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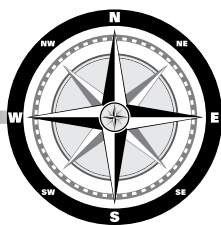
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PHOENIX WINS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE ROYAL WESTERN YACHT CLUB



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After battling with strong winds and a reasonable sea state for the first three days of the J/24 European Championship in Plymouth, at the start of the final day's racing, the 37-boat fleet was greeted with a different challenge—light winds. The course for both races was in a tricky southerly varying in strength and direction. The smart tactic was to head out to starboard to catch the slightly stronger breeze and a lift off the Rame Headland. In the first race of the day, Nick McDonald's *Cacoon* had to defend hard at the finish to fend off William Pollock in *Flying Colours*, who was able to keep clear on the run and overtake some six boats. But he was not able to beat McDonald to the line, only losing by a second, and closely followed by Andy Taylor in *Phoenix*. In the second and final race of the Championship, the UK chairman of the Class, David Cooper in *Jawbreaker* finally showed his true potential by winning. He was followed over the line by Mike Mackie from Dartmouth in *Jiggy* with Japanese *Gekko* helmed by Tokuma Takesue in third place. At the close of the Europeans, the winning boat was *Phoenix* skippered by Andy Taylor. Second place went to Daniel Frost's *JJone* from Germany, and in third place was the young Irish team of Cillian Dickson from Howth Yacht Club in *Kilcullen*. Winning skipper Andy Taylor commented, "We've had a fantastic week's sailing, across all wind



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conditions. We were fortunate to go into the final day without a bad discard which gave us options. The GER *JJone* have been phenomenal all week. We knew they had the speed to escape from a poor start or tricky first beat, and in the final race put us in a boat-on-boat which was exciting. Even as we crossed the line, we didn't know if we had done enough. We've had a great team and got on, both on and off the water, brilliantly. Huge thanks to team *Phoenix* (Rob, Paul, Zoe and Izzy) for putting up with me as well as PRO David Lovegrove and his team for a brilliant regatta, hosted by the always excellent Royal Western Yacht Club and Plymouth J/24 fleet." A team worthy of note, *Jool* helmed by Dirk Olyslagers, came over from Holland having only been together six weeks. After mastering the conditions on day one, they proved themselves by achieving five top ten results in the last six races. The team from Sweden, sailing a chartered boat *Another Cacoon*, was heard to say, "This is a fantastic location. As soon as you let us know when the next event is, we'll be back." The main sponsor, Nick McDonald of *Cacoon*, said: "I'm delighted to have been able to sponsor the Championship in my home port, and hearing comments like Dirk's above from visitors makes it all worthwhile. All the competitors wanted to extend their



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special thanks to the organizing team from the Plymouth fleet headed by Stig McDonald with Neil Dunkley, Helen Peat, David Cooper and Nick Triscott. Stig said, "Everyone has worked extremely hard over the past 18 months to bring the event to Plymouth where we have a very active J/24 Class. The event couldn't have gone better, the weather has been perfect, the racing has been competitive and the après sail has been welcoming." For complete information, visit www.j24europeans2016.co.uk.

ROTOMAN WINS KIEL RACING WEEK

COMPETITIVE SPIRIT AND INTERESTING NEWCOMERS IN THE GERMAN J/24 CLASS



With only 15 points in 11 races, the crew of *Rotoman* (GER 5420) helmed by Tobias Feuerherdt nearly completed a perfectly neat series of victories in Kiel. The crew from Blankeneser Segel-Club/Hamburg could skip the final race without any risk. Closest behind *Rotoman* was *Hitchhiker* (GBR 4242) helmed by Travis Odenbach. Stefan Karsunke and his crew of *Süllberg* (GER 5381) finished third.

Altogether, 22 J/24 crews from Germany, Sweden and Great Britain competed in Kiel, among them two newcomers *Nur aus Jux* and *ZZ*, who did a good job on the race course. Best all-female team was *Juelssand* (GER 5313) helmed by Ann-Kathrin Franck.

Conditions on area Foxtrott were unlikely for Kiel Race Week—westerly to southerly wind from 10 to 20 knots, flat water and sunshine, providing smooth yet exciting and tight racing.

