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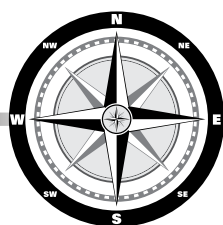
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**NORTH SAILS**



# J/24 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY RACE ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

Photos courtesy of Onne van der Wal



There's no more iconic a race course in J/24 Class history than the 18-mile track around Conanicut Island in Narragansett Bay that helped decide the outcome of the first J/24 North Americans in 1978, and then the first J/24 World Championship in 1979. It would be impossible to count how many times J/24s have circumnavigated Conanicut Island since, but it would be safe to say the "Around the Island Race" is the all-time favorite for generations of J/24 Fleet 50 sailors, not to mention a big income generator for local boat repair shops. If you've never raced along a rocky coastline interspersed with beautiful beaches, a cool summer sea breeze and lots of current, then this is the race for you!



To commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the J/24 Class, J/Fest New England and Sail Newport invite all J/24 sailors, past and present, to enter the Around the Island Race with the first gun at 1300 on Friday, August 11. To make a whole weekend of it, there's W/L buoy racing Saturday and Sunday as part of J/Fest New England. For more information, visit [www.jfestnewengland.com](http://www.jfestnewengland.com).





# WILL WELLES THREE-PEATS AS J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPION

Photos courtesy of Christopher Howell

For the third consecutive year, Will Welles holds the title of J/24 North American Champion. With crew Jeff Linton, Chris Morgan, Monica Morgan and Erik Rexford, team *Bogus* bested 28 other J/24s at the Championship hosted by Houston Yacht Club in Texas from May 26-28. Mike Ingham's *Nautalytics* entered the final day with a shot at the victory, however they lodged a 12, 3, compared to Welles' 7, 2, leaving Ingham and crew in the silver position with 31 points. Welles finished with 22. Despite a bullet in the tenth and final contest, Travis Odenbach's *Honeybadger* settled for third, just one point behind Ingham.

Over the three-day regatta, all races were completed on schedule each day in solid breeze. Welles relished the conditions, especially on Saturday, May 27 when they had four firsts, saying, "We really had the boat dialed in to the conditions, getting off the line with good speed at the upper end of the genoa in short chop." Welles summarized that going into Sunday with a three-point advantage on Ingham, he wanted *Bogus* to focus on its own destiny. "If an opportunity presented itself to win, we would go for it, but we just made sure to hang around the competition while we did our own thing."





## WILL WELLES THREE-PEATS AS J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPION



Day one recap: On Galveston Bay, 12-18 knots of breeze allowed four races. Odenbach collected the early advantage with scores of 4,3,3,2 for 12 points. The Japanese team *Siesta*, led by Nobuyuki Imai, held second place with 18 points. The opening contest saw Patricio Sly's *Muy Muy* in the top spot, while Imai took line honors in race two. Ingham won the remaining two races.

Day two recap: Welles went four for four in winds at 12-18 knots. Able to discard an OCS from race 1 left him a scoreline of 4,2,3,1,1,1,1 for 13 points. Ingham, also dropping an OCS from race 1, moved up to second with a solid day including three runner-up finishes. A sixth in the day's final contest, paired with Welles' perfect afternoon, prevented him from taking the overall lead. Odenbach dropped to third with 22 points.

Day three recap: In winds at 6-8 knots building to 10-14, the day's race winners were James Freedman's *Miss Conduct* and Odenbach.





## WILL WELLES THREE-PEATS AS J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPION



### THE TOP FIVE:

1. Will Welles, *Bogus*, [30/OCS], 4, 2, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 7, 2 = 22
2. Mike Ingham, *Nautalytics*, [30/OCS], 2, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 6, 12, 3 = 31
3. Travis Odenbach, *Honeybadger*, 4, 3, 3, 2, [11/20%], 3, 4, 3, 9, 1 = 32
4. Nobuyuki Imai, *Siesta*, 8, 1, 5, 4, [11], 6, 3, 2, 6, 4 = 39
5. Carter White, *Sea Bags Sailing Team*, 5/10%, 5, 9, 5, 6, 4, [10], 4, 10, 5 = 53

Complete results may be found at

<https://www.regattatech.com/websites/action/showEventHome?clubCode=HoustonYC&eventCode=J24NA17>.







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J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPION**





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# Canada Report



## **CAN-JCA Ready for Sailing Season... and the World Championship**

The 2016 sailing season in Canada was a great success with interest in the Worlds driving activity and membership numbers.

The Quebec District, with Jesse Henderson at the helm, did a magnificent job of recruiting members and boats to drive their membership figures. They have experienced some turnover in their fleet this past offseason, but they are confident that new racers will be signing up to replace them in advance of the start of the Quebec Series (second of two events will be the Hudson Labour Day regatta in September).

The 2017 Canadians are scheduled for July 20-23 at the Beaconsfield Yacht Club (Island of Montreal) with three days of racing, two dinners and an evening on the town to explore Montreal and the MTL375 celebrations.

