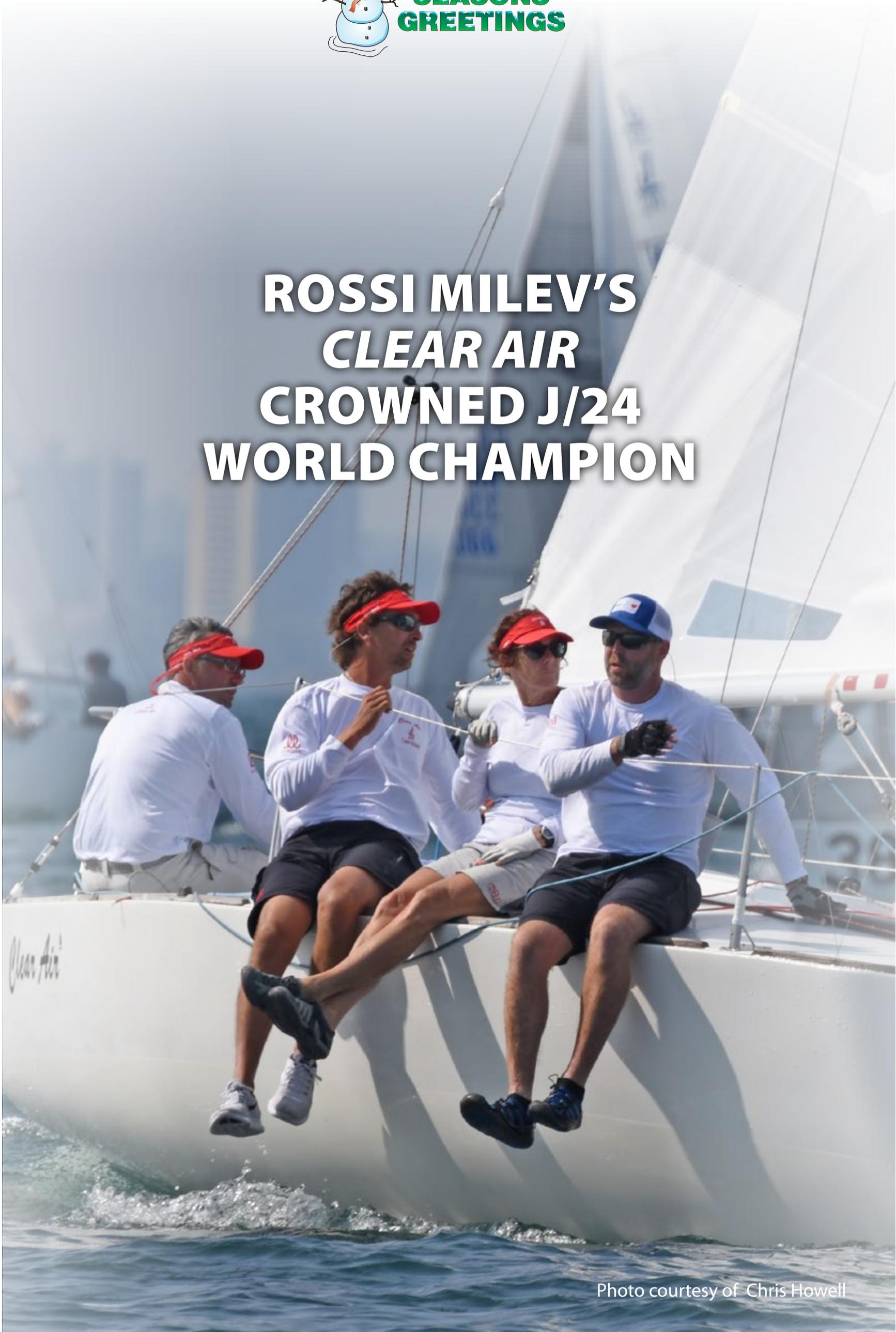


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For those who place in the bottom third in the first race of a World Championship, look to Rossi Milev's *Clear Air* for inspiration. The local team overcame double-digit finishes in the first three of eight races to become the 2017 victors at the driveHG.ca J/24 World Championship in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. Going into the final day of competition on Saturday, September 23, Milev trailed Tony Parker's *Bangor Packet* by 5 points. Nailing a second-place in the day's only light-air contest earned *Clear Air* the title with 47 net points. Parker ended just one notch back, settling for the silver position after a very consistent week of sailing. Ariko Murohashi's *Lull of Japan* claimed the bronze spot with 62 points. Nicolas Cubria's *Elvis* won Saturday's meeting, and although the Race Committee attempted a ninth race, conditions forced an abandonment.



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Milev was an integral player in his club-Port Credit Yacht Club-earning hosting duties for this Championship. "It hasn't sunk it," beamed Milev. "The first race went against us, but I said 'don't give up, it's a long regatta.' We just plugged away." Crew Gayle Gray (mast), Mark Goodyear (trim), Jon Messenger (tactics) and Jeremy Edwards (bow) were up to the challenge in the persistently light air affair. Milev continued, "We had great speed all around, and could hold the lane. We sailed the rig a little bit lighter than what the tuning guide says. You never know when your time will come. You try to figure out what's going on, but it wasn't easy!"



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THE IJCA ALSO AWARDED ITS PERPETUAL TROPHIES:

- * Jaeger Women's Trophy to Erica Beck Spencer, *Sea Bags Women's Sailing Team*
- * Under-25 Turner Trophy to Finn Hadlock, *Boreas*

THE TOP FIVE OVERALL:

1. *Clear Air*, Rossi Milev, Mississauga, ON, CAN - [46] -11 -13 -1 -11 -5 -4 -2; 47
2. *Bangor Packet*, Tony Parker, Washington, DC, USA - 7 -2 -5 -8 -9 - [15] -8 -9; 48
3. *Lull*, Ariko Murohashi, Koto-ku, Tokyo, JPN - [40] -14 -3 -6 -12 -8 -15 -4; 62
4. *Lifted*, Evan Petley-Jones, Halifax, NS, CAN - [39] -10 -1 -2 -6 -1 -28 -20; 68
5. *YouRegatta*, Carter White, Portland, ME, USA - 11 - [25] -6 -13 -19 -4 -3 -12; 68

Sixty-three teams from Argentina, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Peru and the USA competed. Complete results may be found at https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative.cfm?eID=2934, and photos are available on the J/24 Class Facebook page.



