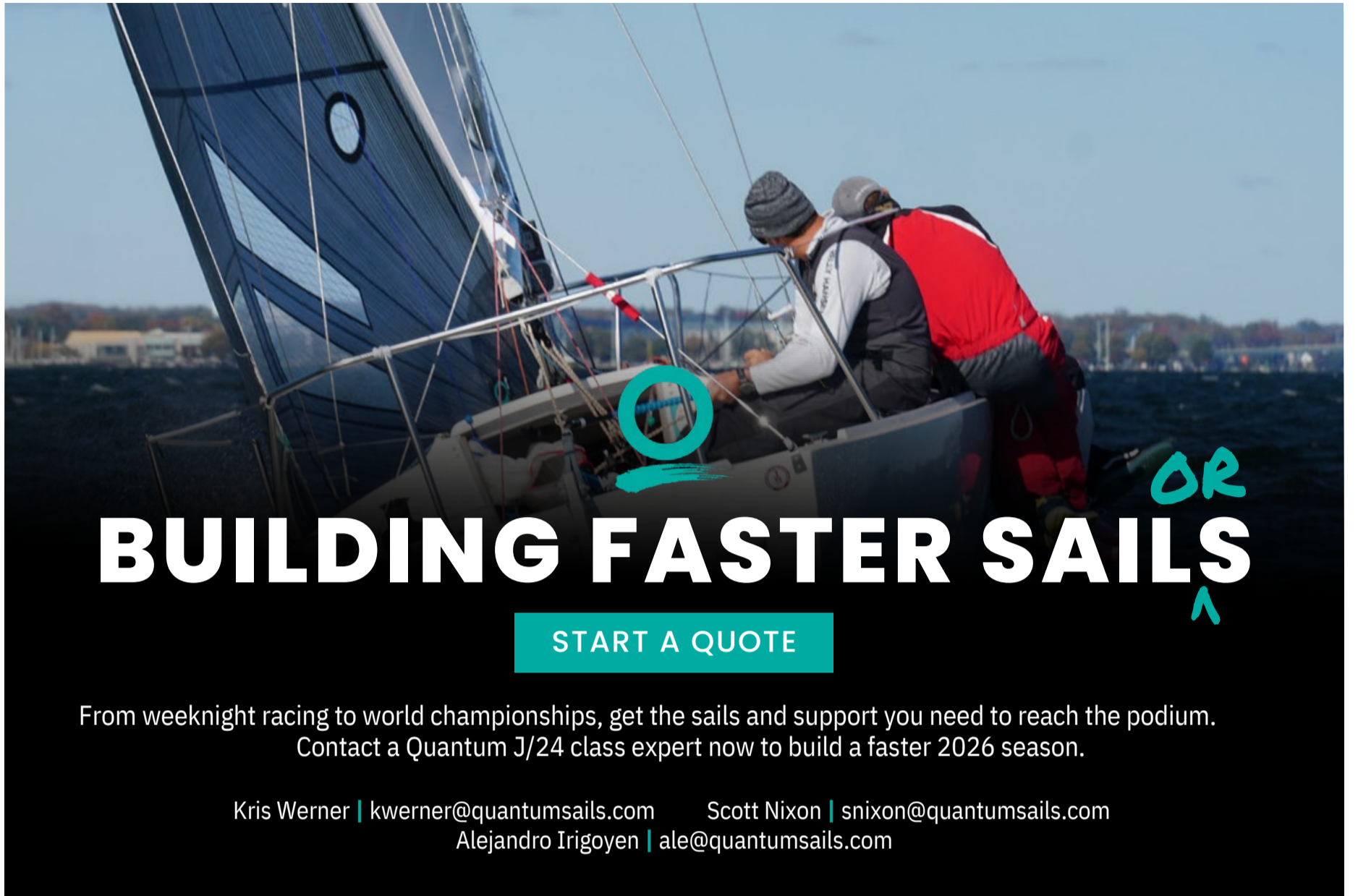
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# Australia Report

By Hugo Ottaway

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*Fox, Haywire and Amuse Bouche, close racing at the top mark*

***We are halfway through our season 'Down Under,' and the excitement is building toward the 2026 Epigen World Championship with the completion of the Hodges 2026 Australian Championship.***

The regatta, which is the qualification series for the 2026 Epigen World Championship, attracted 28 entries from five states around Australia and included Kurt Dammeier's *Amuse Bouche* of the USA, Keiji Kondo's *Fox* of Japan and Lijia Xu's *Sailpac Offshored* (2012 Olympic Gold medallist) from China.