At the Annual General Meeting of the J/24 Class, which is traditionally held in Kiel, the steering committee was re-elected for another two years. It consists of:

- President: Jan-Marc Ulrich
- Vice President & Chairman for technical issues: Stefan Karsunke
- Treasurer: Till Pomarius
- Press and PR manager: Lina Nagel

The Class decided that the committee will be supported by Thorsten “Toddel” Sperl who puts his focus on communicating with clubs and making the Class more attractive to youth teams.



2016 SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP DECEMBER 6TH - 11TH, 2016, PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY



This major event of the South American calendar will be hosted in Punta del Este, Uruguay's renowned beach resort, at the beginning of the South Atlantic summer.

Punta del Este is a great location for sailing and fun, due to its regular sea breezes, occasional "Pamperos" and "Sudestadas", clear oceanic waters and well-known night life.

The Yacht Club Punta del Este will organize the event from December 6th to 11th, counting on the experience in organizing previous South American Championships of several classes, including J24 and J70 (recently), and World Championships of the Snipe Class, among others.

20 to 30 teams are expected (including present and past South American Champions, Pan American Medalists and other top notch sailors). With more than 100 people coming from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and other regions, the fun and success of the 2016 South American Championship is guaranteed!

Take a look of what it's like to sail in Punta!
www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Wl-u2axWY4

UK Report

By Nina Squire



The UK fleet continues to grow, and the J/24 Europeans in Plymouth led to more crews developing and more boats joining the UK. We've been inspired by the good work of our European neighbors and continued to invest in our youth sailors. We have seen boats travelling to events outside of the UK, and were pleased to welcome boats from Europe and even Japan for the Europeans in August. Keep up with our activities at <http://www.j24europeans2016.co.uk>.

A report from Kieler Woche from *HitchHiker* Andy Taylor

From the moment we arrived and dropped the boat to the trailer park for the Audi sponsored Q7 to take her down to the crane, the regatta organization was superb. With hundreds of boats racing at the event including Olympic and youth classes, there was great vibrancy and socializing, indicating again to us the attraction of having the Class events included in larger regatta formats. The SAP regatta Trac Trac was brilliant, and all races can

be seen at: <https://kielerwoche2016.sapsailing.com/gwt/Home.html?#/regatta/overview/:eventId=cc12361a-236b-4ddf-b68d-42ca785cd4d6®attald=KW%202016%20International%20-%20J24>

We watched the 49ers train with NZ dominating, and it was great to see Nathan Batchelor campaigning his 505, although the dinghy was having some gear failures he wouldn't have had issue with in a J/24.

Day 1, we set off and having set up the boat to our usual settings, did 20 minutes of getting to know each other and training on the genoa. Then the breeze built with gusts up to 18 knots, so by the time of starting, we and most others were onto the jib which we hadn't seen until then. The first race set the tone for our week. We liked the left with the land up that side, and Travis Odenbach gave us a great start with speed off the pin end. We led off showing phenomenal speed on the Quantum jib, and Travis pushing us hard to windward in the puffs. With the wind moving slightly right the middle of the course, boats

hung in there with *Rotoman* the leader. We tacked back, crossed behind a couple of boats and settled into a drag race back to the right, working really hard to hold our lane and force off one boat above. We rounded in fifth before the one genoa in the fleet up on *Henk* powered past on what was to us an unusually long tight reach to a spreader for the outside course.

On the morning of Day 3 for Race 6 (after the previous day's few slippages and the crew having had a few rums the night before to bolster conviction), we decided we would have a go at *Rotoman* as we felt that they were being gifted a lane by the fleet with the royal treatment of no one starting around them on the line in their usual spot 1/3rd of the way down from the committee boat. While they were fast, we felt with jib on and shifting breeze that if we could pin them then we could force them back into the pack to count a higher score and bring them back to us on the leader board. Travis started us up underneath them in their spot, and we sailed up through them before covering them as they tacked right having been forced back to mid pack. As a big right shift came in, we tacked off to take the shift which lifted us to the front couple of boats, but also allowed *Rotoman* to tack and sit now above and lifted. As we pushed through, we ended up fighting for the lead with them and Daniel Frost on *JJone* with the Swedes not far behind. We had a great tactical fight downhill where Travis drove us amateurs through some hard boat-on-boat match racing maneuvers before we won the inside for the port gate to round and then overtake *Rotoman* in the first cross of a tacking duel. The Swedes were able to peg us both back with our in-fighting, and we rounded the top mark with them before they marched round the outside to win, with us and *Rotoman* following. It was the most exhilarating race, and managed to even dust off the rum-induced cobwebs for the remainder of the day. We had great pace in Race 8, and when leading *Rotoman* up the final beat thought we would have won, for not the other fleets' participants careening down their run not giving way to us and forcing a crash tack onto port and the outside to lose out. A great day rounded off with yet another second after another master class from *Rotoman* who ended the day with yet another win.

