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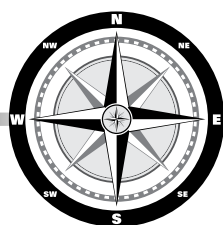
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With just a few points between Will Welles' Cougar (USA) and Mauricio Santa Cruz's Bruschetta (BRA), there was no room for error in the final two races of the 2014 J/24 World Championship hosted by Sail Newport. Welles had used his throw-out on day four, so the only way to assure a win was to stay ahead. And that's what he did. Sailing with Nick Turney, Richard Bowen, Daniel Rabin and Luke Lawrence, Welles sealed the deal with a 2,5 to win the day and the World Championship with 39 points. Santa Cruz settled for second place with a total of 56 points, while John Mollicone's Team Helly Hanson (USA) finished in the show position with 71 points.

Welles tipped his hat to his team, crediting their crew work in addition to a little luck throughout 10 races over five days. "The whole mental aspect is huge," Welles said. "There's a reason why everyone on the team gets a trophy at the end of this." Cougar had a solid week, but notched a 46 in Race 7. "We had a tough day (Thursday), and it felt like the dream might be over." Welles praised Danny for picking the team up after that score. "He said let's not let it snowball. Go out there and keep fighting." This led to a rebound in the next contest. "When one of us was lagging behind, we just threw a hand and pulled him up."



Newport, Rhode Island welcomed 69 teams from around the globe with wind and waves on the first of five days at the Championship. Competitors battled blustery conditions on the ocean course, with five-leg races and 1.5 mile opening beats. Local Welles thrived in the 14-16 knot breezes of the initial contest, which also saw 3-5 feet waves and larger swells. Winds dropped slightly to 12-14 knots in Monday's second battle, which suited Hillman's Sokokumaru just fine as he notched that bullet. Following a morning postponement ashore, the fleet got off two more races on day two. Teams faced more stable sea conditions on the ocean course in wind speeds from 10-14 knots out of the southwest. The first duel of the day was won by Carter White's SeaBagsj24.com (USA), while Welles took the second race with a building sea breeze. After a struggle to set the line square to the shifting wind, the fleet accomplished another pair of races on the middle



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day. Teams fought in two to four feet of chop on the ocean course in wind speeds starting at 10-12 and building to 14-16 knots out of the east and southeast. The first race of the day was won by Santa Cruz. Travis Odenbach's Honey Badger (USA) won Wednesday's second contest.

With marginal conditions and diminishing visibility on the ocean course, the Race Committee chose to sail inside north of the Newport Bridge for races 7 and 8 on day four. Overcast skies, cool temperatures and rain greeted the teams as they sailed to the start. Wind speeds starting at 8-10 built slightly out of the northeast. Mollicone and Joshua Bone's Motorhome (USA) were Thursday's race winners.



Friday's weather was sunny with wind speeds from 10-12 knots out of the northeast. Mollicone and Matias Seguel's Semi Pro (CHI) took the bullets.

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The top 10:

1. USA, Will Welles, Cougar: 1, 6, 10, 1, 4, 4, 46, 6, 2, 5 [46] = 39
2. BRA Mauricio Santa Cruz, Bruschetta: 12, 4, 11, 2, 1, 7, 9, 4, 10, 8 [12] = 56
3. USA John Mollicone, Helly Hansen: 2, 24/SCP, 12, 10/RDG, 2, 9, 1, 10, 1, 33 [33] = 71
4. USA Greg Griffin, Team Tarheel: 23/SCP, 7, 5, 3, 12, 8, 17, 8, 3, 70/DNF [70] = 86
5. USA Travis Odenbach, Honey Badger: 23, 8, 2, 16, 3, 1, 2, 27, 31, 14 [31] = 96
6. ARG Alejo Rigoni Gonzalez, Luca vive: 10, 25, 26/SCP, 4, 8, 2, 5, 11, 24, 12 [26] = 101
7. CAN Rossi Milev, Clear Air: 8, 34, 14, 7, 17, 14, 14, 3, 4, 26 [34] = 108
8. USA Mark Hillman, Sokokumar: 4, 1, 22/SCP, 24/RDG, 70/DSQ, 6, 31, 5, 6, 10 [70] = 109
9. USAJ Mike Ingham, Nautalytics: 27, 29, 3, 8, 11, 3, 37, 17, 21, 4 [37] = 123
10. USA Anthony Parker, Bangor Packet: 29, 14, 6, 5, 70/DSQ, 19, 28, 15, 9, 13 [70] = 138





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Hosted by Sail Newport, 69 teams competed from 13 nations (Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and the United States) from September 22-26. Photos are available on the J/24 Class Facebook page, and complete results are available at http://www.yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative.cfm?eID=982.

