

2013 MELGES 17

Melges Performance Sailboats

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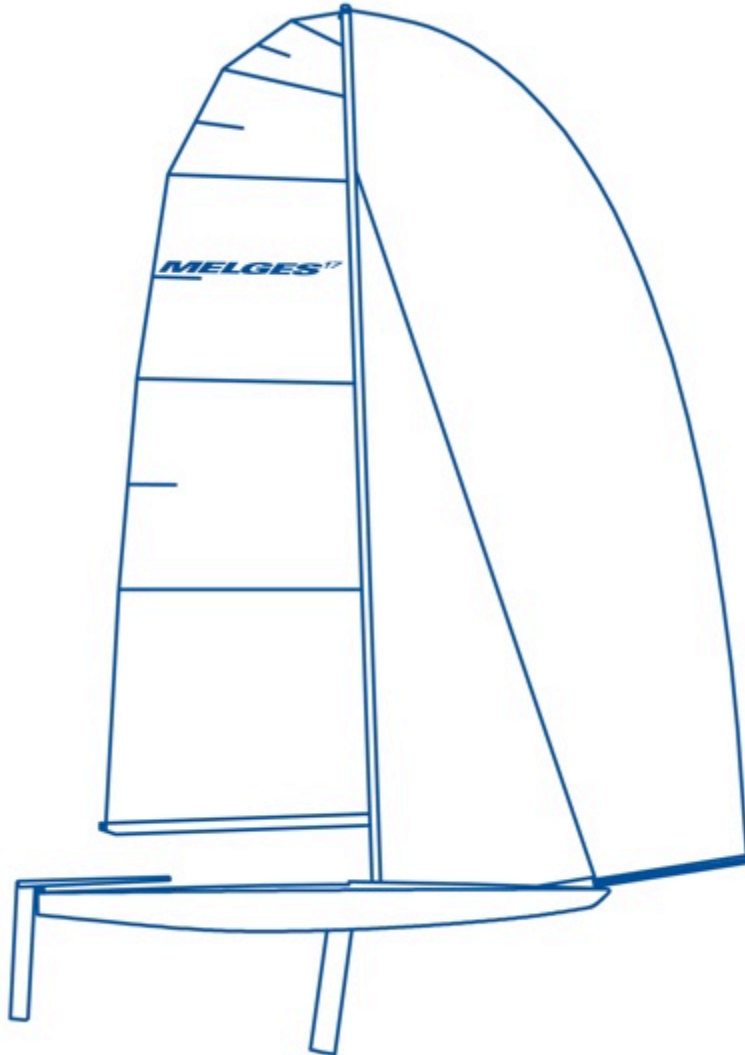
A photograph of two sailors on a white Melges 17 scow racing on blue water. The sailors are wearing life jackets and are leaning back. The boat is moving quickly, creating a white wake. The background shows other sailboats and a dark sky. The text 'THE MELGES 17' is in red and white, and 'EXPERIENCE' is in large white letters.

THE MELGES 17 EXPERIENCE

JUST ADD WATER.

The Melges 17™ is a compact, double-handed Scow that is simple to sail, easy to tow, fun and offers fast competitive racing. It has been widely accepted by youth sailors and adults, adopted by novice sailors and acknowledged by the pros — that is The Melges 17 Experience. Its modern, contemporary sail stance and agile personality makes it the ultimate speed racer.

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THE MELGES 17.

SAY YES TO FAST.
AND, NO TO SLOW.
IN PERFORMANCE
ONE DESIGN RACING.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

LENGTH 16 ft 7.75 in (5.074 m), **BEAM** 5 ft 6.375 in (1.686 m) **MAST HEIGHT** 26 ft 6.5 in (8.09 m), **DRAFT** 3 ft 11.5 in (1.207 m), **WEIGHT** 335 lbs (151.953 kg)

SAIL AREA

AP KEVLAR® MAINSAIL 154 sq ft (14.30 m²),

AP KEVLAR® JIB 66 sq ft (6.13 m²)

DYNALITE ASYMMETRICAL SPINNAKER 280 sq ft (26.01 m²)

CREW 2

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FASTER THAN LIGHT.

The success of the Melges 17 can be attributed to a truly dedicated following of speed entrepreneurs. An alternative, double-handed scow, it has a reputation for being fast and fun in light or heavy air. The rivalry pairings range from husband and wives, to teamed siblings making the Melges 17 the ultimate family racer!