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Day 1 Report: While major storms continued to batter coastal regions of North America, fickle breeze was the theme of the opening day. Teams endured winds around 6 knots to complete two races. Tony Parker's *Bangor Packet* and James Freedman's *Miss Conduct* were tied on points at 9, with Parker holding that tie-breaker by way of a 7,2 (Freedman earned a 4,5) for the early advantage. David Klatt's *Jaded* and Mark Laura's *Baba Louie* sat tied at 21 for third and fourth place, respectively. A big wind shift in the opening contest doomed teams to the left, but benefited Klatt's *Jaded* and two Japanese teams (Nobuyuki Imai's *Siesta* and Einosuke Morita's *Wailea*) who comprised the top three. Aidan Glackin's *Mental Floss* took line honors in the second race, ahead of Parker's *Bangor Packet* and Blair Dinsdale's *Journey*.



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Day 2 Report: Mother Nature provided more consistent breeze and sunshine on the second day of racing. As the conditions improved, so did the lead for Tony Parker's *Bangor Packet*, who notched a 5,8 on Wednesday to bring him to 22 overall points after four races. Scott Milne's *Tremendous Slouch* moved into second place with 48 points, and James Freedman's *Miss Conduct* slipped to third with 51. Competitors appreciated Wednesday's 8-10 knots as another two contests went in the books. Evan Petley-Jones' *Lifted* won race three, trailed by Freedman's *Miss Conduct* and Ariko Murohashi's *Lull*. Rossi Milev's *Clear Air* took the next victory, with Petley-Jones and David Klatt's *Jaded* completing the top three.

Day 3 Report: If good things come to those who wait, then Evan Petley-Jones' *Lifted* was the perfect example on day three. Teams waited out multiple hours of an on-water postponement, hoping for enough breeze to get a start off. Finally around 3:30 p.m., light winds allowed two more races to be completed, which brought into effect the discard. Petley-Jones' *Lifted* tallied a 7,1 on Thursday to leap into first place overall, able to drop a 39 from race 1. Tony Parker's *Bangor Packet* fell to second place with 32 points. John Mollicone's *Helly Hansen* launched up to the third spot with 33 net points after tossing a 52 from Tuesday. Race 5 began in about 5 knots, when Nobuyuki Imai's *Siesta* collected the win. Mollicone and Ted Bartlewski's *Drivers Wanted* followed. Looking at Petley-Jones cross the finish line first in the next meeting were David Klatt's *Jaded* and Travis Odenbach's *HoneyBadger* when winds increased slightly.

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Day 4 Report: Light winds continued, as just one race was accomplished on day four. Tony Parker's *Bangor Packet* returned to the top of the leaderboard, placing eighth, leaving him with 40 net points heading into the final day of competition. A fourth by Rossi Milev's *Clear Air* moved him into second overall, five points off Parker's pace. Evan Petley-Jones' *Lifted* scored a 28 in Friday's lone battle, dipping him to third place with 49 points. Parker, from Washington D.C., remained in the top two each day of

the Championship. He was the most seasoned racer on the course, sailing 1978 hull #58, a testimony to the J/24's quality and ruggedness, and the skill and consistency of the crew at this event. Parker is a five-time winner of the J/24 US East Coast Championship (which he has sailed 38 times). Friday's race winner was Ted Bartlewski's *Drivers Wanted*, shadowed by Mark Laura's *Baba Louie* and Carter White's *YouRegatta*.

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ROBERT BAKOCZY AND TEAM BECOME 2017 J/24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS / OPEN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY AMERICAN KEITH WHITTEMORE

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Day 1 Report (26/09/17): J/24 European Championship Kicks Off With the Participation of 48 Teams, Eight Nationalities and 250 Crew

250 competitors of eight nations on 48 boats registered for the 2017 J/24 European Championship organised by the Balatonfüredi Yacht Club in Balatonfüred, Hungary between September 24 and October 1. The Europeans was preceded by a three-day registration session where all the boats and sails were measured. Though the practice race had to be cancelled due to lack of wind, competitors were compensated by a fantastic Opening Ceremony in the Club followed by an awesome party with good food and plenty of drinks. The Opening Day kicked off with beautiful sunshine and pleasant easterly winds, which some of the competitors took advantage of for training. Unfortunately, the wind completely died down by the afternoon, so the practice race needed to be called off by the Race Committee. The Opening Ceremony was a truly remarkable event where the Balatonfüredi Yacht Club's young Optimist competitors sailed into the marina, each carrying the flag of a competing nation while music characteristic to each nation played in the background. The Triumphant March from Verdi's Aida played on while the flags were being raised. A spectacular RG dance performance performed on a floating pontoon followed the flag raising. The International J/24 Class was often referred to as a 'big family' in the opening speeches as most Class members know each other quite

well. The iconic Stuart Jardine was the first to greet the competitors and also announced that he intends to retire soon and pass over his legacy to Michael Peters. Stuart is a member of the Technical Committee of the International J/24 Class, and also a seasoned and successful sailor who finished fourth during the 2008 European Championship in Hungary. It is amazing that though being over 80 years old, he personally managed the 3.5-day measurement procedure and the entire measurement team. Local measurement preparations for the Europeans were coordinated by Zsolt Baranyai. Ákos Pécsváradi, Gábor Csernussi and a handful of volunteers also supported the measurement team. Károly Simon, as a life member of the organising Balatonfüredi Yacht Club, greeted the competitors wishing them fair winds and fair racing. Andras Holczhauser represented the Hungarian Yachting Association and also greeted the competitors. Erik Hercsel, head of the Hungarian J/24 Class, expressed his gratitude toward the sponsors of the event: Audi being the main sponsor, Quantum Sails Hungary, Julius Meini, International (Ricky Sport), Jet Travel and Bravo Boats. The International Jury was also introduced to competitors: Dusan Vanicky (SVK) as Chairman, Pedro Rodrigues (POR), Judit Bodnár (HUN) and Gábor Oroszlán (HUN). The Opening Ceremony was followed by a leisurely dinner catering to both local and international taste. Good wines and superb atmosphere were an integral part of the evening.



