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European Title in Trelleborg**

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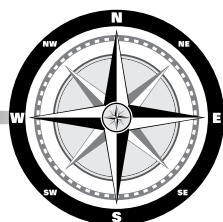
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Retains the South American Title on Lago San Roque

Thirty-one boats from three countries, twelve races in four days and no reserve day needed at Club Náutico Córdoba.



**CAMPEONATO
SUDAMERICANO DE J24
2026** | Lago San Roque
Villa Carlos Paz Córdoba - Argentina

J/24 

Club Náutico Córdoba and the Argentine J/24 Class Association hosted the 2026 J/24 South American Championship on Lago San Roque, Villa Carlos Paz, from 13 to 16 August. Thirty-one boats came to the start line from three countries — 27 from Argentina, three from Uruguay and one from Chile — representing Club Náutico Córdoba, Yacht Club Salta, Club Andino Villa La Angostura, Yacht Club Bariloche / Club Náutico Bariloche, Yacht Club Uruguayo, Club Nautilus and J/24 Zona Centro of Chile.

The full programme of twelve races was completed inside the four scheduled days, with one discard. The reserve day on Monday 17 was not needed. Racing was windward-leeward over four legs, leeward gate, on a course area set in the middle of the lake, scored under the Low Point System of RRS Appendix A.

The lake delivered usable breeze every day, between 6 and 16 knots, and a different direction each time: northerly at 9 to 10 knots on Thursday, E/ESE at 10 to 12 on Friday, N/NNE at 11 to 16 on Saturday and a softer SE at 6 to 9 for the final day. Races ran between 53 and 66 minutes, with the finish line held open for 15 minutes after the leader. Race Officer Gustavo Schelotto brought the first warning signal progressively forward through the week — 14:00 on Thursday, 13:00 on Friday and 12:00 on both Saturday and Sunday — and that is what banked the full schedule ahead of the weather.

Mendieta retained the South American title on consistency rather than firepower: all eleven of Nicolás Cubría's counting races finished in the top six. Cubría sailed with Alfonso Víctor Campos, Marcos Mignani, Federico Ambrus and Guillermo Bellinotto.

Rina, sailed by Ezequiel Despontin with Daniel Distefano, Miguel Bailo, Julio Torres and Lu Sánchez, won four races — two more than the champion — and came alive at the end of the series with three straight victories to take second overall.

Third place, and the leading overseas boat, went to Uruguay's **Ziggy**: Harry Giuria with Eduardo Artucio, Felipe Artucio, Matías Castro and Adolfo Idoyaga.



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Ziggy - Photo courtesy of Renata Tortolo - Malu Studio Agencia Creativa



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Retruco - Photo courtesy of Renata Tortolo - Malu Studio Agencia Creativa



Cambury - Photo courtesy of Renata Tortolo - Malu Studio Agencia Creativa

Two other results are worth the Class's attention. **Retruco**, helmed by Ignacio Buffa Danesi, was the youngest crew in the fleet and finished fifth overall — an entirely respectable result against this entry list. And **Cambury**, helmed by Trixy Agusti of Club Náutico Córdoba with Mariana Félix de Lara Soares, Mariana Lorenzo, Mariana Safar Exeni and Candelaria Berberian, was the first all-female crew ever to compete at a J/24 South American Championship, finishing 9th.

All thirty-one boats cleared accreditation and class measurement between 11 and 13 August: stickers, sail measurement for main, genoa, jib and spinnaker, hull measurement certificates, the declaration of mandatory and optional equipment, and crew weigh-in within the 400 kg limit.

Schelotto was assisted on the water by Verónica Luque, Cristian Pautassi and Gustavo Betelu. The jury was made up of national judges Carlos Gastelu and Gabriel Schroeder, both FAY, with club judge Marcelo Pesci. No protests remained outstanding at the end of the final day and the results were declared final on Sunday 16 August.

Each day's racing was followed by an after-race gathering for competitors and organisers, and the prize-giving and closing ceremony were held at Club Náutico Córdoba at 18:00 on Sunday, with prizes for every crew and draws contributed by the event sponsors. Public access to the club and to the shore of Lago San Roque was free throughout the week.

On the evidence of this event, the Argentine J/24 Class Association and Club Náutico Córdoba consider Lago San Roque a suitable venue for future South American Championships of the Class.

The Championship was supported by Agencia Córdoba Deportes (Government of the Province of Córdoba) and the Secretaría de Turismo e Innovación, Cultura y Deportes of the Municipality of Villa Carlos Paz, together with Howard Johnson Hotel, Rivera Tower Hotel, Hood Sailmakers, Astillero J/Boats Argentina, Gilbercard, RE/MAX, Coca-Cola, Alfajores El Triángulo, Nautycar, Barlovento and Garage Sails.



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Campeonato Sudamericano J24 2026

Club Náutico Córdoba

Results are final as of 17:25 on August 15, 2026

Overall

Sailed: 10, Discards: 1, To count: 9, Entries: 31, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Proa	Net	Boat	SailNo	Club	HelmName	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	Total	Nett
1st	44	ARG	MENDIETA	5461	CNC	Cubría	6.0	3.0	6.0	1.0	2.0	4.0	5.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	(32.0 DNS)	66.0	34.0
2nd	05	ARG	RINA	5499	CNC	Despontin	3.0	7.0	3.0	5.0	8.0	1.0	8.0	(14.0)	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	54.0	40.0
3rd	43	URU	ZIGGY	5447	YCU	Giuria	2.0	12.0	(15.0)	4.0	3.0	5.0	3.0	5.0	9.0	9.0	4.0	0.0	79.0	64.0
4th	22	ARG	QUATTRO	5455	CNC	Lozano	5.0	1.0	9.0	2.0	5.0	8.0	1.0	10.0	12.0	13.0	(18.0)	15.0	99.0	81.0
5th	03	ARG	RETRUCO	5162	YCB-CNB	Buffa	(18.0)	18.0	7.0	9.0	16.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	18.0	5.0	3.0	2.0	104.0	86.0
6th	21	ARG	GRAN CARAJO	5479	CNC	Moyano	12.0	11.0	2.0	8.0	1.0	2.0	6.0	13.0	(17.0)	7.0	16.0	14.0	109.0	92.0
7th	30	ARG	SEAWOLF	5494	CNC	Halac	8.0	13.0	1.0	14.0	4.0	10.0	9.0	6.0	15.0	18.0	(23.0)	9.0	130.0	107.0
8th	20	URU	DOLCE VITA	5091	YCU-CLUNA	Finck	1.0	8.0	8.0	16.0	15.0	14.0	10.0	(19.0)	10.0	14.0	10.0	3.0	128.0	109.0
9th	16	ARG	CAMBURY	5460	CNC	Agusti	15.0	2.0	(32.0 UFD)	6.0	10.0	6.0	21.0	9.0	6.0	11.0	12.0	12.0	142.0	110.0
10th	29	ARG	SHELBY	5501	CNC	Saúl	7.0	15.0	18.0	13.0	7.0	(32.0 UFD)	20.0	1.0	8.0	3.0	19.0	5.0	148.0	116.0
11th	2	ARG	CRAZY LADY	4847	CAYLA-CCC	Benavides	11.0	4.0	14.0	11.0	13.0	(32.0 UFD)	12.0	11.0	3.0	6.0	25.0	7.0	149.0	117.0
12th	27	ARG	PURAVIDA	5487	CNC	Camilotto	9.0	5.0	4.0	7.0	9.0	11.0	11.0	8.0	19.0	(32.0 DSQ)	26.0	13.0	154.0	122.0
13th	32	ARG	SIROCCO	5196	CNC	Gieco	29.0	16.0	5.0	3.0	6.0	(32.0 UFD)	19.0	4.0	5.0	10.0	7.0	20.0	156.0	124.0
14th	30	ARG	PANDORA	5503	CNC	Landini	14.0	(24.0)	17.0	15.0	11.0	9.0	7.0	7.0	16.0	0.0	14.0	10.0	152.0	120.0
15th	25	ARG	JAGUAR	5200	CAVLA	Damico	19.0	(20.0)	10.0	12.0	20.0	12.0	4.0	16.0	13.0	12.0	13.0	11.0	162.0	142.0
16th	19	URU	APRUEBA DE BAL	5458	YCU	Jover	13.0	9.0	13.0	21.0	12.0	7.0	17.0	24.0	7.0	15.0	21.0	(32.0 DNF)	191.0	159.0
17th	07	ARG	CARRERA	5486	CNC	Dadone	21.0	25.0	12.0	10.0	19.0	22.0	23.0	12.0	4.0	4.0	9.0	(32.0 DNF)	193.0	161.0
18th	37	ARG	TADEUS	5094	CNC	Santini	(30.0)	26.0	20.0	20.0	18.0	19.0	13.0	18.0	21.0	22.0	5.0	6.0	218.0	188.0
19th	04	ARG	PICANTE	5469	CNC	Capeta	10.0	21.0	19.0	17.0	(32.0 UFD)	16.0	15.0	25.0	22.0	16.0	11.0	22.0	226.0	194.0
20th	23	ARG	INDIGO	5470	YCS	Mosca	4.0	19.0	11.0	18.0	(32.0 UFD)	15.0	25.0	21.0	28.0	20.0	22.0	4.0	227.0	195.0
21st	06	CHI	U2	5464	J24 CENTRO	Bierwirth	16.0	6.0	23.0	(28.0)	26.0	24.0	14.0	20.0	23.0	19.0	6.0	18.0	223.0	195.0
22nd	34	ARG	CALA	4680	CNC	Rudeyro	23.0	23.0	(25.0)	22.0	14.0	23.0	22.0	15.0	11.0	21.0	20.0	24.0	243.0	218.0
23rd	55	ARG	CANGURO	5463	YCS	Martinez	24.0	22.0	16.0	23.0	25.0	17.0	16.0	(27.0)	25.0	23.0	17.0	16.0	251.0	224.0
24th	77	ARG	ACYRA	5502	CNC	Venturini	26.0	17.0	21.0	26.0	27.0	18.0	28.0	(29.0)	20.0	20.0	8.0	17.0	257.0	228.0
25th	10	ARG	CACIQUE	5095	CNC	Novillo	28.0	14.0	(32.0 UFD)	19.0	17.0	13.0	24.0	26.0	24.0	17.0	24.0	25.0	263.0	231.0
26th	13	ARG	SAMA	5246	CNC	Monetti	17.0	10.0	(32.0 UFD)	29.0	23.0	20.0	18.0	22.0	26.0	27.0	28.0	23.0	275.0	243.0
27th	65	ARG	EXTASIS	5470	CNC	Freytes	22.0	27.0	24.0	27.0	22.0	27.0	26.0	(28.0)	14.0	26.0	15.0	21.0	279.0	251.0
28th	35	ARG	DON VIENTO	5194	YCS	Frogner	20.0	(28.0)	22.0	24.0	24.0	25.0	27.0	17.0	27.0	24.0	27.0	19.0	284.0	256.0
29th	50	ARG	EVOLUTION	5424	CNC	Moreno	27.0	(32.0 DNF)	26.0	30.0	28.0	21.0	29.0	23.0	29.0	25.0	32.0 DNC	32.0 DNC	334.0	302.0
30th	09	ARG	CALEUCHE	5199	CNC	Cornaglia	25.0	30.0	(32.0 UFD)	25.0	21.0	26.0	30.0	30.0	31.0	32.0 BFD	32.0 UCS	26.0	340.0	308.0
31st	12	ARG	EXTRABRUT	4939	CNC	Montenegro	(32.0 DNF)	29.0	27.0	31.0	32.0 UFD	28.0	31.0	32.0 UCS	30.0	29.0	29.0	27.0	357.0	325.0