The results pretty much sealed the deal for final places going into the final two races on the Tuesday, but we felt we should have a crack at *Rotoman* just to make sure they weren't celebrating too early. Unfortunately, we lost position on the start line when hunting them down and slid back to the second row at the pin, and they sailed off into the distance to win the race and the series.

Congratulations to *Rotoman* and also to *Sullberg* who finished the week in third and were gentlemen on the race course.

A big thanks to Travis and Quantum for imparting his knowledge and patience in sailing with us. We learned to continually look at the basics to change gears and get the maximum speed out of the boat and to push for every place, as they all count! A massive thank you to the German fleet who were gracious hosts and tolerated our sometimes loud use of various English speaking colloquial expressions, which we occasionally didn't even understand on the boat. We had a great time and have already begun to plan next year's trip to Kiel and would urge all UK boats to look at how we include this great event as one of our qualifying events for the UK Class to encourage people to make a trip over next year. The cost of the regatta is no more extra than a few tanks of fuel and a ferry than sailing in the UK, especially if you're happy to camp, which we did, and the racing is very competitive.

J/24 Nationals 2016: A Single-Handed Sailor's Perspective by Giles Kuzyk



Photo courtesy of Jacob Bennet

Having spent my entire sailing career to date sailing single-handed dinghies, mainly Toppers and more recently Lasers, I've never been much of a keelboat sailor. Being asked to be tactician on board Andy Taylor's J/24 *Phoenix* at the 2016 Nationals then was an interesting proposal, and one that I was interested to undertake. The first day was a lot of time getting used to working in a five-man team, and the communication that goes with that. Going from being a 'silent' sailor, making decisions in my head and then executing them with no discussion whatsoever is a hard habit to break, so the priority for the first day was just to voice everything that was going on inside my head. It becomes a constant dialogue between the helm, tactician and trimmer, which was really great to experience.

UK Report

What I found great about multi-crew sailing was the opportunity as tactician to just be able to focus on one job. Thinking about what the favored tack out of the leeward gate is while your legs are burning and heart rate is racing and trying to sail a boat on your own is great, but it doesn't give you much opportunity to really focus on what you're thinking about. Having a great crew around to get the boat around the racecourse as fast as possible while I focused fully on where the next shift was, what the tide was doing and where the rest of the fleet was was brilliant in that I could analyze every decision and take time to think and evaluate how it went after. After the event, I found I had learnt so much more in terms of tactics and big course strategy than I normally would at an equivalent Laser event. Most sailors on the RYA youth system obviously tend to stick mainly to their specific dinghy class in order to get enough training time in, and having done this for the majority of the time until now, I found this event incredibly good for getting a different twist on big fleet racing.

For any single handed and youth sailors thinking of getting into some J/24 sailing, I'd go for it. It's a brilliant Class to broaden your experience no matter what your role is on board. There are a lot of great crews out there, and their range of experience can really add to your sailing, giving you a lot to take back to your main Class. I've found I'm thinking a lot more now when I'm sailing about what's going on around me, and sometimes even find myself verbalizing things to myself just to try and get that discussion mind-set going, which is invaluable.

I'd like to say a huge thanks to Andy Taylor and his crew for being so helpful and offering me the opportunity to sail with them. Their boat handling and pace was brilliant, and as they say, good boat speed makes any tactician look good!



Photo courtesy of Mark Jardine

J/24 Course on Day 2 of the International Paint Poole Regatta

Congratulations to Parkstone Youth Team, Team Impact racing! Liam Parady writes of their first J/24 Nationals racing together, "The Nationals ended on a high for us this year, with us winning the 1st Westerly Trophy which has boosted our team moral higher for our next competitive events. First event, and a piece of silverware to take home—not bad, not bad." The Parkstone Youth Team would like to thank their sponsors: Quay West Marine Chandlers at Parkstone, Parkstone Yacht Club, XP Rigging, Harken, the UK J/24 Class Association and its members, especially David Lush and Duncan McCarthy. The event team consisted of helmsman Liam Parady, Harry Wilkes, George Kennedy, Eden Luke and Ollie Dustan (photo credit Team Impact Racing).