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Day 2 Report (27/09/17): Hungarian Dominance at the J/24 European Championship

Two races were sailed on September 27, the first race day. Both races were ruled by the Hungarian teams occupying 10 spots in the top 20. *Jukebox*, helmed by local Miklos Rauschenberger, secured two wins by confident sailing, followed by the current American National Champion Keith Whittemore on *Furio*, while last year's World Champion *JJone* helmed by Daniel Frost and his crew came in third. The first race started out in light, easterly 7-9 knot winds at 10 am as scheduled. The first start was under U flag, but loads of excited competitors went over the start line early, so the second start was under the Black Flag. Seemingly, the teams were more careful at the second start in order not to be disqualified, so only two boats, HUN2 and GER5467, were over early, therefore each earned a BFD. *Jukebox*, helmed by Miklós Rauschenberger, took over the lead after the first upwind leg and won the race. Daniel Frost and his team came in second on *JJone*, followed by fellow German *LUV*, helmed by Tom Stryi. The wind lost power by the second race, dropping to 5-7 knots, further boosting the Hungarian teams' self confidence on the start line. Dropping, tricky winds require expert starting technique, where choosing one's starting position is key to a successful race. Those starting closer to the pin end proved to be faster coming up to the first upwind mark. Six Hungarian teams got there fastest. First to round the mark was Tamas Madarasz and his team on *Rebel*. The

first downwind leg was fastest on the right side. After the first round, the already weakening wind was also shifting northward, forcing a course alteration. The frontrunners split into two. The two leading teams, *Jukebox* and Farkas Litkey-helmed *Pelle Nera*, chose to remain on the left, while the rest of the fleet kept to the right hoping to find stronger breezes. By the end of the second race, winds died almost completely, though the spinnakers were still holding up nicely. Patience and focus were the strongest virtues to finish the race. The second race was also ruled by Miklós Rauschenberger and his team on *Jukebox*, while three-time Soling World Champion Farkas Litkey came in second on *Pelle Nera*, followed by fellow Hungarian Tamas Madarasz and his team on *Rebel*. As the wind completely died, there was no chance to do the third race. After shore postponement, the day was called after two successful races. After two races, *Jukebox* helmed by Miklos Rauschenberger was leading the regatta with two wins. He summarised the day as follows: "In today's light winds, local knowledge was definitely an advantage. We knew at both starts that we must choose the pin side, and it proved right. It is very good to see that the Hungarian teams are doing well, though today's tricky conditions haven't given foreign competitors the chance to really prove how good they are." *Furio*, helmed by Keith Whittemore, was second with two fourth places at both races, while the German World Champion Daniel Frost on *JJone* was looking forward to getting ahead from third place.

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Day 3 Report (28/09/17): Three Hungarian Teams are on Top of the Leaderboard After Four Races at the J/24 European Championship

The second race day continued with two further races on Lake Balaton. After four races, three Hungarian teams ruled the top league. *Jukebox* was leading with Miklos Rauschenberger at the helm, shadowed by *Jenesis* helmed by Balázs Tomai, while *Pelle Nera* helmed by Farkas Litkey was third. Due to the black flag start rules, previous favourites (the American Keith Whittemore on *Furio* and the German Daniel Frost on *Jjone*) lost their positions as they weren't able to drop their BFDs. The day started out beautifully in 7-9 knots of easterly winds. The first three teams to round the first upwind mark during the third race was German Tom Stryi (*LUV*), Hungarian Gabor Sallai (*iIroncat*) and fellow Hungarian Farkas Litkey (*Pelle Nera*), keeping their positions until the finish of that race. German Stefan Karsunke on *Süllberg* finished fourth, while the overall leader Miklos Rauschenberger on *Jukebox* crossed the finish line fifth. The middle of the fleet pretty much clustered up due to dropping winds and finished really close to each other so the Race Committee decided to shorten the course on the third and fourth legs. In race four, the second race of the day was preceded by an on-water postponement as the wind started shifting and also dropped well below 5 knots. After a bit of waiting, the regatta moved southward, a new course was set and racing continued. Excited teams were unable to hold their horses well enough, being Black Flag starts for six teams (including favourites *Furio* and *Jjone*) for their early moves, so they were forced to watch the race from the sidelines. The repeated start for race four was clear. The rounding order at the first upwind mark was Jörn Harms on *Vitesse*, Balazs Tomai on *Jenesis* and Miklos Rauschenberger with *Jukebox*. The order pretty much remained the same at the end of the first round at the downwind gate, only *Jukebox* turned a bit before *Jenesis*. Miklos Rauschenberger on *Jukebox* decided to take the left-hand mark and continue upwind on the right, while Tomai on *Jenesis* opted for the right-hand mark and sailed on the left upwind. The second upwind mark was rounded by *Vitesse* first, followed

by *Jenesis*, then *Fast F*. The race was won by Jörn Harms on *Vitesse*, *Jenesis* with Balazs Tomai finished second, while third was taken by a female helm, Johanne Maske. Race five started in somewhat annoyingly shifty 5-6 knot easterly winds which later completely died, so the race committee decided to abandon the race to the biggest disappointment for leading Keith Whittemore (*Furio*) and Farkas Litkey (*Pelle Nera*). After the race, Balazs Tomai admitted that, "We expected to finish in the top 10. We are awaiting further races from the second spot, though we are only half-way through with the regatta. This is the second time that I helm a J/24 on such a prestigious regatta. I believe that teamwork is key in this Class."

Day 4 Report (29/09/17): Farkas Litley Leading After Eight Races at the J/24 European Championship

Teams sailed four races on the third day, having accomplished eight races in total. Friday was a busy day, not only in race numbers but also in number of protests, so the International Jury was kept busy as well. Farkas Litkey (*Pelle Nera*) took over the lead, though tied on points with second Keith Whittemore (*Furio*), while Balazs Tomai (*Jenesis*) sat in third after Rauschenberger Miklos (*Jukebox*) was disqualified from race 8 by the Technical Committee for faulty sailing. The top league was reorganised, competition tight, with spots on the podium still up for grabs. The day started out with a shore postponement. After a short wait, the fleet headed out to the course area. The fleet sailed race five in 6-8 knot easterly winds. Leading Miklos Rauschenberger (*Jukebox*) won race five, followed by Frank Schönfeldt (*Henk*) and Greek Anthimos Nikolaidis (*Evniki*) in third—though due to being over the line early, they earned a BFD, therefore Peer Kook (*Bockdrauf*) moved up a notch to third, and Balazs Tomai (*Jenesis*) could claim fourth. Winds dropped by race six, though it was an even 5-6 knots at the beginning. Winds dropped further during the race, forcing the RC to shorten the length of the second upwind leg. Race five finished with five Hungarian teams occupying the top five league. Order of finish: Farkas Litkey (*Pelle Nera*), Robert Sarina (*Jbond*), Balazs Tomai (*Jenesis*), Robert Bakoczy (*FGF Sailing Team*), Gabor Sallai