Podium

	Boat	Helm	Crew
1 st	Mendieta	Nicolás Cubría	Alfonso Víctor Campos, Marcos Mignani, Federico Ambrus, Guillermo Bellinotto
2 nd	Rina	Ezequiel Despontin	Daniel Distefano, Miguel Bailo, Julio Torres, Lu Sánchez
3 rd	Ziggy (URU)	Harry Giuria	Eduardo Artucio, Felipe Artucio, Matías Castro, Adolfo Idoyaga

Youngest crew: Retruco (Ignacio Buffa Danesi), 5th overall.
First all-female crew: Cambury (Trixy Agusti), 9th overall.

Audiovisual record of the championship:

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The Argentine J/24 Class Association is already working on its 2027 calendar. The main goal is to bring back the “Triple Corona”, the inter-zone championship contested between the Río de la Plata, Lago Nahuel Huapi and Lago San Roque, and to that end we are working to return the Buenos Aires fleet to racing on the Río de la Plata. In the same spirit of supporting regional activity, Argentina expects to compete at the 2027 South American Championship, to be held in neighbouring Uruguay.

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La Superba

Claims Third J/24 European Title in Trelleborg

**European Championship 2026, 18-23 August
Sweden, Gislövs Läge**

By Hannes O. Tedin

This year's European Championship in Sweden saw 20 teams from five countries battle it out on the water. A European Championship that offered the sailors light to medium breezes, and a couple of races with tricky conditions with low winds combined with large (relative to the wind) waves that were built up from a windier Baltic further offshore. The European Championship title was in the end claimed by the Italian boat *La Superba* with Ignazio Bonanno as skipper.

Gislövs Läge was the host for the J/24 European Championship 2026 in Sweden. A relatively small yacht club, but with a big heart and ambition for executing a great event. As chairman of the Swedish NJCA, I can without a doubt say that the yacht club did not disappoint. When boats started to arrive at the harbour during the weekend before the official schedule started, the club was ready to facilitate and help the sailors in whatever way they could. Making sure that the sailors were able to launch their boats before or between measurements if the teams wanted to get out and try the waters.



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Tuesday was the first official day, and there was no time to waste. Many teams checked all their boxes, weighed in themselves, the boat and got the approval of Michael Peters, Chief Measurer. When the scheduled day was over, almost all boats were ready and launched, while some boats either were arriving or had some work left before they could launch on Wednesday. We finished the day with some socializing and barbeque, courtesy of the Swedish NJCA, where sailors either got to reconnect with old friendships or find new ones.

Wednesday saw boats being out on the waters getting some training sessions under their belts, while other boats finished their registration. In the evening, the official opening ceremony was held where the president for the club, Anders Mohlin, declared the European Championship opened. The Race Officer, Christian Lerche, held the skippers' briefing, followed by the Chief of the Technical Committee Michael Peters, who introduced himself and the Jury team. With that, the sailors' mental race mode was switched on while enjoying the evening with some champagne and barbeque.



Photo courtesy of Emma Hundertmark

As the first day of racing started, the teams had one more chance to log one last training session before the first race. As the time grew closer to the first warning signal of the day, the winds were not going to make it easy for the Race Committee and the Race Officer Christian Lerche. With very light and shifty winds, the AP flag was hoisted, and the waiting game began. Finally, the winds were stable enough to get the starting procedure under way. The fleet was indeed eager to race, and after a general recall, the black flag was hoisted in the following starting procedure. This time, the fleet (except three BFDs) got away, and the European Championship was under way. Unfortunately, the wind died out, and only one race was completed.

Back in the harbour, the competitors could enjoy a great dinner (courtesy of the restaurant next to the yacht club) in the event tent where the sailors from now on would spend their evenings socializing and talking about the races of the coming days.

Every evening, a Daily First prize was awarded to the crews managing to take the win in each race: a prize made by one of the Swedish NJCA board members and made out of Purple Heart wood, named after its natural purple colour.

The second day of racing (Friday) was to be a long day with four races scheduled, due to only one race being completed the day before. The winds were more stable in direction, but still lighter to moderate in strength. The bigger waves were still lingering during the day, making the moderate conditions tricky for the sailors. After five races raced in total, the top five of the fleet were starting to take shape.



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Series ties are broken under RRS A8.1 (best-to-worst non-excluded scores), then A8.2 (last race backwards, including excluded scores).

Boats entered: 20				Races scored: 10			Discard from race: 5					Updates automatically from Ark1				
Place	Sail Number	Club	Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	Before discard	Discard	After discard
1	ITA 416	marina militare italiana	ignazio bonanno	2	1	1	2	(9,3 SCP30)	1	2	3	2	1	24,3	9,3	15
2	GER 5381	SCOe	Stefan Karsunke	1	2	4	5	1	2	4	(7)	1	2	29	7	22
3	NED 5440	WV de Maaskant	Dirk Olyslagers	4	3	2	(6)	6	3	1	1	3	4	33	6	27
4	GER 5412	HSC Hamburger Segel Club e.V.	Manfred König	5	4	5	9	2	6	5	5	4	(11)	56	11	45
5	SWE 4896	Trelleborgs båt sällskap	Per-Håkan Persson	8	(11)	6	3	5	9	6	2	8	6	64	11	53
6	GER 4406	Yacht Club Wesel e.V.	Thomas Cramer	3	7	12	7	(16)	8	7	4	6	5	75	16	59
7	SWE 4786	KSSS	Christian Hadenius	9	8	7	4	(11)	4	10	6	10	3	72	11	61
8	GER 5438	JUJ Jemgum	Stephan Mais	11	(13)	3	10	4	5	9	8	5	7	75	13	62
9	GER 5475	Segler Club Gothia	Julia Marlena Vitek Ehser	10	12	11	8	(13)	10	8	10	9	13	104	13	91
10	SWE 5437	ÄSSS	Andreas Olovsson	12	9	8	11	(14)	14	11	13	7	10	109	14	95
11	ITA 498	LNI Mandello del Lario	Mauro Benfatto	7	5	(21 DSQ)	12	7	13	16	12	13	12	118	21	97
12	GER 4495	Hamburger Segel-club	Peter Langhans	(21 BFD)	10	9	13	8	11	14	15,2 SCP20	11	9	121,2	21	100,2
13	ITA 496	Velico Medio Verbano ASD	Ascoli Fabio	6	6	(21 DSQ)	7,3 SCP30	10	7	3	21 DSQ	21 DNC	21 DNC	123,3	21	102,3
14	GER 3634	Klub am Rupenhorn	Justus Nehls	14	(20)	13	16	9	15	13	15	18	8	141	20	121
15	NED 6	Jachtclub Veere	Tom Werff	(21 BFD)	14	10	15	15	12	19,2 SCP20	9	14	15	144,2	21	123,2
16	IRL 4532	Lough Ree yacht Club	Finbarr Ryan	(17,2 SCP)	15	17	14	12	16	12	14	12	14	143,2	17,2	126
17	SWE 4138	MSS	Gabriele Vilkaite	15	18	15	17	20	(21 SCP20)	18	16	15	17	172	21	151
18	SWE 1290	Malmö Segelsällskap	Hannes O. Tedin	(21 BFD)	17	14	20	19	17	17	17	17	16	175	21	154
19	SWE 980	Simrishamns Segelsällskap	Andreas Eldh	16	16	16	18	18	18	(19)	18	16	18	173	19	154
20	SWE 80	WSS	Magnus Björnåker	17	19	18	19	17	(21 RET)	21 RET	21 DNF	21 DNC	21 DNC	195	21	174



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Come Saturday, there was a steady breeze that finally was equal to the waves, giving the sailors a physical upwind and a fun downwind with lots of surfing. These are the conditions we J/24 sailors wish for every time.

