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# Daniel Frost's *JJOne* is Number One in the World as Team Wins the 2016 J/24 World Championship

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Daniel Frost's German team of Timo Chorrosch, Felix Leupold, Jeronimo Landauer and Daniel Schwarze on *JJOne* placed 26th in race 7, putting the pressure on themselves going into race 8, the final of the 2016 J/24 World Championship in Wakayama Japan (September 19-23). With their previous 12-point advantage reduced to six, the team did not want to give up the lead they held since the very first race of the Championship. After multiple general recalls, the last meeting started under black flag with just minutes to spare before the time limit, in 8 knots of breeze. *JJOne* needed to cover the nearest competition, and they did, finishing 10th in the final contest to lock in the Championship. Two Japanese teams took Silver and Bronze: Demichi Kousuke's *Ichimokusan* with 47 points and Keiji Kondo's *Fox* with 48 points. "Today was a tricky day. We went in with a 12-point lead, and the first race went really bad for us," recapped Frost at the conclusion of the event. He has been sailing with the *JJOne* team for five years. "The last race was very tricky as well. We found ourselves in front of our competitors, and we just sailed safe. We are incredibly happy. It's a very special day!"
The 41 teams representing Germany, Great Britain, Japan,

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Korea, Peru, Singapore and the USA started the day in fresh breeze but it fizzled near the end of race 7. Kato Fumiya's *Lull* won both races.

Day One Report: It was the calm before the storm on day one (Monday, September 19) of the Championship with a tropical storm heading toward the area. Frost's *JJOne* mastered the conditions with a 1,2 to grab the early advantage in the five-day event. Kousuke's *Ichimokusan* held a slim lead on second place, just one ahead of Peru's Javier Arribas on *Hawky*. The day's race winners were Frost in race one and Naoto Kitazume's *Maril* in race two.

Day Two Report: A slow-moving tropical storm dampened day two in Wakayama. All teams were kept ashore as heavy rains and winds were blanketing Japan.

Day Three Report: Five races were in the books, and the German *JJOne* strengthened their lead over the fleet. Frost's crew tallied just 6 net points, able to drop an 11 in race three and keep a skinny tally of 1,2,1,2. Kondo's *Fox* moved up to second place after a solid 1,2,4 on Wednesday for 15 net points. Kousuke's *Ichimokusan*

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was in third with 22. Following the tropical storm, winds calmed to 5-8 knots over the day's three contests. *Fox*, *JJOne* and Einosuke Morita's *Wailea* earned bullets.

Day Four Report: Frost's *JJOne* placed seventh on Thursday's only race, but maintained a firm advantage heading into the final day of the Championship. Kondo's *Fox* and Kousuke's *Ichimokusan* were tied at 25 points for second and third. Teams were postponed onshore for three hours, waiting for the wind to fill in. When it did at 6 knots, Tomomi Hatekeyama's *Gekko Diana* won the lone race.

**The top five:**

1) Daniel Frost, *JJOne*, Germany, 34 points
2) Demichi Kousuke, *Ichimokusan*, Japan, 47 points
3) Keiji Kondo, *Fox*, Japan, 48 points
4) Vladimir Borstnar, *Singapore*, Singapore, 53 points
5) Urara Fujii, *Kanaloa*, Japan, 65 points

Complete event information is available at https://www.j24.gr.jp/2016_worlds/.

2016 WAKAYAMA J/24 World Championship © JUNICHI HIRAI | BULKHEAD magazine JAPAN

**Pulse:** ***This event was sailed in predominantly light air. What was the key to maintaining boat speed in those conditions?***

***JJOne:*** In light air, it is always crucial that the crew moves light-footed but is also quick to do rolling tacks and gybes and moves to the windward side if a puff is coming. We always keep the boat slightly tilted to leeward to have more pressure on the rudder. Only the bowman and the helmsman sit on the windward side. The helmsman's sole focus is to keep the boat going. Low and fast is always a good place to start. As far as tactics and strategy are concerned, it is always good advice to stay clear and out of trouble. Look for clouds and advancing puffs, and be sure to measure the current and consult a tidal. We noticed few people did it during the Worlds, and tidal streams and current lines played a crucial part.