(*iIroncat*). Race seven was preceded by a lengthy on-water postponement, as the Race Committee decided to move the course southward in hope of more steady winds. The new course was set, and race seven started in an 8-knot northeasterly. The start for race seven had to be repeated due to a general recall. Three teams, including leading *Jukebox*, collected BFDs. The second start for race seven was clear. Swedish *For Fun* rounded the upwind mark first, followed by *Vitesse* and *iIroncat*. The order somewhat shifted by the downwind mark, which was rounded first by *FGF Sailing Team*, followed by *Furio* and *Evniki*. *FGF* ended up winning race seven by consistent sailing. *Vitesse* came in second and *Furio* third. Greek *Evniki* finished fourth, while Hungarian *Jinge* fifth. Winds dropped to 5-6 knots by race eight while keeping its direction, so no course change was needed for the last race of the day. Teams really had to be alert and decide which side to choose that would bring them fresh breezes. Balazs Tomai on *Jenesis* opted for the left and rounded the first upwind mark first, beating *Vitesse* and *Pelle Nera*. At the end of the first lap, Jörn Harms took over the lead with *Vitesse* overcoming Balazs Tomai (*Jenesis*). *Vitesse* held onto his leading position until the finish. Jörn Harm from *Vitesse* commented on the regatta as follows, "It is difficult to sail here, as there is relatively little wind, and there are lot of wind direction changes, and there are no waves. We, from the North of Germany on the Baltic Sea, are used to different conditions: mostly to wind and waves where it is somewhat easier to sail. The organization is perfect." Farkas Litkey (*Pelle Nera*) finished second, Keith Whittemore (*Furio*) came in third, *Jenesis* landed the fourth, while *FGF Sailing Team* nailed the fifth spot. The winner of the day was definitely Farkas Litkey whose consistent sailing paid him with taking the lead in the regatta. Litkey told us after the races, "We sailed four races today out of the total eight. Successful four races for us. I am satisfied with all races. There are light winds which benefit us as we are fast in light winds. We have enough speed there to stay among or ahead of the best. The regatta organization is fantastic. It is incredible that there are 48 boats. I'm truly impressed. Shore events are perfect. New videos edited every night and the day's photos displayed is really unique. I haven't seen this at any other regattas. This is the best organization I've ever seen."

Day 5 Report (01/10/17): Hungarian Victory at the 2017 J/24 European Championship / Robert Bakoczy and His Team Became the J/24 European Champion / Open European Championship was won by American Keith Whittemore

The title was decided during the very last race of the 10-race competition. The continent trophy was won by young Robert Bakoczy and his dynamic team after four days of consistent sailing (they also finished sixth at this year's Melges 24 World Championship). Light wind continued to be the theme during the last race day, but despite the challengingly shifty conditions, the Race Committee, headed by Bence Fluck, managed to run two races on the final day. Race nine was sailed in 7-8 knots of northeasterly winds, in which three German teams gathered BFD penalties due to jumping out early. *LUV* was the first boat to reach the first upwind gate, shadowed by the young girls-only team on *GER5266*, while *Django* turned third. By the end of the second leg, leading positions shifted as the left side of the course proved faster, but *LUV* and *GER5266* managed to hold onto their leads, while Greek *Evniki* completed the leg third. The second upwind leg was accomplished by again *LUV* first, while two teams came in from the right—*Jukebox* in second place, while *Furio* in third. Tom Stry and his team won Race nine before *Jukebox* and upcoming *FGF Sailing Team*. Race 10 was a nerve-racking course testing the endurance of the teams with its dropping, shifty winds. *Evniki* was the first to round the first upwind mark, followed by Dutch *Team JOOL* and *Jmania*. This order was kept at the downwind mark, except *Evniki* swapped positions with *Team JOOL*. Dropping winds clustered up the teams at the mark, and there were fierce struggles for inside positions coupled by load protest calls. *Team JOOL* struggled up first to the second upwind mark, followed by *Evniki* and *Vitesse*. The Dutch ended up winning the race on board *Team JOOL*, beating *Evniki* and *Vitesse*. The Race Committee was determined to do an 11th race which had to be started by 4 pm. The wind was picking up to 7-8 knots, shifting east, but the first start attempt had to be interrupted by an AP due to a sudden wind shift. The 11th race started clear at the second start attempt, though shifting conditions forced an abandonment. Therefore, the European Championship

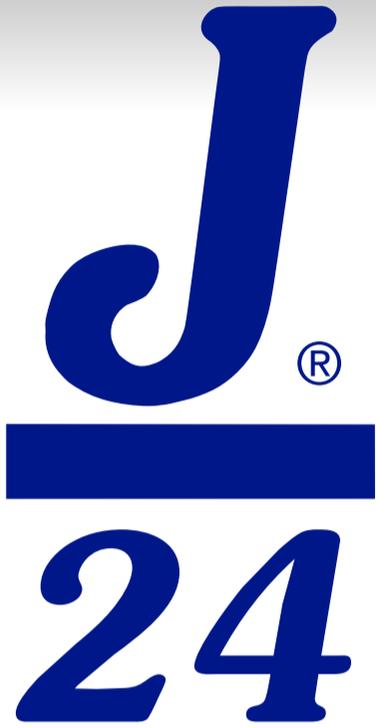
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closed after 10 races. *FGF Sailing Team* helmed by Robert Bakoczy became European Champions. "The J/24 European Championship was a great adventure for us, as this is not our Class. We sail in a different Class. It was great that there was no pressure on us, and this brought us victory. We are extremely delighted. I don't know, I am just overwhelmed right now. It hasn't yet sunk in that this has happened to us and we won," said Bakoczy after his win. Silver went to Farkas Litkey with his mixed Hungarian-Italian team on board of *Pelle Nera*, while the bronze was earned by Balazs Tomai and his team on *Jenesis*. The Open Trophy was taken home by American Keith Whittemore and his team on *Furio*. "It was amazing to race on this beautiful Lake where, to our surprise and biggest delight, powerboats are banned. You cannot believe how lucky you are with this. We had 10 great races, great organisation, fair start lines," said Whittemore after the races. *Jukebox*, helmed by Miklos Rauschenberger, finished fourth. They received a standing ovation at the prize-giving ceremony, as they earned three wins during the regatta and offered very consistent sailing all throughout the week. German *Süllberg* with Stefan Karsunke finished fifth, followed by *Evniki* helmed by Athimos Nikolaidis at sixth. Three more Hungarian teams made it to the top 10, which is a great achievement considering the strength of the fleet. Dutch *Team JOOL* (Dirk Olyslagers) finished seventh, followed

