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Dear friends,

After the very successful European Farr 40 season, some of us have already experienced some great racing in Key West and Miami. The fleet is now in preparation for the PreWorlds and Worlds in Miami in two weeks time. For the International Class it is fantastic to have so many European Farr 40s in Florida. For those of us who travelled to the States last September this is another wonderful opportunity to sail together with our American friends and enjoy well organised regattas, nice conditions and an outstanding level of competition.

Most of the European boats will go back to Europe right after the Worlds - probably on 25th April. They will arrive in Olbia in time to participate in the first European Circuit Regatta in Capri.

After the two owners meetings last season in Porto Cervo and Copenhagen, Chicco, Fabrizio and myself have finalised the following time schedules for 2008:

European Circuit Med

21-24.05.2008	Rolex Capri Sailing Week
12-14.06.2008	Audi Farr 40 Cup (Porto Cervo)
03-06.07.2008	French Farr 40 Challenge (Le Lavandou)
19-21.09.2008	Settimana Velica dell' Argentario (Cala Galera)

European Circuit North

24-25.05.2008	Larvik Race Weekend (Oslo Fjord)
26-29.06.2008	Kiel Week,
24-27.07.2008	Farr 40 Copenhagen Regatta
26-31.08.2008	Rolex Baltic Week/ Europeans 2008 (Travemuende)

We will have two independent circuits with separate scorings and two identical trophies in 2008. The very attractive trophy for the Northern Circuit was created for us by Rolex Germany in 2007. The class will present an identical one for the Med Circuit in 2008. Each boat may sail up to two regattas in the other circuit. The scoring will allow the Med boats to race in up to two regattas in the North and the North boats up to two regattas in the Med. The total scoring includes 4 regattas. Should anyone participate in six regattas, which is theoretically possible, he would have two discards. Together with the entry form for the first regatta and the European Circuit each boat must decide which circuit it will join. The European Fleet will provide very reasonable transport between the two circuits based on a special agreement if desired.

This concept gives most flexibility to all the owners and demonstrates that boats from both regions belong together in a single European Fleet even if competing in two different circuits. The Europeans will be in Travemünde in 2008 and in the Med in 2009. The European Champion Vincenzo Onorato and Crownprince Frederik have already confirmed their participation. I hope that some more of you will decide to follow these guys. The Nordic fleet needs our strong support before we all go to the Med together in 2009.

We hope that this compromise covers your interests and plans and that we will see many of you in both circuits in 2008. Please give your attention to the attached documents and send them back as soon as possible.

Warmest regards,

W. Schaefer