**Pulse:** ***You mentioned that your team has been sailing together for several years. Is that the most important factor to overall performance? If not, what is?***

***JJOne:*** Knowing that everyone knows what to do certainly helps. Over the years, we also established a system where all the responsibilities are strictly divided. That takes, for example, the tactical decisions away from the helmsman, allowing him to focus completely on boat speed and maneuvers. It's also a mental advantage because you can keep the focus on yourself, knowing that the guy next to you has the freedom to do the same. Recently, we also had the possibility to train more frequently than usual because almost all crew members live in Berlin now. That certainly helped a lot. And last but not least, it's always so much fun sailing with our team. Whether on water or on shore, we are always enjoying ourselves. So to narrow it down: training, decided responsibilities and fun.

**Pulse:** ***Attending an international Championship is always a commitment, but J/24 members are well known for their willingness to travel. What motivates you to participate in events away from home?***

***JJOne:*** It is always great to travel to places where you haven't been. If you can combine that with sailing, what more do you need? Compared to traditional tourism, it gives us a genuine way to experience new places. None of us had been to Japan before so we were eager to put it in our regatta calendar for 2016. Usually we sail a lot on lakes and the Baltic Sea so whenever we have the chance to set sails on the Mediterranean, the Atlantic or the Pacific, we make sure not to miss it.

2016 WAKAYAMA J/24 World Championship © JUNICHI HIRAI | BULKHEAD magazine JAPAN

**Pulse:** ***Some people are hesitant to charter a boat and/or to make their own boat available for charter. How was your experience at this event?***

***JJOne:*** It is always a small gamble. But to be honest, in our opinion the boat contributes maybe 10% to the overall performance. Of course, you want these 10% to be perfect but you shouldn't be obsessed about it. One bad start or a lousy placed tack costs you more than a top boat could gain you, especially in light air. Make sure to bring your own sails, halyards, sheets and rolls, and you are good to go. If you have such a helpful and supporting crowd as we did in Japan, happy days.

**Pulse:** ***Over the last few years, we've noticed a real insurgence of younger racers in the J/24 Class worldwide. What attracts young people to the boat and how can we keep them engaged?***

***JJOne:*** Quite frankly, there are boats that are more fun to sail than the J/24. However, most other Classes lack sufficient fields—at least in Europe. The J/24 Class has been the largest one design keel boat Class for decades, and many famous sailors left their marks here. When our team started out, we were all in University and looking for a non-Olympic yet competitive campaign that we can focus on while simultaneously pursuing our studies. With a lot of large regattas in Germany and Europe, the J/24 is great for that. Our club decided to invest in a used J/24 to give us a possibility to race. So did many other sailing clubs in Germany. You can engage up to six people with just one boat, which makes it very attractive.

# Hungary Report

**By Erik Hercsel, HUN-JCA President**

Steadily expanding Class, races every second week, records set in terms of participant numbers at the Class's National Championship, wonderful Balaton surrounding, and a great, active offshore life—these, all together, would characterize the Hungarian J/24 Class's 2016 season; that the Hungarians consecrated to the highest degree to the preparations for the 2017 J/24 European Championship

After 2008, in 2017 Hungary will be the home again to the J/24 European Championship. The news about the right to organize this precious event gave a momentum to the Class that counted already a considerable number of members. New boats arrived to Lake Balaton, teams took shape and joined the fray for the title of the Hungarian Champion of 2016. The evolution goes on. We already have tidings for the 2017 season, such as new crews' birth with the participation of both young talents/former Olympians.

The leaders of the Class organized the J/24 Hungarian Championship on a yearly basis in conformity with the Rules and regulations valid for the European Championship, in the same race system and at the same period of the 2017 EC (the end of September) so as to enable the Class's members to participate in the 2017 continental contest in their best form.

It has been already two years that the Race Committee team is headed by Bence Fluck, International Race Officer. He fulfilled the role of the Melges 24 EC Principal Race Officer held in Hyeres in 2016, and he filled this PRO part upon several EC and World Championships hosted by Hungary.

