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at Corpus Christi Yacht Club
in Corpus Christi, Texas USA
on July 14-22, 2022.**



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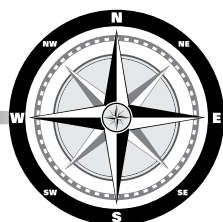
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2022 J/24 World Championship in Corpus Christi, Texas USA

The International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) will hold its 2022 World Championship at Corpus Christi Yacht Club in Corpus Christi, Texas USA on July 14-22, 2022. The scheduled host in Mendoza Argentina will move to a later year, due to pandemic-related concerns.

Brad Stokes, Regatta Chair, said, "Corpus Christi Yacht Club, host of the 1988, 1982 and 1979 J/24 North American Championships and recipient of the US Sailing St. Petersburg trophy for excellence in race management is pleased to welcome J/24 sailors to experience our favorable wind conditions and our southern hospitality."

IJCA Chair Will Welles added, "We are very pleased that Corpus Christi will host the 2022 Worlds, and we are hoping that many teams will come and compete in this great sailing venue!"

This announcement followed the news of the 2021 J/24 World Championship cancellation: The International J/24 Class Association (IJCA) and the Parkstone Yacht

Club in Poole United Kingdom announced that the 2021 J/24 World Championship scheduled for September 26-October 1, 2021 has been cancelled. The Organizing Committee (OC) had hoped that it would be possible to hold the much-anticipated regatta this autumn. However, despite the encouraging progress that is being made toward the UK's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is clear that even if the UK lockdown continues in line with the UK Government's current timetable, there will continue to be uncertainty regarding International travel for some time. Regatta Chairman Bryan Drake commented, "We know that this will cause a great deal of disappointment, not only to the OC who have worked hard for over four years to deliver a superb event but also to the J/24 community across the world. Both the OC and the J/24 crews were hoping that the pandemic would be behind us all by now so that we could have looked forward to a fabulous fortnight later this year, but there is too much uncertainty to make this viable."



International J/24 Class Adjusts European Championship Schedule

The International J/24 Class Association (IJCA), in cooperation with the Italian Federation of Sailing (F.I.V.) who delegates Yacht Club Adriaco, Triestina della Vela and Yacht Club Porto San Rocco have agreed to cancel the 2021 J/24 European Championship. The Italian J/24 Class will now host the J/24 European Championship in Trieste, Italy in 2024.

"Most of the European Class representatives do not think that crew will be safe and able to travel across Europe to participate in the event. We agreed that, all considered, it is not safe or wise to go on with the organization in 2021. Trieste 2024 is the best option," said Roberto Sponza, the 2021 J/24 European Championship Event Chairperson.

The IJCA and its members worldwide look forward to resuming the European Championship schedule in 2022 and beyond:

- 2022 J/24 European Championship, August 29-September 3, 2022 at Howth Yacht Club, Howth, Ireland
- 2023 J/24 European Championship, August 20-27, 2023 at Balatonfüred Yacht Club, Lake Balaton, Hungary
- 2024 J/24 European Championship in Trieste Italy



News From the Good Samaritan Hospital 2021 J/24 North American Championship

Sayville Yacht Club, Blue Point, New York
June 16-20, 2021

APRIL 24, 2021: signs of life at the Sayville Yacht Club begin to emerge. There is a group of SYC volunteers building a raised vegetable garden which will be used in the club's kitchen. Then there is a J/24 crew stepping their mast in anticipation of starting the sailing season on the

Great South Bay. The crew is getting caught up with the winter's activities and discussing the upcoming campaign that will lead up to the Good Samaritan Hospital 2021 J/24 North American Championship to take place June 16th through the 20th.



The Organizing Authority of the regatta is no less busy than the crew or garden volunteers. The OA is finalizing plans which include everything from traffic control and on-water activities to health concerns and hospitality. The OA is hoping that the field of competitors will continue to increase as health restrictions ease around the continent.