Paul Todd's photo gallery is available at <http://www.outsideimages.com/j24-worlds-2014-images-regatta-newport-rhode-island>.

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The German fleet is happy to invite sailors around the world to join the 2015 issue of the biggest J/24 event of the year – this time in Boltenhagen/Germany. Everything is set for a great World Championship at probably the best time of the year for Germany. We expect competitors from Great Britain, Italy, Holland, Sweden, France, Hungary, USA, Brazil, Japan and hopefully as well Canada, Argentina, Chile and Australia.

Boltenhagen is based at the Baltic Sea between Lübeck/Travemünde and Wismar. Here you can expect mainly flat water, no current and moderate winds between 8-18 knots. The racing venue is just outside the harbour, and all facilities like accommodations, race office and social activities are in easy walking distance.



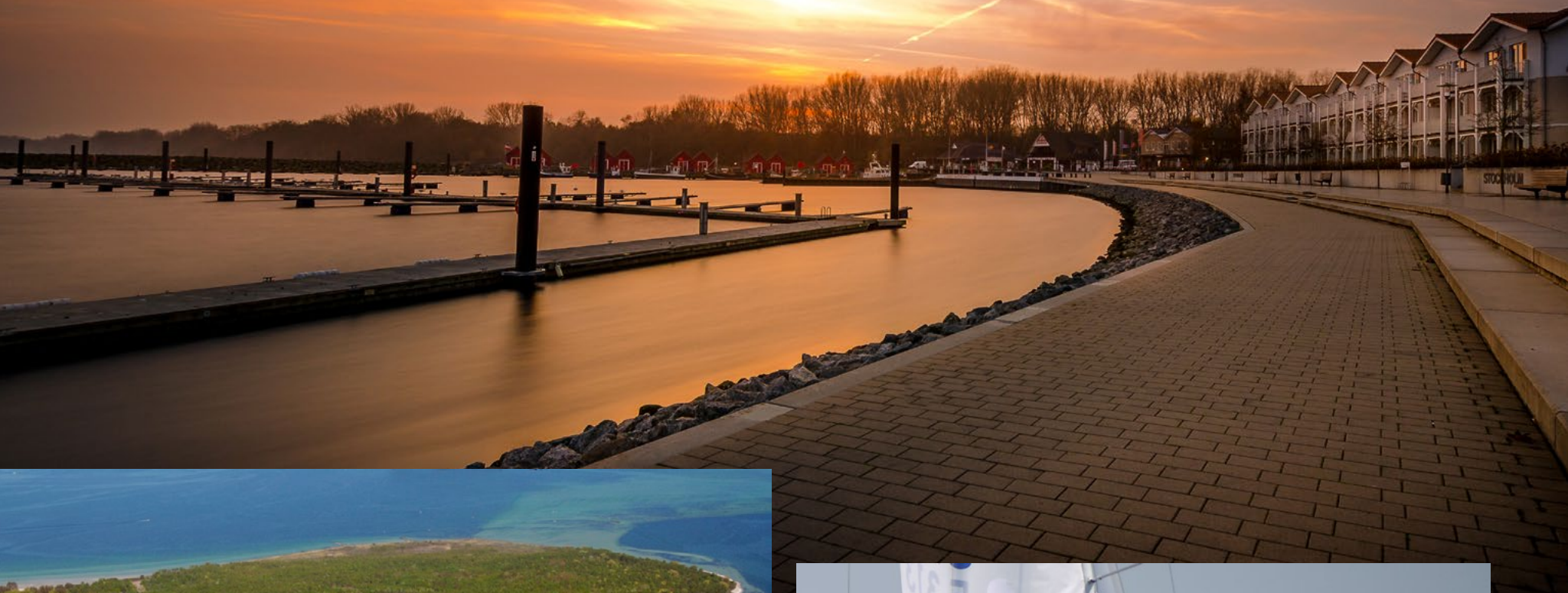
The host club is the Norddeutsche Regatta Verein (NRV), which is one of the oldest and largest sailing clubs in Germany with an abundant regatta history. We, the organising committee, the NRV-team and the German J/24 Class can't wait to start and make the J/24 Worlds 2015 an unforgettable event!