Back in shore, everyone enjoyed the regatta dinner with the give-away prizes for each competitor. A little tradition we have during the National J/24 Championships in Sweden: after the dinner, our own DJ from the Swedish NJCA made sure the dance floor was vibing and everyone were up on their feet.

The final day came around, and the two final races were completed with the Italians cementing their Championship victory. Even though the day started with rain, it ended with a clear sky and nice summer warmth.



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1st place – La Superba



2nd place – Schwere Jungs



3rd place – The DutchJees



4th place – Vitesse



5th place – Front Runner



Best All Female Team – Follow Me



Oldest Boat – Aqua



**Race Officer –
Christian Lerche**



**the Stuart Jardine trophy –
Stefano Fasoli**

Photos courtesy of Per Ravn Klausen

Finishing off the regatta with the prize ceremony, trophies were awarded to the top five teams, and the perpetual trophies were awarded to the European Champions, best all-female team, best youth (U25) team, oldest boat and

the youngest sailor (the Stuart Jardine trophy). Incidentally, the Stuart Jardine trophy was presented to Stefano (Pilgrim, ITA 498) on what would have been Stuart's 93rd birthday.

With Stuart in mind, we would like to end this regatta report with some words about him, written by Michael Peters:



Photo courtesy of Michael Peters

In Memory of Stuart Jardine

Stuart Jardine (23 August 1933 – 7 November 2023) was a remarkable British sailor whose passion for sailing spanned many decades. He competed at the 1968 and 1972 Summer Olympics, won the UK Flying Dutchman Championship four times between 1961 and 1965, and finished third at the 1962 World Championship. After acquiring his first Star Class boat, Stuart continued to sail at the highest level and later became a highly respected J/24 sailor. In 1995, he won the European J/24 Championship, adding another outstanding achievement to his long sailing career.

For me, Stuart was much more than an accomplished sailor. He was my mentor in Monaco in 2013. From that moment on, I became involved in measurement for the J/24 International Class, a responsibility I continue even to this day. Stuart himself stopped measuring in 2017, but his knowledge, experience and passion for the Class have remained an important part of my journey.

In 2022, I decided to donate this trophy in Stuart's memory to honour the friendship, guidance and inspiration he gave me and so many others in our sailing community. When I once asked Stuart who he would like the trophy to be presented to, he immediately answered:

"To the youngest sailor. They are our future."

These words have stayed with me ever since. Stuart and I were very close friends for many years. His generosity, wisdom, humour and love for sailing will never be forgotten. This trophy is not only a tribute to an exceptional sailor; it is also a symbol of his belief in the next generation and in the future of our sport. In memory of Stuart Jardine — a great sailor, a great mentor and a very dear friend.

Additional information

1st place – *La Superba*, ITA 416

Ignazio Bonanno, Simone, Francesco, Alfredo & Francesco

2nd place – *Schwere Jungs*, GER 5381

Stefan Karsunke, Malte, Christian, Carsten & Tim

3rd place – *The DutchJees*, NED 5440

Dirk Olyslagers, Frank, Matthieu, Jord & Torn

4th place – *Vitesse*, GER 5412

Manfred König, Nils, Anton, Tina & Ole

5th place – *Front Runner*, SWE 4896

Per-Håkan Persson, Monica, Hans, Madeleine & Per

Perpetual trophies

European Champions – *La Superba*

Ignazio and crew

Best all female team – *Follow Me*, SWE 4138

Gabriele Vilkaite, Emma, Alicja, Nina & Moa

Best youth team – *Fast Forward*, GER 3634

Justus Nehls, Carl, Hannes, Arthur & Leonid

Oldest boat – *Aqua*, SWE 980

Andreas Eldh, Bjarne, Johan & Yrsa

Stuart Jardine (youngest sailor)

Stefano Fasoli

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EQUIPMENT INSPECTION REPORT – J/24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Pre-Event Measurement and Inspection

A total of 20 boats were measured prior to the European Championship. The inspection included verification of rudders, mast dimensions, J measurement and the minimum dry weight requirement of 1270 kg.

The following non-compliances were identified during the initial measurement process:

- Forestay length discrepancies on several boats
- Mast height discrepancies of up to 400 mm
- One rudder found not to comply with Class requirements
- Sail identification issues, including incorrect sail numbers
- Royalty documentation deficiencies

All identified deficiencies were corrected before the start of racing. Following verification of compliance, all 20 boats were granted permission to compete in the European Championship.

Event Inspections

On-the-water inspections were conducted after each race. In addition, all boats were inspected at least once during the course of the Championship.

The following Rules infringements were identified:

- Three boats were found in breach of Class Rule C.5.3.
- One boat was found in breach of Class Rule C.5.1(b)(1).

In accordance with the applicable Rules and event procedures, a scoring penalty of 20% was imposed in each case.

Summary

All boats competing in the Championship were subject to measurement and equipment inspection. Initial non-compliances identified during pre-event measurement were rectified prior to racing, allowing all boats to participate. Ongoing inspections throughout the event ensured continued compliance with the Class Rules, and appropriate penalties were applied where infringements were detected.



General Report – Class Rules Proposals

The Technical Committee has been working on several proposed Rule changes aimed at **simplifying the Rules and providing greater clarity and consistency** for sailors, race officials and other stakeholders. Below is an overview of the proposed changes. Please note that these changes are still subject to review and approval by the **IJCA World Council and World Sailing**. They will only come into effect once the relevant approval processes have been completed.

Proposal #1:

Moving C.5.1(a)(6) for the water-resistant flashlight as required equipment while racing to C.5.2(a)(xx) optional equipment.

Proposal #2:

B3. DOCUMENTATION TO BE CARRIED ABOARD WHILE RACING

B.3.1. The boat's current Measurement Certificate.

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B.3 Documentation to Be Carried Aboard While Racing

B.3.1. The boat's current Measurement Certificate shall be carried aboard while racing. The Measurement Certificate may be carried either as hard copy or in a digital format that is readily accessible on board. The boat's current Inventory List shall be carried aboard in hard copy.

Proposal #3:

C.5.1 MANDATORY

(2) One anchor with optional chain. The anchor and its chain shall weigh not less than 6kg ~~nor more than 12kg....~~

C.5.2 OPTIONAL

(7) A maximum of four berth cushions ~~with a maximum total weight of 21kg.~~

(8) A companionway step box or ice box located but not attached between the bunks on the cabin ~~sole with an empty weight no more than 14kg.~~

(9) Separate containers ~~with no more than 10 litres~~ of drinking water.

(10) A maximum of one battery capable of powering the electronic devices on board that do not have their own power supply. Battery ~~shall not weigh more than 25kg and~~ shall be secured against movement in the event of capsize.

Proposal #4:

C.7.3(a)(17)

Notwithstanding C.5.2(a)(8), a fixed companionway step box may be installed and securely fastened to the boat with metallic fasteners. The maximum weight shall be 14 kg. The weight of the fixed companionway step box shall be included in the 1270 kg Dry Weight. The step box shall be removable for weighing.

This makes it explicitly clear that C.7.3(a)(17) provides an alternative to C.5.2(a)(8) and does not override or conflict with the existing "not attached" wording in C.5.2(a)(8).



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Mojito Wins the 2026 La Coupe du Québec

Skipper Vince Somoza and the crew of *Mojito* (Nepean Sailing Club) took first place at La Coupe du Québec hosted by the Pointe-Claire Yacht Club. Eriks Kalvins and the crew of *Black Pearl* (Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club) took second place, while John Rae and the crew of *ShinDig* (Nepean Sailing Club) took

third. Only one point separated the top three boats. The return of La Coupe du Québec to the Montréal area saw 11 crews from eight yacht clubs take part in the two-day event.

Day one brought light, shifty winds and stifling heat to challenge the competitors over three races. Day two brought moderate to heavy winds over five races.

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Both days saw competitive racing and multiple position changes, with the top boats regularly rounding the windward and leeward marks in very close proximity.

