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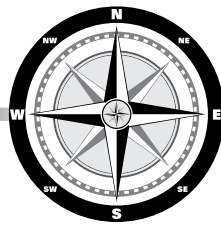
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The Japan J/24 Class Association is preparing for the 2016 World Championship to satisfy all competitors. Koji Matsumoto is pleased to answer any of your questions at paluna.matsumoto@gmail.com. They welcome all J/24 sailors. Their fleet races will be held May 22, June 5, July 17-18 and September 10-11 which would help your Wakayama campaign.

For complete event information, visit http://www.j24.gr.jp/2016_worlds/.

Japan Report

By Ryouhei Nakayama



In Japan, the J/24 Class has several local fleets. Wakayama, the venue of the 2016 World Championship, is one of the most popular places for Japanese sailors including J/24 crews for the enrichment of its facilities and boats. Kanagawa is another active place for J/24 sailors, an hour drive from Tokyo, where more than 10 boats sail the monthly races. Mt. Fuji is viewable from the race area! GEKKO DIANA won the recent monthly race held on the rainy day changing from heavy to light winds. GEKKO and DABOHAZE followed them. It's our privilege that youngsters and oldsters are enthusiastic to sail faster and enjoy it together. Please look our race photos at the following URL:

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The 2016 and 2017 J/24 Championships Race Committee is pleased to announce Humberview Chevrolet Buick GMC & Motorsports Brands and Humberview Volkswagen on behalf of DriveHG.ca as Title Sponsors of the J/24 2016 North American Championship and J/24 2017 World Championship held at the Port Credit Yacht Club of Mississauga.

"We are delighted to be the Title Sponsors of these two premier sailing events. Both Jim and I are avid sailors so we understand the level of commitment these racers put forth and are excited to be able to contribute to the J/24 Championships. We look forward to helping make these races the world class events they deserve to be." – Andrew Lennox, General Manager of Humberview Chevrolet Buick GMC & Motorsports Brands.

The Humberview Group, under the name DriveHG.ca, are proud members of the Etobicoke community and have been for over 25 years. Giving back to the surrounding community is a big part of who they are and an important value in their organization. From the Dorothy Ley Hospice Race, to Bike Sponsorships, Ski Sponsorships, and many more philanthropic endeavours, this automotive group is passionate about enlivening its community.

"Having participated in a few sailing races on my own, I understand the enthusiasm, dedication and excitement that each racer experiences leading up and during their race. Being the Title Sponsor of the J/24 North American and Worlds is a relationship we are eager to be a part of," said Jim Leckie, General Manager of Humberview Volkswagen.

The J/24 2016 North American Championship and J/24 2017 World Championship races, which will be taking place at PCYC, September 8th-11th 2016 and September 15th-23rd, 2017, will bring sailors from around the world to the GTA. With well over a hundred boats at both events, in addition to family members, member involvement and spectators, these races will be milestone events for sailing in Canada. As Title Sponsor, DriveHG.ca has helped the J/24 races go from local community events to international mainstage races.

About Andrew Lennox – General Manager of Humberview Chevrolet Buick GMC & Motorsports Brands

Andrew Lennox began his career in the automotive industry in 1988. He quickly discovered his passion for the business and went on to manage dealerships for BMW, Honda, Audi, Volkswagen, and General Motors for over 28 years. Andrew

has been a General Manager since 2002. He joined The Humberview Group (HG) in the summer of 2014, and manages four of the HG locations. In that same year, Andrew was the recipient of the Dealer of the Year Award from Canadian Automotive Remarketing Magazine, and a winner of the VW Wolfsburg Crest Club Award in 2013.

Andrew attended Ryerson University's Business Management program, and graduated from the North American Dealer Academy's General Managers program in 2001.

When Andrew is not in the office, he with his wife, Andrea, enjoy spending time with their 4 grown children. He has been a member of the Port Credit Yacht Club since 2004 has spent his entire life surrounded by boats. Racing was in his blood at an early age, spurred on by his father Skip Lennox, a member of the Canadian Olympic team in 1964. Andrew has raced Opti's as a kid, Lasers, various J boats in the past and is currently preparing a Shark for the Worlds next year in Toronto.

