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# Power. Speed. Chesapeake Thrills and Chills.

Late October will deliver the 2008 North American Championship hosted by the Eastport Yacht Club and the very best in International MELGES 24 Class racing suspense and excitement.



**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS****Registration, Crew Weighing, Boat Measurement & Sail Registration**

Sunday, October 26	13:00-17:00
Monday, October 27	10:00-17:00
Tuesday, October 28	10:00-17:00

**Tuning Clinic / Practice Race**

Tuesday, October 28	13:00
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**Opening Ceremony / Competitors Meeting**

Tuesday, October 28	18:00
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**Racing Schedule**

Wednesday, October 29	11:00, First Signal	2-3 Races
Thursday, October 30	11:00, First Signal	2-3 Races
Friday, October 31	11:00, First Signal	2-3 Races
Saturday, November 1	11:00, First Signal	2-3 Races

**Awards Ceremony**

Saturday, November 1	18:00
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CAN-130	<i>Zen</i>	Lixfield, Wolf
CAN-346	<i>Vapour Trail</i>	Steyn, Marc
CAN-446	<i>Zingara</i>	Reid, Richard
CHI-412	<i>( Blurr )</i>	Gallyas, Pal
GBR-569	<i>Team Barbarians</i>	Simpson, Stuart
ITA-550	<i>Joe Fly</i>	Maspero, Giovanni
SUI-521	<i>Blumoon</i>	Rossini, Franco
USA-20	<i>Bufflehead</i>	Schlegel, Alex
USA-245	<i>Riot Act</i>	Mossman, Guy
USA-274	<i>BIG SKY</i>	Gunderson, Jim
USA-371	<i>Aiemef</i>	Creasman, Jerry
USA-505	<i>USA-505</i>	Ullman, David
USA-514	<i>No Decorum</i>	Raby, JC
USA-533	<i>High Voltage</i>	Hernandez, August
USA-539	<i>Brick House 539</i>	Lane, Peter
USA-566	<i>Entourage</i>	Amendola, Nick
USA-568	<i>Tiburon</i>	Carleton, Bill
USA-570	<i>Cujo</i>	McClimment, Greg
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USA-602	<i>PBR Street Gang</i>	Hamilton, Chris
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USA-736	<i>Babs</i>	Colie, Henry
USA-744	<i>Sweaty Betty</i>	Shafer, Alex
USA-747	<i>Monsoon</i>	Ayres, Bruce
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	<i>Energy Ventures</i>	
USA-776	<i>KO Sailing</i>	Kolius, John



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27 October - 7 November

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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**27 OCT - 1 NOV** Boat Measurement, Sail Measurement,  
Weigh-In, Registration

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**30 OCT - 31 OCT** Pre Worlds Regatta

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**1 NOV** Opening Ceremonies

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**2 NOV - 6 NOV** World Championship Racing

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**7 NOV - 8 NOV** Haul Out

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Adding a little diversity to the 2008 North American Championship award agenda is Pusser's Rum and their infamous 'Painkiller' tonic. Each day at the NAC, Pusser's will award a special Painkiller Survival Kit to the team that displays its best wipeout. The winning wipeout can come in various forms, and by far offer up some of the more visually entertaining aspects of yacht racing. Bottom's up to washing the spreaders! Top contenders will be available on the Pusser's Painkiller Wipeout of the Day web page on [www.annapolismelges24.com](http://www.annapolismelges24.com)

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## ***The Velocitek Speed Challenge (VSC)***

The VSC will give MELGES 24 sailors the chance to win a \$1,000 prize for the crew that achieves the top speed at the 2008 MELGES 24 North American Championship at the Eastport Yacht Club in Annapolis, MD on 26 October - 02 November. The VSC will take place on Thursday, Oct 30 between 9am and 5pm. During this time, sailors will have the opportunity to sail as much as they like in their efforts to record their top speed. Top speeds for the event can be recorded using any Velocitek GPS device. For those competitors without a Velocitek, a limited number of demo units will be available through a pre-registration process by filling out the online form at [store.velocitek.com/fastcash](http://store.velocitek.com/fastcash) Full details and rules for the Velocitek \$1,000 Speed Challenge can be found at: [velocitek.com/news](http://velocitek.com/news)

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As if the competitive nature of the MELGES 24 was not enough of a lure to compete at the 2008 North American Championship, race sponsor Melges Performance Sailboats is slated to rock Annapolis with one of its famous Melges Rocks Parties on Thursday, 30 October. "The concept behind the Melges Rocks party is very simple. Its sole purpose is to share the ongoing success of our products with our customers — in particular the MELGES 24," says Andy Burdick, president of Melges Performance Sailboats.