The team of the Jury is staged and led by the 23-year-old Bence Böröcz who, as an IJ (International Jury), was even a member of the J/24 World Championship 2016 international jury team,

then invited to the Laser World championship that took place in Kiel, and, last but not least, has also acted as a judge at the Paralympics of Rio.

In 2016, the Class launched its trainings and races earlier than usual. It has been the second time that the so-called Jet Travel-Quantum Sails Friday Training series (composed by six rounds and a final) took place on Fridays with quick and lively heats and training cups in order to develop the teams' start and manoeuvre techniques. The trainings were always crowned with professional assessment and nice team dinners in a good mood.

The two greatest competitions of 2016 were the J/24 Fleet Race held on the first weekend of May and the Hungarian Championship at the end of September. For both events, 100% of the active boats toed the line. The places were decided through enjoyable heats of a high standard. Following the heats, the great parties make the teams viable to discuss the day's occurrences.

At the J/24 Hungarian Championship, apart from the Hungarian teams, we could also greet the Italian team steered by Farkas Litkey (multiple National J/24 Champion, two-time Soling World Champion, 12-time Blue Ribbon race champion and Olympiad in the Finn Class) in fourth place, and the

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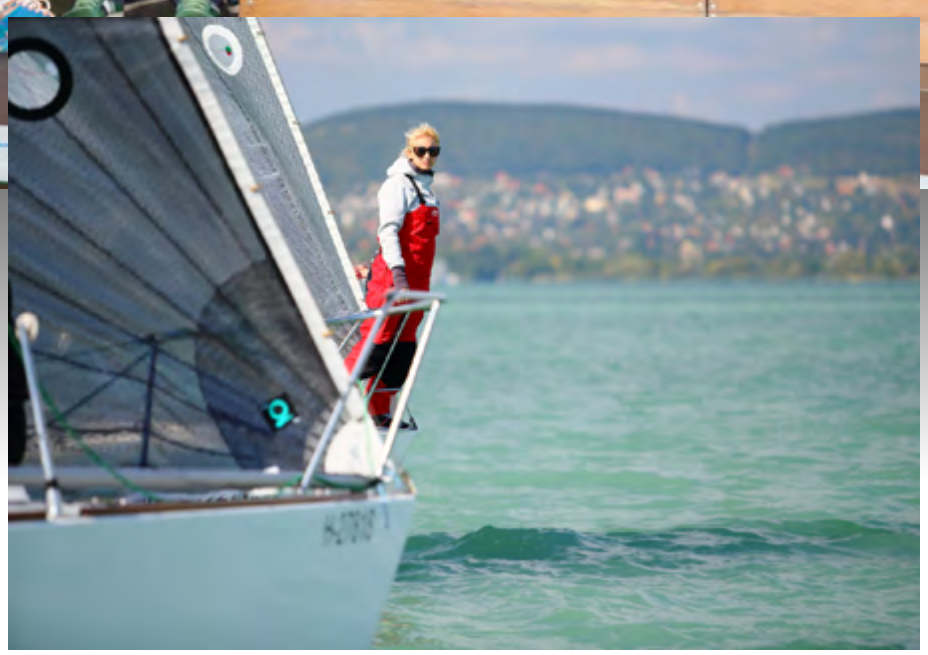


international team lead by Per-Håkan Persson in ninth place. Our international guests enjoyed as well the conditions typical to Lake Balaton, welcomed the outstanding hospitality and invited everybody to their upcoming races. Team *Jukebox*, the former National Champion, currently second, seized this opportunity and brought their boat to Anzio, Italy, where they, and Farkas Litkey's Italian team, continue their preparations for the European Championship via the Italian Winter Championship, held every second week by mid-March 2017.

Based on the Class's plans, 2017 will be even more eventful and active. The Friday trainings will start from early spring, the Fleet Race will take place on the last weekend of April, then we take part in the four-round One-Design Trophy race series at four spots of Lake Balaton. And just one month before the EC, we will also have our J/24 Hungarian Championship in Balatonfüred, by the EC's host—the Balatonfüred Yacht Club.

