



2023 BENETEAU FIRST 36.7 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

SEPTEMBER 7 - 10, 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Venue: Lake Michigan, Chicago, IL, USA
Organizing Authority: Columbia Yacht Club
Hosted by: Lake Michigan Beneteau First 36.7 Fleet and The Columbia Sailing School

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Only the US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 67, 70.5(a), 88.2, and USS Sailing Prescriptions RRS 61.4, Appendix R, and Appendix V1 will apply to this regatta. See Appendix A of this NOR for the language of these US Sailing Prescriptions.
- 1.3. Add to RRS 40:
RRS 40.3 Every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T ARBITRATION applies to this regatta with the following change to T1(b); A Post-Race Penalty is a 40% Scoring Penalty.
- 1.5. In all rules governing this championship:
 - 1.5.1. Breaches of rules in the sailing instructions marked [NP] shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
 - 1.5.2. The notation [DP] in a rule in the SIs means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

2. [DP] [NP] IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1. Boats shall display bow numbers. The Organizing Authority will supply the numbers and instructions for their use.
- 2.2. Boats shall display required event sponsor advertising. The Organizing Authority will supply the advertising and instructions for their use.

3. [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable requests from a regatta official.

4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1. Official Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the race website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=15740>.
- 4.2. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast located on the south corner of the CoLYC dock.
- 4.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

5. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of the first races of a day will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.



6. SCHEDULE (All times CDT)

6.1.

Tuesday, Sept 5	Weigh In	1700-1900
Wednesday, Sept 6	Registration COLYC Board Room	1000-1800
	Measurement/ Safety Check/Weigh-in	1000-1800
	Skippers meeting	1830
	Skippers Welcome	Immediately following Skippers meeting
Thursday, Sept 7	Breakfast	0700-0900
	First warning signal	1100
	Dock Drinks and Snacks	Immediately after racing
Friday, Sept 8	Breakfast	0700-0900
	First warning signal	1100
	Dock Drinks and Snacks	Immediately after racing
Saturday, Sept 9	Breakfast	0700-0900
	First warning signal	1100
	Dock Drinks and Snacks	Immediately after racing
	Dinner Buffet & Bar	1730
Sunday, Sept 10	Breakfast	0700-0900
	First warning signal	1100
	No warning after	1400
	Awards and dinner	1600

6.2. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practical.

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



7. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be white with the Beneteau logo.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area gathering point will be approximately at N 041° 54', W 087° 32'.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in SI Attachment B show the courses, including the course designations, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course designation and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.3. Mark 1 will have an offset (1A). If the offset is not in place, the existing mark shall be left to port.
- 9.4. Mark 2 will be a gate. If the gate is not in place, the existing mark shall be left to port..
- 9.5. If mark 1 is changed per SI 13.1, there will be no offset mark 1a.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks 1, 1a, and Gates 2 (2s/2p) will be orange inflatable marks.
- 10.2. The starting pin will be a race committee pin vessel flying an orange flag.
- 10.3. The finishing mark will be a white mark lying off the starboard side of the Race Committee Signal Boat.
- 10.4. New marks as provided in SI 13 will be yellow inflatable marks.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The starting line will be designated by an orange flag on a race committee signal vessel on the starboard end of the starting line and an orange flag on a race committee pin vessel at the port end.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12. RECALLS

- 12.1. The RC will attempt to broadcast on VHF channel 73 the bow or sail number of all boats identified to be OCS at the start.
- 12.2. Failure of the RC to make a broadcast or to time it accurately or the order of boat(s) hailed will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will, in accordance with RRS 33:
 - lay a new mark, or
 - move the finishing line, or
 - lay a new gate.
- 13.2 New marks will be yellow.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.



15. PENALTY SYSTEM

The following will apply:

- 15.1. RRS Appendix T ARBITRATION with the following change to T1(b); “A Post-Race Penalty is a 40% Scoring Penalty...”
- 15.2. Appendix V1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1. Time limits and target times for the first boat are as follows (in minutes):

Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Finish Window	Race Target Time
105	45	30	60

