



# Canadian Melges 24 Class Association

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

## 2023 Annual Report

- 14 Full Members, plus three Associate Members;
- We have several new owners in Ontario and Nova Scotia, which is a good sign for the class.

### Canadian Eastern District

- The 2023 North American Championship was hosted by the National Yacht Club in Toronto on September 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - 11 boats competing, including just 3 boats from USA
  - Richard Reid and crew on Zingara took first place overall, and Dan Berezin and crew on Surprise took 2nd place overall and winning the Corinthian Division
  - The regatta was very well organized and advertised, too bad the USA participation was so low.
- The 2023 Canadian National Championship was held over the Canada Day weekend (July 1-2) hosted by the Sarnia Yacht Club with five boats completing the [Sarnia Yacht Club](#) with 5 Canadian boats on the starting line. John Marentette and crew on CAN99 Spitfire placed first overall.
  - Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and we only had one race sailed. We will try to have 3 days National Championship events going forward.
- Four CAN Melges boats competed in the 2023 US Nationals hosted by the Lake Geneva Yacht Club with Richard Reid and crew on CAN853 Zingara placing 6<sup>th</sup> overall among 29 boats, and Dan Berezin and crew on CAN629 Surprise placing 8<sup>th</sup> overall and winning the Corinthian Division.

### Canadian Western District

- The West Vancouver Yacht Club will host the next Canadian Nationals from September 28-30, 2024
- The Western District's Vancouver-area fleet with seven boats on the Mainland and three boats on Vancouver Island competed in numerous Vancouver-area and Victoria-area one-design series and PHRF regattas:
  - Harry Coleman and crew on CAN15 Ocean Pearl, Steve Fleckenstein and crew on CAN678 Ferdinand, and Paul Wolstenholme and crew on CAN371 Lekker placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall respectively in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Southern Straits Classic Inshore Race;
  - Steve Fleckenstein and crew on CAN678 Ferdinand, Harry Coleman and crew on CAN15 Ocean Pearl, and Alex Coleman/Adrian Vlastic on CAN181 Sawlty placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the 2023 Snowflake Winter Series, Sport Division;
  - Phil Harland and crew on CAN498 PCH placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall in 2023 Snowflake Fall Series,
  - Five Melges24 boats competed in the 2023 Collingwood Channel Regatta with a dedicated Melges 24 Division; Harry Coleman and crew on CAN15 Ocean Pearl, Adrian Vlastic and crew on CAN181 Sawlty, and Phil Harlan and crew on CAN498 PCH placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively;
  - Seven Melges24 boats competed in the 2023 Howe Sound Regatta with a dedicated Melges24 Division; Steve Fleckenstein and crew on CAN678 Ferdinand, Harry Coleman and crew on CAN15 Ocean Pearl and Phil Harlan and crew on CAN498 PCH placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively;
  - Two Melges24 boats competed in the 2023 Round Bowen Regatta with Paul Wolstenholme and crew on CAN371 Lekker placing 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of a fleet of 64 boats;
  - Paul Wolstenholme and crew on CAN371 Lekker placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall in the 2023 English Bay Scramble out of a fleet of 48 boats;
  - The Mainland fleet organized several one-design training session and regular monthly one-design Sunday regattas throughout the summer.
  - On the Island, CAN 293 Psyclone and CAN11 Goes to Eleven completed in several PHRF regattas and CAN11 Goes to Eleven is planning to race the Columbia River Gorge One-Design Regatta as a warm up to their participation in the Worlds in San Francisco next summer.