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This year's Europeans were held in Ängelholm, Sweden—a city with long sailing traditions. Ängelholm is located on the west coast of southern Sweden, 100 km north of Malmö and 120 km north of Copenhagen. Originally a spa and bath resort, Ängelholm is particularly known for its excellent sailing waters, its 6 km of public sand beach, and for being the home of the first high school of sailing (1981). The municipality of Ängelholm has approximately 40,000 inhabitants, and the city provides all types of services and facilities for tourism and visitors. The organizer of the 2014 J/24 Audi European Open Championship was Ängelholm-Skalderviken Sailing Club (ÄSSS). ÄSSS was established in 1948, and since the start, the club has arranged several international and national regattas. ÄSSS recently held qualifiers for the ISAF Youth World Championship for several dinghy classes.



International presence, experts and organization

Thirty-five boats from seven countries (Sweden, Denmark, Monaco, Germany, Italy, Great Britain and the US) competed. In order to provide the sailors with top racing conditions and services and to ensure that the event was organized and conducted in accordance with international standards, the organizer ÄSSS was surrounded by specialists such as the measurement committee chaired by Stuart Jardine (GBR), the international jury chaired by Willii Gohl (GER), and an outstanding Race Committee chaired by International Race Officer Annika Ekman (SWE).



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A windy championship

This year's championship was paved with strong winds, sometimes near gale, as the event was struck by what was left of Hurricane Bertha. However, despite these very tough conditions, all 11 races could be completed without any major delays.

Results

In the end, the overall Open Championship was won by **Team 5443** (Mike Ingham, Rochester Canoe Club, and crew), 27-63 points. The 2014 European Championship went to the German Team **GER 5412 Henk** (Frank Schönfeldt, Mühlenberger Segel Club e.V.), 57-72 points, followed by **GER 5467 VITESSE** (Manfred König, Mühlenberger Segel Club e.V.), 60-96 points; **GER 3117 UK Sailmakers** (Peer Kock, RVE), 68-82 points; Team **SWE 4896 Front Runner** (Per-Håkan Persson, Malmö SS), 76-96 points; and **GER 5282 Quick and Dirty** (Dirk Strelow, Segelclub Villas), 95-112 points.

The prize for best all female-crew-team went to **VEGA Ragazza** – Stephanie Koepcke (Mühlenberger Segel-Club e.V.) and crew, 10th place, 110-131 points.



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The award for best youngest team went to **Team LUV** – Tom Stryi (SVAOe) and crew (184-220 points).

Stuart and Mary-Anne Jardine's Old boat trophy for inspiration to the J/24 Class went to the Swedish all female Team **SWE 994 For Fun (blue)** – Liselotte Sjöberg (SS Delfinen) and crew.

And last, but certainly not least, a special award was given to the youngest crew member of the Europeans – **Nils Ternéus** (12 years old) – who showed great courage and fighting spirit together with his crew on Höllenhund Reloaded (Martin Maschnitza, KYC).

The organizers of the 2014 J/24 Audi European Open Championship wish to thank all competitors, sponsors (in particular Audi at Börjessons Bil, Ängelholm Municipality and Event in Skåne) and volunteers for making this event so successful. They could never have done it without you all! See you next time...

Final results: http://www7edit.idrottonline.se/ImageVaultFiles/id_525300/cf_359/J24_results_EM_2014.HTM

Photos: follow link at <http://ec2014.j24sweden.com/media/>



Mexico Report

By Leopoldo Farias



The second trimester of the year has some of the best regattas of the year, and some of the best weather of the year as well. Winds are typically 8-12 knots of warm westerly breeze with temperatures in the high 20s Celsius. Hollywood sailing at its best!

It is right before the summer when it rains practically every day and with the summer holidays, participation in the regattas becomes slim. With all of the hype from the North American Championship winding down, everyone got down to good old Valle de Bravo racing. Many of the teams who could not make the trip to Puerto Vallarta were eager to get some racing in. We therefore had some excellent numbers of competitors at most of the races.

The weekend of May 17-18, the Copa Marina Azul was held. As usual, the Marina Azul Yacht Club had excellent food and drinks with raffles and a lot of great racing! Top honors went to Kenneth Porter and his able team on board *S-Comex*, and second place went to Ralph Nelles and crew on *SuperMachos* (we are happy to see Ralph racing again!). Ramon Benitez took third place on *Mar II*.

