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Keith Whittemore's *Furio* entered the final two races of the 41st J/24 World Championship with a nine-point advantage, and quickly slammed the door on the competition by dominating race nine of 10. With crew Shelby Milne, Willem Van Waay, Mark Rodgers and Brian Thomas, the Seattle-based team has been crowned 2019 J/24 World Champions, topping 78 other eager competitors in Miami, Florida USA. Following their bullet to start Saturday, long-time J/24 sailor Whittemore placed eighth in the final contest, five notches better than his closest challenger Rossi Milev's *Clear Air*. Although 2017 J/24 World Champion Milev placed second behind Whittemore in Saturday's first match, *Furio* was able to cover in race 10 to officially clinch victory with 41 points to Milev's 57. Chris Stone's *Velocidad* assembled an impressive Championship for third place (66 points).

Whittemore's highest finish in prior World Championships was third, and he has been a bridesmaid at more than one major Championship. Five J/24 World Champion helmsmen were among this fleet, and Whittemore smiled, saying, "Being able to beat those guys feels really, really, really good!" He added in regard to the final day, "Today was scary. When we drove down, we said we really need to win the first race, so the second race isn't a complete mess." The plan worked perfectly when *Furio* started at the pin, and got a header. "We could cross everybody. We were frankly gone at that point and extended our lead. We'd struggled up every first beat of every race. That was the first time where something happened, and we said this is going to be really good!"

The IJCA also awarded its perpetual trophies:

- Jaeger Women's Trophy to Erica Spencer, *Sea Bags Women's Sailing Team, USA*
- Under-25 Turner Trophy to Matthew Miranda, *Team Outrageous on the Kelly Holmes-Moon Grant Boat, USA*



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DAY ONE RECAP: Enthusiasm for the J/24 Class was still running high after the opening ceremony and flag parade to open the Championship when racing got underway Tuesday, October 22 in hot and sunny Miami. Teams had to wait out a two-hour onshore postponement while the seabreeze kicked in at 8-10 knots. After two races, three teams were tied at 7 points: Milev's *Clear Air* (1,6 on the day), Stone's *Velocidad* (5,2) and Whittemore's *Furio* (4,3). Milev summarized his starting strategy, "We started just above the mid-line boat. There were a couple of boats we barely lived with, and then we saw something on the left. It was nice pressure, and more about the wind than the five-degree shift." Milev and Mike Ingham's *Nautalytics* traded the lead until *Clear Air* passed them on the second downwind for the victory. Todd Fedyszyn's *Spoony Tactics* followed in third. Tony Parker's *Bangor Packet* and Stone were launched on the fleet in race two, when winds decreased slightly. Whittemore placed third, lining up the three-way knot for first.



DAY TWO RECAP: Only one team recorded all scores in the top 10 by the end of the second day, and that was the lone leader after four races: Whittemore's *Furio*. Conditions were again on the light side (winds at 5-7 knots) as temperatures remained in the 90s, testing the competitors' ability to locate the better breeze and tackle the shifts. The *Furio* crew added scores of 7,3 on Wednesday for 17 points overall. Milev's *Clear Air* notched their second bullet of the Championship in race four, however a 14 in the day's initial contest gave them 22 points and second place. *Bangor Packet*, led by Parker, held their own, tallying a 6,2 for third place (24 points). Keiji Kondo's *Fox* finished ahead of all others to start Wednesday's matches, and the Japanese team was exuberant to earn a World Championship race win. With his son Wataru among his crew, Kondo shared, "I did come to Miami last year for the J/24 World Council Meeting, representing Japan. It was so nice weather and a good place, so I wanted to bring my guys here." Following Kondo across the line were Andrew Carey's *Mr. Hankey* and Robby Brown's *Angel of Harlem*. Milev's *Clear Air* racked up bullet number two to close Wednesday, with Parker and Whittemore behind.



