



## **Hugo's Frog Bar & Crew Stuff 2004 Farr 40 One Design Great Lakes Championship**

### **1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Great Lakes Farr 40 Fleet is the organizing authority of the Championship Series. The host club of each regatta in the Championship Series will provide the race management, and shall be the organizing authority for their regatta. The first warning signal shall be according to the sailing instructions, which will be provided by the host club at each event.

### **2. RULES**

**2.1** All races will be sailed under the 2001-2004 International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the U.S. Sailing Association, and the Farr 40 Class Association Rules, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions of the individual regattas or local Great Lakes Fleet. The current class rules regarding the status of the owner-driver, alternate driver and number of allowed Group 2 and 3 competitors shall take precedence over individual race instructions. Crew weight limits will apply as per Class Rules modified so that weigh-in will be required once for each crew member of a yacht entered in the Championship series and must occur prior to the first regatta in which the crewmember competes. At sign-in, each yacht will be required to certify, on a form provided, that its crew conforms to the class certificate weight limitations.

**2.2** A yacht may carry 1 additional person above the crew weight for all Championship regattas except for the Chicago Mackinac Race. This additional crewmember must be approved by the class chairman at least 3 days prior to the first race. This additional crewmember must sit behind the helmsman and tactician, and is not allowed to hike, assist in any maneuvers or contribute to the performance of the yacht while racing. This person must submit a form to the class chairman for approval.

**(The Intent of Rule 2.2 is to allow: Wives, boyfriends, potential Buyers, sponsors, or children to sail on the yacht to see what it is all about. Rulings from the class chairman are not subject to arbitration)**

**2.3** Any alteration of class rules will only be approved by a majority vote of current fleet members.

**2.4** RRS 51 is modified to read: For the duration of the Great Lakes Championship Series all moveable ballast shall be properly stowed, and water, dead weight or ballast shall not be moved, added, or removed for the purpose of changing trim or stability. Floorboards, bulkheads, doors, stairs, and water tanks shall be left in place and all cabin fixtures kept on board. The maximum amount of drinkable liquid on board shall not exceed three liters per crewmember per day.

**2.5** The maximum amount of drinkable liquid shall not apply to the Chicago Mackinac Race.

### **3. ADVERTISING**

Advertising shall be according to Farr 40 Class Rule 36.

### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

**4.1** The Championship is open to all yachts meeting the rules of the Farr 40 One Design Class.

**4.2** All current members of the Great Lakes Fleet, holding a current class certificate and having paid their Local and National Fleet Dues are eligible to compete. Submission of the form included in this Notice shall enter a yacht in the 2004 Farr 40 Great Lakes Championship. No entry fee is required.

**4.3** All yachts sailing in the Farr 40 Class are subject to inspections of compliance at any time during a regatta. This includes sail measurement, and safety gear etc.

## 5. Schedule of Championship Series and Races

### 5.1 Schedule

<b>Date Race</b>	<b>Regatta</b>	<b>Host Club</b>	<b>No. Races</b>
June 5-6	West Marine Regatta (ex Boaters World)	Columbia YC	5+
June 11-13	Chicago NOOD Regatta	Chicago YC	5+
July 24	Chicago Mackinac Race	Chicago YC	1
August 7-8	Holland, MI Regatta	Macatawa Bay YC	5+
August 16-18	Chicago Verve Cup	Chicago YC	7+

Total planned Championship races= 23+

**5.2 Courses:** All races sailed will be windward/leeward courses and the class will recommend to the organizing authority that they include leeward gates and windward offset marks. This will not apply to the Chicago Mackinac Race.

## 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The individual regatta Sailing Instructions will be made available at each regatta sign-in.

## 7. Championship Series Scoring:

**7.1** The Low point scoring system as modified by this Notice of Race will be used for scoring of the Championship Series.

**7.2** RRS A9 is modified to read: For a series that is held over a period of time longer than a regatta, a boat that came to the starting area, but Did Not Start, Did Not Finish, or Retired after finishing or was Disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place of one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.

**7.3** The number of throw outs will be determined by the total number of races sailed in the Championship. Throw-outs will be administered according to the following schedule:

<b><u># of races completed</u></b>	<b><u># of throw-outs</u></b>
24+	6
20-23	5
16-19	4
12-15	3
11 or fewer	0

## **8. PENALTIES**

- 8.1** RRS 44 - Penalties for breaking rules of Part 2 is modified such that a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty by either making one complete 360 degree Turn including one tack and one gybe that, in all other respects, complies with RRS 44.2 or by taking a 20% Scoring Penalty in compliance with RRS 44.3 as changed by NOR 8.2. However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the two-length zone of any rounding marks, her penalty shall be either a 720 degree Penalty Turn in compliance with RRS 44.2 or a 40% Scoring Penalty in compliance with RRS 44.3 as changed in Sailing Instruction 18.1.
- 8.2** The 20% Scoring Penalty shall not equal less than two places. The 40% Scoring Penalty shall not equal less than 4 places.
- 8.3** The penalty for any infringement of the Class Rules or ORC regulations is to be at the sole discretion of the International Jury or Protest Committee once racing commences, in consultation with the Class Management Group or non-competing Class Representative.

## **9. PRIZES**

- 9.1** Overall Awards will be presented by Hugo's Frog Bar and Crew Stuff to yachts and their crews finishing first, second, third, fourth and fifth in the Championship Series.
- 9.2** The overall 2003 Champion will have a replica ½ model of their yacht displayed at Hugo's Frog Bar unless the yacht already had a model displayed. In that case the model displayed shall be the highest finishing boat that does not yet have a model displayed.
- 9.3** A yacht that finishes first in an individual regatta will be awarded a certificate for a 12 person crew dinner at Hugo's Frog Bar. Each yacht may only win this prize once per season. If a regatta winner has already received this award during the current season, the certificate will go to the next highest placing yacht that has not already won the prize.
- 9.4** Crew Stuff will provide 9 Championship polo shirts per boat for the top three placing boats of the Championship. Additional shirts may be ordered at an additional charge.
- 9.5** A Prize for the Most Improved Boat will also be awarded at the end of the Championship. This Prize will be determined by popular vote of the Fleet. The ballot will be sent out immediately following the Verve Cup.
- 9.6** Additional Prizes may be awarded
- 9.7** An end of the season Awards Party will be held in the Fall. All prizes will be given out at that time.



## Entry Form

### 2004 Farr 40 One Design Great Lakes Championship

Yacht name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail no: \_\_\_\_\_

Hull # of yacht: \_\_\_\_\_ US Sailing Assn. no. \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Release of Liability

In consideration of the acceptance of my application and participation in this event, I hereby waive, release and discharge any and all claims for damages or death, personal injury or property damage which I may have or which may subsequently accrue to me as a result of my participation in this series. This release is intended to discharge the organizing authority, Farr 40 Class Association, sponsors, promoting clubs, officials, officers, employees and other entities and the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING) from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in this event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities mentioned above.

I further understand that serious accidents occasionally occur during yacht racing and that participants in yacht racing occasionally sustain mortal or serious personal injuries and /or property damage as a consequence. I knowingly assume the risks of yacht racing and release all the persons or entities mentioned above who might otherwise be liable to me or my heirs or assigns for damages.

I agree to abide by the rules of the event and US SAILING. I further agree that I am responsible for the conduct and safety of my crew and that it is my responsibility to decide whether to start a race or to continue to race.

I agree to abide by the rules of this event and further agree to the terms of the release.

Owner/Skipper: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A complete entry consists of:

1. Entry form

#### Mail or Fax to:

**Great Lakes Farr-40 Fleet**

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