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CAN 11 – Goes to Eleven

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RE: International Melges 24 Class Association, Vice Chairman / Member - North America

Background:

Duncan started sailing with his family at age 5 on the lakes, reservoirs and south coast of the UK. He has been actively racing a variety of sailboats ever since the family moved to Victoria in 1977. His experience includes fleet, team and match racing in numerous one-design classes, inshore handicap racing, teaching and coaching, race management, event organization and local fleet management.

Duncan progressed up through the youth sailing circuit attending local, provincial, regional and eventually national championship regattas. After winning two consecutive Canadian Youth Championships helming for his sister Penny he progressed naturally into campaigning for a spot on the Canadian Olympic Team in 470's helming for his brother Tim. It was during his dinghy racing days that Duncan developed a strong preference for one-design racing.

Upon returning home with a diploma in architectural technology from Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in Calgary, Duncan started racing the International Thunderbird class, which at the time was the strongest one-design fleet in Victoria. He remained active in the fleet for over 15 years and volunteered his time for many years on the executive of the local fleet including two as President.

Relatively new to the Melges 24 class, Duncan purchased CAN 11 in 2012 and has actively raced her since around the Pacific Northwest and at the 2013 World Championship in San Francisco. He is thrilled with her dinghy like performance but also extremely impressed with the class's tightly controlled one-design rule...one of the truest one-design's he's raced!

Professionally Duncan has developed strong management skills working in health care facilities management and planning. With a background in architectural technology, he has been working at [Vancouver Island Health Authority](#) for over 9 years, initially in Design & Construction and currently in Capital Planning. He has managed a full spectrum of projects and studies from simple to complex with budgets ranging from \$5K to \$20M.

Sailing Bio Highlights:

(one-design, helmsman)

1985 Canadian Youth Championships, St. John, New Brunswick, 1st place doublehanded (Laser II)

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1985 IYRU (ISAF) Youth World Championships, St. Moritz, Switzerland, 15th place doublehanded (420)

1986 Canadian Youth Championships, Vancouver, BC, 1st place doublehanded (Laser II)

1986 IYRU (ISAF) Youth World Championships, Porto Carras, Greece, 15th place doublehanded (470)

1987 in his campaign for a third Canadian Youth Championship, the Canadian Yachting Association (Sail Canada) encouraged Duncan to abandon the youth circuit and campaign for the 1988 Olympic Trials helming for his brother Tim in 470

1988 Canadian Olympic Trials, Kingston, Ontario, 3rd 470 men

1988-1994 as member of the Canadian Sailing Team Duncan and brother Tim campaigned the 470 throughout North America and Europe including World Championships in Kiel, Germany; Tsu, Japan; Brisbane, Australia; Crozon, France and Helsinki, Finland

1991-1992 Canadian Olympic Trials, a three regatta series consisting of: CORK, Kingston, Ontario; Olympic Classes Regatta, Miami, Florida; Alamitos Bay Regatta, Long Beach, California. The series came down to the last race where the team came up short during a heated match race... subsequently Duncan was selected as official spare to the 1992 Canadian Olympic Sailing Team and spent months prior to the games coaching the men and women 470 teams in North America and Europe

1993 470 North American Championships/CORK, Kingston, Ontario, 1st

1993-1995 Diploma of Architectural Technology (Hons), SAIT, Calgary, Alberta

1996-2011 raced International Thunderbird class, initially the strongest one-design fleet in Victoria

2003 Thunderbird International Championship, Seattle, Washington 4th

2007 Thunderbird International Championship, Victoria, BC 1st

2010 Thunderbird International Championship, Toronto, Ontario 1st

2012 Thunderbird International Championship, Whidbey Island, Washington, 2nd (lost tie-break for 1st)

2012-present racing Melges 24 with a building fleet of 12 boats currently in Victoria