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# J/24 SWEDISH OPEN 2019, FALSTERBOKANALEN 16-18 AUGUST

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Top mark rounding

By David Cooper UK

After the success of two Swedish teams visiting the UK for the British J/24 National Championship in July, UK teams were invited to compete in the Swedish Open at Falsterbokanalen Boatclub over the long weekend of 16th to 18th August. Two complete teams took up this offer, as well as another adventurous student who joined a Swedish team, a brave undertaking as one who didn't speak any Swedish!

We arrived at Copenhagen airport, some late Thursday evening, some Friday lunchtime. After a quick train ride across the magnificent Öresund bridge connecting Denmark to Sweden, we were very kindly met by assorted Swedish hosts and taken to Falsterbokanalen where the regatta was to take place. Here we found a bunch of industrious Swedes polishing our borrowed boats to make them perfect!

The first race was timetabled to start at 1700 hours, which seemed very late compared to what we are used to, surely that's normally time to finish! However, we were presented with a beautiful evening's sailing with a light to medium breeze and sunshine. A good turnout of 18 boats took to the course for two scheduled races.

First blood in race one went to local sailor Per-Håkan Persson and team in *Front Runner*, followed by German boat *Rotogirl* helmed by Emily Kern. Completing the podium was the



1<sup>st</sup>

borrowed *Silver Surfarn* helmed by David Cooper. This was to be a short-lived result as when the fleet came ashore, *Silver Surfarn* had been the recipient of the regatta's first black flag. Oh dear! This promoted Peter Langhans in *Oste Strolch* onto the podium.

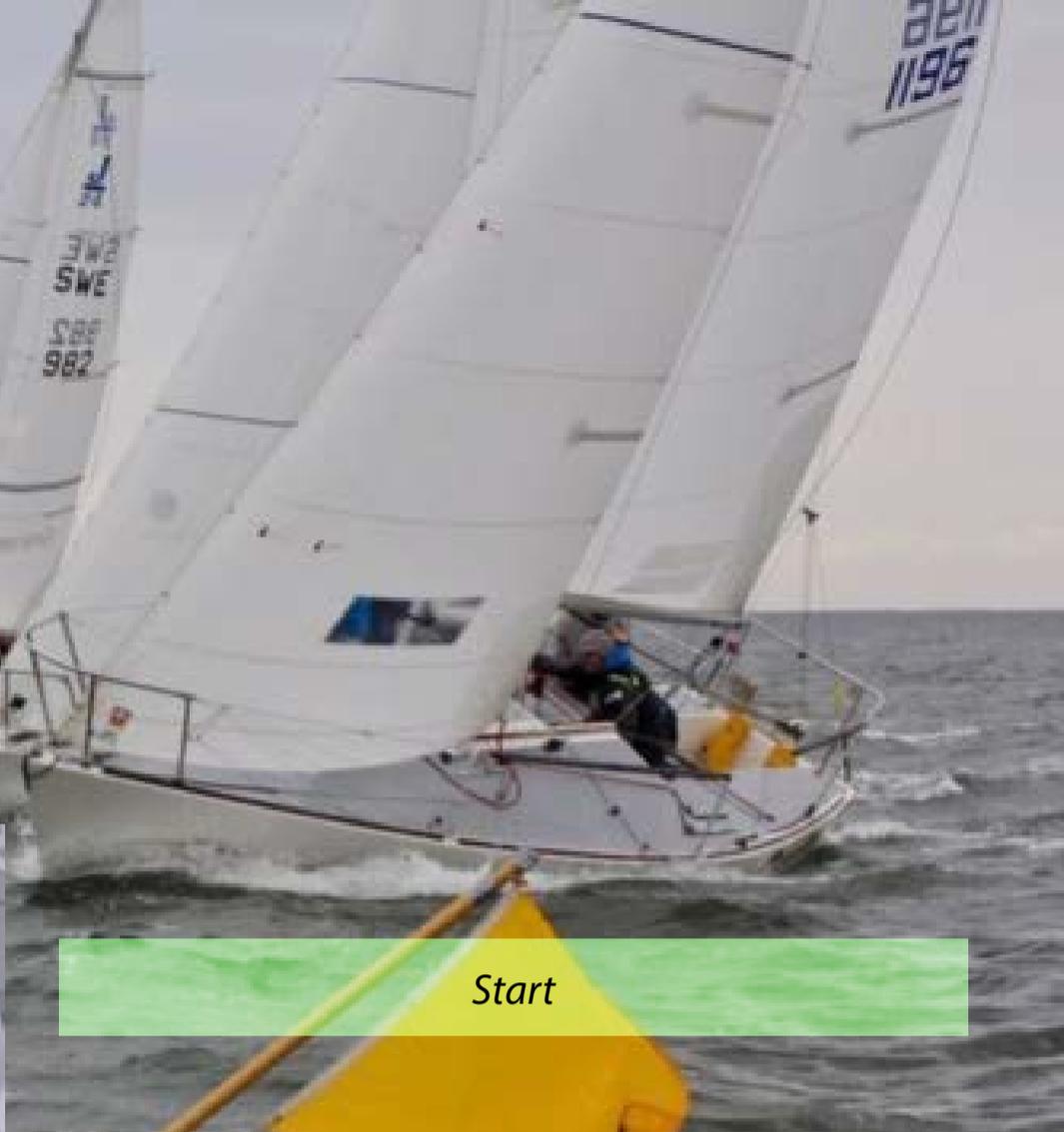
Race two was started in similar conditions. Again, *Front Runner* led the fleet home to another victory, followed by another fast German boat, Julius Hahne in *Glen* with *Rotogirl* in third.

Racing was followed by a very welcome barbecue with refreshments, courtesy of the Swedish J/24 Class Association. As ever, an impromptu party followed. Rumor has it that the team *For Fun Pink* were extremely lucky to not be evicted from their accommodation...

Saturday dawned to a forecast of significantly more wind of around 18 knots. Would many hardy souls brave the big overlapping genoa? Or would most stick to the smaller and more manageable jib? As it was, most boats stuck with jibs, although a few genoas were to be seen.