by *Jbond* (Robert Sarina) in eighth, *iIroncat* (Gabor Sallai) ninth and *Jinge* (Imre Scholtz) closing the top 10 league at 10. Following the J/24 Class' legacy, there were also special prizes distributed. One went to the 'The Old Boat Trophy' which was earned by *Just a big Dinghy*, helmed by Annamári Sabján. The boat had been used by a Swiss fisherman before who shortened the mast by 6 cm. So the mast had to be restored to its original length before the European Championship in order to comply with Class Rules. The girls-only team went to lengths to make their boat race compliant. The 'Ladies Trophy' special prize was won by Emily Kern and her team on *Rotogirl*. The 'Top Youth Boat Trophy' was won by the GER3634 team *Fast F* helmed by Johanne Maske. The 'Top Senior Boat' title went to Italian Attilio De Battista on ITA498 named *Pilgrim*. Erik Hercsel, President of the Hungarian J/24 Class, concluded the event as follows, "I am grateful that I had a chance to sail the same course with such great sailors during this regatta. Seeing the Hungarian fleet, the teams, the helms achieving such great results makes me even more happy. Long months of organization and many late nights preceded this event. Big thank you to my entire team who made this event such a success, to the many supporters, volunteers, J/24 Class members, to Balatonfüredi Yacht Club, and of course to our sponsors whose support was inevitable in the realization of this great event."



First of all, you can see that there has been a slight change in the International Technical Committee (<http://www.j24class.org/organization/measurement-committee/>). Members are the same, but as you may have noticed, the Chair has changed. I promise the J/24 community, we will keep on working so as to keep the J/24 as competitive as always.

Personal & Portable Equipment and Consumables

I think it is necessary to make some clarification regarding Personal & Portable Equipment and consumables. There has been some confusion in the past, and now we have adopted a definition from the Equipment Rules of Sailing, so it is beyond our control to regulate the definition. According to the ERS, Personal Equipment is everything you carry or wear to keep warm and/or dry and/or to protect your body. So PFDs, clothing, hats and sunglasses are typical examples of personal equipment. If you'd like to know more, you can always download the ERS from the World Sailing webpage and look up the definition C.5.2.

Portable Equipment, on the other hand, is all the “other” equipment that is not covered by the boat—the personal equipment or the consumables. Mooring lines, anchor, battery, outboard engine and fire extinguisher are perfect examples that fall into this category. The boat definition only includes the hull, rig, standing and running rigging (to sail the boat), appendages and sails. Anything not included in the boat, and cannot be categorized as personal or consumable, should be contemplated as portable. Another example is the berth cushions, but there are many more and it is impossible to list all of them. The definition in the ERS is C.6.6.

That leaves us finally with the consumables. Consumables are those things you intend to use on board, and obviously, as the word suggests, will be consumed, like drinking water, fuel and food.



Now the important thing is that neither the personal nor the consumables can be listed anywhere as part of any weight, so it is not possible to list fuel as part of the inventory of required equipment (same as any personal equipment). Please take into account that the 10 liters of fresh water you can list in the inventory are not there to be consumed, so technically they cannot be considered consumables and would fall under the category of portable equipment. Since this is a change that happened when we changed our Class Rules, it is consistently a topic of debate. I hope that with these lines I was able to shed some light on those definitions.

ERS - Equipment Rules of Sailing

If you wonder what this is...well, the ERS is a definition dictionary that is used to define certain terms used in Class Rules so this way there is no debate or doubt what certain words mean. When you see a term in our Class Rules in bold type, it means that the definition is according to the ERS. This makes Rule writing much faster and easier (and it is a World Sailing requirement), but it obviously means you have no control on certain definitions which in some cases can be problematic. The definitions are put together by a World Sailing panel under the supervision of the World Sailing Equipment Committee. These definitions get revised "only" every four years. I am part of that panel, and one of the challenges is to make a definition good enough to suit all World Sailing Classes, but as you can imagine this is an issue where sometimes one definition does not fit all—especially when you consider that it has to apply to a small one-handed dinghy Class up to a 72-foot Maxi Class. Still, I think it is an improvement, otherwise you need to include so many definitions into the Class Rules that make the reading intolerable.

If you'd like to know more, check out the link:

<http://www.sailing.org/documents/equipmentrules/index.php>

By Aristofanis Pallikaris

THE CONCLUSION OF A PROMISING YEAR



Despite the difficulties of 2017, another successful and promising year was concluded for the Greek J/24 Class. In summary:

- 1) Five regattas were organised throughout the year,
- 2) For the first time in at least the past 15 years, three Greek teams participated in the European Championship in Hungary,
- 3) A new secondhand boat was purchased from Italy and brought into the Greek family in mid-2017, and
- 4) For the first time, the GRE-JCA was embraced in the highest category of the Greek Sailing Federation alongside Classes such as the Laser 470, 49er, Finn, Nacra 17, Tornado, etc.

The first scheduled regatta of the year ("NEARCHUS") was organised by the Sailing Club of Agios Nikolaos and took place on the weekend of 25-26 of March. On the first day of racing, the conditions (wind speed 5-7 knots with a direction from 80 to 110 degrees) permitted the conduction of three races, where a few dolphins joined the fleet almost throughout the entire third race. The next day, wind speeds dropped to a bare minimum (0-4 knots) in the morning, still, an increase in wind speed (7-8 knots) later in the day permitted the completion of two more races. In continuation to its forward momentum of 2016, team KIKA managed to win the regatta with the final results being: first place KIKA skippered by M. Aggelakis,

second place SIMERA skippered by G. Lyronis, and third place EVNIKI skippered by D. Altsiadis.

