

# NOTICE OF RACE



## North American Championship

Sept. 4 – 8, 2019

Organizing Authority (OA) – Columbia Yacht Club (COLYC)

Hosted by Lake Michigan Beneteau First 36.7 Fleet and

The Columbia Sailing School

Chicago, IL USA

### 1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- b. US Sailing Prescriptions will not apply except for the following. See Appendix A of this NOR for the descriptions of the US Sailing Prescriptions below:
  - 1) 40
  - 2) 67
  - 3) 76.1
- c. Beneteau First 36.7 North American One Design Class Rules (hereafter “Class Rules”) apply.
- d. The following will apply:
  - 1) RRS Appendix T with the following change to T1b, “A Post-Race Penalty is a 40% Scoring Penalty...”
  - 2) RRS Appendix V1
- e. Racing rules will be changed as follows:
  - 1) RRS 35: Add this sentence to the end of the rule, “Boats not *finishing* within 30 minutes of the first boat that *finishes* will be scored points equal to the last finisher plus two without a hearing.”

### 2. ADVERTISING

- a. Boats may be asked to display advertising from event sponsors.
- b. Boats shall display the event bow stickers and / or identification numbers on their bow while racing.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The regatta is open to all Beneteau First 36.7 owners who are current members of the Beneteau First 36.7 One Design Class Association.
- b. Owners shall be current members of their National Authority.
- c. Boats shall be equipped per Appendix C of the Class Rules.
- d. Boats shall provide proof of insurance as specified in NOR 16.
- e. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form online at [https://yachtscoring.com/event\\_registration\\_email.cfm](https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm).
- f. The entry deadline is August 23, 2019.
- g. At or before the time of registration:
  - 1) Crew will be required to sign a waiver of liability.
  - 2) Any subsequent change to the crew list requires prior written consent of the OA or the RC.
- h. Participating boats shall have a valid Keel Certification at time of entry.
- i. Class Rules Appendix A regarding sail declaration and crew lists shall be submitted no later than 1800 on August 28, 2019 to [mben36.7@gmail.com](mailto:mben36.7@gmail.com).
- j. Crew lists will be posted online and on the official notice board as soon as practicable after the deadline.
- k. The classification protest time limit will be:
  - 1) 1600 on September 4, 2019. or
  - 2) 24 hours after the posting of the changed crew list.
  - 3) Whichever is later.

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## 4. CLASSIFICATION

- a. See Class Rules regarding Classification.

## 5. FEES

- a. The entry fee is \$500 US per boat if paid by August 1, 2019.
- b. The entry fee for payments made between August 2 and August 23, 2019 is \$600 US per boat.
- c. The entry fee includes:
  - 1) Dockage during the event, and
  - 2) Access to all event parties for the skipper and up to eight (8) crew.
- d. There is no entry after 11:59:59 pm on August 23, 2019.

## 6. SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES CENTRAL)

- a. The intended schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, Sept. 4	Registration COLYC Board Room	1000 – 1800
	Skipper's Meeting	1830
	Skipper's dinner and cocktail party	Immediately after Skipper's meeting
Thursday, Sept. 5	Breakfast	0700 – 0900
	First Warning	1000
	Cocktail Party	Immediately after racing
Friday, Sept. 6	Breakfast	0700 – 0900
	First Warning	1000
	Cocktail Party	Immediately after racing
Saturday, Sept. 7	Breakfast	0700 – 0900
	First Warning	1000
	Cocktail Party	Immediately after racing
Sunday, Sept. 8	Breakfast	0700 – 0900
	First Warning	1000
	No warning signals after	1400
	Awards and Dinner	1600

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

## 7. MEASUREMENT, INSPECTIONS, WEIGH-INS

- a. All boats will be inspected for compliance with Class Rules.
- b. All boats shall be afloat and available for inspection by 1300 on Wednesday, September 4 at the COLYC dock or in their OA appointed slips in Dusable Harbor
- c. Crew weigh-ins will be completed between 1000 and 1800 in the COLYC Board Room.
- d. Substitute crews will be weighed on the morning of the day they race between 0700-0800.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website by August 24, 2019.

## 9. VENUE AND COURSES

- a. The racing area will be on Lake Michigan, approximately three miles east of the Monroe Harbor Entrance.
- b. The races will be windward – leeward type courses similar to RRS Appendix S Course LA4.
- c. Courses may include gates and offset marks.

