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The 2007 Lands' End St. Petersburg NOOD is the hottest, winter series event for the Melges 24 Fleet in the USA. Tampa Bay's fantastically warm waters attract the greatest in the sport of sailing, but is also responsible for bringing out the very best in the M24 Corinthian Fleet. More times than not, the Corinthian division proves to be as competitive and closely fought than the overalls. A fun, three-day event is a must do venue with great racing – the Melges 24 Fleet is the largest in attendance boasting over forty teams. This year the St. Pete's NOOD is also the first event on the 2007 Southeast Racing Circuit so be there! See page 9 for the complete 2007 Southeast Circuit Racing Calendar.



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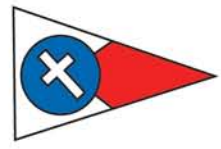
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- 2005 World Champs: 1st, 3rd, 4th
- 2006 Key West Race Week: 1st, 2nd, 5th
- 2005 Nationals Champs: 1st
- 2005 Long Beach Race Week: 1st
- 2005 Atlantic Coast Champs: 1st, 2nd



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USMCA Southeast District Governor Reid Collins has been working hard with fleet captains and class members region wide in developing the 2007 M24 SE Circuit Racing Calendar — sponsored by Quantum Sails. Among the events are some of the best racing to be experienced in the region, such as the St. Pete's NOOD, Charleston, Pensacola, Jacksonville and great prizes are to follow. Plan to be there!

The scoring for this very special Circuit Racing Series basically works the same as the international ranking with a few exceptions. Basically, each regatta is worth 40 points. The first place boat gets 40 points, the second place boat gets 39 points, and so on. No regatta is weighted anymore than any of the others to encourage even participation across the circuit. Each participant's four best regattas are counted toward the SE circuit title. In addition, an available 10 point travel bonus for the upcoming year. A one-time 10 point bonus will be awarded to every participant who travels more than 350 miles from their closest SE circuit venue to a SE circuit event. To provide an example that is fairly real, if you live in Tennessee, you would have to travel more than 350 miles from Atlanta. Atlanta being the closest Southeast circuit venue to Tennessee. Reid Collins, USMCA Southeast District Governor will be conducting the scoring and promises do his very best to add the bonus for qualifying participants, but it will be your responsibility to make sure he is aware that you are in order to award this bonus as, obviously, it is hard to keep on top of where everyone lives. An official chart of distances between venues to determine which travels qualify will be published.

Of course there will be ties. Ties are pretty much broken the same as any other sailing scoring, but since not everyone participates in every event, ties will be broken by — (1) best finish, (2) last finish, (3) most current finish. As for the good stuff, our SE circuit sponsor, Scott Nixon of Quantum Sails, will present a brand new jib to the winner of the SE circuit at the King's Day Regatta (Jacksonville) awards ceremony in November 2007.



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EVENTS SCHEDULE

February 16-18, 2007	St. Pete NOOD (St. Petersburg, FL) *
March 23-25, 2007	SE Inland Championships, Lake Lanier (Atlanta, GA)
April 12-15, 2007	Charleston Race Week (Charleston, SC)
September 29-30, 2007	Charleston Harbor Challenge Gold Cup (Charleston, SC) *
October 13-14, 2007	WFORC (Pensacola, FL) *
October 27-28, 2007	Melbourne Race Week (Melbourne, FL)
November 16-18, 2007	King's Day Regatta (Jacksonville, FL) *
December 8-9, 2007	Key Largo Regatta (Key Largo, FL)

The regattas marked with an * are the regattas that will also be included as North American ranked regattas for 2007.





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2007 Fullpower Melges 24 World Championship ★ 3-12 May 2007
Santa Cruz Yacht Club ★ Santa Cruz, California USA



NORTH AMERICAN RANKING EVENT

The anticipation of the 2007 Fullpower Melges 24 World Championship is fever pitch. Now with 2006 behind us, the USMCA looks ahead to a tremendous regatta. The Championship is scheduled for 3-12 May 2007 hosted by the Santa Cruz Yacht Club in Santa Cruz, California in cooperation with the U.S. Melges 24 Class Association and the International Melges 24 Class Association. The event is proudly title sponsored by Fullpower with supporting sponsors Red Bull, Harken, Latis Yachting Solutions, Pusser's Rum, Gill, New England Ropes, West Marine, Sierra Nevada and Chris Craft San Francisco.

