



U.S. MELGES 24 CLASS ASSOCIATION FLEET REPORT

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The U.S. Melges 24 Class is currently 75 members strong, 8 of which are associate members.

The year started out strong with the Bacardi Invitational Winter Series, Helly Hansen NOOD Regatta, and the Bacardi Cup. Many boats headed up the coast with their sights set on Charleston Race Week and the World Championship.

Unfortunately, the world came to an abrupt halt with the pandemic of SARS-2 COVID-19.

By summer, local fleets reinvented their regattas to allow for safe racing with limited off water events.

This however was not the case for the U.S. National Championship which in October, fell victim to the pandemic and was cancelled.

Fortunately, boats were able to get wet at the Charleston Open in late October for a weekend regatta on the waters of the upcoming worlds. Hurricanes and COVID-19 will not stop the Bushwacker Cup/Atlantic Coast/Gulf Coast Championship from happening in November, which was shifted from the devastated Pensacola Yacht Club in Florida, to Mobile Yacht Club, Ala.

Miami's Bacardi Invitational is also a green light for December and January.

We are optimistically looking forward to a successful winter sailing season with our friends from around the country and world.

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