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2003 Farr 40 One Design
Great Lakes Championship

Season Kicks off with the West Marine Regatta

The 2003 Great Lakes Season Championship kicks off this weekend with the West Marine Regatta. The GL Farr-40 Fleet will have 12 boats for the first regatta. The Regatta is the first of the Championship regattas that also include the Chicago NOOD which starts June 13, The Chicago-Mac Race, Holland Regatta, and the Verve Cup.

This year there are some new faces. Owen Kratz the owner of Joss has brought his boat and team here from Texas. For the first regatta Joss will have multiple Olympic Medal winner Mark Reynolds as tactician.

Defending 2002 Season Champion Phil Dowd's Inferno will again have Doyle's Jud Smith as tactician. The field will be a bit tougher this year, and Inferno will have to contend with Bob Hughes and his always-strong Heartbreaker crew led this year by Volvo Race Winner and multiple Rolex Yachtsman of the Year winner John Kostecki.

Another team to watch this year will be Brian Jackman's Pendragon, which was voted last years most improved. Brian has added one of the best One Design sailors in the world to his team. Multiple Rolex Yachtsman of the Year, National and World Champion Dave Curtis.

Look for other solid performances from Tom Neill's Nitemare; they are currently leading the spring series with a string of first place finishes. Kevin Boyle's Morrigan with Geoff Moore acting as tactician, and Warren Levins Program with Mark Foster.

Rounding out the field will be Borys Jarymowycz's Iskra. Iskra had a very good Key West Race Week, and could surprise some boats. Long time fleet member and Fleet treasurer Jim Johnson will be returning this year with Sea Hawk, and Chris Whitford has once again chartered Hot Lips for the 2003 season.

The West Marine Regatta starts this Sat with the first gun at 11:00AM

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