



Notice of Race
North American Championship
September 6 – 10, 2023
Organizing Authority (OA) – Columbia Yacht Club (COLYC)
Hosted by The Lake Michigan Beneteau First 36.7 Fleet
Chicago, IL USA

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- b. US Sailing Prescriptions will not apply except for the following. See Appendix A of this NOR for the descriptions of the US Sailing Prescriptions below:
 - 1) 40
 - 2) 67
 - 3) 76.1
- c. Appendix R Appeals
 - 1) Beneteau First 36.7 North American One Design Class Rules (hereafter “Class Rules”) apply.
 - 2) The following will apply:
 - a) RRS Appendix T
 - b) RRS Appendix V1
 - 3) Racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - a) RRS 35: Add this sentence to the end of the rule, “Boats not *finishing* within 30 minutes of the first boat that *finishes* will be scored points equal to the last finisher plus two without a hearing.”

2. ADVERTISING

- a. Boats may be asked to display advertising from event sponsors.
- b. Boats shall display the event bow stickers and / or identification numbers on their bow while racing.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The regatta is open to all Beneteau First 36.7 owners who are members of the Beneteau First 36.7 One Design Class Association at the time of the first race.
- b. Owners shall be current members of their National Authority.
- c. Boats shall be equipped per Appendix C of the Class Rules.
- d. Boats shall provide proof of insurance as specified in NOR 16.
- e. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form online at:
https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=15740
- f. The entry deadline is Thursday, August 31, 2023.
- g. At or before the time of registration:
 - 1) Crew will be required to sign a waiver of liability.



- 2) Crew will be weighed.
- 3) Any subsequent change to the crew list requires prior written consent of the OA or the RC.
- h. Participating boats shall have a valid Keel Certification at time of entry.
- i. Class Rules Appendix A regarding sail declaration and crew lists shall be submitted no later than 1800 on Monday, September 4, 2023 to lmben36.7@gmail.com.
- j. Crew lists will be available for review at the registration desk at Columbia Yacht Club.
- k. The categorization protest time limit will be:
 - 1) 1600 on September 6, 2023. or
 - 2) 24 hours after the posting of the changed crew list.
 - 3) Whichever is later.

4. CATEGORIZATION

- a. See Class Rules regarding Categorization.

5. FEES

- a. The entry fee is:
 - 1) Early Bird: \$700 - February 1, 2023 – February 28, 2023
 - 2) Regular: \$800 – March 1, 2023 – August 15, 2023
 - 3) Late: \$850 – August 16, 2023 – August 31, 2023
- b. The entry fee includes:
 - 1) Dockage during the event, and
 - 2) Access to all event parties for the skipper and up to eight (8) crew.
- c. The Organizing Authority may authorize entries later than Friday, August 31, 2023, for an additional fee.



6. SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES CENTRAL)

a. The intended schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, Sept. 6	Registration	1200 – 1900
	Competitor’s Meeting	1830
	Skippers Welcome	Immediately after
Thursday, Sept. 7	Breakfast	0700 – 0900
	First Warning	1100
	Dock Drinks and Snacks	Immediately after racing
Friday, Sept. 8	Breakfast	0700 – 0900
	First Warning	1100
	Dock Drinks and Snacks	Immediately after racing
Saturday, Sept. 9	Breakfast	0700 – 0900
	First Warning	1100
	Dock Drinks and Snacks	Immediately after racing
	Dinner Buffet & Bar	~1730
Sunday, Sept. 10	Breakfast	0700 – 0900
	First Warning	1100
	No warning signals after	1400
	Awards and Dinner	~1600

b. There will be no more than eleven completed races for the regatta.