About Jim Leckie – General Manager of Humberview Volkswagen

Jim Leckie has over 25 years of experience working as an automotive executive. He has managed dealerships all over the world including the United Kingdom, China and Canada. Jim began his career in the automotive industry working as a Master Technician for AFN (Porsche GB) Retail Group in the UK. Today Jim acts as the General Manager for Humberview Volkswagen dealership in Etobicoke.

In 2016, under Jim's leadership, Humberview Volkswagen achieved the prestigious Wolfsburg Crest Club membership. Humberview Volkswagen was one of 14 Canadian dealerships to receive this award from Volkswagen Canada. To be considered for the award, dealers had to meet Volkswagen Canada's requirements in Operating Standards, Parts Loyalty, Financial Statements submission and Volkswagen Academy Certification.

Jim has been a member at the PCYC for three years and eagerly waits for his first sail at the start of the season. He has participated in countless races, but most recently has been crewing on 'Relentless', a Farr 40. 'Relentless' has Line Honours in Lake Ontario 300 for IRC1, has won 7 of 9 Lake Ontario regattas, and notably last year, took 'O Canada' an Open 60, right to the line but lost overall line honours by a mere minute and twenty-nine!

Germany Report

By Jan-Marc Ulrich

SUCCESSFUL START OF THE SEASON FOR GERMAN J/24 FLEET

Photo courtesy of Pepe Hartmann

With two international top results, the German J/24 teams have begun the new sailing season in a good spirit.

The crew of *JJOne* (GER 5475) from Daniel Frost finished second at Eastern in the Trofeo Nazionale Classi Monotipo held in Nettuno/Italy, behind the winner from Italy *La Superba* (ITA 416) of Ignazio Bonanno and crew. Some weeks later, the crew of *Süllberg* (GER 5381) also achieved a second place in Nettuno at the Trofeo Golfo Anzio e Nettuno. With just one point, they had to leave the victory again to *La Superba*.

Germany's first regatta on Lake Alster saw 18 competitors. In light wind conditions, Frank Schönfeldt and his crew (GER 5412) took the lead. The "Frühjahrsverbandsregatta" was the debut of a new all-female team formed by young sailors from Mühlenberger Segel Club in Hamburg. The crew with helmswoman Lynn Wolgast has bought the former *Vega Ragazza* (GER 5266) from the team around Steffi Köpcke, who finished last year's World Championship in Boltenhagen as best all-female team. The young sailors showed a good performance, and we are looking forward to their development on the race course!

Upcoming events for the German J/24 fleet are the German Open in Flensburg and Kiel Week with a fleet of 30-40 J/24s each.

Even if the battle at sea is tight, on shore the leading teams are supporting each other wherever they can!



Photo courtesy of Team JJone

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



European Championships Plymouth 2016 August 13th - 19th



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The J24 European Championships are back in Plymouth for the first time since 1997, when they were won in style by Frenchman Benoit Charon. We are expecting over forty teams to enter from eight nations, including the current World Champion Ian Southworth and the current National and European Champion Duncan McCarthy, so the fleet will be of the highest quality.

The event is being run by a great team from the R.W.Y.C. headed by Neil Dunkley. The Race officer is David Lovegrove from Ireland who supplied us with some fantastic racing at the Howth World and European Championships. The international Jury is headed up by another J24 class regular Margriet Pannevis.



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More details to come

ROSSI MILEV ON ANGEL OF HARLEM CAPTURES HIS FIRST J/24 MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP



Photos courtesy of Christopher Howell

Rossi Milev put several Midwinters with second and third place finishes behind him and has now earned his first J/24 Midwinter Championship at the helm of *Angel of Harlem*. "I'm very happy to have finally won it, but it really wasn't me, it was my crew," credited Milev of Mark Liebel as tactician, Jim Traun on mast, Ron Hyat on bow and Arthur Blodgett as trimmer. The team came on strong on day two with a pair of bullets to come into Sunday with a three-point advantage, which held up when a lack of breeze kept teams ashore all day. Milev took home The Lambert Lai Trophy, named in honor of the previous USJCA President who passed away on December 30, 2014. John Mollicone with Tim Healy on *Blind Squirrel* collected second place with 19 points, and Carter White's *Sea Bags Sailing Team* third with 21.