Co-Chairs Joe Buonasera & Bob Panico, along with an army of volunteers, have meticulously planned all aspects of the regatta. They have also secured a world-class group of regatta officials. The Chief Judge is Steven Wrigley, the Chief Measurer is Curt Barnes and the PRO is Sue Reily. Regatta officials will be backed up by seasoned SYC volunteers. There is even a group monitoring the COVID-19 protocols so that we can operate safely and within the law.

If you are planning your trip to Blue Point, NY, there are a few things to keep in mind. While trailering your boats in New York, do not use any of the parkways. These are not meant for anything other than passenger vehicles. You must stay on the interstates. Lodging can be challenging as well since Blue Point is a sleepy residential town. There are very few homes for rent. The OA however has arranged for discounted rates at the Clarion Hotel Ronkonkoma. The hotel is an 8-10 minute drive to the Sayville Yacht Club. Special rates can be accessed by clicking on the Clarion logo on the regatta website on Yacht Scoring.

Dining will be available at the SYC every night of the regatta. Thursday and Friday nights, dinners and drinks can be purchased from the SYC bar & grill. You can enjoy both while sitting under the competitors' tent and watch the day's photo slideshow provided by RJ LaBella Photography. Saturday night's meal is part of the registration fee; additional dinners can be purchased if needed. Blue Point Brewery is the official beer supplier of the regatta. There will be plenty of beer to fill the pitchers you will bring to your assigned table. The beer is included

in your registration as well. Lunches can be purchased as packages that will be delivered by bow number to the club by Firehouse Deli of Blue Point. Look for the menu/order form on the Yacht Scoring website "other documents" tab.

Official regatta apparel can be purchased online at Coral Reef Sailing Apparel and onsite, although there is a large selection of items online. Click the link on the Yacht Scoring website. Harken Derm sunscreen and after-sun lotion will also be available at a discount at the Harken Derm table.

Racing is the reason we all travel to these events. The Sayville Yacht Club is blessed with having the Great South Bay right outside the boat basin. The ride to the racecourse will take you no time at all. If the predominant SW wind is present, you will not even have to take your outboard out to get to the racecourse. June is a great time of year to sail on the south shore of Long Island. If the wind is light in the morning, just wait for the land to heat up and the seabreeze from the southwest will kick in and give us steady 12-18 mph winds.

If you have not registered, please do so at the Yacht Scoring website. If you have registered, thank you. Please check your email for updates and have your crew lists filled out so they can get the updates as well. There is important check-in information on the website now, and it will continue to be updated right up to June 16th.

The OA wants you to know that there is still time to make your plans and join us at the regatta this June. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Joe or Bob. Also watch the Facebook page for updates on COVID protocols, as they change very frequently. Joe Buonasera can be reached at jbuona29@gmail.com and Bob Panico can be reached at robertpanico213@comcast.net.