Results and Report from the J/24 Spring Cup at Royal Dart Yacht Club, April 16-17



The first event in the national J/24 calendar saw teams travelling to the Royal Dart YC for the Spring Cup over the weekend of 16/17 April. Dartmouth in the spring decided to provide the complete range of weather from beautiful sunshine to hail. A cold northerly breeze that swung easterly on the Saturday, just before the first start, helped remind the competitors that they had forgotten to wear sufficient warm clothing. With the wind building to top end of the genoa range, crews were kept busy trying to understand the tide, anticipate the shifts and keep up with Roger Morris (*Jolly Roger*) who scored an impressive five points from four races on day one to lead by three points from David Cooper (*Jawbreaker*). The clear blue skies at the end of the day's racing provided excellent evening sunshine to enjoy one of the most impressive views from a sailing club anywhere in the UK. The Royal Dart YC is 150 years old in 2016 and is well practiced in providing warm hospitality for thirsty racing crews.

The clear sky and sunshine on Sunday morning resulted in a wind struggling to get over eight knots and definitely undecided as to its direction—a race officer's nightmare, and for some sailors, a game of snakes and ladders in the fickle and shifting breeze.

Discarding a third and finishing with eight points, Roger Morris was able to maintain his lead from Dave Cooper in second and Nick McDonald (*Cacoon*) in third. Congratulations Team *Jolly Roger*.

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J/24 UK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AT PARKSTONE YACHT CLUB



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The weather could not have been more magnificent for the 2016 J/24 UK Nationals, and the mix of the 'old' guard and new youth sailors showed what a popular and strong Class the UK fleet still is 38 years later. Fleets assembled from Parkstone YC, Saltash SC, RLYC, RWYC, Bude SC, East Dorset SC, Saltash SC the RYA and a young team from Ireland, Howth YC came to increase the level of competition further.

Day 1: Why would you ever need to sail abroad? Poole Bay put on some stunning conditions, with blazing sunshine and although a little more wind would have been preferable, 5 knots was just enough to get going after a short AP. From the outset, battle lines were drawn throughout the fleet, with David Cooper on *Jawbreaker*, Duncan McCarthy on *Madeleine*, and Nick Phillips of the aptly named *Chaotic* pitching for the top three positions. Not far behind, Stuart Jardine (dare I say it, J/24 veteran?!) made his return on *Boomerang*, holding off Matthew Conyers on *Unity Lets*, with Mark Lewers on *Hijinks* showing a strong first race performance coming in sixth. With only two laps to make up ground, *Jawbreaker* achieved the first bullet of the weekend, followed by *Madeleine* and *Chaotic*.

With no hanging around, the PRO Bryan Drake went straight into the next sequence, with family Pollock on *Flying Colours* flying off the start line and maintaining a lead for the first beat. Not far behind *Madeleine*, *Jawbreaker* and *Chaotic* took different tracks down the windward leg, with McCarthy cheekily getting the wind before the rest, and sailing into first, a position he'd achieve again on race three. Further down, but not far away from the front runners, positions were changing readily between Roger Morris on *Jolly Roger*, the famous Stig McDonald on *Jeli* and Dave Butter of *Crackerjack*, all

showing notable boat speed and consistency.

By race 4, with a slight wind increase, the fleet had stretched their legs enough to have the first general recall of the regatta, giving the race committee a chance to fly the first black flag of the regatta.

The last start of the day saw a clean start by all, and Andy Taylor of *Phoenix* found the 'go' button sailing into second place and holding it throughout the race, with *Chaotic* and *Madeleine* hot on their heels, and *Jawbreaker* achieving their second bullet of the regatta. The end of day one saw Cooper and McCarthy drawing with Phillips and Jardine not far behind on points.

Day 2: A remarkably fresh faced fleet emerged on Sunday morning for another four races in Poole Bay, with slightly stronger conditions. Howth's K25 Squad in *Ireland's Eye Kilcullen* had either had a night off the bottle or preferred the stronger conditions, kicking off day two with two solid wins. The previous day's winners were a little off the pace, with *Chaotic* living up to its name as ever yo-yoing up and down the fleet. It is always good to see one of the last colorful J's out on the water, and Benjamin Maddaford's *Jam* never disappoints. A number of first legs the front runner could see a blaze of red in the corner of their eyes as *Jam* had some speedy first legs. An almighty race was being fought with Austen Davies' *Jam Too*, John Gorman on *Italian Job*, with both yachts trading places and thus points as if they were match racing.

