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The Bayview Yacht Club (AKA Party Yacht Club USA) is the host of this legendary, premiere Melges 24 yachting event. The Melges 24s are generally the largest fleet in attendance and this very regatta, each year kicks off the sailing season in the Midwest. Being held May 30 thru June 1, the 2008 Sperry Top-Sider Detroit NOOD Regatta is fun and offers up some of the greatest sailing in the USA. Detroit is a landmark venue for the class. Besides producing 30+ fleets year-after-year, the 2007 U.S. Nationals brought almost 60 boats to the area. 2007 M24 Detroit Champion John Podmajersky from Chicago, Illinois won out over class veterans Mike Dow finishing second overall with Jack Jennings in third. Look to see these great competitors back in action in 2008!

For more information contact Melges 24 Class Coordinator and Detroit Fleet Captain Greg McCliment on email at gmccliment@twmi.rr.com
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Scarline Volvo 2... 1, 2, 3*
Gaeta Volvo 3... 1*, 4, 5
Bari Nationals... 1, 3, 5
Torbole Volvo 5 ... 1*, 2, 3
Volvo Cup Overall... 1, 2*, 3
US Nationals... 1st
Europeans... 1*, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10
Europeans Corinthian... 1, 3, 4, 5
Charleston Race Week... 1st
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- ★ June 27 - 29 ★
- ★ Long Beach Yacht Club & Alamitos Bay Yacht Club ★
- ★ Long Beach, California ★
- ★ www.lbrw.org ★



West Coast sailing in the Melges 24 is incredible as many venues produce perfect planing conditions. The M24 simply soaks up the wind and propels sailors on some pretty amazing downwind rides. This year the prestigious Gold Cup Regatta will be held on Long Beach, California in coordination with Ullman Sails Race Week 27-29 June. As with all Melges 24 events, the rivalry will be top notch and the adrenaline rush second to none. Get pumped!

2007 Melges 24 World Champion Dave Ullman crowned the event with his namesake but also took home the trophy too. He was fresh off of his victory in Santa Cruz with an impeccable performance of 1-1-1-1-2-2-2! Alan Field and his energetic crew kept on Dave's heels taking second place and Kristen Lane was third.

Check out the official event web site at www.lbrw.org as well as the official web site of the U.S. Melges 24 Class Association — usmelges24.com!

PAST MELGES 24 GOLD CUP CHAMPIONS

2007	Jeff Duval	<i>Doc Holiday</i>
2006	Ken Read/David Ford	<i>Lightwave Micro</i>
2005	Jeff Ecklund	<i>STAR</i>
2004	Sean Burke	<i>Grins</i>
2003	Tom Freytag	<i>Wicked Feet</i>
2002	Tom Freytag	<i>Wicked Feet</i>



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2007 World Champions Team Pegasus 505

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2007 Pacific Coast Champs: 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th
2006 Key West Race Week: 1st
2005 World Champs: 1st

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★ September 18-21 ★
★ Charleston Yacht Club ★
★ Charleston, South Carolina ★
★ www.usmelges24.com ★

The 2008 Melges 24 U.S National Championship will arrive in Charleston, South Carolina — September 18-21! Charleston is a beautiful, southern city with grace, charm and all the right sailing ingredients for a stellar event — current, wind and the best in race management. Alongside of 2008 National Championship Regatta Chair, Reggie Fairchild is the very experienced Hal Smith as PRO. Both Reggie and Hal warmed up the area by hosting the Gold Cup in 2007.

"We are busy promoting this event and planning a top-notch regatta. We are generating interest from racers, sponsors and race committee members. The Nationals should attract people from as far away as California and Europe and as close as Rutledge Avenue," commented Fairchild. Needless to say, the expectations are set after the class comes off of its most successful Nationals yet last year in Detroit. The Charleston venue is strategic as the class aims to generate more participation looking as far in advance as the 2008 North American Championship in Annapolis, Maryland October 20-26. Nationals is designed to be a warm-up to the NAC, however the conditions will be anything but identical. Each destination's weather patterns and tendencies will offer every team an equal set of challenges from the first race start of the first race to the last leg, of the last race!

The expectations are between 50 and potentially as many as 75 teams, especially with the Southeast region being the second largest for the U.S. Melges 24 Class Association. More than 300 sailors are expected to visit Charleston for some really great racing. "The Melges 24 is the ultimate Sportboat, offering fast, tight racing among a great group of fun loving sailors. The boat planes — that is it surfs — quickly and can reach speeds over 18 or 20 knots. We are more than happy to help new M24 racing programs. We love this stuff," said Fairchild.

Stay tuned to the www.usmelges24.com as information and announcements will be released soon.