"The MELGES 24 is a very special boat. The accomplishments and history that surrounds this sportboat whether in the USA, Europe, Australia or Asia is awesome," continued Burdick. "When a class of boat can deliver more than 100 teams to a starting line and attract the greatest sailors in the world — that is always something to celebrate."

# 2008 MELGES 24 Atlantic Coast

22-23 November  
Davis Island Yacht Club  
Tampa, Florida

The 2008 MELGES 24 Atlantic Coast Championship has officially been relocated to warm and sunny Tampa, Fla. and will serve as the final North American Ranking event of the year, graciously hosted by the Davis Island Yacht Club (DIYC) on 22-23 November.

Just prior to the OSA Sailing.com U.S. National Championship, the USMCA was notified that the docks at the Florida Yacht Club in Jacksonville had been damaged by one of the few tropical storms that impacted the state during the 2008 hurricane season. They were anxious to find a suitable replacement venue. Long-time MELGES 24 Owner and DIYC Member, George Haynie *USA-687 Firewater* was quick to step forward and offered their first-class race facilities. "This is a great time of year to sail in Tampa. We are proud to call the area home to a base fleet of ten MELGES 24s and are ready to put on a great event," said Haynie during the USMCA AGM in which the event was unanimously nominated as the perfect relocation."

The attendance expectations for this event is already upward bound. Historically, as one of the last events on the international schedule, the buzz is that potentially as many as 40+ boats will compete. In addition to a strong Tampa fleet, some of the fastest growing pods of MELGES 24s can be found flourishing just a few minutes south in Sarasota and Naples. Locally, Haynie states that 20 will easily be found on the starting line. Teams have committed from Georgia, South Carolina and beyond. Those traveling southward to make their racing-rounds at the Key Largo Regatta on 6-7 December,



Key West on 19-23 January then back to St. Pete's in late February have already sworn their presence will be felt.

USMCA SE District Governor Steve Kopf *USA-773 Blur* remarked "Although we were sorry to hear that the Florida Yacht Club was unable to host the traditional Kings Day Regatta, we are pleased that DIYC stepped forward and offered an excellent alternative. We sailed the Suncoast Championship at DIYC in March and had a blast. It's a great club that is quickly becoming a hotbed for M24 racing in the Southeast. This regatta will be well attended and we look forward to seeing some of the locals including former 505 World Champion Ethan Bixby, Doug Fisher and Jeff Duval. A special thanks to George Haynie (the current Southeast points leader) for rallying his club to host the regatta. Put this on your calendar now and you won't be disappointed!"

Visit the Davis Island Yacht Club online today at [diyc.org](http://diyc.org)!

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Special event accommodation options are available. Hotel reservations at the Westin Tampa Harbour Hotel can be made by dialing the phone numbers below. Be sure to ask for the MELGES 24 Atlantic Coast Championship Regatta special discounted hotel block. Be sure to book soon, as hotel rooms are on a first come/first serve basis and will fill quickly. You must make reservations by 14 November to receive a special discounted hotel rate.



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## Andy Walford Wins 2008 Gulf Coast Championship Series



Congratulations to Andy Walford on *USA-494 Wee Jaggie* as he has been named 2008 MELGES 24 Gulf Coast Series Champion. After the Leukemia Cup event in Austin, Tex. scores were tallied, the results easily revealed that Walford and crew were the winners. Congratulations also to Jack Kern on *USA-420 Devil Dog*, as he dominated the fleet with a perfect string of bullets at the Cup regatta, although the races were close.

The USMCA Gulf Coast region is excited about looking ahead to 2009 and is currently accepting recommendations for the schedule. Please send all feed back to Matt Mayo, USMCA Gulf Coast District Governor.

