

2023 J/24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

20-27th August 2023

Balatonfüredi Yacht Club (BYC) in conjunction with the Hungarian Sailing Federation, the Hungarian J/24 Class Association, and the International J/24 Class Association

Balatonfüred, Hungary

<https://www.j24.hu/2023-j24-ec/>

Notice of Race



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Preamble The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for a breach of this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Regatta Regulations of the IJCA (IJCA RR), available at <http://www.j24class.org/rules-regulations/regatta-regulations>, shall apply.

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- 1.3 No national prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.4 Class rules changes (as permitted by the IJCA Class Rules (CR), Section J):
 Class rule C.2.1(b) is changed to Class rule J.4.2 regarding crew. A crew nominated or listed for this event shall remain the same throughout the event. Emergency changes may be made only with written permission of the race committee.
 CR C.10.2 is changed to CR J.2(b-e) to allow a boat to carry a spare class spinnaker.
- 1.5 Support Vessels – RRS 41 shall apply from the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day and until she returns to her mooring after her last race of the day. This changes the preamble to RRS Part 4.
- 1.6 [NP][DP] Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat and may be used as identification for the boat during the event. Bow numbers shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied and shall remain affixed until after a boat hauls out at the end of the event.
- 1.7 In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the class rules.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.9 RRS 61.1(a) will be changed so that the red flag displayed by a protesting boat shall have a hoist of not less than 150mm and a fly of not less than 200mm.
- 1.10 RRS Appendix T shall apply to this event and further modified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.11 The International Jury may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violations of the class rules and racing rules other than those of Part 1 and Part 2.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The sailing instructions will be available after **9:00 on 20th August 2023** at the [official](#) notice board.

3. COMMUNICATION:

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at the event website: <https://www.j24.hu/2023-j24-ec/>
 The onshore unofficial notice board is located **at the entrance of the BYC.**
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on international VHF channels.
- 3.3 The race committee may choose to make VHF radio communications to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be announced in the sailing instructions. Failure to make this broadcasts or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1
- 3.4 [DP] From the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.
- 3.5 [DP] A representative of each boat shall have a mobile telephone capable of transmitting and receiving telephone calls and text messages while at the venue. In addition, the OA, race committee, protest committee and technical committee may use email, text messages or WhatsApp (or similar applications) to communicate with competitors before the event and while boats are in the harbor.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The J/24 European Championship is open to J/24 Class boats as defined by the IJCA class rules, and that qualify as prescribed in the IJCA Regatta Regulations, and whose entries are accepted by the organizing

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authority.

4.2 Championship helmsmen must be either nationals or residents and members of the National J/24 Class Association of the country that they represent.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the required form at the event page and submitting the requested information at <https://www.j24.hu/2023-j24-ec/> and paying the required fee by **23.59 GMT +1** hours on **15th June 2023**.

Entry is not complete until all requirements of Eligibility, Fees, Registration, and Inspection have been satisfactorily completed.

4.4 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: Entries received after 00.00 GMT +1 16th June 2023 will be accepted with a 150 EUR additional late fee, making the total entry fee 750 EUR providing the restrictions in NoR 4.5 have not been reached.

4.5 A Corinthian Division may be offered. To be considered an entry in the Corinthian Division, each member of the crew shall provide a current, valid World Sailing SailorID with a boat's online registration indicating World Sailing Group 1 status.

5. FEES:

5.1 The required entry fee is **600 EUR** which must be paid by **23.59 GMT +1 15 June 2023**. Boats entering after **00.00 GMT +1 16th June 2023** will be required to pay the late fee described in NoR 4.4.

5.2 Fee includes inspection, launching, hauling, storage/mooring while at the event, racing, scheduled social functions for all crew, and prizes.

5.3 Additional individual social function tickets or passes may be purchased at registration for an additional fee.

5.4 All fees shall be payable to:

Account holder: Balatonfüredi Yacht Club

Account number: HU72 11763361-37893884-00000000

Name of bank: OTP Bank

Address of bank: 8000 Székesfehérvár, Ósz utca 13.

SWIFT/BIC: OTPVHUHB

Note: J24 EC2023 – Sail number

5.5 ***Deadlines for cancellation via in a written forms per email is to erik@hercsel.hu 00.00 GMT +1 20th July until that date full entry fee, afterwards the 50% of the total paid entry fees will be refunded deducted bank and transaction fees.***

6. ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

6.2 Boat advertising shall comply with WS Regulation 20.

7. SCHEDULE:

Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Sunday	13 August	23:59	Deadline to electronically submit documents specified in NoR 8.1.
Sunday	20 August	9:00 – 12:00 13:30 - 18:00	Registration/Measurement/Crew Weigh-in
Monday	21 August	9:00 – 12:00 13:30 – 20:00	Registration/Measurement/ Crew Weigh-in
Tuesday	22 August	9:00 – 14:00 13:00 14:00 15:00 18:00	Registration/Measurement/ Crew Weigh-in Skippers' Briefing All Boats Afloat Warning for Practice Race Opening Ceremony
Wednesday	23 August	8:00 – 8:30 10:00 19:00	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day Social Event
Thursday	24 August	8:00 – 8:30 TBD 19:00	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day Social Event
Friday	25 August	8:00 – 8:30 TBD 19:00	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day Social Event
Saturday	26 August	8:00 – 8:30 TBD 19:00	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day Closing Ceremony – Prize Giving **
Sunday	27 August	8:00- 8:30 TBD 14:00 16:00	Crew Weigh-in* Warning for First Race of the Day*** No warning after Closing Ceremony – Prize Giving*** Crain out possibilities

*These scheduled crew weigh-ins are only for technical committee approved replacements.

