

Torbay Royal Regatta – 18 – 19 August 2023
Sam Marshal, WiJit



5 J/24's made the trip to Torquay for the 2023 edition of the Torbay Royal Regatta. A less than optimistic forecast meant that there was no Mojosi, and Italian Job was unable to make the 50 mile sail from Plymouth. The remaining boats rushed to rig-up and crane in before the rain started. Some were successful, and made it to the Commodore's Reception and enjoyed complimentary food and Pimms at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

Friday's Pimms tempted the sun out, but with forecasts gusting in the mid to high 20's and the Yankee flag raised, the fleet set out under jib. In their new boat Mr Mann, fleet stalwarts Shane and Sheep quickly found their pace, gaining an early lead, with some confusion at the shortened course allowing James Torr's MaJic to slip through in second in Race 1. The blustery conditions, as well as chopped-up sea from the previous days gale made keeping your boat upright and fast tricky, but the fleet stayed pretty close across the four races of the day, Mr Mann leading convincingly on straight wins, MaJic in second and DanJerous When Wet in third. Crews headed back to the dock to dry clothing and lick wounds, while some others had running repairs to complete to get back on the water the next day! The RTYC hosted a barbecue in the evening, and whilst the other fleets petered out, the whole J fleet stayed in the yacht club to enjoy the music, dancing and two birthday celebrations.

Going into Sunday, many crews felt a little worse for wear after the previous evening's entertainment, but the promise of a drier lighter day encouraged boats out to the race course. With wind oscillating across the course, and big patches of light breeze, the racing looked set to be testing, only exacerbated by the IRC and Cruiser fleets barreling up and down the course. The RO set the other fleets on windward leewards as well as the J's, which made keeping out of traffic a priority, and several boats found their progress impeded by 40 footers. Sporadic downpours helped to dampen the mood and the waterproofs. Mr Mann stayed consistent enough to realistically seal the win by race 5, and a bad day for DanJerous When Wet was not enough to let NJO3 move up to fourth, finishing fifth on countback. Two seconds for WiJit moved them up to third, with MaJic

comfortably in second, having taken the win in Race 6. The overall results suggest a much more spread fleet than the reality, with boats often finishing only seconds apart. On the final race each boat in the fleet was in first at all but the last mark of the course!



Our thanks go to the RTYC for hosting and race management as boats prepare to head off to the Worlds in Greece. The final UK event of the year is at the Plym YC on the 30th September/1st October. Boats are available to borrow for this; if you are interested in getting in a J before the 2025 Qualifying year please get in touch!

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Overall

Sailed: 7, Discards: 2, To count: 5, Entries: 7, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Class	Benita Bowl	SailNumber	BoatName	HelmName	CrewName1	CrewName2	CrewName3	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total	Nett
1st	J24		GBR4241	Mr Mann	Shane Hewlett	Paul Willimas	Martin Bowmer	Ben Mad	Saltash Sailing Club	(1.0)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	(3.0)	1.0	9.0	5.0
2nd	J24		GBR4248	MaJic	James Torr	James Torr			Saltash Sailing Club	2.0	2.0	(3.0)	2.0	(4.0)	1.0	2.0	16.0	9.0
3rd	J24		GBR4235	WJjit	Sam Marshall				Plym Yacht Club	3.0	(5.0)	4.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	(5.0)	24.0	14.0
4th	J24	Benita Bowl	GBR5238	DanJerous When Wet	Mark Lewers	Mark Lewers			RWYC	(5.0)	3.0	2.0	4.0	(5.0)	5.0	4.0	28.0	18.0
5th	J24		GBR4266	NJO3	Tim Octon	Tim Octon			Plym Yacht Club	4.0	4.0	(5.0)	(5.0)	3.0	4.0	3.0	28.0	18.0
6th	J24		GBR4251	Italian Job	John Gorman Gorman	John Gorman	Amy Street	Kyle Robinson	PYC	(8.0 DNC)	(8.0 DNC)	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	56.0	40.0
6th	J24		GBR4260	Mojosi	Nick McDonald	J Allen	A Allen	D McDonald	RYA	(8.0 DNC)	(8.0 DNC)	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	8.0 DNC	56.0	40.0