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There was no wind on the final day of the J/24 European Open Championship, and the result was that all 32 crews (representing France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Great Britain, Brazil and United States) returned to shore to haul their boats and prepare for the awards ceremony earlier than many expected. Nevertheless, the regatta was enthusiastically embraced by Europe's top J/24 teams as they enjoyed great sailing on the Bay of Biscay, excellent RC PRO work from Yacht Club du Croesty Arzon, and fabulous shoreside evening activities at one of the nicer seaside resorts in France.

After counting seven races total over the four-day regatta, it was the British team of *Madeleine* skippered by Duncan McCarthy who took the European crown with a remarkably consistent 2-2-2-3-9-4-3 record. Taking the Open European Championship was the American team of Mike Ingham with the amazingly low tally of four firsts and a 2-3 for counters for just 9 points total.

The first day of racing had good enough weather conditions to test the fleet with three races; and it also set the tone for the rest of the regatta. Virtually tied on points were Ingham's American team (sitting on 5 points) and Duncan's *Madeleine* crew (sitting on 6 points). Lying third was the Italian Champion Ignazio Bonanno sailing *La*



*Superba*. Frank Schonfeldt's *Henk* was tied on points with *La Superba* at 19 each. Then with a strong showing the first day was the Greek team on *Catsiapis Foundation* helmed by Anthimos Nicolaidis in fifth. Just four points separated fifth from 10th after day one. The top French boat was Francois De Herce on *Majic* sitting in the 10th position, and the top Irish boat was Flor O'Driscoll's *Hard on Port*. Despite their first race on the second day, Ingham's crew continued to extend their overall lead with a 14-2-1. Meanwhile, McCarthy hung on tight to second with a 3-9-4. Germany's Daniel Frost on *SG Power Solutions* climbed up the ladder, posting a 5-3-2 to grab third overall. German Mark Karsunke skippering *Sullberg* powered their way into fourth overall with 1-1-6 finishes. Schonfeldt's *Henk* posted a 20-5-3 to drop into fifth.

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The third day was great for some teams, definitely not so hot for other teams. Ingham's crew rolled off another bullet to ultimately win the regatta. McCarthy's *Madeleine* crew did the same, posting a third to secure second overall in the Open class and be declared winner of the J/24 Europeans 2015. Frost's *SG Power Solutions* scored a 10th, but hung on to third overall and silver for the continent. Fourth overall and third in Europe was Schonfeldt's *Henk*. For complete J/24 Europeans sailing information, visit <http://www.j24euro2015.com/>.



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# CHRIS SNOW'S *BOGUS* EKEES OUT J/24 US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Snow took control of the opening bout on Friday, May 22, when winds were between 10-12 knots on San Francisco Bay. In the next race, it was Takesue's *Gekko* in the top spot. Klatt claimed the victory in the day's final contest, as the breeze increased to 14-16 knots.

It took all nine races to determine the victor at the J/24 US National Championship, hosted by Berkeley Yacht Club in Berkeley, CA over Memorial Day weekend. Chris Snow's *Bogus* and David Klatt's *Jaded* came into the final day with just one point separating them, and in the end, it was still one single point that secured victory for Snow and his crew, which included current J/24 World Champion Will Welles (tactics), Chris Nesbitt (trim), Garth Reynolds (mast) and Doug Weitz (bow, a J/24 World Champion crew in 1995). *Bogus* started off Sunday with a 2,1, leaving them with a five-point advantage. Klatt did all he could in the final bout and took line honors, but Snow placed fifth which was exactly enough to win with 18 net points, to Klatt's 19. Tokuma Takesue's *Gekko* of Japan, with Mike Ingham as a crew member, took third with 32 points.



# CHRIS SNOW'S *BOGUS* EKES OUT J/24 US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Light winds between 4-6 knots greeted the teams on Saturday morning, when Pat Toole's *3 Big Dogs* of Santa Barbara, CA won the initial contest. Klatt inched out Mark Laura's *Baba Louie* to snag the top position in the next race in breeze between 6-8 knots. The wind stepped up to 10-12 in Saturday's final battle, and it was Snow who secured the victory.



Toole's *3 Big Dogs* opened Sunday successfully, while winds hovered around 10 knots. Snow caught the bullet in the next contest, and closing out the regatta in 12-14 knots of wind was Klatt with the final race win.