Front Runner



Start

Race three was yet another victory to *Front Runner*. Could they be stopped, or could they win every race? They were followed over the line by *Hungriger Wolf* helmed by Fabian Damm, under the Danish flag, and *Silver Surfarn*.

Race four was held under very similar conditions. For the first time, *Front Runner* was not victorious, with victory going to *Hungriger Wolf*, followed by *Silver Surfarn* and *Glen*.

Races five and six were held in similar, although slightly less windy, conditions. The order in race five being *Rotogirl*, *Glen* and *Silver Surfarn*. In race six, *Silver Surfarn* took their first win, followed by *Hungriger Wolf* and *Front Runner*.

Thus, at the end of day two, it was very close at the top, with all to play for! *Front Runner* held the lead on 10 points after discard, with *Silver Surfarn* second on 13 points, *Hungriger Wolf* one point further behind on 14, and *Rotogirl* and *Glen* close behind on 16 points each. Could *Front Runner* hold their nerve or would the chasing pack close in?

After racing, there were more free refreshments, followed by an excellent 'sit-down' buffet meal in the Falsterbokanalen Boatclub. Much dancing and revelry followed, unfortunately marred by one of the crew of *Silver Surfarn* visiting the casualty department of Malmö hospital after attempting to ride a bicycle home afterwards. We wish Shane a speedy recovery!

Sunday morning arrived with everything to play for. Could *Front Runner* hold their advantage? Or would one of the following pack ruin their day? The wind was light. On the second round, the wind became very light. Which way down the last run? After a tense last 100 metres with much place changing, *Hungriger Wolf* took their second victory followed by *Silver Surfarn* and *Rotogirl* with *Front Runner* down in seventh place. There was now insufficient wind to allow another start.

This left three boats tied on 15 points at the top. *Front Runner* from Sweden, with crew of Per-Håkan Persson, Monica Persson, Hans Thulin, Anders Thulin and Per Andersson emerged victorious on count back by virtue of having had three race wins. Second overall came *Hungriger Wolf* from Denmark, crewed by Fabian Damm, Jonas Lyssewski, Max Bischof, Moritz Böök and Thorsten Paech with two race wins. *Silver Surfarn* from the UK completed the podium (and, as third placed boat given the honour of writing the regatta report!) crewed by David Cooper, Paul Williams, Izzy Savage, Shane Hewlett and Ben Maddaford.

A special prize (free entry to the 2020 J/24 Swedish Open) sponsored by the Swedish J/24 Class Association to the 'Best youth team under 25 years of age' was awarded to GER5417 with Julius Hahne, Morten Raecke, Rasmus Bounken, Tim Wegener and Tom Stryi.



*1<sup>st</sup> Per-Håkan Persson*

Thanks must go to the crews of 18 competitive boats who provided such close competition and fun over the course of the event. Also, many thanks to the Falsterbokanalens Boatclub, the race officials and everyone else who helped put on such a fantastic event. We will be back next year!

Finally, we specially thank Monica Persson and Per-Håkan Persson and crew who, as well as organizing such a fantastic event, invited us to Sweden and lent a very fast J/24. We will be back!

THANKS A LOT for such a fantastic weekend with all you lovely J/24 sailors! We got a really fun weekend, and it is YOU who make it so much fun. Well sailed all of you! And thanks for your smiling faces and lovely J/24 dance moves! We are very thankful for the J/24 fleet who gathered in Sweden. You always keep the competition on the racecourse very high and exciting, and make fantastic fun on shore. We were 18 teams from four countries. Very happy to see the mix of the fleet with so many young teams, female, male and mixed teams challenging the more experienced J/24 sailors... You Rock. Three days of racing at our J/24 Swedish Open 2019 has now finished with the top three on the same point score of 15 points, where we had to count how many firsts to settle the final winner. Full results: <https://falsterbokanalens.se/j24-swedish-open-2019>

It was a wonderful weekend with a lot of sailing and smiling faces. We sailed in the bay north of Falsterbokanalens. At FBK, everything was gathered within 50 metres of the FBK boats—the after sail and the regatta dinner club house. Once again, we feel it is a very friendly and cozy venue. We would like to thank our host Falsterbokanalens BK who made the regatta possible with their friendly hospitality, service-minded organization and great sailing conditions. From the bottom of our hearts, we would also like to thank ALL officials and competitors at our J/24 Swedish Open 2019 for coming to Falsterbokanalens and Sweden, making good competition, having fun and loading 'Vitamin SEA' together with us!



*3<sup>rd</sup> David Cooper*

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Swedish teams



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What's next? This Autumn in South Sweden, we plan on finding a suitable time for trainings and we also plan on having another training camp in Limhamn. We also plan on participating at the MSS Club Regatta in Malmö. See you there and at the next J/24 regatta.... or at J/24 Worlds 2019 in Miami as our J/24 Tour 2019 continues. SEA YOU!

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# WILL WELLES EARNS FOURTH J/24 US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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The J/24 US National Championship perpetual trophy will have a familiar name for 2019: Will Welles on *Buckaroo* achieved the title for the fourth time. Welles, also the reigning J/24 World Champion, was joined by crew Jeff Linton, Chris Morgan, Monica Morgan and Erik Rexford at Rochester Yacht Club in New York from August 23-25. *Buckaroo* collected Sunday's first win and added a seven for 23 net points in the eight-race series. Able to discard a UFD from race five, Welles retained scores only in the top seven. Last year's National Champion Robby Brown and Mark Liebel on *Angel of Harlem* claimed the runner-up position with 38 points. William Bomar's *Bangor Packet* sailed an impressive regatta with a pair of bullets, putting them in third place with 41 points. Joining Welles as a race winner on Sunday was Nobuyuki Imai's *Siesta* team from Japan. The 46 teams enjoyed a calmer sea state, sunny skies and winds of 8-12 knots.

**DAY 1 RECAP:** Three races were accomplished on the opening day in light and lumpy conditions. Welles kept up his hot streak on *Buckaroo*, totaling 7 points on two seconds and a third. John Mollicone's triumph in race three threw team *Helly Hansen* into second place with 11 points. Travis Odenbach's *Honeybadger* suffered a 14 in the first match, but added a 1,3 for 18 points and third place.