If you consider to come and compete in Boltenhagen, check out www.j24worlds2015.com and register for our mailing list to stay updated. Here we collect the latest race

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information, charter boats, transport tips and special offers for accommodations. The entry list is open, and if you need further assistance with something, just ask us.

If you plan to join other German regattas this year, we are happy to meet you at Kiel Week (June 25-28 / 40+ boats) or the German Nationals in Travemünde (July 24-26 / 30+ boats). We are able to provide a safe place for your boat in between regattas.

See you in Germany,
Jan-Marc Ulrich, German J/24 Class Association

- #1 Worlds
- #1 Europeans
- #1 North Americans
- #1 South Americans
- #1 USA Nationals
- #1 UK Nationals
- #1 Italy Nationals
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- #1 Peru Nationals
- #1 Netherlands Nationals

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Argentina Report

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Campeonato del Oeste de la República took place on February 12-16 at Potrerillos Lake, Mendoza, Argentina. There were 17 entries from Buenos Aires, Cordoba, Mendoza and Salta including crewmembers from Argentina, Brazil and the USA. The event was organized by members of the Mendoza fleet, Argentina Class Association and the International J/24 Class, with valued support of the Fleet Córdoba.

The first Campeonato del Oeste de la República for the International J/24 Class had a wonderful atmosphere due to landscape, climate and the sailors. Indeed, the lake had strong winds between 15-25 knots with almost no waves, blowing a dominant direction from the SE with soft shifts and gusts governed primarily by the mountains surrounding the lake. The water was deep, cold, very pure and clear water (and fully drinkable as we checked). On Thursday, February 12, the crew accreditations and boat measurements began, then ended on Friday morning. On Friday afternoon, we had three short practice races which finally culminated with an after race party serving canapés, appetizers, streaming champagne, superb Malbec wine and all the drinks you could desire.



Rounding out the after race party, we had a prize giving to participants and a trophy for the preparatory races offered by the host of the house, Asoc. Mendocina de Windsurf. There was a very remarkable female presence

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that accompanied the crews who traveled. The wives, girlfriends, friends and families gave a warm atmosphere to all social events. The day concluded with a rafting tour in the Mendoza River, a tributary of the lake.

Saturday had four hard races with winds up to 25 knots, with very tight arrivals but showing the predominance

of 4 or 5 crews led by Ezequiel Despontin, Nicolas Cubría, Sebastian Halpern and Javier Moyano. Clearly none of those behind were willing to give anything in the water. After these four grueling races, another excellently served after race party and a guided tour to a vineyard crowned the day. It is to be said that Mendoza is one of the most productive areas in Argentina dedicated mainly to wine production of the best international quality level. Sunday was outlined with some softer wind to the point that the race committee after the first race quite rightly paused, sending the entire fleet to its moorings and giving opportunity for lunch rations provided by the organization while the wind was building up. The distance to travel between the start line and the mooring was very short, so that after a while the race committee was able to restart the process for the second and third races of the day with wind at 16-20 knots. At 1700, we were disembarking for the very generous after race ending at 19hs to give time for us to change clothing to attend another meeting in a nearby vineyard where we spent a wonderful evening with music, dancing, food and all fine wines we can imagine to brighten the meeting full of camaraderie and glamour. Already on Monday, only two races were remaining,