Balatonfüred is the centre of Lake Balaton and the Hungarian sailing. It gathers numerous hotels, apartments, fine restaurants and excellent wines from the Balaton region. Furthermore, with its swarming night life, it is just waiting for its international guests (www.balatonfured.hu).

Europe's probably most beautiful lake and a great J/24 family are looking forward to welcoming all of you in Hungary at the 2017 European Championship: www.j24europeans2017.hu.

Save The Dates!
J/24 Fleet Race: 29.04.-01.05.2017
J/24 OPEN Hungarian Championship: 24.08-29.08.2017
J/24 European Championship: 25.09-01.10.2017

BALATON! THE MEETING LAKE

# WILL WELLES EDGES OUT TRAVIS ODENBACH FOR J/24 DRIVEHG.CA NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Photos courtesy of Christopher Howell

It couldn't have been any tighter at the top of the leaderboard at the J/24 driveHG.ca North American Championship at Port Credit Yacht Club in Mississauga, Ontario Canada (September 9-11). After all nine races, Will Welles' *Cougar* and Travis Odenbach's *HoneyBadger/ Sea Bags Sailing Team* were tied at 28 points, with Welles winning the tie-breaker and the Championship. Local Rossi Milev on *Clear Air* placed third with 49 points. Race 8 started in shifty northwesterly winds building through 15 knots, with Welles taking the bullet to move into first overall. Race Committee PRO Pat Lymburner, with one more race available, posted course number 5 with the fleet finishing in front of Port Credit Yacht Club. Race 9 saw Todd Fedysyzn first, Odenbach in third and Welles in sixth—just enough to secure the overall victory.

The Masters Trophy went to Chris Stone's *Velocidad*. Top female was Natalie Harden's *Giggles*. Top Junior was Michael Howarth's *Mr. H*.

**Day One Report:** Welles' *Cougar* bookended two bullets on the opening day of the Championship. Despite an 8 in the day's middle contest, Welles' first-place tallies in races

one and three gave him 10 points and the early advantage in the 46-boat fleet. Even Petley-Jones' *Lifted* stood three points back in second (8,2,3), and Odenbach in third with 16 points (9,5,2). Teams tolerated a brief on-water postponement in the morning, until the breeze filled at 6-8 knots. Following Welles in the first battle were Milev's *Clear Air* and James Freedman's *Miss Conduct*. Fedyszn's *Spoony Tactics* earned line honors in the next race, trailed by Petley-Jones and Milev. Welles secured the day's overall lead by winning the last meeting, as Odenbach recorded his best finish to that point and Petley-Jones rounded out the top three.

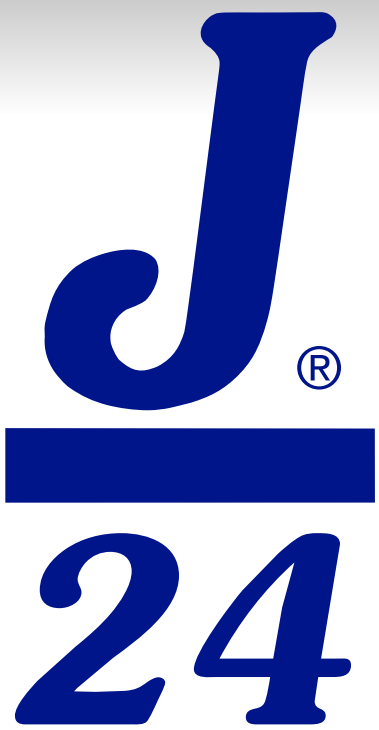
**Day Two Report:** Saturday saw building winds and waves over the four races which provided exciting surfing finishes and changes to the leader board. Odenbach (20 points) moved into first place by just one point over Welles (21 points). There was a tie for third between Petley-Jones and Milev.

**Top Five Overall:**
1st Place: Will Welles, *Cougar* (28 points)
2nd Place: Travis Odenbach, *HoneyBadger/Sea Bags Sailing Team* (28 points)
3rd Place: Rossi Milev, *Clear Air* (49 points)
4th Place: Evan Petley-Jones, *Lifted* (53 points)
5th Place: Aidan Glackin, *Mental Floss* (60 points)

Complete results may be found at http://2016j24nac.org/. The IJCA and Port Credit Yacht Club look forward to seeing everyone for the 2017 J/24 World Championship.

