

Santa Barbara to host ‘Farr 40 West Coast Championship Regatta’

What: Farr 40 West Coast Championship Regatta

Where: Santa Barbara Channel – hosted by Santa Barbara Yacht Club

When: July 16-19 (racing starts at noon each day)

Who: International competitors from around the world. Three boats are locally owned.

The Santa Barbara Yacht Club is proud to host the Farr 40 West Coast Championship. This prestigious class and event boasts some of the best sailors and crew in the world and is part of the racing circuit leading up to the World Championship in San Francisco, California in October.

Local sailor and Farr 40 owner, John Demourkas, is owner of one of the more competitive boats in the fleet ‘Groovederci’ and is hoping to bring home the championship this time around. He will be joined by other local Farr 40 sailors, Dirk Freeland (owner of ‘Skian Dhu’) and Stanford Shaw (owner of ‘Flyer’).

The racing will take place just off the Santa Barbara coast and will be viewable to the general public off the Santa Barbara harbor breakwater as well as Stearn’s Wharf.

Countries represented in the competition include the United States, Australia, Germany, Italy, and Mexico.

The Farr40.org pre-event press release can be found at this link with interview of John Demourkas.

<http://www.farr40.org/component/content/article/38-2014-racing/385-west-coast-championship-preview.html>

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