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FARR Designed TRANSPAC 52's Dominate Class at Key West 2005

Annapolis, MD - Farr Yacht Design is proud to announce our second generation Transpac 52's designs, ESMERALDA and SJAMBOK have topped their TP52 rivals at Key West 2005, held in sunny Florida, USA, January 17 through 21.

Makoto Uematsu's ESMERALDA, had an impressive 1-2 showing with one throw-out and easily won the 10-boat PHRF 1 class. ESMERALDA'S navigator was our own Senior Naval Architect, Jim Schmicker, who stated "Over a wide range of conditions, from 3 to 23 knots, ESMERALDA showed superior speed both upwind and downwind".

Following on the heels of ESMERALDA, her sistership, SJAMBOK, owned by Michael Brennan, placed 3rd in PHRF 1. Prior to the event, SJAMBOK also beat the competition to win her class during the Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race, the feeder race for Key West 2005. Senior Designer Patrick Shaughnessy was on board as bowman for both events.

In PHRF 2, PRETTY WOMAN, a Farr design Beneteau First 47.7 owned by George Gamble, showed its superiority with 5 out of 9 bullets in the 10-boat class.

The Farr One Design classes had a great turnout for the event. In the Farr 40 class, 18 boats were represented from a variety of countries. Hasso Plattner's MORNING GLORY took the top spot. The competition was just as tough in the Mumm 30 class. Deneen Demourkas's GROOVEDERCI won the class with 4 first place finishes.

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