Numbers held steady in the Ontario District with a couple of new boats and greater on-water activity. Two new events have been added to the 2017 calendar: one of which is the Ontario Championship in Hamilton





# Canada Report



on June 10-11 (event moved from Nepean for this year) and J/Fest at ABYC, which conflicts with the Canadians. It is our hope that the Ontario fleet will attend the Canadians, however we recognize that there are boats that do not travel and wish to offer them an event to prepare for the Worlds. Water levels in Lake Ontario in May were extremely high, delaying many clubs from launching as their docks were under water.

The North Americans, held at Port Credit Yacht Club last September, was a resounding success. Varied weather and winds contributed to three days of great racing. Abundant food, drink and entertainment were provided along with an offsite evening event which contributed to a fun social atmosphere after racing. PCYC will be in perfect shape to host the Worlds this September.

Canadian members will receive a new promotional maple leaf J/24 lapel pin with their membership renewal this year (to take the place of the maple leaf belt).





Preparations and activity surrounding the Worlds at Port Credit YC in Mississauga, Ontario (15 minutes to the west of downtown Toronto) are ramping up big time. A measurement team, race & protest teams are in place, and major sponsor (HG Drive – Automotive Group) has been secured. The Province of Ontario has come through with a substantial grant, which includes a new RC/PC inflatable. Some great entertainment has been lined up, and a Canadian tradition will be contested in the form of a Canada vs World ball hockey tournament!

Erica Seibert, who has handled our 350 youth-participant annual regatta, is taking charge of shore logistics, Pat Lymburner (PRO at North Americans) is returning to conduct the on-water activities, and Stephen Wrigley and his team will return to head up the Protest Committee. All systems are a go! See you in September!



TO BE THE BEST







## New Regatta Regulations and Measurement Training at the Toronto World Championship

### REGATTA REGULATIONS:

The J/24 Class has tackled a complete rewrite of the Regatta Regulations to better coordinate them with the new Class Rules, the new RRS and better general document maintenance practices. There is no intention to make significant changes in direction.

The Regatta Regulations control specific requirements for World and Continental Championships. District, Regional and National events are encouraged to utilize the appropriate parts of these Regulations to bring consistency to their J/24 Class sanctioned events.

The only documents included in the appendices of the Regatta Regulations are those documents that do not appear anywhere else. The J/24 Standard NORs and SIs for Worlds and Continental events are maintained on the IJCA website, as are the penalty documents. To keep them in two places begs for conflict when one copy is updated while the other is forgotten. These items are included in the Regatta Regulations only by reference to the official copies on the website.

We tried to bring the language, terms and ideas into alignment with current World Sailing documents. For instance, ISAF is now World Sailing. Measurement and the technical side of race management, by the new RRS, is in the hands of the Technical Committee, which is now separate from the Race Committee. The new RRS also includes established course designations which are now used in these Regatta Regulations. Skippers, helmsmen, helmspersons are now under the term “drivers” as in our new Class Rules. We scrutinized other language for clarity and brevity as well.





## MEASUREMENT TRAINING IN TORONTO:

Have you ever thought about becoming a J/24 Class measurer? The best way to do so is to volunteer at a World Championship event where the training is being offered. World Championships offer the opportunity to see many different boats and measurement issues all in one place. You do need to be serious about doing it, because there is no coverage of your expenses. You also need a strong interest in the technical aspects of the boat and enjoy working with people. If this sounds interesting to you and your fleet or district needs measurers (most do), please consider coming to Toronto for training September 14-16. For further information, contact Tim Winger, [timwingr@gmail.com](mailto:timwingr@gmail.com). I've had a great time doing this for the last 25 years!

## 2017 IJCA World Council Meeting

**October 21, 2017**  
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# Germany Report

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## INTERNATIONAL J/24 COMPETITORS EXPECTED FOR KIEL WEEK



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The German J/24 Class Association is looking forward to some nice and competitive summer racing in 2017. For Kiel Week (<http://www.kieler-woche.de/>), which will take part from June 17-21, more than 20 teams from five nations have signed up, including Sweden, the Netherlands, Great Britain and USA. With Mike Ingham, Travis Odenbach and Andrew Taylor, three of the world's top teams will gather in Kiel and make racing very exciting. Kiel will be an excellent preparation for the German Open, from 14-17 July in the bay of Lübeck. Contact us if you want to leave your boat between the two regattas.

Despite the growth of other Classes and new formats like the German Sailing League, there is a solid core of J/24 enthusiasts in Germany ensuring fun and competitive racing. Among them are three newly formed youth crews from Hamburg and Berlin. These young sailors, who have been sailing in various dinghy Classes, have already scored some remarkably good results and will build the future of the German J/24 fleet.

Looking forward to seeing you on the water! And don't forget to join the German Beer and Bratwurst Night on first Saturday of Kiel Week.



