



YACHT CLUB ITALIANO

Il Presidente

Genoa, 14th September 2026

Duncan Stamper

Chair

International Melges 24 Class Association

Victoria, British Columbia, CAN

Dear Mr. Stamper,

It is with great pleasure and a strong sense of responsibility that, in my capacity of President of the Yacht Club Italiano, I write to express the Club's full and unequivocal support for the bid to host the 2029 Melges 24 Class World Championship in Genoa.

This candidacy carries particular significance, as the year 2029 will mark the 150th anniversary of Yacht Club Italiano. Such a distinguished milestone represents a moment of considerable importance not only for our Club, but for the broader international sailing community. We would be honored to celebrate this anniversary through the organization of an event of the highest international standing, reflecting the tradition, commitment, and excellence that have long defined our institution. Founded in 1879, Yacht Club Italiano is the oldest yacht club in Italy and among the most historic ones in the world, having played a pivotal role in the development and promotion of yachting both nationally and internationally.

Throughout its long history, Yacht Club Italiano has been closely associated with the highest levels of competitive sailing, organizing events of international standing and contributing to the evolution of the sport consistently upholding the highest technical, logistical, and organizational standards. Its heritage is deeply rooted in a tradition of sporting excellence, respect for the sea, and a longstanding commitment to innovation and organizational quality.

The City of Genoa, with its rich maritime heritage and well-established infrastructure, offers an exceptional setting to welcome competitors, teams, and guests from around the world.

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We firmly believe that the awarding of the 2029 Melges 24 Class World Championship to Genoa would represent not only a sporting event of great significance, but also a valuable opportunity to celebrate both the legacy and the future of international sailing in a setting of recognized excellence.

Yacht Club Italiano, in close cooperation with local authorities and relevant partners, stands fully committed to ensure the successful delivery of the event, with a level of organization and hospitality fully aligned with the expectations of the Melges 24 Class.

We look forward to your favourable consideration of this bid. I remain at your disposal should any further information be required.

Best regards


Carlo Cameli