

Annual Report

Canadian Melges 24 Class Association

For those of us trying to race sailboats on the eastern side of Canada, the 2020 season was pretty much a write-off due to the Covid 19 pandemic. In Ontario, we really were not allowed to even go to some of our clubs until May, and the sailing was allowed only in mid-June.

We did not have any Melges 24 one-design regatta in Ontario.

The situation was similar in British Columbia, with people practicing some doble-handed Melges 24 sailing amid the pandemic restrictions. The National Championship planned in West Vancouver Yacht Club was first postponed and then cancelled for this year.

The border with the USA has been and remains closed for non-essential travel and it is not clear when this will change.

The membership has been down from 19 last year to 12 this year which is not bad all things considered.

Although we want to remain optimistic, we all have to realize that even 2021 will not be a regular year, as most likely we will still have to worry about COVID 19 in our neighbourhoods. Let's spend the winter setting up some safe regattas for 2021, so that we can be ready to go in the Spring.

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