While the second scheduled regatta was postponed until September, the following scheduled regatta, which was also the first stage of the National Championship, was organised on time (June 03-05) by the Sailing Club of Patras, host of the European Championship of 2019. The fleet travelled to the city of Patras for the first time, both to participate in the regatta and acquire experience of the EC 2019 venue. Besides the assessment of the EC 2019 venue by the GRE-JCA council, the regatta was marked by the appearance of a newly formed crew and the high level of competition, as the final winner was decided on the last race of the regatta with two boats tied in first place. Overall, all nine scheduled races were completed throughout the three days of racing where the crews had the chance to experience the two most common weather conditions of the region: southwest wind direction with speed ranging from 4 to 8 knots and southeast wind direction with speed ranging from 12 to 18 knots. The final results were: first place KIKA skippered by M. Aggelakis, second place the newly formed team JMANIA skippered by G. Panagiotidis, and third place PHYSALIA PHYSALIS skippered by M. Rousis. The overall organisation including craning in and out of boats, berthing of boats, parking and safety of cars and/or trailers, personnel involved either on

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or off the course, and activities beyond the racing aspects of the regatta were exemplary, indicating that the Sailing Club of Patras is working hard in preparation of the EC of 2019.

The third regatta of the year was the postponed second scheduled regatta, organised by the Yacht Club of Greece on the weekend of 09-10 of September alongside the National Championship of the Platu 25 Class. For the first time in the past 15 years, the two Greek fleets shared the same racecourse, offering an impressive and fulfilling view on the bay of Athens. On the first day of racing, four out of six scheduled races took place with wind directions ranging from 180 to 210 degrees and an increase in wind speed from 5 to 12 knots until the final race. On the second day, similar wind conditions made their presence later in the day, permitting the conclusion of the two remaining races. All crews sailed competitively. Claiming the first place of each race, and the final winner, was the newly formed crew of the year JMANIA, skippered by G Panagiotidis. Second place was captured by ANASSA skippered by N. Kapnisis, and in third place was KIKA skippered by M Aggelaki.

The specific regatta also constituted a very strong preparation for the crews to travel to Hungary at the end of September to participate in the J/24 European Championship. It has been a long time since three Greek teams participated in the European Championship. The participating teams were EVNIKI (a regular at the international level), skippered by A Nikolaidis and his crew D Altsiadis, I Orfanos, S Kartalis and A Siouzos, the newly formed team JMANIA skippered by G Panagiotidis and his crew Ch Kifidis, K Skotida, K Tridimas, and F Dodou, and a team that was literally put together at the last minute that sailed with the boat KIKA skippered by M Aggelakis and the crew Ch Garaki, A Mandelenaki, N Karyotakis and A

Pallikaris. Team EVNIKI managed to grasp the sixth place of the Championship, team JMANIA finished in 16th place, while team KIKA managed to finish on the 37th spot, gaining some important experience in sailing in larger fleets.

The fourth regatta was organised two weeks later by the Sailing Club of Heraklion in the beautiful capital city of Crete, Heraklion. As is common for the specific location, the regatta was quite demanding with quite difficult weather conditions on the first day (16-20 knots with waves over 1.5 meters high), with four out of six races completed on that day. The second day, the weather conditions did not permit the realization of any of the remaining scheduled races due to the increase in wind speed (over 20 knots) and wave conditions. The winner of that regatta was team JMANIA, which continued its dynamic presence after its appearance at the European Championship in Hungary. Second place went to team KIKA skippered by M Aggelakis, and third place to team MINOAN SPIRIT skippered by A Pallikaris.

The last regatta of 2017 was the second stage of the National Championship and took place on October 28-30 in Chania by the Sailing Club of Chania. In total, nine races were completed in highly satisfactory, yet, difficult autumn weather conditions. Over the three days of racing, the wind direction ranged from 255 degrees to 295 degrees, with wind speed ranging from 9 to 17 knots. Eight out of nine races were completed under these conditions, while the ninth race was marked by a change in wind direction (320 degrees) that caused the reallocation of the sailing course to a more favourable location. The final race of the regatta proved to be the most important one, as it modified the final results of positions two to five. Specifically, two teams tied in second and third place (team NIKOLAS skippered by M Oikonomou and team KIKA skippered by M Aggelakis), while the team in fourth

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place (ANASSA skippered by N Kapnisis) finished ahead of the team in the fifth place (MINOAN SPIRIT skippered by A Pallikaris) by a difference of only one point. The winner of the second stage of the National Championship and the new overall Greek Champion of 2017 was team JMANIA skippered by P Kampouridis (top nine finish at the 470 World Championship in Barcelona, represented Greece at the 2012 Summer Olympics in 470) and his crew Ch Kifidis, K Skotida, K Tridimas and F Dodou. Although ahead after the first stage of the National Championship, team KIKA eventually failed to maintain the lead, yet ended up with an impressive second position, demonstrating its improving trend in recent years. In third place was also a

relatively new team, ANASSA, which also emphatically rose to this position as compared to the first stage of the Greek Championship.

The GRE-JCA council and members would like to thank ANEK LINES - BLUE STA FERRIES for their continuous support with the transportation of the fleet throughout Greece, and VMG Factory for their considerable discounts on their sailing clothing and accessories.

World Council Meeting Minutes Posted



Thank you to the Italian Class for hosting the 2017 J/24 World Council Meeting at Fraglia Vela, Riva del Garda, Italy on October 21.

The meeting minutes are now posted at

<http://www.j24class.org/organization/class-documents/wcm-minutes/>.

Mexico Report

By Leopoldo Farias



As we have stated before, the summer in Mexico is our slowest part of the year regarding regattas. It is unlike most other places in the world since for them it is the busiest given that the warm weather and vacations spell sailing. Not here though—in Mexico, it is the rainy season, and it rains hard almost every day. Plus the fact that with the kids being on holiday, everyone chooses to go to different places.

But come September, the racing starts again, even though technically the rainy season is not over until around mid-October. On or about the weekend of September 16, we have our Independence Day Regatta. We usually have a great event prepared at the Club Nautico Valle de Bravo, better known as Coporito. The Club prepares a Mexican night with cut paper and traditional dishes set up around the gardens. We have fireworks and a dance contest. This year, it was a sad event though, as when the first day's racing ended, our longtime friend and a J/24 sailor for many, many years—Fernando Mollo—suffered a heart attack getting off the boat on the dock and passed away there on the dock. CPR was administered, and the Red Cross came shortly after. Unfortunately, their efforts were fruitless. This obviously put a huge damper on the party, and most of the boats chose not to sail the next day in

mourning. Our dear close friend Fernando Mollo will not be soon forgotten, may he rest in peace.

On a brighter note, the weekend of September 30/October 1, the San Gaspar/Porsche Cup was held with great success. On October 21 and 22, the Oktoberfest Regatta at Club Nautico Avandaro was held with plenty of beer and sausages for everyone at one of our oldest and most traditional events. The CNA goes all out and hosts an incredible event widely enjoyed by all!