U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPION HALL OF FAME

2007	Brian Porter	<i>Full Throttle</i>
2006	Chris Larson/Scott Holmgren	<i>Rosebud</i>
2005	Morgan Reeser/Neil Sullivan	<i>M-Fatic</i>
2004	Luca Santella/Giovanni Maspero	<i>Joe Fly</i>
2003	Morgan Reeser/Philippe Ligot	<i>P&P Racing</i>
2002	Tom Freytag	<i>Wicked Feet</i>
2000	Morgan Reeser/Neil Sullivan	<i>M-Fatic</i>



GETTING **HOT** IN NEWPORT

2008 **NEWPORT REGATTA**

- ★ July 11-13 ★
- ★ Sail Newport ★
- ★ Newport, Rhode Island ★
- ★ www.sailnewport.org ★



The Northeast District is one of the fastest growing regions for the Melges 24. One key individual in the mix, really propelling into the spotlight is David Ford and his *Lightwave* team of racers based in beautiful Newport, Rhode Island. Ford won the 2007 Newport Regatta as he readied his teams for the heated 2007 U.S. National Championship in which they finished 4th and 6th. He was also preparing for other events such as Jacksonville's King's Day Regatta, rounding out the year with a 2nd and 5th on the podium. Following in second place was another local favorite John Harrison on *Mustang* and in third was Simon Strauss with his *Team Gill*.

Newport is set to be bigger than ever before in 2008. The famous Newport Regatta is not only a North American Ranking event, but also a legendary event in the world of sailing. Participants travel from all over the country to enjoy the hospitality of clout-heavy Sail Newport — this is great fun Northeast style in the Melges 24! Stay close to usmelges24.com as well as sailnewport.org for official announcements and special posting as they become available!



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The following amendments to the Class Rules have been approved to be effective 1st January 2008.

RULE D.2.4

Amendment: Delete the current rule text and replace with the following wording:

"All boats shall carry an official serial number which shall include the sail number/ ISAF plaque number, moulded into or securely fixed to the starboard side, aft face of the transom. This number shall be either; part of a national requirement such as European Standard ISO 10087: 1996 for those relevant countries, or, where the builder does not have to conform to a national requirement, or does not intend for his boats to be imported into Europe, the number shall be from a series formulated by Melges Performance Sailboats. The sail number shall be clearly identifiable on the transom."

RULE C.3.16

Amendment: Delete the last sentence and replace with the following:

"They shall not exceed 100mm in height above the horizontal surface of the cockpit floor."

NEW RULE C.6.1.6

Amendment: Add new rule as follows:

"The mast shall be fitted with a securely fixed sail track stop as supplied by the licensed builders."

RULE C.6.2.5

Amendment: Add new rule as follows:

"The boom shall be fitted with a securely fixed sail track stop as supplied by the licensed builders."

RULE C.4.6

Amendment: Delete the current rule text and replace with the following wording:

"The turnbuckles/bottlescrews of the shrouds

and forestay may be of optional design and may be manually adjusted, but at the chainplates only. Lock plates may be fitted to maintain the rig setting. Remote adjustment of any type is prohibited."

RULE G.1.4

Amendment: Delete the current rule text and replace with the following wording:

"Sails shall carry the official certification mark near the tack point. The mark shall be signed and dated by the measurer. The certification mark shall be the individually numbered class stamp issued to each official measurer or the marking system approved by ISAF for In House Certification (IHC) which may require a signature and date."

RULE C.6.2.6

Amendment: Add new rule to read as follows:

"The boom may be fitted with a security line including fittings"

RULE C.3.12

Amendment: Delete the current rule text and replace with the following wording:

"Padding may be fitted to the hiking lines. The line may be either a continuous line with added padding or lines (with or without padding) linked by webbing sections. The method of joining the hiking line and the webbing is optional. The webbing shall be a minimum of 50mm wide."

RULE C.3.9

Amendment: Delete the current rule text and replace with the following wording:

"The rear gate line across the transom shall be closed whilst racing. It shall be in one continuous piece, fixed using shackles of optional design. The deflection at the centre when measured from a

straight line between the attachment points shall not be more than 75mm."

RULE C.4.7

Amendment: Delete the current rule text and replace with the following wording:

"Except as in C.6.3.4 and its prohibited use on the rear gate line C.3.9, the use of shockcord is un-restricted."

RULE G.3.1.7

Amendment: Add new rule to read as follows:

"For mainsails manufactured after the 1st December 2007, the weight of the complete sail shall comply with the weight listed in class rule G.3.2.

- The sail shall be weighed with fixed fittings but excluding battens and tensioners.
- The mainsail shall not include any special devices, which are designed to, or might perform the task of corrector weights.
- Fittings shall be the normal size fittings for a sail of this size and available from standard suppliers.
- If fittings or construction are designed in any way to circumvent this rule, measurement shall be refused."

