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FARR YACHT DESIGN ANNOUNCES VOLVO-READY PRIMARY DESIGN

Completion of Volvo Open 70 Primary design offers turn-key solution to race entry programs

Annapolis, MD – Farr Yacht Design is pleased to announce the completion of its Primary design of a Volvo Open 70 suitable for winning the 2005-06 Volvo Ocean Race. This design represents the culmination of months of design and research effort and years of experience in winning past Volvo and Whitbread Round the World races, and is ready and available for any team aspiring to excel in the next race.

“We’re very excited about this Primary design, as it represents our best efforts at producing a state-of-the-art yacht which will be competitive in the most demanding sailing event in the world,” says Steve Morris, Vice President of Farr Yacht Design (FYD). “We’ve been exploring a myriad of options in hull and appendage design, weather analysis, and refined CFD (computational fluid dynamics) work, and we feel this represents a unique solution to a very complex race. A solution we are keeping under cover for now.”

The design package available now is indeed complete in scope and ready for build: it includes not only construction drawings, but hull and appendage design, well-developed solutions to the mechanical issues of canting keel/canard arrangements, deck layout, and spar and sail plans.

“Alongside our normal Custom design services, we’re offering this Primary design for groups who need to fast track their program,” said Russ Bowler, President of FYD.

“We’re very excited about this race and the new VO 70 design. The race start is still 16 months away, and so it’s not too late to commit to a design and get started with building,” said Morris. “With this turn-key package available now, we’re providing an opportunity for Volvo teams to shift their focus towards winning the race by maximizing their development time on the water. We feel the winning team will have not only a fast design, but will have had the most time on the water to develop their sails, crew, and other elements of a successful program. Whoever commits at this stage will have a huge step forward in their competitive potential.”

Besides having designed the race-winning yachts in the past five Volvo and Whitbread races, FYD’s success in the most recent Transat Jacques Vabre has given the firm an edge in the design of offshore yachts with moveable appendages. Jean Pierre Dick’s Open 60 *Virbac* won its class in this very competitive race. *Virbac* is powered by a sophisticated canting keel and dual-daggerboard appendage package designed by FYD. This knowledge has been used in this Primary VO 70 design.

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For team interested in a more customized design approach, FYD offers additional design program management services to meet their clients' needs. These include construction inspections, sail wardrobe assistance, spar detailing, measurement optimization, and advice on sailing performance and optimized tuning.

For more information on Farr Yacht Design, please visit our website at www.farrdesign.com. For additional renderings of the Volvo Open 70 Primary design, please contact info@farrdesign.com.

For the Volvo Ocean Race, visit the event web site at www.volvoceanrace.org.

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