The weather was testing, with six races held in mid to windy conditions along with two 43-degree days. The Class used the Vakaros regatta management system with all competitors involved—a huge success, eliminating general recalls.

The fleet was packed with multiple Australian, World and Olympic Champions, all vying for the initial 16-strong Australian team in November. Heat winners were: *Haywire* Barney Walker VIC 1, *Amuse Bouche* Kurt Dammeier USA 2, *Bruschetta VI* Hugo Ottaway VIC 1 and *Checkmate* Sean Kirkjan NSW 2.



Daniel Abbas and Kurt Dammeier with the US flag raised at the golf course.



Once again, Keiji and crew topped the fashion stakes in matching North Sails Gortex wet weather gear.

Points of interest were: Aaron Kanther who drove *Hey J* 3,200 kilometres from Perth single-handed over four days, three female teams all from interstate and Kurt Dammeier who, when racing was cancelled (due to 35+ knots and 43-degree heat), asked if someone would take him golfing...he lasted 9 holes! Thank you, Daniel.

Also - Keiji and crew, who ran 6 km in 40-degree heat from Southland shopping centre to the yacht club to lose weight, which they certainly did (they also went golfing when racing was cancelled), and our wonderful boat builders who fixed three boats in time for the next day's racing.

# Australia Report



Mike Marshall USA with the *Bruschetta VI* table at the prize-giving evening.



Marg's Yacht photos

Photo of the day: Sean Kirkjan in *Checkmate* launching off a wave flying to windward with half of the boat out of the water.



And Mike Marshall who gave tuning advice to all those who asked, lots! Thank you.

Finally, Nick Chapman who helmed even though he had a broken shoulder falling off a ladder putting up the Christmas decorations!

Huge thank you to Megan Aulich and the Australian and Victorian Committees, Steve Aulich and Clare Cope, SYC race officers and their teams for running a great regatta, and all the remaining Class and club volunteers.

The winners were Kurt first, Barney second, Sean third. On performance handicap, winners are *Two Dogs* young Jack Fullerton, *Wildfire* Nick Chapman and third *Convict's Revenge* Simon Grain.

Ronnie Thomson in *Fun 2 WA*, who beat his sister Janet Syme in *Jet Queensland*, retains the long-contested "Thomo Cup."

Full results at <https://topyacht.net.au/results/syc/2026/kblt/J/24nationals/series.htm>

A great (if short) regatta, and just a teaser for what's to come!

On a sad note, we lost AUS Class President Steve Wright after a long battle with illness two weeks prior to the regatta. His wish was that *Tinto* would still compete, and we thank Steve's crew and his wife for their efforts in bringing *Tinto* from NSW. The Class has honoured Steve with a memorial trophy, which is now an annual competition between the top three boats from NSW and Victoria at our Nationals. I am pleased to say that Victoria won this year.

The Festival of Sails Regatta, which runs over three days had five J/24s this year. The 35-nautical-mile passage race to Geelong, was sailed again in 43-degree heat and 10 knots. Highlights were *Convict's Revenge* and *Bruschetta VI* sailing two metres apart for 5+ hours, with a winning margin of just 2 seconds.

New member Roberto Poles sailed *Sidetracked* to Geelong with only his 13-year-old daughter...true essence of what J/24 sailing is all about. Huge social J/24 night, and second place went to *Dutch Tilt* Daniel Gallagher. *Bruschetta VI*, *Dutch Tilt* and *Convict's Revenge* made up the results first to third.

# Australia Report



Two metres apart for 5+ hours

Our next regatta is the two-day Victorian States in March. With many interstate boats still here and many coming back, it will be another full-on battle between the Epigen Worlds Australian qualifiers.

