

2012 Melges 24 Australian Class Assoc Report

New Boats

We now have 25 boats owned by Australia.

A 30 % increase from last year.

Racing

The Australian Nationals were held at Royal Geelong Yacht Club in Victoria.

East Coast Championships – Pittwater, NSW

New South Wales Championships – Lake Macquarie, NSW

South Australian Championships – Adelaide, SA

Sydney Harbour Regatta – Sydney, NSW

Boats raced also in Sports Boat Division at Airlie Beach Race Week, Hamilton Is Race Week, Queensland.

Geographe Bay, Western Australia

A Melges 24 also won the Australian Sports Boat Championships in Hobart, Tasmania.

International Racing

An Australian boat finished 3rd at US National Titles & won the Nth American Championship in San Francisco.

We had a new sailor to the class charter a boat for Garda Worlds. He is currently looking to buy a boat.

2013 Worlds

Australia has 3 confirmed teams that will be attending the San Francisco Worlds. With up to 4 others TBC.

Class Promotion

We continue to update on our website & Asia Pacific website, which also includes a Facebook page.

Media coverage has increased through both print & sailing websites.

Word of mouth has been very strong. We are noticing a lot of talk about the potential Worlds in Australia plus the strong results in the USA recently has really focused Australian sailors/ potential owners on the class.