



**U.S. MELGES 24 CLASS ASSOCIATION FLEET REPORT**  
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With the COVID-19 pandemic beginning to slowly subside, U.S. Melges 24 teams were excited to get back to racing in 2021.

U.S. Melges 24 Class membership numbers increased slightly with 75 Full Owner members and 13 additional Associate members.

The year got off to a nice start with a little smaller than usual, but solid fleets at the Bacardi Winter Series.

Tight travel restrictions put in place by the U.S. Government in early March resulted in the cancellation of the World Championship slated for Charleston, S.C.

Charleston Race Week marked the return of sportboat racing in the U.S. The Melges 24 was the largest fleet in attendance. Race Week was followed by the Gold Cup Regatta, subsequently replacing the previously scheduled World Championship.

The U.S. Melges 24 Class was proud to promote one National and two regional Series in 2021.

The **U.S. National Ranking Series** features over 80 competing teams so far. The 2021 edition includes 10 regattas which span all six districts. Current participation levels indicate that the Series is picking up momentum and more teams are getting back to racing as the pandemic eases. The final event on the circuit takes place mid-November in Pensacola, Fla.

Quantum Sails returned as title sponsor of the Melges 24 **Great Lakes Cup**. Four events were scheduled between May and September with a total of 33 teams participating.

The **West Coast Championship Series** also got back on track. Three events were scheduled between June and September. Of all the U.S. districts, the West Coast and Pacific Northwest seem to have struggled the most to get back to pre-pandemic racing levels.

A really successful National Championship was hosted by Crescent Sail Yacht Club in mid-September with 22 teams attending. It is the first event in a very long time to include teams competing from the U.S. and Canada.

Once again, the 2022 Bacardi Winter Series kicks off this December 18-19 and continues in January, with the Bacardi Invitational happening later in March.

We are optimistic that 2022 will be a fantastic year of Melges 24 racing, and especially excited for the upcoming World Championship slated to take place in May.

The 2022 National Championship has been awarded to Pensacola Yacht Club for November 10-13.