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RESULTADOS CAMPEONATO DEL OESTE DE LA REPUBLICA																
				REGATA												
BARCO	N° PROA	N° VELA	CAPITAN	1°	2°	3°	4°	5°	6°	7°	8°	9°	Total sin descarte	Descarte	Total c/desc.	
1 INDIGO	23	ARG 5478	EZEQUIEL DESPONTIN	4	1	1	2	1	1	5	3	2	20	5	15	
3 RINA	5	ARG 5499	NICO CUBRIA	3	3	2	4	6	8	1	1	4	32	8	24	
2 GRAN CARAJA	21	ARG 5479	JAVIER MOYANO	2	5	6	1	3	3	13	2	3	38	13	25	
4 MORRUCHO	33	ARG 5495	SEBASTIAN HALPERN	1	2	3	18	2	5	2	8	5	46	18	28	
6 CAMBURY	16	ARG 5457	ALVARO ABATE	6	6	4	18	7	2	9	7.5	7.5	67	18	49	
7 ON LINE	3	ARG 5134	ADRIAN BONGIOANI	10	4	5	3	8	9	12	6	6	63	12	51	
5 OJOTA	22	ARG 5455	PABLO DESPONTIN	7	7	8	18	4	7	3	4	13	71	18	53	
8 BONITA	6		ALEJANDRO CHOMETOSKY	8	9	11	9	5	4	8	9	10	73	11	62	
9 JAIMANSO	8	ARG 2753	JAVIER CABAU	13	10	9	6	9	14	4	7	7	79	14	65	
10 PICANTE	4		GUSTAVO LLANOS	12	8	7	7	12	6	7	18	14	91	18	73	
11 SIROCCO	32	ARG 5481	JULIAN DADONE	5	11	14	5	16	12	17	12	1	93	17	76	
12 SEA WOLF	331	ARG 5494	PABLO SENESTRARI	18	13	12	10	14	11	14	5	11	108	18	90	
14 MARIA MARIA	7	ARG 4936	GUILLERMO CEVASCO	11	12	15	8	10	16	6	13	15	106	16	90	
13 GUAPO	17		ELDER PASCHETTA	14	14	10	11	13	10	16	10	12	110	16	94	
15 PURA VIDA	27	ARG 5487	CARLOS TRIGO	9	15	13	12	15	13	11	14	9	111	15	96	
16 CALEUCHE	9		MIGUEL BAILO	16	17	16	13	11	17	10	11	8	119	17	102	
17 COSA NOSTRA	2		PABLO NALLAR	15	16	17	14	17	15	15	15	16	140	17	123	

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but first place was almost immovable in favor of Indigo helmed by Ezequiel Despontin. The disputed second place was won by Nicolas Cubría on his Rina, prevailing over Javier Moyano on his boat Gran Carajo and over Morrucho helmed by the local representative and main organizer of the event Sebastian Halpern.

Immediately after completion of the race, a powerful crane was ordered to lift all boats from the water, preparing to return to their next destination—the Centro de la República Championship in Cordoba. The day ended with a great Awards Ceremony where almost no one left without taking a prize or a gift or memorial plaque with references. As one participant said, “In the middle of nowhere, nothing was missing.”

The races? Excellent level, few discussions and protests as befits people who know what they do, good driving by the race committee, breathtaking scenery, middle to strong winds, flat water. More cannot be asked. In short, a memorable event, and all are invited to participate in the coming years. 2016 promises to be even better.

This promotional championship had 17 entries and was raced under the Pan American format that means 240 kg crew weight and sails with no genoa. This format is proving to be very attractive since it is less expensive for owners, reduces crew and eases traveling. Traveling is an important issue, since the distances between the different venues are sometimes over 1200 km.

Recently we organized a Pan Americans Selective Trial in Buenos Aires with the same format. Next March, we will have the third Campeonato del Centro de la República at Villa Carlos Paz – Cordoba with same format to which we expect to have close to 30 entries. The three events will give points for a Challenger Prize named Triple Crown, awarding important prizes offered by several sponsors. The current status of the Triple Crown is shown. The Three Crown event is planned to be organized yearly from now on according to its Rules.

Lots of photos may be found at www.j24arg.blogspot.com.ar and on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Asociaci%C3%B3n-Argentina-de-Clase-J24/326390830730156>.