Looking toward November, the Epigen World Championship follows our winter sailing program, and

we can't wait. It's going to be fantastic, great social program, brilliant sailing and a wonderful location with the racetrack 10 minutes from the Yacht Club.

See you all in November for the 2026 Epigen J/24 Worlds!  
<https://syc.com.au/j24-worlds/>



The *Bruschetta VI* and *Convict's Revenge* party is split by two S80s near the finish. Photo Chris Furey.

# UK J/24 CLASS ASSOCIATION 2026 SEASON – GET INVOLVED



## BUILDING ON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SUCCESS

Following the hugely successful 2025 J/24 World Championships hosted by the UK in Plymouth, the UK J/24 Class Association heads into 2026 with real momentum. Strong fleets, close racing and a welcoming class culture make this the perfect time to get involved.

### 2026 CLASS EVENTS

**18–19 April** – Saltash

**23–25 May** – International Paints  
Regatta, Poole

**13–14 June** – Fowey

**18–19 July** – PPSA Regatta, Plymouth

**22–24 August** – National  
Championships, Torbay Royal Regatta

**TBC September** – Autumn Cup

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# Germany Report

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Looking back, 2025 was a truly remarkable season for the **German J/24 Class**. Blessed with classic “Kaiserwetter” – the German term for steady breeze and plenty of sunshine – we welcomed new crews of all ages and skill levels to the fleet, adding fresh energy and faces to our Class.

As tradition demands, the German J/24 season both begins and ends on Hamburg’s iconic Alster. After the Alster spring cup, most race crews attended the world-famous Kiel Week, once again showcasing competitive and spirited racing.

Mid-season highlights included the German Open in Eckernförde and the European Championship hosted by our Dutch neighbours, where close competition underlined the vitality of J/24 sailing in Europe. The pinnacle of the year came at the World Championship in Plymouth, where five German teams battled in heavy-weather Beaufort 7-to-8 conditions with skill and determination.

However, J/24 sailing in Germany is about far more than regattas alone. More than half of our fleet sails on smaller lakes and rivers across the country — places where club racing in handicap fleets is balanced with relaxed evenings at the dock, a well-earned Pilsner beer and barbecued Würst, or a refreshing summer swim.

Above all, 2025 was defined by friendship, fair and affordable racing, and partying ashore throughout the entire season.



German sailor Manfred König has been sailing the J/24 since the early 1980s; here he is seen at the 2025 World Championship in Plymouth.



Often referred to as the “party class” at the German Open, we celebrated 20 years of the *Schwere Jungs* team with an aperitif — and of course this year’s winner, *Hungriger Wolf*.

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The J/24 Class first sailed at Kiel Week in 1987. Among its notable winners are Jim Brady, Manfred König, Tom Ross, *Headcase* and the *Schwere Jungs* in 2025.



The Netherlands is a fantastic sailing area, and last year seven German boats took part in the J/24 European Championship in Wemeldinge, where Stefan Karsunke & team won bronze.



Ever since the 2024 German Open, we've been thrilled by Wannsee, swimming wild boars and the friendly eleven Berlin crews.



Ask the German crews who took part in the J/24 Worlds and you'll hear hair-raising stories of 8 Beaufort winds, 4-meter waves — and a superb 10<sup>th</sup> place for Jux.



The Swedish Open is always a fun and friendly event where J/24 newcomers can gain their first experience for German teams at an international regatta level.

# Germany Report

By Anna Sophie van Dyck Kospoth

## German Rookie Team Rocks Kiel Week

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***What started with a bent gooseneck fitting and a canceled training session turned into an unforgettable adventure that truly bonded us as a crew: improvisation, teamwork, heavy breeze, waves — and plenty of bruises.***

Kiel Week began the way any good sailing adventure does: with anticipation, motivation — and a total technical failure. No sooner had we cast off on Monday evening at our home club in Hamburg than the boom and mainsail sagged onto the deck. Diagnosis: bent gooseneck fitting. Training? Canceled.