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DAY THREE RECAP: The middle day of the J/24 World Championship brought the Miami conditions teams came for—breeze in the mid-teens, sunny skies, warm temperatures and the Biscayne Bay chop. Whittemore's *Furio* overcame their worst finish in Thursday's beginning race (32nd) to earn a second in the next. With the discard taking effect as of race five, *Furio* kept all top-seven scores for 19 net points in six races. Stone's *Velocidad* shot up the leaderboard into second, posting a 4,7 on the day for 22 net points. Milev's *Clear Air* and Parker's *Bangor Packet* remained in the hunt in third and fourth places, Milev with 25 points to Parker's 26. Victor Diaz de Leon, *Clear Air* tactician, was racing only his second J/24 regatta. He noted, "The camaraderie in the fleet is really fun. Everyone is super friendly and nice." A regular in other one-design Classes, Diaz de Leon has been impressed with the high level of female participation, including two all-women teams. "There's a ton of great sailors here, and the boats are very challenging." Kohei Ichikawa, from Japan, racing *Gekko Diana* proudly crossed the finish line first in race five, trailed by Parker and Milev. Travis Odenbach's *Honeybadger* completed Thursday triumphantly, with Whittemore rebounding in second place and Ichikawa again in the top three.

DAY FOUR RECAP: Whittemore's *Furio* extended their lead, as Biscayne Bay delivered a wild and exciting day. Winds were regularly recorded at 18 knots with gusts in the 20s, testing competitors and equipment, and causing some boats to retire early. Whittemore, who excelled in the Championship's lighter days, also shone in the bigger breeze Friday, posting a bullet and a 12 for 32 net points in eight races. Stone's *Velocidad* held on to the runner-up position with 41 points, following a 26,5 on the day (discarding the 26). Milev's *Clear Air* maintained the third spot with 42 points. Whittemore explained that crew Van Waay has some regatta experience with *Furio* but joked, "The rest of us has sailed together for 4,000 years." After Whittemore in race seven were John Mollicone's *Helly Hansen* and Tokuma Takesue's *Gekko*. Three J/24 World Champions comprised the top three in race eight: Mauricio Santa Cruz's *Bruschetta*, Will Welles *Buckaroo* and Daniel Frost's *JJOne*.



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Seventy-nine teams from 19 nations (Argentina, Australia, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Great Britain, Grenada, Hungary, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United States) completed 10 races from October 22-26.

TOP TWELVE:

1. *Furio*, Keith Whittemore, USA - 4 -3 -7 -3 -[33] -2 -1 -12 -1 -8 ; 41
2. *Clear Air*, Rossi Milev, CAN - 1 -6 -14 -1 -3 -[16] -11 -6 -2 -13 ; 57
3. *Velocidad*, Christopher Stone, USA - 5 -2 -4 -14 -4 -7 -[26] -5 -8 -17 ; 66
4. *Nautalytics*, Mike Ingham, USA - 2 -14 -[39] -7 -8 -5 -14 -4 -9 -5 ; 68
5. *Honeybadger*, Travis Odenbach, USA - [22] -19 -19 -5 -9 -1 -8 -11 -5 -1 ; 78
6. *Lifted*, Evan Petley-Jones, CAN - 12 -16 -29 -6 -5 -[35] -4 -9 -3 -9 ; 93
7. *Bruschetta*, Mauricio Santa Cruz, BRA - 27 -[80] -11 -20 -10 -8 -9 -1 -6 -3 ; 95
8. *Angel of Harlem*, USA - 7 -12 -3 -29 -[80] -23 -6 -8 -7 -2 ; 97
9. *Buckaroo*, Will Welles, USA - 13 -[24] -13 -21 -6 -14 -13 -2 -19 -4 ; 105
10. *Bangor Packet*, Tony Parker, USA - 15 -1 -6 -2 -2 -[27] -17 -24 -25 -25 ; 117
11. *Spoony Tactics*, Todd Fedyszyn, USA - 3 -33 -22 -11 -13 -[42] -22 -22 -4 -6 ; 136
12. *Fox*, Keiji Kondo, JPN - 6 -43 -1 -15 -29 -[80] -7 -29 -24 -14 ; 168



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REGATTA REPORT FROM J24 AUTUMN CUP 28/29TH SEPTEMBER 2019

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by Joe Cross on GBR 4263 *Jambalaya*

After a week of watching every available forecast race officer Steve Thompson made the brave (and as it turned out correct) decision to go ahead with the J24 Autumn cup at Poole Yacht Club. A weekend forecast of strong winds fuelled the usual debate as teams launched amid the strong winds and rain of Friday afternoon.