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# Argentina Report

By Nicolás Cubría

## CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WEST AND NATIONALS 2017 POTRERILLOS MENDOZA, ARGENTINA



Organized by the Mendoza fleet with the collaboration of the Mendoza Windsurfing Association, the J/24 Córdoba fleet and the Argentine Association of J/24, the Championship of the West was held in the waters of Potrerillos from February 24-27, 2017.

With great success, this third edition was celebrated of the Championship of the West. In addition, this was our Nationals 2017, with the novelty of the use of Appendix P of the Class Rules (sailing with jib and 340 kilos crew) for the first time ever for a National event.

J/24 crews moved from different parts of the country to a unique scene submerged in the middle of the Andes mountains to dispute this magical event. Pure and crystalline waters and assured wind are the hallmark of this regatta that year after year attracts more and more crews not only from Argentina.

Although the organization of the races was fantastic, even better were the after-races—a distinction of this regatta—where people can relax, meet, drink, and enjoy with friends unique moments and magic sunsets at the lake. Mendoza is the land of the wine...but this year, the organization took one step further and had the pleasure to have main sponsor Beluga Vodka. Thanks to them, it was possible to guarantee a first level event.



Daily on-board food for every crew plus socials after races at the foot of the lake with different sorts of local meet, pasta and drinks confirm it. A surprise party out of the original schedule took place on Sunday night at the hotel Potrerillos until late at night as usual!



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Twenty-five boats participated, and 10 high level races were disputed in three days.

The boat Carrera with skipper Matías Pereira and his crew Guillermo Bellinotto, Andres Guerra and Juani Pereira won in a solid way from the beginning of the regatta and became five-time National winners.

### Top three results:

1. Carrera, skipper Matías Pereira
2. Cambury, skipper Ramon Oleden
3. Alagua, skipper Nicolas Cubría





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## CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WEST AND NATIONALS 2017 POTRERILLOS MENDOZA, ARGENTINA



The implementation of the jib and 340 kilos crew was very positive for the Class and has been giving great results in Argentina. Most of the crews agree that the fleet stays much more compact, therefore the races are more fun and exciting. Also, getting four people is easy and learning for the new ones gets simplified. The boat feels agile even in adverse conditions and with an open visual sensation very pleasant for all the crew members.

More information is at [www.j24arg.blogspot.com](http://www.j24arg.blogspot.com).





By Nicolás Cubría

## REGATTA FROM THE CENTER OF THE REPUBLIC LAKE SAN ROQUE, VILLA CARLOS PAZ, CÓRDOBA, ARGENTINA



Organized from March 23-26, 2017 by the J/24 Córdoba fleet, the 400 Yacht Club and the Córdoba Yacht Club, the Regatta from the Center of the Republic is in its fifth edition. The wind was the protagonist which guaranteed nine excellent regattas and an amazing Championship. This regatta has the greatest convocation of the country and grows every year, now with 30 boats gathered at the lake.

Being relatively new, the Córdoba fleet grew exponentially in 10 years. They are pioneers in sailing Pan American style and showed that this format is very good when building a competitive fleet, getting new people to the sport and keeping crews active and growing.

They are pioneers also in the importance of having a great time after races in every regatta they organize, and this event was no exception. Every day, there was great after-race fun while enjoying meeting crews from all over the country and the brilliant view and facilities of the Yacht Club Córdoba, which always receives the J/24 Class with great cordiality and enthusiasm.

The winner of the regatta was Indigo with the local skipper Ezequiel Despontin and his crew Carolina Lorenzón, Franca Pesci, Marcelo Freytes and Martín Costa. They also won the 2016 edition and were able to defend the title. They sailed hard to overcome Gran Carajo with skipper Javier Moyano, who started the regatta with two excellent days. Both boats had a chance to win until the last minute.





# Argentina Report

## REGATTA FROM THE CENTER OF THE REPUBLIC LAKE SAN ROQUE, VILLA CARLOS PAZ, CÓRDOBA, ARGENTINA



### Top three results:

1. Indigo, skipper Ezequiel Despontin
2. Gran Carajo, skipper Javier Moyano
3. Beluga, skipper Sebastian Halpern

This regatta was also the final event of the Triple Corona Championship—a main event that encompasses three great regattas starting in Buenos Aires with the 2016 Nationals at the Silver River, then transitioning to the beautiful mountain lake of Potrerillos/Mendoza for the 2017 Nationals and finally Lake San Roque/Villa Carlos Paz, Cordoba for the Center of the Republic Regatta.

This event was created three years ago in order to encourage and reward those crews who move their boats supporting the different fleets and events. The Triple Corona, in its third edition, also grew in the number of participants who completed all three events.





# Argentina Report

## REGATTA FROM THE CENTER OF THE REPUBLIC LAKE SAN ROQUE, VILLA CARLOS PAZ, CÓRDOBA, ARGENTINA



The winner of the Triple Corona is the boat Carrera from Pan American gold winner skipper Matías Pereira and his crew Juani Pereira, Andrés Guerra and Guillermo Bellinotto. They won 2016 & 2017 Nationals and ended in fourth place at the Cordoba event, but that was more than enough to win the overall.