** If ten races have been completed.

*** When fewer than ten races have been completed.

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7.1 Ten races are scheduled over five consecutive days.

7.2 No more than four races per day will be sailed.

8. REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION:

8.1 Each boat shall submit the following documents via online registration:

(a) A valid, IJCA issued Measurement Certificate, Including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment.

(b) Proof of current marine liability insurance coverage, see NoR 19.

(c) Proof of J/24 Class Association membership in the country they represent for the boat owner and the driver.

8.2 With written permission of the technical chair, changes to documents or forms required by NoR 8.1 may be accepted at check-in.

8.3 Only Equipment Inspection will be done at the event. Measurement for certification must be successfully completed prior to the event. RRS 78.2 shall not apply.

8.4 All competitors will be weighed during registration. Competitors must have a passport or other photo identification at weigh-in.

8.5 Equipment Inspection will be carried out on all boats in accordance with the class rules.

8.6 Boats will be subject to inspection at any time for any class rules during the event.

9. VENUE:

9.1 Attachment 1 shows the location of the event harbor.

9.2 Attachment 2 shows the location of the racing areas.

10. THE COURSES:

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs.

10.2 The target time for each race is approximately 50-75 minutes.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM:

11.1 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

11.2 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

11.3 Except if the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2

12. SCORING:

12.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

12.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

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- 12.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 13. SUPPORT VESSELS:**
- 13.1 Lake Balaton is under natural preservation and the use of powerboats is strictly regulated by Hungarian law. To obtain temporary permits, support vessels shall register at the Organizing Authority until 1st July 2023 where all details will be communicated included the exact fee that applies to the permit.
- 13.2 [DP] Support vessels shall register during scheduled registration, declaring to which boat or boats they are attached. They may be required to display an identification flag supplied by the organizing authority, provide proof of insurance, and follow the instructions of the OA. Accredited support vessels and operators will be subject to the technical and disciplinary directives of the RC and of the Jury that, in case of infringement, may act according to RRS 64.5.
- 14. BERTHING:**
- [DP][NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned slips, as directed by the organizing authority.
- 15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS:**
- [DP][NP] Boats shall be afloat by **14:00** on **Tuesday, 22 August** and shall not be hauled out during the event except in accordance with the prior written permission and terms of the Technical Committee Chair. This restriction applies to rudders.
- 16. DIVING EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC POOLS AND OTHER PROHIBITED ACTIONS:**
- 16.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is afloat and the end of the event. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.
- 16.2 [DP] Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the event.
- 16.3 [DP] The use of dehumidifiers or electric fans are prohibited at all times while boats are afloat.
- 17. PRIZES:**
- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded to at least the top 10 boats entered.
- 17.2 Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the winning team.
- 17.3 A prize will be awarded for the top women's entry in which the entire crew is comprised of women.
- 17.4 Prizes will be awarded to the top youth's entry comprised of a crew in which none are over the age of 25 years.
- 17.5 Prizes will be awarded to the top senior entry sailor at age 65 and over.
- 17.6 There will be a prize for the winners of the day describe in the Sailing Instruction.
- 17.7 Organization Authority may define other special prizes in the Sailing Instruction.
- 17.8 A Corinthian Division Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the top Corinthian entry.
- 17.9 The Corinthian Division shall be awarded prizes for the top five teams or top 15% of division entries, whichever is greater.

18. RISK STATEMENT:

- 18.1 By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes**
- 18.2 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.
- 18.3 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided in the registration package.

19. INSURANCE:

Proof of valid, third-party marine liability insurance with a minimum coverage of **125 000 EUR** per incident or the equivalent (property and injury)

20. MEDIA RIGHTS:

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the IJCA, the Hungarian J/24 Class Association, the Balatonfüredi Yacht Club (BYC) and the event sponsors to use, publish, broadcast, or otherwise distribute for promotional, advertising or any other purpose, any images and sound recorded during the event of persons and boats free of any charge.