Full event details:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13168>



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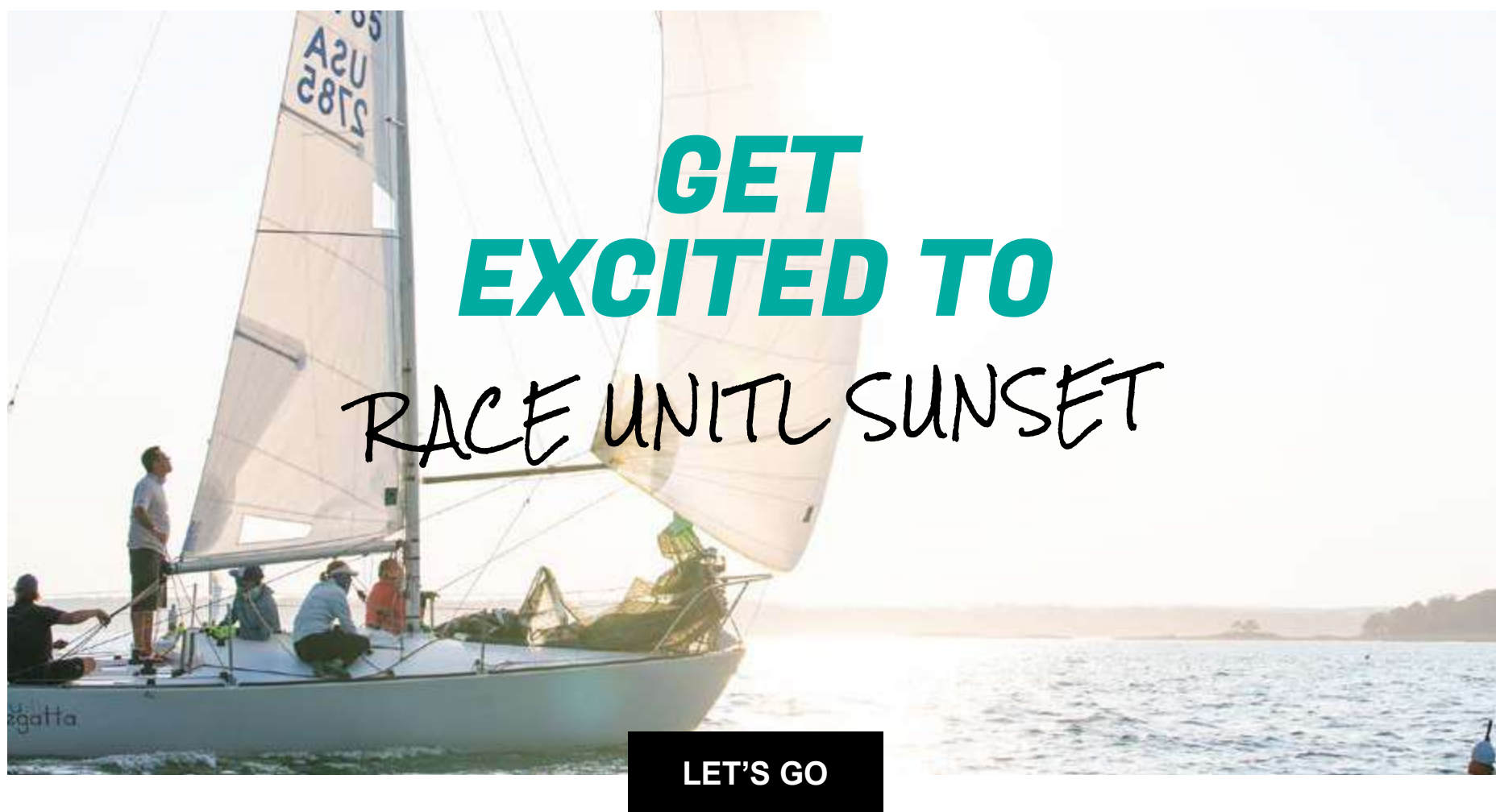
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John Mollicone Attains 2021 J/24 Midwinter Championship



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The 2021 recipient of the Lambert Lai J/24 Midwinter Championship perpetual trophy is John Mollicone on *Jesus Lizard*. With crew Paul Abdullah, Mike Marshall, Nick Turney and Dan Borrer, the team bested 28 others through 10 races on Biscayne Bay in Miami, Florida USA from February 26-28. Their consistent top-10 scores allowed them to hit the docks before the final race with 28 net points, letting the others battle out the remaining podium finishes. Travis Odenbach's *Honeybadger* won the final two races to secure second place with 32 points. Gilberto Rivera's *Urayo* team from Puerto Rico came on strong on the latter two days to snag third place with 47 net points, just one ahead of Carter White on *Wind Monkey*. Smiles were on the faces of competitors who basked in the Miami sun and breeze for three days.