### Top three results:

1. Carrera, skipper Matías Pereira
2. Indigo, skipper Ezequiel Despontin
3. Alagua, skipper Nicolás Cubría

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# KEITH WHITTEMORE CLAIMS J/24 US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



Photos courtesy of Christopher Howell

Of the nine races completed at the J/24 US National Championship, Keith Whittemore's *Tundra Rose* won five of them. Four races were completed on Sunday, May 21, but after tallying a 1,2,1 in the first three, Whittemore and crew of Shelby Milne, Brian Thomas, Kevin Downey and Mark Rodgers could head for shore as Champions at their local

Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle. Reigning US National Champion Will Welles launched up the standings with two bullets on the day to claim second place on a tie-breaker over Nobuyuki Imai's *Siesta* (both with 39 points to Whittemore's 31). Thirty-two teams completed nine races over the three-day event.





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Day one report: It was worth the wait on Friday, May 19 for Whittemore's *Tundra Rose*. After a long day of anticipating breeze, teams finally got to compete around 4:00 p.m. PDT in winds at 4-6 knots. Two races went in the books with Whittemore leading the pack with 7 points. The Japanese team *Siesta* was a mere one point back. Whittemore won the opening contest, shadowed by Jakob Lichtenberg's *Hair of the Dog* and Derek DeCouteau's ...and your little dog too!. Welles commanded the second meeting, as winds increased to 8-10 knots. Imai and Matt Pistay filled out the top three. Whittemore placed sixth in this race.





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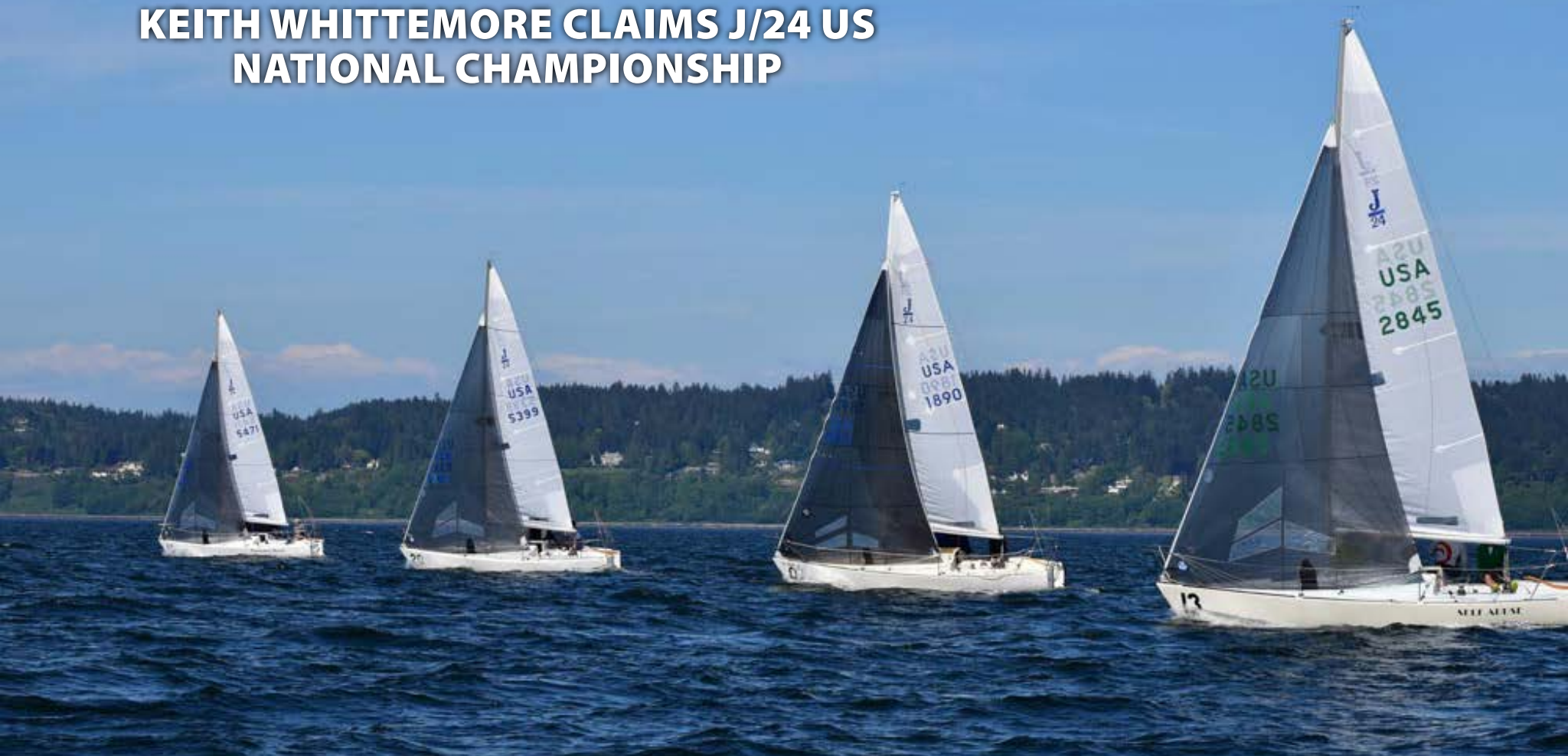


