

**2015 BENETEAU FIRST 36.7 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Beneteau First 36.7 Detroit Fleet is the Organizing Authority**  
**Bayview Yacht Club is the Host Club**  
**September 10 – 13, 2015**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply except the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing) listed in Attachment A.

**2 BOAT IDENTIFICATION**

While racing, boats shall display bow numbers supplied by the organizing authority. The top of the sticker shall be within 6" of the deck and the forward edge shall be within 12" of the bow.

**3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board in the Canada's Cup Room at Bayview Yacht Club.

**4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted before 0800 EDT on the day it will take effect except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 EDT on the day before it will take effect.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals ashore will be displayed from a flagpole on the balcony near the south end of the BYC Harbormaster's building (north of the clubhouse). If such signals are displayed prior to racing on any day, a courtesy broadcast describing the signals may be made on VHF channel 69 between 0830 and 0900 EDT. See SI 22 (Courtesy Broadcasts).
- 5.2 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

**6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 Racing will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 11 – 13, 2015.
- 6.2 It is the intention of the Race Committee to conduct as many races as practical on each day of racing.
- 6.3 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 1000 EDT.
- 6.4 No warning signal shall be made after 1400 EDT on the last day of racing, Sunday, September 13.
- 6.5 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

**7 CLASS FLAG**

The class flag will be the Beneteau First 36.7 logo on a red background.

**8 RACING AREA**

Races will be held in the waters of Lake St. Clair. The center of the racing circle will be located at approximately 42 21.768'N, 082 48.883W, which is approximately 4.6 nm from the Peche Island Range Rear Light (F115 ft PA) on a compass heading of 090.

**9 COURSES**

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses to be sailed, including the course designation for each course.

- 9.2 The course designation and the approximate compass bearing and approximate distance from the starting line to Mark 1 shall be displayed on placards on the starboard side of the Race Committee signal boat.
- 9.3 All turning marks shall be left to port except gates.
- 9.4 An offset mark (inflated orange “hip-hop”) shall be used and will be rounded to port after first rounding Mark 1. It will be approximately 75 yards from Mark 1 at approximately a 90-degree angle.
- 9.5 Mark 2 may be a gate. If one of the gate marks is not in place, boats shall round the existing Mark 2 to port.

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be orange inflated tetrahedron marks.
- 10.2 New marks, when used in accordance with SI 14 (Change of Course After the Start), will be yellow inflated tetrahedron marks.
- 10.3 The starting and finishing marks will be orange inflated cylindrical marks.

## **11 CHECK IN**

Before the first warning signal of each day, all boats shall sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and check in by hailing their sail number. They shall continue to do so until their sail number is acknowledged orally by the Race Committee.

## **12 THE START**

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Race Committee signal boat on the starboard end, and the course side of the port end starting mark and will be located to leeward of Mark 2.
- 12.2 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **13 RETIRING FROM A RACE**

Boats retiring from a race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible either by hail or on VHF channel 69.

## **14 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. An offset mark (see SI 9.4) will not be set when Mark 1 is replaced.

## **15 THE FINISH**

- 15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on a Race Committee boat and course side of the nearby finishing mark.
- 15.2 For Courses “3” and “5”, the finishing line will be located approximately 100 yards to windward of Mark 1.
- 15.3 For Courses “4” and “6”, the finishing line shall be approximately 100 yards to leeward of Mark 2 (or the former location of Mark 2, if it has been removed).

## **16 TIME LIMITS**

- 16.1 The time limit for each race is 120 minutes.
- 16.2 A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. See SI 19.3. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

## **17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the protest desk located in the Trophy Room at Bayview Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat docks at Bayview Yacht Club.
- 17.3 The times of the protest hearings and the parties involved will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 63.2.
- 17.4 Breaches of SIs 11, 13, 19, 20, 21, and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 17.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes RRS 66.
- 17.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 17.7 There will be an international jury constituted in compliance with RRS Appendix N. As provided in RRS 70.5, there will be no appeal from the decisions of the international jury.

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1 One race will constitute a series.
- 18.2 When fewer than seven races have been completed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. In accordance with RRS A2, each boat's score shall be the total of her scores excluding her worst score after seven races have been completed.
- 18.3 Boats scored TLE will receive points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit (see SI 16), plus 2 points. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1 and A5.

## **19 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

All boats shall be afloat prior to 1000 EDT on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, and shall not be hauled during the regatta, except with written permission of the Chairman of the Race Committee.

## **20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **21 COURTESY BROADCASTS**

An unofficial designated observer may report all visual signals displayed by the Race Committee over VHF channel 69. Information reported by the designated observer is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals, which govern the conduct of the racing. Errors and omissions on the part of the designated observer will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **22 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR SAILS**

Substitution of competitors or sails will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Chairman of the Race Committee. Declaration of crew substitutions on a competitor's Appendix A submission at the time of registration shall constitute written approval.

## **23 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee equipment inspector or

measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection, and a boat promptly shall comply with such instructions.

**24 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as stated in the Notice of Race.

**25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## ATTACHMENT A

### Applicable US Sailing Prescriptions

#### 61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

*US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.*

After rule 67 add:

*US Sailing prescribes that:*

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.*
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*
- (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by applications of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*

After rule 70.5(a) add:

*US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required. Go to [www.ussailing.org/racingrules/documents](http://www.ussailing.org/racingrules/documents) and click the 'No Appeal' link for more information or to obtain approval.*

After rule 76.1 add:

*US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.*

# ATTACHMENT B

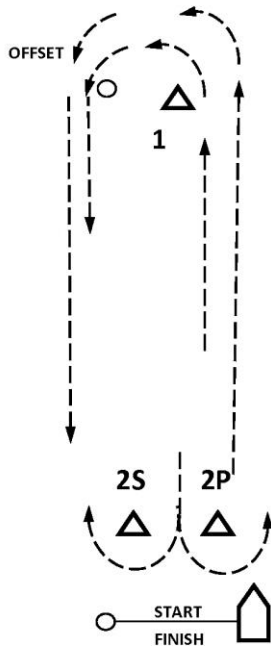
## ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES

### COURSE 4 and 6 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 4: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – FINISH  
(2 laps / 4 legs, downwind finish)

Course 6: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – FINISH  
(3 laps / 6 legs, downwind finish)

Mark 2 may be either a gate or a single mark

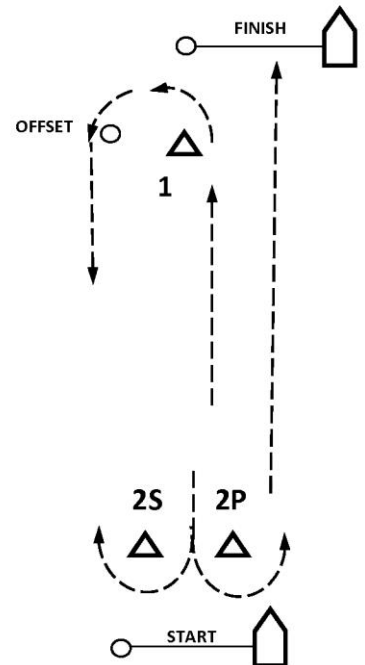


### COURSE 3 and 5 DIAGRAM and ROUNDING ORDER (Not to Scale)

Course 3: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – FINISH  
(1 ½ laps / 3 legs, upwind finish)

Course 5: START – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – 1 – Offset – 2P/2S – FINISH  
(2 ½ laps / 5 legs, upwind finish)

Mark 2 may be either a gate or a single mark



**If there is only one leeward mark (Mark 2), it shall be left to port.**