RULE G.3.2

Amendment: Add the following wording:

"Weight of complete sail Min 6kg"

RULE C.6.3.5

Amendment: Delete the current rule text and replace with the following wording:

"The bowsprit may be fitted with a batten or similar device at the outer end. This shall not extend more than 300mm from the outer end of the bowsprit."

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2008 U.S. Event Schedule

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1/21 - 1/25	ACURA Key West	Key West, FL	Reid Collins • rcollins@northhighland.com
2/15 - 2/17	Sperry Top-Sider St. Petersburg NOOD	St. Petersburg, FL	Reid Collins • rcollins@northhighland.com
4/18 - 4/20	2008 Texoma Lakefest Regatta	Denison, TX	Matt Mayo • mamayo@flash.net
5/30 - 6/1	Sperry Top-Sider Detroit NOOD	Detroit, MI	Greg McCliment • gmccliment@twm1r.com
6/27 - 6/29	ACURA Ullman Sails Race Week I Melges 24 Gold Cup	Long Beach, CA	Don Jesberg • jesberg@msn.com
7/11 - 7/13	Newport Regatta	Newport, RI	Kim Cooper • kim.cooper@sailnewport.org
7/20 - 7/25	Whidbey Island Race Week I 2008 Pacific Coast Championship	Oak Harbor, WA	Gary Stuntz • jibeset@msn.com
9/18 - 9/21	U.S. National Championship	Annapolis, MD	Reggie Fairchild • m24tibur@gmail.com
10/4 - 10/5	Lake Geneva Fall Championship	Lake Geneva, WI	Andy Burdick • andy@melges.com
10/20 - 10/26	2008 Melges 24 North American Championship	Annapolis, MD	Bill Carleton • m24tibur@gmail.com
11/15 - 11/16	King's Day Regatta I Atlantic Coast Championship	Jacksonville, FL	Reid Collins • rcollins@northhighland.com
2008 REGATTAS			
1/5 - 1/5	RegattaPro Winter Keelboat Series #3	Sausalito, CA	Regatta Pro • info@regattapro.com
1/12 - 1/13	Multi-Class One-Design Regatta	St. Petersburg, FL	St. Petersburg Yacht Club • sailingsecretary@spyc.com
2/2 - 2/2	RegattaPro Winter Keelboat Series #4	Sausalito, CA	Regatta Pro • info@regattapro.com
3/1 - 3/2	David Island Melges 24 Regatta	Davis Island, FL	Reid Collins • rcollins@northhighland.com
3/14 - 3/16	Sperry Top-Sider San Diego NOOD	San Diego, CA	Don Jesberg • jesberg@msn.com
3/29 - 3/30	Southeast Inland Championship	Lake Lanier, GA	Reid Collins • rcollins@northhighland.com
4/17 - 4/20	2008 Charleston Race Week	Charleston, SC	Brad Van Liew • bvanliew@scmaritime.org
4/25 - 4/27	Sperry Top-Sider Annapolis NOOD	Annapolis, MD	Bill Carleton • m24tibur@gmail.com
5/2 - 5/4	Gateway Melges 24 Spring Regatta	Carlyle, IL	Tom Wyman • twyman01@charter.net
5/16 - 5/18	Sperry Top-Sider Seattle NOOD	Seattle, WA	Gary Stuntz • jibeset@msn.com
5/17 - 5/18	Muskegon Regatta	Muskegon, MI	John Schumacher • johns@torresen.com
6/13 - 6/15	Sperry Top-Sider Chicago NOOD	Chicago, IL	Mike Dow • mdow@chartermi.net
7/24 - 7/27	Sperry Top-Sider Marblehead NOOD	Marblehead (Boston), MA	Bill Carleton • m24tibur@gmail.com
8/23 - 8/24	Grand Traverse Invitational Regatta	Traverse City, MI	Mike Dow • mdow@chartermi.net
8/30 - 8/31	Red Fox Regatta	Charlevoix, MI	Marty Jensen • searaymarty@yahoo.com
8/30 - 9/1	CBYRA Annapolis Race Week	Annapolis, MD	Bill Carleton • m24tibur@gmail.com
9/6 - 9/7	Sperry Top-Sider Larchmont NOOD	Larchmont (Westchester County), NY	Bill Carleton • m24tibur@gmail.com
9/19 - 9/21	Sperry Top-Sider Houston NOOD	Seabrook, TX	Matt Mayo • mamayo@flash.net
10/11 - 10/12	WFORC	Pensacola, FL	Reid Collins • rcollins@northhighland.com
12/5 - 12/7	2008 Key Largo Regatta	Key Largo, FL	Jerry Creasman • jcreasman@aol.com

