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## **Chicago selected to host 2009 Windy City Match Race and Farr 40 North American Championship**

**Chicago, April 11, 2009** – Building off the precedent set at last fall’s Miami Beach events, this year’s Farr 40 North American Championship will be preceded by the Windy City Match Race (WCMR). The third-annual WCMR, a benefit regatta for the Children Affected by AIDS Foundation, will kick off the week’s racing September 22-23, followed immediately by the North American Championship September 24 – 27. Racing will be hosted by the Chicago Yacht Club and the Farr 40 Great Lakes fleet.

The Committee invites interested competitors and spectators to preview what’s in store this year for this championship week in Chicago – both on and off the water: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myXychM1PAk> and [www.windycitymatchrace.org](http://www.windycitymatchrace.org).

### **WINDY CITY MATCH RACE INFO**

The Grade 3 Match Race will invite up to eight teams to compete for the WCMR title. Please send your request for invitation to Sarah Renz at [srenz@experient.net](mailto:srenz@experient.net).

Benefiting from the event will be the Children Affected by AIDS Foundation, the only organization solely devoted to providing social, educational, recreational and other critical support programs to vulnerable children impacted by HIV/AIDS in the U.S. and other countries. While other pediatric AIDS organizations search for the cure, the organization is dedicated to caring for children who are infected or affected by this epidemic now. For more information, please visit [www.caaf4kids.org](http://www.caaf4kids.org).

For more information, please visit [www.windycitymatchrace.org](http://www.windycitymatchrace.org) or contact:  
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### **NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP INFO**

Chicago expects to host 12-15 Farr 40 teams during the NACs. The committee is dedicated to providing assistance in travel logistics, housing and while event Web sites are updated. Interested teams may contact the following people with any questions, contact Phil Dowd at [pdowd@sherickent.com](mailto:pdowd@sherickent.com)

### **About the Chicago Yacht Club**

Founded in 1875, the Chicago Yacht Club is one of the oldest and most respected yacht clubs in the world and is one of the preeminent organizers of regattas, races and predicted-log events in the United States. In addition to the Windy City Match Race, these events include the world famous Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac in its 101st running this year, the high performance Verve Cup Regatta, the National Offshore One Design Regatta and the North American Challenge Cup, a regatta for disabled sailors. For more information please log onto [www.chicagoyachtclub.org](http://www.chicagoyachtclub.org).

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