The event was also the final of the Canadian Series to award qualifying berths for the 2027 J/24 World Championship in Rochester, New York. The top three boats with combined

points from the J/24 Ontario Championship held at ABYC in May and La Coupe du Québec are *ShinDig*, *Black Pearl* and *Cluster* (Andrew Kenny, RCYC). One all-youth team led by Cailem Austin of the Hudson Yacht Club finished seventh overall and collected points toward winning the Youth Team berth for next year's World Championship.



The J/24 Canada event schedule will conclude September 30-October 4 with the J/24 North American Championship hosted by the Port Credit Yacht Club (event details at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50626>). It will also be the final Worlds qualifying event.



J/24 Canada World Qualifying Standings

- The Canadian Series -

The top 3 boats earn a qualifying berth

Rank	Sail No.	Boat	Helm	Club	Ontario Championship Results (6 boats)	Sub-Total	La Coup du Québec (Aug 8-9) (11boats)	Sub-Total	Total Points
1st	3883	ShinDig	John Rae	NSC	1,1,1	18	(4),4,4,1,3,1,1,3	67	85
2nd	2019	Black Pearl II	Eriks Kalvins	ABYC	2,3,4	12	2,2,2,3,2,(4),3,2	68	80
3rd	2728	Cluster	Andrew Kenny	RCYC	3,5,2	11	6,1,6,2,(7),3,4,1	60	71
4th	2577	Flying Circus	Steven Brombach	NSC	4,2,3	12	(7),7,7,5,4,6,2,6	47	59
5th	4412	Tequila	Cailem Austin	HYC	DNC	0	5,6,(8),6,6,5,6,5	45	45
6th	3223	White Hot!	Jeff Jorgensen	NSC	6,6,5	4	8,8,3,7,8,8,7,(9)	35	39
7th	5254	Thjng 2	Nathan Bresett	BCYC	DNC	0	3,5,5,8,5,7,(DNC),DNC	39	39
8th	336	La Solution	Alain Dagenais	BYC	DNC	0	9,(11),10,10,10,10,8,7	20	20
9th	4349		Nicolas Ranger	PCYC	DNC	0	(DNF),10,9,DNF,9,9,9,8	20	20
10th	3782	Smoke on the Water	Brian Morris	RSLYC	DNC	0	(DNF),9,11,9,DNF,11,10,10	14	14
11th	4286	Surprise	Brendan Krause	WYC	5,4,7(DNF)	6	DNC	0	6

A boat's overall score will be the sum of points earned by participating in one or more regattas of the Canadian Series (Ontario Championship, La Coupe du Québec). Each boat will receive point(s) equal to the number of boats it beats, plus one point, for each race of each regatta. The end of series score will be the sum of all the points from all the races competed in. **DNC - Did not compete.** Boats that do not come to the starting area receive 0 points. **DNS - Did not start other than DNC and OCS.** Boats that do not start other than DNC and OCS receive 0 points. **OCS - Did not start; On the course side of the start line.** Boats that were on the course side of the starting line will receive 1 point. OCS boats will be counted as racing or raced. **DNF - Did not finish.** Boats that did not finish will receive 1 point. DNF boats started and will be counted as racing or raced. **DSQ - Disqualification.** Boats that were disqualified will receive 0 points. DSC boats will be counted as racing or raced.

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Kiel Week 2026 Welcome to St. Tropez!

Twenty J/24 teams from five nations sweated it out at a Kiel Week that felt more like St. Tropez than Schleswig-Holstein.

One of the world's most iconic regattas, the fledgling J/24 Class first sailed Kiel Week back in 1987, with Jim Brady, Manfred König, Tom Ross, Ian Southworth and *Headcase* from Ireland among the former winners. This year, the German J/24 Class again welcomed a top-class fleet with teams from UK, Netherlands, Belgium and Sweden.

Thursday began with a long wait for breeze before we were finally able to complete two races off Wendtorf on the south side of Kiel Fjord. The tricky conditions caught out some of the favourites, while the *Dutchjees* (NED 5440, Dirk Olyslagers) impressed with both excellent boat speed and



sharp tactical decision-making. Friday belonged to Manfred König (GER 5412), whose strong performance lifted *Vitesse* into a tie for second place alongside the *Dutchjees*, with Frank Schönfeld (NED 36) in a strong third place.

Unfortunately, that was almost the end of the racing. Saturday turned into swimming and somersaults at the dock in an attempt to cool down in 35° of sweltering heat. On Sunday, it took some time for the wind to settle into its new

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direction. By the time racing could finally resume, a series of general recalls in the J/70 fleet consumed the remaining time, and the final 2pm starting opportunity slipped away for the J/24s.

Thankfully, the J/24 social programme more than made up for the lack of wind. On Saturday, we hosted a super fun barbecue event in the Holsten Sailor's Lounge with prizes for the best side dishes, bad-taste crew shorts and oldest J/24 regatta t-shirt. The competitive spirit also found an outlet in the cucumber-eating contest — better known as *Gurkiball*.



It was particularly encouraging to welcome several new teams from Berlin. To sum up, after a dip down to 13 boats during Corona, Kiel Week is now re-establishing itself as a firm highlight on the European J/24 regatta calendar, and we look forward to welcoming even more international crews in 2027.

Congratulations go to Dirk Olyslagers and his *Flying Dutchmen*, who nosed ahead of Manfred König on points!!



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Ich Bin Ein Berliner!

With 13 boats at seven different clubs, Berlin now has officially the strongest J/24 fleet in Germany, so it was high time we held a Berlin Championship at *Wannsee*, the capital's largest and most beautiful lake! Surrounded by forests and the occasional wild boar family taking a swim, *Wannsee* is a rapidly growing hub for J/24 sailing at all levels.

Race report by Anna-Sophie van Dyck of the J/24 Class youth team (*Manni*, GER 4451): There was no time to lose. On Friday, our young crew headed to Berlin for the first-ever J/24 Berlin Championship on the Wannsee. Despite heavy traffic, we arrived just in time for the christening of *High Jinks* - or, as the young lad cracking open the champagne bottle jokingly renamed her "High Drinks." Once *Manni* was launched, it was action stations: a new forestay to fit, a repaired carbon-fibre spinnaker pole, a new Windex, the mast stepped, and the rig carefully tuned for the weekend ahead.

Wannsee delivered classic sailing conditions on Saturday. Sunshine, scattered clouds and gusts of up to 25 knots made for four exciting races sailed under jib. Sunday brought lighter winds, allowing the fleet to switch from jib to genoa after the opening race.



For our first away regatta of the 2026 season, we couldn't have been happier, finishing fifth overall in a fleet of 13 boats, with two fourth-place race finishes along the way. More importantly, we could really see how much we have grown as a team. The countless Wednesday evening races on the Alster have paid off this summer: our manoeuvres were smoother, our tactical decisions more confident, and we enjoyed every minute of racing together.

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The best moment came in the final race. After a poor start, we found ourselves second from last at the first mark. Giving up was never an option. One boat at a time, we fought our way back, eventually crossing the finish line in fourth place - a fitting end to a fantastic weekend.

As our coach David Thompson said: "Mega guys ... next stop German Open, 11-13th September in Flensburg!"

Congratulations also to our fellow HSC sailors, Peter Langhans and crew, who claimed the Berlin Championship title. Manfred König finished second, while the Vitek family – who came up with the idea of a Berlin Championship in November 2025 – secured third place. It was a great weekend for us and another reminder of what makes the J/24 Class so special: close racing, great sportsmanship and plenty of fun on and off the water.





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J/24 2026 German Open In Flensburg, 11-13th September

The 2026 J/24 German Open will be held between 11-13th September at Flensburg Sailing Club.

Ask any yachtsman, and you'll spot a glint in their eyes at the mere mention of Flensburg. Racing doesn't get much better than on the 50km-long fjord: beautiful seascapes, steady winds, playful porpoises, Baltic lifestyle. This year, we're thrilled to invite you all to the German Open at Flensburg Sailing Club.

"We'll be racing with the very capable Flensburg Sailing Club regatta team and expect over 20 top teams from Germany, Sweden, Holland and hopefully other countries. There'll be eight races over Friday, Saturday and Sunday," advises Lars Häger, German Class President.

On Friday evening, we're planning an informal Class event, with a dinner and big party on the Saturday as part of the Flensburg Fjord Week.

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By Sam Marshall, *WiJit*

Two-boat Shoot-out in Plymouth Regatta



Fifteen J/24s descended on the Port of Plymouth Sailing Association Plymouth Regatta in July. Whilst the handicap fleets raced up the river at Saltash and Tamar River Sailing Clubs, the J/24s had seven races forecast south of Plymouth breakwater.

From the outset, Shane Hewlett's *Just ForPlay* and James Torr's *MaJic* showed exceptional boat speed, rattling two wins and two seconds each off to end day 1 joint on points. By the end of race 2, the obvious way up the course was clear, and the fleet fought for the left of the beat from the start, ultimately ending with racing ending on the U flag, with four boats binned on the final race of the day. After the championship racing, boats joined the Cruising fleet at Saltash Sailing Club for the live music and long bar queue.

