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Greetings From Santa Cruz, California where by the time everyone reads this the tenth International Melges 24 World Championship will be well underway – if not racing, then at least in the process of getting the crew registered, weighed and the boat rigged and race ready.

This edition of *M24*USA* is a special ride alongside the 2007 Worlds. Look inside For Full details about entries, schedule of events, contact information as well as sponsor biographies and shorts about individuals stationed on site to capture and release daily race reports, photographs and stories. See Page 6 for complete details.



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Hosted by the fantastic San Francisco Yacht Club, the 2007 Pacific Coast Championship was a royal build up to Worlds in Santa Cruz.

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Santa Cruz

Schedule of Events

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|---|
| Thursday 03 May | 1000 - 1700 | Boat Measurement, Sail Registration, Crew Weigh in & Registration |
| Friday 04 May | 1000 - 1700 | Boat Measurement, Sail Registration, Crew Weigh in & Registration |
| Saturday 05 May | 1000 - 1700 | Boat Measurement, Sail Registration, Crew Weigh in & Registration |
| | 1230 | First Start Pre Worlds (2 races) |
| | 1800 | Social Event - Light Hors d' oeuvres |
| Sunday 06 May | 1000 - 1700 | Boat Measurement, Sail Registration, Crew Weigh in & Registration |
| | 1230 | First Start Pre Worlds (2 races) |
| | 1800 | Pre Worlds Awards SCSF Night Beer Hors d' oeuvres |
| Monday 07 May | 1000 - 1400 | Boat Measurement, Sail Registration, Crew Weigh in & Registration |
| | 1800 | Melges 24 Worlds Opening Ceremony Tri-Tip/Salmon (if available) Dinner |
| | 2200 | All boats afloat |
| Tuesday 08 May | 1230 | First Start |
| | 1800 | Social Event Aloha Grill Dinner Pusser's Rum Night |
| Wednesday 09 May | 1230 | First Start |
| | 1800 | Social Event Hors d' oeuvres |
| Thursday 10 May | 1230 | First Start |
| | 1800 | Social Event Hors d' oeuvres |
| Friday 11 May | 1230 | First Start |
| | 1800 | Social Event Mexican Dinner |
| Saturday 12 May | 1230 | First Start |
| | 1800 | Awards Hors d' oeuvres |



Cruzin'

03-12 MAY 2007 ★ SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA, USA ★ SANTA CRUZ YACHT CLUB

Welcome to the 2007 Fullpower Melges 24 World Championship, hosted by the Santa Cruz Yacht Club! On the next few pages experience all that awaits the upcoming Worlds in Santa Cruz, California. Sixty teams representing six nations will compete on

Monterey Bay in some of the most challenging conditions. The British lead the international invasion with seven entries, followed by the Italians with four. The Australians, Germans and French all share one entry a piece with the remaining entries from the USA.

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| Sail No. | Boat Name | Owner Helm | Corinthian |
|----------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| USA 558 | Sofa King Fast | Bret Gripenstraw Dennis Bassano | YES |
| USA 617 | All or None | Chris Doubek | NO |
| USA 555 | Ego | Donald Jesberg | YES |
| ITA 643 | Bete Bossini | Amadori Ezio | NO |
| USA 77 | Bones | Robert Harf | YES |
| USA 184 | Tamarack Racing | Jeff Lindheim Sam Vasquez | YES |
| USA 540 | TBD | Matt MacGregor | YES |
| USA 347 | Cool Beans | Gary Stuntz | NO |
| USA 331 | Go, Dogs. Go! | Tim Hawkins | NO |
| USA 551 | Gazoo | Geoffrey Pierini | NO |
| USA 637 | Monsoon | Bruce Ayres | YES |
| ITA 438 | Altea | Andrea Racchelli | NO |
| USA 206 | O-Positive | Orion Pritchard | NO |
| AUS 19 | Matilda | Richard Leslie | NO |
| USA 678 | Pegasus 678 | Pegasus Racing | NO |
| USA 492 | Pegasus 492 | Pegasus Racing | NO |
| USA 575 | Pegasus 575 | Pegasus Racing | NO |
| USA 505 | Pegasus 505 | David Ullman | NO |
| ITA 693 | Giacomet Audi Racing | Riccardo Simoneschi | NO |
| ITA 550 | Joe Fly | Giovanni Maspero | NO |
| USA 052 | Derivative | Mark Surber | YES |
| USA 024 | Smokin' | Kevin Clark | YES |
| USA 679 | Gannet | Othmar Mueller von Blumencron | YES |
| USA 498 | Personal Puff | Dan Hauserman | YES |
| USA 595 | Taboo | Stephen Pugh | YES |
| GER 582 | Courage X | Edwin Eich | YES |
| GBR 592 | Team Gill | Simon Strauss | NO |
| USA 539 | Brick House | Kristen Lane | NO |
| USA 631 | West Marine Rigging | Scott Holmgren Chris Larson | NO |
| GBR 694 | Mojo | Miles Quinton | NO |

