



Canadian Melges 24 Class Association

Canadian and international news, results and updates on Melges 24 racing activities for our members.

The Melges 24 Class Association – Annual Report 2019:

West Coast Report:

Vancouver Fleet:

- The largest fleet of Melges 24s has a home in West Vancouver Yacht Club (WVYC) – 8 boats, with another 2 located in Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVYC). Total: 10
- At the beginning of the season, the fleet met to determine one weekend regatta per month that they would commit to participating in. For the most part, it has been successful. Approximately 6 regattas were noted with 5 being reasonably well attended
- In order to make a more inclusive environment we created a “sport boat fleet”.
- The sport-boat fleet is primarily Melges 24s however, is open to other sport boats. Currently it includes a GP26 and two Vipers.
- The WVYC fleet have a regular showing for Wednesday night racing.
- Several Melges 24s participated in the SOAR Regatta out of Squamish – windsurfers’ and rock climbers’ paradise. Typically very windy and incredibly scenic. This year was not a disappointment.
- The final and most participated-in event is/was the Howe Sound Regatta hosted by WVYC. Nine Melges 24s participated. It was planning conditions on day 1 and somewhat more moderate on day 2.
- 1 Melges 24 participated in the Eagle Harbour Yacht Club’s Crystal Cup – Women’s Regatta with an all women’s team.
- Regarding PHRF – the Melges 24 rating was dropped from 99 to 85.

Victoria fleet:

- Several boats left the fleet as a result of the vacuum left after the Victoria Worlds.
- A fleet of around five to six boats remain active in local one-design racing.
- A few of the lost boats moved to Vancouver so the BC fleet continues to remain strong.
- The crew of Fraser McMillan, Aidan Koster, Keegan Moynihan, Alexander Levkovskiy campaign for the North Americans onboard Sunnyvale
 - 2nd at Columbia Gorge One-Design
 - 1st at Cowichan Bay Regatta
 - 5th overall, Corinthian Champion
 - Corinthian North American Champion, 5th overall

Reported by: Kathy Kushner & Duncan Stamper

Canadian Eastern District:

- This year saw some of the highest water levels in the great lakes on record. Many marinas and sailing venues have been closed, or activities “dampened” with facilities under water. This put a “damper” on some traditional events on the calendar. The good news our district grew by 3 boats to a total of 14 of which 7 owners are registered and race not only regionally but nationally as well.

- Racing started this year in Muskegon Michigan, with the Melges 24 Spring Championships, which was down to 14 boats as the result of some boats choosing the US National Championships in Alabama which overlapped on the calendar. Detroit was next with the Bayview One Design regatta which was followed by the newest event on the calendar... the Lower Lake Huron Championships. The inaugural winner was our class president Dan Berezin sailing CAN 629. There was even a boat from Texas on the starting line.
- But the biggest news this year in the eastern district was the well-attended North Americans Championships relatively close by at Traverse City Michigan. This was a well-run 41-boat regatta with 6 Canadian boats racing and 3 in the top twelve. In addition we have the Canadian Nationals being hosted in the Windsor (& Detroit) area, on Lake St Clair. We currently have 17 boats registered, with seven being Canadians, and approximately half the boats will race while being based out of Bayview YC in Detroit making the Canadians a truly international event.

Reported by: John Marentette and Mike Gozzard

Quebec City Fleet:

- There are still currently five Melges 24s at the Quebec City Yacht Club.
- The Association is hopeful that we can continue to encourage them to participate in more events outside of Quebec City.

Toronto City Fleet:

- There were no major changes in Toronto area.
- On a positive side, there are 2 more boats at the National yacht club.
- 4 boats from the club participated in North American Championship in Traverse City with Richard Reid winning the silver.
- Richard Reid also went on to race in The Worlds in Sardinia, which is a huge undertaking.

Future plans:

- National yacht club will bid on hosting the 2021 North American Championship.

Reported by: Dan Berezin

Cdn Melges 24 Class Statistics:

YEAR	# of Members
2019	20
2018	23
2017	19
2016	27
2015	16
2014	32
2013	13