From left to right: *USA-494 Wee Jaggie* - Andy Walford, *USA-36 Trick Monkey* - Matt Mayo, *USA-49* - Karen Rosenbaum, *USA-58 Risky Business* - Gary Baumgartner, *USA-415 Out of the Blue* - Judy Barrow

## MELGES 24 West Coast Fleet Makes Leukemia Cup A Great Success, David Joyner Named As A Top Fundraiser

From USMCA West Coast District Governor, Neal Ruxton. MELGES 24 sailors from the Bay Area fleet were amongst 116 yachts that rallied at the Third Annual Leukemia Cup Regatta, hosted by the San Francisco Yacht Club on October 5, 2008.

Supported by Rupert Murdock, Tom Perkins (and his crew on the *Maltese Falcon* and *Atlantide*) and a long list of corporate sponsors, this year's regatta raised nearly \$700,000 and the MELGES 24 fleet is proud that one of its members, David Joyner on *USA-449 Full Throttle*,

was recognized as a top fund raiser and is one of the lucky few who will go on to the Gary Jobson Fantasy Sail in Ft Meyers, Fla. in December – well done David!

The 2008 Leukemia Cup Regatta is part of the regular season for the MELGES 24 Fleet and Andre Peixoto came out on top of a very closely fought race.



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10/26 - 11/2 **2008 MELGES 24 North American Championship** ..... Annapolis, MD ..... Bill Carleton • m24tiburon@gmail.com  
11/22 - 11/23 **King's Day Regatta | Atlantic Coast Championship** ..... Tampa, FL ..... George Haynie • ghaynie@tampabay.rr.com.com

### 2008 REGATTAS

10/11 - 10/12 **PSSC** ..... Seattle, WA ..... Gary Stuntz • gary@clearheadsailmakers.com  
10/11 - 10/12 **WFORC** ..... Pensacola, FL ..... Steve Kopf • skopf@advan-tek.com  
11/8 - 11/8 **RegattaPRO One-Design Regatta Series, Event No. 1** ..... Sausalito, CA ..... Jeff Zarwell • jzarwell@regattapro.com  
12/5 - 12/7 **2008 Key Largo Regatta** ..... Key Largo, FL ..... Jerry Creasman • jcreasman@aol.com  
12/13 - 12/13 **RegattaPRO One-Design Regatta Series, Event No. 2** ..... Sausalito, CA ..... Jeff Zarwell • jzarwell@regattapro.com

### 2009 NORTH AMERICAN RANKING EVENTS

10/27 - 11/7 **MELGES 24 World Championship** ..... Annapolis, MD ..... Bill Carleton • m24tiburon@gmail.com

### 2009 REGATTAS

1/10 - 1/10 **RegattaPRO One-Design Regatta Series, Event No. 3** ..... Sausalito, CA ..... Jeff Zarwell • jzarwell@regattapro.com  
1/19 - 1/23 **2009 ACURA Key West** ..... Key West, FL ..... www.premiere-racing.com  
2/14 - 2/14 **RegattaPRO One-Design Regatta Series, Event No. 4** ..... Sausalito, CA ..... Jeff Zarwell • jzarwell@regattapro.com  
3/21 - 3/23 **2009 Southeast Inland Championship** ..... Lake Lanier, GA ..... Frank Vandall • fvandal@emory.edu  
3/28 - 3/29 **2009 Southwest Florida Regatta** ..... Naples, FL ..... Lisa Brice • lbricemay@aol.com  
4/23 - 4/26 **Charleston Race Week** ..... Charleston, SC ..... Steve Kopf • skopf@advan-tek.com  
5/2 - 5/3 **Gateway MELGES 24 Spring Regatta** ..... Carlyle, IL ..... Tom Wyman • twyman01@charter.net  
6/26 - 6/28 **2009 Long Beach Race Week** ..... Long Beach, CA ..... info@lbrw.org

### 2010 NORTH AMERICAN RANKING EVENTS

9/13 - 9/19 **2010 North American Championship** ..... Rochester, NY ..... Peter Cucci • peter.cucci@xerox.com

### 2011 NORTH AMERICAN RANKING EVENTS

May or July **MELGES 24 World Championship** ..... Corpus Christie, TX ..... Matt Mayo • mamayo@flash.net

## 2008 HALL OF FAME

**ACURA Key West Race Week\*** ..... Dave Ullman (USA)  
**St. Petersburg NOOD\*** ..... Terry Hutchinson (USA)  
**Texoma Lakefest\*** ..... Shawn Grisham (USA)  
**Charleston Race Week** ..... Travis Weisleder (USA)  
**Annapolis NOOD** ..... Brian Porter (USA)