Photos courtesy of Chris Howell



DAY 1 RECAP: The Championship kicked off at Shake-A-Leg Miami with four races completed. Teams reveled in the pristine conditions with winds at 8-10 knots, sunny skies and temperatures in the 80s. White's *Wind Monkey* shot out to the early advantage with all top four finishes for 8 points. Mollicone's *Jesus Lizard* stood in second place with 16 points. Floridian Robby Brown's *Angel of Harlem* was in third with 28 points. White's *Wind Monkey* earned their first bullet of the day in race one, ahead of James Freedman's *Miss Conduct* and Mollicone's *Jesus Lizard*. Brown's *Angel of Harlem* grabbed the next win, with White and Mollicone again cracking the top three. Trailing White's second victory in race three were Nadia Daggett's *Mustache Ride* and Val Shestopalov's *Victoria*. Mollicone secured his silver position for the day with a victory in Friday's final battle, followed by Aidan Glackin's *Mental Floss* and Freedman.



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DAY 2 RECAP: Teams again enjoyed ideal conditions on Biscayne Bay with breeze between 10-15 knots, blue skies and above-average temperatures. Four more races went in the books, bringing the total to eight (including a discard). Able to drop a ninth from Friday, Mollicone's *Jesus Lizard* counted only top three finishes for 17 net points and the lead, heading into the final two scheduled races. Day one leader White's *Wind Monkey* continued solid scores but dropped to second with 23 net points. Odenbach's *Honeybadger* joined Mollicone in placing among the top three in all of Saturday's races to move into third overall with 30 net points. Rivera's *Urayo* team rocked the day with three bullets. The first came in the opening race in a duel they won with Odenbach and Mollicone. Odenbach and Mollicone moved up to first and second in the next contest, with Kirk Reynold's *Tyrus* in third. Rivera's second victory came in race seven, again with Mollicone and Odenbach staying at the front of the fleet. Mirroring how the day began in the last match, Rivera, Odenbach and Mollicone comprised the top spots.





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TOP FIVE:

1. *Jesus Lizard*, USA 3379, John Mollicone, 3 -3 -9 -1 -3 -2 -2 -3 -2 -[30] ; 28
2. *Honeybadger*, USA5208, Travis Odenbach, [10] -8 -4 -10 -2 -1 -3 -2 -1 -1 ; 32
3. *Urayo*, PUR2928, Gilberto Rivera, 7 -[13] -7 -12 -1 -11 -1 -1 -3 -4 ; 47
4. *Wind Monkey*, USA2720, Carter White, 1 -2 -1 -4 -4 -8 -6 -5 -[30] -17 ; 48
5. *Angel of Harlem*, USA799, Robby Brown, 11 -1 -10 -6 -[15] -6 -14 -11 -4 -2 ; 65

Photos are posted on the USA J/24 Class Facebook page, and complete results are available at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13200>.



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Italy Report



The J/24 *La Superba* of the Italian Navy makes three of a kind and wins the J/24 L.N.I. Livorno.



On the podium also were *Jamaica* di Diamanti and *Dejavù* di Spreafico.

LIVORNO: With a trio of victories, the J/24 of the Centro Vela Altura Napoli of the Navy ITA 416 *La Superba*, helmed by Ignazio Bonanno (crewed with Simone Scontrino, Vincenzo Vano, Francesco Picaro, Alfredo Branciforte and the support of Francesco Linares-GSMM 3 points; 1,1,1), the 2021 competitive season began with a flourish by winning the J/24 LNI Trophy Livorno, the National Regatta organized as part of the International Sailing Week of the Naval Academy-City of Livorno by the local section of the Italian Naval League (chaired by Fabrizio Monacci in collaboration with the National Association Class J/24, under the aegis of the FIV and sponsored by the LNI National Presidency).

La Superba also won the trophy reserved for the first classified J/24 led by a crew made up of members of the FF.AA.

In second place, ITA 212 *Jamaica* helmed by Vice President J/24 Pietro Diamanti (in crew with Fabrizio Ginesi, Paolo Governato, Edoardo Ghirlanda and Marco Tronfi, CNMCarrara 3,3,2 partial) followed by 8 points by ITA 476 *Dejavù* helmed by Ruggero Spreafico (with Adriana Vitali, Cristina Scurati, M.Luisa Bosisio and Marco Belotti; CVTivano 2,2,4).