The top five: Chris Snow, *Bogus* (18 points), David Klatt, *Jaded* (19), Tokuma Takesue's *Gekko* (32), Pat Toole, *3 Big Dogs* (36), Mark Laura, *Baba Louie* (43).



# CHRIS SNOW'S *BOGUS* EKES OUT J/24 US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Twenty-five boats competed over three days. Photos are posted on the J/24 Class Facebook page, and complete results are available at <http://www.2015j24nationalsfbay.com/index.php> via the "Registration - Online" link at left.



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# Greece Report

By Aris Pallikaris



K. Tsigkaras, J. Orfanos), the second place was awarded to team *Minoan Spirit* (A. Pallikaris, N. Petroulakis, N. Kariotakis, L. Stavrakakis, P. David, N. Kampitakis, N. Kalivitis), and the third place to team *Simera* (G. Makridakis, G. Lironis, I. Siggelaki, K. Katsouli, N. Mavrakis, K. Maragkaki).

In terms of racing, three (3) regattas have been completed so far, including the first stage of the National Championship.

Having concluded a successful year in 2014 with an increase on the average number of overall entry boats as compared to 2013, the GREJCA's activities in the first half of 2015 continued at the same pace. The year commenced on February 7 with the awarding of the top three J/24 ranking list places by the Offshore Committee of the Hellenic Sailing Federation. Based on the results of the six (6) national J/24 regattas of 2014, the first place was awarded to team *Evniki* (D. Altsiadis, A. Nicolaidis, S. Kartali,

The first regatta took place on 21-22 of March in Souda Bay, Chania by the Sailing Club of Chania with 10 entry boats. In total, six (6) races were completed in highly satisfactory sailing conditions, whereas the competition was quite high till the last minute. This was reflected in the final results with three and two boats tied in places 2-4 and 7-6, respectively. Team *Minoan Spirit* skippered by A. Pallikaris and with crew members N. Petroulakis,

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N. Kariotakis, N. Kalivitis and P. David claimed the first position. Team *Physalia Physalis* with a crew making their first appearance, skippered by N. Kapnisis, and with crew members G. Petekidis, D. Dika, M. Sourligka and M. Glinos claimed the second position, while team *Simera* skippered by G. Makridakis and with crew members M. Karvelas, I. Siggelaki, G. Makridakis, E. Sotiriou and G. Malliotakis claimed the third position.

The second regatta of the year was the first stage of the National Championship and took place on 17-19 of April in Athens by the Yacht Club of Greece with 13 entries from Crete, Athens and Thessaloniki. In total, nine (9) races were completed throughout the three days with quite variable conditions. While the first two days of the regatta exhibited strong southerly winds (some 15 knots) permitting seven races to be concluded successfully, the intensity dropped significantly on the last day (5-6 knots) with quite variable

direction (west to southwest), hardly permitting only two races to be concluded. Overall, team *Evniki* (GRE5441) skippered by D. Altsiadis with crew members A. Nicolaidis, J. Orfanos, M. Pasamixalis and A. Siouzos, and with a newly acquired boat dominated the series capturing first place in almost all of the races, making a decisive step toward reclaiming the Greek National Championship of the J/24 Class since 2012. Team *Evniki* (GRE 5239) skippered by A. Psomopoulos with crew members M. Smirlis, Th. Alexas, G. Giannopoulos, M. Kontakis and A. Mogantam claimed the second position. The national champions of 2014 *Hellenic Police* skippered by A. Tagaropoulos with crew members D. Kokkoris, N. Mavros, P. Aidinidis, J. Fakas claimed the third position. The prize giving ceremony took place in the afternoon at the Yacht Club of Greece, and the teams

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renewed their appointment for October in Crete for the second stage of the Greek Championship. Besides the racing activities, a very important open members meeting took place during this regatta to discuss the probable bid for the 2019 European Championship by the GREJCA. Besides a general discussion on the matter, the Sailing Club of Patras and the Nautical Club of Thessaloniki (both of which have responded to the general call for expression of interest for organizing the Championship) presented their positions and answered questions raised by the GREJCA members. The GREJCA council is expected to meet in June to proceed with final decisions.