**Sperry Top-Sider Detroit NOOD\*** ..... Alan Field (USA)  
**MELGES 24 Gold Cup\*** ..... Bob Tennant (USA)  
**Whidbey Island Race Week\*** ..... Dave Brede (USA)  
**Newport Regatta\*** ..... Alan Field (USA)  
**MELGES 24 U.S. National Championship\*** ..... Brian Porter (USA)

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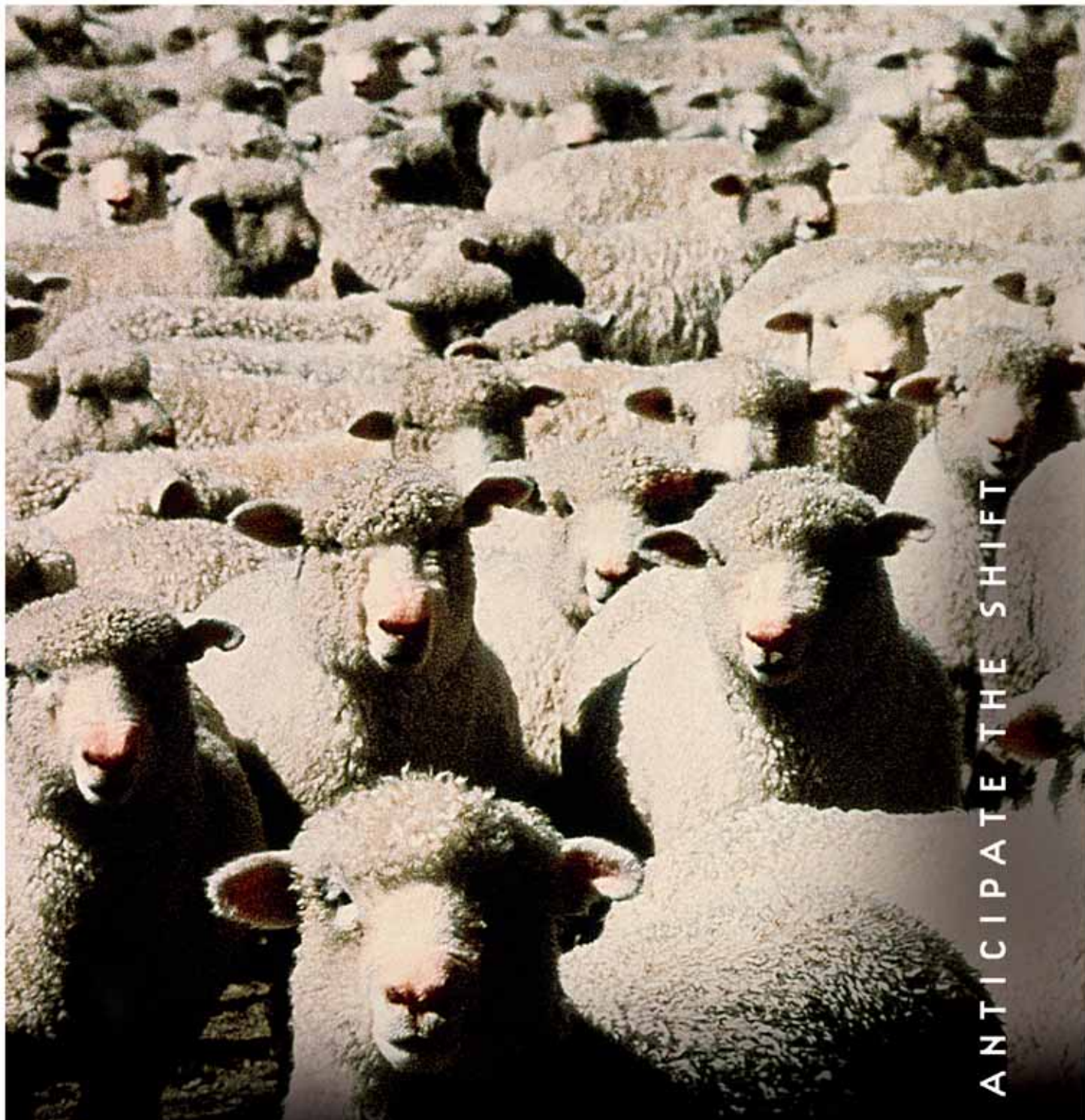
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