



## **TRANSPAC 52 *ESMERALDA* WINS 2004 CHICAGO–MACKINAC RACE**

**Annapolis, Maryland (2 August 2004)** – Farr Yacht Design is pleased to announce the Transpac 52 *ESMERALDA* (design #533), owned by Mr. Makoto Uematsu, edged out the MaxZ86 *WINDQUEST* on corrected time to win the Turbo Class and Overall Mackinac Cup at the 2004 Chicago to Mackinac Race. Although there were not enough TP52's to form a class of their own, the boats raced in the Turbo Class alongside many Great Lakes (Santa Cruz) 70's and other Maxi's.

Ken Read, helmsman on *ESMERALDA*, had this to say, "I have fallen in love with this boat. A blast to sail, and certainly winning always helps." Bob Wiley was also on board and stated, "The race was pretty straight forward and was mostly upwind and with slight reaching conditions towards the end. The boat handled well in the variety of conditions that ranged from 5-18knots in the first 24hrs. With a good start and good upwind speed, we kept making small gains and took control from ahead."

Other FYD Transpac 52's in this year's race included Mr. Richard Breeden's *BRIGHT STAR* and Mr. Michael Brennan's *SJAMBOK* which finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively within the TP 52's. *ESMERALDA* was the decisive winner among the group with an elapsed time of 1 day, 17 hours, 5 minutes for the 333 nautical mile course.

The Transpac 52 Class has been growing and generating a global following as interest in the Mediterranean has resulted in three new orders for Farr Yacht Design.

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