Saturday dawned with a strong south westerly breeze so the decision was made to race within the harbour to shelter from the mid channel gales. Following the briefing 22 teams went afloat for 4 races back to back.

Race one started on time at 10:30 with *Madelaine* helmed by Duncan McCarthy leading from start to finish. A pack of boats followed in close company with Joe Cross in *Jambalaya* just holding off a late charge from Dave Cooper's *Jive* to take 2nd followed by *Cacoon* and National Champions *Hustle* in 4th & 5th respectively.

A quick turn around and the fleet were away for race 2. Once again a good start from *Madelaine* catapulted them into an early lead which they held to the finish, this time Nick Phillips and team on *Chaotic* recovering from a main halyard issue in race 1 sailed a solid race to finish 2nd ahead of Sam Pearson's *Hustle*.

Race 3 saw the breeze increase with some particularly strong gusts on the run resulting in plenty of planing. *Jive* stormed into an early lead which they held until the final run when the ever consistent *Madelaine* powered past to take their 3rd win of the day. *Jive* took a close 2nd with *Hustle* once again taking 3rd. The increased breeze saw some spectacular broaches and Chinese gybes (David Harding of Sailing scenes' pictures available on his website) however all starters finished safely.

The final race of the day started with 2 boats OCS but the majority of the fleet starting cleanly for another 3 laps. Once again *Madelaine* started well leading around the windward mark and extending away to take a clean sweep for the day followed by *Chaotic* and Nick Macdonald's *Mojosi* in 3rd.

The fleet returned to Poole YC with smiles on their faces ready for a barbecue laid on by the club straight after racing allowing crews to get together and socialise after an exciting day on the water.

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Following a few protests the day's results were posted seeing Duncan McCarthy and his team on *Madelaine* leading the way with 3 points following a very impressive "perfect day". 2nd was Dave Cooper's *Jive* on 9 points with Joe Cross' *Jambalaya* 3rd ahead on count back of Sam Pearson's *Hustle* both on 11 points.

Sunday morning dawned with gusts over 30 knots and a forecast of building breeze during the day. The decision was therefore made to abandon the days racing allowing boats to be lifted out before the weather closed in. A slick operation executed by a team of Poole YC members meant that an hour and a half later the 16 visiting boats had been lifted out of the water ready for the prizegiving where Poole YC Commodore (and J24 sailor) Nye Davies presented Duncan and team *Madelaine* with the Autumn Cup. Duncan thanked the team at Poole YC for putting on a good event and getting 4 good races away in challenging conditions to finish the UK qualifiers for next year's UK worlds. The fleet now move on to the final qualifying event of 2019, the World Championships in Miami. With 6 UK teams currently entered it should be a good event to round out a successful season for the J24 Class.

The final results can be found here:
<https://www.pooleyc.co.uk/racing/results/772>



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ABOUT THE CITY AND THE VENUE. DISCOVER IT.

Trieste, a city located at the apex of the Northern Adriatic Sea, will warmly welcome J/24 sailors for what is announced as one of the most important sporting events in the city of Trieste and the Adriatic area. Trieste has a very strong link and long tradition with the sea and with the sport of sailing. Most of the best professional Italian sailors racing around the world come from the Gulf of Trieste: Vasco Vascotto, Lorenzo Bressani, Lorenzo and Marco Bodini, Giovanna Micol, Stefano Cherin, Gabriele Benussi, Alberto Bolzan, Mauro Pelaschier, Stefano Spangaro, Michele Paoletti and many others all born in the area and grown up in our sailing schools.

