

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



NOTICE OF RACE

The organizing authority is the Chicago Yacht Club.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 No US Sailing prescriptions will apply except the prescriptions included as Addendum 1.
- 1.3 The following racing rules will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - (a) Rule 44.1 will be changed so that except for infringements of Part 2 that occur within the Zone a boat may take a One Turn Penalty.
 - (b) The preamble to Part 4 will be changed to restrict the time when boats may receive outside help while not racing.
 - (c) Rule 41 will be changed to restrict the sources of outside help a boat can receive when not racing from the time the boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day until she has finished racing for the day.
 - (d) Rule 35 will be changed so that boats failing to finish within than thirty minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored points equal to the last finisher plus two.
 - (e) Rule 62.2. and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and for requesting reopening of a hearing on the last day of racing.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Beneteau First 36.7 class entered by an owner who is a member in good standing of the Beneteau First 36.7 class association as of date of entry and must be valid through the end of the regatta. Owners shall be current members of their national governing body (US Sailing for the USA and the Sail Canada for Canada).
- 3.2 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter online at the event website. See section 17.
- 3.4 Sail declaration and crew list, including unexpired ISAF classification rulings for all crew and substitute crew, shall be completed online by 1800 on Wednesday, September 7th. Crew lists will be posted online and on the official notice board as soon as practicable after the deadline. The days each crew will sail must be declared at registration. Any subsequent change to the crew list requires prior written consent of the race committee. The classification protest time limit will be 1600 on Thursday, September 8th or twenty four hours after the posting of a changed crew list.
- 3.5 All crew must be weighed and meet ISAF classification eligibility requirements prior to racing. An ISAF classification commission member will be available during the event to assist in checking classifications and resolve classification protests.
- 3.6 All crew will be required to sign a waiver of liability form prior to racing.

4 FEES

4.1 The required fees are as follows:

<u>Received by</u>	<u>Fee</u>
June 15	US\$650
August 15	US\$750
September 3	US\$850

4.2 No entries will be accepted after 1800 on Tuesday, September 3, 2013.

4.3 The entry fee includes dockage during the event and access to all event parties for the skipper and up to eight (8) crew.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Three races are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and two races are scheduled on Sunday. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the fleet does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.

5.2 Schedule:

Tuesday, September 3	1200 – 1600 Registration & weigh-in
Wednesday, September 4	0900 – 1700 Registration & weigh-in 1200 Practice race (optional) 1800 Opening ceremonies
Thursday, September 5	1100 First warning
Friday, September 6	1100 First warning
Saturday, September 7	1100 First warning
Sunday, September 8	1100 First warning 1400 No warning after this time

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at registration and will be posted online on or before August 21, 2013.

7 VENUE AND COURSES

7.1 Racing will take place on the waters of Lake Michigan east of Belmont Harbor.

7.2 The courses will be windward/leeward course using inflatable drop marks. Gates and offset marks will be used.

8 ARBITRATION

For protests involving a rule of Part 2, an arbitration meeting may be held prior to the protest hearing.

9 SCORING

9.1 One completed race will constitute a regatta.

9.2 Rule A2 will be changed so that when fewer than seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. 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.

10 SUPPORT BOATS

- 10.1 From the time of the preparatory signal for the first start of the day until all boats have finished racing for the day, coach and support boats shall:
- (a) Stay outside areas where boats are racing;
 - (b) Not be allowed in the top half of the course.
- 10.2 Support boats must be registered with the organizing authority.

11 BERTHING

- 11.1 Boats will be assigned a berth at the south end of Belmont Harbor. All boats must use this berth for the entire regatta.
- 11.2 All boats shall be in their assigned berth and available for inspection by 1800 on Tuesday, September 3.

12 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

No boat shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 The race committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information, including OCS hails after starts, to competitors.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 Overall prizes will be awarded to the top five boats, the top three boats racing with no ISAF Category 3 sailors (Corinthian scoring), and the top boat with three or more members of the same family.
- 14.2 Daily prizes will be awarded each evening to the top three boats for the day.

15 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.

16 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.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1 The event website is <http://www.first367.com/2013-nac-info/>.
- 17.2 For further information please contact:
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ADDENDUM 1

Applicable US Sailing Prescriptions to *The Racing Rules of Sailing*

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 ussailing.org/racingrules/documents 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.