Hosted by the Davis Island Yacht Club in Tampa, Florida from February 19-21, 25 teams from across the United States, Canada and even Japan completed seven races. Milev noted that the Tampa Bay venue was "very challenging, and we ended up being lucky a bunch of times." The event attracted a who's who of J/24 sailors, making the competition very tough. "At least five other boats could have won it," conceded Milev. "The top boats were here...maybe five out of the top 10 in the world!" It was a solid start to a year which sees his home club of Port Credit Yacht Club in Mississauga, Ontario Canada host the 2016 J/24 North American Championship from September 8-11.

Steady scores from White's *Sea Bags Sailing Team* put them at the head of the pack on the opening day under mostly sunny skies, warm temperatures and breeze between 10-15 knots. Mollicone began the Championship with a bullet. Jim Lampman's *Hot Chocolate* won race two, before Milev earned his first victory and Mike Ingham took race four.

Milev leapt from third place to first after another three races went in the books Saturday. With a 3,1,1, he dropped a seven from the opening race and totaled 16 net points. In winds between 6-8 knots with some higher puffs, Mollicone and Milev were the day's race winners.







Photos courtesy of Christopher Howell



THE TOP FIVE:

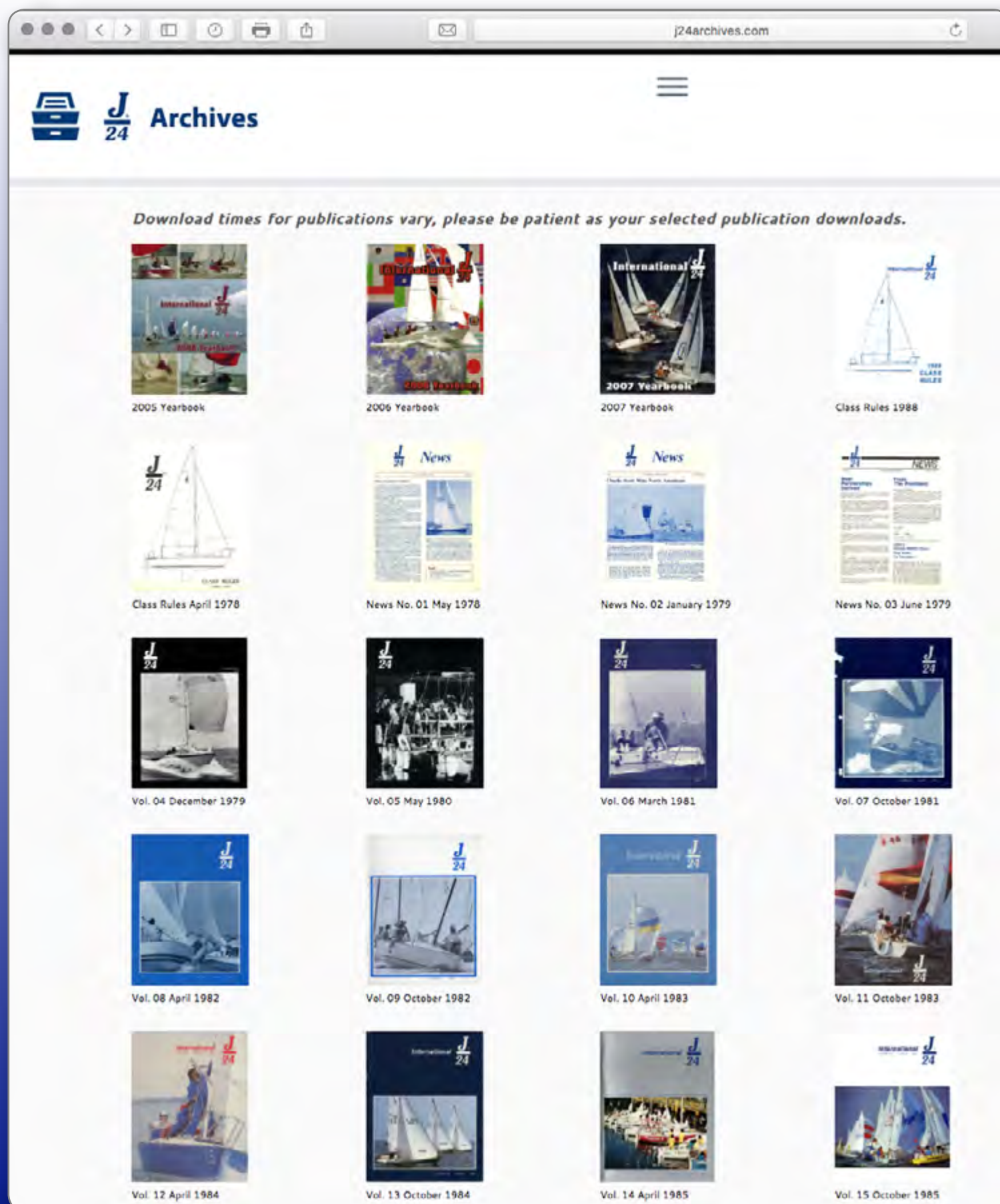
- 1) Rossi Milev, *Angel of Harlem*
[7],3,1,7,3,1,1 = 16
- 2) John Mollicone/Tim Healy, *Blind Squirrel*
1,[14],8,4,1,2,3 = 19
- 3) Carter White, *Sea Bags Sailing Team*
3,2,2,3,2,[13],9 = 21
- 4) Mike Ingham
4,5,[14],1,12,5,2 = 29
- 5) Jim Lampman, *Hot Chocolate*
9,1,3,2,[15],4,11 = 30