Trieste is a natural crossroads of people, cultures, facts and stories. It's in the center of the Alpe Adria area (next to Slovenia and Austria) and is a place to discover in many different ways.

THE YACHT CLUBS AND THE ORGANIZATION

The J/24 European Championship will be organized by the Yacht Club Porto San Rocco, Società Triestina della



Vela and the Yacht Club Adriaco—the same “players” that worked side-by-side in the past years for the organization of some of the most important national and international regattas. To remember some of them, we can recall the Italian ORCi Championship of 2003 and 2011, the J/22 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, Farr30, J/24, Solaris 36 OD, Meteor, Laser, 470, 420, Finn and Optimist.

THE HEADQUARTERS IN PORTO SAN ROCCO - MUGGIA

The logistic headquarters of the Championship will be based in Muggia inside the well-equipped marina and resort of Porto San Rocco, 12 kilometers from the center of Trieste, where the sailors and all the guests of the J/24 Europeans 2020 will find excellent services both on the water and on the dock after racing.

Porto San Rocco has 546 berths from 8,00 to 60,00 m and a draft from a minimum of 4.5 m to a maximum of 17,00 m. There are no 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.

THE RACE COURSES AND THE WIND

There are many different options for setting up the race course, and one of the best for racing is in the nearby Slovenian waters (just 3 miles from the marina). We plan therefore to organize this Championship in cooperation with Slovenian Authorities.

In these days, we expect good wind conditions. During past the 20 years, we had the opportunity to complete 90% of all races scheduled of 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 very tactical racing and no obliged tacks.

We welcome the J/24 fleet with fair winds to all sailors. Enjoy the Europeans 2020, enjoy Trieste!



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Italy Report



The J/24 of the Sailing Center of Naples of the Italian Navy ITA 416 *La Superba* is the new European Champion (title won also in 2012) and reconfirmed Italian J/24 Champion. The defending Champions have conquered for the third consecutive year the Challenger J/24 Trophy and their sixth flag in Class J/24 after those won in 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017 and 2018.

After nine races held in the first three days and the final one in the final day, the 39th Italian Open J/24 Championship was concluded in the waters of Cervia, which, well organized by the Amici della Vela Nautical Club, saw a battle of 30 crews.

The Regatta Committee's work was excellent, chaired by Stefano Boscolo Bragadin assisted by Maurizio Martinelli, Franco Minotti, Claudio Brolli and Paolo Collina and the Protest Committee chaired by Riccardo Savorani who made use of the collaboration of Edo Stramazzo and Bruno Cecchini. "It was certainly a good Championship," commented Minotti. "The very technical field, the demanding conditions also for the current and the wind, have contributed to making the regattas 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. It was hard to organize everything, but when it came to the end, it was rewarded by the compliments received."

The satisfaction of the helmsman Ignazio Bonanno was great, who, with Vincenzo Vano, Francesco Picaro, Alfredo Branciforte and Francesco Linares, closed the 39th Italian Open J/24 Championship at 36 points (8,1,1,1,1 *, 11, 9.2.7 partial). "The racecourse with so much current and unstable wind made the Championship very technical. We would like to thank the Navy and the Sport & Sailing Office which makes this possible and Usail for collaboration and technical support."

Silver medal went to ITA 304 *Five For Fighting* helmed by Eugenia de Giacomo as a crew with the brothers Nicola and Matilde Pitanti, Marco Bruna and Lorenzo Cusimano (CC Roggero di Lauria; 39 points; 6,2,5,9, 2,3,11,12,1). Bronze, as in the previous edition, went to ITA 498 *Notifyme-Pilgrim* of Lario Mauro Benfatto and helmed by Fabio Mazzoni (with Lorenzo Airoldi, Pietro Kostner and Cesare Trioschi, 47 points; 7,13,2,18 *, 3,1,12,3,6). Also on the podium were ITA 212 *Jamaica* helmed by Pietro

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Diamanti (CN Marina di Carrara) with crew Andrea Casale (holder of five Italian titles won in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008 and a World Championship won with Fiamma Gialla in Arzachena), Giuseppe Incasciato, Fabrizio Ginesi and Paolo Governato (56 points; 2, UFD, 3.2.5, UFD, 8.1.5). Fifth position went to ITA 400 *Captain Nemo* helmed by Guido Guadagni (CV Ravennate; 463 points; 5,16,6,8,4,8,,10, OCS). 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) and from Xservice, Orplast Packaging, AutoSica Citroen and North Sails.

