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COME TO BEAUTIFUL HOWTH FOR THE BMW J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP!

Preparations for the 2013 BMW J/24 World Championships at Howth (IRL) are well underway. The weather is improving after a cold Winter, and the Irish fleet is on the race course already!

Howth Yacht Club is the largest club in Ireland and is only 10 km from Dublin City and 25 minutes from Dublin Airport.

In 2011, Howth hosted the BMW J/24 Euros, an event which was enjoyed by 43 crews from across Europe and USA. For the 2013 Worlds, we are delighted to be able to say that we have visitors from Japan, USA, Brazil, Germany, France and Great Britain already entered. Online entry is available now, and bank cards will not be charged until 31st May!

<https://www.hyc.ie/entryonline/J24WorldChamps13/entrylist.asp?pname=online>

There is a good selection of competitive charter boats available. Each boat has been examined by the Irish JCA to ensure that it is in good condition and complies with the Class Rules before being offered for charter. Some of the boats available are shown online at:

<https://www.hyc.ie/J24WorldChampionship2013/logistics/logistics.asp?pname=logistics>

Racing is under the management of PRO David Lovegrove, who looked after the sailors so well during the 2011 Euros at Howth. Our race area is free from commercial traffic, obstructions and has a very simple North/South tidal flow. The technical and measuring organization is making good progress, and we promise to make the process as simple and trouble-free as possible.

Apart from the full program of racing, the event organizers want to make it one of the most sociable Worlds yet. We have a full program of entertainment ready for our guests and, for those not sailing, we will be organizing other activities and tours so that you can see the best of Howth and Dublin.

Howth is a fishing village with some of the best seafood in Europe on offer. Within five minutes walk of the yacht club, there are 14 restaurants catering for all tastes and wallets. Make sure you complete the weigh-in before you start enjoying the week!

Accommodation detail is also on the Worlds website. Hotels, guest houses and camping facilities are available. Some of the club members also have houses available to rent. Just get in touch with us and we will answer any queries you have. If you are working to a tight budget this year, we will make sure that you are looked after. We will move heaven and earth to accommodate our visiting J/24 friends!

The 2013 J/24 Irish Championship is also being held in the week prior to the Worlds. It's a perfect opportunity to practice for the Worlds and to enjoy a relaxing weekend.

Make one trip in 2013. Make the trip to Howth and let us show you how to have a good time!

www.hyc.ie/J24WorldChampionship2013



UKJCA Update



The UK J/24 Class has seen a mini revival over the last 12 months with numbers attending events up on recent years, no doubt spurred on by the potential reward of a berth at the 2013 World Championship across the Irish Sea in Howth. With 29 teams competing at the 2012 UK Nationals (the best entry since 2008), we had great competition with six different race winners across the 10-race series, and the championship being settled by a single point – with the Bob Turner/Nathan Batchelor of team Serco retaining their crown.

We have strong fleets and great one-design racing in Poole and Plymouth on the south coast of England with smaller numbers elsewhere demonstrating the strength of the design in handicap racing against much newer designs – UK based J/24s have achieved podium positions in class at recent Cowes Weeks and Round the Island events to highlight this.

For 2013, we are anticipating sending a full UK complement to the 2013 Worlds. The qualification series was hotly contested by 37 teams from across the UK, with final places decided on final race of final event of the year. In addition to this, we have two pre-qualified teams, following their victories at the 2010 and 2011 European Championships, plus an all female team, led by GB's 2012 Olympic Laser Radial representative, Ali Young.

Our 2013 UK National Championship will be held in Plymouth from 4-7 July, and we are expecting to build on last year's numbers as well as hopefully attract teams from overseas as they build up to the Worlds in Howth.

With a new website (www.j24class.org.uk) and active Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/173439200447/>) helping to keep members up to date with all our news, we're hoping for 2013 to bring fair winds and warm weather..... though neither are guaranteed sailing in the British Isles!



ITALY OR ECKERNFÖRDE?

As Germany is geographically quite far in the north our season starts – in a normal year - in March. Just some teams are brave enough to start earlier with big gloves in low temperature to get ready for the strong German and European competition. Other German teams like it a bit cozier. They start their season down in Italy to line up with the Italian fleet and if they are lucky enough they can sail already in shorts.

But this year the 2.000km distance between the north of Germany and the warm region of south Tuscany seems to be even a bit farther. In Germany the winter doesn't want to end this year. At the Easter weekend on the 1st April we still had snow and a cold wind let the low temperature even feel lower. But nevertheless five J/24 teams stuck to their plans to open the German sailing season with a training weekend at Eastern in Eckernförde, close to Kiel at the Baltic Sea.

At the same time three German crews drove down to Porto St. Stefano close to Rome/Italy to compete at Pasquavela (Easter-sailing). They found as well strong winds, a competition of 20 boats and - on the third day - 25°C and sunshine! About 27°C difference from Eckernförde.

But one thing is for sure – all teams, whether in Italy or in Eckernförde, had fun to restart sailing J/24.