Before racing, there was a touching ceremony to commemorate the recently deceased J/24 President Fabio Apollonio.



The National Regatta took place as part of the Naval Academy-City of Livorno International Sailing Week.

The J/24 crews, after the long pause caused by the restrictions of COVID-19, have finally returned to the regatta fields.

On the opening day before starting the racing, a touching ceremony was held in commemoration of the recently deceased J/24 Class President Fabio Apollonio. All the boats gathered around the Committee boat and, during the minute of silence heralded by the whistles of honor pronounced by the boatswain of the Naval Academy, a wreath of flowers was thrown into the sea, accompanied by a long applause.

Immediately afterward, 13 crews (no less than six of the Navy as proof of the great attention paid to this event and to the J/24 Class) competed in three races characterized by wind from the SE varying between 10-18 knots.

In the first two, *La Superba* anticipated *Dejavù* and *Jamaica*, while in the third *La Superba* had the better of *Jamaica* and

ITA 505 *Jorè* armed by the brothers Alessandro and Alberto Errani (CN Cervia; 11 points; 4,4,3).

The prohibitive weather conditions of the following day (the wind exceeded 35 knots from the SW) prevented the scheduled races, leaving the ranking unchanged.

The Jury was chaired by Giovanni Capitani, assisted by Vincenzo Campoli and Giulio Michelotti.

The Admiral Commander of the Naval Academy of Livorno, Flavio Biaggi, also took part in the award ceremony, held at the headquarters of the LNI Section of Livorno, in full compliance with the anti-COVID regulations. "An edition probably more special than the previous ones in the spirit of wanting to do rather than having to give up. The results achieved by the 2021 edition of the International Sailing Week brought new enthusiasm to all those who love the sea by launching a message of sharing and hope for the near future."

Grenada Report

By David Schiever



Photo courtesy of Melissa Goodwin

Racing in the Caribbean has been pretty slim since the pandemic began. But Petite Calvigny Yacht Club in Grenada has been able to pull off several events since last August, including a great day of J/24 racing on Woburn Bay on Sunday, March 21, 2021.

Proceeds from this event as well as from a recent “dinghy poker run” are helping to support the club’s new youth sailing initiative. The program currently offers lessons for sailing the club’s Hobies, Lasers and Optis and provides transportation for the children.



Photo courtesy of Rosie Burr

In true fashion of the club’s spirit, owners of four J/24s loaned their boats for the day to give 12 teams (including one team crewed by junior racers from Woburn Wave Warriors) a go at winning bragging rights. Throughout a day that saw gusts pushing into the 20s, teams battled through a round robin format, with each team having three races, a different J/24 each time.

Grenada Report



Photo courtesy of Melissa Goodwin

Since many of the teams were unfamiliar with the boats, the J/24s were outfitted with jib and main only. A tight start/finish line, gusty conditions and fearless crews provided spectators on dinghies and ashore with plenty of opportunities for gasping and cheering. Learning new rigs on-the-fly while navigating a course set in an active anchorage and running human whisker poles for downwind legs kept things plenty interesting for crews. In the end, two teams—*Team DieHard* skippered by Robbie Yearwood and team *Spider Pig* helmed by Rob Mclean—finished the three rounds with three bullets each. The two teams sailed a final race to claim overall first.



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FINAL RESULTS FOR THE PODIUM WERE:

- 1st place - *Team DieHard*, skipper: Robbie Yearwood
- 2nd Place - *Spider Pig*, skipper: Rob Mclean
- 3rd Place - *Island Dreamers*, skipper: Mark Sutton

FINISH RESULTS FOR THE REGATTA:

- 1) *Team DieHard* (3 points)
- 2) *Spider Pig* (4 points)
- 3) *Island Dreamers* (7 points)
- 4) *Frigate Racing* (11 points)
- Incognito Adventures*
- 6) *Kraken* (13 points)
- 7) *KIS* (15 points)
- Palm Tree Greasers*
- Shake 'n Bake*
- 10) *Driftwood Hardwood* (17 points)
- North Yacht Shop*
- Woburn Wave Warriors* (junior team)

