

**Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship
September 1 - 4, 2016**

**Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station
Chicago, IL**

NOTICE OF RACE



The organizing authority is the Chicago Yacht Club.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Beneteau 36.7 Class rules.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions shall apply as stated in Addendum 1 or as stated in this NOR.
- 1.3 The following racing rules are changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - (a) Rule 44.1 is changed so that except for infringements of Part 2 or rule 31 that occur within the Zone a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty.
 - (b) The preamble to Part 4 is changed to restrict the time when boats may receive outside help while not racing.
 - (c) Rule 41 is changed to restrict the sources of outside help a boat can receive when not racing from the time the boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day until she has finished racing for the day.
 - (d) Rule 35 is changed so that boats finishing outside the finish window will be scored points equal to the last finisher plus two.
 - (e) Rule 62.2 and 66 is changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and for requesting reopening of a hearing on the last day of racing.
 - (f) Boats failing to display bow numbers may be subject to protest by the race committee only, this changes Rule 60.1a.

1.4 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

- (a) After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the jury in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
- (b) The Post-Race Penalty shall be 40 percent if taken before the beginning of the arbitration meeting or a hearing involving the incident.

1.5 PROTEST ARBITRATION

- (a) An arbitration meeting may be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a *protest* by a boat involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each *party* is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.
- (b) Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:

- (1) the *protest* is invalid,
 - (2) no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or
 - (3) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.
- (c) During a meeting, a boat may take a Scoring Penalty of 50 percent by acknowledging her acceptance of the penalty in writing.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Beneteau First 36.7 class entered by an owner who is a member in good standing of the Beneteau First 36.7 class association as of the date of entry and must be valid through the end of the regatta. Owners shall be current members of their national governing body.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter online at: <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1639>
- 3.3 Sail declaration and crew list, including unexpired World Sailing classification rulings for all crew and substitute crew, shall be completed by 1800 on Wednesday, August 31st. Crew lists will be posted online and on the official notice board as soon as practicable after the deadline. The days each crew will sail must be declared at registration. Any subsequent change to the crew list requires prior written consent of the race committee. The classification protest time limit will be 1600 on Thursday, September 1st or twenty four hours after the posting of a changed crew list.
- 3.4 All crew must be weighed and meet World Sailing classification eligibility requirements prior to racing.
- 3.7 All owners and crew will be required to sign a waiver of liability form prior to racing.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The required fees are as follows:

Description	Received by	Fee
Early Bird	March 31	US\$ 650
Regular	April 1 – July 31	US\$ 700
Late	August 1 and after	US\$ 750

- 4.2 No entries will be accepted after 1800 on Tuesday August 30, 2016.
- 4.3 The entry fee includes dockage during the event and access to all event parties for the skipper and up to eight (8) crew.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Three races are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and two races are scheduled on Sunday. One extra race per day may be sailed.
- 5.2 Schedule:
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| Monday, August 29 | 1200 | Belmont docks open |
| Tuesday, August 30 | 1200 - 1800 | Boat Inspection, Registration & weigh-in |
| Wednesday, August 31 | 0900 - 1700 | Registration & weigh-in |
| | 1700 | Tacticians Meeting |

	1800	Opening Ceremony
Thursday, September 1	0800 - 0900	weigh-in (by appointment only)
	1100	First warning
Friday, September 2	1100	First warning
Saturday, September 3	1100	First warning
Sunday, September 4	1100	First warning
	1400	No warning after this time

Alternate crew members may weigh by appointment each race day at 0800.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at registration and will be posted online on or before August 30, 2016.

7 VENUE AND COURSES

- 7.1 Racing will take place on the waters of Lake Michigan east of Belmont Harbor.
- 7.2 The courses will be windward/leeward courses using inflatable drop marks. Gates and offset marks will be used.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 One completed race will constitute a regatta.
- 8.2 Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all her races. This changes Rule A2.

9 SUPPORT BOATS

- 9.1 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:
 - a) Stay outside areas where boats are racing; and
 - b) Not be allowed in the top half of the course; and
 - c) Not be allowed on the extensions of the start line.
- 9.2 Support boats shall be marked with flags provided by the organizing authority.

10 BERTHING

- 10.1 Boats will be assigned a berth at the south end of Belmont Harbor. All boats must use this berth for the entire regatta.
- 10.2 All boats shall be in their assigned berth and available for inspection by 1800 on Tuesday, August 30.

11 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the jury for damage inspection or repair.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 12.1 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 and other electronic devices.

12.2 The race committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information, including OCS hails after starts, to competitors. Failure of a boat to hear a broadcast by the race committee will not be grounds for redress.

13 PRIZES

13.1 Overall prizes will be awarded to the top five boats, the top boat racing with no World Sailing Classification Group 3 sailors (Corinthian scoring), and the top boat with three or more members of the same family.

13.2 Daily prizes will be awarded each evening.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

15 INSURANCE

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

16 BOW NUMBERS

Each Bow numbers may be required, at the discretion of the Race Officer, to be displayed while racing, in accordance with the instructions for their placement. If required, the bow numbers and instructions will be provided at registration. Boats failing to display bow numbers may be subject to protest by the race committee only, this changes Rule 60.1a.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 The Beneteau 36.7 event website is <http://www.first367.com/2016-nac/>

17.2 For further information please contact:

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ADDENDUM 1

Applicable US Sailing Prescriptions in the following rules of The *Racing Rules of Sailing* Apply

Rule 40

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: ussailing.org/racingrules/documents 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.