The German J/24 class will hold their Nationals on the 18th to 20th May in Flensburg, close to the Danish border with 30+ J/24's. This place is great for sailing and the Flensburger Segel Club famous for organizing perfect regattas.

Please check for more information www.j24.de



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Despite the prevailing gloomy economic conditions, sailing activity of GRE NJCA remains firm and current year's races got off to a busy start. Strong winds, tight battles and fierce competition were the main elements of the first phase of the J24 Greek Championship, hosted by the Nautical Club of Palaio Faliro, from the 23rd to 25th of March 2013. Thirteen teams from Athens, Crete and Thessaloniki and over 60 sailors took part in the regatta battling for the win. The 2013 National Championship is composed of two rounds, one hosted in Athens and the second in Aghios Nikolaos, Crete.

After 8 spectacular races, the 2009 European Champions and 2010 Europeans 2nd place winners, team of HELLENIC POLICE skippered by ALEXANDROS TAGAROPOULOS, claimed the final win and made a decisive step towards winning the title of the 2013 Greek National Champion. Second place winners are the JMANIA team, skippered by NIKOS SPIGGOS, leaving in third place ANIMA team, skippered by AGGELOS PSOMOPOULOS, one point ahead of EVNIKI team skippered by DIMITRIOS ALTSIADIS, 2nd place winners of 2013 Primo Cup at Monaco, having also dominated the Nationals since 2008.

GRE NJCA Report

The first day of races started with an unpleasant surprise, as the 13 teams faced light winds on the race area. Despite the effort of the race committee to start the first race, wind force was inadequate and forced the race committee to abandon the race soon after the start. A light breeze from the south which intensified varying from 8 knots to 15 knots later on the day, started spreading all over the race area very quickly, giving the opportunity to the teams to complete 3 races. Altsiadis' EVNIKI, Tagaropoulos' HELLENIC POLICE and Psomopoulos' ANIMA made a strong start in the championship dominating the races and each won one race during the first day. A very good and consistent performance of Spiggos' JMANIA which closed the first day in third place overall.

The second day of racing was the most exciting, as the teams completed 4 races in difficult weather conditions. A strong South breeze was prevailing on the race course with gusts of more than 25 knots and moderate waves which made the competition fierce and races very challenging. An outstanding performance of Spiggos' JMANIA team in these weather conditions, enabled them to score 2 wins, bringing the team in second overall position at the end of the day. Tagaropoulos' HELLENIC POLICE team, scoring 1 win and finishing in the top 3 places in the other races, took the lead in the overall standings.





The last day of racing, weather conditions allowed only one race which started with a south strong breeze, big waves and gusts blowing over 25 knots. The winner of the race was the team of HELLENIC POLICE skippered by A. Tagaropoulos, leaving in second place Altsiadis' EVNIKI and JMANIA team in the third place. Thereafter the race committee signaled the end of racing as strong

winds prevailed with gusts over 35 knots. The prize giving ceremony took place in the afternoon of the same date at the Yacht Club of Palaio Faliro and the teams renewed their appointment for the next NCJA race. With only 5 points separating the first from the fourth team the battle for the national title during the second round of the Greek Championship is expected to be very fierce and tight.



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GRE NJCA Report

Final results of the 1st part of the National Championship are listed below.

Rank	Boat	Sail no.	Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	Net
1	Hellenic Police	751	Alexandros Tagaropoulos	1	4	DSQ	1	2	3	2	1	28	14
2	J Mania	5367	Nikos Spigos	4	2	4	2	1	1	4	3	21	17
3	Anima	3978	Angelos Psomopoulos	3	1	2	3	4	5	1	4	23	18
4	Evniki	5239	Dimitrios Altsiadis	2	3	1	4	DSQ	4	3	2	33	19
5	Minoan Spirit	5113	Aris Pallikaris	5	6	5	5	3	6	5	5	40	34
6	Activista	1483	Nikos Lekkas	7	5	3	6	8	2	DNF	8	53	39
7	Simeria	4772	Giorgos Makrydakis	8	8	DSQ	7	5	7	6	6	61	47
8	Octopus	5441	Giorgos Fragos	6	11	7	10	6	10	DNS	7	71	57
9	Ta Panta Rei	1475	Yiannis Paterakis	11	9	6	9	7	8	8	10	68	57
10	Momentum	10	Giorgos Vitsakis	DNE	7	DSQ	8	9	12	7	9	80	66
11	Okyroi	3616	Michalis Tsoupakis	10	10	DSQ	12	10	11	9	11	87	73
12	Ariba	1829	Nikos Zaharioudakis	9	12	8	11	12	9	DSQ	DNS	89	75
13	Denis	148	Dimitris Stalounis	12	13	9	13	11	DNS	DNS	DNS	100	86

The first stage of the J24 Greek Championship was sponsored by MAGIC MARINE, GILL and SAILING SHOP. The J24 Greek Championship is sponsored by ANEK LINES and SUPERFAST FERRIES.

With five more regattas scheduled in Athens and Cretan districts, the racing season promises more action and fun to all participants!

Best regards from members of the Hellenic NJCA.





EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP COMING TO MONACO

The 2013 edition of the J/24 European Championship will take place in Monaco from Saturday 5th October to Saturday 12th October. This event will occur exactly 20 years after the Yacht Club last greeted this Championship for the first time, in 1993. The Principality, renowned for its unique sailing experience and warm welcome, will once again gather the world's best of what is still considered to be the most important one-design fleet.

Over 60 competitors from all over Europe and further afield are expected to take the start of the race under the careful eye of International Race Officer John Coveney. John participated in the ISAF Sailing World Cup in Hyères since 2008, ran the Hobby Cat Europeans in 2012, the Voiles de St. Tropez numerous times as well as many IRC races. He will also be running the Darts' World Cup in July this year.

After a practice race scheduled on Monday 7th October, the championship will start with at least 12 races scheduled. Head of Jury Willii Gohl, International Judge since 2004, together with his team will ensure fair sailing for all, both on the water, in arbitration and the protest

room. Willii is well experienced with fleet race as he has been involved in jury roles for all J/24 World Championships since 2008. He was the jury chair for the 2010 J/24 World Championship in Malmoe, Sweden and in 2012 in Rochester, NY, USA where there were almost 100 competitors registered.

Stuart Jardine, who joined the Class in 1985 as a competitor, became a qualified International J/24 Class Measurer in 1988, a member of the Class International Technical Committee in the mid- 90s and was honored with the appointment of Councilor of Honor in 2011. He will take part to the European Championship as the IJCA representative and Chief Measurer. As a warm up, he raced during the 2013 edition of the Primo Cup – Trophée Credit Suisse and commented, "Another great Primo Cup with great weather conditions, and it is very good to see that the 16 Monaco boats are competing to a much higher level!"

Alongside intensive racing on the water, the Yacht Club de Monaco will present the racers with an attractive social program each evening, typical of the Principality! There will be as much fun on and off the water.



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The regatta will conclude on Friday 11th October with a prize-giving dinner when all those attending will have their chance to win during the unique prize draw.

The Yacht Club de Monaco would like to inform J/24 sailors coming to the European Championship that they may leave their boats in Monaco during the winter season 2013/2014 and participate in the Monaco Championships (one race per month in our Mediterranean weather conditions with boats dry sailed!) as well as the next Primo Cup-Trophée Credit Suisse in 2014.

For further information about the 2013 J/24 European Championship or the winter sailing season, please feel free to visit the website (www.ycm.org) or to contact Charles Terrin by e-mail (commu3@ycm.org). The notice of race, registration form and list of accommodation in and around Monaco are all online now, by clicking: www.ycm.org.



USJCA Report



GREETINGS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE USJCA!

The USJCA membership currently stands at 486 members as of May 6, 2013. We are excited to be the host nation for the 2014 J/24 Worlds in Newport, Rhode Island, September 20-26, 2014. With the 2013 J/24 North Americans to be sailed at the same venue as the 2014 Worlds, we anticipate a large turnout of sailors from around the world to see what the conditions will be like in 2014! The website for the 2014 Worlds is now up online at <http://www.regattapromotions.com/j24-fleet-50/2014-j24-world-championship.html>

As the site of the 2014 J/24 Worlds, Newport will be the site of the next IJCA World Council Meeting this coming October. More information will be sent shortly for all members of the IJCA Executive Committee.

USJCA Report



The USJCA was the host nation for the 2012 J/24 Worlds in Rochester, New York where an “open” qualifying format resulted in 96 entries from 13 nations. The Championship was sailed in a wide variety of conditions ranging from 5-6 knots to 20-25 knot winds. Once again showing their brilliance, Team *Bruschetta* of Brazil with Mauricio Santa Cruz at the helm dominated the tough field of competitors to win his fourth J/24 World Championship. Displaying solid tactics and brilliant boat speed, Mauricio won in a vintage 1980 boat, hull number 2021, proving once again the great staying power of the J/24 Class and the fact that you don’t need a new boat to win a Worlds!

The USJCA has recently formed a Promotions and Marketing Committee composed of volunteers from the Class. Jeff Johnstone, the J/24 Copyright holder and CEO of JBoats International, had generously offered the support and services of the US Builder, Waterline Systems, and his own promotion and marketing department to the US Class at no cost to the USJCA. It is my hope that the work of this committee will address members’ concerns about a perceived lack of promotions and marketing on the part of the Class. We would also hope that the work of this committee might serve as a model for promoting the J/24 Class on an International level.

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Past USJCA President Kelly Holmes-Moon and I.

The recent 2012 J/24 Worlds in Rochester, New York was able to donate \$2,500 (USD) to a local Children's Cancer Center once all regatta debts were paid. We were excited to show that the J/24 Class can give something back to local communities and deserving charities. This fact will be featured on the USJCA website and also used to help promote the J/24 Class.

Respectfully submitted,

Lambert Lai
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The updated Class Rules as of April 1, 2013 are now posted at

<http://www.j24class.org/rules-regulations/class-rules/>

Class Rules

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2013