Day 2 had a slightly lighter forecast, and as the fleet motored down the river, the wind filled in enough to get the racing away on time. A third in race 1 for *MaJic* left *Just ForPlay* going into the penultimate race of the day with a strong advantage, meaning the final race was open for a pre-start match race. Despite the tactical genius of Dave Hale on board, *Just ForPlay* dropped the ball, allowing *MaJic* to sail through to take their second event win of the year.



Nick McDonald's *Easy Tiger* couldn't do enough to beat Sam Marshall's *WiJit* to third, rounding out the top four, with Neil Trathen's *Juggernaut* winning the top Westerly build prize.

The prizegiving was hosted at the crane-out at Plymouth Yacht Haven, where crews celebrated Shane Hewlett's 70th birthday, and looked forward to the National Championship in Torbay Regatta.

Following the success of the 2025 World Championship, the J/24 is still some of the most competitive one-design racing in the UK, with seven of the 15 boats achieving a top three result over the seven races. Boats are available to buy...contact the Class if you are interested in getting involved. Full results here:

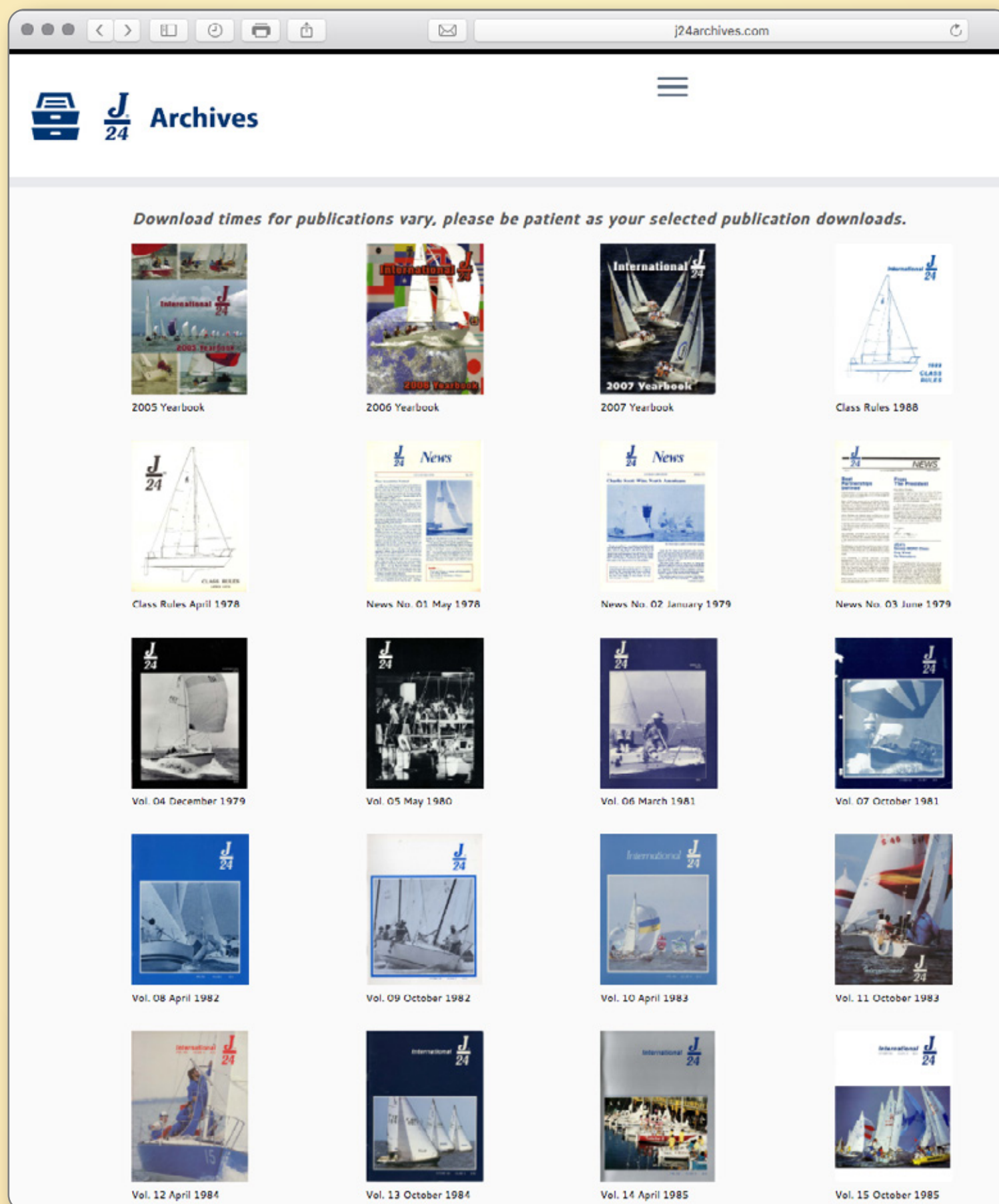
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J/24 *Bruschetta Guastafeste* wins the third leg of the 2026 National Circuit

Four hard-fought races in the third event, organised by Circolo della Vela Roma.

Anzio. The third leg of the 2026 J/24 National Circuit took place in Anzio. Organised by Circolo della Vela Roma, in collaboration with the Lega Navale Italiana – Anzio Section, RCC Tevere Remo, Sezione Velica Marina Militare, and Rome Fleet Captain Paolo Rinaldi, the event attracted fourteen boats, including five travelling from outside the local area.

Dominating the regatta with four race victories was ITA 469 *Bruschetta Guastafeste*, helmed by Pierluigi Puthod and owned by sisters Sonia and Alessia Ciceri together with Ancilla Scaccia (CV Tivano; 3 points). Second place went to ITA 496 *Ninja*, owned by Francesco Nucara (CV Mare Viareggio) and helmed by Andrea Collina (7 points; 3, 2, 4, 2), followed by ITA 428 *Pelle Rossa*, owned and helmed by Gianni Riccobono (CV Roma; 8 points; 2, 12, 2, 4).

Fourth place was secured by ITA 427 *Jebedee*, owned by Apulia Fleet Captain Nino Soriano (CN Maestrale; 12 points), ahead of ITA 432 *Kaster*, owned by Federica Cattarozzi (AV Trentina; 14 points).

“Two outstanding days of top-level sailing in the waters of the Gulf of Anzio provided great excitement under very

different conditions,” commented Gianni Riccobono, Vice President of the Italian J/24 Class.

“Saturday brought sunshine and light winds, while Sunday featured threatening clouds and a strong Scirocco, allowing four excellent races to be completed. Race management by the Race Committee was impeccable, under the always masterful leadership of Mario De Grenet, assisted by Alfredo Posillipo.

Once again, the J/24 fleet demonstrated the vitality of this one-design class, capable of delivering exciting racing in very different conditions for both highly experienced and less experienced crews. The atmosphere among competitors was equally outstanding: during the prize-giving ceremony, Mario De Grenet was interrupted several times by heartfelt applause from the sailors as a genuine sign of appreciation.”

Following the events in Marina di Carrara, Livorno, and Anzio, the 2026 J/24 National Circuit, which awards both the Francesco Ciccolo Perpetual Challenge Trophy and the J/24 Owner-Helmsman Trophy, now moves on to its fourth of ten scheduled events, to be held between April and November in Italy’s finest sailing venues: the 45th Italian Open J/24 Championship in the Gulf of Gaeta.

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45th Italian Open J/24 Championship: a Superb Edition

The Italian title remains once again with La Superba. Silver for Jamaica, bronze for Bruschetta Guastafeste. Twenty-two crews completed ten races in the waters of Gaeta. Excellent hospitality and organisation by Yacht Club Gaeta.

Gaeta. The curtain came down on the 2026 Italian Open J/24 Championship, organised on behalf of the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV) by Yacht Club Gaeta E.V.S., in collaboration with Circolo Nautico Caposele, Base Nautica Flavio Gioia, and the Italian J/24 Class Association.

Spread over four days of racing in ideal wind conditions, the Championship featured ten demanding races contested by twenty-two crews in the waters off Gaeta, proving to be a great success.

Competitors greatly appreciated both the hospitality and organisation provided by the club, chaired by Vincenzo Addressi, as well as the excellent work of the Race Committee led by Costanzo Villa, together with Enrico Milano and Antonio Cianciaruso.

Included in the official “2026 Sailing Events” calendar and held under the patronage of the Lazio Region, the

Championship represented one of the most important events of the national J/24 season and an excellent opportunity for experienced crews and younger sailors to compete together.

For the twelfth time overall—and the sixth consecutive year—the Italian J/24 Championship title was once again claimed by the defending champions aboard ITA 416 *La Superba*, the Centro Vela Altura Marina Militare entry helmed by Ignazio Bonanno, with Simone Scontrino on mainsheet, Francesco Linares in the middle, Francesco Picaro as number two, and Alfredo Branciforte on the bow.

Thanks to five race victories (10 points; 3, 3, 1, 3, 2, 1, 2, 1, 1, DNF), *La Superba* secured the top step of the podium and the Class Challenge Trophy awarded to the highest-ranked Italian crew.

