



Melges 24 Association of Australia

Melges 24's in Australia continues to build its numbers and leverage off the 2014 World Championships held in Geelong. Australia continues to attract high quality one design sailors into the Melges 24 fleet as well as family orientated boat owners that want to compete with elite level competitors.

There are currently 28 boats in Australia and throughout the year several of those boats have changed owners. After the World Championships in Geelong, four (4) international boats were actively marketed in Australia with three (3) joining our fleet and the fourth boat sold to an Italian owner via the Australian market.

The Australian Association is now having regular conference call meetings with the view of expanding its presence in all states of Australia. The first National Title outside of the East Coast of Australia will be held in January hosted by the South Australian 'Adelaide Sailing Club'. This signifies that the Melges 24 class is truly becoming a national fleet in Australia and hopes to attract participants from five states.

The Australian National Association has now started its own Facebook Page in an attempt to centralise all of its communication to one source and build on the individual Facebook pages that exist from boat owners, boat builders and other interested parties. This centralisation of communication will ensure all members and potential members benefit from regular updates via a single source.

The Australian Association AGM will be held as part of our National Titles in South Australia during January 2015.

Regards

Dave Young

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