The next big event was held on May 31 and June 1 at the Club Nautico Avandaro, the oldest Club on our lake. This year, they really outdid themselves by hosting the most awesome regatta to date! Winds started out from the North (which is completely out of the ordinary) with gusts of up to 22-24 knots. Everyone was having a great time when they went back to the normal 260/270 degrees in the middle of the race, forcing a cancellation and restart.

For those of you who have sailed in Mexico, you are probably used to our privileged sailing conditions AND our awesome after racing celebrations. It is hard to compete in making a good party here. Well, the guys from the Nautico Avandaro certainly set a new benchmark in regard to parties! There were waiters in Filipinos, chefs brought in from Mexico City preparing gourmet food and a seemingly endless flow of fine wines and spirits! The raffles included mountain bikes, Mont Blanc writing instruments, original paintings from well-known artists, Milwaukee tools, J/24 main sails and spinnakers, and chamber music with a live orchestra. Did I mention fine wines and superb food! Simply amazing, even for our hard-to-beat standards. The winners were Ralph Nelles and crew in first place, Jorge Murrieta W. in second and Peter Wiegandt was third.

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The weekend of June 14-15, we had the Copa IZAR sponsored by Jaguar/Land Rover Pedregal, and again winds were a good 12-16 knots with some very close racing. This is a regatta nobody wants to miss since the winds are traditionally very good and there is always Paella and a dance contest afterward that is loads of fun. The sponsor Jaguar/Land Rover Pedregal went all out and brought along a large sample of their vehicle line-up. Anyone who was interested was given test drives. Another great event (which has a perpetual trophy), this year won by Kenneth Porter and crew on *S-Comex*. Second place went to Juan Antonio Uroz, a fine example of what persistence can accomplish as they have steadily climbed places from sailing in DFL to a much deserved second! Third went to Jorge Murrieta W. and crew.

Our First Semester 2014 Championship went to Kenneth Porter, again! Manuel Romero from the Mexican Navy, who is sailing better all the time and we are very happy to see their improvement, took second. Third went to Luis Alvarez and his family who are always a delight to have in our Class!



Japan Report

By Ryo Uematsu



Kanto fleet, the largest fleet in Japan, has hosted the Spring regatta (May 17-18) and the Summer regatta (July 12-13) for this year's spring-summer season. The conditions were great for the two regattas with 6-20 knots of wind variations. Tokuma TAKESUE (GEKKO) won both regattas with nearly perfect scores (1-1-2-6-1-4-1 for the Spring regatta and 3-1-1-4-1-2 for the Summer regatta), making a great start for this year's Worlds in Newport. Kazuki KUMAGAI (Dabohaze Jr.) placed second, and Tomomi HATAKEYAMA (LuLL) placed third in the Spring regatta. Yasuko MAEDA (pinkkiss) and Tomomi HATAKEYAMA (LuLL) finished second and third respectively in the Summer regatta.

In part of the preparation for the 2016 Worlds, JPN NJCA has hosted an ERS measurement course, training for the ERS measurement certificate. Eleven J/24 sailors attended this course, which all successfully earned the certificate. JPN NJCA will also host the J/24 Class measurement course in the near future to train the J/24 Class measurer.

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Australia Update

By Dave Suda

We are flying through winter and hurtling toward another bumper Summer season for the J/24 Class around Australia. While there is much to report about at Sandringham, there is also plenty happening around Australia and overseas.

Most of the exciting action in recent months has taken place in NSW, where the J/24 fleet in Cronulla has run a very successful regatta over the Queens Birthday weekend. The regatta in Cronulla had 14 boats racing—that is unbelievably two more entries than was had for the NSW Championship in November last year, which had three interstate visitors to reach 12 boats. It is also one boat more than was had for the Nationals in January on Sydney Harbour, which had five interstate entries for a total of 13 boats.

The Cronulla fleet is being brilliantly aided by Mick Reynolds and with great assistance from vice president Simon Grain, who has worked closely with the fleet in recent years to help build the numbers and make the boats more competitive against the very experienced Sydney Harbour J/24 fleet.

The success from this regatta has generated a great deal of enthusiasm from those who competed, and it's safe to say the event and the fleet will only get stronger from here. The Sydney Harbour J/24s are also working toward a more combined racing program that will hopefully see up to a dozen of the usual suspects racing together fortnightly from Middle Harbour Yacht Club over Summer.

In fact, Sydney Harbour and environs are coming alive with J racing. The annual Gosford Regatta is scheduled for the 4&5th October and regularly attracts around 15 boats from the harbour with the occasional interstater. Getting to this regatta includes a sail up the northern beaches coast and through Brisbane waters, some of the most picturesque sheltered cruising areas in Australia.