Silver went to ITA 212 *Jamaica*, owned and helmed by Class Executive Committee member Pietro Diamanti, sailing with Paolo Governato, Paolo Pezzica, Andrea Porchera, and Massimiliano Biagini. Four race victories and consistently strong finishes (43 points; 1, 9, 7, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 4, 7, 14) were not enough to overtake *La Superba*, but they certainly pushed the champions to their limits and produced thrilling racing throughout the Championship.



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Bronze, after a close battle lasting until the final deciding race, went to ITA 469 *Bruschetta Guastafeste*, helmed by Pierluigi Puthod and owned by Sonia and Alessia Ciceri together with Ancilla Scaccia, sailing with Alberto Benedetti, Letizia Bertuzzi, and Pietro Kostner (CV Tivano; 48 points; 7, 8, 3, 4, 10, 6, 14, 4, 5, 1), finishing tied on points with ITA 304 *Five for Fighting*, owned and helmed by Eugenia De Giacomo Pitanti (CCR Lauria), already bronze medallists in 2025.

Fifth place went to ITA 498 *Pilgrim*, owned by Lake Como Fleet Captain Mauro Benfatto and helmed by Fabio Ascoli, sailing with Gennaro Maisto, Attilio De Battista, and Niccolò Gaddi (LNI Mandello del Lario; 50 points).

The top five crews also received awards for their individual race victories.

The Italian Under-25 Champion – J/24 Challenge Trophy was awarded to ITA 473 *Magica Fata*, helmed by Andrea Avitabile, together with Francesco Fragatti, Tullio Formisano, Niccolò Sabatelli, and Giovanni Cassani.

By establishing this new trophy, the Italian J/24 Class Association reinforces its commitment to encouraging the participation of younger generations in J/24 racing and promoting their genuine involvement in the class.

“It was far from an easy Championship,” commented Francesco ‘Ciccio’ Linares.

“Only during the last two races of the penultimate day were we able to build a comfortable lead. For the tenth and final race we decided not to compete and use it as our discard, as there was still an exciting battle for the top five positions and we did not want to interfere with the other crews, with three boats tied on points and two others separated by only two points.

We are delighted with the result, with the way the Championship was organised, and with the wonderful hospitality of Yacht Club Gaeta. The Race Committee displayed great experience and professionalism. The racecourse was excellent, technically demanding and highly tactical, with ideal wind conditions. We sincerely hope Gaeta will be considered again in the future to host major international events such as the World or European Championships.



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Congratulations also to the Under-25 sailors, who are learning incredibly quickly. It is a pleasure to see them racing."

"This event found in the Gulf of Gaeta everything that an important championship should offer: sunshine, steady winds, excellent organisation, hospitality, friendship, and the complete satisfaction of all competitors, who described the racecourse as the perfect venue for awarding an Italian title," added Massimo Frigerio, President of the Italian J/24 Class.

"Our sincere thanks go to Yacht Club Gaeta E.V.S., its President, and Base Nautica Flavio Gioia for providing boatyard facilities and moorings. I would also like to thank Alessia Cattarozzi for her outstanding work, carried out enthusiastically and with incredible efficiency, producing high-quality photos and videos.

My thanks also go to the Race Committee, judges, and measurers, who demonstrated both firmness and remarkable patience, to Valentina for her invaluable support, and to everyone who contributed to making this Championship such a success.

It was especially gratifying to see ITA 473 *Magica Fata* sailed by such a young, energetic and promising crew. Particular thanks go to Francesco Nucara, whose determination made it possible for this young team to compete against Italy's finest helmsmen.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks go to all owners and crews for their commitment and the high technical standard achieved. Great racing, a wonderful event, and above all, many happy competitors. A special mention also goes



to the ever-determined Massimo Mariotti, affectionately known as 'Uncle Massimo', a true veteran of the J/24 Class and an example for both younger and older sailors alike."

Following the events in Marina di Carrara, Livorno, Anzio, and Gaeta, the 2026 J/24 National Circuit, which awards the Francesco Ciccolo Perpetual Challenge Trophy and the J/24 Owner-Helmsman Trophy, now heads to its fifth of ten scheduled events.

On 13–14 June, one of the major new additions to this year's calendar rewards the growing and youth-oriented Apulian fleet: Circolo Vela Molfetta and Compagnia del Mare, with the support of Fleet Captain Nino Soriano, will host the National Regatta (coefficient 2) in Molfetta, valid as the fifth stage of the 2026 National Circuit.



Jebedee, led by Fleet Captain Nino Soriano, wins the J/24 National Regatta in Molfetta

An all-youth podium thanks to L'Emilio and Marbea. After six races, the fifth event of the 2026 National Circuit concluded successfully with its first-ever stop in Apulia. The hospitality and organisation provided by Circolo della Vela Molfetta received widespread appreciation. A winning collaboration between sailing clubs and J/24 fleets.

Molfetta. Two outstanding days of racing welcomed the eleven crews competing in the waters off the coast of Molfetta, the town north of Bari that is home to most of the Apulian J/24 fleet, during the National Regatta valid as the fifth event of the 2026 J/24 National Circuit, which this year made its first visit to Apulia, hosted by Circolo della Vela Molfetta and Compagnia del Mare.

A significant part of the Apulian fleet, which has played a key role in the steady growth of the J/24 Class in the region, is represented by Compagnia del Mare, an association that has long been committed to promoting sailing, fostering maritime culture, and encouraging respect for the marine environment—values that are perfectly embodied by the J/24 one-design class, where competition, training and teamwork come together.

On several occasions, Italian J/24 Class President Massimo Frigerio praised Fleet Captain Nino Soriano, together with all the members and friends of the Apulian J/24 Fleet, for the commitment and determination they have shown over recent years in bringing numerous J/24s back onto the racecourse, dedicating time, passion and enthusiasm to strengthening and developing the Class.

It was precisely in recognition of this outstanding commitment that the Apulian J/24 Fleet was awarded one of the ten events of the 2026 National Circuit, which, as always, includes the Francesco Ciccolo Perpetual Challenge Trophy and the J/24 Owner-Helmsman Trophy. “Weather and sea conditions were ideal, with a 10-knot northwesterly on Saturday and a strengthening Greco-Levante thermal breeze on Sunday,” explained Fleet Captain Nino Soriano. “The boats competing came not only from Apulian clubs—Circolo Vela Molfetta, Lega Navale Italiana Molfetta, and Circolo Nautico Il Maestrale Bari—but also from fleets in other regions, including Mauro Benfatto from the Lake Como Fleet aboard *Pilgrim* and Francesco Nucara from the Gulf of Poets Fleet aboard *Ninja*. Our sincere thanks go to these two crews, whose participation honoured the event. Special thanks also go to the Race Officials—Vito Laforgia, Vito Onofrio Crismale and Enrico Scalera—for their excellent management of the racecourse.”

The event’s organisation was outstanding, thanks to the collaboration between Circolo della Vela Molfetta, Lega Navale Italiana Molfetta, Circolo Nautico Ippocampo, and Circolo Nautico Il Maestrale, but above all to Compagnia del Mare, led by Ciccio Mastropierro. Compagnia del Mare also owns four of the boats competing and continues to invest in the growth of the local fleet and its competitive standard, with particular attention to involving young sailors, ensuring continuity, enthusiasm and a bright future for both sailing and the J/24 Class.

Indeed, the Under-25 crew fielded by Compagnia del Mare aboard *L'Emilio* finished in an outstanding second place overall.

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With Remo Soriano at the helm, Francesco Carrieri as tactician, Jordi Roglan Biscotti at the mast, Giorgio Pappagallo on the bow, and the project conceived by Gabriele Allegretta (tailer), the entirely Under-25 crew produced an impressive series of consistent results and was the only team capable of challenging the overall leader *Jebedee*, even taking victory in the fifth and penultimate race. *Jebedee* also competed with a predominantly Under-25 crew, featuring Andrea Camporeale at the helm, Francesca Sofia Birardi in the middle, Sofia Mazza at the mast, Samuele Laricchia, Alessandro Favia on the bow, together with the only over-age crew member, Nino Soriano. The Organising Committee's decision to present a special award to the fully Under-25 team was warmly welcomed. Third overall was *Marbea*, another young crew, with owner Brunella Azzolini and helmsman Carlo La Porta (Circolo Nautico Il Maestrale) leading Mimmo Guglielmi, Fabio Rana, and Nicola Giancaspro to an excellent performance throughout the regatta, confirming themselves as one of the most promising emerging teams within the fleet.

"The success of this event lies above all in the collaboration between clubs and also between the different fleets," commented Ciccio Mastropierro during the prize-giving ceremony. Also attending the ceremony was Agropoli Fleet Captain Beppe Manganelli, who renewed his invitation to all competitors for the Agropoli event, scheduled for 12–13 September at Lega Navale Italiana Agropoli, expressing the hope of seeing another strong turnout of boats on the starting line.



Following the events in Marina di Carrara, Livorno, Anzio, Gaeta, and Molfetta, the 2026 J/24 National Circuit now moves to Lake Caldonazzo, where Associazione Velica Trentina and Garda–Caldonazzo Fleet Captain Giuliano Cattarozzi will once again welcome competitors for the traditional National Regatta.