21. Further information, contact the following:

President of HUNJCA: Erik Hercsel, Email: erik@hercsel.hu

Head of Communication: Julia David, Email: julia.david@sailforyou.hu

Event website: <https://www.j24.hu/2023-j24-ec/>

ATTACHMENT 1 – LOCATION OF THE EVENT HARBOR



Host club: Balatonfüredi Yacht Club: www.byc.hu
Host port: Balatonfüredi Yacht Club
Hungary, 8230, Balatonfüred, Zákonyi Ferenc street 2.
[+46° 57' 11.81", +17° 53' 33.47"]

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ATTACHMENT 2 – LOCATION OF THE RACING AREA



1. Racing Area

The championship sailing area is an eight-mile (12,9 Km) long stretch on Lake Balaton. The northern boundary of the racing area is the northern coast of the Lake Balaton itself (from Balatonfüred to Alsóörs) while Balatonföldvár and Siófok form the southern boundary. To the west and east of the race area lie the rest of the Lake Balaton.

The water is in average 2-5 meters deep. No predominant wind direction can be observed, but wind conditions at Lake Balaton are overall balanced, providing challenging and exciting conditions for racing.

Distance and time to race course:

The distance to the race area from the harbor is approx. 1 – 1.5 nautical miles. Time to sail to race area - between 15 and 30 minutes, depending on wind direction and force.

Obstructions en route:

The racing area is not subject to commercial shipping, only recreational shipping and sailing is permitted on Lake Balaton.

2. Weather and wind conditions expected:

Lake Balaton is the largest lake in Central Europe, situated in the middle of the Hungarian Trans-Danube territory in the western part of the country. The 77-km-length and the 14-km-width form a 600-squarekilometre-water surface. The Tihany peninsula divides the lake in two parts and forms an approx. 1 km-wide strait close to mid-lake, where also the

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deepest point of the lake lies (11 metres). The main axis of the lake is SW-NE oriented. The water depth varies between 0.5 and 5 metres, the south-shore being shallower and gradually deepening (2 metres depth after a 600-1000 m distance from the shoreline). At the hilly Northern shore, the depth starts with about 1.5 meter and reaches 5 metres relatively soon.

The wave pattern is unique: the short and relatively high waves can be very rough and choppy in heavy wind. The average wavelength is 3-4 metres, increasing up to 6 metres in strong winds. The height of the waves averages 1 metre, increasing to 1.5 metres in heavy weather, when the crests fall through. On extremely rare instances with winds over 80 km/hour, the wave crests are blown away by the wind and a dust of -steam is formed just above the water surface, posing a significant risk of drowning for swimmers.

3. Boats

Launching facilities – 1 dockside crane + 1 additional dockside crane at a nearby harbor (upon hauling-out)

Mooring facilities— BYC Marina, fully equipped 100+ yachts harbor with all facilities at excellent quality.

Mast stepping equipment availability – Gin poles + separate mast stepping crane available on the club area.

Location of marine supply and repair shops: Sailmaker's overnight repair facilities, and marine supply shops within walking distance.

Trailer storage — adjacent to Club (approximately 200m).

4. Charter Boats

- a. A limited number of high-quality charter boats can be arranged from within the Hungarian J/24 Class Association. Contact: Erik Hercsel President of HUNJCA erik@hercse.hu
- b. All charter boats pre-measured and weighed.

5. Boat Transportation

1. Nearest port for shipment of boats - Budapest Dock
2. Time from port to yacht club - 90 minutes.
3. Unbundling and/or truck/trailer charges - None
4. Costs and arrangements for any ferry crossings for trailered boats

Szántód-Tihany 12-15 Euros

6. Crew Transportation

a) Nearest airport

- Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport - <https://www.bud.hu/> Closest international airport. The Club is 160 kms from the Airport, approx. 2 hours, which operates flights to most European destinations. Buses link the airport to Budapest central stations, from where Balatonfüred can be reached by train in about 2 hours.
- Vienna International Airport - <https://www.viennairport.com> major international hub 200 kms from the Club, approx. 3 hours drive.

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By car the easiest way is to take the main road 71. If you're coming from Budapest, you can use the motorway M7 (until the exit by the kilometre-sign 90, towards Balatonfüred). The distance from Budapest to Balatonfüred is 130 kms. Please note, that on all motorways (M1-M7) you have to buy a vignette sold at petrol stations.

There is a fast growing highway network in Hungary (1,480 km in total). Each highway starts at Budapest. These are the most useful motorways:

M1 - connection to Győr, Austria and Slovakia (west)

M3/M30/M35 - connection towards Ukraine

M5 - connection to Serbia, via Kecskemét and Szeged (south-east)

M6/M60 - Connection to Dunaújváros and Pécs (south)

M7/M70 - connection to Lake Balaton, from Croatia and Slovenia (south-west)

7. Accommodation

Balatonfüred and the surrounding areas within 10 kms, or 20-minute-drive, has a wide choice of accommodation available including:

- [Hotels](#) – from €70 per person sharing twin-bed room per night.
- [Guesthouses](#) from €60
- [Airbnb](#)
- [Campsite](#) will be available approx. 1.5 miles away.

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g274884-Balatonfured_Veszprem_County_Central_Transdanubia-Hotels.html