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2021 Good Samaritan Hospital J/24 North American Championship Sayville Yacht Club, Blue Point, New York June 16-20, 2021

The organizing committee of the Good Samaritan Hospital 2021 J/24 North American Championship is determined to have the regatta and has set the date for the regatta for June 16-20, 2021. After a summer that wasn't for most regattas, the Sayville Yacht Club and Fleet 182 Blue Point had a late summer preview of what sailing on the Great South Bay is like during the annual Kelley Trophy J/24 Tribute Regatta. All who participated are looking forward to the North American Championship next.

Before the shutdown, the volunteers from the Sayville Yacht Club numbered over 60 people. Volunteerism is the cornerstone of the SYC's mission to promote sailing and competition. It takes a great deal of people to host an event of this size. After hosting the US Championship in 2016, people are eager to lend their time again to make the 2021 regatta even better.

The registration will again be through Yacht Scoring as it was last year: <https://yachtscore.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13168>. Registration opened on October 1. Before the 2020 version of the regatta had to be postponed, there were 40 boats registered.

As the world deals with the COVID-19 pandemic and sporting events learn how to cope with the issues that state and local governments mandate, the SYC is planning to provide protocols that will make sense and adhere to the laws in place at such time. Regattas need to adapt if they are to continue, and the organizing committee is developing a plan. Fortunately the regatta date of June

16-20, 2021 puts the event in a time of year that is most favorable to having the social events outside. It is likely that social distancing will still be part of our daily routines in 2021. It will allow the Good Samaritan Hospital 2021 J/24 NAC to provide social activities on the grounds of the Sayville Yacht Club in a manner that is consistent with social distancing. The organizing committee is already planning for this.

Logistics of measurement, registration check-in and launching are all being carefully planned. There will be scheduled times based on your arrival to the facility for every step of check-in. Use of the Yacht Scoring website will be part of the keys to getting it done timely and safely. Teams will be required to enter their crew information and provide the required documentation online. There will be a QR code to provide a link to the daily health questionnaire for the contact tracing that is required by New York state. The QR code will also be available on the Yacht Scoring event page so that you will be able to fill out the form before you leave your lodging in the morning.

All of the sponsors have committed to continuing their participation, and the event will be better for it. The title sponsor Good Samaritan Hospital was the first to commit. North & Quantum Sails also remain part of the list. Blue Point Brewery, Harken Derm, Coral Reef Sailing Apparel, Magnetic Advisors LLC, Atlantic Crane and Weather Routing Inc are all on board, with more to come. Please visit the event page at <https://yachtscore.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13168> for the NOR and registration.



J/24 Autumn Cup – Saltash SC 17 and 18 October 2020

Although a lengthy tradition in the J/24 Class, it was a surprise to us as “newbies” of the fleet that the second placed loser was bestowed the task of writing the event report. Being so new to the fleet, I wasn’t sure if we were qualified enough for such a thing, and some of the salty old sea dogs out there must do some fact checking after reading this and correct me on my wrongs. (Note to self – be better or worse, just not the same ☺)

For us on team *Hustle*, it was our first sail in 2020 having taken on a bit of a winter, (then spring.....then summer) refit. As traditional with all things boats, one job turns into 50, and that couple of months window you have evaporates like cold beers after a long day’s sailing. In hindsight, thank God it was all postponed, as there is no way we would have had the old girl ready!

I would hazard a guess at saying we were not the only ones on their first outing this year, looking at some of the moss undergrowth that was forming on a few decks. But nonetheless, it was great to see everyone beavering away on the Friday in prep for the big days ahead.

When I bought the boat last year, everyone was telling me the Fleet is dying and the enthusiasm had gone, but we’ve seen none of that since joining the Class. I hope that can continue in abundance, particularly with some bigger

events close enough to home in the future to make it all rather exciting. For us and a number of other teams, it’s all been about building up to the Worlds next year and so to get any training time on the race track was useful. What is also great to see in this Fleet is the large number of people out there for the love of it. Too often we forget that this is all about fun, and I think this Class is a good ambassador of just getting out there, getting stuck in and giving it a go. As and when we are allowed to have a social scene, as well as good sailing, it will be an enviable mix.

Anyway, heading out of the marina on day one with what felt like a huge build-up to this event with so much time away from the race track, there was certainly a level of nerves involved. Couple that with a man down on crew numbers, a gutsy 20 knot’er coming off the cliffs and a danger that at any moment those freshly re-bolted deck fittings could part ways, there was certainly plenty to think about!

Although it was mighty tempting to go genoa, and with the full crew compliment I think you probably would have, it was heavy jibs all round. Race 1 was off to a clean start, and truth being told, a bit of a line-shy fleet. It was close racing at the front as it always is, with *Hustle* leading to the first mark, closely followed by team *Phoenix* and *Cacoon*. A mini match race then ensued with *Phoenix* and *Hustle*

Class	Boat	SailNo	Club	HelmName	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total	Nett	Rank
J24	PHOENIX	GBR 4222		IZZY SAVAGE	1.0	1.0	1.0	(2.0)	1.0	6.0	4.0	1st
J24	CACOON	GBR4269		DAVID COWARD	2.0	(8.0)	2.0	4.0	2.0	18.0	10.0	2nd
J24	HUSTLE	GBR 4225	PARKSTONE YC	SAM PEARSON	3.0	3.0	(16.0 RET)	1.0	6.0	29.0	13.0	3rd
J24	JIVE	GBR4261	SALTASH SC	DAVE COOPER	5.0	2.0	4.0	5.0	(10.0)	26.0	16.0	4th
J24	NJ02	GBR4067	JOG	TIM OCTON	(7.0)	5.0	6.0	3.0	5.0	26.0	19.0	5th
J24	DOGS JORROCKS	GBR 7207	TORPOINT MOSQUITO	STEVE WASSELL	4.0	(7.0)	5.0	6.0	4.0	26.0	19.0	6th
J24	PIGLET	GBR 4239	PLYM YC	SAM MARSHALL	(10.0)	4.0	8.0	7.0	3.0	32.0	22.0	7th
J24	UNITY LETS	GBR 4245	ROYAL WESTERN YC	MATT CONYERS	6.0	6.0	3.0	(9.0)	9.0	33.0	24.0	8th
J24	DANJEROUS	GBR 5238	ROYAL WESTERN YC	MARK LEWERS	9.0	10.0	7.0	8.0	(13.0)	47.0	34.0	9th
J24	HITCH HIKER	GBR4026	SALTASH SC	CHRIS RANDALL	(11.0)	11.0	9.0	10.0	8.0	49.0	38.0	10th
J24	MAJIC	GBR 4248	SALTASH SC	JAMES TORR	8.0	9.0	(16.0 RET)	16.0 RET	7.0	56.0	40.0	11th
J24	RED ALERT	GBR 4124	ROYAL LYMPHINGTON YC	RHIANNON MASSEY	(12.0)	12.0	10.0	11.0	11.0	56.0	44.0	12th
J24	SHERE-KHAN	4265	SALTASH SC	ADRIAN BENNETT	13.0	13.0	(16.0 RET)	12.0	12.0	66.0	50.0	13th
J24	MOJOSI	GBR 4260	BRISTOL CYC	JOHN ALLEN	(16.0 DNC)	16.0 DNC	16.0 DNC	16.0 DNC	16.0 DNC	80.0	64.0	14th
J24	JAMIN	0000	SALTASH SC	NEIL TRATHEN	(16.0 DNC)	16.0 DNC	16.0 DNC	16.0 DNC	16.0 DNC	80.0	64.0	14th

trading tacks, which allowed *Cacoon* back into the mix. Although ambitious, the PRO set a three-lap course, which actually made for fantastic racing, with lots of corners and overtaking opportunities.