## 10. SCORING

- a. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b. A boats total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes RRS A.2.1.

## 11. SUPPORT BOATS

- a. Support boats shall be registered with the OA prior to the start of racing.

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- b. Each racing day, from the time of the first preparatory signal through and until all boats have finished racing, coach and support boats shall:
  - 1) Stay at least 100 meters away from all racing boats.
  - 2) Not be allowed in the top half of the course.
  - 3) Not be allowed on the extensions of the start line.

### 12. BERTHING

- a. All boats shall be moored at Columbia Yacht Club or in OA appointed slips in Dusable Harbor during the event.
- b. Dockage at the Columbia Yacht Club from Sunday, September 1 through Tuesday, September 10, 2019 is included for each boat entered in the regatta.
- c. No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permissions of the OA.
- d. All boats are to remain available for inspections throughout the duration of the event at discretion of the OA.
- e. In the event of inclement weather, the OA may provide alternate mooring instructions by posting on the Notice Board, making a radio announcement, emailing, and / or texting.

### 13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions, and shall not receive voice or data communication that are not available to all boats.
- b. Commercial pay services, i.e. XM Radio, SailFlow, PredictWind, are considered to be available to all boats.

### 14. PRIZES

- a. Overall prizes will be awarded to:
  - 1) The top five boats, and
  - 2) The top three boats racing with only WS Category 1 sailors (Corinthian Scoring).
  - 3) The top boat racing with a shoal draft keel.
- b. Daily prizes will be awarded each evening to the top three boats of the day.

### 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- b. The OA, Columbia Yacht Club, and Columbia Sailing School, all officers of Lake Michigan Beneteau First 36.7 Fleet, and the 2019 North American Championship Committee team, will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, and / or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after this regatta.

### 16. INSURANCE

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 US per event or equivalent.

### 17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. For further information, please contact the following:

Host Club - Columbia Yacht Club	111 N. Lake Shore Dr. Chicago, IL 60601
Regatta Chair	Kurt Thomsen <a href="mailto:kurt@colyc.org">kurt@colyc.org</a>
Dock Master	Chuck Nevel <a href="mailto:chuck@colyc.org">chuck@colyc.org</a>
Principal Race Officer	John Strassman, IRO
Chief Judge	Mike Kaspar, NJ

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### 18. CONSENT

- a. Competitors consent to the use by organizing authority of their name, image, photo, voice or visual recordings of their images ("Recordings"), or any statements, whether oral or written, regarding the regatta ("Statements") and for the organizing authority to use, sell, copy, distribute, perform, display, transmit, or otherwise, exploit the foregoing Recordings, Statements and personal identifiers by any means and in any media known or hereafter devised.
- b. Competitors waive any rights of privacy or publicity in connection with the use of their name, Recordings or Statements waive the right to credit or acknowledgement in conjunction with their identity, Recordings or Statements and acknowledge that they shall have no right to inspect or approve any use of their identity, Recordings or Statements.

### 19. SOCIAL

- a. The opening Skipper's dinner will be held Wednesday after the Skipper's meeting.
- b. Cocktail parties with appetizers are scheduled for every day (except Sunday) immediately following racing.
- c. Saturday Navy Pier Evening Fireworks viewing at 10:15pm if desired
- d. Cocktail Party, Live Band, and Awards Dinner scheduled for Sunday
- e. Breakfast will be continental each day. Additional breakfast items may be available for purchase.
- f. Awards will be held:
  - 1) Each day during the cocktail party (daily awards), and
  - 2) Sunday in conjunction with dinner.

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## Appendix A – US Sailing Prescriptions that Apply

### Rule 40

Change rule 40 title to: **PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES; LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT**

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 [rules.ussailing.org](https://rules.ussailing.org) 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.*

## APPENDIX V – ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

**Please note – RRS Appendix V2 does not apply for this event. Ignore references to V2 and “both” in the prescription below.**

*This appendix is a US Sailing prescription.*

*Rules V1 and V2 provide alternative penalties that encourage competitors to take a penalty when they may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident. One or both of these rules apply only if the sailing instructions so state. Please report your experiences with and evaluations of these rules to US Sailing by sending an email to [rules@ussailing.org](mailto:rules@ussailing.org).*

### **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.'*