

NOTICE OF RACE

Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship July 25 – 27, 2024

Organizing Authority (OA) – Beneteau First 36.7 North American One Design Class
Hosted by Duncan Bay Boat Club
Cheboygan, MI USA

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- b. US Sailing Prescriptions will not apply except for the following. See Appendix A of this NOR for the descriptions of the US Sailing Prescriptions below:
 - 1) 40
 - 2) 67
 - 3) 76.1
- c. Beneteau First 36.7 North American One Design Class Rules (hereafter “Class Rules”) apply.
- d. The following will apply:
 - 1) RRS Appendix T with the following change to T1b, “A Post-Race Penalty is a 40% Scoring Penalty...”
 - 2) RRS Appendix V1
- e. Racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1) RRS 35: Add this sentence to the end of the rule, “Boats not *finishing* within 30 minutes of the first boat that *finishes* will be scored points equal to the last finisher plus two points without a hearing.”

2. ADVERTISING

- a. Boats may be asked to display advertising from event sponsors.
- b. Boats shall display the event bow stickers and/or identification numbers on their bow while racing.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The regatta is open to all Beneteau First 36.7 owners who are members of the Beneteau First 36.7 One Design Class Association At the time of the first race.
- b. Owners shall be current members of their National Authority.
- c. Boats shall be equipped per Appendix C of the Class Rules.
- d. Boats shall provide proof of insurance as specified in NOR 15.
- e. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form online at https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=16483
- f. The entry deadline is Friday, July 19, 2024 (see NOR 4).
- g. At or before the time of registration:
 - 1) Crew will be required to sign a waiver of liability.
 - 2) Crew will be weighed.
 - 3) Any subsequent change to the crew list requires prior written consent of the OA or the RC.
- h. Class Rules Appendix A regarding sail declaration and crew lists shall be submitted no later than 1800 on July 23, 2024, to the Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championships Committee at 2024Ben367NAC@gmail.com.
- i. Crew lists will be posted online and on the official notice board as soon as practicable after the deadline.
- j. CATEGORIZATION: See Class Rules regarding Categorization.
- k. The categorization protest time limit will be 1600 on July 24, 2024, or 24 hours after the posting of the changed crew list, whichever is later.

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4. FEES

- a. The entry fee is \$600 US per boat if completed and paid on or before May 31, 2024; an early bird discount of \$100 will be applied to any entry completed and paid before March 31, 2024
- b. The entry fee for complete registration and payments made between June 1 and July 19, 2024, is \$700 per boat.
- c. The entry fee includes:
 - 1) Dockage during the event (Wednesday through Sunday), and
 - 2) Access to all event parties for up to nine (9) crew, including cocktail parties each day, continental breakfast on Thursday, and the awards buffet dinner on Saturday.
- d. The Organizing Authority may authorize entries after the entry deadline of Friday, July 19

5. SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES EASTERN)

- a. The intended schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, July 24	Registration Crew weigh in Measurement/Inspections North American One Design Class Owner's Meeting Opening Cocktail Reception	1100 – 1800 1700 1800
Thursday, July 25	Continental Breakfast Registration Crew weigh in Competitors Briefing First warning (2 races planned) Cocktail party	0800 – 1000 0800 – 1000 0800 - 1000 1000 1300 Immediately after racing
Friday, July 26	First Warning (3 races planned) Cocktail Party	1000 Immediately after racing
Saturday, July 27	First Warning (3 races planned) No warning signal after Awards and Dinner	1000 1600 Shortly after Racing

- b. All times are Eastern
- c. There will be no more than eight completed races for the regatta.
- d. Eight (8) races are scheduled, three (3) on each racing day, except Thursday, when two (2) races are scheduled. Up to four (4) races may be sailed in one day if needed to complete the scheduled number of races. The RC, at its discretion, may run fewer than eight (8) races.

6. MEASUREMENT, INSPECTIONS, WEIGH-INS

- a. All boats will be inspected for compliance with Class Rules before racing begins. Additional inspections may be conducted during the event.
- b. All boats shall be afloat and available for inspection by 1600 on Wednesday, July 24 in their OA-appointed slips
- c. Crew weigh-ins will be completed Wednesday, July 24, 2024, between 1100 and 1800, and Thursday, July 25, 2024, between 800 and 1000, at the Duncan Bay Boat Club.
- d. Approved substitute crews will be weighed by appointment on the morning of the day they race between 0700-0800.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website on or before Wednesday, July 24, 2024.