Photos courtesy of Chris Howell



Bomar's *Bangor Packet* started off the day with a bullet, with Welles and Ryan Lashaway's *Rumming on Empty* on his tail. Odenbach mastered the middle race, as both Bomar and Welles kept themselves in the top three. It was *Helly Hansen's* turn in the closing contest, in advance of Welles and Odenbach.

**DAY 2 RECAP:** Day two was challenging, as the scorecard lit up with U-Flag and Black-Flag penalties when three more races went in the books in winds of 5-7 knots and choppy seas. Welles' *Buckaroo* clung to the lead, despite that UFD, which was his discard. He was then counting scores 2,3,2,3,5 for 15 net points. Bomar's *Bangor Packet* totaled 19 points for second place. Odenbach's *Honeybadger* maintained the third spot, but was tied on points at 26 with the team of Liebel/Brown on *Angel of Harlem*. Saturday's initial competition was finished at the second windward mark due to a dying breeze. Bomar's *Bangor Packet* didn't mind as he claimed his second win of the Championship, shadowed by Evan Petley-Jones' *Lifted* and Welles. Team *Siesta*, led by Imai, claimed the next victory following a brief on-water postponement, as Finn Hadlock's *Boreas* and *Angel of Harlem* also got in on the action. Both races five and six saw multiple starting penalties, including some of the top contenders. Following another AP, Daniel Cameron's *Shake n Bake* was able to end the day successfully, followed to shore by Aidan Glackin's *Mental Floss* and Rossi Milev's *Clear Air*.



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**TOP FIVE:**

1. *Buckaroo*, Will Welles - 2 -3 -2 -3 -[47] -5 -1 -7 ; 23
2. *Angel of Harlem*, Robby Brown/Mark Liebel - 5 -9 -[16] -5 -3 -4 -6 -6 ; 38
3. *Bangor Packet*, William Bomar - 1 -2 -[20] -1 -4 -11 -13 -9 ; 41
4. *Honeybadger*, Travis Odenbach - [14] -1 -3 -9 -5 -8 -14 -2 ; 42
5. *Helly Hansen*, John Mollicone - 4 -6 -1 -4 -17 -[47]

Complete results may be found at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=6056>, and photos are available on the USA J/24 Class Facebook page.





# REGATTA REPORT FROM J/24 UK NATIONALS 2019 IN PLYMOUTH, 12-14 JULY

by Monica Persson, Sweden

Swedish Team *Front Runner* was invited to sail the J/24 UK Nationals 2019 and so our 'J/24 Tour 2019' went on to Plymouth, UK. Our *Front Runner* team with Per-Hakan Persson, Hans Thulin, Anna-Karin Bergman, Monica Persson and Per Andersson met at Gatwick airport arriving from Copenhagen and Stockholm. We went with a rental car driving on the 'wrong' side of the car, on the 'wrong' side of the road, for four hours, arriving at Burrator Lodge in the middle of Dartmoor in the middle of the night (2.30am UK time, which is 3.30am Swedish time). The GPS was playing us a trick when we were almost there and made us go on the narrowest tiny little forest road down to the 'castle' by the dam. Felt like going with a 'kamikaze' driver... but we arrived alright for a cold welcome beer. On Friday, we woke up to a beautiful morning with ponies in the garden and a beautiful view of Dartmoor and the surroundings of Burrator Reservoir. We were served typical full English breakfast by our host David Cooper. Then we went down to the Mount Batten Centre where registration and weighing-in was quickly accomplished, and our well-prepared borrowed boat—the superfast *Jive*—awaited us. After a quick preparation (taking a bucket of water out of the boat... someone tried to slow us down?! And a minor mast adjustment 1 cm forward), we were ready to go out sailing.

Our first impressions were that everybody was driving on the 'wrong' side of the road, but they do sail right; and this thing about 'ebb and flood' is totally crazy (>3 m metres!). We were two Swedish teams participating—Team *Front Runner* and Team *For Fun*—and we had an absolutely lovely time. Thanks a lot for your kind hospitality David Cooper and Chris Randall.

It started with champagne sailing on the first day in Plymouth Sound outside the 'Breakwater'. The wind was stronger than the forecast said and came from the North over Mount Edgecumbe peninsula. A lot of shifty winds, but after a while you could tell the pattern was favourable to the left side, but later not all the way out into the tidal stream. Until 3:00, the tide was going in, and at 3:00, it was the high of the tide and it was turning to go out. Three fun races, but in the third race we had some major struggles with the downhaul, which got stuck in the genoa sheet so that we could not trim in the starting moment. We are not used to the downhaul, so this made a mess for us. Guess we started last, but we managed to sail up to a seventh-place in this race. We chose the right way all the race and changed sides every downwind.

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Saturday, we sailed four fun races with good scores, and on the last race (race 7), our team lived up to our name and nailed it with a good margin in front of the whole J/24 fleet of 29 boats. A lovely feeling! You could hear our team cheering as we made 'the Wave' over the finish line. We won the harbour race too and had some great fun at the regatta tent at the trimming and riding the bull competitions. The simple joys of life!

On Sunday, the race course had a different wind direction—from the east. Here we found a nice pattern to follow in this day's three races, and we ended with two final nice second places. In the last race, the leader must have had a 'mushy brain' since they missed the finish and went on for a third lap. This we saw and headed directly for the goal, which was an exciting place to end the 10 nice races. Once again, we won the harbour race. Thanks a lot, David Cooper, for lending us your fast boat *Jive*!

Team *Front Runner* made a third overall with the same points as second. Thank you to the team and all J/24 sailors for good competition and a lovely regatta! We Swedish sailors had a splendid time amongst sailors and the wild ponies on Dartmoor. On our way home, we even had time for a quick sightseeing at Stonehenge in the sunset.

Congratulations to the winners Sam Pearson and Team *Hustle*. Thanks to the Plymouth Regatta team and race organizers for such a wonderful event. Many thanks to all 29 teams coming from the UK, Sweden and Ireland making this a wonderful J/24 event.

(Photos by PGC Photography with additional photos of the J/24 Nationals and Plymouth Regatta available to view at <https://pgcphotography.pixieset.com>.)

Results from the J/24 UK Nationals 2019 are available at <https://www.halsail.com/Result/Public/38283>.

