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BARCELONA J70 SPRING SERIES 2024

'HangTen Hnos. Berga' emerge victorious in the Barcelona J70 Spring Series 2024

Barcelona, May 13, 2024_ **The Barcelona Spring Series for the J70 class concluded in the waters of Barcelona under the organization of the Real Club Náutico de Barcelona. The competition consisted of three events held from March to May, with the title claimed by the team 'HangTen Hnos. Berga' from the Real Club Náutico de Gran Canaria.**

Led by Canary Islander Jorge Martínez Doreste, the team emerged as one of the main contenders after securing victory in the previous Barcelona Winter Series. Although their results in the first two acts fell short of expectations, they staged an impressive comeback in the final act, thanks to a spectacular series of first-place finishes. This performance propelled them to the top of the podium, securing them the title of champions of the Barcelona J70 Spring Series.

In the first act, victory went to the team 'HSN Sailing Team' with Luis Martínez Doreste from RCN Gran Canaria and RCN Arrecife. In April, coinciding with the J70 Spain Cup, it was the team 'Tenaz' led by Pablo Garriga with Rayco Tabares as tactician who were crowned champions under the burgee of the Real Club Náutico Barcelona. In second place, tying were 'HSN Sailing Team' and 'HangTen Hnos. Berga'.

In the third act, eleven races were sailed, with 'HSN Sailing Team' leading provisionally in the overall standings, followed by 'Tenaz' and 'Noticia' in second and third place respectively, while 'HangTen Hnos. Berga' started from fourth position overall. 'HangTen' demonstrated notable consistency throughout the competition, dominating in all races except one, where they secured a second-place finish, and in the last one, where they finished fifth, overtaken by 'HSN Sailing Team'. Meanwhile, the team of 'Noticia', led by Luis Martín Cabiedes with Alberto Padrón from Gran Canaria handling tactics, maintained a steady performance and managed to climb from third place to second. However, 'Tenaz' was unable to compete in the third series, thwarting their chances of victory. At the end of the third act, the final standings of the event coincided with the overall standings of the Barcelona Spring Series, with a podium occupied by 'HangTen-Hnos. Berga', 'Noticia', and 'HSN Sailing Team'.

In the Corinthian category, where non-professionals compete, mention should be made of the performance of the team from CN de Dénia. "Let it Be", led by Marcelo Baltzer with Juan Boronat at the helm, stood out by securing fourth place in both the last event and the overall standings. They were followed in fifth place by "Cobra", helmed by Gonzalo Romagosa and Pedro Sotomayor from RCN Barcelona, while the sixth position went to the Galician team of "Correa-Kessler".

After 27 races held over 9 days of intense competition spread across three monthly events, the Barcelona Spring Series witnessed a notable variety in weather conditions.



From days with winds exceeding 25 knots in intensity to others with gentle breezes of just 6 knots, the weather provided a diverse and challenging stage for the sailors. Despite this, participation was remarkable, with a total of 24 teams representing 9 countries. However, in this third series, both national and international presence were reduced.

In these exciting races held in the Catalan capital, participants not only competed for victory but also had the privilege of witnessing the spectacle provided by the America's Cup teams, who regularly train in the same racing area.

The next stop for the J70 class in the Mediterranean waters will be from May 31st to June 2nd at the Conde de Godó BMW Sailing Trophy. This prestigious event, celebrating its 51st edition this year, will feature the participation of J70s, an exclusively female category, and the usual ORC cruisers, divided into 4-5 different classes. It will be an exciting opportunity for sailors to face new challenges and enjoy competition in an incomparable setting.

The Barcelona J70 Spring Series is organized by the Real Club Náutico de Barcelona, with the J70 association, sponsored by Renting Ribs and Engel&Völkers.