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Corinthian competition and attention is at an all time high. In 2007, the Corinthian Worlds spans almost half the entire fleet with a total of twenty-five.

| Sail No. | Boat Name | Owner | Helm | Corinthian |
|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|------------|
| USA 525 | Flygfisk | Tom Kassberg | | YES |
| GBR 569 | Team Barbarians | Stuart Simpson | | NO |
| USA 140 | Wuuf Daddy | Dean Daniels | | YES |
| USA 397 | Grinder | Jeff Littfin | | YES |
| USA 570 | Airis | Ccesare Bressan | | NO |
| USA 556 | Lounge Act | Loren Colahan | | YES |
| USA 330 | Trailblazer | Dave Emberson | | YES |
| GBR 676 | Bateauneuf | Eamonn ONolan | | YES |
| GBR 435 | Jam Jam | Michelle Brachet | | NO |
| USA 649 | Full Throttle | Brian Porter | | NO |
| USA 456 | Wiggle Room | Chris Johnson | | NO |
| USA 248 | Nothing Ventured | Thomas Klenke | | NO |
| USA 131 | Karma | George Roland | | YES |
| GBR 690 | Xcellent | John Pollard | | NO |
| USA 66 | Goose n duck | Paul Bennett | | NO |
| USA 520 | Flexi Flyer 2 | Mitchell Wells | | YES |
| USA 606 | Chillout | Jim Golden /Brad Jungels | | YES |
| FRA 571 | Groupe Partouche Casinos | Benjamin Cohen | | NO |
| USA 630 | Rock n Roll | Argyle Campbell | | NO |
| USA 587 | WTF | Alan Field | | NO |
| GBR 685 | Black Seal | Richard Thompson | | NO |
| USA 221 | Twisted Mister | Keith Grzelak | | YES |
| USA 553 | 553 | Vincent Brun | | NO |
| USA 181 | Partygirl | Ryan Mitchell | | YES |
| USA 44 | BRD | Paul Clifford | | YES |
| USA 219 | Pullen Realty Group | Jim Granger | | YES |
| USA 675 | 12happythoughts | David Brede | | NO |
| USA TDB | tbd | Bora Gulari | | NO |
| USA 680 | 680 | Douglas Forster | | NO |
| USA 614 | Where's Bob | Robert Tennant | | NO |

During the event check out these great web sites as they will be the main source for daily press releases, race reports, results and photo galleries.

2007 Fullpower Melges 24 World Championship ★ Official Event Website

www.melges24worlds2007.com

International Melges 24 Class Association (IMCA)

www.melges24.com

U.S. Melges 24 Class Association (USMCA)

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

Günter Tzeschlock, President
German Melges 24 Class Association

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Preliminary Schedule of Events:

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| Monday | 20 Oct | 13:00 - 17:00 | Boat Measurement Sail Registration Crew Weigh-in Registration |
| Tuesday | 21 Oct | 10:00 - 17:00 | Boat Measurement Sail Registration Crew Weigh-in Registration Opening Social |
| Wednesday | 22 Oct | 09:00 11:00 18:00 | All boats afloat First Start (2-3 races) Social |

OBSSESSION

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|----------|--------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Thursday | 23 Oct | 11:00 18:00 | First Start (2-3 races) Social |
| Friday | 24 Oct | 11:00 18:00 | First Start (2-3 races) Social |
| Saturday | 25 Oct | 11:00 18:00 | First Start (2-3 races) Awards |
| Sunday | 26 Oct | 09:00 - 17:00 | Haul Out |

Entry deadline will be 29 September 2008

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Simon Strauss Wins

2007 Melges 24 Charleston Race Week

Charleston, South Carolina ★ www.charlestonraceweek.com

CONGRATULATIONS to Simon Strauss, *GBR-592 Team Gill* from New York, New York on his win at the 2007 Charleston Race Week. CRW is traditionally a big event in the Southeastern region and this year was no different than previous years. More than twenty teams showed their stuff in the testing conditions. Bart Griffith was second followed by hometown favorite John Lucas.