Team *Phoenix* showed their experience and pace to overhaul *Hustle*, and *Cacoon* came with a late charge to record a photo finish on race one. The Poole YC-based team took it, leaving *Phoenix*, *Cacoon* then *Hustle* taking the podiums. Tight racing and plenty of place-trading down the fleet made it an exciting opener.

Race 2 was the same format, with again some nervousness off the start line. Positions for the first lap were the same as Race 1, but with one of those aforementioned salty sea dogs, David Cooper on *Jive*, in the mix as well. Yet again team *Phoenix* showed their downwind speed to overhaul *Hustle* and take two from two, with *Jive* second and *Hustle* third. An impressive showing from Sam Marshall and his team on *Piglet* ended up fourth, and you will have to ask Sam if that one is his A, B or maybe even C boat?? I hear he's an avid collector!

Two more races with a consistent breeze was certainly just what the doctor ordered, and team *Hustle* managed to up the game and take the two remaining races, with *Phoenix*, *Cacoon*, *Jive* and Matt Conyers on *Unity Lets* making up the podium places. Also consistently in the mix was Tim Octon and his team on *NJ02*, who rattled off a third in Race 4. Unfortunately, some admin issues from us on *Hustle* meant an RTD in Race 3, and although we felt a bit hard done by, it was lessons learnt for next time.

After the fourth race, it was back to base for debrief and cocktails, and a night on the tiles in Plymouth ensued, although the enforced bed by 10pm was not the worst thing to happen after a pretty big day on the water. Saltash SC were again doing their level best to play hosts, and a tip of the hat to them for even trying given what's been going on recently...keep that spirit up for future years please!



Day two was a different affair, although a similar direction. A light 6-7 knot breeze was again coming off the cliffs bearing due East. With a busy day for shipping, the PRO was forced to tuck us up under the cliffs, which meant for even more testing sailing. *Phoenix* showed their skills by adapting best to the change in conditions.

Another notable rocket from *Piglet* again saw them on the podium, just following *Phoenix* and *Cacoon*. Although everyone was gagging for a sixth and final race, the local racing fleets, as well as busy shipping movements meant we would have had to up sticks to find a different racetrack. Time was unfortunately against us by that point, so AP/A was up, and it was back home to ponder what went before.

As the evenings are drawing in, there is nothing better than an efficient pack-up and yard staff to help with loading. I would say the team at Plymouth Yacht Haven have it down to a tee, so a great effort by all those behind the scenes. I know I do (and I imagine some others also), but it's so easy to underestimate the level of prep that goes into these events. Volunteers are simply brilliant, so a big thanks all round.

Finally, I am sure we would all agree that it's been a disappointing year for obvious reasons, but if we get lucky, hopefully that might mean 2021 is bigger and better than ever.

Team *Hustle* – signing out.
GBR 4225

By Lorna Graham

UK J/24 Annual Report 2020



Like the rest of the world, the UK J/24 fleet was looking forward to this year's season and hosting the 2020 World Championship in September. However, as we are all aware, the ongoing COVID-19 situation has resulted in events being cancelled and postponed including the National Championship.

Before lockdown, David Cooper and crew managed to visit the US to take part in the 2020 J/24 Midwinter Championship in Florida.

The National Committee has kept a close eye on the situation and has been exploring opportunities to get the fleet on the water this year if possible, albeit in potentially different circumstances and complying with the 'new normal'.

Eleven J/24s attended the Plym Yacht Club Regatta in Plymouth on 5 and 6 September, and four J/24s took part in the Weymouth Regatta the following weekend on 12 and 13 September. The regattas were sailed with a maximum of four crew members with no weigh-in, but some boats were probably close to the normal weight

limit with the reduced crew numbers! There was some close racing in Plymouth and champagne sailing conditions in Weymouth.

The Autumn Cup, as the only scheduled class event of the year, was due to take place on 3 and 4 October but due to winds of up to 40 knots scheduled for the Sunday, the event was been postponed for two weeks and had an entry of 13 boats. Sadly, with only six people being able to meet up together at a time, the après sail was somewhat limited.

After taking a break during the lockdown, the Organising Authority for the postponed 2020 World Championship is looking forward to getting back to continuing the planning of the rescheduled World Championship in 2021.

The Organising Authority are pleased to confirm that the sponsors are still committed to the event next year, and the UK J/24 Class, the Organising Authority and Parkstone Yacht Club are looking forward to welcoming you to the UK in 2021.

Japan Report

By Keiji Kondo

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In Japan, there are four registered J/24 fleets at each region: Kanto Fleet (Tokyo area), Chubu Fleet (Nagoya area), Kansai Fleet (Osaka area), and Hakata Fleet (Fukuoka area).

The number of boats has decreased compared to 20 years ago. But still there are many persistent J/24 lovers throughout the country. Most of the Fleets are actively racing in Fleet races monthly, seasonal championships, the Japan National Championship annually, and so forth.

This year of 2020, the Japan National Championship will not be held due to COVID-19. Instead of a National Championship, the Kanto Fleet held a Japan open regatta in Sagami Bay for two days on 21-22 November.



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Mexico Report

By Leopoldo Farias

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It has certainly been an odd year for all of us, and Mexico is not the exception.

The J/24 Class in our country has had much fewer regattas than we would have had any other year, but nevertheless, we have managed to get a few in.

Our government initially banned all sporting events, but a few months later they allowed boats to go out on the lake with no more than 40% of capacity. Everyone was eager to sail, so we held our first regatta with two people per boat. Sixteen anxious boats showed up. Some were bold enough to hoist a spinnaker with two people crewing, which gave them a distinct advantage as they were much faster downwind! We had 10 short races throughout the weekend and enjoyed ourselves immensely.

Since that first weekend, we have had four more regattas that have taken place with initially three crew members and finally four. Some boats raced with jibs and others with the genoa. The average has been about six to nine boats, and there has been no registration or post-regatta get-togethers. If any of you have come sailing at our little



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piece of paradise in Lake Valle de Bravo, you will recall that the social aspect of our sport is an especially important part of our racing weekend!

Our most recent race was our Day of the Dead Regatta. This year, it was together with Halloween. Normally we would have held a huge costume party with prizes to the most original costumes. The pandemic did not permit that, but the race was awfully close and exciting, and everyone enjoyed it thoroughly.

We have a couple more races scheduled this year. We have also launched a campaign to recruit new sailors who might be interested in racing the J/24. We had an introduction to racing rules and techniques, with mock racing in November. There has been a great deal of interest in this event, and we hope to grow our fleet with new and enthusiastic sailors.

We urge everyone to stay safe and follow the social distancing rules so we can meet on the water again very soon!