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- Light and easy sailing — hull weighs 335 lbs and the carbon fiber spar is only 16 lbs
- Features an advanced underdeck board system
- Incorporates the most innovative sailing concepts: exclusive Melges Hands Free Kite System™ (HFKS), roller furling Kevlar® jib with recessed roller furler, self stepping mast design, new foil rudder and shaped boards arrived from aluminum extrusions

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GROWING UP FAST.

The 2012 National Championship marked yet another grand milestone in the history of the Melges 17 Scow. More than 30 teams travel from all over the country to compete at the class' annual marquee events. Ensuring longevity, the Melges 17 was welcomed by the I.L.Y.A. family and awarded class support in 2007 and as a result, this fleet is more popular than ever with couples – husbands and wives, youth sailors, siblings, father and sons, cousins and best friends. Melges 17 fever is now a national epidemic with events scheduled from Florida to the Midwest and all areas in between. No need to invent a vaccine – the Melges 17 fosters a full on speed epidemic! The world simply can't get enough of this great sportboat!



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GO.GO.GO.

Not only is the Melges 17 one of the most versatile scows, it is also an easy traveler. Light and compact, it is simple to rig in a short amount of time and a sheer pleasure to haul from your local club or to a major championship. Although still a young and growing class, more than 180 boats have been sold to date. The Melges 17 is also championed by a well-organized and vibrant International Class Association.



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"I LOVE this boat.

The **Melges 17** offers the biggest bang for the buck."

Mary Anne Ward

Mary Anne Ward, M&M Sailing



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THERE'S MORE...

RED-CARPET QUALITY. The Melges 17 is hand-crafted and produced at headquarters located in Zenda, Wisconsin — a famous location for fast and exciting sailboats. Many of Melges' employees have been there for more than 30 years. That means you get high-quality boat building, experience and delivery of a very detailed and complete new boat — race ready. The 'Just Add Water' approach has been a part of Melges philosophy since day one. There is no need for bottom, keel or rudder preparation. Every boat comes complete, ready to rig, tune and sail.

STRONG ONE DESIGN CLASS ORGANIZATION. Producing and delivering a high-quality product is not enough. Melges adopts a strong one-design class concept that everyone has become accustomed to over the years sailing scows. Perfect venues, great organizational skills, friendly regatta surroundings and a professional race committee are the differences between Melges and other classes of boats. This idea transcends the USA, holding steadfast and true throughout Europe as well. We are global in our advancement of one-design sailing.



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FIVE-STAR TEAM SERVICE AND PRODUCT SUPPORT. Melges proudly builds a quality boat for every customer and offers up top-notch service and support when you need it most — at virtually every Melges event. Look for the Melges Service vehicle along with leaders of our company such as Harry Melges, Andy Burdick, Federico Michetti, Andrew Lowe, Jim Gluek, Matt Pistay, Mike Wolfs, Anthony Kotoun, Seadon Wijzen, Eric and Justin Hood, and JOY. We take customer service very seriously. It is our goal to continuously promote, grow and support the sport of sailing, encourage and keep people out on the water enjoying the sport all of us have grown to love. Melges is there when you need spare parts, sails, covers and other item you need to sail fast.

FOREVER FUN. It is very apparent that Melges boats maintain their value better than any other sailboat in the world. Finding a used Melges boat is difficult in any class. It can sometimes be a challenge, because sailors LOVE their Melges boats. When one actually finds a Melges boat on the resale market, the price is strong. Melges boats retain their resale value making it a safe investment and justifiable. Many other one-design classes see a large number of boats for sale deflating their value to an extreme, some witness a devalue of 50% after only a year of sailing. This is not the case with a Melges boat. Melges boats maintain their value because they are well-built, popular and they last!

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*“Excellent customer service from incredibly knowledgeable people.
I never worry when I order from Melges, and if I have to call
and ask a question, they always respond promptly.”*



MAY 5-6	LANSING SPRING REGATTA & CLINIC	LANSING, MI
MAY 19-20	MUSKEGON OPENER	MUSKEGON, MI
JUN 16-17	BROWNWATER REGATTA	GRAND RAPIDS, MI
JUL 13-15	I.L.Y.A. CHAMPIONSHIP	PEWAUKEE, WI
AUG 8-11	W.M.Y.A. REGATTA	MUSKEGON, MI
AUG 24-26	U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	TRAVERSE CITY, MI
OCT 13-14	INDIANAPOLIS FALL CHAMPIONSHIP	INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Events are regularly added to the M17 racing schedule. Please visit the official web site of the International Melges 17 Class Association at melges17.com.



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