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On November 4 and 5, the Marinazul Club has their Cup in its 21st edition. This is a great event with many prizes from the sponsors including raffles and great food and drink. The next major event is our Revolution Day Regatta which will be hosted by the Club Nautico La Peña.

Winds should be good this time of year and well, parties in Mexico are famous by now. We really know how to enjoy ourselves after a hard day out on the water!

To finish off the year, we will have the ProValle Regatta, which goes around all of the lake. Boats stop at all the different clubs around the lake to enjoy food and beverage. It is by no means a competitive race but a very enjoyable day out on the Lake.

We end the year with the Champagne Cup on December 30.

Fair sailing!





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FRAGLIA VELA RIVA, ITALY

AUGUST 24-31

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The World Council Meeting held at the historic site of Fraglia Vela Riva, with the members of the International J/24 Class, has further confirmed that the J/24 World Championship 2018 will take place in Riva del Garda from 24-31 August, which will follow the National Championship of the same Class scheduled mid-May.

“The Fraglia Vela Riva’s representatives showed the members of the International Class and the J/24 presidents the facilities of the club, pinpointing the range of possibilities for the moorings of the boats, the trailers’ parking, and the services offered to the competitors,” explained Pietro Diamanti, J/24 Italian President.

“Particular attention is paid to the venue to gauge the measurement area, since Tim Winger, outgoing Technical Chair of the International Class, asked for an indoor space sheltered from the wind in order to prevent any mistake in the measuring. Hence, the measurement will be located in the near PalaVela building, part of the Riva del Garda FiereCongressi. From May 29 to June 3, Riva del Garda will also organize the National Open J/24 Championship, an excellent opportunity to test the racing field and the FVRiva organization ahead of the prestigious event of August.”

After the tour of the club, the participants of the World Council Meeting acknowledged the suitability of the facilities and appreciated the professional competence of Fraglia Vela Riva in running world events. Moreover, it was decreed that the World Championship will have a limited participation number of 80 boats.

The Italian crews selected so far are ITA 416 *La Superba*, ITA 212 *Jamaica*, ITA 501 *Avoltore*, ITA 304 *Five for Fighting J*, ITA 499 *Kong Grifone*, ITA 487 *America Passage*, ITA 405 *Vigne Surrau*, ITA 460 *Botta Dritta*, ITA 443 *Aria*, ITA 241 *Libarium*, ITA 371 *J-Joc*, ITA 424 *Kismet* and ITA 498 *Pilgrim*. Four more berths will be awarded this year.

“It is a pleasure to host once again the J/24 fleet for its major events of the Italian Championship (Open) in May and the Worlds at the end of August,” stated Fraglia Vela Riva’s President Giancarlo Mirandola. He added, “This Class is part of sailing history and is lively and spread worldwide. After having hosted the 1999 and 2009 Nationals here in Riva del Garda, it is a great honour to organize the World Championship in 2018. Our club will be up to this kind of major sporting event, granting the high standards requested of the International Class, not only in term of logistics.”

The regatta will consist of 10 races, for which many talented teams are expected to sail, attracted not only by the magnificent race course, but also by the natural beauties of Garda Trentino and the renowned organizing skills of Fraglia Vela Riva.

Alce Nero will be the official technical sponsor of the J/24 World Championship 2018, a brand of over 1,000 organic farmers and beekeepers active since the 1970s in Italy and worldwide. They will provide all the teams with special food boxes for the whole period of the event. Over 300 references of Alce Nero are available in 30 countries (Europe, Asia, America) and online at: www.alcenero.com.

Ireland Report

By Flor O'Driscoll



RESURGENCE OF J/24 RACING IN IRELAND

The Irish J/24 Class is undergoing a significant resurgence both at club and regional events. The Class organised three regional events and a National Championship.

Western Championships—Foynes Yacht Club

Foynes Yacht Club hosted the J/24 Western Championship for the first occasion on May 20-21. The port of Foynes was the European terminus for initial Trans-Atlantic flights, which began in the late 1930s using Flying Clipper B314 flying boats. See www.flyboatmuseum.com for more details.

Race Day 1:

A fleet of 16 J/24s from across the country were launched with smooth efficiency by the team led by Commodore Michael McCormack and Bev Lowes and moored to Foynes Yacht Club's new marina pontoons. PRO Raymond McGibney decided to use racing area 1, west of Foynes Island. The southwesterly wind of 8-10 knots combined with a strong flood tide meant that the beautiful Mount Trenchard port shore was heavily biased. In race 1, after battling with the pin end, the fleet headed up the shore, which led to several port and starboard incidents across the fleet. The windward mark was incident rich with many suffering from a combination of port raiders and adverse tide. J.P. McCaldin threaded *Jamais Encore* through the chaos to win from Flor O'Driscoll's *Hard on Port*. In race 2, *Hard on Port* nailed the port end, hugged the shore and led from start to finish oblivious to the battles going on astern. *Jamais Encore* finished second, followed by *Scandal* sailed by the K-25 team from Howth Yacht Club. Race 3 followed a similar format except second and third positions were

reversed with the K-25 team pipping *Jamais Encore*. In race 4 with the tide now ebbing, eager beavers led to a general recall. *Hard on Port* was taken out of the next start, leaving *Jelignite*, *Scandal* and *Jamais Encore* to battle up the first beat. More pressure on the left and an early jibe allowed *Jamais Encore* to move from third to first and dominate the rest of the race to take the bullet. The day's racing concluded with *Jamais Encore* (J.P. McCaldin from Lough Erne YC) leading from *Hard on Port* (Flor O'Driscoll, Royal St. George YC) with *Jump and Jive* (Mark Usher from Greystones SC) in third place in the Gold fleet. The silver fleet were all tied for first between *Scandal* (Howth YC K-25 team), *Jibe* (Fergus Kelliher from Tralee Bay SC) and *YaGottaWanna* (Sinead Enright and Dave Lane from Royal Cork YC). The fleet was met with a welcome beer reception on the pontoon after a great close day's racing. The evening was completed with 100 sailors sitting down for a Championship dinner followed by lively entertainment of the Irrestibles band into the early hours.