During an Executive Council of the J/24 Class Association of Italy convened by the President to discuss and resolve some decisions, Pietro Diamanti informed the directors (Massimo Frigerio, Fabio Apollonio, Gianni Riccobono and Marco Frulio) that he thought it appropriate to rotate the Board of Directors. In particular, he proposed that Vice President Fabio Apollonio, who made himself available and obtained the favorable opinion and votes from the whole Council, be the President of the J/24 Class Association of Italy until December 31, 2020, while Carrarino Diamanti will hold the office of Vice President and Treasurer.

"After two mandates as President, I thought it was time to pass the baton," Diamanti explained. "In agreement with all the Councilors, I felt that proposing Fabio to the Presidency was also a just recognition to a true Lord of the Sail, always discreet, correct and available, which in recent years has given so much to all of us, changing the climate of the J/24 Class and giving it the right spirit to go to sea. I have always advised myself with Fabio, agreeing and sharing all my decisions with him, and therefore the Class guideline will remain unchanged. The J/24, however, is in my DNA, and therefore I will remain an active part of the Council and my Fleet. I wish Fabio good work, confident that he will be an excellent President for our Class."

It was great success in the sea of Cervia for the second edition of the Antonio Antonelli Memorial - Trophy Challenge Regatta, an event reserved for J/24s and wanted by the Circolo Nautico Amici della Vela Cervia and by his wife Francesca Focardi to remember the owner and helmsman of *Kismet*, a great friend of the J/24 Class and of the Vela world, a unique person and an esteemed professional who died prematurely in 2016.

Eight J/24s (the composition of the teams was extrapolated from the final classification of the XII Memorial Pirini Winter Championship, based on a specific regulation reported in the announcement) took part in the weekend in round robin pairs, with nine flights within two days. In the end, the victory went to the pair consisting of the J/24 *Magica Fata* and *Marbea*.

Italy Report



"I thank the Club very much for the great enthusiasm with which it organized this second edition of the Memorial dedicated to my husband," commented Francesca Focardi. "It was really a good initiative. As a sailor, I am really happy."

Stefano Palazzi (helmsman of *Marbea*) and Massimo Frigerio (helmsman of *Magica Fata*), winners of the team Challenger Trophy.

The last four stages of the 2019 National Circuit of the Italian J/24 Class

Successfully filed the first four stages played in Nettuno, Livorno, Cervia and Caldonazzo and the summer break ended, the 2019 National Circuit of the Italian J/24 Class resumed with the fifth round. This year, the Circuit awards 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 National Circuit without considering the discards, divided into eight rounds from April to November.

To win the fifth stage, the well-organized National Regatta by the Club Nautico Marina di Carrara was once again the J/24 of the Centro Vela Altura Napoli of the Italian Navy ITA 416 *La Superba*, with three victories over six races held in two days of competition. The helmsman Ignazio Bonanno and his crew (Simone Scontrino, Francesco Picaro, Francesco Linares and Alfredo Branciforte) won the event and the Nino Menchelli 2019 Trophy.

After the first day closed to the command of *La Superba*, ITA 304 *Five For Fighting* helmed by Eugenia de Giacomo with crew Nicola and Matilde Pitanti, Marco Bruna and Lorenzo Cusimano closed in second position. Third was the Vice President of the Italian Class and local Chief Fleet Pietro Diamanti with his ITA 212 *Jamaica* (including Fabrizio Ginesi, Paolo Governato, Antonio Lupo and Filippo Caleo). He said, "I am very satisfied with the excellent level of the crews that took to the water and came from

numerous Fleets on the Peninsula." The podium was touched by the winner of the opening race, Giuliano Cattarozzi's ITA 182 *Kaster* which preceded the President of the Italian Class Fabio Apollonio with his ITA 371 *Joc Alce Nero*. He said, "I thank the Organizers for the warm hospitality and the excellent welcome. We will definitely be back very soon to race in Carrara." On Saturday, before the start of the race, a touching minute of silence was observed to remember his friend Pino Garofalo (always a crew on *Jamaica*), who died last December.