Santa Cruz and the area of Monterey Bay are amongst the finest racing venues on the West Coast. The SCYC is very experienced in hosting such high-profile, one design events. There is plenty to do for friends and family too. The possibilities are endless from watching the racing to shopping, dining, visiting the Santa Cruz Beach and Boardwalk, to swimming at the beach or hiking in the red woods there is truly something for everyone.

All Melges 24s interested in attending are encouraged to visit the official event website — www.melges24worlds2007.com. This site is regularly updated and contains a significant amount of valuable competitor information. Online Registration is now open, the Notice of Race (NOR) has been posted which details the full schedule of events. Other site components include cool competitor profiles, scratch lists, travel and lodging options, etc. are at your fingertips so do take the time to view the entire site. Contact information for Regatta Chair, Bret Gripenstraw and his entire organizing committee are also listed should you have any additional questions. As always, in addition to the event site, stay tuned to www.melges24.com and www.usmelges24.com too.





2007

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

16th - 24th August, 2007 (Racing 18th - 23rd August)

Neustadt, Germany

www.euro2007.melges24.de

Dear Melges 24 sailors,

The German Class Association is happy to invite you to participate in Europeans 2007 to be sailed on the waters of Travemünder Bucht/Baltic Sea ahead of Neustadt. The race area will be very close to the Worlds 2002 courses where we will enjoy great sailing conditions. We are proud to be part of Rolex Baltic Week 2007 organized by NRV, www.nrv.de. You can expect a well-organized event where the shore facilities at Ancora Marina are state-of-the-art. From wireless internet access, to boat chandlery you will find anything and everything you need. The social events will make the event unforgettable. As usual our IMCA team is in close contact with the organizers to have a tailor-made Melges 24 event. We hope to see 70 – 80 entries and we will be happy to meet you and your team mid-August in Neustadt. **Please be aware that for the holiday period it is important to book your accommodation ahead of time. There are a lot of possibilities within a short distance of the Marina.** To keep you updated on all matters, please bookmark these key event websites: www.euro2007.melges24.de and www.rolex-baltic-week.com.

Best regards from the German fleet and see you in Neustadt,

Günter Tzeschlock, President

German Melges 24 Class Association

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2007 Rule Changes

INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 CLASS ASSOCIATION

The following amendments to the Class Rules have been approved by ISAF to be effective 1st January 2007.

★ RULE C.2.71 ★

Boats shall comply with any special requirements of the MNA under which racing is being held or those set by the club or local marine authority. Boats shall comply with any special requirements of the MNA under which racing is being held or those set by the club or local marine authority.

★ RULE C.3.7 ★

A block may be added above the traveller cleat, or the traveller may be rigged in such a way as to be able to use a windward sheeting system of optional design, except that the mainsheet shall still be attached to the traveller car in the standard way.

★ RULE C.3.11 ★

Fairings of any material may be used over blocks on deck to assist in the free running of sheets and control lines.

★ RULE C.3.20 ★

A metal plate may be used to reinforce the transom behind the fittings for boats needing repair in this area. The plate shall not exceed 4mm in thickness.

★ RULE C.3.20 ★

Non slip tape or similar non slip material may be applied to the decks, cockpit floor and gunwale edge as necessary.

★ RULE C.6.1.3 ★

The spreaders shall be connected through the mast by a Licensed Manufacturer supplied spreader bar. This is part of the spreaders as per rule F.2.3.2. The spreader bar shall not be modified, or changed during a regatta.

★ RULE C.6.1.4 ★

The mast shall be stepped on the standard mast step. No wedges or similar devices shall



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be used to control or alter the rake or bend characteristics of the rig.

★ RULE C.6.1.5 ★

The mast shall be as supplied and assembled in accordance with the specification of the Licensed Manufacturer, except that small permanently attached shims may be used to correct misalignment.

★ RULE C.6.3.3 ★

The bowsprit retraction line is optional. If not fitted, the bowsprit may be retracted by a knot in the spinnaker tack line. However, the requirements of class rule C.6.3.1. still apply. A second cleat may be added in the cockpit/deck for the tack line.