Wednesday: new gooseneck organized, trailer picked up, our beloved J/24 *Manni* craned out of the Alster. Everything going smoothly — until the spreader gets caught during the lift and bends. First lesson of the week: look up whilst craning out. Everything into the car — foul weather gear, tape, toolbox, good vibes. Cruising toward Kiel in Lars' red Ford Ranger, we were on the road. Unfortunately too late for weighing in; David and Lars not thrilled as we bought ice cream on the way.

That evening at the Olympia Centre in Schilksee, we were busy sticking on sail numbers, cleaning the boat, having a beer (it was Anfi's birthday, our foredeck vape queen) — and as a reward, cake and fireworks on the beach.

# Germany Report

## Thursday – Spreader *Kaputt*, Spirits High

An expert inspects our still slightly crooked spreader, nods knowingly, and mutters something along the lines of “it’ll hold.” Just to be safe, we send Connie up once more — bosun’s chair, tape and improvisation do the job. Next challenge: the new gooseneck fitting doesn’t fit. So with two pliers and a lot of patience, we bend the old one back into shape. Precision engineering, sweating buckets.

On the water: grey skies, waves, wind. Anfi gets seasick — motion sickness tablet. Despite everything, we make it to the racecourse. And we’re having fun. First races done.

## Friday – Blown out Spinnaker, Laughs all round

We warm up singing “Unwritten,” set the jib, hoist the spinnaker — and our beloved carbon-fibre spinnaker pole gives up on us.

Back in the harbour: dock beers, sunshine, deep breaths. In the evening, the J/24 Class BBQ. The Class Association party team, Lars, and grill master David give it their all. We give our best in the side-dish battle — didn’t win, but enjoyed an amazing meal and an even better evening. Later, a quick stop at the icon Kiellinie party mile.

## Saturday – Mainsail Down, Improvisation Up

The day starts almost suspiciously well: clean maneuvers, professional starts. Fenja brings fresh energy, Bella flies the spinnaker like a pro, and even the replacement aluminum pole does its job. Then suddenly: mainsail down — main halyard clutch blown. Leo quickly rigs up a temporary solution.

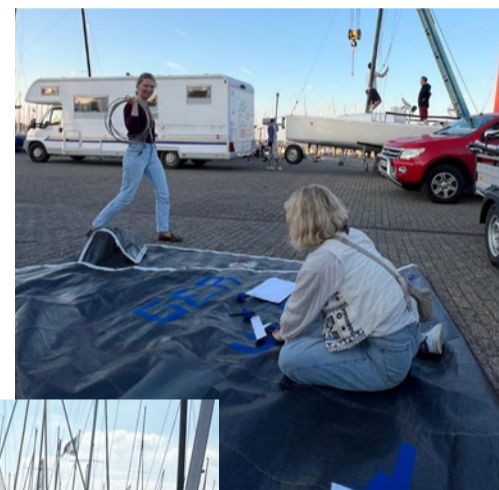
In between the chaos, we look up: tall ships sailing past in the distance, jets overhead. For a moment, we feel like pros. That night, back to the Kiellinie: a bit of partying, a bit of chain carousel, a short visit with friends on their yacht.

## Sunday – Wave in 3, 2, 1 ...

We’re exhausted. Too little sleep. Three days of racing. One crew member short. But quitting isn’t an option. Right after the start: collision with another J, penalty turn, keep going. Final race. Everyone focused. From the bow, you hear nothing but:

Then across the finish line. Brief celebration. Huge relief. And then the real race begins: who gets to the crane first? Full speed back, *Manni* gets lifted out, tools packed away, one last fish sandwich on the promenade — then back home to Hamburg.

In the end: third from last place. For us? A complete success!



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# Uruguay Report

By Eduardo Artucio

## Strong J/24 Presence at the Rolex Circuito Atlántico Sur 2026

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ROLEX CIRCUITO ATLÁNTICO SUR 2026 / © MATIAS CAPIZZANO

***The J/24 Class delivered an outstanding performance at the 2026 Rolex Circuito Atlántico Sur, held in Punta del Este, Uruguay, and co-organized by Yacht Club Argentino and Yacht Club Punta del Este, under the sponsorship of Rolex.***

The championship, which included the historic Buenos Aires–Punta del Este Race (celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary), brought together 50 yachts and more than 450 sailors from Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina competing under ORC and ORC Sportboat rules.

