



**Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship
CHICAGO, IL – 2008**

Hosted by the Chicago Yacht Club

Sanctioned by the Beneteau First 36.7 North American Class Association
September 3-6, 2008

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS)*, except as any of these is altered by this Notice or by the Sailing Instructions .
- 1.2 The US SAILING prescriptions to rules 40.1, 68, 76.1, and 76.3 apply and are stated in full in paragraph 18 below. No other prescriptions of US SAILING apply.
- 1.3 The organizing authority for this race is the Chicago Yacht Club.
- 1.4 Beneteau First 36.7 North American One Design Class Rules (hereafter "Class Rules") apply.
- 1.5 RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within thirty minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored points equal to the last finisher plus two without a hearing.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that, except for infringements of Part 2 that occur within two boat lengths of a rounding mark or finishing mark, only one tack and one gybe is required.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 The organizing authority has designated advertising Category A for this event in accordance with RRS 79 Advertising and ISAF Regulation Section 20.
- 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.
- 3.2** Owners shall be current members of their National Governing Body (US SAILING for USA and Canadian Yachting Association for Canada)
- 3.3** Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry forms online at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=204 by August 8, 2008. Appendix A of the Beneteau First 36.7 North American One-Design Class Rules online must be fully completed and submitted with the entry form Any substitutions may be noted by submitting additional forms detailing the date and nature of the substitutions. Entries received after August 6, 2008 may be accepted at the sole discretion of the organizing authority.
- 3.4** Crew members will be weighed before the event and all crew eligibility forms must be complete, indicating weight and ISAF classification.
- 3.5** For crew members not classified by ISAF, Group 3 shall be assumed.
- 3.6** Each boat shall submit the sail and crew declaration form (Appendix A of the Class Rules) and crew eligibility forms before August 20, 2008. No re-submission is needed if there are no changes.
- 3.7** Boats shall be equipped as described in Appendix C of the Class Rules.

4 FEES

- 4.1** The entry fee is \$650.00 US per boat.
- 4.2** If entries are accepted by the Organizing Authority after July 31, 2008, an additional fee of \$100.00 US shall be paid.
- 4.3** Dockage at the Chicago Yacht Club at Belmont Harbor from Monday, September 1, 2008 through Sunday, September 7, 2008 is included for each boat participating.

The entry fee includes entrance for skippers and crew participating in the races to the following events:

- Opening ceremonies and cocktail reception – Tuesday, September 2, 2008
- Post race party – Wednesday September 3, 2008
- Post race party – Thursday September 4, 2008
- Post race party, dinner and dancing – Friday September 5, 2008
- Post race party and awards barbeque – Saturday September 6, 2008

Breakfast and dinner service will be available at the yacht club each race day, and additionally as posted. There are many excellent restaurants of all types in the area and participants are encouraged to visit them.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1** Registration and crew weigh in will be available:
Monday, September 1 from 1200 hours to 1600 hours

- Tuesday, September 2 from 1000 hours to 1900 hours
- 5.2 An optional practice race will be held Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 1500 and Opening Ceremonies will be held at 1800.
 - 5.3 Racing will be held Wednesday through Saturday, September 3-6, 2008 with the warning signal for the first race at 1000 hours each day.
 - 5.4 The Race Committee will attempt to run three races each day. At the discretion of the Race Committee more or less races may be run.
 - 5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs. Saturday, September 6, 2008.
 - 5.6 One (1) race must be completed to constitute a series.

6 INSPECTIONS AND WEIGH INS

- 6.1 A yacht may be inspected in accordance with Class Rules.
- 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. There will be no weigh ins on the first morning of racing.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The sailing instructions will be available in the race packets. These will be posted on or before August 31 at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=204

8 VENUE:

The racing area will be just outside Belmont Harbor in Chicago Illinois. Races will be approximately 2 to 3 miles offshore. The location of dockage and social activities will be at the Belmont station of the Chicago Yacht Club.

9 THE COURSES

The courses will be windward/leeward with an offset near the windward mark and a leeward gate.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 (a) When fewer than 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.2 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points, except that she shall not be scored worse than last place, by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5

11 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS AND DOCKAGE

- 11.1 All boats will be moored at Belmont Harbor during the event.
- 11.2 All boats shall be afloat and available for inspection before 1000 hours on Tuesday, September 2, 2008

- 11.3** No boat shall be lifted out of the water after 1000 hours Tuesday September 2, 2008 through the conclusion of the championship without permission of the Race Committee.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The race committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cellular telephones.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1** Prizes will be given as follows: Regatta overall prizes will be awarded for 1st through 5th place.
- 13.2** Prizes for individual races for 1st through 3rd places will be presented each evening for that day's racing.
- 13.3** A separate prize will be presented to the overall 1st place shoal draft keelboat. The shoal draft prize-winner will be computed by removing all deep draft boats from the results and recalculating the shoal draft boat finishes.
- 13.4** Silver and Bronze prizes will be presented. The scoring system for these prizes will be as follows:
- On Thursday evening each yacht's total score for all races will be posted in order. In addition to competing for the overall prizes, yachts whose cumulative scores are in the second third of the fleet for overall position shall compete for the Silver prizes. Yachts whose overall score places them in the final third of the fleet shall compete for the Bronze prizes.
 - The Silver and Bronze prizes will be awarded to the top three place finishers in each of these subgroups respectively.
 - Only the races for Friday and Saturday will be used to determine the final winners in each group. No races from Friday and Saturday shall be excluded in the scoring for the yachts eligible and competing for the Silver and Bronze prizes.
 - At all times all yachts are racing for and will be scored for the overall Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship prizes.
- 13.5** The three top boats racing with no ISAF Category 3 sailors will receive special recognition.
- 13.6** The top boat with three or more members of the same family will receive special recognition. Family means related by blood or marriage.

14 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.

15 INSURANCE

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

16 SUPPORT BOATS AND COACHING

- 16.1** Once a boat has left the dock for the day's racing, no contact shall be made with any vessel except other competitors or the race committee.
- 16.2** Other boats recognized by the Organizing Authority will fly event flags to designate their status. Other boats on the course will be considered spectators or support boats.
- 16.3** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished racing for the day or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. No support boats will be allowed at the top half of the course and no contact with the supported teams is allowed during the day's racing.

18 US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS THAT APPLY

- 18.1** After RRS 40.1 add: "US SAILING prescribes that every boat shall carry lifesaving equipment conforming to government regulations."
- 18.2** After RRS 68 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."
- 18.3** 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."
- 18.4** Add RRS 76.3: "US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6."

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Event website is www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=204

The Organizing Authority will attempt to have all information on the website as it is available. Skippers may receive additional information when they register.

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