



**BENETEAU FIRST 36.7 2012 NORTH AMERICAN  
CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Cleveland, Ohio

THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND HOSTED BY  
THE CLEVELAND YACHTING CLUB  
September 6 – 9, 2012

**NOTICE OF RACE**  
(subject to amendment)

1 *RULES*

- 1.1 This Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 This Regatta is sanctioned by the Beneteau First 36.7 North American Class Association as the 2012 Beneteau 36.7 North American Championship. All class rules will apply.
- 1.3 RRS 44.1 will be changed so that except for infringements of Part 2 that occur within three (3) boat lengths of a rounding mark, start mark or finishing mark a boat may take a One Turn Penalty.
- 1.4 Except while racing, RRS 41 will be changed so that from the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of each day until she has finished racing for the day, a boat shall not receive outside help except as permitted by Rules 41(a) through (e) from any outside source except other competitors and official boats under the direction of the Race Committee.
- 1.5 ISAF Regulation 19, Eligibility Code, will apply.
- 1.6 RRS 44 will be changed to allow 40% scoring penalties to be taken after racing and

prior to a protest hearing.

1.7 RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored points equal to the last finisher plus two (2) without a hearing.

1.8 RRS 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.

1.9 The prescriptions of the national authority, US Sailing, do not apply except as provided in the Prescription to RRS 88; the US Prescriptions to Rules 68<sup>I</sup>, 76.1<sup>II</sup> and 76.3<sup>III</sup> apply.

I. RRS 68: "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."

II. RRS 76.1: "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."

III. RRS 76.3: "US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6."

## 2 *ADVERTISING*

All boats shall be required to display event bow stickers, bow numbers, boom stickers and stern flag if provided by the Organizing Authority.

## 3 *ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY*

3.1 The Regatta is open to all boats of the Beneteau First 36.7 class. Eligible boats must be entered by an owner who is a member in good standing of the Beneteau 36.7 Class Association by August 12, 2012. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

3.2 Owners shall be current members of their National Governing Body (Canadian Yachting Association for Canada, and US Sailing for the USA).

3.3 Eligible boats may enter online at the event website;  
www.2012Beneteau367NorthAmerican.com as of January 11, 2012.

3.4 Sail declaration and crew list including unexpired ISAF classification rulings for all crew and substitute crew shall be completed online by 1800 Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Crew lists will be posted online and on the Official Notice Board as soon as practical 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 Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> or twenty four (24) 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.

3.7 Boats shall be equipped as described in Appendix C of the Class Rules.

#### 4 *FEES*

4.1 The entry fee for entries received before June 1, 2012 is \$650.00.

4.2 The entry fee for entries received after June 1, 2012 is \$750.00.

4.3 The entry fee includes dockage during the event and access to all event parties for the Skipper and up to eight (8) crewmembers. Additional social packages will be available online and at the event for \$50.00 per person.

#### 5 *SCHEDULE*

5.1 Eleven races are scheduled, three (3) on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and two (2) on Sunday.

5.2 No more than four (4) races may be sailed per day.

5.3 No warning signal may be made after 1400 on Sunday, September 12, 2011.

5.4 The social and racing schedule, subject to change is as follows:

Tuesday, September 4 <sup>th</sup>	1200 – 1600	Registration and Weigh In
Wednesday, September 5 <sup>th</sup>	0900 – 1700	Registration and Weigh In

	1200	Practice Race (optional)
	1800	Opening Ceremonies
Thursday, September 6 <sup>th</sup>	1100	Warning Signal
Friday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>	1100	Warning Signal
Saturday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>	1100	Warning Signal
Sunday, September 9 <sup>th</sup>	1100	Warning Signal

5.5 Guest privileges for use of all of the facilities of The Cleveland Yachting Club will be available to all competitors.

## 6 *SAILING INSTRUCTIONS*

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and will be posted online on or before September 6, 2011.

## 7 *VENUE AND COURSES*

Racing will take place on the waters of the Lake Erie, north of the Rocky River. The courses will be windward/leeward course using inflatable drop marks. Gates and offset marks will be used.

## 8 *ARBITRATION*

For protests involving the rules of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31, an arbitration meeting may be held prior to the protest hearing.

## 9 *SCORING*

9.1 A minimum of one (1) completed race is required to constitute a North American Championship.

9.2 The Low Point scoring system RRS Appendix A shall apply. RRS appendix A2 will be changed so that when fewer than seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When seven (7) or more races have been sailed, 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 at the top half of the course.

10.2 Official boats under the direction of the Organizing Authority will fly flags to designate their status.

## 11 *BERTHING*

11.1 All boats shall be kept in their assigned locations during the Regatta. 11.2 All boats shall be afloat and available for inspection by 1800 Tuesday, September 4, 2012.

## 12 *HAULOUT RESTRICTIONS*

No boat shall be lifted out of the water after 1000 Wednesday, September 5, 2012 through the conclusion of the event without 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.

13.2 The Race Committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors, including OCS hails after starts.

## 14 *PRIZES*

14.1 All boats entered will compete for Regatta Overall prizes which will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> places.

14.2 Daily prizes will be awarded each evening for 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

14.3 Separate prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> shoal draft boats. Prizes will also be awarded to the top three (3) boats racing with no ISAF Category 3 Sailors (Corinthian scoring).

14.4 Prizes will be awarded for the top boat with three or more members of the same family.

## 15 *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.

## 16 *INSURANCE*

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent. Proof of Insurance will be required at registration.

## 17 *FURTHER INFORMATION*

As a courtesy, the organizing authority will attempt to have all information on the website as it becomes available. Questions should be directed to J.B. Walsh at [j.b.walsh@me.com](mailto:j.b.walsh@me.com) or Dan Clevenger at [danclev@cox.net](mailto:danclev@cox.net). The event website is [www.2012Beneteau367NorthAmerican.com](http://www.2012Beneteau367NorthAmerican.com).