The First Four National Regattas 2020 of the Italian J/24 Class

After the inevitable change to the 2020 calendar due to the health emergency and the related provisions of the IVF and IJCA for the containment of COVID-19, the Board of Directors of the Italian J/24 Class has reshaped the National Regatta scheduled for this year. "The pandemic that the whole world has had to and is still facing is certainly affecting our existence. Even if in maximum health safety and in full compliance with what happened, after the virtual regattas organized by our fleets during the lockdown period, among our crews there is a great desire to confront each other again at sea," explained the President of the Italian J/24 Class, Fabio Apollonio. The first J/24 National Regatta of this season took place on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September in Marina di Carrara organized by the local Club Nautical. The event, previously scheduled for 21 and 22 March, replaced the one that the Circolo della Vela Erix should have organized in September in the waters of Lerici-La Spezia. The second appointment, on the other hand, took place over the weekend of 3 and 4 October by the Italian Naval League section of Mandello del Lario. The most widespread one-design in the world then returned to Cervia (where the Italian Championship was held last year) for the National Regatta organized by the Circolo Nautico Amici della Vela on 18 and 19 October. The Italian fleet then moved to the waters in front of the City of Nettuno where, from 30 October to 1 November, the Italian Cup Trophy Marina di Nettuno took place organized by the Nettuno Yacht Club and the Circolo della Vela Anzio Tirrena, with the collaboration logistic technician of the Marina di Nettuno, the Circolo Canottieri Nettuno and the Italian J/24 Class.



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Marina of Carrara. For the second consecutive year, the J/24 of the Centro Vela Altura Napoli of the Navy ITA 416 *La Superba*, helmed by Ignazio Bonanno (crewed with Vincenzo Vano, Alfredo Branciforte, Simone Scontrino and Francesco Picaro, and the support of Francesco Linares - GSMM 5 points; 1,1,2,1), with three victories in the four races held in the two days of competition, won the Nino Menchelli 2020 Trophy, the first J/24 National Regatta of this unusual competitive season. Winners of the third race of the day, the crew of ITA 505 *Jore* armed by the brothers Alberto and Alessandro Errani, helmed by Marco Pantano with the bowman Marco Muraro and Francesca Palladini, finished in second position (CNCervia Amici della Vela, 14 points; 7,3,1,3). Following on the podium was ITA 304 *Five For Fighting*, the J/24 armed and helmed by Eugenia de Giacomo in crew with Nicola Pitanti, Marco Bruna, Lorenzo Cusimano and Vittorio Capponi (CC Roggero di Lauria; 16 points; 2,7,3,4). The fleet had finally returned to the water for the first National J/24 Regatta of 2020, held in full compliance with the provisions on COVID-19. The event, initially scheduled for March, was organized by the Marina di Carrara Nautical Club in collaboration with the National Class J/24 Association, under the aegis of FIV, and replaced the one that the Circolo della Vela Erix should have organized in September in the waters of Lerici-La Spezia. On the first day, the crews regularly competed in the three scheduled contests characterized by light

but constant medium wind, without any problems. On Sunday, on the other hand, the worsening marine weather conditions made it possible to carry out a single shortened race. After having given the start of the second, in fact, it was necessary to cancel it and get everyone back to land. Excellent as always the work of the Race Committee chaired by Luigi D'Amico with Gigi Porcheria. "We wish to thank the Navy and in particular the Sport and Sailing Office which gave us the opportunity to return to the J/24 racing fields after the long break imposed by the health emergency," explained helmsman Ignazio Bonanno. "Thanks also to the U Sail for the technical collaboration and to the Nautical Club Marina di Carrara for the hospitality and the excellent welcome. We are very happy to have started again with *La Superba* from this regatta course and from this Club that have a special place in our hearts as it is in Carrara that, in 2011, we won our first Italian J/24 title." Satisfaction was also on the part of all the crews who took to the water and of the Vice President of the Italian Class and local fleet leader Pietro Diamanti who was fifth with his ITA 212 *Jamaica* (CNMC 17 points) behind his clubmate Giuseppe Simonelli at the helm of ITA 449 *Razor Bill* (16 points). "I am very satisfied with the level of the crews attending," said Diamanti. "And above all with the presence, despite the certainly not easy period we are going through, of six representatives of the other Fleets of the Peninsula that I would like to thank in particular."

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Mandello del Lario (Lake Como). Another round of victories on the day for the J/24 of the Centro Vela Altura Napoli of the Navy ITA 416 *La Superba*, helmed by Ignazio Bonanno (in crew this time with Vincenzo Vano, Simone Scontrino and Francesco Picaro, GSMM 3 points; 1.1, 1,1), which also won the second National 2020 Regatta of the J/24 Class, ahead on the podium of ITA 304 *Five For Fighting*, helmed by Eugenia de Giacomo (CCRL, 9 points; 2, 4,4,3) and ITA 182 *Kaster* helmed by Andrea Piazza and armed by Giuliano Cattarozzi (AV Lago di Ledro, 12 points; 7,5,5,2). *La Superba* had already won the 2019 edition of the national leg of Mandello del Lario, with three victories out of the four races. Fourth place (13 points) went to ITA 505 *Jore* armed by the brothers Alberto and Alessandro Errani and helmed by Marco Pantano (CN Cervia AdV, 5,9,2,6) and then ITA 212 *Jamaica* with the Vice President of the Class Italian Pietro Diamanti (CNMCarrara, 3,6,6,4). Despite the adverse and demanding weather conditions, the Italian Naval League section of Mandello del Lario well organized in the waters of Lake Como, between Mandello and Lecco, the National J/24 Regatta included in the Championship Italian Mini Altura. Four races were completed overall: one on Saturday and three on Sunday. The single Race Committee was chaired by Angelo Insabato, assisted by Claudio Maza, Marco Sarcoli, Nadia Meroni and Paolo Longhi. There was satisfaction with the excellent hospitality and organization on the part of all participants. The organizing committee was also satisfied. "I am happy that despite the bad weather forecasts, 12 crews from numerous fleets participated in our stage and

that an excellent Race Committee managed to bring home four races," commented Michele Belingheri, president of LNI Sec. Mandello del Lario. "Thanks to all: LNI of Mandello, insiders, Jury, owners and racers," added the J/24 Fleet Chief of the Lario, Mauro Benfatto, owner of ITA 498 *NotifyMe Pilgrim*. "I hope that for everyone it has been a good return. Thanks to everyone for participating, and I hope to see you again soon. One thing I was unable to tell everyone is that our Class President, Fabio Apollonio, gave me his hug and blessing for the event and for the Class. I warmly reciprocated, convinced to interpret the thought and the hope of all to see you soon in the wind. Long live the J/24 and see you next time."

