

The 2015 year was a moderately successful year for the Canadian Melges 24 Class Association (CMCA) which is in its third year of existence. Membership was down considerably from the previous year and is primarily symptomatic of the low turnout at the national championship. This year the Canadian class was comprised of 16 full members and 2 associate members. We look forward to a rebound in membership next year with a focus on better regatta schedule coordination and promotion.

CMCA is primarily split between fleets in Ontario of the Eastern District and fleets in British Columbia making up the Western District.

'Back East' there are fleets in Toronto and Windsor. The Windsor area together with the Windsor Yacht Club, was very happy to host the 2015 Canadian National Championship this past July. Attendance was low due to various (non Melges 24) conflicts, but the venue proved itself well for possible future events. Richard Reid and his crew aboard CAN-629 *Zingara* from the National Yacht Club in Toronto was crowned the champion, after a hard fought 5 race series. An excellent short [video](#) was produced of the event thanks to funding from the IM24CA. Overall, the attendance at Melges 24 regattas surrounding the southwestern Ontario area was good, but without much growth over recent years.



'Out West' there are active fleets in Vancouver, Victoria/Vancouver Island and Kelowna/Okanagan. Numbers in the Victoria and Vancouver fleets have remained fairly stable over recent years with only a few boats changing ownership. The Vancouver fleet of 9 boats attended both Waves Regatta in June and Howe Sound Regatta in September. As the newest fleet, it is the Okanagan that has shown steady growth with now five active boats and still several possible teams looking to buy. Kelowna was selected by CMCA to host the 2016 Canadian National Championship with the dates now set for June 24-26. With all the excitement surrounding the 2016 event we hope to see considerable growth continue in our fleets.



In addition to local club racing and the nationals in Windsor, several teams traveled to many regattas south of the border to join our US friends. Two Canadian boats raced the Quantum Key West Regatta in January with Richard Reid's team *Zingara* pulling off a podium third place (tied for 2nd on points). Reid went on to race to victory at the St. Petersburg NOOD regatta in February as the lone Canadian entry. In April four teams from Ontario raced the Charleston Race Week with *Zingara* again top Canadian in 6th overall. The 2015 US National Championship raced during August in Cascade Locks, Oregon attracted 7 Canadian entries from Victoria, Vancouver, Kelowna and Toronto. After three days of great racing Mike Bond sailing *Honey Badger* out of Vancouver claimed top spot for the Canadians as well as earning 2nd Corinthian and 8th overall.



The 2015 CMCA AGM will be scheduled shortly following the IM24CA AGM.

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