The youngest team of the Nationals, *Team XP* helmed by Liam Pardy and the PYC Youth Team were also showing the older members of the fleet how it's done, and in similar style swapped positions with Quinton Hall of *Jabulani* and

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Jam, leaving the three yachts with only one point between them at the end of the event... one design racing doesn't get more thrilling than that! *Unity Lets* had a brilliant second day with a first and second to count, further stirring up the front runners results, leaving it even closer between the podium places.

Day 3: Yet again the morning saw another wind increase, and all to play for, with only two races to fit in before lunch. The northerly wind meant trickier conditions, and more focus on where and when the wind was coming in and from. With only a point difference between *Madeleine* and *Jawbreaker* for the top two, and a point difference between *Irelands Eye Kilcullen* and *Chaotic*, and Andy Taylor on *Phoenix* a matter of points behind, the race was on. *Phoenix* knew exactly what they had to do, and after a superb start led the fleet, and held onto the pole position for the rest of the race, with *Chaotic* re-finding form and a shocker of a second day, and *Madeleine* just behind.

With the final race of the regatta, the tension amongst the fleet was obviously high, and unsurprisingly another general recall was needed as a number of boats jumped the gun. The next attempt saw most of the fleet on the line as the gun went, and a clean start by all. Nicholas Phillips and team on *Chaotic* had a blinder of a start and kept focus stretching out a substantial lead from the outset, followed by *Madeleine*, *Boomerang*, *Jawbreaker*, *Phoenix* and the Howth K25 squad. The wind was patchy and wind

lanes had to be found, with aggressive hiking on the more militant gusts to keep the boat speed up, all of the fleet worked their boats hard to get that extra edge to final finish of the event.

Many congratulations to Duncan & Hannah McCarthy, Steve Phelps, Spencer Whitworth and Charlie Fisher for holding onto their National Champion title, and to David Cooper and team for giving *Madeleine* some tough racing throughout. Team *Chaotic* managed to hold onto third and fought off the *Irelands Eye Kilcullen* and *Phoenix* with two good last results, and further down the fleet points were equally as close.

Duncan said of the final day, "It was close this morning, just a point difference. With a northerly wind, we knew it would be very shifty, with boats up and down. We were wondering whether to go for a bit of match racing, but thought we'd try and get a good start and go from there. Just one minute before the start, the wind shifted making the pin end favored so we went for the pin, managed to cross the fleet and played *Jawbreaker* from there."

Many thanks to Poole Regatta and to PRO Commodore Bryan Drake for putting on some fantastic racing and for skillfully fitting in 10 races throughout the bank holiday weekend. Also thank you to the Class Association and the Sandbanks Yacht Company for delivering the well needed beers after each days racing.

WILL WELLES COMMANDS J/24 US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Great South Bay in New York challenged the J/24 US National Championship teams on Sunday, May 15 with sustained winds in the mid-20s, gusts in the low 30s and large waves by the day's third and final race. Fortunately for Will Welles and his team (Chris Morgan, Monica Morgan, Jeff Linton and Todd McGuire), they were already back on shore, able to discard their 10th race score after wrapping up the title by then with 22 points. The Newport, RI-based helmsman counted all top three finishes until a seven in race nine, but the team was comfortably ahead of the 39 teams representing the United States, Argentina, Canada, Chile and Mexico. The balance of the top five battled tightly until the end with Carter White earning the silver position (43 points), Chile's Matias Seguel the bronze (47 points), with John Mollicone in fourth (48 points) and Argentina's Nicolas Cubria in fifth (52 points). Sunday's race winners at Saville Yacht Club in Blue Point, NY were Cubria, Mollicone and Travis Odenbach.

Friday the 13th brought good fortune to Welles on the inaugural day of the Championship. Enduring light breeze (4-8 knots) and overcast/wet conditions, Welles recorded two bullets and a second for just 4 points in the three races. White shadowed him with 10 points (including the day's other race win).