Sweden Report

By Monica Persson



Swedish Championship for J/24 6th-8th August 2021 Lagunen, Malmoe

Swedish J/24 Class Association (SWE-JCA)
www.j24sweden.se

Dear J/24 Sailors in Sweden and all around our World,

PLAN FOR THESE EVENTS IN YOUR CALENDARS 2021:

- Swedish Championship for J/24 on the 6th-8th of August in Lagunen, Malmoe.
- J/24 Sailracing Practicing days on the 19th -20th of June in Lagunen, Malmoe. Same waters as the Swedish Championship will be sailed in August.
- Annual Meeting on the 19th of June 17.00-18.00 in Lagunen, Malmoe. Welcome!

We really hope that you are all keeping well and healthy in these very strange times we are experiencing. Keep following the precautions so it opens up soon. Hold on, hold out and keep that physical good distance. Go sailing and keep smiling and being those social and nice sailors you are. Keep contact with our J/24 family in Sweden and around the world. Take this time to learn from each other, exercise, practice sailing, maintain and polish extra on your J/24.

Spring is here in Sweden. In May, the clubs' evening sailing started again! We get to sail Thursdays in Malmoe. All clubs are starting soon so we can be busy sailing Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Join the fun and keep gathering new "happy J/24 moments."

This year, we are excited to be sailing the Swedish National Championship for J/24 in Lagunen, Malmoe. Welcome! Notice of Race will come soon. The Swedish J/24 Class Association will also have J/24 Sailracing Practicing days on the 19th -20th of June in Lagunen, Malmoe. It's the same waters as the Swedish Championship will be sailed in August so you can prepare and get to know the sailing area. More information soon on our digital channels. Our Annual meeting will be held both in-real-life and digital on the 19th of June, directly in conjunction with our J/24 Sailracing Practicing. We are looking forward to seeing you!

J/24 in our hearts and friends for life! ❤️



Photo credit: Fredric Johanson, Lagunen, Pictures from J/24 Swedish Open 2012, Lagunen Malmoe

2022 J/24 European Championship, Howth Yacht Club, Dublin, Ireland

By Mark Usher

Photos courtesy of Gareth Craig (fotosail.com)

Howth Yacht Club in Dublin is delighted to be hosting the 2022 J/24 European Championship from 30 August to 3 September.

In 2022, the Irish Eastern Championship will be held at the same venue over the weekend of 20th & 21st August. This open event offers an opportunity for sailors to familiarise themselves with the racing waters and tidal flows and to get some race practice in advance of the Europeans in 2022.

Howth Yacht Club hosted the very successful J/24 European Championship in 2011 and World Championship in 2013. Both these events were superbly organized both on and off the water, and they attracted 40+ entries from 10 different countries, making them truly international Championships. Racing was extremely competitive, and both events were raced across a wide range of wind conditions.

Many of the people involved with the organisation of the previous J/24 events, including IRO David Lovegrove and his race management team, have signed up again, and they are all looking forward to renewing friendships with the J/24 sailors and having another opportunity to see the fantastic racing the Class provides.

In 2011, Howth Yacht Club established an under-25 Sailing Programme (known as the K25 Programme), using a J/24 that was generously lent to the Club. That boat remains the mainstay of the programme and has seen various



generations of young sailors learning the skills of the sport, with a second boat also available to the programme. The principle is that groups of sailors are developed each year who then represent the Club and at both national and international events. The programme has been very successful with one of the teams winning the Irish Nationals and finishing in third place overall in the 2015 J/24 European Championship.

The K25 programme has been adopted by a number of Irish clubs, and there are now 10 boats with crews in the age bracket 18 to 25 competing in Irish events. With the 2022 European Championship being sailed in home waters, the young sailors of Howth YC and the other Irish K25 teams have a wonderful incentive to focus on their sailing in the lead-up to the event so that they are ready to benchmark their skills against the best in what must be one of the most competitive one design Classes in the World.