Back in the harbour on the 26th October is the Balmain Regatta, with courses set on the inner harbour, an ideal warm up for the states.

The next major event is the NSW State Championship (which is again at the popular Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club on Sydney Harbour), and it should be a much bigger event this year with the revitalised Middle Harbour fleet set to take on all comers. That includes some of the Melbourne fleet and a few of the Cronulla boats this year as they make the sail up the southern beaches coast to take on the harbour boats. The regatta will be held on November 1 and 2.

In South Australia, they are preparing to host another great National Titles at the very welcoming CYCSA again. They have never let us down when it comes to great racing, better weather and a very warm welcome. If you have had the pleasure of racing in Adelaide before, then I am sure you are already planning on going. If you haven't been to a Nationals before or Adelaide for that matter, then do yourself, your crew and your family a favour and be there. The area is filled with great accommodation options if you start planning now, and the club has heaps of room for the J/24s. This year's format should suit everyone, with the event being run over four days, each filled with exciting yacht racing. All the details are on the J/24 website, so don't leave it until it is too late (*Hyperactive*) and start organising yourselves now. My accommodation is already booked!

The 2014 J/24 World Championship is being held at Newport, RI in the USA this month, which should be a great event. If you would like to be involved in a J/24 World Championship, then get along to the Nationals in Adelaide so you can qualify for the 2015 Worlds to be held in Germany in late August next year.

USJCA Report

By Lambert Lai, USJCA President



Greetings from the USJCA!

Currently, our fleets nationwide are in the midst of their racing seasons. The photo above shows a part of the 17-boat fleet that competed at the District 7 Pennant Series at Oswego Yacht Club this past month. On Lake Ontario, the J/24 is still the largest one-design keelboat Class.

The big news in the US of course is the preparation for the upcoming 2014 J/24 Worlds to be sailed in the historic waters off Newport, Rhode Island. From my own District 7 in upper New York state, we are excited to be sending the youngest (21 years old) and the oldest (72 years old) representatives to the Worlds! Our friends in Newport assure us that preparations are well underway for a well-organized and fun-filled Worlds.

Will Welles, of Portsmouth, RI, led his *Cougar* team to the J/24 US National Championship, hosted by Beverly Yacht Club in Massachusetts. With Alex Bishop, Luke Lawrence, Eric Lawrence and Nick Turney on board, Welles managed six first-place tallies in the 10 races for just 27 net points. He overcame a penalty in race eight, and ended with a scoring line of 1,11,4,6,1,1,1,[19/(30%)],1,1. *Cougar* finished



12 points ahead of second-place John Mollicone on *Helly Hansen*, while Michael Marshall's *Pipe Dream* received the bronze position with 45 points. Welles commended his last-minute crew, including Eric Lawrence who was trimming the genoa for the first time ever on a J/24. "It was remarkable that he stepped up to the plate," said Welles. "It was a huge part of our success." The other key, he explained, was working to get the mast butt positioned just right. "Early on in the regatta, we were a little late to push it forward. The mast we have is pretty bendy so we

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After being involved in a collision with another boat (on starboard), this boat's crew gave fair warning to competitors!

have to be aggressive with the mast butt." After moving it forward quite a bit after the fourth race, *Cougar* found that extra gear. The conditions were beautiful in Marion for the 45 teams, including entrants from across the United States, along with several Canadian crews and even representatives from Japan, France and Australia. Winning the six-boat Women's Division was Natalie Penner's *Giggles*. Complete results may be found at www.2014j24nationals.org, and photos are available on the J/24 Class Facebook page.

The IJCA has just released a copy of its proposed changes to the Class Rules which include several modifications many long-time Class members will welcome. These include the allowing of GPS devices for heading and speed, non-wire backstays and allowing some simple usage of shock cord. As a long-time member of the Class, I personally welcome some of these changes as a way to keep the Class current with developing technical and

equipment advances without changing the basic boat. The deadline for giving feedback to the International Technical Committee on the IJCA forum is September 15. The proposed changes and full explanation of how they came about may be found on the Class website. I encourage every Class member and boat owner to review these new rules carefully and speak your piece.