Cervia. Thanks to two beautiful victories on the day and very regular partials, ITA 212 *Jamaica* armed and helmed by the Vice President of the Italian Class Pietro Diamanti, crewed with Paolo Governato, Fabrizio Ginesi, Massimiliano Biagini and Matteo Tronfi (CN Marina di Carrara, 10 points; 2,4,1,2,1,6) was awarded the SVA Dakar Land Rover Trophy in the waters of Cervia, a well-organized J/24 Class National Regatta by the Cervia Amici della Vela ASD Nautical Club, in full compliance with the provisions of COVID-19. Second position was for the holder of the Italian and European titles 2019 and winner of the first two National Regattas 2020, the J/24 of the Centro Vela Altura Napoli of the Italian Navy 416 *La Superba*, helmed by Ignazio Bonanno (MM, 13 points; 7,5,2,1,4,1). Third was ITA 476 *Dejavu* by Ruggero Spreafico (CV Tivano, 25 points; 5,1,10,7,13,2) followed by

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ITA 498 *NotifyMe Pilgrim* (25 points; 3,2,4,5,11,12) armed by the J/24 Fleet Leader of the Lario Mauro Benfatto and helmed by Pierluigi Puthod (LNI Mandello d / Lario). Awarded fifth was ITA 424 *Kismet* of Francesca Focardi with Federico Bressan at the helm (CNCervia AdV 29 points; 4,6,5,8,14,6). Also noteworthy is the excellent twelfth place overall of ITA 1 *Jay Jay* with a crew entirely made up of young sailors of the CN Cervia Laser Agonistic Team (Tommaso Fabbri, Giulio Casetti, Matteo Chinni, Gianmichele Bartolini, Federico Grilli and Mirco Minotti, 54 points; 12,13,11,13,10,8). After having well organized the Italian J/24 Championship last year and the seventh stage of the 2019 National Circuit, the Cervese association chaired by Sergio Savelli, once again hosted the J/24s for

the third National Regatta of this strange competitive season. About 20 boats from numerous fleets competed in the six races scheduled for the event that benefited from the support of SVA Dakar Land Rover. The first day was characterized by sun, calm seas and wind from the west at 7/8 knots, while on Sunday the wind, initially from the ground but later decreased in intensity and turned from the north, allowed running the first two races in 10 knots and the third at about 5 knots. There were six beautiful and hard-fought races that involved and entertained all the crews. Excellent as always was the organization and hospitality (obviously greatly influenced by the ongoing health emergency) of the Cervia Amici della Vela ASD Nautical Club, as well as the work done by the Regatta



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and Protest Committees. Thanks to the collaboration with the Municipal Administration, in the late afternoon of Saturday (as last year on the occasion of the Italian Championship), the J/24s went up the canal port up to and beyond the mobile bridge, and remained moored for the evening and night along the “canalino” near the Magazzeno del Sale, where citizens and tourists were able to admire them from very close, which is appreciated by both the city and the racers themselves. “The races held on Sunday were also valid as the first leg of the first run of the Memorial Stefano Pirini-SVA Dakar Land Rover Ravenna, our traditional Winter Championship which will take place in Cervia from October to March 2021,” explained Fleet Chief J/24 of the Romagna, Massimo Frigerio, co-owner with Viscardo Brusori of ITA 473 *Magica Fata*. At the end of this first day of the Winter, Pietro Diamanti with his ITA 212 *Jamaica* (CN Marina di Carrara, 5 points, 1,1,3) led the provisional ranking followed by the standard bearers of the ITA 450 *Marbea Fideuram house* armed by Stefano Palazzi and helmed by Andrea Collina (CNCervia AdV 15 points; 6,8,1) and ITA 505 *Jorè* armed by the brothers Alberto and Alessandro Errani and helmed by Marco Pantano (16 points; 7,7,2). Followed behind (17 points), ITA 373 *Archè* helmed by Massimo Magnani and armed by Giuseppe Monari (CN Cesenatico 5,2,10) and ITA 371 *J Oc Alce Nero* armed and helmed by the President of the Italian J/24 Class Fabio Apollonio (S Triestina dV; 2,6,9). The return to racing of President Apollonio was much appreciated by all the competitors who were waiting with affection to see him again, more fierce than ever, at the helm of his *J Oc Alce Nero*.

Nettuno. With a trio of victories and a second place on the day, the J/24 of the Centro Vela Altura Napoli of the Navy ITA 416 *La Superba*, helmed by Ignazio Bonanno (in crew with Simone Scontrino, Francesco Linares and Vincenzo Vano; GSMM 5 points; 2,1,1,1, DNF) won the Coppa Italia J/24 - Trofeo Marina di Nettuno. The event was held in the waters in front of the City of Neptune and organized by the Nettuno Yacht Club and the Circolo della Vela Anzio Tirrena, with the technical logistical collaboration of the Marina di Nettuno, the Circolo Canottieri Nettuno and the Italian J/24 Class. For Luca Silvestri and his ITA 458 *Enjoy two*, it was an excellent second place and victory in the final race (LNI Anzio, 9 points; 4,2,4,2,1). Third, just one point from second, was the winner of the opening round, Massimo Mariotti with his ITA 501 *Avoltore* (CN Argentario, 10 points; 1,3,2,4,9). After the first three National Regattas, 11 J/24s have competed with success and in full compliance with the provisions of COVID-19 and then the fourth national appointment of this unusual 2020 competitive season. After the skipper meeting at the Nettuno Yacht Club, the crews completed a total of five races (three on Saturday with a wind of 12/14 knots and two on Sunday with very little wind). “Maximum attention



was paid to the provisions on contrasting and containing the spread of COVID-19 thanks to the active collaboration of the Port Authority and the naval sector of the Guardia di Finanza, who were present and available for every need,” explained Valerio Taveri, sporting director of Nettuno Yacht Club who together with the President of the Marina di Nettuno Ugo Lori, the NYC President Mariano Manenti and the President of the CVAT Andrea Sanzone, strongly wanted to host this edition of the J/24 Italian Cup. “The Race Committee was composed of Costanzo Villa, Livia Serafini, Emanuela Proietti, Enrico Ragno—very willing to participate in the event, despite the period we are going through. We also wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Anzio Maritime District Office and the brilliant assistance of the Maritime Finance.”



USA Report



USJCA Annual Report

US J/24 Class Overview of Structure:

Currently the US class has 339 members. We have 15 active districts with the largest activity falling in New England, Texas, Upstate New York, and the Northwest. Each of the Districts has a governor, who communicates to their local fleets and reports to the Governor's Representative. The Governor's Rep, oversees all district governors and sits on the executive committee.

The Executive committee consists of the current Class President, Past President, Vice President, Governor's Rep, Technical Chair, and Treasurer.

The Executive Committee and District Governors meet 3 to 4 times a year via phone or video. The Executive Committee meets additionally as needed.

