



2013 Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship
September 3-8, 2013
Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station
Chicago, IL

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions will not apply except rule 61.4, Appendix R, or its prescriptions to rules 40, 67, 70.5(a) or 76.1. These prescriptions can be found at www.ussailing.org.

2 BOAT IDENTIFICATION

While racing, boats shall display bow numbers supplied by the organizing authority. The top of the sticker shall be within 6” of the deck and the forward edge shall be within 12” of the bow.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower level of the sailing activities center near the protest desk.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions on shore will be posted no later than 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2 The race committee may make oral changes to the sailing instructions on the water by flying flag L over flag D and announcing the change over the courtesy broadcast channel.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the east end of Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Schedule of races:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of races</u>	<u>First warning signal</u>
Wednesday, September 4	Practice race	1200
Thursday, September 5	3	1100
Friday, September 6	3	1100
Saturday, September 7	3	1100
Sunday, September 8	2	1100

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

6.2 No warning will be made after 1400 on Sunday, September 8.

6.3 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means ‘No more racing today.’

7 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will display the First Beneteau 36.7 class insignia.

8 RACING AREA

Races will be held in the waters of Lake Michigan off Belmont Harbor.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in Addendum 1 show the courses, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which the mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate distance between the leeward and windward marks and the approximate magnetic bearing of the weather mark.

9.3 The leeward mark will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single leeward mark shall be rounded to port.

10 MARKS

10.1 Original turning marks will be orange inflatables.

10.2 The starting mark will be green. The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be a white inflatable. The finishing mark for upwind finishes will be the active weather mark.

10.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate orange and yellow marks.

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11.2 If any part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 68. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 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 in an incident while racing or rule 31. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.’

14.2 After a race but before a protest hearing involving the incident, 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 will be a 40 percent 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 race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within forty-five minutes or if no boat has finished within two and one half hours, then the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

15.2 Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). See instruction 18.3. The race committee boat at the finishing line will lower the blue flag with a long sound signal when the 30-minute period expires. This changes rules 35 and A11.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms will be available at the protest desk, located on the lower level of the sailing activities center. Protests, requests for redress, and requests for reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is sixty minutes after the race committee finishing boat docks after the last race of the day.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the sailing activities barge or as directed by the jury secretary and will begin at the time posted.

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

16.5 Breaches of instructions 2, 19.1, 19.2, and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress or reopening a protest hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting redress or reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting redress or reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rules 62.2 and 66.

17 PROTEST ARBITRATION

17.1 An arbitration meeting of no more than 15 minutes will 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.

17.2 Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:

- (a) the protest is invalid,
- (b) no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or
- (c) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.

17.3 If a boat asks to withdraw her protest, the arbitrator may act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to accept the withdrawal.

18 SCORING

18.1 One completed race will constitute a regatta.

18.2 (a) When fewer than seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When seven or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.3 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 rules A4 and A5.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 Prior to the warning signal of her first race each day, a boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the race committee boat displaying flag L and hail her bow number until orally acknowledged by the race committee.

19.2 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race after checking in shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19.3 VHF channel 68 will be the designated channel for courtesy broadcasts. The race committee may change the hailing channel by posting a signboard on the signal boat prior to the warning signal for each race or by posting on the official notice board near the race committee room at the Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR SAILS

Substitution of competitors or sails will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

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 race committee.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

24 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

A boat shall not receive outside help except as permitted by rules 41(a) through (d) from any outside source except other competitors and official boats under the direction of the race committee from the time she leaves her mooring for the first race of each day until she has finished racing for the day. This changes the Part 4 preamble and rule 41.

25 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as stated in the notice of race.

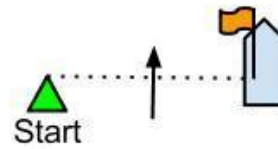
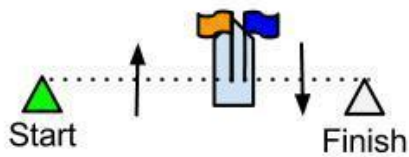
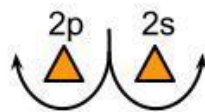
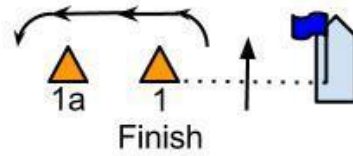
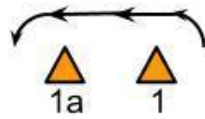
26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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 incident or the equivalent.

ADDENDUM 1 - COURSES



Course 4	Course 6	Course 3	Course 5
Marks shall be rounded in the order of Start, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, 1, 1a	Marks shall be rounded in the order of Start, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, 1, 1a,	Marks shall be rounded in the order of Start, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, Finish.	Marks shall be rounded in the order of Start, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, 1, 1a,

Finish.	2p/2s, 1, 1a, Finish.		2p/2s, Finish.
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