



U.S. MELGES 24 CLASS

# NATIONAL RANKING SERIES 2023



## NOTICE OF RACE

EACH EVENT WILL PUBLISH ITS OWN NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

Website: <https://usmelges24.com/nationalranking>

### 1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES AND EVENTS

- NO. 1: February 17-19 - Melges 24 Midwinters / Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta**  
St. Petersburg, FL / <https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series-st-petersburg/>  
Contact: Kelly Ferro, +1 (727) 242-4245, [kelly.ferro@sailingworld.com](mailto:kelly.ferro@sailingworld.com)
- NO. 2: March 25-26 - Southeast Inland Championship**  
Lake Lanier Sailing Club / <https://www.llsc.com>  
Contact: Tony Stanley, [tonystanley419@gmail.com](mailto:tonystanley419@gmail.com)
- NO. 3: April 20-23 - Charleston Race Week**  
Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina / <https://charlestonraceweek.com>  
Contact: Randy Draftz, +1 (843) 628-5900, [info@charlestonraceweek.com](mailto:info@charlestonraceweek.com)
- NO. 4: May 20-21 - Muskegon Spring Championship**  
Muskegon Yacht Club, Muskegon, MI / <http://www.muskegonyachtclub.org>  
Contact: Chelsea Simms (USM24CA MW), [chels.simms@gmail.com](mailto:chels.simms@gmail.com)
- NO. 5: June 2-4, 2023 - Bayview One Design Regatta**  
Bayview Yacht Club, Detroit, MI / <https://www.byc.com>  
Contact: Chelsea Simms (USM24CA MW), [chels.simms@gmail.com](mailto:chels.simms@gmail.com)
- NO. 6: July 29-30 - Columbia Gorge One Design Regatta**  
Columbia Gorge Racing Association / <http://www.cgra.org>  
Contact: Tom Greetham (USM24CA, PNW), [tcgreetham@comcast.net](mailto:tcgreetham@comcast.net)
- NO. 7: August 19-20 - Pacific Coast Championship**  
The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, CA / <https://sfyc.org>  
Contact: Geoff Fargo, [gfargo@containeralliance.com](mailto:gfargo@containeralliance.com)
- NO. 8: September 14-17 - North American Championship**  
The National Yacht Club, Toronto, Canada / <https://www.thenyc.com>  
Contact: Dan Berezin, [dan.berezin@gmail.com](mailto:dan.berezin@gmail.com)
- NO. 9: October 6-8 - U.S. National Championship**  
Lake Geneva Yacht Club, Lake Geneva, WI / <https://lgyc.com>  
Contact: Chelsea Simms (USM24CA MW), [chels.simms@gmail.com](mailto:chels.simms@gmail.com)
- NO. 10: November 11-12 - Atlantic/Gulf Coast Championships**  
Pensacola Yacht Club / <https://pycbushwhackercup.com/>  
Contact: Tony Stanley (USM24CA, SE), [tonystanley419@gmail.com](mailto:tonystanley419@gmail.com)
- NO. 11: December 16-17 - 2023-2024 Bacardi Winter Series No. 1**  
Shake-A-Leg Miami / <https://bacardiinvitational.com>  
Contact: Sara Zanobini, +1 (305) 510-7024, [info@bacardiinvitational.com](mailto:info@bacardiinvitational.com)

## 2. RULES

- 2.1. The U.S. Melges 24 National Ranking Series (USM24NRS) will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2017–2020 of [World Sailing](#).
- 2.2. The “class rules” for the purpose of the definition of “rules” are the International Melges 24 Class Rules available at the website of the [World Sailing](#).

## 3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. The USM24NRS is open to all boats of the International Melges 24 Class.
- 4.2. All competitors must observe the provisions of the World Sailing Rules regarding eligibility and the World Sailing Sailor Classification Code.
- 4.3. All the boat owners, charters and helmsmen must be current members of their respective National Melges 24 Class Association.
- 4.4. Every member in good standing of a National Class Association with all fees paid, which is also in good standing with the World Council, shall be a member of the IM24CA – Owner as Full Member; Helmsman as Associate Member. Proof of the IM24CA membership shall be only by listing on the IM24CA website. [http://melges24.com/class\\_members](http://melges24.com/class_members)

## 5. ENTRY

- 5.1. Boats shall register for each event they participate in included within the USM24NRS, using the registration system described in the NOR for each event. Registration is not required for events that teams do not participate at, in order to be included on the USM24NRS.
- 5.2. Every boat competing in the USM24NRS shall be identified by the name of the current Melges 24 Owner of the boat racing. If the entrant is a Charterer, that boat shall be identified by the name of the Charterer. Other recognition components include:  
1) Bow number; 2) Sail number; 3) Helmsman, and 4) Boat Name.
- 5.3. In order to be scored as part of the USM24NRS, the name of the current Melges 24 Owner or Charterer shall be required, and fulfill at least two of the other components listed in USM24NRS Notice of Race 5.2. for every single event.
- 5.4. For the Corinthian Division, the World Sailing Sailor Classification Code Regulation 22 will apply and all crew shall hold a valid Group 1 Classification. Entries interested in being eligible for Corinthian Division must have only Group 1 sailors on board and submit their crew list with World Sailing ID by the closing of the registration for each event.

## 6. CLASSIFICATION, FEES, SCHEDULE, MEASUREMENTS, SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, VENUE, THE COURSES, PENALTY SYSTEM, SUPPORT BOATS, BERTHING, HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS, DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS, RADIO COMMUNICATION, AND INSURANCE.

- 6.1 Each event NOR will define.

## 7. SCORING

- 7.1 The U.S. Melges 24 National Ranking Series will be scored as follows:
  - A high-point scoring system, where the boat accumulating the most points wins
  - A boat's final score for each regatta will be the number of the participants inverted. *For example, if a boat wins a 25 boat regatta, the winner will be awarded 25 pts., second place will earn 24 pts., third place will earn 23 pts. and so on, the twenty-fifth place boat will earn 1 pt.*
  - A boat attending an event and scoring DNC will be scored 0 pts.
  - A boat not attending an event will receive 0 pts.
  - The ranking of the Series will be calculated by adding all the regattas completed

## **8. PRIZES**

- 8.1. The winner of the U.S. Melges 24 National Ranking Series in Overall ranking will be awarded the right to hold the U.S. Melges 24 National Ranking Series perpetual trophy until the conclusion of the following year's National Ranking Series.
  
- 8.2. The winner of the U.S. Melges 24 National Ranking Series in Corinthian division will be awarded the right to hold the U.S. Melges 24 National Ranking Series Corinthian division perpetual trophy until the conclusion of the following year's National Ranking Series.
  
- 8.3. The first three teams including five (5) team members per team in both divisions – Overall and Corinthian - will be awarded with the medals of the U.S. Melges 24 National Ranking Series.

## **9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the USM24NRS entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the USM24NRS.

## **10. FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For further information, please refer to:

### **U.S. Melges 24 Class Association**

<https://usmelges24.com> / <https://usmelges24.com/nationalranking>

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