You know you're having a successful regatta when after seven races, you are able to discard a three. Such was the case for Welles after the middle day of the event. Great South Bay provided some welcome sunshine and breeze that began at 8-10 knots and built to 10-12. Welles tallied 10 points [1,2,1,2,(3),1,3], ahead of White in second with 20 points and Cubria, who was the victor in Saturday's first and last races. Seguel and Welles were the day's other race winners.

Top Five:

- 1) Will Welles, Will, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 2, 7, [40/DNC] = 22
- 2) Carter White, 5, 1, 4, [15/10%], 2, 3, 5, 11/20%, 5, 7 = 43
- 3) Matias Seguel, 10, 8, [11], 8, 1, 4, 2, 4, 3, 7/10% = 47
- 4) John Mollicone, 11, 10, 3, 4, 4, 6, 7, [18/20%], 1, 2 = 48
- 5) Nicolas Cubria, 3, 3, [17], 1, 5, 14, 1, 1, 15/10%, 9 = 52

Qualifying to represent the US at the 2017 J/24 World Championship in Canada are: Travis Odenbach, Alfred Constants, Ron Medlin, Aidan Glackin, Tom Doran.

Photos are posted on the J/24 Class Facebook page, and complete results are available at <http://tinyurl.com/zxevzh9>.

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From Joseph Buonasera, 2016 J/24 Nationals Regatta Chairman:

The 2016 J/24 US Nationals finished on May 15 with a total of 10 races and sustained winds of 24 miles per hour. The volunteer members should be proud of their performance as much as the competitors are.

The organizing committee would like to thank all of the volunteers, sponsors and competitors for making this year's J/24 US Nationals so memorable. It started with a very well run registration and measurement on Wednesday and Thursday headed by Tim Winger, then transitioned into the practice event Thursday afternoon run by Anderson Reggio and his fabulous RC team of Joan Gorin, Jackie Kennedy, Kate Madigan, Suzy Travis, Frank Fitzpatrick and Phil Linker. Thursday's postrace BBQ hosted by Magnetic Advisers was a great start to the social activities attached to the regatta.

Friday morning the teams got their boats ready and went out to race course which was visible right from the decks of the Sayville Yacht Club. After racing, sailors were served a NY Italian dinner and Blue Point Ales while the competitors reviewed their results of the day.



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Saturday, the teams enjoyed breeze in the teens, and there was some weather mark excitement that took many hours to sort out. The jury of Robert Kaiser, Paul John Patin, Rich Sigismondi and Cammy Kaiser really had their work cut out for them but got the job done. Dinner on Saturday night was a lobster clam bake catered by the Cull House. Even the representatives from Maine gave the food high marks.

Sunday saw sustained winds of 22-25 to close out the regatta. Once racing was completed, boats were quickly hauled out by Atlantic Crane, and the awards ceremony was then held in the main dining room of the club.

Regatta Chairman Joseph Buonasera thanked his team and the sailors for making this regatta everything that it was advertised to be. He then turned the awards over to Commodore Herman Miller to present the awards.

Additional awards to the top five noted above:

Mid-fleet: Steven Kelley

Priscilla's Cup for all women's team: Erica Beck Spencer

Under 25 team: Matt Miranda's boat skippered by
Kia Olsson

No Guts No Glory prize: Lisa Hemmert



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Sweden Report

By Monica Persson

PER-HÅKAN PERSSON AND SWE 4896 TEAM *FRONT RUNNER* WINNER OF THE J/24 SWEDISH OPEN 2016

Photos courtesy of Monica Persson

Congratulations to the winner of our J/24 Swedish Open 2016—SWE 4896 Team *Front Runner* with Per-Håkan Persson at the helm. This year, he managed to keep Team *Süllberg* GER 5381 with Stefan Karsunke behind him, and SWE 5437 *For Fun* (pink) with helms(wo)man Anna Gunnarsson came third. We are very thankful for the J/24 fleet who gathered in Sweden. You always keep the competition on the race course very high and exciting, and you are also our sunshines and J/24 family!

