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## **J24 UK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023 – PLYMOUTH**

### **REPORT BY 'JOLLY ROGER'**

As part of the 2023 Plymouth Regatta, the Port of Plymouth Sailing Association ran the 2023 J24 Nationals.

There were 10 entries with 10 races over 3 days of Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of July.

Dave Rollinson was the able race officer having occasionally to deal with difficult conditions, supported by his mark layers.

The weather was very sunny and the fleet managed to avoid the rainstorms on Sunday.

On Friday, the average wind was 10 knots, gusting up to 18. On the Saturday, the average was 5 knots, gusting up to 10 and on the Sunday, an average of 8 knots, gusting up to 18.

On the Friday, the racing was south of the breakwater in quite heavy swell. The fleet was divided in the conditions as between jibs and genoas with boats broadly performing equally overall with either. The national winner, Dave Hale and team in 'Cacoon', made his mark by winning race 1 and reprising himself in race 3 with another 1<sup>st</sup>.

Roger Morris and team in 'Jolly Roger' won race 2. Chris Randall in 'Hitchhiker' was unfortunately in OCS in race 2.

On the Saturday, the fleet again went out to south of the breakwater but with the much lighter winds and the continuing swell, Dave Rollinson very sensibly postponed the racing for this to take place inside the breakwater. Sailing in the much lighter conditions was much more difficult.

For the first race of the day, Tim Octon and team in 'NJ02' had a 1<sup>st</sup> in race 4, Sam Marshall in 'Widget' had a 1<sup>st</sup> in race 5, 'Jolly Roger' had a 1<sup>st</sup> in race 6 and Ben Maddaford in 'Jam' had a 1<sup>st</sup> in race 7, benefitting from some breeze that he found in race 6 on a long starboard tack from the start line deep into Jennycliff Bay.

On the Sunday, there was more breeze and the racing was again south of the breakwater but still with some swell. 'Cacoon' managed a 1<sup>st</sup> in races 8 and 9, leaving him in a position where he did not need to race in race 10. 'NJ02' won race 10.

Unfortunately, for 'Jolly Roger' and 'Jo-Jo' they were both OCS in race 9.

The overall results were 'Cacoon' 1<sup>st</sup>, 'NJ02' 2<sup>nd</sup> and 'Jolly Roger' 3<sup>rd</sup>.

With thanks to Dave Rollinson and his team and to Sam Marshall and his team in organising the event.



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## Results

Rank	Sail No Name	Owner	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8	Race 9	Race 10	Net Pts
1	4269 Cacoon	Dave Hale	1	4	1	5	2	2	2	1	1	(11/DNS)	19
2	4266 NJ02	Tim Octon	4	2	2	1	5	5	5	3	(6)	1	28
3	4270 Jolly Roger	Roger Morris	3	1	4	8	3	1	7	2	(11/OCS)	3	32
4	4248 Majic	James Torr	(8)	5	5	3	4	4	4	4	3	2	34
5	4153 Jam	Ben Maddaford	2	6	(7)	4	6	3	1	5	4	4	35
6	4235 Wijit	Sam Marshall	(7)	7	6	2	1	6	3	6	5	5	41
7	4213 Hijinks	Mark Lewers	5	3	8	6	8	8	6	(9)	2	6	52
8	4242 Hitchiker	Chris Randall	6	(11/OCS)	3	7	7	7	8	7	7	7	59
9	4013 Violent J	Jason Culmer	(9)	8	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	8	77
10	4103 JoJo	Adam Rogers	10	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	(11/OCS)	11/DNF	90