# THE FIRST FOUR STAGES OF THE 2019 NATIONAL CIRCUIT OF THE ITALIAN J/24 CLASS



The 2019 National Circuit of the Italian J/24 Class is divided into nine rounds that occur between April and November. As always, it will award the J/24 Trophy to the best helmsman-owner and the Perpetual Trophy Challenge Francesco Ciccolo (the unforgettable President who died prematurely) to the first classified of the Circuit National without considering waste.

Also, this year the waters in front of Anzio-Nettuno hosted the opening stage: the Marina di Nettuno Trophy, well organized by the Nettuno Yacht Club and the Circolo della Vela Anzio Tirrena. ITA 416 *The Superba*, the J/24 of the Centro Vela Altura of the Italian Navy helmed by Ignazio Bonanno (with Simone Scontrino, Vincenzo Vano, Francesco Picaro and Alfredo Branciforte as crew) won the victory with six of the first eight races held in the three days of competition. Second place went to ITA 447 *Pelle Nera* armed by Paolo Cecamore and helmed by the Hungarian Champion, the World Champion Soling Litkey Farkas (2,2,1,2,7,5,5,4), followed by ITA 501 *Avoltore* armed by Massimo Mariotti and helmed by Francesco Cruciani, (8,4,2,9,3,2,4,3). Fourth overall but winner of the Corinthian ranking (non-professional crews) ITA 212 *Jamaica* armed and helmed by the Vice President of the Italian Class J/24, Pietro Diamanti (3,ocs, 5,3,8,4,8,2) in advance of ITA 487 *American Passage* armed and helmed by the Chief Fleet of Rome Paolo Rinaldi (11,1,10,5,2,14,16,5). About 20 crews descended into the waters off the city of Neptune.

Once the opening round was completed, the National Circuit continued with another classic appointment; the National Regatta organized by the Italian Naval League section of Livorno in the framework of the International Sailing Week Naval Academy and City of Livorno 2019.

After the double win in the two races held on the opening day in the waters in front of the Naval Academy and Ardenza and the third place in the only race completed in the final one, it was ITA 498 *Notifyme-Pilgrim* armed by the Chief Fleet J/24 of the Lario Mauro Benfatto and helmed, as always, by Fabio Mazzoni (with Cesare Trioschi, Lorenzo Airoidi and Benedetto di Venosa for the colors of the LNI Mandello del Lario) to win the J/24 LNI National Trofeo Regata Livorno. *Notifyme-Pilgrim* has concluded the general classification on equal points (5) with ITA 212 *Jamaica* armed and helmed by the Vice President of the Class Pietro Diamanti (in crew with Luca Macchiarini, Paolo Governato - shipowner of the historic ITA 30 *Argentovivo*, which will celebrate 40 years on the racing fields this year -, Edoardo Ghirlanda, Filippo Caleo and Fabrizio Ginesi). Third place (as in the previous edition) went to ITA 304 *Five For Fighting* armed and helmed by Eugenia de Giacomo (in crew with Nicola Pitanti, Marco Bruna, Lorenzo Cusimano and Luca Ceresa).



They are followed by the J/24 of the ITA Naval Academy 358 *Harpoon* helmed by Michele Potenza and ITA 489 *Valhalla* armed by the very nice Salerno Vincenzo Lamberti (with Giuseppe Olmeti, Antonino Chiacchiaro, Luca Vicidomini and Marco Priori, co-owner of the J/24 Draghetto della Flotta di Anzio).

Immediately afterwards, the attention of all the Italian and foreign J/24 crews turned to the most anticipated event of the season: the 39th Italian Open Championship which, after 13 years, returned to the Adriatic in the Romagna waters of Cervia Milano Marittima, well organized by the Amici della Vela Nautical Club.



After nine races disputed in the first three days and the final one, the J/24 of the Sailing Center of Naples of the Italian Navy ITA 416 *La Superba*, new European Champion (title won also in 2012), was reconfirmed Italian Champion J/24. The outgoing Champions, in fact, have conquered the Challenger J/24 Trophy and their sixth tricolor in the J/24 Class for the third consecutive year after those won in 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017 and 2018 (helmsman Ignazio Bonanno in crew with Vincenzo Vano, Francesco Picaro, Alfredo Branciforte and Francesco Linares, 8,1,1,1,1 \*, 11,9,2,7 the partial).

The very technical field and demanding conditions - a lot of current and unstable wind - contributed to making the regattas, in which about thirty crews took part, very beautiful and engaging.

Very impressive was the departure of all the J/24s that moored between the two bridges of Cervia at the Magazzeni del Sale, marched into the city: a truly unique and very engaging show, not only for sailing enthusiasts.

Silver medal went to ITA 304 *Five For Fighting* armed and helmed by Eugenia de Giacomo in crew with the brothers Nicola and Matilde Pitanti, Marco Bruna and Lorenzo Cusimano (6,2,5,9,2,3,11,12, 1). Bronze went to ITA 498 *Notifyme-Pilgrim* armed by the Chief Fleet J/24 of Lario Mauro Benfatto and helmed by Fabio Mazzoni (with Lorenzo Airoidi, Pietro Kostner and Cesare Trioschi,

7,13,2,18 \*, 3, 1,12,3,6). Podium finish by ITA 212 *Jamaica* armed and helmed by Pietro Diamanti in crew with Andrea Casale (holder of five Italian titles won in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, and 2008, and a world champion won with Fiamma Gialla in Arzachena), Giuseppe Incasciato, Fabrizio Ginesi and Paolo Governato (2, UFD, 3.2.5, UFD, 8.1.5) penalized by the UFD, and fifth place went to ITA 400 *Captain Nemo* armed and helmed by the Chief Fleet of Romagna Guido Guadagni (5.16 , 6,8,4,8,6,10, ocs).

The victories of the day went, in order, to ITA 439 *The Emilio Compagnia del Mare*, armed by Ciccio Mastropietro and helmed by Tony Macina, ITA 416 *La Superba* (protagonist of four consecutive tests), ITA 498 *Notifyme-Pilgrim*, ITA 443 *Aria E-Cos Costruzioni* of the LNI Olbia and helmed by the Sardinia Fleet Head Marco Frullio, ITA 212 *Jamaica*, and ITA 304 *Five For Fighting*.