Current Board:

Our current board consists of the following people and will be reslated in December.
Past President Chip Till
President Molly White
Vice President Dan Busch
Governor's Rep Marcus Rogers
Treasurer Kat Robinson Malone
Technical Chair Curt Barnes

Our goals for 2020:

- Build class membership and support – Marcus Rogers has been actively encouraging class membership through all District Governors and provides monthly reports.
- Bring new people into the class – We have been discussing putting a system in place to help rank boats for sale to help people looking to join the class choose just the right boat for them. Some want a project boat, others want a ready to race-but need some experience to guide them.
- Increase event participation – Promoting events on FB-each District has an admin to post on the [**US J24 Class Facebook**](#) page so that more events are promoted and covered. The Executive Director continues to update the calendar on the [**US Class website**](#).
- Locate and secure successful regatta venues for future events – Molly White and the rest of the Executive team have worked to secure National and International Event Venues at least 3 years out so that these events can be well promoted and prepared. We have also been looking at new venues to hold our National events as a stepping stone for some clubs to host bigger events in the future.
- Rebuild the Class Calendar – A team has revamped the class calendar to bring in sponsorship for the class and promote fleets, boats and teams from all over the country. This new plan allows people to buy a month and select the picture and events to be displayed in that month. This comes at a great time, since there were not many events to photograph this past year. This new plan pays for the printing of the calendar. The class will send each class member a calendar and hope that members will buy more to support the US Class.
- Continue to build social media presence – The US J/24 class created its own Facebook page and each district has an admin so that more material is getting posted. We also have a [**Boat Grant Facebook**](#) Page and Instagram. The website has a feed of stories and a newsletter is sent out every few months.
- US Class Branding – The US class has designed a USA logo that will be used on gear that can be purchased to support the US class. Online store coming soon.

2020 Highlights:

- Boat Grant-The Kelly Holmes – Moon Boat Grant Program has entered its 4th year. This year's recipient will use the boat for two years since there was limited racing this year. The KHMBG committee continues to learn and tweak their process to make it successful.
- Events did happen! – To name a few, the JDaze Regatta kicked off the season making changes to the event format to follow State Guidelines, the Texas circuit happened although abridged, the Florida series happened. Fall sailing is seeing action with the Downeast Regatta, which had 15 boats. The changing of the Colors will see over 25 and the East Coast Championships are scheduled for early October. Many clubs participated in local fleet racing-some with crew limitations. Many fleets ran short handed events such as double handed or solo.
- Local Sailing – Many J/24 sailors focused on local sailing rather than travel.

Looking Ahead:

What will 2021 bring?

- The (twice) rescheduled [North Americans](#) in Sayville Long Island, New York in June, the J/24 Midwinters in Miami, Florida, and the [US Nationals](#) in Mallet's Bay, Vermont.
- We are looking forward to many new boats joining our fleets and for local and regional events to be in full swing.
- The release of the revamped class calendar
- The new J/24 US Class Online Store
- Opportunities to apply for the [2022 Boat Grant](#)



Image from Sayville, NY host of the 2021 J/24 North Americans

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Downeast 2020 Recap

By Finn Hadlock – *Boreas USA 2736*



Photo courtesy of Finn Hadlock

It felt surreal to walk down the dock on a crisp September morning and realize we finally had a regatta to race. With most other regattas being cancelled in 2020, it was great to have 15 boats from Maine, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Vermont on the starting line battling it out for the Maine State Championship and Downeast Regatta at the Portland Yacht Club in Falmouth, Maine.

With Maine thankfully being one of the least affected states due to COVID, Fleet 43 has enjoyed a great summer of racing with new protocols and minor adjustments in the schedule. Once the sailing got underway this summer, the focus turned to what the Downeast Regatta would actually be. Typically, the regatta is known for a festive lobster bake and music, but with COVID, this year would be different.

Saturday started with a light southerly that had the fleet battling against the current and patches of seaweed. Four races were completed, with four different race winners, leaving the standings close from top to bottom. Sunday had a strong seabreeze and a strong performance by *You Regatta*, who won the first three races of the day to secure the victory. With *You Regatta* heading toward the dock, the battle for the rest of the podium came down to Race 8. *Carmella* won the race to put them on the podium in third, with *Boreas* in second.

While 2020 Downeast was much different from previous years, the competitive racing and friendly competition made it a memorable one! A huge thank you to everyone who helped put on a great regatta and to the boats that travelled up to Maine while adhering to the Maine CDC guidelines. We hope everyone stays safe and plans to join the great racing in Maine for the 2021 Downeast Regatta.

2020 Results: Place. Points – Boat, Skipper

1. 13 – *You Regatta*, Carter White
2. 24 – *Boreas*, Finn Hadlock
3. 25 – *Carmella*, Ted Wiedeke
4. 31 – *Blitz*, Al Constants
5. 37 – *Mr. Hankey*, Andrew Carey

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By Aris Pallikaris

Sailing at last in the year of COVID-19

Despite the general lockdown in the first half of the year and with the country heading toward another general lockdown for at least a month, the Greek J/24 Class just managed to conduct three almost consecutive regattas including the National Championship of 2020. While all the initially scheduled regattas of the first half of the year were canceled, the Sailing Club of Agios Nikolaos in Crete came through and assumed the responsibility of organizing the three initially scheduled regattas for the second half of the year. The three regattas were organized in October and specifically on 3rd to 4th of October, 17th to 18th of October, and 30th of October to 1st of November, respectively, just in time prior to the one month general lockdown announcement from the Greek government.

All three regattas were quite successful with variable conditions in the first two regattas but strong north-northwest winds on the last regatta which was also the National J/24 Championship of 2020. The number of entries increased per regatta to reach a maximum of 11 boats for the National Championship, with the most important point being the activation of a new boat from the region of Athens and the reactivation of two boats that were recently purchased from the fairly new Sailing Club of Tympaki and the Sailing Club of Sitia. In total, five races were conducted in the first two regattas and nine during the National Championship. Team EVNIKI skippered by D. Altsiadis dominated all three regattas and was announced the new National Champion of 2020. Team JMANIA managed to win second place for the first two regattas but lost second place of the National Championship to the new Team AURORA skippered by T. Tsoufas at the last race of the event. Team KIKA skippered by M. Angelakis was awarded third place during the first two regattas.



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The overall standing of the 2020 National Championship were:

- 1st place, Team EVNIKI (A. Nikolaidis)
- 2nd place, Team AURORA (T. Tsoulfas)
- 3rd place, Team JMANIA (D. Petikidis)
- 4th place, Team MINOAN SPIRIT (A. Pallikaris)
- 5th place, Team KIKA (M. Angelakis)
- 6th place, Team NIKOLAS (M. Oikonomou)
- 7th place, Team KRAKEN (G. Gonianakis)
- 8th place, Team ANASSA (M. Sourligkas)
- 9th place, Team MINOAN WIND (N. Spiggos)
- 10th place, Team MOMENTUM (G. Vitsakis)
- 11th place Team PHYSALIA (G. Petekidis)



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Besides the National Championship, the J/24 National Ranking List of 2019 awarded by the Greek J/24 Class Association was also rewarded during the regatta with the first three places being awarded to team EVNIKI, team JMANIA, and team ANASSA.

Despite the adversities of the year that hindered the participation of some regular attendees and within this framework, the year can be characterized by the

reactivation of some old boats, the activation of a new boat, and the increased and sustainable interest of sailors to participate in the GREJCA events. The GREJCA 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 wish everyone to stay safe and healthy during these awkward times.

IJCA Technical Report

By Michael Peters, International Technical Chair, michaelpeters1501@googlemail.com



With the World Council meeting on Tuesday 20.10, I was elected as the new Technical Chair and have the honour to take over this task from now on with a fantastic team of experienced sailors from the J/24 Class.