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					BUENOS AIRES							MENDOZA									CORDOBA					Total sin desc.	Descar te	Total c/desc.	Puest o
	BARCO	N° PROA	N° VELA	CAPITAN	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21				
1	INDIGO	23	ARG 5478	EZEQUIEL DESPONTIN	5	5	2	3	5	8	5	4	1	1	2	1	1	5	3	2						53	13	40	1
2	RINA	5	ARG 5499	NICO CUBRIA	2	8	6	4	6	6	4	3	3	2	4	6	8	1	1	4						68	14	54	2
3	MORRUCHO	33	ARG 5495	SEBASTIAN HALPERN	6	6	8	7	9	4	7	1	2	3	18	2	5	2	8	5						93	27	66	3
4	GRAN CARAJÓ	21	ARG 5479	JAVIER MOYANO	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	2	5	6	1	3	3	13	2	3						101	22	79	4
5	CAMBURY	16	ARG 5457	ALVARO ABATE	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	6	6	4	18	7	2	9	7.5	7.5						130	27	103	7
6	ON LINE	3	ARG 5134	ADRIAN BONGIOANI	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10	4	5	3	8	9	12	6	6						126	21	105	6
7	OJOTA	22	ARG 5455	PABLO DESPONTIN	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	7	7	8	18	4	7	3	4	13						134	27	107	5
8	BONITA	6	ARG 5195	ALEJ. CHOMETOWSKI	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	9	11	9	5	4	8	9	10						136	20	116	8
9	JAIMANSO	8	ARG 2753	JAVIER CABAU	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	13	10	9	6	9	14	4	7	7						142	23	119	9
10	PICANTE	4	ARG 5469	GUSTAVO LLANOS	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	12	8	7	7	12	6	7	18	14						154	27	127	10
11	SIROCCO	32	ARG 5480	JULIAN DADONE	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	5	11	14	5	16	12	17	12	1						156	26	130	11
12	SEAWOLF	331	ARG 5494	PABLO SENESTRARI	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	18	13	12	10	14	11	14	5	11						171	27	144	13
13	MARIA MARIA	7	ARG 4936	GUILLERMO CEVASCO	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	11	12	15	8	10	16	6	13	15						169	24	145	12
14	GUAPO	17	ARG 5227	ELDER PASCHETTA	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	14	14	10	11	13	10	16	10	12						173	25	148	14
15	PURA VIDA	27	ARG 5487	CARLOS TRIGO	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	15	13	12	15	13	11	14	9						174	24	150	15
16	CARRERA	7	ARG 5486	MATIAS PEREIRA	1	2	5	2	1	1	8	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18						182	26	156	16
17	CALEUCHE	9	ARG 5199	MIGUEL BAILO	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	16	17	16	13	11	17	10	11	8						182	26	156	17
18	MENDIETA	10	ARG 5461	F. VAN AVERMAETE	8	4	1	6	2	2	1	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18						186	26	160	18
19	LUCA VIVE	18	ARG 5480	ALEJO RIGONI	7	3	4	1	3	7	2	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18						189	25	164	19
20	CACIQUE		ARG 5463	SERGIO PENDOLA	3	1	7	5	4	5	3	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18						190	25	165	20
21	SANDRO		ARG 5130	LUIS CERRATO	4	7	3	8	7	3	6	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18						200	26	174	21
22	COSA NOSTRA	2		PABLO NALLAR	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	15	16	17	14	17	15	15	15	16						203	26	177	22

Descartes: Se utilizaran los descartes que apliquen a cada evento según sus IR. Si de la sumatoria de eventos se llegaron a completar entre 20 y 23 regatas habrá un descarte adicional y si se completaran 24 o mas regatas dos descartes adicionales.

Hungary Report



Hungarian J/24 Fleet to Improve Big in Next Three Years

Although landlocked, Hungary is home to one of the fastest growing sailing venues in central Europe. Its western located 80 km long, 5-12 km wide sweet water Lake Balaton is the center of a colorful and increasingly competitive sailing scene, within only a one-hour driving distance from the country's bustling capital Budapest.

Thanks to a sport-oriented national attitude, competitive sailing (especially Olympic classes, one design fleets, light-n-large inshore libera-style mono-hulls and 30+ feet catamarans) dominate the long and shallow lake.

The majority of non-professional sailors race in keelboat classes—the most popular one design classes being Asso99, Melges24, Dragon and J/24, with teams composed of former Olympic class sailors and the top local crews. Hungarian sailing in general benefits from the solid number of upcoming young sailors, good port infrastructures and the proximity of the key Southern and Central European sailing venues (Italy, Croatia, Germany, Austria, etc.).

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The Hungarian J/24 Class (HUNJCA) has been a key player in recent developments. Since its first ever major international event in 2008 (Europeans: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qLVP07qVjA&app=desktop>), the J/24 fleet has maintained its competitive edge and popularity, and solidified its numbers even after the lull following the 2008 Europeans. In addition to being the largest fleet in the local one design series (<http://compassmagazin.hu/hazai/one-design-trophy>) and organizing national championships with increasing boat numbers, HUNJCA is one of the few with a constant presence on major mainland European events and two international teams permanently racing abroad (in Germany and Italy).

Building on a steady increase of its 20+ local fleet, HUNJCA is doing its utmost to make use of these favourable conditions in the future and will host the European Championship in 2017, just a year ahead of the Italian 2018 Worlds at Lake Garda. To support its bid, an ambitious three years program was adopted, aimed at boosting the number of boats and quality of competition as well as to bring the level of organization and umpiring

up to date with current international standards (see the full bid and program at: <http://www.j24.hu/images/hirek/ProposalSummaryHungaryEC2017.pdf>).