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Brian Porter Wins

2007 Melges 24 Pacific Coast Championship

San Francisco, California ★ www.sfyf.org

CONGRATULATIONS to Brian Porter aboard *Full Throttle* on his sensational win in San Francisco, California in late April. This event was a definite wind up to the competition set for the Worlds in Santa Cruz. A dress rehearsal might best describe the fleet gathering. Porter trumped the likes of 2006 Pacific Coast Champion Don Jesberg, 2003 World Champion Shark Kahn and Vince Brun for the win!

2007 U.S. Event Schedule

| DATE | EVENT | LOCATION | CONTACT |
|---|---|-----------------------|---|
| 2007 NORTH AMERICAN RANKING EVENTS | | | |
| 6/01 - 6/03 | Sperry Top-Sider Detroit NOOD | Detroit, MI | Mike Dow • mdow@chartermi.net |
| 8/18 - 8/19 | Charleston Harbor Challenge/Melges 24 Gold Cup | Charleston, SC | Reid Collins • rcollins@northhighland.com |
| 9/21 - 9/23 | 2007 Melges 24 U.S. National Championship | Detroit, MI | Paul Hulse • Pdhulse@comcast.net |
| 10/06 - 10/08 | Fall Championship | Lake Geneva, WI | Andy Burdick • andy@melges.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/Chesapeake Cup | 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 | | | |
| 5/19 - 5/20 | SOCKS Regatta | TBD | Paul Bennett • paul_bennett@k2sports.com |
| 5/19 - 5/20 | Muskegon Yacht Club One Design Regatta | Muskegon, MI | John Schumacher • john@torresen.com |
| 5/26 - 5/27 | SYC One Design Regatta | New Orleans, LA | Matt Mayo • mamayo@flash.net |
| 6/09 - 6/09 | EVC One Design Regatta | Annapolis, MD | Bill Carleton • m24tibur@gmail.com |
| 6/16 - 6/16 | Leukemia Cup Regatta | Annapolis, MD | Bill Carleton • m24tibur@gmail.com |
| 6/22 - 6/24 | 2007 Ullman Sails Race Week | Long Beach, CA | Mark Townsend • rs_mark_townsend@lbrw.com |
| 6/23 - 6/24 | Port Madison Regatta | TBD | Paul Bennett • paul_bennett@k2sports.com |
| 6/23 - 6/24 | WAVES Regatta | Vancouver, BC, Canada | Chuck Ramsey • cjrmsay@colterdevca |
| 6/23 - 6/23 | AYC Annual Regatta | Annapolis, MD | Bill Carleton • m24tibur@gmail.com |
| 7/14 - 7/15 | 2007 Newport Regatta | Newport, RI | Chuck Allen • chuck@od.northsails.com |
| 7/14 - 7/15 | Lake Union/Lake Washington Regatta | TBD | Paul Bennett • paul_bennett@k2sports.com |
| 8/03 - 8/05 | 2007 Heart Cup | Ocean City, NJ | Brad Jungels • aoma.com@att.net |
| 8/04 - 8/05 | Pacific Northwest Melges 24 Gorge Regatta | TBD | Paul Bennett • paul_bennett@k2sports.com |
| 8/26 - 8/27 | Melges 24 Grand Traverse Invitational | Traverse City, MI | Mike Dow • mdow@chartermi.net |
| 9/01 - 9/03 | Spud Cup | Sand Point, ID | Paul Bennett • paul_bennett@k2sports.com |
| 9/01 - 9/03 | CBYRA Race Week | Annapolis, MD | Bill Carleton • m24tibur@gmail.com |
| 9/01 - 9/02 | Melges 24 Red Fox Regatta | Lake Charlevoix, MI | Mike Dow • mdow@chartermi.net |
| 9/15 - 9/16 | Star & Bar Regatta | TBD | Paul Bennett • paul_bennett@k2sports.com |
| 10/13 - 10/14 | PSSC/Fleet Championships | TBD | Paul Bennett • paul_bennett@k2sports.com |
| 10/27 - 10/28 | Melbourne Race Week | Melbourne, FL | Reid Collins • rcollins@northhighland.com |
| 11/02 - 11/04 | 2007 Melges 24 Pacific Northwest Grand Prix | TBD | Paul Bennett • paul_bennett@k2sports.com |
| 12/08 - 12/09 | Key Largo Regatta | Key Largo, FL | Jim Creaseman • jim@keylargorealtyinc.com |