IJCA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:

- Tim Winger USA
- Gianpietro Pollesle ITA
- Michael Johnson USA Designer Appointee
- Curt Barnes USA
- Bob Kinsmann USA
- Kenneth Porter MEX
- Alex Finsterbusch ARG

But before I get technical, I would like to thank two members of the Technical Committee. The first one is Tim Winger who held this position for 10 years and who passed on all technical problems and details to you and organized and carried out the measurements on all J/24 World Championships during this time. Thanks Tim, and I am happy to have you as a mentor in the ranks. The second is Stuart Jardine who has asked to be removed from the Technical Committee due to age. I regret this decision because Stuart with all his experience as a sailor and his influence in the J/24 Class will be lost. I can't thank you enough for all the good advice on surveying in Europe. All the best to you and Mary Ann. I hope to see you both next year at the World Championship at Parkstone Yacht Club.

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RULE CHANGE APPROVED BY WORLD COUNCIL

Submitted by Tim Winger, ITC
Class Rule Change Proposal 2020

J/24 Class Rule C.7.3(a)(4)

Current Rule:

C.7.3 FITTINGS – OPTIONAL

(a) FOR USE WHILE RACING

(4) Electronic devices to record, measure and calculate speed or speed over ground, distance, water depth, distance to a fixed point or line and time. Such devices shall not have charting capabilities.

C.5 PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

C.5.2 OPTIONAL

(b) NOT FOR USE WHILE RACING

- (1) Mobile Telephone
- (2) Navigational devices with charting capabilities
- (3) Fenders and dock lines
- (4) Lifting equipment for launching and retrieving the boat from the water, all parts of which that are not bolted in the bilge shall be stowed off the cabin sole.

Proposed Change:

C.7.3 FITTINGS – OPTIONAL

(a) FOR USE WHILE RACING

(4) Electronic devices for tactical and navigational functions, excluding wind instruments.

C.5 PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

C.5.2 OPTIONAL

(b) NOT FOR USE WHILE RACING

(1) Fenders and dock lines

(2) Lifting equipment for launching and retrieving the boat from the water, all parts of which that are not bolted in the bilge shall be stowed off the cabin sole.

REASON:

To simplify the Class Rules and eliminate restrictions on technologies that are difficult to detect for enforcement. It is also difficult to keep up with new developments in sailing technology and continually adapt our rules to those developments. C.7.3(a)(2) allows for mechanical wind indicators. Sailing Instructions generally restrict the use of mobile phones for reception of proprietary information.

This Rule change does not apply until it is approved by World Sailing and published.

The ITC is also working on several Rules changes to eliminate restrictions on purchase in running rigging and to eliminate some of the requirements on safety devices that do not affect performance but are technicalities that could result in penalties. This is a work in process and will be presented to the World Council for an e-mail vote. Much of the work is coming from Curt Barnes to simplify the Rules.

I would be pleased about feedback and suggestions. So, I hope I haven't bored you, stay healthy wherever you are and always "Eine handbreit Wasser unter dem Kiel."

Hungary Report

By Julia David and Erik Hercsel



In spite of the pandemic, the Hungarian J/24 Class had a rather eventful 2020 sailing season. The start of the season got delayed. We were able to hit the water and set sails only in July, but even this short season brought us a lot of sporty excitement and racing challenges. To our greatest sorrow, we had to accept the fact that the 2020 Europeans would not be happening although we would have attended the regatta with the largest fleet ever from Hungary. This cancellation has also affected the schedule of future Europeans. Originally, Balatonfüred in Hungary would have hosted the 2022 event, but we understand that this event will also be delayed by a year. We do hope that there will be no further delays in the regatta schedules next year, and there will be a lot of splendid regattas next year with high participation from the Hungarians.

Now, let's have a closer look at this summer's J/24 racing season in Hungary. There were six ranking events in the pipeline which were all completed successfully. There is a four-stop One Design Trophy series at four different locations during the season where, subject to wind conditions, we can do five to seven challenging course races during each of the four two-day events. The first race event of this series was held in Csopak on June 13-14, which was followed by Balatonföldvár on June 27-28, then Balatonkenese, in the eastern corner of our beloved lake, then the closing race of the four-series Trophy event was



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organized in the middle of August at the future venue of the 2023 Europeans in Balatonfüred. During the total of eight racing days there were 17 races altogether. This year the trophy went to Miami Worlds competitor J/Spot team, helmed by Imre Scholtz whose steady performance left no room for others to claim the top spot. *Django*, the 2019 champion, with Erik Hercsel at the helm finished the series with the silver medal, while *Team Euline* helmed by Gabor Makai took the bronze.



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The 2020 Monautix J/24 Hungarian Champs were held during August 27-30 at the Balatonfüred Yacht Club in Balatonfüred, on the same days and same venue as the planned 2023 Europeans, according to schedule. There were 14 enthusiastic teams competing for four days, sailing nine challenging races in 5-20 knot winds with one discard. We sailed close-hauled and fast, then broad-reach and slow, upbeat then desperate, happy and frustrated at times, but we all did what we enjoy—sailed our beloved Js. A new champion was celebrated as *Team JBond007*, helmed by Balazs Tomai who finished 12th at the 2018 Italian Championship, claimed gold this time at the 2020 Hungarian Championship. *El Nino*, with Miklos Rauschenberger at the helm finished second overall, while Imi Scholtz with *J/Spot* took the bronze. Gabor Makai with *Team Euline* only narrowly missed the podium with identical scores as the bronze medalist. Erik Hercsel helming *Django* finished fifth, while *iJroncat* with Zsolt Baranyai ranked sixth. *Twenty Big Five* by winning the third race received the Litkey Bence medal, commemorating our great sailor who passed in 2011 during a regatta. *Újjé* received the Youngest Team award, while *Jukebox*, the only ladies-only team also received a special medal.



The closing event of the 2020 season was the Fleet Racing Championship also hosted by Balatonfüred. There were nine entrants in total, all the top league competitors. Gabor Makai who was greatly missed as a hopeful had a good excuse to skip the Championship as he was competing in the 20th Round the Lake Solo Grand Prix where he won the impressive fourth place. On the other hand, we were able to welcome Peter Oroszlan, 2020 8mOD champion, helming *Jukebox*. We all agreed that when we sailed out on the first morning of the regatta all we heard was the chattering of our teeth in the cold, and most probably it was the coldest morning of the season with temperatures below 10-degree Celsius. The sky was heavily overcast, a rather bleak morning with a slight drizzle, needing a lot of will power to sail out. Though we had wind—erratic, both in speed and in direction, typical to Lake Balaton. In 13-16 knots coming from 290-330 degrees, there were exciting, heated moments at the marks. We sailed three races and returned to the marina knackered at the end of the day. Sunday greeted us with sunshine, putting everyone into a seemingly better mood. Wind speed dropped a bit (compared to the previous day) to around 8-12 knots and turned somewhat west. Miki

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Rauschenberger won race five, sealing his overall victory and winning the gold medal at the 2020 Fleet Racing Championship. There was no need for them to sail race six. However, the silver and bronze were still up for grabs with a number of prospective applicants to get to the remaining steps of the podium. Finally, *J/Spot* claimed second, while *Django* took the bronze though having equal scores with *J/Korszak*, who just missed the podium. Winning race three on the first day pushed *Django* ahead of same-score *J/Korszak*, thus securing the former the bronze medal. This regatta was a highly satisfying closing event of the season with no sense of missing out on anything apart from a bit of sorrow for not being able to compete abroad this season.