★ RULE C.8.2 (III) ★

The cockpit may carry advertising chosen by the boat and is unrestricted in length.

★ RULE C.8.2 BOOM ★

Advertising chosen by the boat may be displayed on the boom. The length is unrestricted. Different advertisers may be on each side of the boom.

★ RULE C.10.2 ★

When the bowsprit is extended the boat shall be in the process of a continuous hoist, or flying or dropping the spinnaker.

★ RULE C.10.6 ★

RRS 42.3 (c) is modified to allow the spinnaker sheet to be trimmed without restrictions in all conditions.

★ RULE C.10.7 ★

When hiking, the crews shall sit facing outboard in such a way that at least a part of the back of the thigh/buttocks is in contact with the deck or gunwale edge. The feet shall not be used on the deck, hull or gunwale edge as a means of extending the body further outboard.

★ RULE F.2.3.1 ★

The following are permitted: mast head (crane) fitting, backstay batten, wind vane, sheaves and sheave boxes, tangs and T ball sockets, spreaders, spreader attachments, gooseneck, boom vang fitting, halyard cleats and line stowage cleats, supplied mast foot, compass and brackets, mast alignment shim, protective cloth sleeves, tapes limit marks, manufacturer labels, certification mark.

★ RULE F.2.3.2 ★

Spreaders, including the spreader bar, shall be supplied by the Licensed Manufacturer and shall be to the approved design.

2007 U.S. Event Schedule

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
2007 NORTH AMERICAN RANKING EVENTS			
1/15 - 1/19	2007 ACURA Key West Race Week	Key West, FL	Reid Collins - rcollins@northhighland.com
2/16 - 2/18	Lands' End St. Petersburg NOOD	St. Petersburg, FL	Reid Collins - rcollins@northhighland.com
4/21 - 4/22	Pacific Coast Championship	San Francisco, CA	Don Jesberg - jesberg@msn.com
4/27 - 4/29	Lands' End Annapolis NOOD	Annapolis, MD	Bill Carleton - m24tibur@gmail.com
5/03 - 5/12	2007 Fullpower Melges 24 World Championship	Santa Cruz, CA	Don Jesberg - jesberg@msn.com
6/01 - 6/03	Lands' End Detroit NOOD	Detroit, MI	Mike Dow - mdow@chartermi.net
TBA	2007 Melges 24 U.S. National Championship	Detroit, MI	Mike Dow - mdow@chartermi.net
7/28 - 7/29	Charleston Harbor Challenge/Melges 24 Gold Cup	Charleston, SC	Reid Collins - rcollins@northhighland.com
10/13 - 10/14	Melges 24 Gulf Coast Championship/WFORC (West Florida Ocean Racing Circuit)	Pensacola, FL	Reid Collins - rcollins@northhighland.com
10/19 - 10/21	2007 Melges 24 Northeast District Championship/Annapolis Fall Flail	Annapolis, MD	Bill Carleton - m24tibur@gmail.com
11/16 - 11/18	Atlantic Coast Championship/King's Day Regatta	Jacksonville, FL	Reid Collins - rcollins@northhighland.com
2007 REGATTAS			
3/23 - 3/25	Southeast Inland Championship	Lake Lanier, GA	Reid Collins - rcollins@northhighland.com
4/12 - 4/15	Charleston Race Week	Charleston, South Carolina	Reid Collins - rcollins@northhighland.com
4/12 - 4/15	2007 Ullman Sails Race Week	Long Beach, California	Mark Townsend - rs_mark_townsend@lbrw.com
6/23 - 6/24	WAVES Regatta	ancouver British Columbia, Canada	Chuck Ramsey - cjramsay@colterdevca
7/14 - 7/15	2007 Newport Regatta	Newport, Rhode Island	Chuck Allen - chuck@od.northsails.com
10/28 - 10/29	Melbourne Fall Regatta	Melbourne, FL	Ryan Hamm - ryanhamm@sadlerandhamm.com
12/08 - 12/09	Key Largo Regatta	Key Largo, FL	Jim Creaseman - jim@keylargorealtyinc.com

