

Melges 24 UK Class Update – 2015

The Melges 24 UK Class saw the number of registered members increase from four in 2014 to eight in 2015. This growth is predominantly down to a growing East Coast fleet and the UK hosting its first Nationals for several years.

Looking forwards the fleet looks set to grow further as numbers are boosted by the fleet racing at Haven Ports Yacht Club. Their fleet will have grown to 11 boats racing every weekend by the end of the season and should see two more boats join early 2016.

The next big challenge is to grow other UK Melges 24 hubs and target/engage individual boats racing around the UK for one major event like the UK Nationals. An active fleet remains in Guernsey but the numbers have depleted as boats have been sold on.

Following the success of the 2015 Nationals, the class will again target a venue and date for its 2016 Nationals. To further the UK calendar, we are also looking to run a training weekend and target other events as hosts for a Melges 24 open.