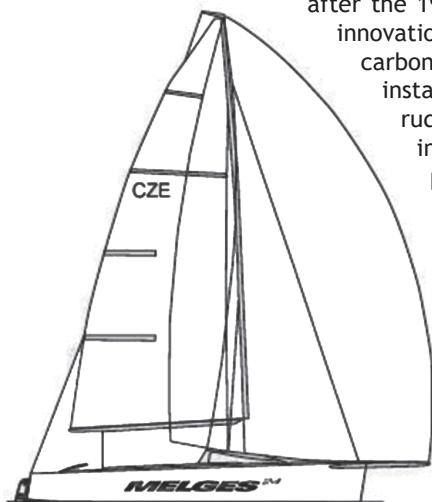


MELGES

Pacific NW Melges 24 Portland Fleet #29

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The Melges 24, which was designed by Reichel/Pugh after the 1992 Cup, features many America's Cup innovations: the use of carbon fiber, vertical carbon keel fin with lead bulb, a kelp cutter installed for kelp clearance, carbon spar, rudder, and bowsprit. Although these innovations are on the cutting edge for production sailboats it just makes the boat that much more enjoyable for the weekend racer.

Sailing the Melges 24, simple is the keyword here. The boat is very stable with its minimum weight aloft and maximum weight down below. The carbon keel fin weighs just 35 pounds while it supports a lead bulb of 630 pounds five feet below. This makes for a comfortable sail in all conditions. No winches! No winches are needed upwind or downwind on this 24-foot boat. This makes your crew

happy. With the class jib of 126 sq. ft. you never worry about difficult trimming. Downwind sailing in your Melges 24 is the most fun! With the carbon bowsprit, you can easily set and hoist your Melges asymmetrical with limited crew work and zero foredeck work. Once you have your asymmetrical set you are able to sail high angles for speed or low angles for comfort. Gybing is as easy as 1-2-3. Just ease your current sheet, gybe the boat, trim your new sheet to fill the asymmetrical. The Melges 24 is designed to facilitate trailering, hoist launching, and ramp launching. The boat has a retractable keel for trailering purposes. Thus, when the boat is on the trailer the deck is just chest high. It fits right behind any vehicle with any size trailer hitch. The Melges 24 weighs just 1,750 pounds so going down the highway is free and easy. The Melges 24 is the hottest one-design sailboat on the market today.

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