The J/24 fleet then moved to Mandello del Lario where the local section of the Lega Navale Italiana organized the 2019 Italian Cup won again by ITA 416 *La Superba* thanks to three early matches (helmsman Ignazio Bonanno with Simone Scontrino, Vincenzo Vano, Francesco Picaro and Alfredo Branciforte). There were four very technical races with a weak wind during the two days of competition by 12 crews representing different J/24 Fleets. The winner of the second race, ITA 212 *Jamaica*, helmed by Pietro Diamanti, won the second position on the podium; third was ITA 371 *Joc Alce Nero*, helmed by the President of the Italian Class J/24 Fabio Apollonio with crew with Giuseppe Diamanti, Lorenzo Marini, Tommaso Fusato and Alessia Bellotti. Fourth and fifth place were ITA 476 *Dejavu* helmed by Ruggero Spreafico and ITA 473 *Magica Fata* helmed by Massimo Frigerio, co-owner with Viscardo Brusori. "The Lario with its organization and hospitality has largely passed the 'test,' and has certainly won a stage of the National Circuit 2020," commented Apollonio. "It was very nice to see more representatives coming down into the water and Fleets increasingly close together not only in the regatta but also on land. The welcoming of LNI Mandello was appreciated by all." Satisfaction on the part of Chief Fleet J/24 of Lario, Mauro Benfatto (owner of ITA 498 *Notifyme -Pilgrim*), thanked all the crews and LNI Mandello for their work and commitment of its staff, its appreciated facilities and its means, making these days truly enjoyable.

Italy Report



And it was precisely the Amici della Vela Sailing Club in Cervia, which this year had already organized the Italian J/24 Championship, who hosted the seventh and penultimate stage of the J/24 National Circuit. After winning the stages of Nettuno, Cervia, Marina di Carrara and Mandello del Lario, the J/24 of the Centro Vela Altura Napoli of the Italian Navy ITA 416 *La Superba* also won the seventh stage of the 2019 National Circuit held in Cervia. After having well organized the Italian J/24 Championship in May, the “Amici della Vela” Nautical Club of Cervia once again welcomed the J/24 for the penultimate stage of the Circuit. Nineteen crews that, between Saturday and Sunday, played six scheduled contests. Among them a very high representation of Cervesi boats, eight of them, confirming the great moment that the J/24 Class is experiencing also locally. Behind *La Superba*, which won the event with three firsts and two second places in the individual contests, there were three boats from Cervia: in second place was the protagonist of the first two races, ITA 473 *Magica Fata* of Massimo Frigerio and Viscardo Brusori who closed in advance of J/24 ITA 424 *Kismet* owned by Francesca Focardi and helmed by Francesco Bressan. Following were ITA 505 *Jorè* owned by brothers Alessandro and Alberto Errani and skippered by Marco Pantano that preceded ITA 212 *Jamaica* of Pietro Diamanti.

Penalized by one and even two OCS in the case of *Captain Nemo*, ITA 371 *J Joc Alce Nero* of the President Fabio Apollonio and ITA 400 *Captain Nemo* co-armed by the Chief Fleet of Romagna Guido Guadagni and by Domenico Brighi (winner of the fourth race) thwarted the good performances obtained in the other races, closing respectively in the eighth and ninth place. The event ended with a pleasant award ceremony in the garden of the Club.

During the Cervia stage, the Assembly of the members of the Class took place and, at the suggestion of the Council, Massimo Mariotti, a racing historian of the J/24 Class and owner of the *Avoltore*, was appointed Honorary President of the J/24 Class of Italy: “Uncle Massimo can be considered the forefather of the Italian fleet. He has always participated in a proactive way in the life of the Italian Class. A true point of reference.”