Finally, the third regatta took place from May 30 to June 1 in Sitia Bay, Sitia by the Nautical Club of Sitia with seven (7) entry boats. While the Nautical Club of Sitia does not yet own a J/24, this is the second consecutive year that a J/24 regatta has been hosted by the club as they have eagerly expressed their interest in becoming more active in the national Class with the acquisition of a J/24 boat. In total, eight (8) races were completed in highly satisfactory sailing conditions (7-13 knots with 310° wind direction over the course of the three days).

Team *Evniki* (GRE5441) skippered by D. Altsiadis and with crew members A. Nicolaidis, S. Kartali, A. Siouzos and K. Tsigkaras claimed the first position. Team *Minoan Spirit* skippered by A. Pallikaris and with crew members N. Petroulakis, N. Kariotakis, P. David, N. Kampitakis and N. Kalivitis claimed the second position, whereas team *Physalia Physalis* skippered by N. Kapnisis, and with crew members M. Sourligka, M. Glinos, G. Petekidis, D. Dika and G. Papadopoulos claimed the third.

The aforementioned activities conclude the first half of the year until the activities of the second half commence after the summer break. The program for the second half includes three more fleet races and one match race regatta.

Once more, the GREJCA would like to thank the main sponsor ANEK and ANEK-SUPERFAST for providing travelling discounts to all the teams, while the photos have been provided by Emmy Papa (first stage National), Sailing Club of Chania (first regatta – Souda Bay) and Vanessa Oikonomaki (third regatta – Sitia).

# Australia Report

By Simon Grain



The J/24 fleet in Australia has continued on from last season, with record fleets and great racing at each of the major regattas being held around the country.

We have strong class racing in Sandringham (host of the 2006 Worlds) with 15 of the 18 boats racing regularly. The recent State Championship had a record 27 entries, with 10 crews travelling over 700 km for the weekend regatta. Unfortunately for those who travelled, strong winds on Sunday reduced racing to a single day and only four races. The local crew on *Pacemaker* defended their title, ahead of Steve Girdis on *Convicts Revenge* from NSW and *El Fideldo* from South Australia third.

The 2014/15 summer has included successful regattas in NSW, SA and Victoria, and we have started to see a few teams from our newest fleet in Cronulla now participate in the bigger events on the calendar. We have had three boats from Cronulla at each of the three big events, which include the NSW Championship, the Australian Champs and the Victorian Titles. The Cronulla fleet has grown from six to 21 boats in three years, part of a rebuild trend in the Class that is seeing a shortage of boats in Australia. Cronulla also hosted its third annual Winter Short Course Regatta in early June with around 16 boats competing this year.

The NSW Championship is held in November every year and was won by Rob Brewer and the team on *Convicts Revenge*. Rob is a past National Titles winner and was filling in for Steve Girdis and showed he has lost none of

the skills that helped him win the Australian Titles back in 1990. *Pacemaker* was unable to defend their title, but helm Dave Suda finished second on board Arthur Crothers' boat *Kaotic*, while *Sailpac* finished third. We had 13 entries for the popular regatta held on the busy but beautiful Sydney Harbour.

The 2015 edition of the Australian Championship returned to Adelaide in January, and with 16 boats it was the best fleet seen in South Australia for a few years, largely thanks to the tireless efforts of local Class President Jim Townsend. The regatta included 12 races over four largely rainy days, and with plenty of cloud around, the tacticians were kept honest all week. At the end, it was the team on *Pacemaker* who managed to secure their second national title after winning at the same venue in 2012. Local boat *El Fideldo* helmed by Doug Watson was second, closely followed by Brendan Lee and his team from Victoria on *By The Lee*.

The J/24 calendar here in Australia is full of excellent regattas that have been designed and promoted by the local fleets so that they are spread throughout the year. We now have five or six big regattas around the country that are well attended.

The World Championship is heading to Japan in 2016 and after several years without an entrant at the Class' top regatta, we already have interest from four crews to travel to Osaka in September next year.

# Sweden Report

By Monica Persson



**Marianne Schoke leading us at the J/24 Sailing Clinic.**



**SWE-5437 "For Fun (pink)" with helmsman Andreas Olovsson**

## ***We are proud of our Swedish J/24 sailors!***

Our warmest congratulations to Max Hölzer and Martin Kareliusson for winning the J/24 Europeans Championship 2015 in France with Mike Ingham on USA5443! The series is outstanding 1-1-3-(14)-2-1-1, very well sailed!

