



2015 Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship

Notice of Race

September 9 – 13, 2015

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The organizing authority for the Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship is the Detroit Fleet of the North American Beneteau First 36.7 Class. The regatta is hosted by Bayview Yacht Club.

1 - RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS), except as changed by this Notice of Race (NOR) or by the sailing instructions.

1.2 The US SAILING prescriptions to rules 40, 68, 76.1, and 76.3 apply. No other national prescriptions apply.

1.3 Beneteau First 36.7 North American One Design Class Rules (hereafter "Class Rules") apply.

1.4 Racing rules will be changed as follows:

(a) RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored points equal to the last finisher plus two without a hearing.

(b) RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress, and for requesting that a hearing be reopened, on the last day of racing.

(c) RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will be changed so that, except for infringements of Part 2 that occur within three boats lengths of a rounding mark or finishing mark, only one tack and one gybe is required.

(d) RRS A2 will be changed as described in NOR paragraph 9.

The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions also may change other racing rules.

2 - ADVERTISING

2.1 Per Class Rule 2.4, advertising displays will not be permitted at this event.

2.2 All boats shall be required to display the event bow stickers and identification numbers on their bow while racing and shall be required to display a boom sticker and stern flag if provided by the organizing authority.

3 - ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all Beneteau First 36.7 owners who are members of the Beneteau First 36.7 North American One Design Class Association.

3.2 Owners shall be current members of their National Governing Body (US SAILING for USA and Sail Canada for Canada).

3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry forms online at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1257> by August 1, 2015.

3.4 Entries received after August 1, 2015 may be accepted at the sole discretion of the organizing authority.

3.5 Crew list, along with their ISAF Sailor ID, is required to be completed online at the event website.

3.6 Crew must be weighed in and meet ISAF classification requirements, and shall be required to sign a waiver of liability form at registration. For crew members not classified by ISAF, Group 3 shall be assumed.

3.7 Appendix A and Keel Certificate shall be turned in at the time of registration.

3.8 Boats shall be equipped as described in Appendix C of the Class Rules and may be inspected.

4 - FEES

4.1 The entry fee is US \$600.00 per boat.

4.2 The entry fee for entries received after August 1, 2015 is \$700.00 per boat and will be subject to acceptance of the entry by the organizing authority. Refer to NOR paragraph 3.4.

4.3 Dockage at the Bayview Yacht Club from Sunday, September 6, 2015 through Tuesday, September 15, 2015, is included for each boat entered in the regatta.

4.4 Tickets for food and beverage will be available for purchase during the event.

5 - SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration and crew weigh in:

Wednesday, September 9, 2015, from 1600 hours to 2000 hours

Thursday, September 10, 2015, from 1400 hours to 2000 hours

5.2 Opening ceremonies:

Thursday, September 10, 2015, at 1800 hours

5.3 Racing:

Racing will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 11, 12 and 13, 2015. The Race Committee will attempt to run four races each day. More or fewer races may be run each day at the discretion of the Race Committee. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1000 hours.

No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours on Sunday, September 13, 2015.

6 - INSPECTIONS AND WEIGH-INS

6.1 A yacht may be inspected in accordance with Class Rules. Skippers and/or crew members must be available to facilitate inspection.

6.2 Skippers and crews will be weighed to ensure compliance with class rule 7.1. Substitute crews will be weighed on the morning of the day they will race between 0730 and 0800 hours.

7 - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on or before September 9, 2015. They will be posted on the event website and copies available at registration.

8 - VENUE AND COURSES

The racing area will be on Lake St. Clair, Detroit. The courses will be windward/leeward course using inflatable drop marks. Gates and offset marks may be used.

9 - SCORING

One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

RRS A2 will be changed so that when fewer than seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When seven or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

10 - SUPPORT BOATS

10.1 From the time of the preparatory signal for the first start of the day until all boats have finished racing for the day, coach and support boats shall:

Stay outside areas where boats are racing;

Not be allowed in the top half of the course.

10.2 Support boats must be registered with the organizing authority.

11 - HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS AND DOCKING

11.1 All boats will be moored at Bayview Yacht Club during the event.

11.2 All boats shall be afloat and available for inspection before 1000 hours on Wednesday, September 9, 2015.

11.3 No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

12 - PRIZES

12.1 Overall prizes will be awarded to the top five boats, the top three boats racing with no ISAF Category 3 sailors (Corinthian scoring), and the top boat with three or more members of the same family.

12.2 Daily prizes will be awarded each evening to the top three boats for the day.

13 - DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and Bayview Yacht Club 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.

14 - INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of US \$300,000 per event or the equivalent. Proof of insurance may be required.

15 - FURTHER INFORMATION

The event website is <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1257>

The organizing authority will attempt to have all information on the event website as it becomes available. Skippers may receive additional information when they register.

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