



## U.S. MELGES 24 CLASS ASSOCIATION 2024 NATIONAL CLASS REPORT

The U.S. Melges 24 Class Association (USM24CA) wrapped up its racing year with all 10 North American Sailing Series events completed and over 90 teams competing on the ranking—a participation boost of nearly 30 additional boats from last year. In tandem with this growth, the U.S. Class saw a notable increase in membership — 92 Full members (up from 68 in 2023), as well as 10 Associate and 11 Crew members. With the introduction of the new Pro-sailor Class Membership rule, the Class acquired an additional 36 active professional sailor members. This brings the total USM24CA number of actual members to 149, a number we have not seen in a very long time!

The U.S. National Championship held in Santa Barbara, CA in July was a standout event, kicking off a fantastic summer of West Coast regattas. The series concluded with an exciting Pacific Coast Championship, which also served as a warm-up for an incredibly successful World Championship held in August.

Looking ahead, the 2025 National Championship is scheduled for Pensacola, FL on November 14-16. This will be an excellent precursor to the North American Championship in Miami, FL from December 11-14, which will coincide with the start of the 2025-2026 Bacardi Winter Series.

The Quantum Melges 24 Great Lakes Cup saw another successful year, with Quantum Sails set to return once again in 2025 as title sponsor. This will be the fifth consecutive year of this strong partnership between Quantum Sails and the U.S. Melges 24 Class Association.

As 2024 concludes, we welcome a refreshed slate of District Governors for the 2025-2026 term. All DG positions are officially filled with incumbents Tony Stanley (USA-610, *Hermes*) returning to serve as primary Southeast DG alongside of co-governor Jaime Torres (USA-545, *Smile and Wave*), George 'Bear' Peet governing the Midwest (USA-830, *Straightarrow*), and Tom Greetham in the Pacific Northwest (USA-497, *Distraction*). Brand new blood — Brian Wynne (USA-420, *Trim Reaper*) takes over the Gulf Coast region from long-time Melges 24 DG Zane Yoder, Matt Hamilton will represent the West Coast (USA-332 + USA-798, *Chop Chop*) and Anthony Kotoun (USA-619, *Stepping Razor*) will represent the Northeast. This expanded leadership ensures a stronger, coast-to-coast connection across all U.S. Melges 24 Class districts as well as internationally.

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