In the ORC Sportboat division, the J/24 fleet clearly demonstrated its competitiveness, securing four of the top five overall positions and representing the majority of the 12 boats entered in the category.



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# Uruguay Report

The championship consisted of six races: two coastal courses and four windward/leeward races, concluding with the traditional Around Gorriti Island Race (approximately 17.5 nautical miles). Conditions throughout the final race were excellent, with steady ESE winds building to 15–16 knots under clear skies.

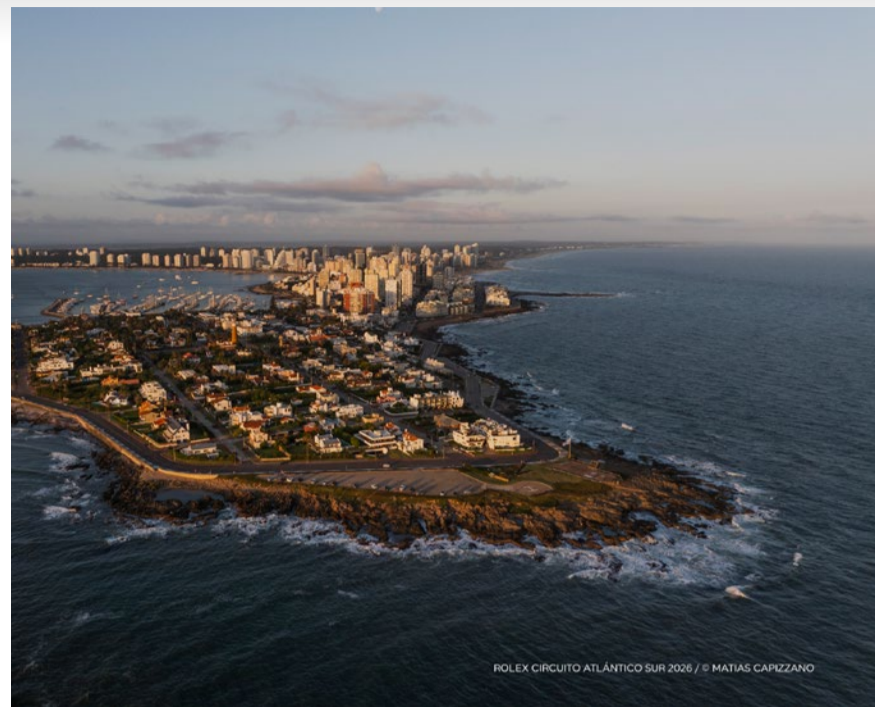
## RESULTS SUMMARY – ORC SPORTBOAT

### Overall Championship Winner:

- J/24 *Pantera* (URU) – Helm: Guillermo Pla
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: J/24 *Coyote* – Berenbau/Siedenburg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: J/24 *RUS ECTO 1* – Guillermo Vallarino / Eduardo Parra

### Best All-Female Crew Award:

- J/24 *Cutty Sark* – Bellini, Alzola, Santos, García, Rinaldi



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# Uruguay Report



## Race Highlights:

Race 1 (9.3 NM Coastal Course):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – J/24 Pantera (URU) – Guillermo Pla
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – J/24 Luca (URU) – Eduardo Artucio
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – J/24 Alpha & Beta (URU) – Alejandro De La Tour

Start: 10 knots Easterly, veering SE and easing to 7–8 knots

Race 3, 4 & 5 (Windward/Leeward Courses):

- Race 3 – 1<sup>st</sup>: J/24 Pantera
- Race 4 – 1<sup>st</sup>: J/24 Pantera
- Race 5 – 1<sup>st</sup>: J/24 Pantera (2<sup>nd</sup>: J/24 Luca; 3<sup>rd</sup>: J/24 Coyote)

## Around Gorriti Island Race (17.5 NM):

- 1<sup>st</sup> – J/24 Pantera
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – J/24 Coyote
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – J/24 Luca

This championship once again highlighted the versatility, competitiveness and strength of the J/24 Class within mixed ORC Sportboat fleets. The consistent podium finishes confirm the Class's tactical capability, adaptability to varying wind conditions and strong regional participation in South America.

