

Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship 2007

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Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

This regatta shall be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (2005-2008), the prescriptions of US Sailing (RRS/US), the Notice of Race and the Beneteau First 36.7 North American One Design Class Rules.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Buffalo Yacht Club, Front Terrace Windows (on west side of building, north window).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 hrs. on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SAFETY

RRS/US 40 (Personal Buoyancy) is replaced by: "It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant."

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast flagpole on the bridge to the main outer docks.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, 'one minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Thursday September 6 thru Sunday September 9 multiple races are scheduled. The warning signal for the first race will be at 1000 hrs. each day. No warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs. on Sunday September 9.

6.2 The race committee will be located in the vicinity of the Buffalo Harbor "Departure Buoy", approximate location being 42.50.162 N, 078.55.418 W. In the event of very heavy seas the race committee may be located in the vicinity of "R4", approximate location being 42.52.146N, 078.53.952 W.

7. VHF RADIO

The Race Committee may broadcast on VHF Channel 79 information such as the location of Race Committee Boat, bow or sail numbers of yachts OCS, course type, range and bearing to the windward mark, change of course, etc. Failure to broadcast information, failure to receive, failure to hear these broadcasts, or the timing and order of such broadcasts will not be grounds for redress.

8. DROPPED MARK COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Appendix A displays the dropped marks courses.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal a numeral pennant will indicate the course to be sailed. The approximate nautical miles between the leeward and windward marks and the approximate magnetic bearing of the weather mark will be shown with numbers on a board. The 1 or 2 digit mileage will be displayed first on the board followed by the 3 digit magnetic bearing.
- 8.3 An offset mark may be set approximately 5 to 7 boat lengths to port of the weather mark. Both marks shall be left to port.
- 8.4 A leeward gate may be set approximately 100 to 400 yards to weather of the start line. When there is a gate boats must sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark. If only one leeward mark is present it must be rounded to port. The gate is not a mark of the course during the first leg or during the final leg of a race.
- 8.5 The original weather mark and leeward gate marks shall be orange tetrahedrons. The offset mark shall be a smaller red mark.

9. HEAVY SEAS COURSE

- 9.1 In the event of very heavy seas the race committee may elect to use a combination of existing permanent marks, dropped marks and a port end start line pin boat. The alphabetical letter, plus description of each mark, is listed below with the approximate location, if applicable. The Race Committee Signal Boat will indicate the course to be sailed by posting alphabetical letters on a board. The letter "O" shall indicate an inflated mark dropped by the race committee. The letter "P" shall indicate the pin boat being used as a mark. Marks displayed in black with a white background shall be rounded to port, marks displayed in white with a green background shall be rounded to starboard. In the event "O" is used as a weather mark, there will be an offset mark present and the approximate mileage and magnetic compass heading from the signal boat will be displayed.

Alphabetical Marks of the Heavy Seas Course with description		GPS Coordinates (Approx)	
		North - Lat	West - Long
A	Government navigational Red Buoy – "R4"	42.52.146	078.53.952
B	Club Mark at "Waverly Shoal"	42.51.780	078.56.110
C	Striped red and white buoy – "Departure Buoy"	42.50.162	078.55.418
D	Club Mark – "Club Mark D"	42.50.654	078.52.781
E	Government navigational Red Buoy – "R2"	42.51.599	078.54.297
L	Club Mark between Waverly and Departure	42.50.725	078.56.345
O	Inflatable marks		
P	Pin boat as a start or finish mark		

10. STARTING SIGNALS

Races will be started by using Rule 26.

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will consist of two committee boats; starboard end signal boat and port-end boat.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat, and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end boat.
- 11.3 The fleet flag will be a red pendant with the letters “B First” on it.
- 11.4 An inflatable buoy may be tethered to the stern of the signal boat. Any boat touching this buoy will have broken RRS 31.1 and shall act in accordance with RRS 31.2.