We love Kiel Week and return every year...it's like tradition for us! Three Swedish J/24 teams are so looking forward to going to Kiel Week in Germany at the end of June: SWE-994 "For Fun (blue)" with Liselotte Sjöberg helming the female team, SWE-5437 "For Fun (pink)" with helmsman Andreas Olovsson and SWE-4896 "Front Runner" with helmsman Per-Håkan Persson. The final preparations



**Helms(wo)man Liselotte Sjöberg on SWE-994 "For Fun (blue)"**

are made, and the competition at Kiel Week is always strong and thrilling! It is a superb chance to get prepared and trimmed for the 2015 J/24 World Championship in Boltenhagen, Germany. We are so looking forward to some super exciting sail racing!

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**Helms(wo)man Liselotte Sjöberg on SWE-994 "For Fun (blue)"**



**SWE-4896 "Front Runner" with helmsman Per-Håkan Persson**



**Helmsman Per-Håkan Persson on SWE-4896 "Front Runner"**

The sailing season 2015 started with quite windy conditions. We have sailed a couple of regattas and had a J/24 Sailing Clinic on the 14th of May in Malmö for our J/24 sailors. This was very much appreciated, and we were happy to have Marianne Schoke leading us through this J/24 Sailing Clinic.

Save the dates! The J/24 Swedish Open 2015 will be held in Limhamn, Malmö on the 24-25th of October at the same time as Halloween Cup. We welcome you to Sweden! For more information keep your eyes on our Swedish J/24 Class Association website at [www.svensksegling.se/J24](http://www.svensksegling.se/J24) and follow us on Facebook group: Sweden J/24 Class Association.

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# Canada Report

By Nick Jako



An interesting season is unfolding for the Canadian Class this year. The most significant fleet event of the season has been contested (see Pan Am Trials report below), and there are no “major” events until mid-September when the Canadian Championship is sailed in Toronto. It would appear that many programs are taking a breather before ramping up for the upcoming seasons. The ensuing years should prove to be much busier, specifically in the Ontario District with the 2016 North American Championship and 2017 World Championship being contested in the Toronto area.

The opportunity to represent Canada at the (similarly local) Pan American Games drew 15 boats to the Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club to participate in the annual Ice Breaker regatta which served as the Trials. While the weather was atypical and more closely resembled what can be expected during the Games, a hard fought event unfolded on the waters of Lake Ontario. Katie Coleman-Nicoll (National Secretary) attended, and filed the report that follows:

The Canadian Trials for Pan American Games in the J/24, Lightning, Snipe, Hobie 16 and 2.4mR were held at the Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club Ice Breaker Regatta on May 16-18. Lack of wind plagued the regatta, which is typically

cold, rainy and windy. It was a hotly contested run for the one berth to represent Canada in the Pan American Games to be held in July at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club in Toronto, Ontario.

Friday saw the fleet of 15 J/24s sitting around all day waiting for wind that never materialized. Saturday was forecasted for the same, but fortunately, the wind settled in mid-morning and the race committee got off five races. Leading into the last day of racing, Rossi Milev (Port Credit Yacht Club) held a 6 point lead over Terry McLaughlin (Royal Canadian Yacht Club).

Monday saw slightly more wind, albeit still light, where Terry McLaughlin (1984 Olympic Silver Medalist) put together two superb races to beat Milev by one point and win the berth to the Pan Am Games. Evan Petley-Jones (Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron) sailed very consistently to finish in third.

## Results for Pan Am Classes:

2.4mR – Bruce Millar

Hobie 16 – Daniel Borg

Lightning – Jamie Allen

Snipe – Evert McLaughlin

J/24 – Terry McLaughlin

# Mexico Report

By Leopoldo Farias



Here in Paradise, we have finished the second quarter of our busy J/24 calendar!



The team that will represent Mexico at the Pan American games in Toronto this summer will be again Kenneth Porter and his apt team of Gerrit Gentry, Aroldo de Rienzo and his daughter Alessandra as well as Daniel Baños. We wish them the best winds and calm waters at this event. Competition was very close, with Luis Alvarez and his family in close contention until the very end. There was also the team from the Mexican Navy who have improved their sailing a lot, helmed by Lt. Manuel Romero who were second place at the end of our three-regatta qualifier.

