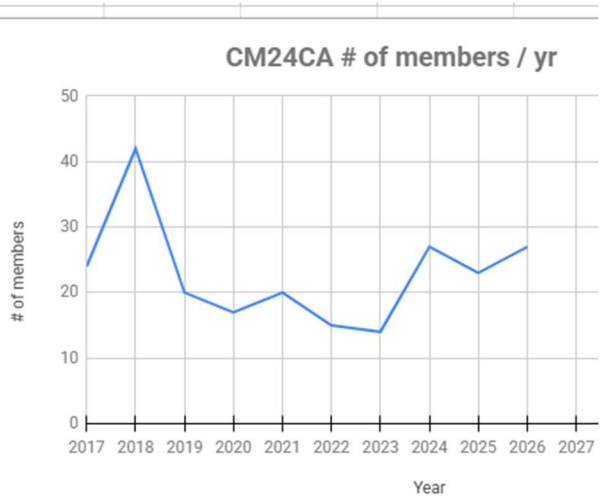
2026 Canadian National Class Report

Please accept this report as our end-of-year summary of activity within the Canadian NCA.

Current Class membership status for 2026

- 2026 Memberships are about the same as last year and 2024.

CM24CA Memberships per year			
Year	# of members	M24 Worlds	CNats
2017	24	Denmark.	Toronto ON
2018	42	Victoria CAN	Victoria BC
2019	20	Italy.	Windsor ON
2020	17	Cancelled - Covid19.	
2021	20	Cancelled - Covid19.	
2022	15	Florida.	Toronto ON
2023	14	Denmark.	Sarnia ON
2024	27	San Fran.	West Van BC
2025	23	Croatia	Windsor ON
2026	27	Michigan.	Halifax NS
2027			
2028			
2029			



Due to geography, the Canadian Class is subdivided between eastern Canada (including the Great Lakes region) and the western Canada regions. See reports below.

Eastern Canada Class report

New members

- The 2026 season brought some growth to the class on the Atlantic Coast. 8 new members joined the class between Quebec and Nova Scotia. Of the new members, 3 were existing M24 owners looking to participate in our National Championship in Halifax, and 5 were new teams who brought boats to race in the new Nova Scotia fleet. In addition to those new class members, there are 3 boats that have recently arrived to the Eastern district between QC, NS and NB (but are not yet class members). There are a few more teams on the East Coast who are actively in the market for a boat. Promising for the fleet in 2027!
- A new measurer has joined the class, located in Nova Scotia, which should help with getting the newly arriving teams up to class spec and eligible to travel for sanctioned events.

National Championships

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- The Canadian National Championship was held in Halifax Nova Scotia at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron (RNSYS). 10 teams competed, including boats from Quebec (x2), Ontario (x3), Prince Edward Island (x1), and Nova Scotia (x4), with some team members coming from as far as British Columbia.
- 6 boats were measured for the event and received class measurement certificates.
- The event covered 3 days of racing in varying conditions from light winds and flat seas to heavy winds in large swell, all with a heavy fog.
- The off-water festivities included a buffet dinner and dark n' stormy barbeque social.
- Overall, a successful event, however inclement weather and equipment failures (Mark-set-bots) created some unfortunate challenges.

Other One Design Events

- The RNSYS fleet has grown to 5 boats, racing in a weekly one design series throughout the Spring Summer and Fall.
- Chester Race Week hosted a one design fleet for Melges 24, which brought 6 boats to the start line. The event featured 4 days of tight racing and great sailing conditions.

Overall, the 2026 season saw large growth on the East Coast with some new boats and class members. There are 4 one design events currently scheduled for the Melges 24 class in the Maritimes in 2027 which should continue to promote growth in the Eastern District. Our hope is that boats in Quebec and New Brunswick will travel to the East Coast events to build more fleet experience. Conversely, the East-Coast fleet has expressed interest in traveling west in 2027 to participate in larger, sanctioned class events in the Great Lakes.

Kind regards,
Justin Bean (CAN 371)
CM24CA Eastern District Governor

Western Canada Class report

We wrapped up the 2026 season with seven active Melges 24s on the West Coast, six at West Vancouver Yacht Club (WVYC) and one at Royal Victoria Yacht Club. After two boats moved out of the area between the 2024 and 2025 seasons, the fleet stabilized this year. One boat changed hands and stayed at WVYC, and several interested teams are exploring joining the fleet.

2026 racing

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Five boats took part in our summer one-design series, which ran for 32 races. The racing was competitive throughout the summer, and the series was well received by the teams. We also had three to five Melges 24s on the line each night in our local Wednesday series, and several boats posted strong finishes in PHRF racing.

Looking ahead to 2027

West Vancouver Yacht Club and Royal Vancouver Yacht Club will co-host the 2027 one-design series. We hope to bring the Farr 30 and VX One fleets into the series as well. West Vancouver Yacht Club will also host the **Melges 24 Canadian Nationals from October 1–3, 2027**.

With a growing Melges 24 fleet in Olympia, Washington, we'd like to get some of our teams down to race at Washington events and welcome their crews to ours in Vancouver. We'll keep working to bring new teams into the fleet and look forward to a busy season on both sides of the border.

Thanks to everyone who came out to race this year. See you on the water in 2027.

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