12. CHANGE OF POSITION OF NEXT MARK

The race committee may change marks of the course in accordance with RRS 33. The changed marks will be green tetrahedron, except the offset mark remains red. Subsequent changes revert to the original marks.

13. FINISH

- 13.1 For downwind finishes on the **DROPPED MARK COURSE**, the Finishing Line will be as displayed on the course diagram in Appendix A. The Finishing Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing line boat. For course 8, if no finishing line boat is on station at the starboard end of line (looking from your boat towards the finish), the finish will be between Mark A as listed in the **HEAVY SEAS COURSE** and the staff displaying the orange flag located on the signal boat (note: the signal boat may not be immediately visible as it may be behind a break wall).
- 13.2 For the downwind finishing on the **HEAVY SEAS COURSE**, the finish shall be between the last mark listed as posted on the course board and the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat.
- 13.3 When the course is shortened at a leeward gate, the race committee boat near the gate will display Flag S, and boats shall finish by sailing through the gate from the direction of the previous mark.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The race committee will abandon a race if no boat has rounded the first mark within 60 minutes after the start.
- 14.2 RRS 35 (Time Limit) is replaced by: “If the first boat does not finish within two hours, the race shall be abandoned. Boats not finished 30 minutes after the first boat finishes shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see scoring) and proceed to the starting area if another race may be run. When this 30 minute period has expired, the finish line committee boat will lower the Blue Shape, accompanied by a long sound signal.”

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 RRS 61.1 (a) is changed by adding: “A boat displaying a red flag and intending to protest, shall inform the race committee as soon as possible after finishing by a hail or call on VHF Channel 79 and includes the sail number of the protested boat.”
- 15.2 The protest time limit in RRS 61.3 is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or after the last race of the day is abandoned. The end of the protest time will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted to inform competitors of arbitration meetings and protest hearings in which they are parties not later than 30 minutes after the protest limit. Hearings will be held at the clubhouse as soon as possible, approximately in the order received. Location and times will be posted. Protests referred to the protest committee from the arbitrators will be added to the list of scheduled protests as they become available from arbitration. This is considered a hearing notification under RRS 63.3(b).

16. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

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.

17. ARBITRATION

- 17.1 An arbitration meeting will be scheduled for each protest involving a rule of Part 2 unless the arbitrator deems the protest inappropriate for arbitration. One representative of each party, who was on board at the time of the incident, will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be permitted. After taking testimony from each representative, the arbitrator will render his opinion:
 - (a) The protest is invalid or no boat has broken a rule. If the protestor agrees, the arbitrator will allow the protest to be withdrawn. If the protestor disagrees, the organizing authority will schedule a protest hearing.
 - (b) One or both boats broke a rule. The boat(s) breaking a rule may accept a 40% Scoring Penalty and the arbitrator will allow the protest to be withdrawn. If not, the organizing authority will schedule a protest hearing. In no case will a scoring penalty result in a score worse than one more than the number of boats entered into the series.
 - (c) The arbitrator decides a protest hearing is required. The organizing authority will schedule a protest hearing.
- 17.2 RRS 63.1 is changed by adding, “The arbitrator may allow a protest to be withdrawn without the approval of the protest committee.”
- 17.3 For the purposes of RRS 63.2, as needed, all parties shall be prepared for a protest hearing immediately following the arbitration meeting.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Point scoring system of the R.R.S. Appendix A will apply, except that each boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races, excluding her worst score only if eight or more races have been completed. A scoring of DNE or DGM is not allowed to be excluded.
- 18.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 18.3 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats in their class 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.
- 18.4 A race in which there is a request for redress for OCS and the redress is not granted shall not be discardable for the yacht requesting redress. This changes RRS 89.3(b).