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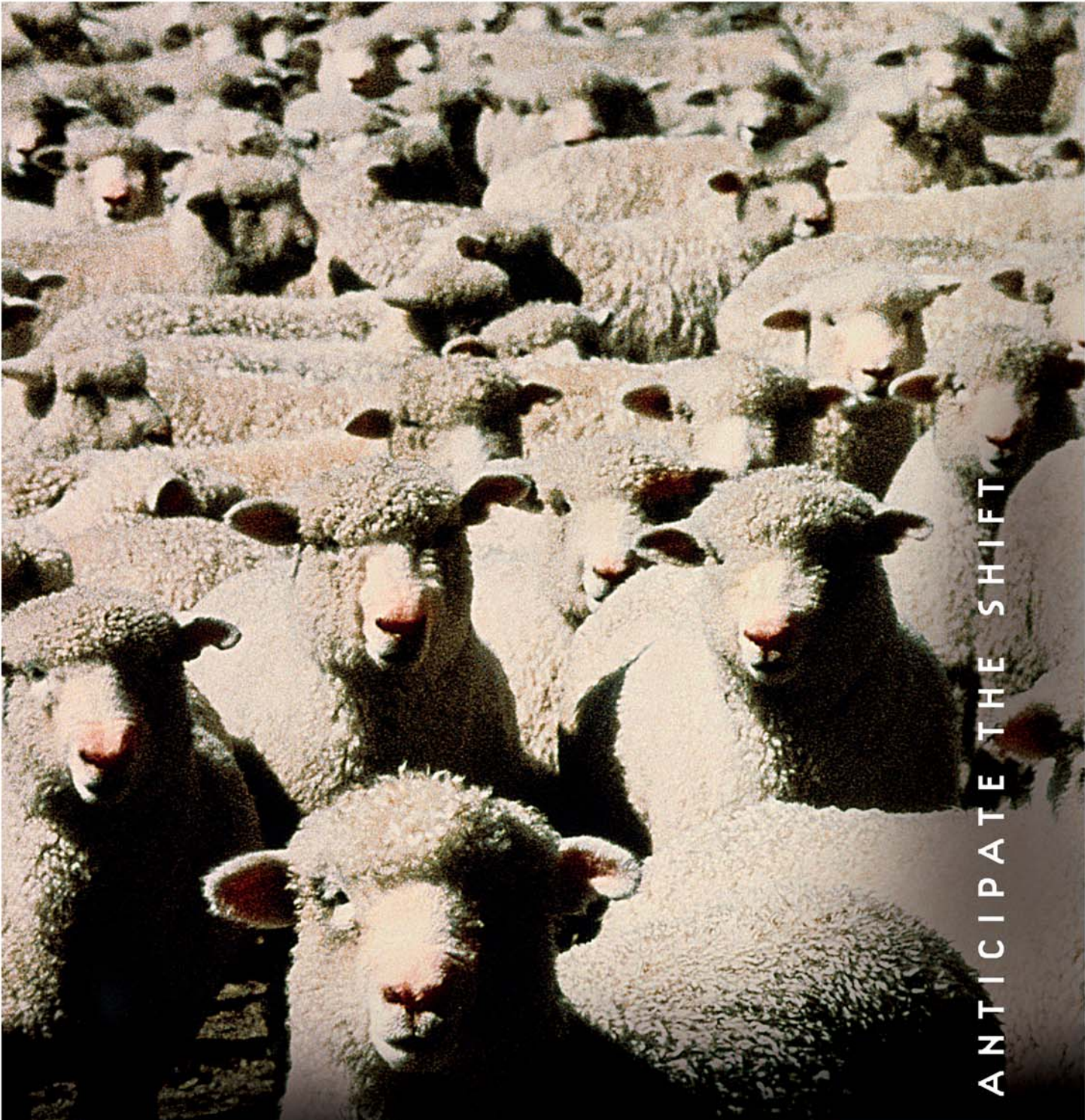
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| St. Petersburg NOOD* | John Pollard (GBR) |
| Charleston Race Week | Simon Strauss (USA) |
| Pacific Coast Championship* | Brian Porter (USA) |

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