We also had our National Championship on the weekend of May 1-3 at Lake Valle de Bravo. The weather was excellent as were the winds. Competition was so close that there were four teams tied for second place going into the last day of racing, with Luis Alvarez and his family ahead by four points. You might have guessed it—Kenneth Porter sailed beautifully that last day and came out ahead of Luis Alvarez on board *Ta' Lento* by just one point! Third place went to *Kawabunga*, sailed by Peter Colliard and his team, fourth place went to Leopoldo Farias sailing on *Caspian* and finally the fifth spot was won by Javier Velasquez and his new team. Good job by every one of the 18 boats!

# Mexico Report



There is a new J/24 fleet springing up in Progreso, Yucatan which is very active and enthusiastic. We expect to have about 15-20 boats there very soon. Welcome to the Class!



# Status of J/24 Class Rules

By Tim Winger, ITC Chairman



A little history – the J/24 Class Rules have been in the process of being rewritten into the ISAF format as required by our Class By-Laws. The process was completed last summer, vetted by the International Technical Committee and then posted on the website for everyone's comments. In October of last year, the J/24 World Council voted on and passed these rules with a few material changes. The changes were incorporated and sent to ISAF for approval. ISAF rejected the new Rules, mostly for format issues rather than content issues. The rules of many other Classes were reviewed before and during the writing of these Rules for guidance. The ISAF format document was used throughout, and we followed their written instructions pretty carefully. After the Rules were rejected, we had a conference call with ISAF and got much better direction on what they were looking for.

The problem areas – it was initially unclear what they wanted in Section C, which refers to how the boat is to be set up for sailing and racing. Subsections on Modifications, Maintenance and Limitations were included for each area. What was unclear, and certainly not followed by other Classes, was that Section C refers to what may be done to the boat without having to get re-measured for a new certificate, which actually makes a lot of sense. After Section C comes sections D-G for all of the different parts of the boat: hull, deck, keel, rudder, rig, sails, etc. Initially, much of what followed in those sections seemed redundant to what was covered in Section C. That is getting cleared up now. One of the important changes, for which everyone has been waiting, is the rule about electronic instruments and whether or not we will be allowed to use GPS technology. The Class voted to allow the GPS technology in a limited way, by not allowing charting capability or interconnectivity between devices and computers. ISAF asked us to rewrite this on an application basis, ignoring the kind of technology. Again this makes more sense, and this language has already been developed. They also cautioned about the limitations on interconnectivity as perhaps too limiting, and lack of clarity on what is a computer. Many devices have internal hardware and software that is more powerful than what we called computers not so many years ago. The limitation on charting stays – the interconnectivity is now out. What we really don't want is someone sitting in the cockpit or below with a laptop to do the navigation, and that is highly unlikely to happen.

Hopefully, the first draft of this new format will be done by the end of June or early July. It will then go back to ISAF for their approval. When we have ISAF approval, we will take it back to the Class Executive Committee to review and decide whether or not we need to take it back to the World Council. Current estimate on when new Rules might take effect is next March or April.

# Calendar

## **August 28, 2015**

### **2015 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

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

## **November 26, 2015**

### **2015 J/24 SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Start: November 26, 2015  
End: November 30, 2015  
Venue: Veleiros do Sul  
Address: Porto Alegre, Brazil

## **January 16, 2016**

### **2016 MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS RACE SERIES**

Start: January 16, 2016  
End: January 24, 2016  
Venue: Barbados Cruising Club  
Address: Barbados

## **August 13, 2016**

### **2016 J/24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Start: August 13, 2016  
End: August 19, 2016  
Venue: Royal Western Yacht Club  
Address: Plymouth, UK

## **September 8, 2016**

### **2016 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Start: September 8, 2016  
End: September 11, 2016  
Venue: Port Credit Yacht Club  
Address: Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

## **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

## **September 24, 2017**

### **2017 J/24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Start: September 24, 2017  
End: October 1, 2017  
Venue: Balatonfüredi Yacht Club  
Address: Balatonfüredi, Hungary

## **August 24, 2018**

### **2018 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

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