In addition to the regattas, there were also moments of aggregation and ceremonies at the Magazzino del Sale, much appreciated by the crews of one of the most popular Monotype Classes in the world, with an activity that is still competitive and dynamic both on an Italian and international level. Satisfaction for the success of the Italian Championship was also shown by the President of the Italian J/24 Class, Fabio Apollonio, and by the Organization, firstly shown by Massimo Frigerio (who engaged not only as an organizer, but also as a competitor with his ITA 473 *Magica Fata*).

The 39th Italian Open Championship of the J/24 Class was supported by the main sponsor Alce Nero, the brand of over a thousand organic farmers and beekeepers, engaged in producing good, healthy and nourishing foods since the 1970s in Italy and around the world. Other sponsors included Xservice, Orplast Packaging, AutoSica Citroen,



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The fourth stage, the National AutoperGINE Trophy Regatta, was instead hosted by the beautiful waters of Lake Caldonazzo. With three victories of the day, it was Ruggero Spreafico with his ITA 476 *Dejavù* to win the victory of the appointment well organized by the



Associazione Velica Trentina. In second place was ITA 371 *J Oc Alce Nero* armed and helmed by the President of the Italian Class Fabio Apollonio (4,2,3) who preceded ITA 215 *Mollicona* armed by Angelo Crepoli (2,3,7), ITA 498 *Notifyme-Pilgrim* armed by Chief Fleet of Lario Mauro Benfatto (3,4,6), and ITA 473 *Magica Fairy* with Massimo Frigerio (8,6,2). After a stalemate on Saturday due to adverse weather conditions, Sunday afternoon was a beautifully sunny day, providing perfect weather and a nice wind to regularly dispute three fought trials. Eleven crews at the start represented numerous Peninsula Fleets. "I am very satisfied with this stage," commented the President of the J/24 Class of Italy Fabio Apollonio. "We have managed to carry out some very strong and hard-fought races, the organization was perfect and, above all, it was very positive to see so many Fleets represented."

The J/24 National Circuit will continue, after the summer break, on September 14th and 15th with the fifth heat: a pleasant reconfirmation in Marina di Carrara where the local Club Nautico will organize the National Regatta. The sixth stage will be hosted by the Italian Naval League of Mandello del Lario. The 2019 Italian Cup will take place over the weekend of October 5th and 6th. The J/24 Fleet will then return to the waters of Cervia for the seventh stage organized by the Amici della Vela Nautical Club.

The splendid Sardinian waters of Alghero and the local section of the LNI will host the National Regatta on November 9th and 10th, valid as the eighth appointment with the 2019 National Circuit. It will end with the Apulian confirmation of the National Regatta organized in the welcoming harbor of Mar Grande on November 23rd and 24th from the Ondabuena Academy Sailing Club in Taranto.



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Trieste 29<sup>th</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020

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Organizing Authority: Yacht Club Porto San Rocco (Muggia --TS), Triestina della Vela (Trieste), Yacht Club Adriaco (Trieste)

Venue:

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Porto San Rocco, the marina hosting the event.

a) The Organizing Authority will be composed from some of the most important sailing clubs of the Gulf of Trieste, with a huge experience on sailing events organization. Just to remember some of them, we can recall the Italian ORCi Championship of 2003 and 2011, the J22 World Championship in 2003, the Olympic Classes Italian Championship in 2003, the ORC World Championship in 2017 and several races for One Design boats like RC44, Star, Melges 24, J24, Solaris 36 OD, Meteor, Laser, 470, 420, Finn, Optimist.

The Gulf of Trieste has a tradition of sailing that is difficult to find in any other part of Italy. Most of the best Italian sailors racing around the world come from the Gulf of Trieste. Just as an example we mention: Vasco Vascotto, Lorenzo Bressani, Lorenzo and Marco Bodini, Stefano Cherin, Gabriele Benussi, Alberto Bolzan, Mauro Pelaschier, Stefano Spanghero, Michele Paoletti, Emanuela Sossi, Giulia Pignolo, Giovanna Micol, Chiara Calligaris, all born in the area and grown up in our sailing schools.



Event Director will be Roberto Sponza, ex marina manager of Porto San Rocco, venue of the event, and President of Yacht Club Porto San Rocco. He is a former Olympic sailor (470 - Montreal '76), America's Cup crew member on Azzurra'84-'85 and a National Race Officer [sponza.roberto@gmail.com](mailto:sponza.roberto@gmail.com)  
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Fabio Apollonio, here at the helm of his J24, is the J24 Italian Class member that worked hard to bring the European Championship in Trieste.

Very well known sailor of the Gulf of Trieste, Fabio Apollonio raced with success in Flying Dutchman, Tornado, and was one of the best crew member of Azzurra, the first Italian Challenge to America's Cup in Newport, 1983. Since then he joined the J24 Class, taking part to almost all major events up to today.

He managed to host also the Italian Championship in the same venue, Porto San Rocco, just one month after the Europeans.

All crews registered in the European Championship will have the possibility to leave their boat and trailer in Porto San Rocco, to attend also the Italian Championship.

b) The Gulf of Trieste is in North Adriatic, only few miles from Slovenia and Croatia. Lots of German, Austrian, Czech, Hungarian, Russian boats and crews normally race in this area. French, Spanish, Maltese and Greek boats can easily join the Championship. We can expect a number of entries of more than 40 boats from more than 10 Countries.