Day two report: Whittemore's *Tundra Rose* may not have started day two on a high note, but he sure ended on one...or two. The skipper went into Saturday, May 20 with a one-point advantage, but notched a 19 in the opening race. He then promptly added two bullets to hold a two-point lead going into the last day of the Championship. Scott Milne's *Tremendous Slouch* moved into second place overall with 30 points. The locals took charge of Saturday's first race in winds at 6-8 knots: Johnson's *Pearl*, Mark Laura's *Baba Louie* and Steve Travis' *Spark*. The breeze increased a couple knots in the next contest, when Whittemore defeated Bob Kinsman's *Atom Ant* and John Mason's *R.Y.L.A.H.* at the finish line. The top three of the final battle mirrored the top three overall that day: Whittemore, Milne and Johnson. The wind picked up to 8-12.





## KEITH WHITTEMORE CLAIMS J/24 US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



### TOP FIVE:

1. Keith Whittemore, *Tundra Rose*, Seattle, WA, 1, 6, 18, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, (30 DNF)—31
2. Will Welles, Portsmouth, RI, 12, 1, 4, 13, 5, 2, 1, (17), 1—39
3. Nobuyuki Imai, *Siesta*, Wakayama, Japan, 6, 2, (20 SCP30), 5, 7, 3, 3, 4, 9—39
4. Michael Johnson, *Pearl*, Edmonds, WA, (16), 4, 1, 7, 3, 10, 7, 5, 3—40
5. Scott Milne, *Tremendous Slouch*, Seattle, WA, 5, 11, 6, 6, 2, (13), 5, 11, 2—48

Complete results may be found at <http://www.cycseattle.org/event/j24natchamp2017/>, and photos are available on the J/24 Class Facebook page.





By Nina Squire



## THE UK J/24 FLEET HAS HAD A GREAT START TO THE SEASON, INCLUDING A WELL-ATTENDED RETURN TO FOWEY GALLANTS YACHT CLUB

Fowey historically has provided some of our favourite racing and is always run with exquisite precision. It was great to see Karen Toms with clip board and scales as we arrived Friday evening. Our only criticism, it was safe to say, is that all crews are certain that their scales were reading heavy. That first weigh-in of the season is a reminder that the food on the late ski season holiday was a bit too good.

There was a light covering of clouds as we headed out to the race area, light winds and calm seas. Congratulations go to James Torr and team who had a perfect first on the first race, followed by *Phoenix* and *Jolly Roger*. The Race Team had a tough morning, as conditions were changeable so the RO sent us in to allow the wind to settle. After a long lunch and a strong coffee, the RO sent us out at 2.30, keen to take advantage of the beautiful conditions and calm seas. We stayed well into the evening, taking in another four races. In the first race after our long lunch, *Jawbreaker* responded well to a chance to top up on caffeine and calories, with a great first, closely followed by

*Madeleine* in second and *Cacoon* in third. *Phoenix* hadn't quite woken up until Race 4, but we were beginning to see some of the sparkle return to our European Champion duo as the fleet cleared some winter cobwebs. Our Parkstone youth team, Team Impact, showed promise with a 6 and 5 in Races 5 and 6. At the close of race 5, as we headed in, *Madeleine* led the fleet with *Phoenix* in close second and *Jawbreaker* in third. We came back in as the light dropped and enjoyed the Fowey Gallants hospitality and remarked on how a five-race day reminded us that those gym memberships needed to be dusted off ahead of the rest of the season.

Sunday was a fantastic end to the regatta with great conditions giving close racing. Congratulations to *Phoenix* who sealed her win with a 2 and 1 in the last two races, and to *Jawbreaker* gaining second overall with a 1 and 4, leaving *Madeleine* reeling from shock in third. Great to see local boat *Headcase* in fifth in the last race of the regatta, with *Jojo* from Saltash in a close sixth.



