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Dear Friends,

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you all warmly to the 2007 season of the Farr 40 European Fleet. It will be an exciting season with a lot of great racing and the top highlight at the end in Copenhagen when the KDY will host the Rolex Farr 40 Worlds 2007.

I like to welcome especially our friends from overseas who intend to join us during the European Circuit and of course the Worlds.

After the Europeans 2006 in Mahon the Management of the European Fleet has changed. We very cordially thank Carlo Alberini for his great support of the European Fleet and we hope that we can continue his successful work. As the successor of Carlo I am happy about the strong support of our new Fleet manager Enrico "Chicco" Isenburg which is sailing on Dario Ferrari's Farr 40 and our new Fleet secretary Fabrizio Pirina which is in first instance secretary of the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS).

I would like to thank Gianfranco Alberini and Edoardo Recchi from YCCS for the friendship and great support of the Farr 40 Fleet in the past and during the upcoming season.

Please don't hesitate to contact Fabrizio, Chicco or me whenever you like.

The number of boats increased very rapidly especially in Northern Europe. Therefore the Fleet decided to split the European Circuit in two parts. We will have two regattas in the Med and three others in Northern Europe. Eivind Astrup made a great effort to coordinate the events in Norway and Denmark and to organise the shipping from USA to Europe and from the Med to Hanko. Thanks a lot, Eivind!

The NRV as the hosting club of the Rolex Baltic Week is working hard to find a nice solution for keeping the boats after the Skagen Regatta in Neustadt and to organise transports of the cradles from Hanko to Neustadt and after RBW from Neustadt to Copenhagen which is a 2 hours drive. They are quite successful. We will keep you informed as soon as we know further details.

For your information, a series of spring training in Porto Cervo is foreseen from 27th April to 1st May; please advice whether you are interested or not in order to start the organisation of that training. A special accommodation offer has been organised with the YCCS (see details in the attachments).

Attached are also the Notice of Race and the Entry Form of the European Circuit 2007 and the Calendar of European events 2007.

Unfortunately we need a financial background to run all these activities. It has been decided to charge EUR 500 - from each European owner for the membership in the Farr 40 European Fleet. This due includes the entry fee for the European Circuit but of course not for the single events. For our friends from overseas there will be a guest membership. Please ask Fabrizio for further details.

Finally I would like to thank Geoff Stagg, Jim Richardson and the Farr 40 Exec.Com . for all the support which makes the European Fleet successfully run inside the International Farr 40 Class Association.

President

Farr 40 European Fleet