



# **BENETEAU FIRST 36.7 2009 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

## **2009 Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship Detroit, MI**

Hosted by the Bayview Yacht Club

Sanctioned by the Beneteau First 36.7 North American Class Association

August 27-30, 2009

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1 RULES**

**1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS)*, except as altered by this Notice or by the *Sailing Instructions*.

**1.2** The US SAILING prescriptions to rules 40, 68, 76.1, and 76.3 apply. No other prescriptions of US SAILING apply.

**1.3** The organizing authority for this race is the Bayview 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 three boat lengths of a rounding mark or finishing mark, only one tack and one gybe is required.

#### **2 ADVERTISING**

**2.1** Per Class Rule 2.4, advertising display will not be permitted at this event.

**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 Association.

**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=229](http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=229) by August 01, 2009. 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 15, 2009 may be accepted at the sole discretion of the organizing authority.



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- 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 15, 2009. No re-submission is needed if there are no changes. Crew list is also required to be completed online at the event web site.
- 3.7** Boats shall be equipped as described in Appendix C of the Class Rules.

### **4 FEES**

- 4.1** The entry fee for entries received prior to June 15, 2009 is \$500.00 US per boat.
- 4.2** The entry fee for entries received after June 15, 2009 is \$650.00 US and will be subject to acceptance by the Organizing Authority.
- 4.3** Dockage at the Bayview Yacht Club from Saturday, August 22, 2009 through Monday, August 31, 2009 is included for each boat participating.
- 4.4** An Event Identification Fee will be required for each person participating in any of the Regatta shore-side activities. The Identification Fee provides access to the event's daily parties and trophy presentations. The Identification Fee for the week is \$65. A single day's access may be obtained by paying an Identification Fee of \$20 at the event headquarters.
- 4.5** Activity Schedule (subject to changes):
- Opening ceremonies – Wednesday, August 26, 2009
  - Racing; Competitor's Open Evening – Thursday August 27, 2009
  - Racing; Post race party – Friday August 28, 2009
  - Racing; Post race party – Saturday August 29, 2009
  - Racing; Post race party and awards – Sunday August 30, 2009

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:
- Tuesday, August 25 from 1200 hours to 1600 hours
  - Wednesday, August 26 from 1000 hours to 1900 hours
- 5.2** An optional practice race will be held Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 1400 and Opening Ceremonies will be held at 1800.
- 5.3** Racing will be held Thursday through Sunday, August 27-30, 2009 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. Sunday, August 30, 2009.



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**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. Skippers and/or crew members must be available to facilitate inspection.

**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.

## **7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

The sailing instructions will be available in the race packets. These will be posted on or before August 15 at [www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=229](http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=229)

## **8 VENUE:**

The racing area will be Lake St. Clair, Detroit. Races will be approximately 3-4 miles offshore. The location of dockage and social activities will be at Bayview Yacht Club.

## **9 THE COURSES**

The courses will be windward/leeward with may use 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 Bayview Yacht Club during the event.

**11.2** All boats shall be afloat and available for inspection before 1000 hours on Monday, August 24, 2009

**11.3** No boat shall be lifted out of the water after 1000 hours Wednesday, August 2, 2009 through the conclusion of the championship without permission of the Race Committee.



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### **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 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place.

**13.2** Prizes for daily winners for 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be presented each evening for that day's racing.

**13.3** A separate prize will be presented to the overall 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Friday 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 Saturday and Sunday will be used to determine the final winners in each group. No races from Saturday and Sunday 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** Prizes will also be awarded to the three top boats racing with no ISAF Category 3 sailors (Corinthian Scoring).

**13.6** Prizes will be awarded for the top boat with three or more members of the same family. 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.



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### **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.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

The Event website is [www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=229](http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=229)

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

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