

2026 Melges 24 World Championship

Arrival, Dockage, Launch/Haul and Storage

Arrival and Staging

For the Melges 24 World Championship September 19-26 2026 boats may begin their arrival to the venue Thursday September 17 without prior arrangements. Arrival and staging areas include Ford Park, as well as the City Hall Overflow lot at the corner of Zoll St. and Pennsylvania Ave. and the Ottawa Stadium parking lot (attachment A). **DO NOT ARRIVE AT OR PULL INTO IRISH BOAT SHOP OR HARBOR SPRINGS MUNICIPAL MARINA.**

Rigging/Launching/Storage

Boats may be rigged in designated areas at Ford Park and at the City Hall Overflow. Empty trailers will be stored at City Hall Overflow and Ottawa Stadium lots. The OA will have tractors with operators to move empty trailers between storage and launching/measurement areas.

Launching and Hauling; A double-sided public launch ramp is available for unlimited use beginning Thursday September 17, during the measurement period and immediately following the event. Irish Boat Shop will offer one crane Launch and one Haul for an “event rate” of \$180.00 each way. An operated lift may be available at Ford Park for hanging boats and polishing Sept 18-21 from 10 am - 4 pm.

Berthing

All competitors will be required to dock at Harbor Springs Municipal Marina. Dockage at Municipal marina will be available beginning Friday September 18. Mooring assignments will be made by the OA and competitors will be informed of assignments at registration and via the on-line notice board not later than September 20. Competitors are required to comply with berthing assignments, may have to “raft” and are required to have appropriate fenders and dock lines. Berthing fees are included.

Dockage

Harbor Springs Municipal Marina (dockage only)
email harbormaster@cityofharborsprings.com
Harbor Master: Mike Johnson

Irish Boat Shop (dockage, haul/launch, and storage)
Contact: John Kunitzer
jpkunitzer@irishboatshop.com
phone 231 526 6225

Storage

City of Harbor Springs Police; They operate an overflow lot where boats can be stored with mast up ~.25 mile from launch ramp. Cost is \$5/day first-come-first-served outside of the event window of Sept 17-26. email harbormaster@cityofharborsprings.com and reference “city hall overflow lot”, or call City of HS police during normal business hours to book. 231 526 6211
Off-site storage is also available at Irish Boat Shop. Alternatively Contact Fred Rozelle for another longer term off-site storage option. Rozellefd@gmail.com

Attachment A

