



Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship

BUFFALO, NY - 2007

Hosted by the Buffalo Yacht Club

Sanctioned by the Beneteau First 36.7 North American Class Association

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September 6-9 2007

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS)*, except as any of these is altered by this Notice or by the Sailing Instructions .
- 1.2** The organizing authority for this race is the Buffalo Yacht Club.

2 ADVERTISING

The organizing authority has designated advertising Category A for this event in accordance with RRS 79 Advertising and ISAF Regulation Section 20. All boats are required to display the event bow stickers 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 36.7s whose owners are members of the Beneteau First 36.7 North American One Design Class.
- 3.2** Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry forms online at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=133> or sending it, together with the required entry fee to The Buffalo Yacht Club, 1 Porter Ave., Buffalo, NY 14202 by August 15, 2007. Appendix A of the Beneteau First 36.7 North American One-Design Class Rules online at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=133> 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 31, 2007 may be accepted at the sole discretion of the organizing committee.

- 4 FEES** The entry fee is \$275.00 US funds per boat. In addition to the entry fee of \$275.00 US, a late fee of \$100.00 US shall be payable with all entries received after August 15, 2007. The entry fee includes entry into all social activities on the Buffalo Yacht Club property for all skippers and crew participating in the races. Dockage at the Buffalo Yacht Club from 9/5/07- 9/9/07 is available at no charge to participating race boats.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1** Racing will be held Thursday through Sunday, September 6-9, 2007 with the warning signal for the first race at 1000 hrs. each day.
- 5.2** 15 races are scheduled. Multiple races are scheduled for Thursday – Sunday September 6-9, 2007.
- 5.3** No warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs. Sunday September 9, 2007.

6 INSPECTIONS AND WEIGH INS

- 6.1** A yacht may be inspected in accordance with Beneteau First 36.7 North American Class rule 4.1.
- 6.2** Skippers and crews may be weighed in at check in to ensure compliance with class rule 7.1.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The sailing instructions will be available in the race packets. When available they will be posted at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=133>

8 VENUE:

The racing area will be at the eastern end of Lake Erie in the vicinity of the north channel entrance to the Buffalo harbor. The location of dockage and social activities will be at the Buffalo Yacht Club, Porter Avenue Station.

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be as follows: Windward leeward courses.
Windward offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

10 SCORING

- 10.1** One 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2** (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.

11 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.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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 mobile telephones and satellite communications; use for an emergency is permitted.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1** Prizes will be given as follows: Regatta overall prizes will be awarded for 1st through 5th place.
- 13.2** Prizes for individual races for 1st through 3rd places will be presented each evening for that day's racing.
- 13.3** 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.
- 13.4** A Silver and Bronze prize will be presented. The scoring system for these prizes 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 prize. Yachts whose overall score are the in the 26th position and above overall, shall compete for the Bronze prize. The Silver and Bronze prizes will be awarded to the top place finisher in each of these subgroups respectively. Only the races for Saturday and Sunday will be used to determine the final winner 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 prize.

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.

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 FURTHER INFORMATION

Race packets will be available at The Buffalo Yacht Club on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 1600-1900 hrs, Wednesday, September 5, 2007 1600-2200 hrs and Thursday, September 6, 2007 0730-0800 hrs. There will NOT be any skippers meeting.

The Buffalo Harbor Sailing Club invites all Beneteau 36.7s to participate on September 5, 2007 in their Wednesday night racing program. The warning signal for the 36.7s will be approximately 17:50.

For further information please contact Louis Johnson at 716-435-5944 / doylebuffalo@verizon.net or Mike Barry at 716-491-3877 / mtb2019@aol.com

RCR Yachts Inc. will be offering discounted boatyard services including launching, mast stepping and un-stepping, haul-out and pre and post regatta dockage at their marina at 284 Fuhrmann Boulevard, Buffalo, NY 14203. Light repairs are also available. Contact Darren Wright, Marina Manager, at 716-856-6314 ext 203, or 716-572-2312 cell, or darren@rcryachts.com

The official hotel is the Hyatt Regency Hotel 2, Fountain Plaza Buffalo, NY (Phone: 716-856-1234). Special rates are available if you book by 8/1/07. Shuttle service is available.