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

All J/24 Magazines Now Archived Online

The IJCA took on the project of scanning ALL the old Class magazines. Go to <http://j24archives.com/> to view the editions dating back to 1978!



Mexico Report

By Valerio Parboni



This year, our J/24 fleet has gone through some substantial changes, ranging from the creation of a nine-boat flotilla in Puerto Progreso Merida (which resulted in the restructuring of our general committee) to the way we sail our regattas.

Our first semester was incredibly active as we had a 30% increase in the first three regattas with regard to last year. Moreover, the J/24 Class is now participating in events along with the J/70, achieving numeric superiority in every single event.

Our first race, the Triple Copa Scappino, was sailed in January. As always, there was an abundance of heat and sunshine. Nonetheless, we also experienced a lack of wind. Surprisingly, we had three new captains sweeping the first three places. Alejandro Denier took first place. Humberto Ortiz, our only helmsman who is over 80 years old, closely followed him. Third place was equally astounding due to the fact that a single family handled the ship. Luis Alvarez fell behind by only three points.

We had another complete series called La Peña that consisted of five regattas during winter. Once again, we had familiar faces amongst the first few places. Kenneth Porter surpassed Roberto Himmelbauer by no more than two points. We are also proud to announce that Candido Velazquez, helmsman of our Military Marine, managed to grasp third place.

As March 12-13 came along, 14 J/24s set out to compete for the Izar Cup. This was once again the event with the highest attendance during the first semester. Two crews visited us from Progreso, Merida. Mike Dutton and Jorge Ojeda captained these, but there was a third captain who was kind enough to share the helm with me. His name is

Carlos Ancona. Unfortunately, a hardened local fleet hampered them. As he commonly does, Kenneth Porter turned out to be formidable. He was aided by his stellar maritime pilot Gerrit Gentry, and managed to grasp five first places. Candido Velazquez and the rest of the Marines joined us for the Izar Cup too. They presented a new challenge for us and were able to finish among the first five places in all races. Manuel Benitez was also a strong competitor. However, he fell one point short of second place, our Marines and his boat, Capitan Alatrisme.

Due to their great comradeship, we invite our North American friends to continue visiting us during winters when Valle de Bravo still enjoys a spectacular climate.

Even though our friends in Progreso have extremely strong winds during this season, they worked hard to host a regatta every month. The objective is to organize 12 consecutive races in order to achieve a completely full calendar.