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Cucia wins the 2026 Fabio Apollonio Trophy National Regatta

Jebedee claims the Under-25 Trophy. Six races, outstanding hospitality and close competition mark the sixth event of the 2026 J/24 Italian National Circuit on Lake Caldonazzo. Defending champion Bruschetta Guastafeste finishes second on countback, while Tatanka and Ninja share third place on equal points.

Lake Caldonazzo (Valcanover, Pergine Valsugana).

The 2026 J/24 National Regatta – Fabio Apollonio Trophy, organised by Associazione Velica Trentina under the authority of the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV), concluded successfully after six closely contested races sailed over the weekend on the beautiful waters of Lake Caldonazzo, in Valcanover (Pergine Valsugana).

Around fifteen crews representing several Italian J/24 fleets took part in the event, which counted as the sixth stage of the 2026 J/24 Italian National Circuit.

After an exceptionally competitive series, in which several boats alternated at the top of the leaderboard, overall victory in the regatta dedicated to the memory of former Italian J/24 Class President Fabio Apollonio went to ITA 507 *Cucia*, owned by Ubaldo Ranzi and helmed by Marco Giannini, with Fabio Ciabatti, Daniele Piccinelli and Andrea Serlini (AV Alto Sebino) on board. Two race victories secured the overall title with scores of 6, 4, 1, 2, 1, 9.

"This is our first overall victory," commented a delighted Ubaldo Ranzi. "The crew has remained unchanged over



the years and has steadily improved together. We're all extremely happy."

Defending champions ITA 469 *Bruschetta Guastafeste*, helmed by Pierluigi Puthod and owned by Sonia and Alessia Ciceri together with Ancilla Scaccia, won both the opening and closing races. However, despite finishing tied on 14 points (CV Tivano; 1, 7, 3, 3, 6, 1), they were placed second overall after the tie-break procedure.

The remarkable balance across the fleet was further highlighted by another tie, this time for third place, with both crews finishing on 17 points.

ITA 409 *Tatanka*, owned by Paolo Giargia and helmed by Ruggero Spreafico (CV Tivano; 4, 1, 7, 4, 2, 6), shared third with ITA 496/473 *Ninja*, owned by Gulf of Poets Fleet Captain Francesco Nucara and helmed for the occasion by former Class President Pietro Diamanti, with Apulia Fleet Captain Nino Soriano trimming the sheets (CV Mare / CNM Carrara; 7, 3, 2, 5, 4, 3).

Fifth place went to the host club's ITA 432 *Kaster*, owned and helmed by Federica Cattarozzi, sailing alongside her father Giuliano Cattarozzi, Fleet Captain for Garda–

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Caldonazzo. *Kaster* also claimed victory in Saturday's fourth race (scores 5, 10, 4, 1, 3, 12).

One of the highlights of the weekend was the participation of three Under-25 crews, competing for a dedicated youth trophy, ultimately won by ITA 427 *Jebedee* from the Apulian Fleet.

The winning crew featured Andrea Avitabile at the helm (CV Lugano), Nicola Saracino on sheets, Vittoria Danesinin the middle (LNI San Ponente), Frank Russo as tactician and mastman, and Andrea Camporeale on the bow.

"This crew was created by combining the Sailing School of Circolo Nautico Il Maestrale, where I serve as Sporting Director, with the vision shared by Fleet Captain Francesco Nucara, who, like me, strongly believes in investing in young sailors," explained Nino Soriano, owner of *Jebedee*. "The sails and much of the equipment came from *Jebedee*, while Associazione Velica Trentina generously provided the hull, allowing us to compete without the cost and logistics of transporting a boat over such a long distance.

The organisation and hospitality of Associazione Velica Trentina were simply outstanding. I also believe this type of cooperation between fleets represents a model worth developing to make travelling easier for crews. Credit goes to Giuliano Cattarozzi and Francesco Nucara for creating the conditions that made this collaboration possible."

During the well-attended prize-giving ceremony, all competitors and the Race Committee—chaired by Eros Angeli, together with Anita Piva and Mauro Conti—received a selection of much-appreciated local products.

"Despite highly unpredictable wind shifts on Saturday, we managed to complete four races," explained Eros Angeli.

"Sunday brought similar conditions, but after a delayed start at 2:00 pm we successfully completed the remaining two races. The first two teams finished tied on points, so the final ranking had to be decided using the tie-break system based on race results.



Everyone was delighted that we completed the full programme. I'd also like to thank the mark-laying team, who had to reset the course before virtually every race because of the constantly shifting wind, as well as the committee boat volunteers.

The Saturday dinner featuring locally prepared roast pork and Sunday's reception at the Echer family farm, where traditional cured meats are produced, were greatly appreciated by all competitors, as was the special prize-giving in which every participating crew received an award."

Fleet Captain Giuliano Cattarozzi also expressed his satisfaction."These were two wonderful days of racing, with wind conditions ranging from 6–7 knots to gusts of 12 knots, allowing all six scheduled races to be completed.

We are extremely pleased not only with the sporting success of the event, but also with the atmosphere of friendship and celebration that characterised the entire weekend. My thanks go to the competitors, volunteers, race officials and everyone who contributed to making this regatta such a success."

The hospitality provided by Associazione Velica Trentina was universally praised. Competitors particularly appreciated both the warm welcome and the excellent local food, while the club's board members and brothers Dario and Giuliano Cattarozzi were widely recognised for their commitment to establishing and developing the J/24 Class on Lake Caldono.

Following events in Marina di Carrara, Livorno, Anzio, Gaeta, Molfetta and Caldono, the world's most popular keelboat one-design—designed by Rod Johnstone in 1976 and still one of the most competitive and accessible racing classes—will continue its 2026 Italian National Circuit with the seventh of ten scheduled events.

The next stop will be Agropoli, where the local Lega Navale Italiana section and Fleet Captain Giuseppe Manganelli will host the traditional National Regatta (coefficient 2) on 12–13 September.

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L'Emilio wins the event as Jebedee retains the lead in the Apulian J/24 Championship

Circolo Nautico Il Maestrale hosts three demanding races for the fifth round of the rapidly growing Apulian J/24 Fleet Championship. The 2026 Regional Series will conclude in October.

Santo Spirito (Bari). The fifth round of the 2026 VIII FIV Zone J/24 Championship, also valid for the Barsotti Trophy, concluded successfully in the waters off Santo Spirito (Bari).

The event was hosted by Circolo Nautico Il Maestrale, which co-organises the entire regional championship together with Compagnia del Mare, Circolo della Vela Molfetta, and Circolo Nautico Ippocampo. The only exception is the opening event of the season, held in Brindisi and organised by the local section of the Lega Navale Italiana.

"The day proved particularly demanding, more because of the rough sea than the wind itself," explained Apulia Fleet Captain Nino Soriano.

"A northerly breeze of around 15 knots in the morning, easing to about 10 knots later in the day, allowed the seven competing boats to complete three races.

A great result came from ITA 439 *L'Emilio*, representing Compagnia del Mare, helmed by Francesco Mastropiero with Francesco Carrieri calling tactics and several very young sailors on board—a clear sign of the growing strength of the J/24 movement and the increasing interest in the class throughout Apulia. Two race victories and a third place secured the overall event win.

ITA 450 *Marbea*, owned by Bruna Azzollini, also performed exceptionally well. After winning the opening race of the day, *Marbea* finished second overall, tied on five points with *L'Emilio*.

Third place, on nine points, went to ITA 158 *Buccia di Banana*, helmed on this occasion by Vincenzo Lamberti from the Agropoli J/24 Fleet.

As always, the Race Committee, chaired by Enrico Scalera, did an outstanding job."

After 22 races, with four discard scores applied, the provisional championship standings continue to be led comfortably by ITA 427 *Jebedee*, owned by Fleet Captain Nino Soriano.

Sailing with Mario Triggiani at the helm, Francesca Birardi in the middle, and Samuele Laricchia covering mast and bow positions (Circolo Nautico Il Maestrale), *Jebedee* finished fourth in this latest event but retains the overall championship lead on 20 points.

Second overall remains ITA 450 *Marbea*, owned by Bruna Azzollini, with Carlo La Porta helming, Mimmo Guglielmi on sheets, Fabio Rana at the mast and Nicola Giancaspro on the bow (Circolo della Vela Molfetta), on 41 points.

Third place is jointly held, on 64 points, by ITA 174 *Fantasia*, helmed by Nicola Macina (Circolo Nautico Il Maestrale), and ITA 373 *JGomm*, owned by Pierangelo Iurilli with Corrado Mongelli at the helm.

The 2026 Apulian J/24 Championship continues to confirm itself as one of Italy's fastest-growing regional fleets.

The series began in February in Brindisi, before moving to Molfetta for the J-Spring Trophy, organised by Circolo Nautico Ippocampo, then to Santo Spirito at Circolo Nautico Il Maestrale, back to Molfetta for the fourth round hosted by Circolo della Vela Molfetta, and once again to Santo Spirito for this fifth event. The championship finale is scheduled for 4 October.

The championship calendar has been deliberately distributed along the entire Adriatic coastline to encourage participation from as many boats as possible across the region.