## J24 FOWEY Trophy Results

Rank	SailNo	Boat	HelmName	Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Total	Nett
1st	4242	Phoenix	ANDY TAYLOR	Parkstone YC	2.0	(4.0)	3.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	16.0	12.0
2nd	4271	Jawbreaker	DAVID COOPER	Saltash SC	(10.0)	1.0	2.0	3.0	5.0	1.0	4.0	26.0	16.0
3rd	4265	Madeleine	DUNCAN MCCARTHY	Parkstone YC	(7.0)	2.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	3.0	7.0	25.0	18.0
4th	4270	Jolly Roger	ROGER MORRIS	Parkstone YC	3.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	2.0	5.0	(12.0)	42.0	30.0
5th	4213	Hijinks	MARK LEWERS	RWYC	4.0	6.0	4.0	(9.0)	9.0	6.0	2.0	40.0	31.0
6th	4269	Cacoon	NICK MCDONALD	RWYC	5.0	3.0	13.0	6.0	4.0	7.0	(15.0 OCS)	53.0	38.0
7th	4245	Unity Lets	MATTHEW CONYERS	RWYC	11.0	9.0	(12.0)	2.0	6.0	9.0	10.0	59.0	47.0
8th	4153	Jam	BEN MADDAFORD	Saltash SC	(13.0)	10.0	7.0	8.0	12.0	10.0	3.0	63.0	50.0
9th	4064	Legal Alien	ALAN HARRIS-GUERRERO	FGSC	9.0	7.0	8.0	(13.0)	10.0	8.0	8.0	63.0	50.0
10th	4103	JoJo	JAMES TORR	Saltash SC	1.0	12.0	10.0	11.0	11.0	(14.0)	6.0	65.0	51.0
11th	4206	Jam Too	AUSTEN DAVIES	Bude SC	6.0	8.0	14.0	12.0	7.0	4.0	(15.0 OCS)	66.0	51.0
12th	4247	Headcase	HANS WEHMEYER	FGSC	(12.0)	11.0	9.0	7.0	8.0	12.0	5.0	64.0	52.0
13th	779	Team Impact	GEORGE KENNEDY	Parkstone YC	8.0	(13.0)	6.0	5.0	13.0	11.0	11.0	67.0	54.0
14th	4243	Fruit Cakes	ALEX MCKAY	FGSC	(14.0)	14.0	11.0	14.0	14.0	13.0	9.0	89.0	75.0

We last attended Fowey in 2013, and *Madeleine* dominated the fleet in her usual style, with Andy Taylor and team in second place overall on their other boat *HitchHiker*. So we were all interested to see what happened during a rematch. You'll notice that this report is being written by me, Nina, not the third boat listed on the overall results as is usually required. We're not mentioning it, and I've also chosen not to mention the bribery and corruption that was attempted some two weeks later whilst we were racing in Dartmouth, in various texts, by a certain crew member in an attempt to escape these responsibilities. But with not even a sighting of *Madeleine* in her local waters, I've had to write something as the whole fleet would agree that it was a fantastic start to the season. I am hopefully giving *Madeleine* time to reflect on how best to make it up to the Class and the international readership that they will have had to endure my hazy recollections of a fantastic weekend some eight weeks later.

Many thanks go to Rear Commodore Tom Owen of the Fowey Gallants for inviting the UK J/24 fleet to Fowey, to the Race Officer and team for smooth operations, to St. Austell Brewery for a welcome refreshment coming off the water and finally to Paul and Rachel Toms for their enduring commitment in hosting this popular event. David Cooper, J/24 Class Chairman, said "Special thanks should go to the Race Officer and the on-the-water team for providing such good courses, particularly on Saturday with great variations in conditions and wind directions."

We're looking forward to returning in 2018.



By Rob Clark

## DARTMOUTH SPRING CUP



Parkstone Yacht Club will host the 2020 J/24 Worlds © Robin Price / www.rpsphotos.co.uk

The 2017 J/24 Spring Cup at Royal Dart Yacht Club was truly a game of two halves...

### **Act 1, Super Saturday, Grey Skies and Green Gills:**

"It's been emotional...!" was the general consensus of sailors and Race Committee alike as the post-race analysis unfolded following 'Swelly Saturday's' on-water experience. Previously effervescent members of the J/24 fraternity drifted ghostlike through the welcoming clubhouse of the Royal Dart Yacht Club until a little sustenance brought some much needed colour back to their cheeks.

The forecast promised big wind and big swell, and 50% of that prophecy was 100% correct.

The fleet set to sea to find the overnight storm had left a light to moderate breeze and a large easterly swell running at approximately 45 degrees to the wind—truly uncomfortable and unforgiving. Richard Stevens and his race team set the fleet a long beat to help us get into the groove of the conditions and, with the first signs of nausea presumably the cause of unusually good behaviour, the J/24s managed three clean starts without even the threat of a black flag.

By the time race 2 started, most boats in the fleet were considerably lighter than when they left the club with

a few sailors deciding 'today is not the day' and taking the RIB taxi to shore and stability...

Though this one team, Matthew Conyers and his crew on *Unity Lets*, showed that consistency is key with a score line of 2,2,3 to lead the regatta going into the half-time break.

However, before the recess, the fleet were offered a fourth race to enable the discard... at this moment Nick on *Jawbreaker* managed to emerge from his sea sickness coma and respond with "No thank you...we'd like to go home please." I doubt many in the fleet disagreed!

### **Act 2, Sunny Sunday, Beware what you wish for:**

As Sunday dawned, the J/24 fleet headed towards their boats, expecting kinder conditions and more close racing. However, the weather gods were in no mood to cooperate and, despite several reconnaissance trips to the bay, the race team had to admit that AP over A and an early lunch was the order of the day.