National championships in the 2015-2017 period will thus be held at the same location (Balatonfüred) and at the same late autumn date as the EC2017, and are coordinated with the large Italian and German J/24 Classes to promote larger European participation. An exchange program of juries and organizers is being agreed upon with the German and UK Classes, and significant efforts are going into setting up a fleet of competitive charter boats.

Strong international cooperation is a great feat of the J/24 Class, which also helps the HUNJCA: Farkas Litkey (Finn 1996 – Atlanta) is currently second overall with his Italian team in the 2014/2015 Italian Winter Championship, while a handful of Hungarian-German and Hungarian-Italian co-operations are underway focusing on the 2015 World Championship in Boltenhagen, Germany.

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The kick-off event of the HUNJCA program will be a tuning session by Keith Whittemore (Team Furio – USA, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1666401210253528/?fref=ts>) on September 23-24, 2015 in Balatonfüred, just before the 2015 Hungarian Open Nationals (September 24-27, 2015, <http://www.j24.hu/open-j24-championship>), which he will race with a Hungarian crew.

Keeping the historical tradition of being the “Meeting Lake,” Lake Balaton and the HUNJCA kindly invites all J/24 sailors to its 2015-2017 events with a warm heart, beautiful historical and geographical settings and the best of the famous Hungarian hospitality, cuisines and wines. So see you soon at the Meeting Lake!

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HUNJCA promotes international exchange of J/24 sailors: if you are familiar with the boat and find yourself in and around Hungary anytime in the season, get in touch with us in advance so that we can find you a boat to sail with us on our next race.



SWE-JCA Report



Photo: Heléne Ohsbeck.

Here in Sweden, we enter 2015 with nice memories of the great J/24 Europeans we experienced in Ängelholm at the 2014 J/24 Audi European Championship. We are so thankful for all the fun and great sail racing and strong competition we experienced, and would like to send our warmest THANK YOU to the organizers and competitors of the 2014 J/24 Audi Europeans for this fun week in Ängelholm! Many thanks to you all! And hey, it is still possible to look at tracking from all the races by following the links at <http://www.tracrac.com/index.php?page=eventpage&id=437>, and for photos, follow the link at <http://ec2014.j24sweden.com/media/>.

After the J/24 Europeans 2014, we continued sailing during the Autumn here in Sweden. The J/24 Swedish Open 2014 was held in Lagunen, Malmö. Perfect organization and sailing conditions with 10 m/sek and jib weather on racing day one, and around 6 m/sek and genoa weather on racing day two. SWE-4896 Team Front Runner with Per-Håkan Persson, Malmö SS, at the helm won the title Swedish J/24 Class champion 2014. SWE-5437 For Fun (pink) with helmsman Andreas Olovsson (ÄSSS) was second, and third was SWE-982 with Jacob Reuterskiöld (MSS) at the helm.

Still we had one more regatta in the sailing calendar before the sailing season 2014 ended. It was the Halloween Cup in Malmö. Only the true J/24 vikings sail this late in the autumn. We sailed with jib and the current in Öresund was strong and somewhat unpredictable. SWE-4896 Per-Håkan Persson won and SWE-994 For Fun (blue) Liselotte Sjöberg was second. Malmö Sailing Club has two J/24 blub boats, and both participated at Halloween Cup (and one won!).

Believe me, the Swedish J/24 teams are preparing for and looking forward to the 2015 J/24 Worlds in Boltenhagen, Germany. It is just across the Baltic Sea from us! For the sailing season of 2015, we will arrange for a J/24 sailing clinic on May 14-17 in Malmö for our J/24 sailors. This was much appreciated when held twice during 2014, and we are happy to have Marianne Schoke leading us through this intense J/24 sailing clinic. MSS Cup will be sailed the same weekend, which also brings the actual competition naturally into the practice.

We will also participate at Kiel Week, looking forward to this as always. We will keep you updated on our activities on our Swedish J/24 Class Association website at www.svensksegling.se/J24.

SWE-JCA Report



Photo: Heléne Ohsbeck.



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Looking forward to seeing you all during 2015 and the whole J/24 family at the Worlds in Germany!