Finally, I would like to announce that this year the National Championship for the J/24 will be disputed July 1-3 in Puerto Progreso, Merida, a beautiful city three hours from Cancun. We already count the participation of our colleague Will Welles and his crew. The event will be sponsored by the state and by Sherwin Williams. We count on having more than 20 crews for such event and encourage you to join our party.



Peru Report

By Jimena Gaviño Barbieri



This year, the Peruvian J/24 Class Association has scheduled 11 championships for the Peruvian fleet, expecting to have more than 40 regattas in order to find the 2016 Annual Champion. This Annual Champion will automatically classify for the 2017 World Championship.

As tradition demands, the year will end up with the National Championship, taking place in November, to decide which boat will be classifying as the second boat to represent Peru in the World Championship.

All these competitions are taking place along the Peruvian coast, mainly in Ancon, La Punta and Paracas.

This year, one or two boats will compete in the 2016 J/24 World Championship in Wakayama, Japan. We are expecting to have the same results as previous years!

2016 PERUVIAN CALENDAR

Month	Date	Championship	Place
February	6 y 7	YCA 1	Yacht Club Ancón
March	5 y 6	YCA 2	Yacht Club Ancón
April	02 y 03	CNP	La Punta
May	21 y 22	Lácteos Piamonte	La Punta
June	11 y 12	Pastas Don Italo	La Punta
July	9 y 10	Lima Marina Club	Barranco
August	20 y 21	ELCOPE	Paracas
September	17 y 18	Nuevo Paracas	Paracas
October	01 y 02	Marina de Guerra	La Punta
November	5 y 6	WD-40	La Punta
November	19, 20, 26 y 27	NACIONAL	La Punta

Greece Report

By Aristofanis Pallikaris



GRE-JCA Championship 2015 - Change of National Champion After Two Years

With the organization of the second phase of the National Championship on November 1, 2015 by the Sailing Club of Heraklion, the yearlong 2015 GRE-JCA racing schedule came to a conclusion. After two years of HELLENIC POLICE's domination, a new champion was crowned this year. The title went to team EYNIKH, skippered by Dimitris Altsiadis and his crew A. Nikolaidis, S. Kartalis, J. Orfanos, M. Pasamixalis, K. Tsigaras and T. Siouzos (a team that sailed their new boat in a very consistent manner throughout the year along with their successful participation both in the European and World Championships). The overall results for the National Championship of 2015 are:

1st place EYNIKH, Sailing Club of Agios Nikolaos, 2nd place EYNIKH II, Sailing Club of Agios Nikolaos, 3rd place HELLENIC POLICE, HELLAS, 4th place J MANIA, Nautical Club of Palaio Faliro, 5th place KIKA, Nautical Club of Gazi Crete, 6th place SIMERA, Sailing Club of Heraklion, IOH, 7th place PHYSALIA, Sailing Team of University of Crete, 8th place MINOAN SPIRIT, Nautical Club of Gazi Crete, 9th place TA PANTA REI, Sailing Club of Heraklion, 10th place MOMENTUM, Nautical Club of Gazi Crete, 11th place ACTIVISTA, Nautical Club of Palaio Faliro, 12th place DJ, Sailing Club of Heraklion, and 13th place OKIRIO, Sailing Club of Rethimnon.

Besides the National Championship, the particular regatta also provided the final results for the GRE-JCA 2015 ranking list, an award that has been becoming equally important as it draws the interest of quite a few of the teams and is being awarded by the Hellenic Offshore Committee of the Hellenic Sailing Federation. The final results of 2015 are:

1st place EYNIKH, 2nd place KIKA, 3rd place PHYSALIS, 4th place SIMERA, 5th place MINOAN SPIRIT, 6th place JMANIA, 7th place HELLENIC POLICE, 8th place EYNIKH II, 9th place TA PANTA REI, 10th place MOMENTUM, 11th place DJ, 12th place ANIMA Sailing Club of Agios Nikolaos, 13th place ARIBA, Sailing Club of Chania, 14th place ACTIVISTA, 15th place NIKOLAS Sailing Club of Chania, 16th place OKIROI.