The J/24 Class congratulates all participating crews and looks forward to continued success in upcoming regional and international events.



# Ireland Report

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## 2026 Season Preview

***Welcome to the 2026 season! After many months of planning we finally produced our schedule for the upcoming year which kicks off in May with the Western Championships in Mayo Sailing Club, home Club to World & European Champions Louis Malloy and Marcus Ryan.***

Then in June we have the Eastern Championships in Lough Ree Yacht Club who hosted last year's Nationals.

As usual the sailing calendar is full in July with local regattas so our next event will be in a new venue for us, Carlingford Lough Yacht Club for the Northern Championships. We're really looking forward to this one as a new venue always adds to the excitement.

The beginning of September sees us heading to one of our all time favourite Clubs , Foynes Yacht Club for the National Championships which will see 3 days of action packed racing & craic.

Then finally later in the month it's over to the Royal Irish Yacht Club in Dun Laoghaire (South Dublin) for the J-Cup where we'll be joined by J109s, J80s and a mixed class of other J Boats.

### **The Calendar as follows:**

- **May 9/10 Western Championships -**  
Mayo Sailing Club
- **June 20/21 Eastern Championships -**  
Lough Ree Yacht Club
- **August 15/16 Northern Championships -**  
Carlingford Lough Yacht Club
- **September 4/5/6 National Championships -**  
Foynes Yacht Club
- **September 19/20 J-Cup -**  
Royal Irish Yacht Club

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## 2026 J/24 Midwinter Championship Delivers Thrilling Finish at Florida Yacht Club

***The 2026 J/24 Midwinter Championship saw three days of competitive racing and memorable shoreside hospitality at Florida Yacht Club from March 13-15. Hosted by the club and Fleet 55, the Championship drew 42 boats from across North America for nine races over three days, delivering tight racing and a dramatic final outcome.***

Friday's opening day saw three races in a breeze that began strong before easing through the afternoon. Sailors returned to shore early enough to enjoy drinks poolside before heading out to explore the dining scene around Jacksonville. Saturday delivered the regatta's busiest day, with four races sailed in shifty conditions that challenged both competitors and the Race Committee. The shifting breeze kept crews on their toes and the standings in flux throughout the day. After racing, sailors enjoyed post-race festivities featuring live music and a delicious dinner, setting the stage for the Championship's final showdown.

Sunday's final two races began in light but steady winds that gradually built through the morning. With the top three boats separated by only a handful of points, the battle for the title remained wide open. In the end, the top three teams finished just one point apart, capping one of the closest Midwinter finishes in recent memory.

Claiming the 2026 J/24 Midwinter Championship was Paul Abdullah (USA) sailing *Closets by Design–Tremendous Slouch* with 49 points. Abdullah's crew included Ian Hunter, Jeff Hayden, Tucker Gilliam and Max Vinocur. Second place went to Tony Parker (USA) aboard *Bangor Packet* with 50 points, while Evan Petley-Jones (CAN) took third overall and top Corinthian honors on *Lifted* with 51 points, sailing with Ben Maloni, Evan Burns, Matt Soosalu and Emily Merry. A strong 31-boat Corinthian (all-amateur) division competed within the fleet. Following Petley-Jones' victory, Mike Stasko's *Redline* placed second Corinthian, while Alfred Constants' *Blitz* finished third. Additional awards recognized outstanding teams across the fleet:

- Best Women's Team: Amy Woodard's *J-Magikk*
- Best Youth Team: Sam Hopper's *Pringle*



## Top 10 Overall Results

1. Paul Abdullah (USA) – Closets by Design–Tremendous Slouch – 49
2. Tony Parker (USA) – Bangor Packet – 50
3. Evan Petley-Jones (CAN) – Lifted – 51 (Corinthian)
4. Rossi Milev (CAN) – Clear Air – 56
5. Telmo Basterra (USA) – Untamed – 59
6. Mike Stasko (USA) – Redline – 75 (Corinthian)
7. Daniel Borrer (USA) – Jesus Lizard – 79
8. Alfred Constants (USA) – Blitz – 83 (Corinthian)
9. Rick Jarchow Jr. (USA) – Team Exit Strategy – 86 (Corinthian)
10. Tim Monahan (USA) – Tarheel – 102 (Corinthian)



Beyond the racing, competitors praised the exceptional hospitality and seamless event management provided by Florida Yacht Club, the organizing team and volunteers. Boats were hauled and de-rigged in record time, allowing sailors to wrap up a spectacular weekend efficiently to enjoy the awards ceremony and more camaraderie.