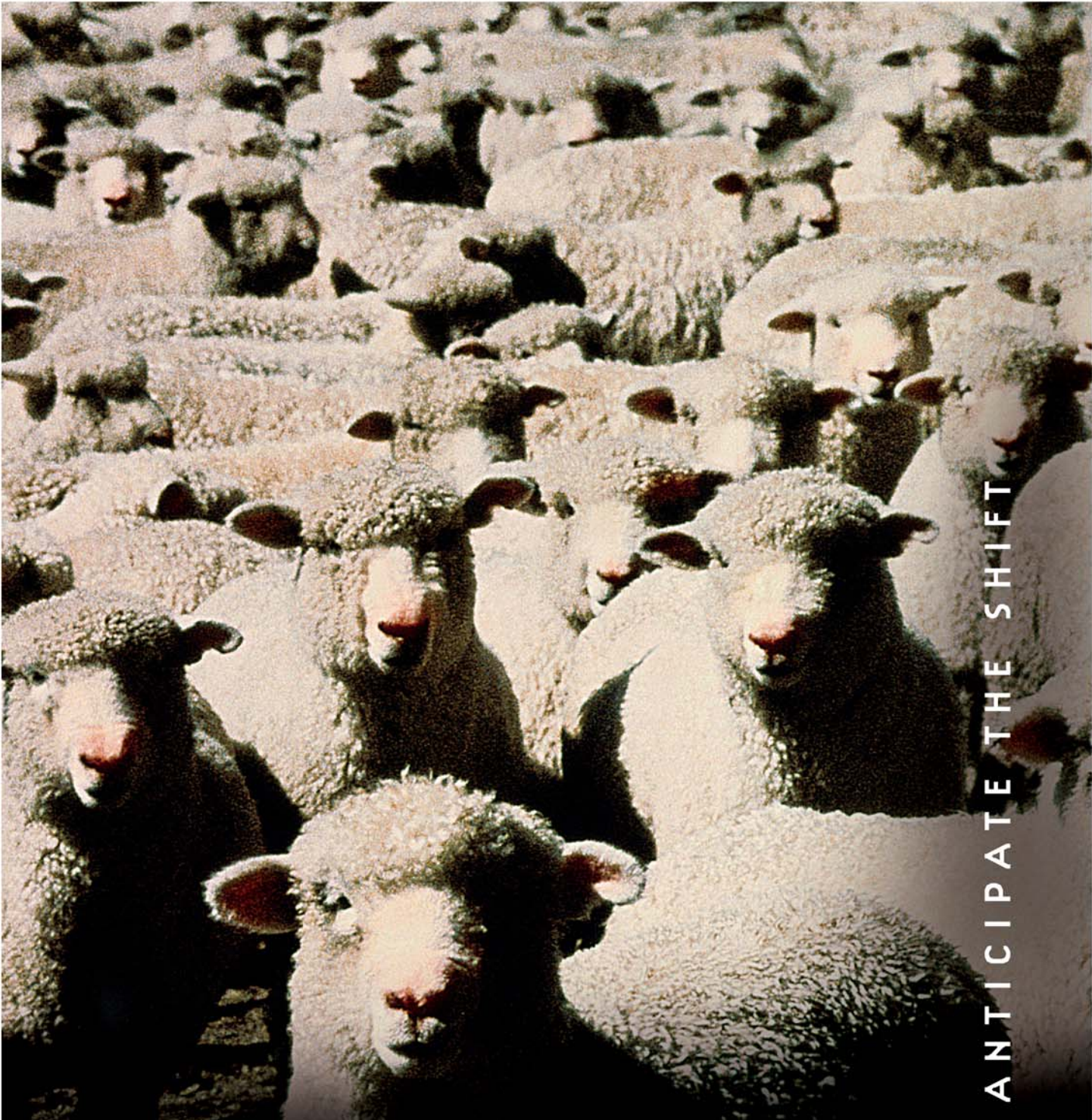
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ACURA Key West Race Week	Dave Ullman	Detroit NOOD*	Marc Hollerbach
St. Petersburg NOOD*	Eric Nerlinger	Ullman Sails Race Week*	Dave Ullman
ACURA Miami Race Week	Riccardo Simoneschi (ITA)	The Gold Cup*	Ken Read
Lakefest Regatta*	Scott Holmgren	Fall Championship*	Brian Porter
North American Championship*	Brian Porter	U.S. National Championship*	Brian Porter
Muskegon Regatta	Chuck Holzman	*North American/World Ranking Points Events	

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