

Melges Performance Sailboats

Builder's Report for IM24CA Annual General Meeting 2016

We built 4 new M24's this year. 3 for the US and 1 going to Italy after the Worlds in Miami. The class appears to be strong in the US with a great US Nationals going on right now at Lake Geneva and the Miami Worlds are getting a lot of attention in the US and we are getting some inquiries from new potential owners. We've also had some inquiries for new boats from existing owners here at the Nationals for delivery next summer.

We have not had any requests for the new style gudgeons so we have not sourced a supplier for the machined gudgeons.

Egi was going to start collecting data for keel measurements to the leading edge instead of the trailing edge. It is too easy to modify the keel chord length and move the keel forward further. We would like to see the measurements taken to the leading edge and not the trailing edge. Not sure where this stands but would be nice to move forward.

As we've said before the requirements to host a major regatta in the US are too demanding and it's becoming harder and harder to find yacht clubs willing to take on the risk to host an event. This needs to be addressed promptly as after Miami it will be very difficult for the US to host a Worlds in the future under the existing guidelines.

We continue to get complaints about too many races and events being too long, especially the Worlds. Luca's article on Scuttlebutt was pretty accurate and should be discussed. <http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2016/09/15/lets-keep-fun-sport/>

All the Best,

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