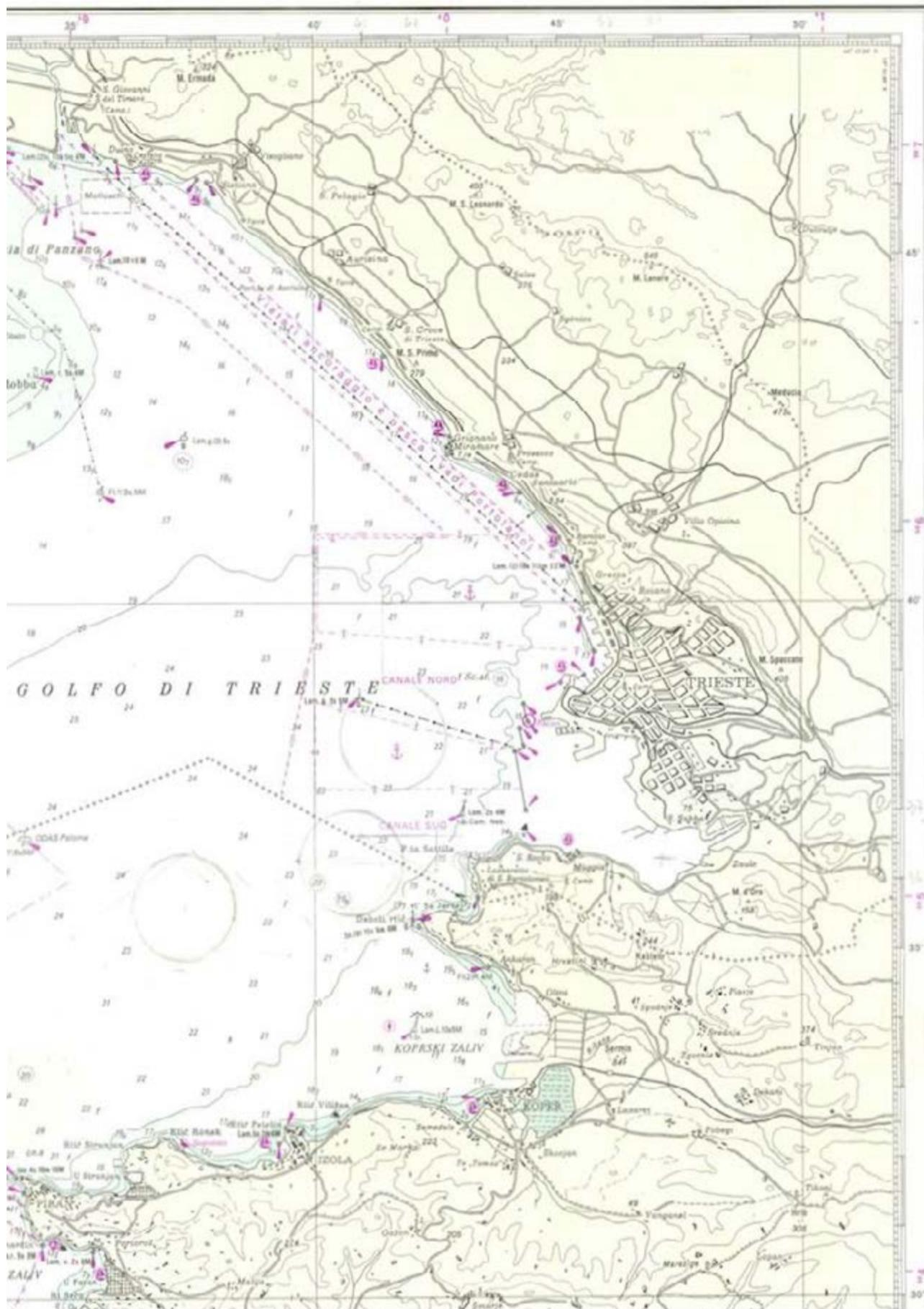
c) The venue will be Porto San Rocco, a marina situated in Muggia (a town with 12.000 inhabitants), only 12 km away from the center of Trieste (a town with 220.000 inhabitants), and on the Eastern border of Italy. Porto San Rocco has 546 berths from 8,00 to 60,00 m and draft from a minimum of 4.5 m, to a maximum 17,00 m. There are not shallow waters around. All berths up to 15 m are on floating pontoons with a finger on one side. Over 15 m, berths are on concrete piers with moorings. Porto San Rocco will host all entries in the marina.



d) Suitability of shore side facilities as follows:

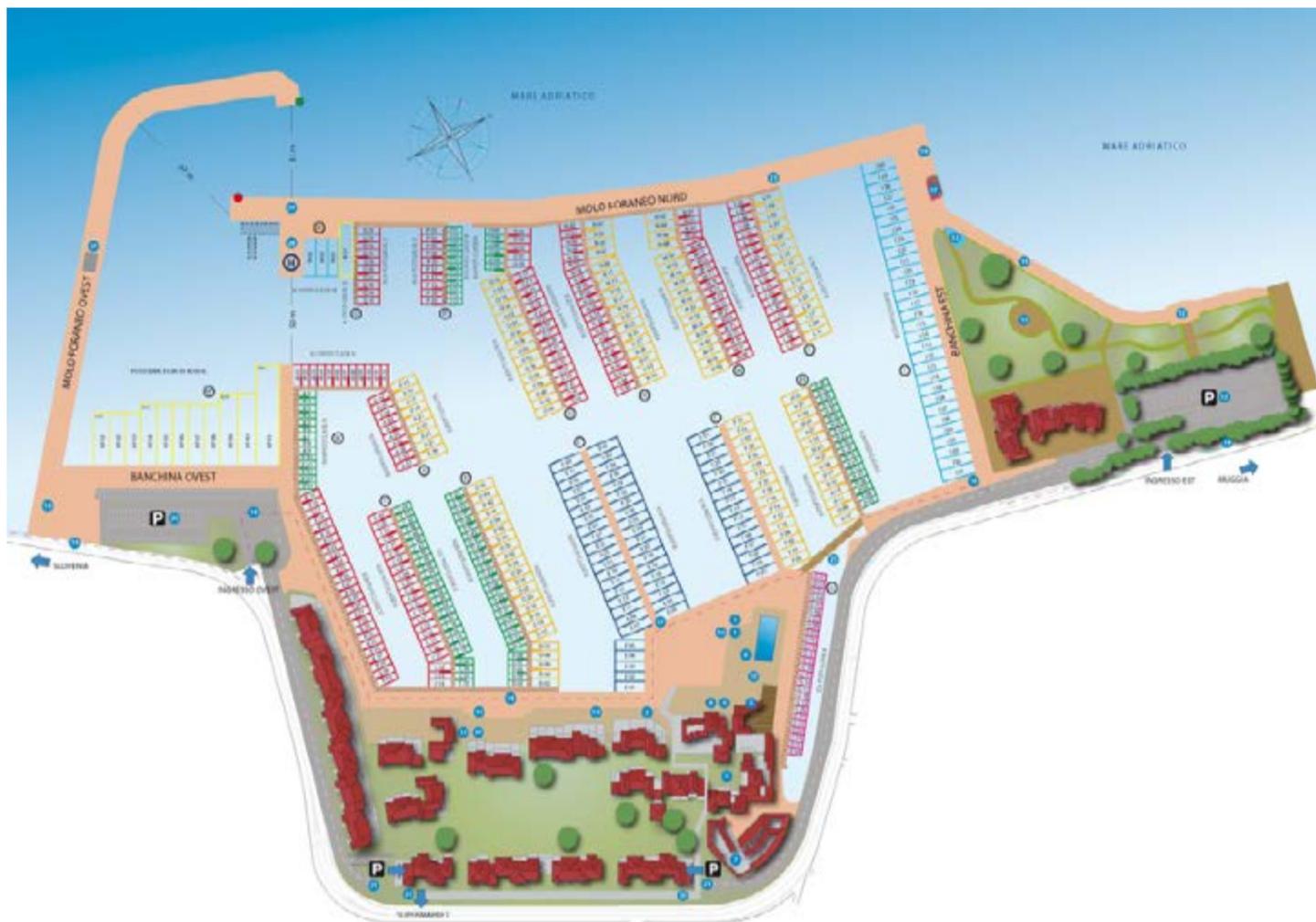
- Sails will be measured on the main square of Porto San Rocco, in the arcades surrounding the square or inside the congress hall.
- Boat measurements can be easily carried out inside the old dry dock, well protected from any wind and always with calm water.
- Haul out facilities are available in Cantieri San Rocco, a well equipped boat yard, just half a mile away from the marina, with a crane of 25 t and a travel lift of 160 t. Other two smaller boat yards are close to Porto San Rocco.
- Accommodations inside the marina are possible in the Hotel San Rocco, 64 rooms, 4 stars, [www.hotelportosanrocco.it](http://www.hotelportosanrocco.it) . The surrounding area of Muggia, Trieste and the nearby Slovenia, offers accommodations in camping, bed & breakfast, and hotels with 3, 4 or 5 stars.
- Accommodations for the Race Committee, the Jury and all other principal Committee members will be offered from Hotel San Rocco - 4 stars, inside the marina.
- Meals will be granted from the marina's restaurant (150 seats).
- All the marina's berths and hotel rooms are serviced by a broad band wi-fi free network.
- Inside the marina you can move by foot or by cycle that can be rented in the marina's office or in the hotel.
- Offices for the Race Committee, Measurers, Jury and arbitrating meetings will be organized in the congress hall atrium, meanwhile the media centre will be organized in one of the offices available along the arcades providing with suitable working space all accredited media and staff, plus a dedicated broadband internet connection.
- The marina's congress hall, with 300 seats and all conference facilities will be used for briefing and meetings.
- The clubs will provide all boats for the Race Committees, including mark setting, Jury and Measurements boats and media boats for photographers and videographers, including a suitable number of RIBs.





e) In our experience the best area for racing is in the nearby Slovenian waters (3/4 miles from the marina). We plan therefore to organize this Championship in cooperation with Slovenian Authorities. The map shows the possible racing areas.

Wind: during past 20 years we had the opportunity to complete 90% of all races scheduled on our regattas, with winds of different directions and intensity (ENE 15-30 Knots, SW 8-15 Knots, SE 8-20 Knots, NW 6-12 Knots) with a very tactical racing, with no obliged tacks.



f) Shoreside facilities are complete, going from a supermarket positioned just 200 m from the marina square, to restaurants of all kinds. Inside the marina there is a well-equipped yacht chandler, and you can reach in 10 minutes all kind of shopping centers and specialized equipments shops. Olympic Sails loft is situated just 3 km from the marina and at 6 km you can find Eurosails loft. Both can provide a high-level assistance for any sail problem. At same distance of 6 km there are repair and construction lofts for stainless steel, carbon and exotic fibers, wood, engines. Inside the marina there is a marine fuel station, a service for marine outboard engines and electronics. The garage has over 700 car park places, furthermore at least other 300 places can be found along the big breakwaters. There is the possibility to host the trailers inside the marina.

We can rely on a very good number of volunteers from the several sailing clubs that will help the organization. This will keep low the costs, meanwhile assuring a very high level of efficiency.

We will use a professional press office specialized in sailing events and organize a dedicated web site, linked to all best social applications. The promotion will be spread also through the network of web sites of the marina ([www.portosanrocco.it](http://www.portosanrocco.it)) and of the sailing clubs participating to the organization, plus the web site of Golfo di Trieste [www.golfoditrieste.net](http://www.golfoditrieste.net).

# Peru Report

By Giovanni Iza Toledo



In Peru, the J/24 Class prepares to participate in the next J/24 World Championship in Miami. In the photos are the sailboats *Hawky* and *Scaramouch*, favorites to represent Peru in the Worlds. The photos correspond to the last Championship held in La Punta, Callao in Lima on July 20-21, 2019. The winner of this Championship was *Scaramouch* of Luis Alberto Olcese, former J/24 World sub-champion.

In the photo of *Hawky*, Javier Arribas is accompanied by Juan Carlos Mauri (behind raising his hand) and Charles Castle (who is part of the new crew that integrated into our fleet in Peru, with *Wayra*).





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May 27 through May 31, 2020

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# Canada Report

By Nick Jako



The weather has warmed up, and we have been experiencing record high temperatures. The water levels in the Great Lakes are also continuing to be at record heights, and several yacht clubs are dealing with flooding and no access to their launch cranes. This in part has resulted in lower attendance at many of the local regattas within the J/24 fleet as well as other keelboat Classes.

The J/24 Canadians were held July 19-21 at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Colin Mann and his RC team were able to bang off nine great races in moderate breeze in the outer approaches of Halifax Harbour, approximately a 45-minute sail from the yacht club. Nine boats competed including Carter White and his *You Regatta* team from Portland, Maine. RNSYS (as usual) provided a great social experience off the water with complimentary Moosehead beer and free dinner for competitors on both Friday and Saturday evenings. Saturday night was the Hawaiian shirt pool party which was a hit with all competitors.