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8. VENUE AND COURSES

- a. The racing area will be on Lake Huron, on or near Duncan Bay.
- b. The races will be windward–leeward type courses similar to RRS Appendix S Course LA3.
- c. The Organizing Authority may authorize one Distance type race to be sailed.
- d. Courses may include gates and offset marks.

9. SCORING

- a. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b. A boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes RRS A2.1.

10. SUPPORT BOATS

- a. Support boats shall be registered with the OA prior to the start of racing.
- b. Each racing day, from the time of the first preparatory signal through and until all boats have finished racing, coach and support boats shall:
 - 1) Stay at least 100 meters away from all racing boats.
 - 2) Not be allowed in the top half of the course.
 - 3) Not be allowed on the extensions of the start line.

11. BERTHING

- a. All boats shall be moored at Duncan Bay Boat Club in their OA assigned slips during the event.
- b. Dockage at the Duncan Bay Boat Club from Wednesday, July 24 through Sunday, July 28, 2024, is included in the entry fee for each boat entered in the regatta.
- c. No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permissions of the OA.
- d. All boats are to remain available for inspections throughout the duration of the event at the discretion of the OA.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that are not available to all boats.
- b. Commercial pay services, e.g., XM Radio, SailFlow, and PredictWind, are considered to be available to all boats.

13. PRIZES

- a. Overall prizes will be awarded to:
 - 1) The top three boats, and
 - 2) The top two boats racing with only WS Category 1 sailors (Corinthian Scoring).
- b. Daily prizes will be awarded each evening to the top three boats of the day.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The OA, all officers, employees, or volunteers of the Duncan Bay Boat Club, the Race Committee, the Beneteau First 36.7 North American One Design Class, and the 2024 North American Championship Committee team, will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, and/or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after this regatta.

15. INSURANCE

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 US per event or equivalent.

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16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. For further information, please contact the following:

Host Club – Duncan Bay Boat Club	902 Boat Club Drive Cheboygan, MI 49721
Regatta Co-Chairs	Will O’Haver willohaver@gmail.com Chuck Norris 367Chuck@gmail.com
Dock Master	Alan harbormasterduncanbay@gmail.com
Principal Race Officer	Janet Baxter janetcbaxter@gmail.com
Chief Judge	Sam Veilleux sveilleux@outlook.com

CONSENT

- b. Competitors consent to the use by organizing authority of their name, image, photo, voice, or visual recordings of their images (“Recordings”) or any statements, whether oral or written, regarding the regatta (“Statements”) and for the organizing authority to use, sell, copy, distribute, perform, display, transmit, or otherwise, exploit the foregoing Recordings, Statements and personal identifiers by any means and in any media known or hereafter devised.
- c. Competitors waive any rights of privacy or publicity in connection with the use of their name, Recordings, or Statements, waive the right to credit or acknowledgment in conjunction with their identity, Recordings, or Statements, and acknowledge that they shall have no right to inspect or approve any use of their identity, Recordings or Statements.

17. SOCIAL

- a. Ben 36.7 North American One Design Class – Owner’s Meeting – 1700 Wednesday, July 24, 2024
- b. Opening Cocktail Party with appetizers for all Competitors, Crews, and Guests – 1800 Wednesday, July 24th
- c. Cocktail Parties with appetizers are scheduled for Thursday and Friday immediately following racing
- d. Cocktail Party and Awards Buffet Dinner are scheduled for Saturday after racing
- e. Continental Breakfast will be available on Thursday only
- f. Awards will be held:
- 1) Each day during the cocktail party (daily awards) and
 - 2) Saturday in conjunction with dinner.

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Appendix A – US Sailing Prescriptions that Apply

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 rules.ussailing.org 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.

APPENDIX V – ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

Please note – RRS Appendix V2 does not apply for this event. Ignore references to V2 and “both” in the prescription below.

This appendix is a US Sailing prescription.

Rules V1 and V2 provide alternative penalties that encourage competitors to take a penalty when they may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident. One or both of these rules apply only if the sailing instructions so state. Please report your experiences with and evaluations of these rules to US Sailing by sending an email to rules@ussailing.org.

V1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

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