

# **Progress Report to the IM24CA for the Melges 24 World Championship 2018**

## **General**

The 2018 Melges 24 World Championship organization is continuing to make very good progress with the excellent, knowledgeable and enthusiastic committee with whom I am proud to work. With some 8 months to go to the event I am confident that we are in good shape and well prepared.

The Royal Victoria Yacht Club (RVYC) is the Host club and Organizing Authority ably assisted by the Canadian Forces Sailing Association, Esquimalt (CFSA).

Both RVYC and CFSA have active sailing fleets and have extensive experience of successfully organising and running events at this level.

The regatta will be raced off the Victoria waterfront in one of Canada's premiere racing venues, Royal Roads, which was rightly dubbed the 'Cowes of Canada' by local yachtsmen in the late 1800's. The dates of the regatta were specifically chosen for the consistent early summer southwesterly winds and manageable currents.

Regatta headquarters and all moorage will be close to the sailing area at the spectacular location and facilities of the Victoria International Marina (VIM), currently finishing construction in Victoria's Inner Harbour. VIM is the top level Sponsor and is a very enthusiastic and cooperative partner for this pinnacle event and will help to ensure that the event is also world class off the water.

## **Website / Registration Event Format**

The web site and registration for the event is now available at <http://melges24worlds2018.rvyc.bc.ca/> where it can be seen that in lieu of practice races ahead of the World regatta we plan to hold the Melges 24 Canadian Championships. The schedule is given in that site.

## **Financial**

We have successfully met our threshold sponsorship target to cover the basic needs of the event. Our Sponsorship Committee, however, is still hard at work securing additional sponsorship both in monies and in-kind to truly take this event to the next level. In addition to private companies and individuals we have been successful in securing a significant grant from the provincial government. **Attached is the current budget for the event.**

## **Race Management & Jury**

John Abel has the Race Committee details well in hand with on the water personnel, boats and equipment lined up. He is very familiar with the race area and its particular needs.

Mike Turner has received positive replies to the invitations from the six Jury members and we look forward to hosting all regatta officials.

## **Social Events**

We are looking forward to hosting the event and are planning a warm friendly Westcoast welcome to competitors, families and visitors. Functions will be informal with Opening and Closing ceremonies and after race prize-giving held at VIM. We are planning on a PotLatch (west-coast event) supper on the Saturday evening and a dinner at the RVYC midweek. Victoria and area is a wonderful place to visit and has a wealth of interest for all ages in the downtown and immediate area.

## **Logistics**

Victoria is the Capital City of British Columbia and is located on Vancouver Island.

The Island is well served by three ferry companies from the mainland and one passenger fast cat service. Victoria International Airport and the regular float plane and helicopter service to downtown Victoria provide a further range of transport means to satisfy all.

We are developing a list of transport and accommodation alternatives which will offer benefits to competitors. These we will post on the web site.

### **Summary**

We are looking forward to offering a warm west coast welcome to our competitors, their families and friends who will be assured of a memorable experience with exceptional sailing conditions, unique Canadian west coast friendliness and superb breathtaking scenery in this area of great interest.

Terry Stamper Regatta Chairman.

Melges 24 World Championship 2018 Victoria  
Budget Summary of 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Can \$</u>
1 Race Management	16,450
Shore Team	4,400
2 Press office	8,400
3. Accommodation for non locals	0
4. Competitor Facilities	68,600
5. Social facilities and Entertainment	53,650
6. Sponsor related Expenses	2,300
7. Regatta clothing	4,500
8. Prizes/trophies	11,300
9. Contingency allowance	<u>8,000</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>177,600</b>

Income

10. Entry Fees	63,600
11. Sponsorship	95,000
12. Grants	<u>7,000</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>165,600</b>

**Deficit**                      **12,000**

Notes

This budget is based on zero cost for Accomodation for non local personnel involved since they will be billeted.

Entry fees are based on 50 boats registering.

The Sponsorship figure is the current figure in the A/C

Grants are expected from the Federation and the Association to the total of \$7,000

More cash Sponsorship will reduce the deficit to at least zero.

HTS 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017