Equally important has been the strong cooperation between local sailing clubs—including Compagnia del Mare, Circolo della Vela Molfetta, Circolo Nautico Ippocampo, and Circolo Nautico Il Maestrale—together with the tireless work of Fleet Captain Nino Soriano, whose commitment to expanding the J/24 Class in Apulia has focused particularly on youth development, environmental awareness and the promotion of maritime culture.

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American Passage wins the 2026 Palio del Mare in Anzio

The J/24 owned by Rome Fleet Captain Paolo Rinaldi secures Anzio's prestigious trophy for the Falasche district. Eleven city districts compete aboard J/24s supplied by the Rome J/24 Fleet in the traditional celebration of the town's historic harbour.

Anzio. *American Passage*, owned by Rome J/24 Fleet Captain Paolo Rinaldi and helmed by 2022 ILCA Italian Champion Roberto Rinaldi, claimed overall victory at the 13th Palio del Mare di Anzio, earning the prestigious trophy for the Falasche district.

The annual event celebrates the founding of the Port of Anzio, commissioned by Pope Innocent XII in 1696, and sees the city's eleven historic districts represented by crews racing aboard eleven J/24s generously provided by owners from the Rome J/24 Fleet.

The regatta was organised by the Palio del Mare Anzio Association, together with the Circolo della Vela di Roma, in collaboration with Lega Navale Italiana, Reale Circolo Canottieri Tevere Remo, and the Italian Navy Sailing Section of Anzio, under the patronage of the Municipality of Anzio.

Racing took place in the waters off Anzio Harbour under the impeccable management of the Race Committee chaired by Mario De Grenet, recipient of the Italian Gold Star for Sporting Merit, assisted by race officers Alfredo Posillipo and Enrico Ragno. Fair competition was ensured by the presence on the water of Italian Sailing Federation Judge Claudio Alati.

The event consisted of two windward-leeward races: an opening race involving the full fleet, followed by a Medal Race contested by the top three finishers from Race One.

"The beautiful weather, with sunshine and an 8–10-knot westerly breeze, provided ideal conditions for two spectacular and highly competitive races, featuring some thrilling mark roundings," explained Italian J/24 Class Vice President Gianni Riccobono.

"*J Giuditta*, owned by Riccardo Aleandri and representing the Santa Teresa district, won the opening race after leading from the very start thanks to a perfect start. She was followed by *Jumping Jack Flash*, owned by Federico Miccio and representing Lido dei Pini, with *American Passage* in third place.

The Medal Race was incredibly exciting. The three boats remained extremely close throughout the race. *American Passage* rounded the first windward mark in the lead but had to defend throughout the downwind leg against the relentless challenge from *J Giuditta*. The two boats rounded the leeward mark virtually side by side.

In the end, a more controlled final leg allowed *American Passage* to cross the finish line first, ahead of *Jumping Jack Flash* and *J Giuditta*, securing overall victory."

The event concluded with a festive prize-giving ceremony held in Anzio's main square in the presence of Mayor Aurelio Lo Fazio, Sports Councillor Valentina Corrado, and a large crowd of local residents.

Once again, the J/24, the world's most popular keelboat one-design, demonstrated its remarkable versatility by allowing even novice sailors to experience competitive racing in a safe, exciting and enjoyable environment.



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Pelle Rossa wins the 2026 Ajmone Cat Trophy in Anzio

The traditional regatta honouring Commander Giovanni Ajmone Cat welcomes several classes, but J/24s dominate the overall standings by claiming the top five places.

Anzio. ITA *Pelle Rossa*, helmed by Italian J/24 Class Vice President Gianni Riccobono, claimed overall victory at the 10th Ajmone Cat Challenge Trophy, held over the weekend in the waters off Anzio.

Open to several keelboat classes—including J70s and SB20s—the event nevertheless saw the J/24 fleet dominate the overall ORC standings by occupying the first five positions.

Now in its tenth edition, the regatta honours Commander Giovanni Ajmone Cat, one of the great figures of Italian sailing history. In 1969 and again in 1973, he sailed from the Port of Anzio to Antarctica aboard *San Giuseppe II*, a traditional lateen-rigged sailing vessel, becoming the first Italian to complete such an extraordinary voyage.

The race featured a coastal course of approximately 10 nautical miles, starting off Anzio Harbour, rounding a mark near Torre Astura, before returning to finish once again off the harbour entrance.

Seven boats took part: five J/24s, one J70 and one SB20.

While the J70 *Tempoperso*, owned by Luigi Nasoni, crossed the finish line first in elapsed time, followed by the SB20 *Ligea*, owned by Massimo Morasca, the corrected-time ORC results placed all five J/24s at the top of the final classification.

Thanks to the handicap correction, *Pelle Rossa* secured overall victory and lifted the 2026 Ajmone Cat Challenge Trophy.

The regatta was organised by the Circolo della Vela di Roma in collaboration with the MuMa Maritime Museum Association, Reale Circolo Canottieri Tevere Remo, Lega Navale Italiana, and the Italian Navy Sailing Section of Anzio.

The Race Committee was chaired by Mario De Grenet, assisted by race officers Alfredo Posillipo and Enrico Ragno, while Paolo Barbera served as Chairman of the Jury.

“It was a wonderful day of sailing, blessed with perfect weather, sunshine and an 8–10-knot south-westerly breeze, creating ideal conditions for a highly enjoyable race,” commented Gianni Riccobono.

“Competition, however, remained as intense as ever. Only 12 seconds separated the first and second boats after time correction. Second place went to *Pelle Nera*, helmed by Claudia Cecamore, while *Tally Ho*, owned by Stefano Ratto and helmed by Massimo Meriggi, completed the podium.

Right from the start, *J Giuditta* and *Tally Ho* were involved in an incident at the starting mark that ultimately required both boats to restart.”

The prize-giving ceremony took place at the Circolo della Vela di Roma in the presence of Club President Marco Buglielli and Andrea Cafà, President of the MuMa Association, which is dedicated to preserving the memory of Commander Giovanni Ajmone Cat’s remarkable achievements.

On the evening before the regatta, competitors also enjoyed a fascinating lecture by Andrea Cafà on the history of the traditional lateen rig, with particular emphasis on its importance to the maritime and fishing heritage of Anzio.



Bruschetta Guastafeste and Jamaica Lead the Francesco Ciccolo and Best Owner-Helmsman J/24 Trophies

The provisional standings have been released after the first five rounds of the fiercely contested 2026 J/24 National Circuit, which awards the prestigious Francesco Ciccolo Trophy and the J/24 Best Owner-Helmsman Trophy.

Just days before the sixth event of the 2026 J/24 National Circuit, and following the first five regattas held since April in Marina di Carrara (won by *La Superba*), Livorno (*La Superba*), Anzio (*Bruschetta Guastafeste*), Gaeta (45th Italian Open Championship, *La Superba*), and Molfetta (*Jebedee*), the Italian J/24 Class has released the provisional rankings for both the Francesco Ciccolo Trophy, awarded to the overall winner of the 2026 National Circuit, and the J/24 Best Owner-Helmsman Trophy.

In the provisional standings for the Francesco Ciccolo Perpetual Challenge Trophy, calculated without discards, ITA 469 *Bruschetta Guastafeste*, owned by sisters Sonia and Alessia Ciceri together with Ancilla Scaccia and helmed by Pierluigi Puthod, currently leads the ranking with 160 points (2, 2, 1, 3, DNS).

Second place belongs to ITA 496 *Ninja*, owned by Francesco Nucara and helmed by Andrea Collina, with 142 points (6, 6, 2, 7, 7), followed by the reigning Italian Champion ITA 416 *La Superba*, helmed by Ignazio Bonanno (Italian Navy Offshore Sailing Centre), with 138 points (1, 1, DNS, 1, DNS).

They are followed by ITA 212 *Jamaica* (125 points) and ITA 432 *Kaster* (111 points).

As for the provisional standings of the J/24 Best Owner-Helmsman Trophy, whose score is based on each competitor's best four results, defending champion ITA 212 *Jamaica*, skippered and owned by Class Councillor Pietro Diamanti, remains at the top with 125 points (4, 3, DNS, 2, DNS).



Second place is held by ITA 432 *Kaster*, owned and helmed by Federica Cattarozzi, with 111 points (13, 7, 5, 6, DNS), followed by ITA 304 *Five for Fighting*, owned and helmed by Eugenia De Giacomo, with 85 points (12, 13, DNS, 4, DNS).

Fourth is ITA 427 *Jebedee*, owned by the Apulia Fleet Captain, with 80 points (DSQ, DNS, 4, 13, 1), while fifth place goes to ITA 428 *Pelle Rossa*, owned and helmed by Italian J/24 Class Vice President Gianni Riccobono, with 67 points (DSQ, DNS, 3, 10, DNS).

The complete provisional standings are available on the Italian J/24 Class Association Facebook page.

Calendar

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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

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March 10 - March 14

2027 J/24 Midwinter Championship

Houston Yacht Club
La Porte, TX, United States

April 17 - April 24

2027 J/24 European Championship

Athens, Greece

May 20 - May 23

2027 J/24 North American Championship

Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club
Oyster Bay, NY, United States

October 2 - October 9

2027 J/24 World Championship

Rochester Yacht Club
Rochester, NY, United States



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