



U.S. MELGES 24 CLASS ASSOCIATION 2025 NATIONAL CLASS REPORT

The U.S. Melges Class Association (USMCA) closes out 2025 with continued progress across participation, leadership, and long-term organizational stability. Membership remains strong, with a total of 175 active members spanning Full, Full-Pro, Associate, Crew and Collegiate membership levels.

The 2025 U.S. National Championship in Pensacola, FL delivered one of the most well-attended and competitive national championships in recent years, with nearly 40 teams and many of the world's top sailors on the starting line. Nationals was a major success and highlighted areas the USMCA will continue to refine as we work toward consistently delivering bigger, better, and more efficient major championships.

As 2025 concludes, the Class welcomes a new slate of Executive Officers for the 2026–2027 term:

- Geoff Fargo (*USA856, Sentinel*), President
- Chelsea Sims (*USA830, Straigharrow*), Vice President
- Jamie Torres (*USA829, Smile and Wave*), Secretary
- Fred Rozelle (*USA-510, Rustler*), Treasurer
- Gary Schwarting (*USA587, Obsession*), Technical Chair

This expanded and experienced leadership ensures strong coast-to-coast support for all U.S. districts and enhances our collaboration internationally.

Over the past several years, the U.S. Class has made meaningful progress. We are in a stronger financial position, considerable effort has gone into minimizing major-event conflicts to support maximum fleet participation, long-range schedule planning has improved, and the 2026 calendar is already taking shape with key regattas published on the Class website.

The 2026 U.S. National Championship will be hosted by Grand Traverse Yacht Club, August 14–16, positioned one month ahead of the Worlds in Harbor Springs, September 19–26.

The North American Sailing Series continues to evolve, with the Quantum Great Lakes Cup showing strong momentum for a fifth year with Quantum Sails as title sponsor. The newly launched Southeast Racing Series has added valuable regional balance and expanded opportunities for developing fleets.

Marketing and district-level support have also expanded, and the Class is proud of its new partnership with Vakaros, now the official technology partner of the U.S. Melges 24 Class. Beginning in 2026, all North American Sailing Series events will be designated Vakaros events.

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