Once the stages of Nettuno, Livorno, Cervia, Caldonazzo, Marina di Carrara, Mandello del Lario and Cervia were completed, Olbia and the local section of the LNI hosted the National Regatta as the eighth and final appointment of the 2019 National Circuit. For this stage a new, very demanding formula was adopted but equally appreciated by both the competitors and by the public that was able to follow the races closely, directly from the Brin Pier. The victory went to ITA 405 *Vigne Surrau*, while ITA 416 *La Superba*, winner at sea was penalized by a disqualification

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and passed from first to fourth place overall. "Only enthusiastic comments for the experiment that the Circolo Nautico Olbia wanted to put into practice on Saturdays and Sundays in the port of Olbia," commented Chief Fleet Marco Frulio with satisfaction. "On the occasion of the J/24 National Regatta, also valid as Zonal Championship and third stage of the J/24 Zonal Circuit, in fact, the Organizing Club has proposed an event based on many mini regattas (round trips by 5 of the 10 participants) which, combined together, formed the regatta tests. It is a formula that can be improved in detail, but which received unanimous appreciation among the members of the Race Committee, the sailors and the public that was able to follow the event live."

On Saturday, there were 10 mini-races with wind from the west quadrant while the following day 12 were completed with wind from the east quadrant.

With this immense effort, the Race Committee, composed by Giovanni Porcu, Betty Nieddu and Fabrizio Pirina, and the Jury at sea carried out by Chicco Clivio, allowed four races won respectively by *La Superba* (of the Centro Vela Altura Napoli of the Italian Navy), *Aria Foundation* (of Sardinia of the LNI Olbia), *Vigne Surrau* (of the Nautical

Club Arzachena) and *Botta Dritta* (of Mariolino Di Fraia). The victory, as it consisted of the combination of six mini-regattas (flights), was not easy: in fact, each crew ran three flights and frequently the final rankings saw the same points between the boats solved by the specific Rule in Appendix A of the Regatta Regulations.

The victory at sea went to the J/24 of the Centro Vela Altura Napoli of the Navy, ITA 416 *La Superba*, skippered by Ignazio Bonanno. But a disqualification in a series of flights, where he had obtained a victory, relegated him from first to fifth place and also in the general classification he moved from first to fourth place.

The winner was ITA 405 *Vigne Surrau* with Aurelio Bini and Evero Niccolini, Pietro Alvisa, Roberta Piras, Mauro Pisanu and Danilo Deiana. Second was ITA 401 *Dolphins* by Carta Consulting of the Olbeian shipowner Giuseppe Taras (with Nicola Campus, Giuseppe Taras, Eugenio Basciu, Andrea Mariani, Mario Spano and Daniele Russu). In third place was ITA 404 *12.1 Saint Lucia* with Gianluca Manca, Angelo Delrio, Raffaele (Lucio) Balzano, Enrico Catignani and Raffaele Giuliani.

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After this experiment, the Sardinian J/24 Fleet decided to re-propose the flights in the first stage of the 2020 Zonal Circuit which will be organized by LNI Olbia.

Below is the link to the video that the Sardinian Fleet J/24 has self-produced, the link of the video of one of the flights, the video of the event of this stage:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXjKp1IjhjM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xFDOKowPETI>

<https://youtu.be/1YT4MpjLS0c>



J/24 2020 US NATIONALS SEPTEMBER 24-27, 2020

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- 2012-13 Shark US National Championship (25 boats)

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The wind speed in late-September on Lake Champlain averages about 10 knots. Winds generally blow from the south-southwest 46% of the time. The next most frequent



MBBC - Lightning 2009 World Championship (60 boats)

wind direction is North-Northwest at 22% of the time. Westerly winds are a distant third, with Easterly winds almost never occurring. It's not unusual to get one day of jib weather in September.

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Calendar

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
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





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