Photos from the event are available on the U.S. J/24 Class Association Facebook page.

**Event details and full results:**

<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/paauXgcXg>.

# Greece Report



***Since our last report, no official regattas have been held, as the Greek sailing season traditionally resumes in March. The winter period has been dedicated to organizational planning, fleet coordination, and preparation for the upcoming 2026 competitive season.***

The Hellenic J/24 fleet remains stable and active, with approximately 15 boats and more than 100 sailors engaged nationally. Communication among teams continues steadily, and interest in participation remains strong as we approach the start of the new season. We are also pleased to confirm that ANEK Lines member of Attica Group continues to support the Hellenic J/24 Class as official transportation sponsor for the fleet's boat transfers.

The 2026 racing calendar will begin on March (21–22) with the Interclub Regatta organized by SEANATK, followed by events in April and May, including the Interclub Regattas organized by the N.O.P.F. and N.O.S. and the first phase of the Greek National Championship (May 1–3, N.A.O.V). Additional interclub regattas will take place in September (interclub regatta by

N.O.G.K.), leading to the second phase of the National Championship on October 16–18 (I.O.A.N.). The season will conclude with a final interclub event on October 31–November 1 (I.O.H.).

Looking back, Greece has consistently demonstrated its strong presence within the international J/24 community, having successfully hosted the J/24 World Championship in 2023 in Thessaloniki, the European Championship in Chania in 2009 and in Patras in 2019. These events highlight both the organizational capability of the Hellenic Class and the long-standing commitment of our sailing community to international competition. We are so proud to confirm that Greece has been awarded the J/24 European Championship 2027. We warmly invite all European fleets to join us in Greece and further details regarding the venue and the dates will be announced in due course. Preparations and preliminary planning have already begun to ensure a high-quality championship.

The Hellenic J/24 Class remains committed to fleet stability, growth, and active international engagement. We look forward to a dynamic 2026 season and to welcoming the European fleet back to Greece in 2027.

# Dutch Report

By Tom Werff



## Wintersprinter Veerse Meer – Excitement, Close Racing and a Fleet Growing Tighter

### 2 November 2025 – Start of Season Eight

The success of Jeannot Bruggeling and Rutger Krijger continues. With their J/24 *Jack Around*, the duo won no fewer than five out of six races on the opening day of the Wintersprinter on the Veerse Meer. Team *Jong Belegen* completed the podium with an excellent second place. As the document notes: “Met hun J/24 Jack Around won het duo maar liefst vijf van de zes races”

Watersportvereniging Arne kicked off the eighth season of the Wintersprinter series on 2 November. Strong starts with clear air and sharp tactical sailing brought *Jack Around* across the finish line first time and again. The reigning Champions showed they are once again the team to beat.

At the same time, the rest of the fleet demonstrated that the gap is narrowing. The differences were minimal, and the battle for the lead was fierce. Boats often finished within just a few meters of each other — clear proof that the fleet is closer than ever. The report highlights this: “de onderlinge verschillen waren minimaal... binnen enkele meters van elkaar”

The forecast predicted strong westerly winds with showers, but during the morning briefing the main question remained: how hard would it really blow? Most showers passed offshore, and the strong wind never fully materialized. This resulted in six exciting races under

varied but very sailable conditions. Later in the afternoon, gusts increased, making the fifth race particularly challenging. Numerous wind shifts created a tactical puzzle for both sailors and Race Committee — something alert teams could capitalize on.

With five victories, *Jack Around* set the tone for the new season. The established teams, however, have clearly closed the gap, and motivation throughout the fleet is high. Many J/24 teams competed in both the European Championship and the Dutch Nationals, and it shows: the level is high and the finishes are tighter than ever.

