2026 NOTICE OF SERIES

EACH EVENT WILL PUBLISH ITS OWN NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

Website: *https://www.melges24.com/2025-melges-24-north-american-sailing-series*

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES AND EVENTS

NO. 1: **February 13-15 - Melges 24 Midwinters / Helly Hansen *Sailing World* Regatta**
St. Petersburg Yacht Club; St. Petersburg, FL / https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series/
Contact: Sailing World Regatta Series, regattas@sailingworld.com

NO. 2: **March 5-7 - Bacardi Cup Invitational Regatta**
Shake-A-Leg Miami / https://bacardiinvitational.com
Contact: Sara Zanobini, info@bacardiinvitational.com

NO. 3: **April 16-19 - Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point**
Patriots Point/USS Yorktown; Charleston, SC / https://charlestonraceweek.com
Contact: Randy Draftz, info@charlestonraceweek.com

NO. 4: **May 15-17 - Muskegon Spring Championship**
Muskegon Yacht Club; Muskegon, MI / http://www.muskegonyachtclub.org
Contact: George Peet, gpeet@gpsailing.com

NO. 5: **June 11-14 - Canadian National Championship**
Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron; Halifax, NS / https://melges24.ca/events/
Contact: Justin Bean, justin.m.bean@gmail.com

NO. 6: **July 18-19 - Fiesta Cup**
Santa Barbara Yacht Club; Santa Barbara, CA / https://www.sbyc.org/racing-schedule
Contact: Geoff Fargo, gfargo@containeralliance.com

NO. 7: **August 14-16 - US National Championship**
Grand Traverse Yacht Club; Traverse City, MI / https://gtyc.org/
Contact: Scot Zimmerman, zimmerman2209@gmail.com

NO. 8: **September 19-26 - World Championship**
Little Traverse Yacht Club; Harbor Springs, MI / https://www.melges24.com/Worlds2026
Contact: George Peet, gpeet@gpsailing.com

NO. 9: **October 3-4 - Fall Championship**
Lake Geneva Yacht Club; Fontana, WI / https://lgyc.com/
Contact: Steve Boho, steve@comlease14.com

NO. 10: **November 14-15 - Bushwhacker Cup - CANCELED**
Pensacola Yacht Club; Pensacola, FL / https://pensacolayachtclub.org/
Contact: Tony Stanley, tonystanley419@gmail.com

NO. 11: **December 11-13 - Space Coast Cup**
Port Canaveral Yacht Club / Melges Watersports Center
Contact: USM24CA, communications@usmelges24.com

2. RULES

2.1. The Melges 24 North American Sailing Series (M24NASS) will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2025–2028 of World Sailing.

2.2. The "class rules" for the purpose of the definition of "rules" are the International Melges 24 Class Rules available at the website of the World Sailing.

3. ADVERTISING

3.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1. The M24NASS is open to all boats of the International Melges 24 Class.

4.2. All competitors must observe the provisions of the World Sailing Rules regarding eligibility and the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code.

4.3. All boat owners, professional sailors, charters and helmspersons shall be current members of their respective National Melges 24 Class Association.

4.4. Every member in good standing of a National Class Association with all fees paid, which is also in good standing with the World Council, shall be a member of the IM24CA – Owner as Full Member; Helmsman as Associate Member, and Pro-Sailors (Owners and Crew).

4.5. Proof of the IM24CA membership shall be only by listing on the IM24CA website. https://www.melges24.com/members

4.6. All competing boats shall submit crew lists prior to the close of registration at all events.

5. ENTRY

5.1. Boats shall register for each event they participate in included within the M24NASS, using the registration system described in the NOR for each event. Registration is not required for events that teams do not participate at, in order to be included on the M24NASS.

5.2. Every boat competing in the M24NASS shall be identified by the name of the current Melges 24 helmsperson of the boat racing. If the entrant is a Charterer, that boat shall also be identified by the name of the Charterer. Other recognition components include:
1) Bow number); 2) Sail number; 3) Owner, and 4) Boat Name.

5.3. In order to be scored as part of the M24NASS, the name of the current Melges 24 helmsperson shall be required, and fulfill at least two of the other components listed in M24NASS Notice of Series 5.2. for every single event.

5.4. Entries interested in being eligible for Corinthian Division, the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code Regulation 22 will apply and all crew shall hold a valid Group 1 Categorization. Boats must submit their crew list with World Sailing ID by the closing of the registration for each and all events in the series.

6. CLASSIFICATION, FEES, SCHEDULE, MEASUREMENTS, SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, VENUE, THE COURSES, PENALTY SYSTEM, SUPPORT BOATS, BERTHING, HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS, DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS, RADIO COMMUNICATION, AND INSURANCE WILL BE DEFINED BY EACH EVENTS NOR

7. SCORING

The Melges 24 North American Sailing Series will be scored as follows:

7.1. A high-point scoring system, where the helmsperson accumulating the most points wins

7.2. A helmsperson's final score for each regatta will be the number of the participants inverted. (*For example, if a* helmsperson *wins a 25 boat regatta, they will be awarded 25 pts., second place will earn 24 pts., third place will earn 23 pts. and so on, the twenty-fifth place* helmsperson *will earn 1 pt.)*

7.3. The ranking of the Series will be calculated by adding together the best four scores of all the M24NASS regattas completed by each helmsperson plus one third the number of points earned

on events raced on regional racing Series (i.e. Southeast Racing Series, West Coast Series, Quantum Great Lakes Cup Series, etc.)

7.4. A helmsperson attending an event and scoring DNC will be scored 0 pts.

7.5. A helmsperson not attending an event will receive 0 pts.

7.6. If a boat does not comply with Class Membership and crew list requirements, the helmsperson shall not be scored for that event but the scoring of other boats will take into account the scores from all boats

7.7. Ties will be broken favoring the helmsman with the highest single regatta scores in the series. If that fails to break the tie, then the second highest score and so on until the tie is broken. If that fails, then by the team that did the most regattas. If that fails then based on the winner at the last event where both tied competitors competed against each other.

8. PRIZES

8.1. The winner of the Melges 24 North American Sailing Series in Overall ranking will be awarded the right to hold the Melges 24 North American Sailing Series perpetual trophy until the conclusion of the following year's Series.

8.2. The winner of the Melges 24 North American Sailing Series in Corinthian division will be awarded the right to hold the Melges 24 North American Sailing Series Corinthian division perpetual trophy until the conclusion of the following year's Series.

8.3. The first three teams including five (5) team members per team in both divisions – Overall and Corinthian - will be awarded with the medals of the Melges 24 North American Sailing Series.

9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the M24NASS entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the M24NASS.

10. FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit events at International Melges 24 Class Association
https://www.melges24.com/

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