J/24 in my heart!
Monica Persson, SWE-JCA



2016 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



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IN MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO CANADA
FROM SEPTEMBER 8-11, 2016.**



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(Pearson International Airport) and is a 1.5 hour drive from the US border at Niagara Falls. Driving distances from Chicago (9 hours), Rhode Island (10 hours), Boston and Annapolis (8 hours), Montreal and Lake George (6.5 hours) and Cleveland and Detroit (3.5 hours) make PCYC easily accessible for both Canadian and US competitors.

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Japan Report

By Ryo Uematsu



We organized the 2014 Japan Nationals in Nissan Marina Tokai, which is near Gamagori where the base camp for Nippon Challenge (Japanese AC team) was based back in the 90s. Nineteen boats including some newcomers to the J/24 gathered for this event from all over Japan to compete in the seven-race regatta.

The first day of the three-day regatta started with a mild breeze ranging from 8-11 knots. Upwind (Norio HAMADA) made a good start finishing 2-6-4 in the first three races followed by Dabohaze (Kazuki KUMAGAI, 4-3-6), and Olive 5 (Shigekazu HAGIWARA, 3-9-2). Siesta Cosmos (Nobuyuki IMAI, 1-2-19) and LuLL (Fumiya KATO, 16-1-5) were tied in fourth place, both holding a relatively high score that will come into effect once we complete enough races to drop the worst.

A bit more breeze building up to 18 knots made Dabohaze's day finishing 1-4-1 and they climbed up to the leader of the fleet. Siesta Cosmos finished 3-3 in the fourth and fifth races, but got crashed in the final race of the day scoring DNF. After earning permission to lift and fix the boat, the crews worked hard to bring her back on water for the final day of the regatta while the skipper was in the jury room asking for redress. Redress was given, and the boat came back on the water ready for fighting the championship with Dabohaze. Since Dabohaze was only dropping a 6 while Siesta Cosmos had a 19 from the first day, Siesta Cosmos had to do better than fourth in

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front of Dabohaze, putting another boat between them. i.e., if Siesta Cosmos finished fifth, Dabohaze will be the champion. If Siesta Cosmos finished fourth but Dabohaze followed them in the fifth, Dabohaze will be the champion.

The morning of the final day started with almost no wind, bringing the RC to hoist the AP. After nearly two hours waiting, small patches of light puffs filled the race area, and the final race for the regatta started. Dabohaze and Siesta Cosmos started close to each other, reaching the weather mark together in the middle of the fleet. The wind became lighter during the first downwind leg, where Dabohaze struggled to keep their position while Siesta Cosmos got a nice lead over them. Dabohaze made an effort to catch up a little on the upwind leg, but there were still four boats in between the two. The already light wind got even lighter on the final downwind leg, and Siesta Cosmos rounded 13th at the bottom mark where Dabohaze was way back of the fleet in 17th. Most of the fleet went for the right, which was favored for the

former legs, but of course Siesta Cosmos chose to go left since they had to finish better than fourth to win the championship. The wind died and the entire fleet was just floating and looking for the next breeze. And it happened! A small light puff came from the left side of the course, and Siesta Cosmos was just in the right place to catch this providential wind snatching the second finish while Dabohaze was still in the middle of the fleet seeing all this happening. With this dramatic finish, Siesta Cosmos got the championship and made their fourth consecutive win for the Japan Nationals.

The Nationals this year will be in Wakayama (November 21-23), where the 2016 World Championship will be held. We have prepared several charter boats, which you can charter for the 2016 Worlds as well.

Please visit our website for further details:
<http://www.j24.gr.jp/>



Mexico Report

By Leopoldo Farias



This year started out with a bang! We will be having the elimination rounds for the team that will represent Mexico at the Pan American Games in Toronto, Canada this summer. They will be the Scappino Triple Cup, the Jaguar/Land Rover Pedregal Cup and the Palacio Cup. These will be with the low point scoring system.



Our first series was held on January 17 at the Club El Zarco, as always with great food and trophies.

February held two very important races—the Triple Copa Scappino which includes not only J/24 racing but also golf and horseback riding (thus the triple cup). This is traditionally one of the best regattas held at Lake Valle de Bravo for many years now. The weekend of February 28-March 1, we had the Copa Jaguar/Land Rover Pedregal, which is another of the not to be missed events with the huge perpetual J/24 trophy and traditional Paella and dance contest with an awesome raffle with many prizes!

