

## Melges 24 - UK Class Report 2019

Our fleet in the UK is slowly dying with no new blood.

We don't have the critical mass necessary to provide racing other than on a local basis so the profile of the class is too low which means we don't get to the young sailors who are looking to graduate out of dinghies.

There is a lot of choice in the sports boat market many of which are significantly cheaper to buy and run than the Melges 24. Our USP of a grandprix boat is challenging to sell when we don't have a grandprix event in the country.

We took 7 boats to world although 3 of those are based in Italy or Germany. Unfortunately, the over aggressive nature of the Pro-teams and lack of on the water intervention by the International Jury has had a very negative effect on our Corinthian teams who took part, to the point where several are looking to move out of the fleet.

This is an area where the international committee needs stand up and demand fairer on the water racing, marshalled by the international Jury.

The UK Nationals were again run in Dovercourt bay on the East coast with 8 boats on the water

Top 3

1st	New Tricks	GBR546	Hammish Stone
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kiss	GBR828	David Pinner
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yikes	GBR516	Patrick Wilton

We continue to try and identify other Melges24 which we know are hidden away in storage around the country.

David Pinner  
GBR828