- 16.2. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 16.3. Boats failing to finish within the time stated in the Finish Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, RRS A4 and RRS A5.
- 16.4. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1. Protest forms are available from the protest information desk located at the White Cap Concession stand on the Rail Deck. 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 signal boat docks.
- 17.3. Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room beginning at the time posted. Hearings may be scheduled to begin up to 30 minutes before the end of the protest time.
- 17.4. Breaches of rules in the NoR and SIs marked ‘[NP]’ will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches and breaches of the Class Rules are at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 17.5. The notation ‘[DP]’ in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 17.6. On the last day of racing, a request for re-opening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - 17.6.1 within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - 17.6.2 No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- 17.7. On the last 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.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. A boat’s total score will be the sum of her scores for all her races. This changes RRS A 2.1.
- 18.2. To request correction of an alleged error in the posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring inquiry form available at the White Cap concession stand.
- 18.3. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.4. Boats scored TLE (reference SI 16.3) will be assigned points equal to two plus the number of finishers in that race that did finish within the finishing window and did comply



with RRS 28. Such scores shall not exceed the number of entries plus one point. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

19. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. Boats not leaving the harbor for the day's races shall notify the CoIYC OTW Director, Kurt Thomsen, as soon as possible in person, on VHF channel 73 or by cell phone at 312.465.3514.
- 19.2. A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the CoIYC OTW Director, Kurt Thomsen, as soon as possible after returning ashore in person or by cell phone at 312.465.3514.

20. [DP] [NP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without the prior written approval of the organizing authority and shall comply with any restrictions in the NoR.
- 20.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be reported to the race committee and the new equipment will be checked by the technical committee for class compliance.

21. [DP] [NP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT INSPECTION

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class rules, the NoR, and the SIs.

22. OFFICIAL VESSELS

22.1. Official vessels will be marked as follows:

Official Vessel	Flag
Race Committee	Blue Flag with "RC"
Protest Committee	White Flag with "Judge"
Media / Press	Blue Flag with "RC"
Safety Vessel	Blue Flag with "RC"

23. [DP] [NP] SUPPORT VESSELS

- 23.1. Support vessels shall be registered with the OA prior to the start of racing.
- 23.2. Each racing day, from the time of the first preparatory signal through and until all boats have finished racing for the day support vessels shall:
 - 23.2.1. Stay at least 100 meters from all racing boats.
 - 23.2.2. Not be allowed in the top half of the course.
 - 23.2.3. Remain clearly below the extensions of the starting line until the starting signal of the race.

24. [DP] [NP] BERTHING

When berthed, boats shall be kept in their assigned place.

25. [DP] [NP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 25.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.
- 25.2. Commercial pay services, e.g., XM Radio, SailFlow, PredictWind, are considered to be available to all boats.
- 25.3. The race committee may make courtesy radio announcements on VHF channel 73. Any failure to receive such transmissions shall not be grounds for redress.

26. PRIZES

- 26.1. Prizes will be awarded as stated in NoR.



27. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors and support team members participate in the Championships entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, all competitors and support persons agree and acknowledge that:

- 27.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- 27.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 27.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 27.4. By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 27.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol vessels, and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

28. INSURANCE

- 28.1. Each participating boat shall have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 per event or equivalent. A certificate of such insurance shall be shown during registration.



APPENDIX A - US Sailing Prescriptions

The following US Sailing Prescriptions will apply:

RRS 60.3(b) – USS prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to: (b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress.

RRS 61.4 – Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress USS prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

RRS 67 DAMAGES

After RRS 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.

RRS 70.5(a) - US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required.

RRS 76.1: After RRS 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.

RRS 88.2 - US Sailing prescribes that the notice of race or sailing instructions may change or delete any prescriptions except: this prescription, rule 61.4, Appendix R, and the prescriptions to rules 60.3, 67, 70.5(a) and 76.1.

APPENDIX R PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS AND REQUESTS

See <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2021-2024-US-Prescriptions-Final.pdf> for text of Appendix R.

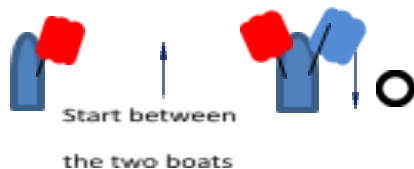
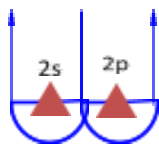
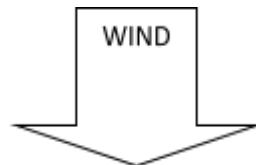
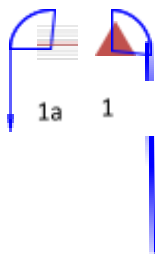
APPENDIX V ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

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.'

ATTACHMENT B - Courses

Course	Order of mark rounding
W3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s-- Finish
L4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1 - 1a - Finish
W5	Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1-1a - 2p/2s - Finish
L6	Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s -1-1a - Finish



Finish between the boat
and the mark for L4 and L6