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MELGES BOAT WORKS, INC. was founded by Harry C. Melges, Sr. in 1945. Melges became an instant leader in scow boat design, production and delivery in the U.S., particularly in the Midwest. Harry, Sr. initially built boats out of wood. The first boats produced were flat-bottomed row boats, which provided a core business to keep his vision and the company alive. It wasn't long before he branched into race boat production delivering the best hulls, sails, spars, covers and accessories ensuring his customers stayed on the competitive cutting-edge.

Melges (pronounced mel•gis), is one of the most reputable, recognized and respected family names in the sailing industry. The devotion, generosity, perseverance and passion that surrounds the name is undeniable. It will forever be a legendary symbol of quality, excellence and experience that is second-to-none.

Early on Harry Sr.'s son, Harry "Buddy" Melges, Jr. was involved in operating the family boat building business. Over time, Buddy established an impressive collection of championship titles and Olympic medals. During the 1964 Olympics, Buddy was awarded a bronze medal in the Flying Dutchman and in 1968 won a gold medal at the Pan Am Games. In 1972, he won a gold medal in the Soling in Kiel, Germany — the Soling's official debut in Olympic competition.

In the years that followed, Buddy won over 60 major national and international sailing championship titles. They include the Star in 1978 and 1979; 5.5 Metre in 1967, 1973 and 1983; International 50 Foot World Cup in 1989; Maxi in 1991 and the National E Scows in 1965, 1969, 1978, 1979 and 1983. Buddy has won the International Skeeter Ice Boat Championship a record seven times — 1955, 1957, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1980 and 2001. He was named Yachtsman of the Year 1961, 1972 and 1983 and One Design Sailor of the Year in 1978 and 1979.



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Buddy is internationally known and a very well-respected yachtsman, but perhaps most recognized for his America's Cup accomplishments. Among the 1987 America's Cup Challengers, he represented the Chicago Yacht Club at the helm of *HEART OF AMERICA*. He raced against Dennis Conner sailing *STARS & STRIPES*. Unfortunately, Buddy did not win. In the end, Conner described Buddy as "one of the great sailors in the world."

In 1992, success for Melges was at an all time high. The America's Cup Challenge donned a high-tech look and a high performance attitude. In a boat designed in part by Reichel/Pugh, Buddy Melges captured the America's Cup title alongside of Bill Koch.

With Buddy's win and an obvious desire to take one-design racing to the next level, the Melges team again joined forces with Reichel/Pugh to deliver the phenomenal Melges 24 in 1993. Together they pioneered the next frontier of competitive yacht racing by integrating high-tech materials and concepts used at the America's Cup level into a sportboat that was fun, affordable, easy to rig, set-up and tow. With its inception, Melges set the standard in the high performance sportboat category.

23 years later, the International Melges 24 Class enjoys more than 900+ boats sailing competitively in more than 20 countries on five continents. Its World Championships have regularly seen 100+ boats in attendance, attracting the world's biggest and brightest sailors.

STRENGTH IN PARTNERSHIPS

In 1996, with an already established sail loft of 28 years, Melges partnered with the number one sail maker in the world — North Sails. Like Melges, North is committed to making sails that are faster, lighter and longer lasting. It is the perfect partnership as North shares the same passion for racing and dedicates itself to helping customers maintain a competitive advantage.



THE NEWEST FROM MELGES

The Melges 40 and the Melges 14 are the newest, up-and-coming members of the Melges family.

Designed by Botin Partners Naval Architecture and built by Premier Composite Technologies, the Melges 40 is positioned to revolutionize one-design racing. The canting keel, twin rudders and retractable bow sprit make it a powerful one-design weapon for windward/leeward, in-shore and coastal racing. Melges is pioneering a new ownership concept with the Melges 40. With Plug & Play ideals entrenched in the boat from its inception, owners simply show up and race while the Melges Team handles every technical and logistical detail. The Melges 40 passed its sea trials with flying colors in December 2016. The first warning signal of the Melges 40 Grand Prix is April 19, 2017. The Melges 40 was selected as *Yachts and Yachting Magazine's* 2017 Performance Keelboat of the Year.

Designed by Reichel/Pugh and built by Melges in Zenda, WI, USA, the Melges 14 is a modern singlehanded one-design racing platform, yet also has the ability to cruise comfortably with two people with its large, open cockpit. The boat is 14 feet and features an open transom so there's never a need to bail. A carbon fiber mast and boom complements its modern, flexible sail plan with three rigs. The new Melges boat won the coveted Boat of the Year seal from *Sailing World* as the 2016 Best Dinghy. The Melges 14 is evolving the singlehanded dinghy scene.





MELGES RACING AROUND THE WORLD

Melges launched, grew and continues to push sportboat racing to the highest level. Every Melges sportboat is hand-crafted to perfection, polished and embedded with a superior level of built-in performance, placing professional TaWamateur fT\bf at the forefront of the sport of sailing. After all, Melges customers expect nothing less. A focused approach, high standards, innovative thinking and the desire to exceed every expectation has earned us a 5-star service and product support reputation.

The Melges 24 is the most successful one-design sportboat in the world. Winning 'Boat Of The Year' in 1994 by *Sailing World Magazine*, it raised the bar and set the standard in the performance keelboat category.

The Melges 32 was added to the Melges line of performance products in 2005. A lean-and-mean, super-sleek hull provides a spacious cockpit and clean deck layout. Its large, powerful sail plan makes it a blast downwind and seriously fast upwind. Supported by a strong and organized international class association, more than 100 of these dynamic racing machines can be found competing around the globe at world-class yachting venues, attracting the best and brightest sailors in the world.

In 2007, Melges introduced the Melges 20. The philosophy behind it was to create a boat with beautiful lines while simultaneously delivering an ultra sophisticated sailing experience. It is an exclusive Reichel/Pugh design manufactured by Melges USA. It was designed to have strong appeal to a full range of talents and skill levels. It is very simple to sail, easy to rig, and ultra-modern in every respect. The hull design is sleek and comfortable with large radius edges. A sexy, sharp bow delivers maximum upwind performance. The stable, flat aft and asymmetrical spinnaker gives way to an exhilarating, fast and fun planing experience.



TRIED AND TRUE

Melges Performance Sailboats is rooted in inland sailing. In 1945, Harry C. Melges Sr. built Melges Boat Works from wooden scows.

An original design by the Melges family, the Melges MC Scow exemplifies the scow community's core traits. It is top-level high performance racing with foundations in family. The single- or double-handed MC Scow is one of the largest one-design fleets in North America.

The Melges C Scow was the first class of scow built by Harry Melges, Sr. in 1945. It quickly became known for cerebral, tactical skills being central to success on the water.

The Melges 17 is a streamlined and sporty scow geared for speed. It is a quick and easy racer with a reputation for being a fast and extremely fun family boat.

The Melges X Boat makes learning to sail fun, easy and addictive. It's a safe learning platform with technologies enabling sailors to to overachieve on the race course at an early age.

The elegant and sleek Melges E Scow is the pinnacle of high speed one-design racing for sailors in North America, from lakes and bays to protected ocean harbors. With over 70 boats regularly hitting the starting line at the National Championship, the Melges E Scow is an ever-growing, highly competitive fleet driven by a design that's always innovating.

The Melges A Scow is the fastest and largest: the king of all scows. Nothing compares to its century of heritage and impressive ability to deliver raw power, speed and performance. A true classic, the Melges A Scow is monumental to watch, not to mention powerful to race.