



**2014 Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship**  
**September 18-21**  
**Black Rock Yacht Club**  
**Bridgeport, CT**

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Notice of Race and the Beneteau 36.7 Class Rules.
- 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](http://www.ussailing.org).
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority for this regatta is Black Rock Yacht Club.

### **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 wall of the southerly side of the Clubhouse.

### **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 While on the water, the race committee may make oral changes to the sailing instructions by flying flag L over flag D and announcing the change over VHF channel 68.

### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the Shore 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> |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Thursday, September 18 | 3                      | 1100                        |
| Friday, September 19   | 3                      | 1100                        |
| Saturday, September 20 | 3                      | 1100                        |
| Sunday, September 21   | 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 21.
- 6.3 Flag A displayed at the finish means 'No more racing today.'

## 7 CLASS FLAG

The warning signal will be the Beneteau First 36.7 class flag.

## 8 RACING AREA

Races will be held in the waters of Long Island Sound southerly of Bridgeport and Fairfield.

## 9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The course shall be windward/leeward as illustrated in Addendum 1.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display from a board on the signal boat the approximate magnetic bearing (top line), distance in nautical miles to the weather mark (middle line), and the number of legs to be sailed (bottom line). The race committee may also make courtesy announcements describing the course. The display will appear as follows:



- 9.3 The windward mark and the offset mark (if deployed) shall be left to port.
- 9.4 The leeward mark is intended to be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single leeward mark shall be left to port.

## 10 MARKS

- 10.1 Original turning marks will be yellow inflatables.
- 10.2 The starting mark will be orange. The finishing mark for downwind finishes will also be orange. The finishing mark for upwind finishes will be the active weather mark.
- 10.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be orange for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate color.

## 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. Prior to boats turning the mark beginning the changed leg, the new course will be signaled by the display of the compass course to the new mark and code flag "C" accompanied by multiple sound signals. 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 that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing or rule 31, may take a One-Turn Penalty. 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 the 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 may take a 40 percent Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). 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 thirty-five minutes or if no boat has finished within two hours, the race shall 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 SI 18.3.) When the 30-minute period expires, the blue flag will be lowered with a long sound signal. This changes rules 35 and A11.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms will be available at the protest desk, located in the general vicinity of the Notice Board. 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 finishing boat docks which time will be posted on the Notice Board.
- 16.3 To inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, notices will be posted no later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit. Hearings will be held in the Library on the second floor of the Clubhouse, or as directed by the jury secretary and will begin as soon as practicable.
- 16.4 To inform boats under rule 61.1(b), notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted as described above.
- 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.
- 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 For each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, an arbitration meeting of no more than 15 minutes will be held prior to a protest hearing. Each party must be 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 the probable decision of the protest committee:
- (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 and accept the withdrawal.

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1 One completed race will constitute a regatta.
- 18.2 (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.  
(b) When six 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. 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 signal boat 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 all 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.

## **20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR SAILS**

Substitution of competitors or sails will not be allowed without prior written approval of the PRO or his designee.

## **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 prior written permission of the PRO or Event Chair.

**23 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not simultaneously available at no fee 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.

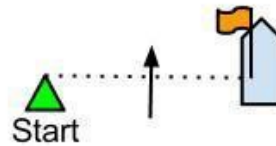
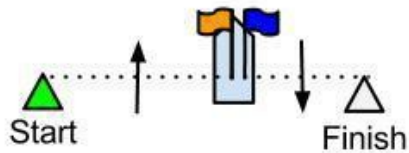
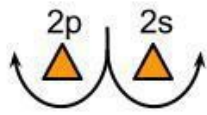
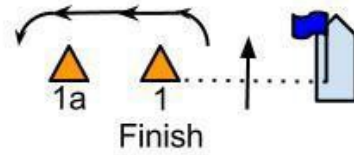
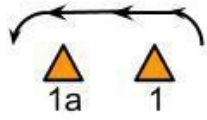
**26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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



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