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With the conclusion of the regatta, the general assembly of the GRE-JCA commenced to both discuss the outcomes of the outgoing council and appoint the new council for the upcoming three-year period. The elected members of the new council are:

Aris Pallikaris (President)

Dimitrios Altsiadis (Vice President A)

Alexandros Tagaropoulos (Vice President B)

Christina Garaki (General Secretary)

Eirini Siggelaki (Treasurer)

Manolis Aggelakis, Mihailos Karvelas, Giorgos Vitsakis,
Dimitris Kokkoris



GRE-JCA 2016 - Beginning of a Promising Year

Having concluded a successful year in 2015 with a stabilization on the average number of overall entry boats, the GRE-JCA's activities of the first quarter of 2016 continued at the same pace, with promising additions to the GRE-JCA family. The year commenced with the appointment of a committee consisting of three members responsible to assist and closely follow the progression of the 2019 European Championship bid by the Sailing Club of Patras (based on the European Championship rotation schedule). Members of the committee visited the premises of the club in early February both to inspect the premises and discuss the overall progress. The committee reported more than adequate infrastructure to support the Championship as well as the commitment of both public and private parties to fully support the event. Following the visit, the awarding of the top three J/24 ranking list places by the Offshore Committee of the Hellenic Sailing Federation took place February 6.

In terms of racing, two regattas have been completed so far, including the first stage of the National Championship. The first regatta ("CUP VATTI") took place March 12-14 in Palaio Faliro Bay, Athens by the Athletic Yacht Club of Tzitzifies Kallithea (NOTK) with 12 entry boats. In the first day of racing, only one race took place due to the low wind speed that ended up in no wind. The second day of racing was characterized by better wind speed but still considerable changes in wind direction. Nonetheless, the Race Committee managed to register three races. On the final day, the weather conditions got quite demanding with wind speeds starting from 25 knots in the early morning and reaching up to 42 knots near the official racing time. As a result, the Race Committee decided not to initiate any races for that day due to the riskiness imposed

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by the weather conditions. In general, it was a quite difficult regatta where all teams were trying to adequately respond to the difficult weather conditions. Still, the four races granted the regatta valid and the results are:

1st place EVNIKI skippered by D. Altsiadis, 2nd place ACTIVISTA skippered by D. Lekkas, 3rd place JMANIA skippered by K. Kaitatzidou, 4th place KIKIA skippered by M. Aggelakis, 5th place SIMERA skippered by G Makridakis, 6th place TA PANTA REI skippered by G. Paterakis, 7th place MINOAN SPIRIT skippered by A. Pallikaris, 8th place PHYSALIA skippered by N Kapnisis, 9th place OKIROI skippered by G Polioydakis, 10th place MOMENTUM skippered by G Vitsakis, 11th place NIKOLAS skippered by T. Nikolaou, and 12th place SND (Hellenic Naval Academy) skippered by M Smirlis.

Despite the difficulties, the regatta was characterized as highly successful for two main reasons: a) it has been almost over 15 years since the last time NOTK has organized a GRE-JCA regatta. More importantly and with the conclusion of the regatta, the president of NOTK, Mr. Pavlidis, promised the reactivation the club's own J/24 boat, and b) the surprising reactivation and participation of the Hellenic Naval Academy in both regattas this far.

The second regatta of the year was the first stage of the National Championship and took place May 25-27 in Athens by the Yacht Club of Greece with 13 entries. In total, seven races were completed in highly satisfactory sailing conditions.



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Two races were completed on Friday with wind speed of 9-12 knots and wind direction 190 degrees, whereas, in the second race, a sudden 15-minute windstorm raised the wind speed up to 40 knots with rain. The following day, wind speed varied between 6-16 knots with changes in wind direction throughout the day. Still, the immediate responses and actions of the Race Committee permitted the conclusion of four races, keeping the motivation high till the last minute. The final day of racing and with the teams' motivation being at its highest (quite a few teams were eager to register at least one more race to improve their ranking), one more race was conducted despite the highly variable conditions. This concluded the first stage of the National Championship that was characterized by the improved level of competition. This was reflected in the final results where five boats managed to win at least one race throughout the regatta, while quite a few boats were nearby in points (second to third place had only two points difference, two boats tied in fourth place, five boats within a point difference in places eight to 12). The final results were: 1st place team EYNIKH skippered by D. Altsiadis, 2nd place team NOE skippered by A. Psomopoulos, 3rd place team KIKA skippered by M. Aggelakis, 4th place team SIMERA skippered