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channels 16 and 79.
- 19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. PRIZES

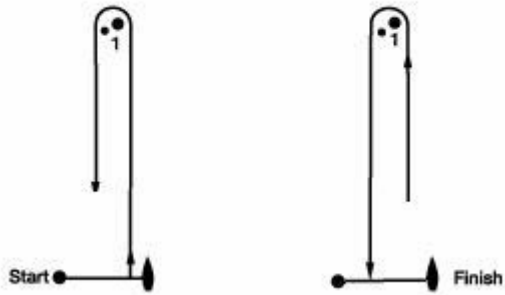
- 20.1 The Beneteau First 36.7 North American 2007 Championship trophy shall be awarded to the yacht with the best overall performance, additional trophies will be awarded to the yachts placing second through fifth overall.
- 20.2 Awards for finishers one through three for individual races will be presented at the social each evening.
- 20.3 A shoal draft award will be presented to the shoal draft yacht that had the best overall score. Shoal draft boats to be scored for this trophy by computing each race as if the long draft boats were not scored and then following Rule 17.
- 20.4 Silver and Bronze awards will be presented. The scoring system for these trophies will be as follows:
 - On Friday evening each yacht will be assigned a total score for all races on Thursday and Friday. Yachts whose cumulative scores are in the 13th-25th overall position shall compete for the Silver award. Yachts whose cumulative scores are in the 26th position and above overall shall compete for the Bronze award. The Silver and Bronze award will be presented to the top three finishers in these subgroups. Only the races for Saturday and Sunday will be used to determine the winners. Only the yachts placed in the Silver or Bronze award will be scored in their representative categories (i.e., overall yachts 13-25 as determined above would receive a score of 1-13 for Saturday and Sunday racing for this award).
 - There will be no discardable races for these awards.
 - At all times all yachts are racing for and will be scored per Rule 17 for the overall championship award.

21. BOW NUMBERS

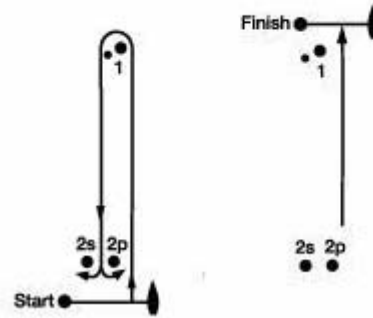
Bow numbers will be furnished by the race committee at registration and must be placed on each side of the bow. The top front corner of the first digit must be located within 14" of the deck and within 12" of the bow. The second digit must be within 4" of the first digit.

APPENDIX A

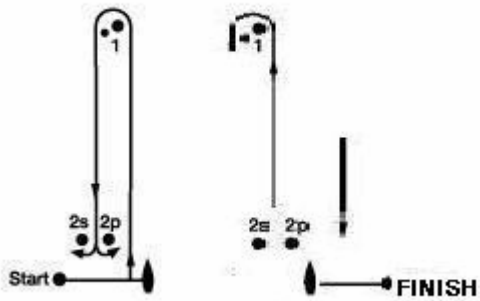
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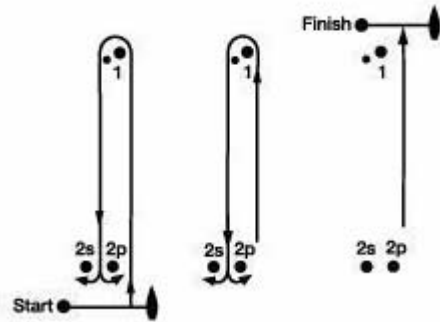
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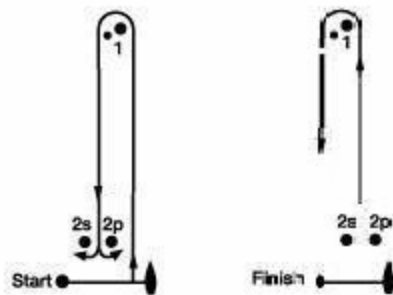
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COURSE #5



COURSE #8



Heavy Seas Course Chart