7. MEASUREMENT, INSPECTIONS, WEIGH-INS

- a. All boats will be inspected for compliance with Class Rules before racing begins. Additional inspections may be conducted during the event.
- b. All boats shall be afloat and available for inspection by 1200 on Wednesday, September 6 in their OA appointed slips.
- c. Crew weigh-ins will be completed Wednesday, September 6 between 1200 and 1900 in the COLYC Board Room.
- d. Substitute crews will be weighed by appointment on the morning of the day they race.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website before Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

9. VENUE AND COURSES

- a. The racing area will be on Lake Michigan, approximately three miles east of the Monroe Harbor Entrance.
- b. The races will be windward – leeward type courses similar to RRS Appendix S Course LA4.
- c. Courses may include gates and offset marks.

10. SCORING

- a. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b. A boats total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes RRS A2.1.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- a. Support boats shall be registered with the OA prior to the start of racing.
- b. Each racing day, from the time of the first preparatory signal through and until all boats have finished racing, coach and support boats shall:
 - 1) Stay at least 100 meters away from all racing boats.
 - 2) Not be allowed in the top half of the course.
 - 3) Not be allowed on the extensions of the start line.

12. BERTHING

- a. All boats shall be moored at Columbia Yacht Club.
- b. Dockage at the Columbia Yacht Club from Sunday, September 3 through Tuesday, September 12, 2023, is included for each boat entered in the regatta. Fill out the form at: <https://columbiayachtclub.forms-db.com/view.php?id=342380>, prior to arrival at Columbia Yacht Club.
- c. No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permissions of the OA.
- d. All boats are to remain available for inspections throughout the duration of the event at discretion of the OA.
- e. In the event of inclement weather, the OA may provide alternate mooring instructions by posting on the Notice Board, making a radio announcement, emailing, and/or texting.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION



- a. Commercial pay services, e.g. XM Radio, SailFlow, PredictWind, are considered to be available freely to all boats.

14. PRIZES

- a. Overall prizes will be awarded to:
 - 1) The top five boats, and
 - 2) The top three boats racing with only WS Category 1 sailors (Corinthian Scoring).
- b. Daily prizes will be awarded each evening to the top three boats of the day.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against Columbia Yacht Club and its officers, directors, members, committees, volunteers, COLYC employees, all officers of Lake Michigan Beneteau First 36.7 Fleet, and the 2023 North American Championship Committee team, for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.
- b. The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with any reasonable request of any Race Officer, Regatta Committee member, member of the 36.7 NA Team, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat.

16. INSURANCE

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 US per event or equivalent.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. For further information, please contact the following:

Host Club - Columbia Yacht Club	111 N. Lake Shore Dr. Chicago, IL 60601
Regatta Chair	Jarrett Altmin Jaltmin4@yachoo.com
Dock Master	dock@colyc.org
Principal Race Officer	Janet Baxter janetcbaxter@gmail.com



18. CONSENT

- a. Competitors consent to the use by organizing authority of their name, image, photo, voice or visual recordings of their images (“Recordings”), or any statements, whether oral or written, regarding the regatta (“Statements”) and for the organizing authority to use, sell, copy, distribute, perform, display, transmit, or otherwise, exploit the foregoing Recordings, Statements and personal identifiers by any means and in any media known or hereafter devised.
- b. Competitors waive any rights of privacy or publicity in connection with the use of their name, Recordings or Statements waive the right to credit or acknowledgement in conjunction with their identity, Recordings or Statements and acknowledge that they shall have no right to inspect or approve any use of their identity, Recordings or Statements.

Appendix A – US Sailing Prescriptions that Apply

Rule 40

Change rule 40 title to: **PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES; LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT**

After rule 40 add:

US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area. Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the ‘PFD’ link for more information.

Rule 67

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 application 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.*

Rule 76.1

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.

APPENDIX V – ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

Please note – RRS Appendix V2 does not apply for this event. Ignore references to V2 and “both” in the prescription below.

This appendix is a US Sailing prescription.

Rules V1 and V2 provide alternative penalties that encourage competitors to take a penalty when they may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident. One or both of these rules apply only if the sailing instructions so state. Please report your experiences with and evaluations of these rules to US Sailing by sending an email to rules@ussailing.org.

V1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.’