All that left was time to discuss the previous day's pleasure and pain in more detail, now that we all felt a little stronger. The J/24 is not a Class renowned for creature comforts, especially for members of the fairer sex, and Lorna's description of the 'two bucket technique' will leave me with a harrowing visual image that can't be simply washed away!



Results from Royal Dart Yacht Club							
Class 'J24 Cup', series 'New Series'							
Rank	Sail No	Name	Helm	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Nt Pts
1	4245	Unity Lets	Matthew Conyers	2	2	3	7
2	4271	Jawbreaker	David Cooper	3	1	6	10
3	4242	Phoenix	Andy Taylor	1	11/DNS	1	13
4	4269	Cacoon	Nick Macdonald	4	4	5	13
5	4270	Jolly Roger	Nina Squire	5	5	7	17
6	4206	Jamtoo	Austen Davie	10	6	2	18
7	4213	Hijinks	Mark Lewers	7	7	4	18
8	4268	Jiggy	Mike Mackie & Roger Nuttall	9	3	8	20
9	4153	Jam	Benjamin Maddaford	6	8	10	24
10	4113	Jaxxiva	James Torr	8	9	9	26

With the racing wrapped up, Matthew Conyers led his team to the top step of the podium and thanked his dad, Daryl, for telling him where to go. Unusually for the *Unity Lets* crew, it appears that Mr Conyers Snr had mastered diplomacy in conveying this information resulting in consistent, fast sailing and minimal on-board scuffles.

David Cooper and the *Jawbreaker* team took the silver medal for the second regatta in a row and kept his campaign for the 2018 Worlds in Garda firmly on track.

As for your correspondent, we were left to wonder what may have been. Having lost two crew members and sat out race 2, we managed to sail three-up (apparently I need to point out this included Zoe) and take the win for the final race of the day. Unfortunately, this wasn't quite enough so the bronze medal was ours, and with it the honour of writing this report...

Huge thanks go to the team at RDYC for their hospitality and support of the Class. We will be back in 2018.

### ***Parkstone Yacht Club and the UK J/24 Class Association are Proud to Announce the Award of Hosting the J/24 World Championship in September 2020***

By Rob Clark, Phoenix 4242 and 2020 J/24 Worlds Committee Member

We leave our best till last—we are very excited to welcome the International J/24 fleet in 2020!

Though very early days in the process, the organising committee are already putting plans in place to ensure a fantastic event on and off the water, with racing scheduled to take place in Poole Bay between the 14th and 17th September 2020.

The team behind the event quoted, "We are delighted to be awarded such a prestigious event. With nearly 5,500 boats built worldwide and strong Class racing in every continent, the J/24 is truly a global one-design that rewards the best teams and ensures that racing throughout the fleet is of the highest caliber. Past champions include legends of the sport that need little introduction, and we anticipate that 2020 will be another chapter in the J/24 success story."

"The UK boasts a fine pedigree of J/24 sailor including teams that have claimed the 2015 World Championship (*Il Riccio*) and 2015 (*Madeleine*) and 2016 (*Phoenix*) European Championships. We feel confident that we have the knowledge and expertise, both within the organising committee and UK sailors, to ensure that we provide an event that supports the teams' requirements in a fantastic venue."

Further information and updates as the event planning progresses can be found through the event website, [www.j24worlds2020.com](http://www.j24worlds2020.com) or Facebook page - J24 Worlds 2020.

UK teams will be selected from 2019 J/24 UK rankings, however many sailors are already building momentum, with the 2018 World Championship to be held on Lake Garda a sufficient motivation to get current campaigns organised.

More information on UK fleet activities can be found through the UK J/24Class website at [www.j24class.org.uk](http://www.j24class.org.uk).





Welcome to J/24  
Swedish Open  
2017

### Programme

Friday, August 11

17:00 - Start 2 races

20:00 - Welcome BBQ

Saturday, August 12

10:00 - Start, 4 races

19:00 - Dinner

Sunday August 13

11:00 - 2 races

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# Hungary Report

By Erik Hercsel



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The host of the 2017 European Championship is turning up the heat in this year before its major international event. The sailing season started quite busy. We have sailed two superb regattas and started the Friday's Training Series, where the Hungarian J/24 fleet can get regular and official training. The "One Design Sailing Trophy," a series held at various venues of Lake Balaton roughly once every month, has also started with the first event. The first regatta of the Hungarian sailing season was the J/24 Fleet Regatta.