J/24 New Rules

www.j24class.org/rules-regulations/class-rules/

The place to give your feedback is here:

<http://www.sailingforums.com/threads/new-rules-and-rules-conversion.31340/>

Calendar

September 20, 2014

2014 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: September 20, 2014

End: September 26, 2014

Venue: Sail Newport

Address: Newport, RI, United States

October 25, 2014

2014 IJCA WORLD COUNCIL MEETING

Start: October 25, 2014

End: October 25, 2014

Venue: Norddeutscher Regatta Verein

Address: Hamburg, Georgia

November 10, 2014

2014 J/24 SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Preliminary 2015 Pan Am Games Qualification 3 spots/12 sailors

Start: November 10, 2014

End: November 16, 2014

Venue: La Punta - Callao

Address: La Punta-Callao, Peru

June 6, 2015

2015 J/24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: June 6, 2015

End: June 13, 2015

Venue: Yacht Club du Crouesty Arzon, France

Address: France

August 28, 2015

2015 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GER-JCA

Website: <http://www.j24.de/>

Start: August 28, 2015

End: September 4, 2015

Venue: Germany

Address: Weiße Wiek, Boltenhagen, Germany

September 10, 2015

2015 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: September 10, 2015

End: September 13, 2015

Venue: Portland Yacht Club

Address: Falmouth, ME, United States

September 19, 2016

2016 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: September 19, 2016

End: September 23, 2016

Address: Wakaura, Wakayama, Japan

September 15, 2017

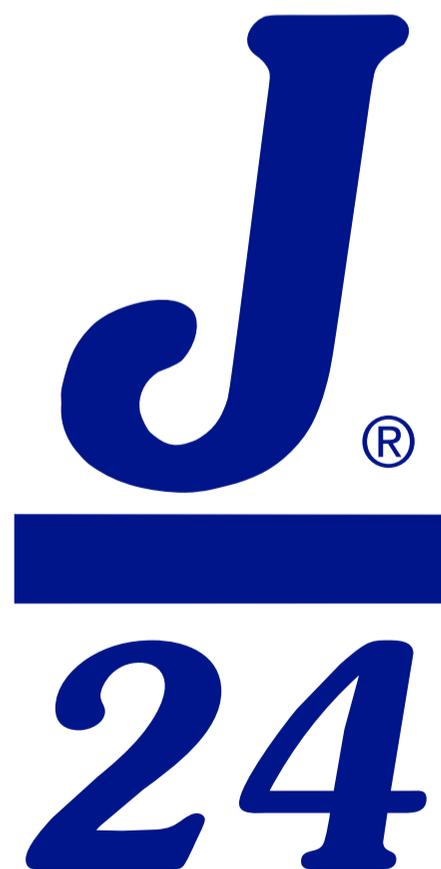
2017 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: September 15, 2017

End: September 23, 2017

Venue: Port Credit Yacht Club

Address: Mississauga, Ontario, Canada



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Newport, Rhode Island**

New Rules and Rules Conversion



Please visit <http://www.j24class.org/rules-regulations/class-rules/> and review the “ISAF Rules Conversion for the J/24 Class: Explanation” and the “J/24 ISAF Class Rules Conversion: Document.” The Rules now follow the required ISAF template and format. It has taken many months for Tim Winger, ITC Chair, to complete this conversion. Along the way, there has been extensive input from several individuals with deep experience with the ISAF Rules in other Classes. These rules were then examined by the ITC, Executive Committee and J/Boats, and are now ready for Class member review. The accompanying “Explanation” document explains the conversion in general and item-by-item changes that go beyond just formatting. Please review the Rules document and let us know your thoughts and opinions on this forum. Comments must be posted at <http://www.sailingforums.com/threads/new-rules-and-rules-conversion.31340/> prior to September 15th.

2014 IJCA World Council Meeting



The 2014 IJCA World Council Meeting takes place on Saturday, October 25 at Norddeutscher Regatta Verein (Schöne Aussicht 37, 22085 Hamburg, Germany, Tel.: +49 40 – 55 77 99 5 0, e-mail: mail@nrv.de). The recommended hotel is the NIPPON HOTEL Hamburg (Hofweg 75, 22085 Hamburg, Germany, Tel.: +49 40 /22 71 14 0, e-mail: reservations@nipponhotel.de, www.nipponhotel.de). Hamburg is the only airport nearby. The next options would be Bremen (100 km) or Hannover (150 km). By September 15, NJCA delegates are to confirm their attendance. This is also the deadline for all NJCA Annual Reports, proposals for the agenda complete with supporting papers and any substantive motions to be received by the Executive Director. We are looking for proposals for the 2018 Worlds to be held in Europe, and we will also review the Continental Championship rotation. October 18 is the final date for proxies to be received by the Executive Director (see IJCA Constitution 8.7).