# IJCA Technical Report

By Tim Winger, International Technical Committee Chair



The World Council Considered several **C**lass **R**ules **c**hange proposals at their October meeting. The following are a brief description of each proposal (in some cases, the complete new Rule) and the results of voting:

**CRC1** – Proposal to eliminate the all-up weight of the boat along with the required Inventory that is part of the Measurement Certificate: This proposal was tabled for more study after great discussion. The World Council agreed with the goal of simplifying the Rules and measurement, but feels we need more study of the number of boats now sailing that this will impact. Overweight boats (over the 1270kg boat weight) will be adversely affected by this Rule if it passes as presented. There may be other options to consider as well.

**CRC2** – General clean-up of minor errors (typos, bold terms, references that moved and duplications) proposed by Tim Winger and Gianpietro Pollesel. All passed.

**CRC3** – Reinstatement of the 2mm radius between the bottom of the boat and the transom. This had been missed in the conversion and is now back in the Rules as follows:

**D.2.3** LIMITATIONS

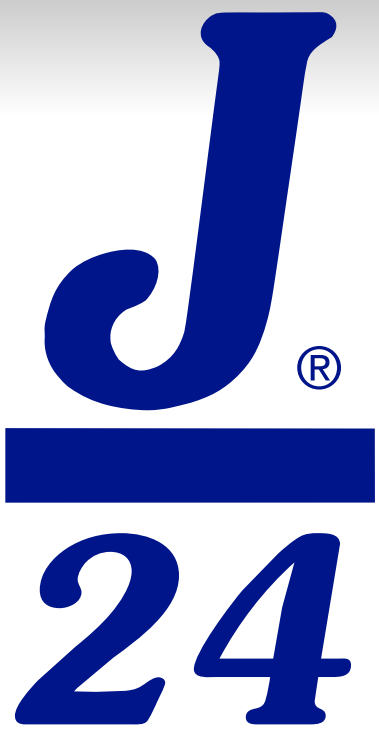
(c) The exterior of the joint between the hull and the transom shall have no less than a 2mm radius.

**CRC4** – It had always been the intention of the adjustable forestay to allow the maximum forestay length to be more easily attained. It was never intended that the adjustable forestay would be used to adjust to sailing conditions, so the following limitation was added:

C.9.7STANDING RIGGING

(c) LIMITATIONS

(3) The **forestay** length may not be adjusted on the water (after leaving the dock) or for the duration of a regatta for which it was measured and sealed.



**CRC5** – Proposal to eliminate Class Rule on crew positioning for hiking in favor of RRS 49.2 as it stands. Failed.

**CRC6** – Proposal from Monica Persson, Swedish JCA, to replace Class Rule on crew positioning for hiking with one that allows an exception to RRS 49.2 for the trimmer. Passed as modified:
C.2.2 CREW POSITIONING
*RRS 49.2* shall apply to all crew except the **headsail** trimmer. The **headsail** trimmer shall be allowed to turn while sitting on the gunwale.
(This modification was adopted to eliminate some unnecessary wording.)

**CRC7** – Proposal from Gianpietro Pollesel, ITC, to better define the design of the jib roach that has been long accepted in contravention of Class Rules. Tabled for additional study.

This is being undertaken with the help of the sailmakers to help determine what is currently being used so that we do not make too many existing sails illegal.

**CRC8** – Proposal from Gianpietro Pollesel, ITC, to reinstate fuel minimums for the Class. Proposal failed to get a second to be considered. This had been eliminated only a few years ago.

**CRC9** – Proposal from Gianpietro Pollesel, ITC, dealt with locating the battens in the jib and was tabled for further study with CRC7. All agreed that the jib needs greater control, but the World Council was afraid to adopt something that could make many existing sails illegal if we don't examine the current designs.

The Proposals that passed, CRC 2,3,4,6, will be sent to World Sailing (formerly ISAF) for their approval. If approved, they will likely take effect in March of 2017.