Watersportvereniging Arne hosts a Wintersprinter event each month through March.

### Progress and Surprises

The short courses created a dynamic racing environment where every mistake was immediately punished. *Jong Belegen* showed strong progress: after finishing ninth overall last season, they sat in third place after day one. Victor Caminada with *Jekko* secured second place with consistent performances.

A standout performance came from newcomer Kees de Kraker with his J/24 *Odyjay*. Despite having owned the boat for only a few weeks, the team impressively finished third in the fifth race and ended the day in eighth place overall.



## 21 December 2025 – Mist, Winter Sun and Surprising Winners

The second race day delivered surprising results. With 12 boats on the water and six races in light winds, the standings were thoroughly shaken up. The Veerse Meer started the day shrouded in mist, which slowly gave way to a weak winter sun. Wind strengths between 6 and 10 knots demanded sharp tactical sailing on the upwind/downwind course. The document describes this scene: “gehuld in een lichte mist... de windsterktes schommelden tussen de 6 en 10 knopen”

Two new teams joined the fleet: the K.L.Y.C. Sailing Team (BEL 42) and Herman Vandormael with BEL 181 Joske Vermeulen. The latter immediately made an impression by winning the first race of the day and finishing third overall.

“It was tactical sailing in the middle of the pack,” said Jeannot Bruggeling. *Jack Around* could not fully repeat the dominance of the first race day, though they did win one of the six races. The competition was closing in, but *Jack Around* still led the overall standings.

At the top mark and the gate, the tightly packed fleet created hectic situations. Team *Jeetje*, with many youth sailors on board, handled the light wind well and climbed two places to fifth overall.

At the end of the afternoon, the races were reviewed collectively. Using drone footage on a large screen, participants analyzed tactical choices, maneuvers and trim settings. This evaluation session, accompanied by snacks and drinks, once again proved to be a valuable part of the event.

Seventeen teams appeared in the standings. The short upwind/downwind courses on the sheltered Veerse Meer continue to be a successful formula for sportboats.

## 25 January 2026 – Harsh Winter Conditions, Hot Racing

The third race day lived up to the name Wintersprinter. Fifteen teams lined up in harsh winter conditions, with windchill below zero and ice on deck. For safety reasons, the first race was sailed without spinnakers due to ice accumulation on the boats. As the document states: “De eerste race werd uit veiligheidsoverwegingen zonder spinnakers gevaren”

A southeasterly wind of 9 to 12 knots provided excellent sailing conditions. Five competitive races were completed. *Jack Around* claimed the day victory, while *Jong Belegen* again delivered strong performances, winning the fourth race and finishing third overall.

Other climbers included Celine Duyver on *Jigsaw*, who gained two places, and Team *Jambo*, which climbed three positions to 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Wintersprinter continues to grow in popularity. Of the 18 registered boats, six are from Belgium, underlining the international character of the series. The combination of short, intense races, strong competition and joint debriefings makes the format a success.

With the high level, small margins and strong motivation across the fleet, the remainder of the season promises to be just as exciting.



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- Vol. 12 April 1984
- Vol. 13 October 1984
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# Calendar

## 2026

**June 25 - June 28**

**2026 J/24 Canadian Championship at  
Nepean One Design Regatta**

Nepean Sailing Club Ottawa,  
Ontario, Canada

**August 13 - August 17**

**2026 J/24 South American Championship**

Club Náutico Córdoba  
Córdoba, Argentina

**August 18 - August 23**

**2026 J/24 European Championship**

Trelleborgs Båtsällskap (TBS) Trelleborg,  
Gislövs Läge, Sweden

**September 30 - October 4**

**2026 J/24 North American Championship**

Port Credit Yacht Club Mississauga,  
Ontario, Canada

**November 4 - November 11**

**Epigen J/24 World Championship Melbourne 2026**

Sandringham Yacht Club  
Melbourne, Australia

## 2027

**October 2, 2027 - October 9, 2027**

**2027 J/24 World Championship**

Rochester Yacht Club  
Rochester, NY, United States

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