Results:

<http://falsterbokanalen.se/nyheter/leader-board-j24-swedish-open/>



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Bow No	Helmsman	Club	Boat name	Sail No.	Race1	Race2	Race3	Race4	Race5	Race6	Race7	Race8	Points
1	Per-Håkan Persson	MSS	Front Runner	SWE 4896	3	4	2	1	1	1	2	2	12
2	Stefan Karsunke	Blankeneser SC	Süllberg	Ger-5381	1	1	1	4	OCS	3	3	1	14
3	Anna Gunnarsson	Halmstad SS	For fun	SWE 5437	2	2	6	2	4	2	1	4	17
4	Martin Fridh	MSS	Silver Surfarn	SWE 489	5	8	4	8	2	9	7	3	37
5	Peter Langhans	HSC	Oste Strolch	Mon 7	6	6	3	9	3	5	6	8	37
6	Liselotte Sjöberg	SS Delfinen	FOR FUN blue	SWE 994	9	7	5	3	7	7	4	5	38
7	Stephan Mais	Luv Up Jemgum	Running Men	GER 5438	4	3	8	6	6	6	9	6	39
8	Erik Torsell	GKSS	Yolo	SWE 4798	8	5	9	5	5	4	5	7	39
9	Arne L Ohlsson	MSS	Gammeldansken	DEN 5380	7	9	7	7	8	8	8	9	54
10	Kicki Olsson	TBS	Air borne	SWE 1296	10	10	10	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	74
11	David Larsson	Sjötorp SS	Blue Spider	SWE 2	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	

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It was a wonderful weekend with a lot of sailing and smiling faces. We sailed in the bay north of Falsterbokanalén. Flat water and strong winds made it fun and challenging. At FBK, everything was gathered within 50 metres of the FBK club house—the boats, the after sail, the regatta dinner (a very friendly and cozy venue). Also, the long-distance-race “Näset Runt” was sailed around the peninsula Skanör with Falsterbo, so we had after sail and regatta dinner with all the sailors. We would like to once again thank our host Falsterbokanaléns BK who made the regatta possible with their friendly hospitality, perfect organization and great sailing conditions. From the bottom of our hearts, we would also like to thank ALL competitors at our J/24 Swedish Open 2016 for coming to Falsterbokanalén and Sweden this magical summer weekend, making good competition, having fun and loading ‘Vitamin SEA’ together with us! Thank you all!

J/24 in our hearts!

Your friends at the Swedish J/24 Class Association

www.j24sweden.se





As we look forward to the World Council meeting in October, the new Class Rules will require a bit of tweaking. There are a number of very minor housekeeping issues that we expect to be on the table for cleanup. These include numbering issues, repetitions, clarity, use of ERS terms, bold and italicized words, and incorrect references. Once we have been through the cleanup process a couple of times, there should be no more of these issues. One item that got missed in the new Class Rules that has been in our Rules forever is the 2mm radius between the transom and the bottom of the hull. Its omission was totally unintentional. At this point, it will be proposed as a new Rule. Please let your country representatives know if you feel that this is an important performance item that you wish to see back in our Class Rules.

Last fall, I had the opportunity to buy an older J/24 that had not been used for years and was deeded over to the marina to cover storage bills. Total cost \$3,000 USD for boat and trailer. I am fixing it up as a daysailor for family and friends that will stay in the water for easy access. At the US Nationals, I became aware of a couple of other J/24s that were racing in the regatta that were also purchased for around \$3,000. These boats had been fixed up and put into racing form for a National Championship, and they looked very good. This is something for which the J/24 Class has become known. I would like to solicit stories from those of you who have purchased inexpensive boats, and what you have done to restore them. Not everyone has the talents required to do this, but more of us than you might think can do it with a little instruction, advice and determination. Please let me hear your restoration stories.

Calendar

September 19, 2016

2016 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: September 19, 2016
End: September 23, 2016
Venue: Wakayama Sailing Center
Address: Wakaura, Wakayama, Japan

October 15, 2016

2016 IJCA WORLD COUNCIL MEETING

Start: October 15, 2016 8:00 am
End: October 15, 2016 5:00 pm
Venue: Port Credit Yacht Club
Address: Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

December 6, 2016

2016 J/24 SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: December 6, 2016
End: December 11, 2016
Venue: Yacht Club Punta del Este
Address: Punta del Este, Uruguay

January 16, 2017

MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS SERIES

Start: January 16, 2017
End: January 23, 2017
Venue: Barbados Cruising Club
Address: Barbados

May 19, 2017

2017 J/24 US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: May 19, 2017
End: May 21, 2017
Venue: Corinthian Yacht Club
Address: Seattle, WA, United States

May 26, 2017

2017 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: May 26, 2017
End: May 28, 2017
Venue: Houston Yacht Club
Address: Shoreacres, TX, United States

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
Address: Fraglia Vela Riva del Garda, Italy



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