The J/24 Class of Hungary is already in full swing in preparation for the 2023 Europeans, counting on a high number of international competitors. Local teams are planning to travel and compete abroad next season, while we are preparing the local 2021 racing calendar for Lake Balaton in a way that it would be appealing and doable for international competitors as well.

Also, as part of the preparation for the 2023 Europeans, we have launched a J/24 Junior program to attract more and more young sailors by increasing awareness about the Class among the younger generations, thus securing the continuation of the J/24 Class. The aim of the program is that participating clubs provide club-owned J/24 boats to groups of young sailors who wish to continue their sailing career on larger boats after retiring from dinghy-sailing. Therefore, those aspiring young sailors can enter the J/24 competition ground with club support. This program has been launched jointly with participating clubs, and we are working along strict professional guidelines to further develop this program.

Finally, we do hope that 2021 will bring all of us fair winds and plenty of exciting regattas.

Wishing you all fair winds, good health and lots of challenging races for the next season.

Thank You, Volunteers!

By Quantum Sails' Carter White

I'm writing this article on US Election Day, which made me reflect on our J/24 Class leaders. All the people in our Class, including the US J/24 Class President (who happens to be my wife), do a ton of work to make sure that thousands of people can race their sailboats every year.

Our top national and international officers are elected by our volunteer District Governors and Fleet Captains. Most of our leaders, however, are not elected, but instead volunteer or are nominated to take on specific tasks. Our leaders and volunteers take on these responsibilities because they want to spread the joy of sailing, specifically J/24 sailing, to as many people as possible. To Class volunteers, I say, thank you! Sure, I have done my part from time to time, and I will continue to do so, but it never seems like enough.

If you haven't given back to your Class, Fleet, yacht club or other organization that makes racing possible, please consider doing so. Many of us are already busy with work, family and other obligations, but if you can find time to sail, you can find time to volunteer! Whatever amount of time you can give is always appreciated.

We all know the big jobs – Fleet Captain, race officer, treasurer, regatta chair, secretary – but what are some of the little things that could help to take the load off the volunteers who do the lion's share of work? Organize a Fleet gathering! Though a fun off-season activity might be challenging now with COVID-19, in the future this could be an easy event to organize. What about grilling dinner after a weeknight race to bring sailors together?

Race officers are always in need of new trophy ideas, so volunteer to take this on; all it takes is a budget and working with your favorite local retailer to create fun awards.

Another way you can help your local Fleet is to keep an eye out for good used boats that new Fleet members could purchase. It's easy to check the Class website and Craig's List monthly, and then share them with your Fleet. Organizing photos is another great way to volunteer. Get a friend with a camera on the RC boat or on your boat, and then post them online for people to enjoy.

This past season was challenging for many of our leaders and volunteers, and by now I'm sure they could use support. In the Northeast US, we were able to race on weeknights and host amazing regattas including the JDaze Regatta (Canandaigua, NY), the Lambert Lai Regatta (Rochester, NY), the Downeast Regatta (Falmouth, ME), the Changing of the Colors Regatta (Lake George, NY) and the East Coast Championship (Annapolis, MD). The Texas Circuit is still going strong, and soon the southern regattas will be taking place in Florida and South Carolina. All regattas this season have been modified to fit current state and local restrictions, and each volunteer has been on the hook to problem-solve. Be sure to give your local volunteers a call, say thank you, and ask how you can help.

I would like to name all the volunteers and leaders in our Class, but that would take up six pages of this newsletter, so I will just say I hope you know who you are and how much you mean to me, my crew and all J/24 sailors. Thank you for your time, passion and support, and may this Class exist for many more years due to all your efforts.

Sweden Report

By By Monica Persson

Swedish J/24 Class Association Report 2020

Save the dates!
6th-8th August 2021
Swedish Championship for J/24
Lagunen, Malmoe



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SWE-JCA Report

By Monica Persson, Chairman, Swedish J/24 Class Association (SWE-JCA) www.j24sweden.se

We really hope that everyone is keeping well and healthy in these strange times we are experiencing. Follow the precautions and recommendations! Hold on, hold out and keep physical good distances when you are sailing. And do keep smiling and being those social and nice sailors you are by keeping contact with our J/24 family in Sweden and around the world. Take this time to learn from each other, exercise, practice sailing and maintain and polish that little extra on your J/24s.

Our Swedish J/24 Class Association is working for our members, and we gladly help each other – newcomers and experienced. For us, the J/24 Class is a very sociable sailing Class. We are happy every time we meet our long-time members as well as when new sailors come into the J/24 Class. We gladly help with advice, spreading info and knowledge around our members and make the best we can for the J/24 Class. We are proud of our J/24 sailors and the warmth and fellowship that we have in our Class and SWE-JCA. We are very happy to be part of the J/24 world and the "J/24 Family"!



SWE-JCA Board 2020

The members of the Swedish J/24 Board are the following: Monica Persson (Chairman), Joanna Wännman (Secretary), Miroslawa "Mirka" Jamiolkowska (Treasurer), Per-Håkan Persson, Martin Petersson and Andreas Olovsson (sub.) and Peter Wrahme (sub.).

Our Annual Meeting was held both digitally and in real life on the 22nd of June 2020; directly after this we had our statutory meeting for 2020. The number of Board meetings so far 2020 have been five digital meetings, and we have planned a sixth.

Description of the SWE-JCA Board's activities

This strange year 2020 when pandemic and Corona/COVID-19 have been prevailing, we have focused on trying our best to go through with our planned core events, but unfortunately we were forced to postpone until 2021. Safety first!

The SWE-JCA Board has worked to plan and prepare for our J/24 Class Championship, both for the current year and also strived to be at the forefront and have a plan for the next year 2021. The Board is currently working on planning the J/24 Swedish National Championship 2021 in Lagunen Malmö on 6-8 August. As soon as we have more info and all is settled, we will inform you all. We will be happy to once again say 'Welcome to Sweden!'

The Board has, due to the pandemic, worked on a narrower front, staying very flexible, trying to find opportunities for J/24 sail racing. The Board has worked hard on getting Swedish Sailing Federation (SSF) to classify the J/24 as a boat sailed by five persons and on getting the status of Swedish Nationals 2020 confirmed. This work was kindly supported by the IJCA - Nancy Zangerle and Marianne Schoke. Nancy Zangerle wrote a recommendation letter to SSF in December 2019. Thanks a lot for your support! The long demanding process took a lot of patience and energy. It started last year in December and, after many months of uncertainty, we finally got confirmation from the SSF top board that the J/24 is to be classified as a boat sailed by five persons and the status of Swedish Nationals 2020 was also confirmed later during summer.

When it comes to being visible, we have actively marketed SWE-JCA and our activities which have been focused on club and local sailing during this year. SWE-JCA has directed our information more focused to existing and potential new members in order to be visible for member sailors, as well as inviting the younger generation.