by G Lironis, 5th place team MINOAN SPIRIT skippered by A. Pallikaris, 6th place team JMANIA skippered by K. Kaitatzidou, 7th place team ACTIVISTA skippered by D. Lekkas, 8th place team NIKOLAS skippered by N. Zaxarioudakis, 9th place team OKIRIO skippered by N. Spiggos, 10th place team MOMENTUM skippered by G Vitsakis, 11th place team TA PANTA REI skippered by G. Paterakis, 12th place PHYSALIA skippered by N. Kapnisis, and 13th place team SND skippered by D. Vasilakis.

The GRE-JCA council and members would like to thank ANEK LINES - BLUE STA FERRIES for their continuous support with the transportation of the fleet throughout Greece.

There is still one more regatta to conclude the first half of 2016, organized by the Sailing Club of Sitia from June 18-20.

Hungarian Report

By Erik Hercsel, erik@hercsel.hu



The host of the 2017 European Championship is turning up the heat in the last year before its major international event.

New boats with new teams are already on the water, as the number of local teams grows beyond 20. Some major Hungarian sailors are taking the helm and increasing competition, while Hungary's own Soling World Champion and Olympic sailor Farkas Litkey continues to maintain his second overall position in Italy's J/24 Winter Series in Anzio.

By launching the Friday's Training Series sponsored by Jet Travel and Quantum Sails, the Hungarian fleet will get a regular and official training event.

The "One Design Sailing Trophy," a series held at various venues of Lake Balaton roughly once every month, will continue to be the basis of the season for the J/24s leading up to the highlight of 2016, the Open Hungarian Championship between September 22-25 at Balatonfüred (where conditions ashore and on the water will be identical to the Europeans-to-come to the greatest extent possible). To boost international participation and to reduce costs, the HUN-JCA will offer its own club boat as well as quality charter boats for this event.



Hungarian Report



The Class secured some very useful sponsors for the next two years: Quantum Sails and SLAM Hungary have both committed to contribute significant resources up until the 2017 Europeans.

We warmly invite all teams and individual sailors to participate at our races. In the meantime, enjoy some fresh pictures of the just wrapped up Spring Regatta at Balatonfüred.

Happy Sailing!



Sweden Report

By Monica Persson



Starting at J/24 Swedish Open 2015. Photo: Torgil Falck

We have good news for you regarding the 2016 J/24 Swedish Open! Save the dates in your calendar: July 1-3, 2016. Where will we sail? In the bay north of Falsterbokanalen (close to Höllviken). This weekend, the long-distance-race "Näset Runt" will also be sailed around the peninsula Skanör with Falsterbo. Our regatta is located in a beautiful vacation area with several kilometres long white sandy beaches, shallow water and many small colorful bathing huts. We do recommend you to spend some extra holiday time here. More information and a Notice of Race will be out shortly so keep your eyes on our Swedish J/24 Class Association website: www.j24sweden.se and follow us on our Facebook group: Sweden J/24 Class Association. As always, we welcome you all "our J/24 family" to Sweden and Falsterbokanalen!



Here in Sweden, we enter 2016 with fond memories of the J/24 Worlds 2015 in Germany and our J/24 Swedish Open which was sailed in Malmö late in October 2015.

We are so thankful for the fleet who gathered here in Sweden. Congratulations to the winner of our J/24 Swedish Open 2015: GER 5381 team *Süllberg* with Stefan Karsunke. Second was SWE-4896 team Front Runner with Per-Håkan Persson at the helm. SWE-330 with helmsman Klaus Walkusch was third. It was a wonderful autumn weekend with a lot of sailing and smiling faces. We would like to once again thank the organizers and Malmö Segelsällskap who made the regatta possible with perfect organization and great autumn sailing conditions. Many thanks from our hearts also goes to all competitors at our J/24 Swedish Open 2015 for coming to Limhamn, Malmö and Sweden this beautiful autumn

Sweden Report



Max Hölzer has many years J/24 experience and many J/24 Worlds and Europeans Medals in J/24. Here is a picture from the J/24 Worlds 2008 on Sardinia, Italy. Photo: Monica Persson

weekend, making good competition, having fun and loading "Vitamin SEA" together with us!

