



**Happy Holidays and to all a Joyous New Year!**

### GOOMBAY SMASH WINS ROLEX NORTH AMERICANS



Goombay Smash, the Farr 40 owned by William Douglass won the 2008 Rolex Farr 40 North American Championship, held Nov. 21-23 in Miami Beach, Fla.

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The Farr 40 Class enjoyed another fantastic year in 2008. We had a terrific winter series including Key West Race Week and the Miami Grand Prix, in which my *Barking Mad* was victorious. There were 261 boats at Key West and another 60 in Miami, so it was an honor for the Farr 40 Class that we were selected *Boat of the Week* for each regatta. The winter season culminated with the spectacular 2008 Rolex Farr 40 World Championship.

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Chicago Yacht Club awarded 2009 North Americans  
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New dates have been added to the 2009 calendar  
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### AUSTRALIAN SEASON REPORT FROM SAM CRICHTON



The 2008/09 Australian season was launched in mid October with the annual sojourn to Port Stephens for the Peppers Anchorage Farr 40 Regatta. Eight boats made the trip and enjoyed three days of racing on the water off

Port Stephens and in the bay. Guido Belgiorino Nettis and his team on *Transfusion* had a great regatta, improving on their 2007 second place and winning the event.

[Australian update](#)

### INTERVIEW WITH HALUK BABACAN, TEAM OZ



*From the first day on, it was our dream to race in a competitive one design and Farr 40 was the answer to our wishes”* said Haluk Babacan who with co-owner Sedat Gulcaglayan recently joined the Farr 40 Class and competed in

their first one-design regatta, the Rolex Farr 40 North Americans, on their Farr 40 Oz.

[More with Haluk Babacan](#)

In response to owners' requests a Spring Match Race Invitational has been added to the 2009 U.S. schedule, March 3-4, in Miami Beach, FL. To request an invitation, email [Bunny Wayt](mailto:BunnyWayt)

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