March will see the Copa Palacio at Club Marinazul, another of the great regattas in our yearly schedule, with the traditional fashion show, raffles and steak dinner. Once these have been completed, we will know which team will represent Mexico at the Pan Am games.

The weekend of March 14-15, we will have the honor of having Will Welles, the reigning J/24 World Champion come down and give us seminar that will include boat tuning and speed techniques and some rule explanations, with on land and water talks as well as mini regattas for everyone to improve their skills.

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Our National Championship has been moved back to the traditional dates of May 1-3 at the Club Nautico Valle de Bravo with INFINITY as the major sponsor. Having the regatta during this weekend will give us a much better opportunity for good wind and weather as the rainy season will not have started yet. We welcome any sailors who would like to participate in this or any other of our events, as we have plenty of very good boats available for charter, and Valle de Bravo is an amazing place to sail!

The second half of 2015 will be just as busy, with regattas such as the Independence Day Regatta, the Oktoberfest at Club Nautico Avandaro and the Revolution Day Regatta in November, plus the Champagne Race in December, Yes we sail all year in this paradise! So come and join us. The schedule can be seen at our Class webpage www.j24mex.com. Everyone is welcome!

Our Class is growing as well. We have five new boats in Valle de Bravo who have joined, and we are talking with the Progreso, Yucatan Class since they want to sail J/24s there. There is great interest, and they have a fleet of six boats already and are expecting as many as 15-25 boats to join. That is an amazing location in the Yucatan Peninsula, with



strong winds and a very high level of sailors. Many of our Olympic and world class sailors have come from there.

The people from Chiapas in the south of Mexico are also very interested in starting their own fleet. This only attests to the fact that the strict rules for one design racing and the relatively low cost of buying and maintaining a boat are very attractive to many sailors!

Technical Report on J/24 Class Rules Conversion

By Tim Winger, ITC Chair



It is very difficult to write Class Rules for the J/24 Class in the ISAF format. We are a mixture of a measurement controlled Class and a manufacturer controlled Class that has been around for a while and allowed a lot of evolution in parts of the boat that do not really effect performance. We also allow the boats to be optimized to bring all boats up to the best that they can be. In so doing, we become very one-design from a performance standpoint, but rather complex and nonconformist from a rules standpoint.

So why are we doing this ISAF conversion? It will make it easier for us to live in the ISAF controlled international world of sailing. It is also required by our Class By-Laws. Our goal through this process has been to **make this Class Rules the best it can be for the J/24 Class within the ISAF format.**

The rules conversion to ISAF format was carefully crafted to the ISAF Class Rules template over a period of two years. It was vetted by the International Technical Committee and put out on the Class website for some very good comments. Finally, it was passed by the World Council and sent on to ISAF for what was expected to be a fairly painless approval (remember, it was done on their template).

ISAF acted quickly, and sent it back in about two or three weeks covered with comments and problems. A lot of the issues are format and placement of rules into different sections. There are some things that must be removed from the Class Rules, and there are problems with how our Class fits into the ISAF template. There also seem to be some changes in thinking from ISAF on the formatting. All of this will require a full rewrite of what we now have. We have had e-mails back and forth and a long conference call with ISAF to work out a better understanding of what needs to be done. The Executive Committee will have to determine if we will need a revote of the Class. What we come out with in the end will be a better rule, but we will not see implementation until at least this summer and perhaps longer.

Calendar

June 6, 2015

2015 J/24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: June 6, 2015
End: June 13, 2015
Venue: Yacht Club du Crouesty Arzon, France
Address: France

August 28, 2015

2015 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Website: <http://www.j24.de/>
Start: August 28, 2015
End: September 4, 2015
Venue: Germany
Address: Weiße Wiek, Boltenhagen, Germany

September 10, 2015

2015 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: September 10, 2015
End: September 13, 2015
Venue: Portland Yacht Club
Address: Falmouth, ME, United States

November 26, 2015

2015 J/24 SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: November 26, 2015 8:00 am
End: November 30, 2015 5:00 pm
Venue: Veleiros do Sul
Address: Porto Alegre, Brazil

January 16, 2016

2016 MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS RACE SERIES

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

September 8, 2016

2016 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

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

September 19, 2016

2016 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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

September 15, 2017

2017 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: September 15, 2017
End: September 23, 2017
Venue: Port Credit Yacht Club
Address: Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

September 24, 2017

2017 J/24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: September 24, 2017 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 12:00 am
End: August 31, 2018 11:00 pm

