



**BENETEAU FIRST 36.7
2009 NORTH AMERICAN
CHAMPIONSHIP
AUGUST 27 - 30, 2009**



Hosted by Bayview Yacht Club, Detroit, MI
Sanctioned by the Beneteau First 36.7 North American Class Association
August 27 – 30, 2009

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, except as any of these are changed by the Notice of Race or these 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 1.5 below. No other prescriptions of US SAILING apply.

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

1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

1.5 US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS THAT APPLY

1.5.1 After RRS 40.1 add: "US SAILING prescribes that every boat shall carry lifesaving equipment conforming to government regulations."

1.5.2 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."

1.5.3 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."

1.5.4 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."

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located on the Mackinac Room (main Club House Room). All times provided at this regatta will be EDT.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will



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take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole on the corner of the clubhouse by the main harbor entrance.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 75 minutes' in the RRS Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

Wednesday - 26/Aug/09 - 1500 Practice race

Thursday - 27/Aug/09 - Racing

Friday - 28/Aug/09 - Racing

Saturday - 29/Aug/09 - Racing

Sunday - 30/Aug/09 - Racing

5.2 The Race Committee intends to run 3 races each race day.

(a) One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the fleet does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1000 hours.

5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs. Sunday, August 30, 2009.

5.5 The race committee will signal its intent to run another race that day by displaying Flag R from the signal boat at the finish of the previous race. After finishing, competitors shall stand clear of the finishing line.

6 CLASS FLAGS AND BOW STICKERS

6.1 If class flags are used, they will be red, white and blue pennants with the Beneteau "FIRST" logo.

6.2 A unique Bow Number will be assigned to each competitor by the Organizing Authority. Stickers with the number will be furnished at registration and must be placed on each side of the bow. The top of the sticker must be located within 6" of the deck and the forward edge of the sticker must be within 12" of the bow.

7 RACING AREAS and Courtesy Broadcasts

7.1 Races will be held approximately 2 to 3 miles east of the Detroit River entrance.

7.2 The Race Committee may report visual signals displayed on VHF Channel 78. Such broadcasts are intended solely as a courtesy to competitors and spectators. Errors or omissions made in courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 Courses will be windward leeward, with 3, 4, 5 or 6 legs.

8.2 Windward marks will have offset marks, to be rounded after the windward mark. If the offset mark is not in place, the windward mark will be left to port.

8.3 Leeward legs will end with a gate and boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If a gate mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port.

8.4 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the



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course number, the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark on a board on the signal boat.

9 MARKS

- 9.1** Windward, Offset and Gate marks will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2** New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be yellow tetrahedrons. See instruction 11 regarding course changes.
- 9.3** The starting mark, if used, will be a yellow tetrahedron,
- 9.4** The finishing mark will be white.

10 THE START

- 10.1** Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and a yellow tetrahedron or a staff displaying the orange flag on a stationary boat on the port end. The starting line will be to leeward of the gate Marks.
- 10.2** The Race Committee may set a guard mark attached to the stern of the Signal Boat. If a Competitor touches the guard mark or its rode, or passes between the mark and the Signal Boat she shall have touched a starting mark for purposes of RRS 31.
- 10.3** Before the start of a boat's first race each day, it shall come within hailing distance of the Race Committee Signal Boat and either hail or display her bow number until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 10.4** A boat starting later than 30 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
- 10.5** The race committee will attempt to broadcast the bow numbers of any boats that are OCS on VHF channel 78. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for redress.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1** A change of course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33.
- 11.2** The new marks, both windward mark and the offset, will be yellow and subsequent changes to those marks will alternate between orange and yellow marks. If the gate marks are changed, the original marks will be moved.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1** The Finish Line for Courses ending downwind will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the white finishing mark. The Finish Line will be on the side opposite of the Race Committee Signal Boat from the Starting Line.
- 12.2** The Finish Line for Courses finishing upwind will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and a nearby finish mark. The finish line will be to windward of the windward mark.



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13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty by making One Turn including one tack and one gybe that, in all other respects, complies with rule 44.2. However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the three-length zone of any rounding or passing marks, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty in compliance with rule 44.2. Rule 44.3, Scoring Penalty, shall not apply at any time.

13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the Protest Desk within the protest time limit.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 If no boat has completed the first leg within one hour, the race will be abandoned.

14.2 The time limit for each race will be two and one-half (2 ½) hours.

14.3 If a boat finishes before the time limit, any boat finishing more than one half hour after the leading boat will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE). See SI 16.3

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 The Protest Desk will be located in the Trophy Room of the Club House. Protest forms are available at the Protest Desk. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat has docked.

15.3 Notices will be posted near the Protest Desk as soon as possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest committee room, beginning as soon as possible.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

16 SCORING

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

16.2 The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply, except that when fewer than eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

16.3 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.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race or retires between races shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.



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18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written application and written approval of the protest committee.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without prior written application and written approval of the protest committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

20.1 Race Committee boats will fly Race Committee flags.

20.2 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. Event flags are white flags with the yellow "Doyle Sailmakers" logo on them. Such boats may also display advertising or team affiliations to indicate who has provided this equipment for photographers, scoring and other regatta functions. Boats not assigned an Event Official flag are requested not to fly anything that could be confused with this flag.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

21.1 Boats in the area to support competitors are Support Boats. Boats not assigned an Event Flag as described in 20.2 will be considered support boats. This includes coaches and spectators.

21.2 Support boats, 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.

21.3 A yacht shall receive no outside assistance from support boats or others once she has left the dock for the day until the finish of the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency.

21.4 Support boats shall stay at least 100 meters below the starting line from the time of the Preparatory Signal until five minutes after the start of any race. After this time, support boats may proceed parallel to the course on the starboard side of the course facing the wind at a distance of at least 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing. No support boats may go above or below the weather marks or leeward marks and/or the finishing marks at any time while boats are racing.

21.5 Any breach of SI 21 by a support boat may result in a penalty being applied to any or all boats serviced by that support boat. The penalty may be disqualification or some other penalty as determined by the Protest committee.

22 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the protest committee.

23 PLASTIC POOLS

Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keel boats between the



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preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

24 RADIO AND CELLULAR COMMUNICATION

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.

25 PRIZES

25.1 Prizes will be given as follows: Regatta overall prizes will be awarded for 1st through 5th place.

25.2 Prizes for individual races for 1st through 3rd places will be presented each evening for that day's racing.

25.3 Shoal draft: 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.

25.4 Silver and Bronze: Silver and Bronze prizes will be presented. The scoring system for these prizes will be as follows:

a) On Friday evening each yacht's total score for all races will be posted. 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.

b) The Silver and Bronze prizes will be awarded to the top three place finishers in each of these subgroups respectively.

c) 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.

d) At all times all yachts are racing for and will be scored for the overall Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship prizes.

25.5 Corinthian Award: The three top boats racing with no ISAF Category 3 sailors will receive special recognition.

25.6 Family Award: The top boat with three or more members of the same family will receive special recognition. Family means related by blood or marriage.

26 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.

27 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.



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