## ***J/24 Fleet Regatta: Season Opener for the 2017 J/24 Hungarian Sailing Series***

A maximum number of eight races sailed in perfect conditions was the result of the three-day Balatonfüred J/24 Fleet Regatta (30, April-1, May)—the season opener for the 2017 J/24 Hungarian Sailing Series. Gábor Sallai and his team on Bigfive was the winner with 21 points. In second place was St. James skippered by Farkas Litkey with 24 points. Litkey was the helmsman and tactician of the Italian Team Pelle Nero, who won third place of the Italian J/24 Winter Series. Following in third place was Jukebox (the second overall of the Italian J/24 Winter Series) skippered by Miklós Rauchenberger with 24 points total. What a perfect regatta: wonderful weather with blue skies and sunshine, various north and east winds 6 to 16 knots and happy J/24 sailors enjoying all of it at the first



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# Hungary Report



the Hungarian sailing season. The final results show a high level, strong and very even competition, as teams from second through sixth place were quite close to each other. Results: [http://j24 europeans2017.hu/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/j24\\_melges24\\_fb2017\\_results\\_final\\_v2.pdf](http://j24 europeans2017.hu/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/j24_melges24_fb2017_results_final_v2.pdf)

## **Are you ready for the J/24 2017 European Championship?**

The Hungarian J/24 fleet is happy to invite sailors around the world to join the 2017 issue of one of the biggest J/24 event of the year—this time in Balatonfüred/Hungary. Everything is set for a great European Championship. The J/24 Europeans are back in Hungary for the first time since 2008. The event is followed with quite active interest: several teams from Germany, Sweden, Italy, Greece, USA, Netherlands and Hungary



are already registered to participate. We are expecting nearly 50 teams from nine nations. Balatonfüred is based at Lake Balaton. Here you can expect mainly flat water, no current and moderate winds between 7-20 knots. The racing venue is just outside the harbor, and all facilities like accommodations, race office and social activities are in easy walking distance. The entry list is open, so if you consider coming and competing, please visit [www.j24europeans2017.hu](http://www.j24europeans2017.hu). If you plan to join other Hungarian regattas this year, we are happy to meet you at the Hungarian Nationals in Balatonfüred (24-29 August / 25+ boats).

Happy Sailing and see you in Hungary!



# Calendar

## June 3, 2017

### REGATA LAGUNA MAR

Start: June 3, 2017

End: June 4, 2017

## June 10, 2017

### 2017 WET TECH RIGGING J/24 SHORT COURSE REGATTA

Start: June 10, 2017

End: June 10, 2017

Venue: Cronulla Sailing Club

Address: Cronulla, Australia

## June 17, 2017

### REGATA COPA YUCATAN

Start: June 17, 2017

End: June 18, 2017

## June 17, 2017

### 2017 KIEL WEEK

Start: June 17, 2017

End: June 25, 2017

Address: Kiel, Germany

## July 1, 2017

### REGATA SHERWIN WILLIAMS

Start: July 1, 2017

End: July 2, 2017

## July 8, 2017

### 2017 MAYORS CUP

Start: July 8, 2017

End: July 8, 2017

Venue: Sunrise Rotary

Address: Plattsburgh, NY, United States

## July 9, 2017

### 2017 VALCOUR RACE

Start: July 9, 2017

End: July 9, 2017

Venue: Valcour Sailing Club

Address: Plattsburgh, NY, United States

## July 20, 2017

### 2017 J/24 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: July 20, 2017

End: July 23, 2017

Venue: Beaconsfield Yacht Club

Address: Beaconsfield, Quebec, Canada

## July 21, 2017

### 2017 J/FEST GREAT LAKES

Start: July 21, 2017

End: July 23, 2017

Venue: Ashbridges Bay Yacht Club

Address: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

## July 22, 2017

### CIRCUITO MEXICANA DE VELA

Start: July 22, 2017

End: July 23, 2017

## July 29, 2017

### REGATA VERANO

Start: July 29, 2017

End: July 30, 2017

## August 12, 2017

### REGATA ALLIANZ

Start: August 12, 2017

End: August 12, 2017





# Calendar

## **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 16, 2017**

### **REGATA AMIGOS (6A.)**

Start: September 16, 2017  
End: September 17, 2017

## **September 20, 2017**

### **2017 ELEMENTS RACE**

Start: September 20, 2017  
End: September 24, 2017  
Venue: Porto Pollo  
Address: Sardinia Italy, Italy

## **September 24, 2017**

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

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

## **October 14, 2017**

### **REGATA MAYA SOLAR**

Start: October 14, 2017  
End: October 15, 2017

## **November 4, 2017**

### **REGATA AMIGOS (7A.)**

Start: November 4, 2017  
End: November 5, 2017

## **December 16, 2017**

### **REGATA AMIGOS (8A.)**

Start: December 16, 2017  
End: December 17, 2017

## **May 2, 2018**

### **2018 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Start: May 2, 2018  
End: May 6, 2018  
Venue: Charleston Yacht Club  
Address: Charleston, SC

## **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  
End: September 9, 2018  
Venue: Portland Yacht Club  
Address: Falmouth, ME, United States

## **October 19, 2019**

### **2019 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

Start: October 19, 2019  
End: October 26, 2019  
Venue: Shake A Leg  
Address: Miami, FL, United States

## **September 12, 2020**

### **2020 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

Start: September 12, 2020  
End: September 18, 2020  
Venue: Parkstone Yacht Club, Poole UK





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