See www.hyc.ie for information about the Club, the racing area, the facilities and the surrounding area.



It's All About that Backstay

By Quantum Sails' Carter White

I recently returned from calling tactics on the *J/24 Ice Cube* at Canandaigua Yacht Club's J Daze regatta in the Finger Lakes region of New York State. I spent many summers on Skaneateles Lake when I was younger and four years on Seneca Lake sailing for Hobart and William Smith Colleges. These lakes are narrow and oriented north-south. When I saw west winds forecasted for the regatta, I was both pleased and worried. We would have wind, yes, but the sailing would be challenging, with large shifts and huge pressure differences every few seconds.

For the race weekend, we had 4 knots to 12 knots out of the west, with an occasional larger gust on Sunday. On each leg, the shifts were between 15 degrees and 45 degrees, and the pressure varied by 6 knots every few minutes. Two boats could sail upwind within a boat length of each other, yet be 30 degrees apart and 4 knots apart in speed.

After the first day, we were winning by a large margin. We had two mediocre races on the second day, and ended up finishing in second place by one point. In all, there were only six points separating the top six finishers, which showed the strength of the top teams and the inconsistent race conditions. After this challenging weekend, our crew had four major takeaways.

1. HAVE OPTIONS AT THE START

If the wind or currents change during the start, you want flexibility to change where you start. Look for open space on the line and any space developing behind the line. Starting where there are fewer boats gives you the option to tack or go straight. If you find yourself too close to other boats at the start, decide quickly which tack you want to be on right off the start. If you want to be on starboard tack first, stay close to the boat windward of you. This gives you plenty of room to leeward to put your bow down and accelerate off the start. A good acceleration is key to holding your lane on starboard tack off the line. If there is a large left-hand shift during the start, then push toward the boat to leeward of you and leave a hole to windward so that you can tack into that space. If you get enough speed, you'll hopefully be able to tack and cross the boats to the right of you if they're slow. Worst case is that you all tack at the same time or you need to duck a boat or two. This will be worth it, as you will be on the lifted tack first and sailing less distance.

2. SAIL THE LIFTED TACK

Sailing the lifted tack applies both upwind and downwind. By sailing the lifted tack or jibe, you'll sail the shortest distance. Figure out

quickly which tack or gybe is closer to the mark, and sail on that heading as often as possible.

3. SET UP FOR THE LOWER WIND RANGE

Make sure your rig is tuned for the lower wind range. It's easier to depower the boat in the puffs than it is to add power when you need it in lighter air. The Quantum Tuning Guide base is 4 knots to 8 knots, which is where we set up the first day for mostly light wind. On the second day, the wind picked up a bit, and we sailed at base and one step up from base. Refer to the [Quantum J/24 Tuning Guide](#) to learn about these steps and tuning your rig.

4. IT'S ALL ABOUT THAT BACKSTAY

If you've ever heard the song 'All About that Bass,' now you've got it stuck in your head, too! The backstay is your gas pedal and helps drive the boat, allowing the skipper to use less rudder and the keel to do its magic. All of this keeps the boat going fast.

When the wind changes frequently, the skipper needs to keep the boat at a consistent heel angle. On a J/24 that angle is close to flat or 5 degrees to 8 degrees heel at most. Communication and coordination from the crew calling the wind are essential. As a crew member calls a puff or, even more importantly a lull, the skipper should prepare for the change in velocity with a backstay adjustment. Much like breaking before turning in a car and accelerating out of the turn, the skipper can put on backstay just before a puff to keep the boat flat, keeping more keel in the water and using that lateral pressure to propel the boat forward. If no change is made to depower the boat and the boat heels over, the keel has less lateral pressure and the boat slides sideways instead of forward. Conversely, if a skipper doesn't release the backstay when a lull materializes after a puff, the boat won't have enough power and may even heel to windward, causing loss of flow over the keel, which stalls the foils and slows the boat.

