



National Class Report 2026 - Melges NORWAY

We had six Melges 24 events this season:

1. May, Risør Season Opener (6 teams)
2. May, Marstrand Big Boat Race (5 teams)
3. June, Norwegian Championship (23 teams)
4. June, Nordic Championship at Hankø Race Week (25 teams)
5. Sept, European Championship (42 teams)
6. Sept, Kretsmesterskap Trondheim (cancelled due to unknown circumstances)

2026 has been packed with regattas and we have had experienced sailing clubs who have been asking us to come and race with them. Next year we will probably have another six or seven events. New teams are rising and boats are being sold internally. The activity draws attention and people turn to our class as the only option outside of the National Sailing League. We are proud.

At the end of August, beginning of September, Tønsberg Sailing Club hosted the European Championship for Melges 24, drawing 42 teams from 11 different nations. We had strong Norwegian Corinthian contestants that almost made it to the very top of the podium. With drone buoys and Vakars Racesense we were able to deliver top quality racing. Unfortunately due to unforeseeable weather conditions, racing was only conducted on three of five days. Nevertheless the PRO, David Bartol, with good help from Eirik Brekke's local knowledge was able to accomplish nine out of ten races. Thanks to all who participated and made the event great.

As the Europeans are over and we are back to "normal" schedule, our work will be to keep the fleet interested. To do so, we have revitalized the relationship with the swedes and the danes and we are currently planning to organize a new Nordic Championship in Denmark next year. This will likely bring over 30 boats together in the north and create a great platform for the community to continue its growth.

Being a part of the Melges 24 community that is mainly supported by club racers and grass root teams, we have had some discussions regarding the ever increasing prices of equipment and participation. The NCA has delivered a note for the AGM regarding sail



pricing and offered some discussion points to potentially reduce prices. Furthermore we experienced, during the European Championship in Tønsberg, that the hosting club was not able to accommodate the sailors with any complimentary goods. On the eve of the opening they had questions regarding the necessity of some of the requirements from the class. The Norwegian NCA has received these and understands where they are coming from. One of the key takeaways/feedback was that the demands in the “Event Regulations” effectively excludes Norwegian clubs from arranging M24 Championships as it is impossible for Nordic, especially Norwegian, clubs to get the amount of money required to run an event. Anyhow, the NCA was satisfied with the event and the sailing we got was world class racing in, sometimes, tough offshore conditions.

The economy is back on its feet and we are trying to save more money than before. We are trying to establish partners for next year that can contribute to the sailing community and give us an economical upper hand. The class is trying to fundraise to continue to develop itself and invest in technology that will enable the best quality sailing in Norway.

On behalf of the
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