Day one saw light to moderate breeze, with day two increasing to 8-12 knots. Day three saw a slight increase in breeze to 10-14 knots, coupled with heavy fog at times. Evan Petley-Jones from the RNSYS handily walked away with a well-deserved first place (16 points). Ted Murphy



*What we do with J/24s when they aren't racing in Nova Scotia...use them as mark boats!*

and Carter White battled it out for second and third, tying with 25 points each. In the end, Ted won the tie-breaker. Peter Wickwire followed in fourth with 36 points.

Many thanks to Evan, who organized the event. Find full results at <https://www.rnsys.com/sailing/race-results.html>.

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**2019 IJCA World Council Meeting**

**OCTOBER 27, 2019**

**(0900 to 1200 day after the World Championship)**

**Miami, Florida USA**

**2019 J/24 South American  
Championship**



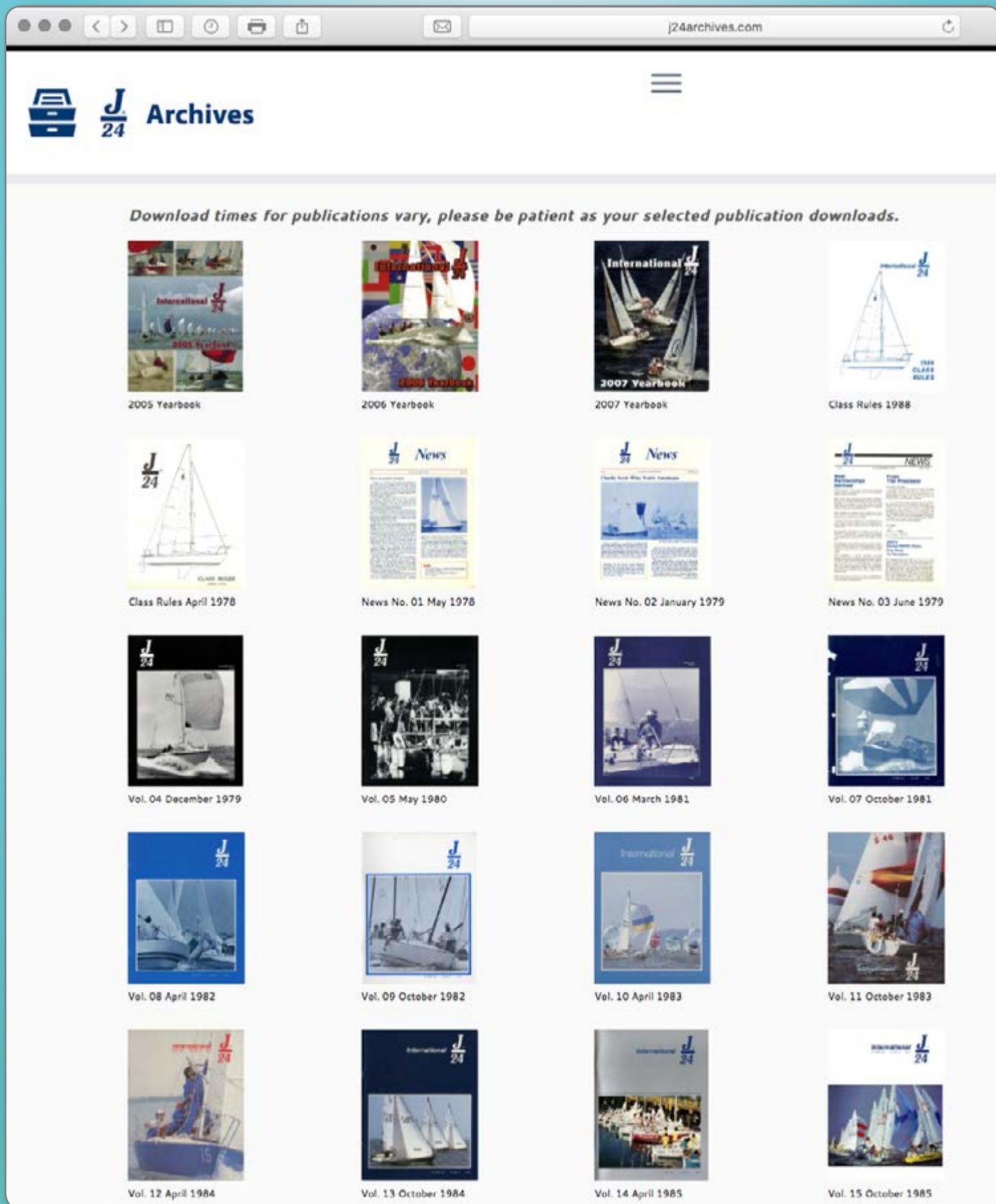
**November 20-24, 2019**

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# Calendar

**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

**October 27, 2019**

**2019 IJCA WORLD COUNCIL MEETING**

Start: October 27, 2019  
End: October 27, 2019  
Address: Miami, FL, United States

**November 20, 2019**

**2019 J/24 SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Start: November 20, 2019  
End: November 24, 2019  
Venue: Club de Yates Higuierillas  
Address: Valparaiso

**May 1, 2020**

**2020 J/24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Start: May 1, 2020  
End: May 5, 2020  
Venue: Yacht Club Porto San Rocco  
Address: Muggia, Italy

**May 27, 2020**

**2020 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Start: May 27, 2020  
End: May 31, 2020  
Venue: Sayville Yacht Club  
Address: Blue Point, NY, United States

**September 12, 2020**

**2020 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

Start: September 12, 2020 8:00 am  
End: September 18, 2020  
Venue: Parkstone Yacht Club, Poole UK

**March 6, 2021**

**2021 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

Start: March 6, 2021  
End: March 12, 2021  
Venue: Lake Potrerillos  
Address: Mendoza, Argentina

**July 17, 2022**

**2022 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

Start: July 17, 2022  
End: July 23, 2022  
Venue: Corpus Christi Yacht Club  
Address: Corpus Christi, TX, United States

**September 7, 2022**

**2022 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Start: September 7, 2022  
End: September 11, 2022  
Venue: Sandusky Sailing Club  
Address: Sandusky, OH, United States