To adjust the backstay effectively in these conditions, make sure it is neither too tight or too loose for the base condition or median wind range. This allows you to use the full range of what is available: loose in lightest wind and tight in the gusts. If you're too tight from the get-go, you won't be able to power up the boat; too loose and you'll bottom out the bridle and end up unable to depower. You should be adjusting your backstay tension on the turnbuckles along with the turns on the shrouds ([See our tuning guide for details](#)).

In the end, patience is important in conditions like these. Remember that everyone is frustrated and experiencing the same challenges. Don't get discouraged, but instead have fun, laugh at the conditions or yourself, and learn something for the next time.

Canada Report

By Katie Coleman Nicoll



A few boats in the water with a delayed launch date of May 4.



Lots of cleaning and polishing before launch but once in we can't leave the dock.

Unfortunately, many of us in Canada are faced with similar circumstances - with yacht clubs only allowing people to come check on their boats and sail within their family bubble. In Nova Scotia, all club racing has been postponed for at least a month. Many J/24s are still in storage since the Miami Worlds in 2019. With everything that's going on, planning has been difficult so no exciting events to report from eastern Canada.

The scenario in Ontario is very similar. The provincial government has locked everyone down. Although cranes are operational, you can only launch your boat and move it to your berth (if wet sailed). You are not permitted to leave the club harbour, although there have been some beautiful sailing days in April (which is early). This is the fourth year out of five that the spring launch has been delayed—2017 & 2019 due to flooding of the Ottawa River and Lake Ontario, and 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19. Residents of Ontario are not supposed to cross the river into Quebec. However, police roadblocks have been generally removed because many essential workers live in Quebec and work in Ontario and vice versa.

In Quebec, boats are launching but until one can get a bunch of strangers on a boat together each week (who aren't in your family bubble), there will most probably be no normal racing again in 2021.

Switching to golf has also been problematic, as golf courses are also shut down. Many of us have been walking and hiking to keep in shape. Others are now out on their bikes. Time will tell where our season will take us this year. I don't think anyone ever dreamed that two sailing seasons would have been affected by this nasty virus.

At this stage, with little promise of a 2021 racing season, the CJCA continues to plan into the 2022 season and hosting the continent for the Canadian and North American Championships, to be held in Kingston in August. We are very hopeful that life will have returned to some semblance of "normal" by then, and we will have an event.

So, from Canada we wish you good health and stay safe, with a cautious outlook for the summer of 2021, as supplies of the vaccines ramp up in Canada.



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Calendar

June 16, 2021

2021 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: June 16, 2021
End: June 20, 2021
Venue: Sayville Yacht Club
Address: Blue Point, NY, United States

August 6, 2021

2021 J/24 SWEDISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: August 6, 2021
End: August 8, 2021
Venue: Lagunen
Address: Malmoe, Sweden

September 4, 2021

2021 KIEL WEEK

Start: September 4, 2021
End: September 12, 2021
Venue: Kiel, Germany
Address: Kiel, Germany

July 14, 2022

2022 J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: July 14, 2022
End: July 22, 2022
Venue: Corpus Christi Yacht Club
Address: Corpus Christi, TX, United States

August 17, 2022

2022 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: August 17, 2022
End: August 21, 2022
Venue: CORK
Address: Kingston, Ontario Canada

August 20, 2022

2022 J/24 IRISH EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: August 20, 2022
End: August 21, 2022
Venue: Howth Yacht Club
Address: Howth, Ireland

August 29, 2022

2022 J/24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: August 29, 2022
End: September 3, 2022
Venue: Howth Yacht Club
Address: Howth, Ireland

August 20, 2023

2023 J/24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: August 20, 2023
End: August 27, 2023
Venue: Balatonfüred Yacht Club
Address: Lake Balaton, Hungary

September 6, 2023

2023 J/24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Start: September 6, 2023
End: September 10, 2023
Venue: Sandusky Sailing Club
Address: Sandusky, OH, United States



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