Information has been spread through e-mailing info, newsletters (seven), our website www.j24sweden.se, on Facebook in our own J/24 group "Sweden J/24 Class Association" and in one of the International J/24 Class Association's *Pulse* newsletters. The information has been spread and communicated by the Chairman and by our sailors/Board members at the J/24 regattas. Our webpage www.j24sweden.se is administered by Martin Petersson. The SWE-JCA facilitates their work using www.getanewsletter.com for creating and e-mailing newsletters to the members. We also use a shared J/24 Archive (Dropbox) for saving documents so all Board members can reach them.

The Swedish J/24 Class Association encourages participation in J/24 sailing in Sweden and around our world. We have very active J/24 sailors who this year 2020 needed to cancel one regatta after the other. Even when it started to open up, we thought it was still too risky to go abroad sail racing. So we missed UK Nationals, Kiel Week, Swedish Open, J/24 Worlds, German Open etc. etc. We have been engaged in our clubs, and sailed club and local regattas and evening racing. We are sailing in the greatest one-design sail racing Class of the World, we for sure do!

Autumn is here in Sweden. And we got to sail a regatta here on the 24th of October "The Goose sailing" at Malmö Sailing Club accompanied by a proper traditional 'Goose dinner' in the evening (of course with good distance). Here are some 'happy J/24 moments' from this special J/24 season of 2020.

Sweden Report



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Here are some sailing racing pictures from the regatta "Goose Sailing" in Malmoe. A special THANK YOU goes to the club team from Vastervik, with helmsman Mikael Albinsson, travelling very far for four races in one day. Very nice that you came to Malmoe! See you again 2021!



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Members 2020: We are 25 members so far 2020, which is decreased compared to 2019: 49 and 2018: 40, 2017: 29, 2016: 41 and 2015: 32. This decrease shows again that it is important to actively work on increasing the active J/24 sailing in Sweden, and keep working on it. 2020 is a year where much cannot be controlled, but we hope for a bright 2021!

SWE-JCA's activities in 2020: cancelled due to pandemic.

Our goals: The, for many years, tough classification of the J/24 by the Swedish Sailing Federation has been confirmed to be changed in June 2020. We have been working hard to meet our goal of obtaining Swedish National Championship status for the J/24, and are happy to finally have that confirmed and reached. Even though we had to cancel our J/24 Swedish National championship 2020, the Swedish Sailing Federation has confirmed that we have SM-status 2020!

J/24 in our hearts and friends for life! ❤️

Dear J/24 sailors and friends,

22nd June 2020

Unfortunately, we have a sad announcement to share with you, but we hope to find your understanding regarding our decision.

The Board of the Swedish J/24 Class Association has, after much consideration together with the organizing club Lagunens Kappseglingklubb, due to the prevailing COVID-19 situation, decided to postpone this year's J/24 Swedish Open until 2021.

It is very strange times we experience during the ongoing Corona pandemic. It affects us all around the world. It is a lot that is uncertain, and it seems that the pandemic will last for some time to come. We do not want to contribute to the spread of infection. We prioritize and put the health and safety of our J/24 sailors, friends and families first. Health and safety is priority number one! We do not want to risk anything.

The J/24 Class is a very social Class, and with the prevailing strict guidelines from the Swedish Sailing Federation, the whole social part with after-sail and regatta dinners falls away. Also we have limitations of 50 persons. We have a very good exchange for many years with our international J/24 sailors and friends from Germany and England. We have true J/24 sailing friends who very often return year after year to participate at our J/24 Class Championships. In addition to the health and safety aspect, travel restrictions with 14-day quarantine also exists at present, so a Sweden-visit would force our international participants to stay in a 14-day quarantine when they return home. Our international participants are a big part of our J/24 family here in Sweden, which we value with great gratitude.

We are very grateful for our nice cooperation with our organizing club Lagunen and the great flexibility they contribute to. We are joyful to announce that we together with the Lagoon are now planning for 2021 on 6th-8th of August. Save these dates in your calendars, and we look forward to welcoming you all to the sailing waters of the Lagoon, Malmö.

Take care! Hold on, hold out, keep your hands clean, and keep a good physical distance

Kindest sailing regards,

The Board of Swedish J/24 Class Association
through Chairman, Monica Persson

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Canada Report

By Katie Nicoll

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The 2020 sailing season has come to an end for the Canadian J/24 Fleet. Sadly, for many of our members, it never really began. Only a few boats were able to even launch by the end of the summer; some clubs did not even launch, and others completely cancelled their Learn-to-Sail programs. And by then, other priorities had taken precedence including golf, family camping and cruising.

Our Atlantic fleet had scheduled an event to (open) close their season. Chris Veinot (District Governor) had arranged a one-design event at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron in Halifax in late September where there was strong interest from nine boats. However, the regatta dates that had been scheduled (September 26-27) were only three days after Hurricane Teddy was expected to hit Nova Scotia. With what looked like (at the time) to be a very ominous hurricane track, Teddy warranted a substantial amount of storm preparation. After all the boats had been put away and preparations complete, Hurricane Teddy took a strong easterly turn before hitting the coast. In the end, it turned out to be a bit of a non-event. Unfortunately, with all the boats put away prior to the expected storm, the Fleet decided to not rush and try and reassemble for the weekend event.



The Ottawa Fleet had some pursuit races early in the season and then had some PHRF races later in the summer, but attendance was not great. It was hard to put crews together from the same household, as the mandate from the province was single-handed sailing or persons from the same household only on a boat. Hopefully next summer we will see a bounce back.

The Toronto area and Quebec didn't get anything going. Some launched their boats and sailed a bit, but no racing and no events. Unfortunately the only thing that seems to be moving is boats selling.

Many J/24 owners are keen to get back out sailing, and we expect this winter will only exasperate that feeling. The Atlantic J/24 owners are currently discussing a very early start for next year with a spring sailing program starting in late March at the RNSYS.

Going forward, we have several teams interested in the J/24 Worlds next year in the UK. A team has even started discussions with Argentinian Class members to make plans for their Worlds in 2022.

Calendar

May 27, 2021

2021 J/24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: May 27, 2021
End: June 2, 2021
Venue: Yacht Club Porto San Rocco
Address: Muggia, Italy

June 16, 2021

2021 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: June 16, 2021
End: June 20, 2021
Venue: Sayville Yacht Club
Address: Blue Point, NY, United States

August 6, 2021

2021 J/24 SWEDISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: August 6, 2021
End: August 8, 2021
Venue: Lagunen
Address: Malmoe, Sweden

September 24, 2021

2021 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: September 24, 2021
End: October 2, 2021
Venue: Parkstone Yacht Club, Poole UK

March 12, 2022

2022 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: March 12, 2022
End: March 19, 2022
Venue: Lake Potrerillos
Address: Mendoza, Argentina

August 29, 2022

2022 J/24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: August 29, 2022
End: September 3, 2022
Venue: Howth Yacht Club
Address: Howth, Ireland

July 16, 2023

2023 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: July 16, 2023
End: July 23, 2023
Venue: Corpus Christi Yacht Club
Address: Corpus Christi, TX, United States

August 20, 2023

2023 J/24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP –

Start: August 20, 2023
End: August 27, 2023
Venue: Balatonfüred Yacht Club
Address: Lake Balaton, Hungary

September 7, 2023

2023 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP – EXACT DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

Start: September 7, 2023
End: September 11, 2023
Venue: Sandusky Sailing Club
Address: Sandusky, OH, United States





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