We also enter 2016 with grief of our dear friend Poul Hölzer who sadly passed away during autumn. Poul was always smiling, happy, fun and caring. We carry many light memories of Poul with us, and will miss him in our J/24 family.

After a long well deserved winter rest, we kick started our J/24 sailing season 2016 by arranging a J/24 sailing clinic on May 5 in Limhamn, Malmö for our J/24 sailors. Max Hölzer, our instructor, led us through this clinic. Maybe one or two of his J/24 secrets slipped out? Our first ranking regatta, MSS Cup, was sailed the same weekend, giving us the direct opportunity to practice our new skills in actual competition. The J/24 season started getting quite hectic at our second ranking regatta May 14-15 with the North Sails Trim Cup in Lomma and the J/24 German Open May 14-16. We love Kiel Week and return every year...it's like tradition for us! We will of course also participate at the Kiel Week from June 18-21, and look forward to this as always.

Looking forward to seeing you during 2016! J/24 family in our hearts!



Poul Hölzer "Gammeldansken" always in our hearts.
Photo: Monica Persson

IJCA Technical Report: The Adjustable Forestay Link

By Tim Winger, International Technical Committee Chair



In the new Class Rules, you will see the following:

F.6 STANDING RIGGING

F.6.3 FITTINGS

(b) OPTIONAL

(1) **Forestay** rigging links and/or rigging screw (turnbuckle)

First, let's be clear. The restrictions on forestay length are still the same – 8595mm – 8670mm (C.9.7(a)). This Rule allows you to use a turnbuckle or some other kind of adjustable fitting to get your forestay to the exact length you want within the allowable range (usually maximum). The intention of the Rule is to solve the problem of not being able to find a fixed link of exactly the right length to get you where you want to be. The intention is not to allow you to adjust the forestay to conditions like you may do with the shrouds between races. The following adjustment is being proposed to limit when the forestay may be adjusted to better suit the intention of the rule:

C.9.7(c) LIMITATIONS

(3) From the time a **boat** is set up or inspected for an event, the length of the **forestay** shall not be changed through the duration of the event.

This will be included in a package of fixes for the new Rules that will be proposed for the World Council's consideration this fall. Until then, it is our intention to insert this new limitation into the Class Rules on an event by event basis in the Sailing Instructions per RRS 87. To do this requires approval of the Executive Committee which occurred at their May meeting.

Some additional thoughts on forestay adjustment: It is not a requirement to have an adjustable forestay. If you are happy with your forestay length, stick with what you have. Curt Barnes in Rochester, NY has done some investigation into adjustable devices that could best be suited for our forestay. A simple turnbuckle is a simple answer, but it may interfere with the lowest hank on the jib or genoa. Curt talked at length with Hall Rigging, and neither of them was able to find a source for a single screw unit that might do the job better. He then went to a machine shop to convert some available components into a suitable adjustable link. The result is very nice, but not inexpensive. Contact Curt if you are interested. Volume of units will help bring down the cost.

I mentioned a package of "fixes" to the new Class Rules to be considered this fall. As these Rules were developed and went through the approval process, our ISAF/ World Sailing representative and I kept finding minor things to correct, sometimes as many as 20 items per exchange. These are generally quite minor like terms that are defined in the ERS that are not in bold in our Rules as they should be, wording in two different areas that is supposed to mean the same thing but is stated in a different way, misnumbered items, etc. We will also be looking at the wording on restrictions on weight changes when doing major repairs and modifications to the boats.

Calendar

June 30, 2016

2016 J/24 MEXICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: June 30, 2016 8:00 am
End: July 3, 2016 5:00 pm
Venue: Club Marina Sureste
Address: Progreso, Yucatán, Mexico

August 13, 2016

2016 J/24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

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

September 8, 2016

2016 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

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

September 19, 2016

2016 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: September 19, 2016
End: September 23, 2016
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 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