*North American/World Ranking Points Events

2007 Hall of Fame

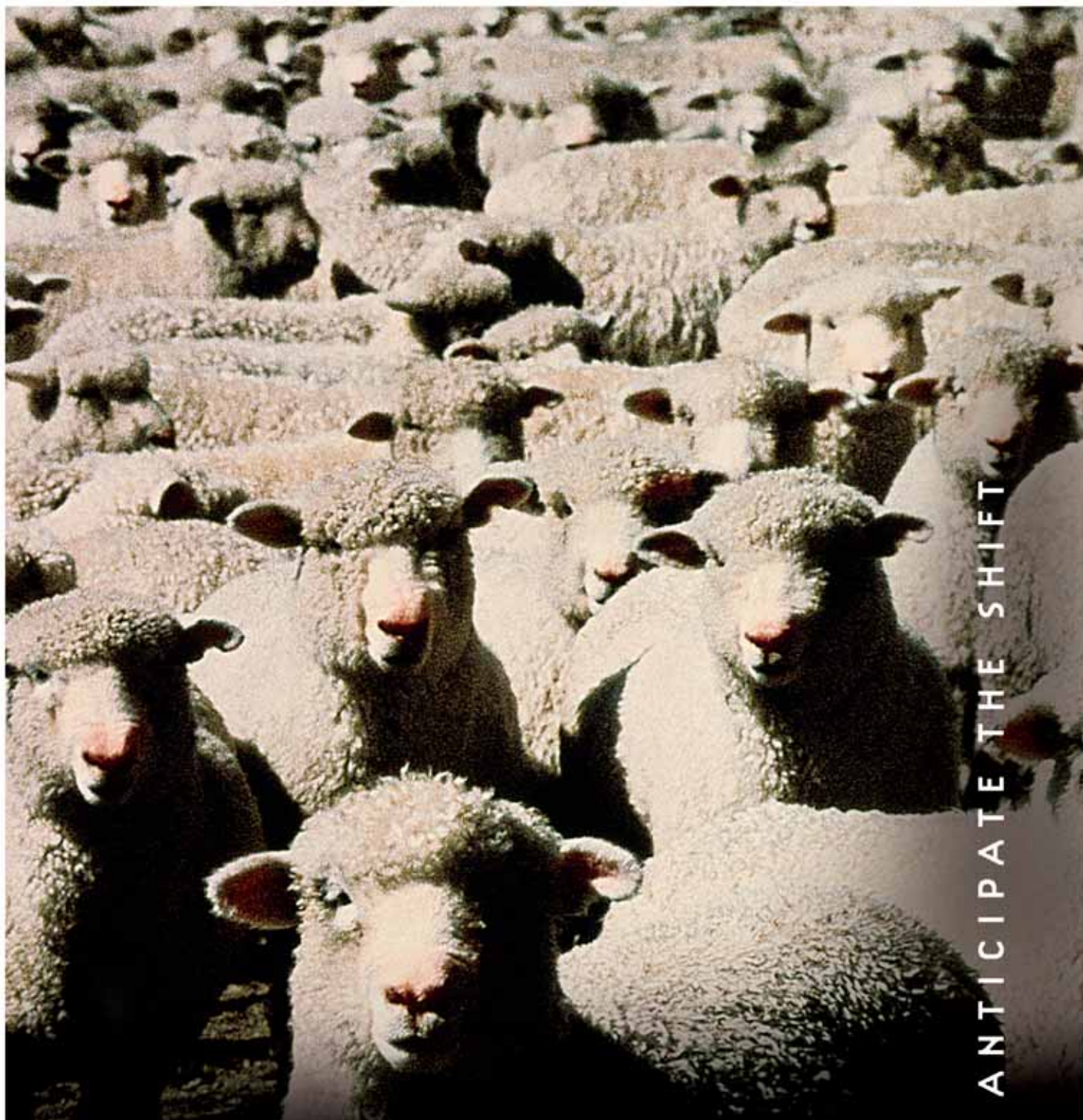
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 St. Petersburg NOOD* John Pollard (GBR)
 Sperry Top-Sider Detroit NOOD* John Podmajersky (USA)
 Pacific Coast Championship* Brian Porter (USA)
 2007 Fullpower Melges 24 World Championship*David Ullman (USA)

Gold Cup* Jeff Duval (USA)
 U.S. National Championship* Brian Porter (USA)
 Fall Championship* Brian Porter (USA)
 Northeast District Championship/Annapolis Fall Flail* Terry Hutchinson (USA)
 Atlantic Coast Championship/King's Day Regatta* Bora Gulari/Chuck Holzman (USA)

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