# Calendar

**January 4, 2017**

2017 QUANTUM SAILS J/24 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: January 4, 2017 8:00 am
End: January 7, 2017 5:00 pm
Venue: Cronulla Sailing Club
Address: Cronulla, NSW Australia

**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

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**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 8:00 am
End: October 1, 2017 5:00 pm
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

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

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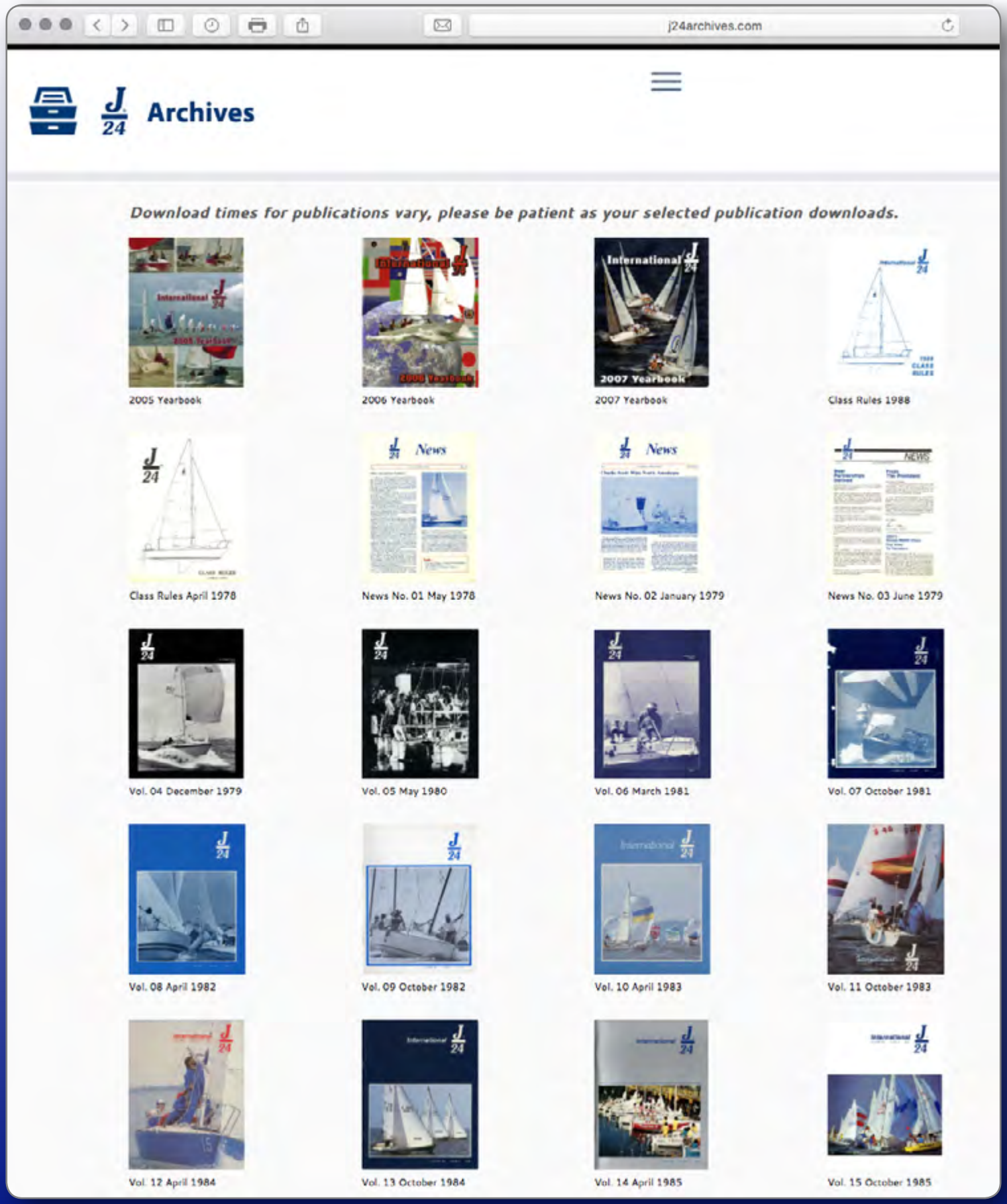
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