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Race Day 2:

PRO Raymond McGibney choose race area 2, east of Foynes Island, which has slacker tidal flows. However, the main challenge was southerly wind of 25, gusting 30+ knots. After a difficult first beat with a major backing wind shift, only 25% of the fleet flew spinnakers downwind, resulting in major place changes. *Jamais Encore* won race 5, and the Championship with a race to spare. *Jibe* came second, with *Scandal* in third position. The final race got underway with a clear start with the boats opting for the right-hand side of the beat gaining at the top. Three rounds of the course were completed with *Scandal*, HYC K-25 team, leading from start to finish, followed by *Hard on Port* in second and *Jelignite* in third. Many thanks to Foynes Yacht Club for a superbly organised event, starting with the warm reception that the J/24 fleet received on arrival and launching.

J/24 Western Championship overall results:

Gold Fleet

- 1st *Jamais Encore*, J.P. McCaldin, Lough Erne YC/Sligo YC
- 2nd *Hard on Port*, Flor O'Driscoll, RSt.G YC
- 3rd *Jump & Jive*, Mark Usher, Greystones SC

Silver Fleet

- 1st *Scandal*, HYC K-25 team, Howth YC
- 2nd *Jibe*, Fergus Kelliher, Tralee SC
- 3rd *Ya Gotta Wanna*, Sinead Enright/Dave Lane, RCYC

Southern Championship—Royal Cork Yacht Club

The J/24 Southern Championship was hosted by Royal Cork Yacht Club, established in 1720. The Championship was held in conjunction with the ICRA (Irish Cruiser Racing Association) Championship. The event was the windiest of the season with average breeze above 20 knots, gusting 30+. Race 6 was abandoned due to high winds. There were breakages aplenty, and one or two unfortunate collisions with yachts from other Classes, resulting in many retirements.

Darragh McCormack racing *Stouche* with a score of (6),5,1,1,2 won comfortably from *Scandal* (Howth YC K25 team) second with a score of (11),7,4,4,2,1, with *Hard on Port* (Flor O'Driscoll) third with a score of (12),2,2,3,13,5. This was Darragh's first J/24 event win since he acquired *Stouche*, formerly owned Stuart Jardine.

Eastern Championship—Volvo Dun Laoighaire Regatta

The J/24 Eastern Championship was part of the Dun Laoighaire Regatta with 400+ yachts competing in a four-day event. It is Ireland's biggest regatta. It marked the 200th anniversary of the building of Dun Laoighaire Harbour (formerly Kingstown) and the 189th anniversary of the first Kingstown Dun Laoighaire Regatta in July 1828! The J/24 fleet welcomed sun and sea breezes of force 2 to 4 over the four days. The regatta was hosted by the Royal

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St. George Yacht Club. The nine-race event was won by *Hard on Port* (Flor O'Driscoll, RSt.GYC) with five wins and two seconds, with Martin Reilly/Tim Corcoran of Sligo YC second on 16 points and *Jump and Jive* (Mark Usher, Greystones SC) third on 20.5 points.

Irish J/24 National Championship—Sligo Yacht Club

This year's Irish National Championship was held in the beautiful Sligo Bay. The turnout of 26 J/24s was our biggest fleet since 2004. This was mainly due the infectious enthusiasm of Martin Reilly and his team at Sligo YC. The combination of strong blustery westerly winds and Atlantic rollers created exciting surfing conditions and a few spectacular broaches.

On the water, J.P. McCaldin, LEYC, dominated scoring with four wins and four seconds. He was mainly challenged by Stefan Hyde, RCYC, who also had four wins but counted a third and a fourth to lose by just three points. The duelling leaders were followed by a closely bunched pack led by Martin Reilly/Tim Corcoran in *Crazyhorse*, who secured third thanks to an almost consistent run of top five results.

Overall Results:

Gold Fleet

- 1st *Jamais Encore*, J.P. McCaldin, Lough Erne YC
- 2nd *Hamilton Bear*, Stefan Hyde, Royal Cork YC
- 3rd *Crazyhorse*, Martin Reilly/Tim Corcoran, Sligo YC

Silver Fleet

- 1st *Gossip*, Brian Raffety, Sligo YC
- 2nd *Jana*, Gerry Gilligan, Sligo YC
- 3rd *Jade*, Conor Houghton, Naval Marine College

Overall, 2017 was a very successful season with four keenly contested events. JP McCaldin and crew won their second J/24 National Championship. Flor O'Driscoll and crew won the Michael Clarke trophy for the best overall J/24 for the season. The HYC K-25 team was the "most travelled" team, as they competed in the J/24 Worlds in Toronto, where they finished 42nd in a 63-boat fleet (they began with a promising 13th in race 1). The continuing success of the U-25 teams in Howth and Sligo and possible expansion to other clubs points the way forward for the Irish J/24 Class. The fleet is looking forward to another great season in 2018.

Calendar

March 28, 2018

2018 J/24 SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: March 28, 2018 8:00 am
End: April 1, 2018 5:00 pm
Venue: Club Náutico Córdoba, Villa Carlos Paz
Address: Córdoba, Argentina

May 4, 2018

2018 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Where: Charleston Yacht Club, Charleston, SC
Start: May 4, 2018 8:00 am
End: May 6, 2018 5:00 pm
Venue: Charleston Yacht Club
Address: Charleston, SC

July 23, 2018

2018 J/24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: July 23, 2018 8:00 am
End: July 28, 2018 5:00 pm
Venue: Flensburger Segel Club
Address: Glücksburg Germany

August 24, 2018

2018 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: August 24, 2018
End: August 31, 2018
Venue: Fraglia Vela
Address: Riva del Garda, Italy

September 7, 2018

2018 US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: September 7, 2018 8:00 am
End: September 9, 2018 5:00 pm
Venue: Portland Yacht Club
Address: Falmouth, ME, United States

October 20, 2018

2018 IJCA WORLD COUNCIL MEETING

Start: October 20, 2018 8:00 am
End: October 20, 2018 5:00 pm
Address: Miami, FL, United States

May 4, 2019

2019 J/24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: May 4, 2019
End: May 10, 2019
Venue: Sailing Club of Patras
Address: Patras, Greece

October 19, 2019

2019 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: October 19, 2019 8:00 am
End: October 26, 2019 5:00 pm
Venue: Shake A Leg
Address: Miami, FL, United States

May 27, 2020

2020 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: May 27, 2020
End: May 31, 2020
Venue: Sayville Yacht Club
Address: Blue Point, NY, United States

September 12, 2020

2020 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: September 12, 2020 8:00 am
End: September 18, 2020 5:00 pm
Venue: Parkstone Yacht Club
Address: Poole UK



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