

2016 Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship



Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station
300 West Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Beneteau First 36.7 North American One-Design Class Rules.
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions will not apply except as stated in Addendum 1 or as stated in the notice of race (NOR).
- 1.3 The following racing rules are changed:
 - (a) Rule 44.1 is changed see SI 14
 - (b) The preamble to Part 4 will be changed to restrict the time when boats may receive outside help while not racing. See NOR 9 and SI 23.
 - (c) Rule 62.2 and 66 are changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and for requesting reopening of a hearing on the last day of racing. See SI 16.6
- 1.4 Alternate penalties will apply. See Section 14 below.

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. Failure to have bow number properly displayed is not grounds for protest by a competitor.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower level of the main barge.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions 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.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the east end of Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont 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 1	3	1100
Friday, September 2	3	1100
Saturday, September 3	3	1100
Sunday, September 4	2	1100

6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed.

6.3 No warning will be made after 1400 on Sunday, September 4

6.4 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today'.

7 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will display the First Beneteau 36.7 class insignia.

8 RACING AREA

Races will be held in the waters of Lake Michigan off Belmont Harbor.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in Addendum 2 show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which the mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate distance between the signal boat and windward marks and the approximate magnetic bearing of the weather mark.

9.3 The leeward mark will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single leeward mark shall be rounded to port.

9.4 Mark 1 will have an offset. In the event the offset is not in place, the single windward Mark 1 shall be left to port.

10 MARKS

10.1 Original rounding marks will be orange inflatables.

10.2 The starting mark will be green. The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be a white inflatable. The finishing mark for upwind finishes will be the active weather mark.

10.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate orange and yellow marks.

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 bow number and/or 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. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 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.

13.2 Rule 35 is changed so that boats finishing more than thirty minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). See SI 17.2

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.’

14.2 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

- (a) After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the jury in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
- (b) The Post-Race Penalty shall be 40% if taken before the beginning of the arbitration meeting or a hearing involving the incident.

14.3 PROTEST ARBITRATION

- (a) An arbitration meeting may be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a *protest* by a boat involving a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each *party* is 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.
- (b) Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:
 - (1) the *protest* is invalid,
 - (2) no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or
 - (3) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.
- (c) During a meeting, a boat may take a scoring penalty of 50% by acknowledging her acceptance of the penalty in writing.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 If no boat has finished within two and one half hours, then the race will be abandoned.

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 instruction 17.2. The race

committee boat at the finishing line will lower the blue flag with a long sound signal when the 30-minute period expires. This changes rules 35 and A11.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 The protest time limit is sixty minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.
- 16.2 Protest forms will be available at the protest desk, located on the lower level of the main barge. Protests, requests for redress, and requests for reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the sailing activities barge or as directed by the jury secretary and will begin at the time posted.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of instructions 2, 18.1, 18.2, and 20 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 SCORING

- 17.1 Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all her races. This changes Rule A2.
- 17.2 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 the number of entries plus 2 points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Prior to the warning signal of her first race each day, a boat shall pass the stern of the race committee boat displaying flag L, hail or display her bow number and be acknowledged by the race committee.
- 18.2 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.
- 18.3 VHF channel 68 will be the designated channel for courtesy broadcasts. The race committee may change the courtesy 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 near the race committee room at the Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR SAILS

Substitution of competitors or sails will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

20 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.

21 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.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

22.1 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.

22.2 The race committee intends to use VHF 68 marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information, including OCS hails after starts, to competitors.

23 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

Refer to NOR 9

24 PRIZES

Refer to NOR 13

25 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.

26 INSURANCE

Refer to NOR 15

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 applications 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 R – Procedures for Appeals and Requests

This appendix is a US Sailing prescription.

See rules 70 and 71. This appendix replaces Appendix R as adopted by the International Sailing Federation for the purpose of creating a two-level appeals system. The US Sailing Appeals Committee acts as the national authority under rule 71. An association appeals committee may act as permitted by rule 71.2 and shall act as required by rule 71.3, subject to further appeal as provided in rule R7.1(a).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the appeals system and their answers, including advice on how to prepare an appeal, can be found on the US Sailing website. Go to ussailing.org/racingrules/documents and click the 'Appeals FAQ' link.

R1 WHERE TO SEND AN APPEAL OR REQUEST

- R1.1** All appeals and requests shall be sent to the Race Administration Director at US Sailing, at either P.O. Box 1260 or 15 Maritime Drive, Portsmouth, RI 02871, or by e-mail to RaceAdmin@ussailing.org.
- R1.2** Except as provided in rule R1.4, the director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee or a request by a protest committee for confirmation or correction of its decision to the association appeals committee for the place in which the event was held. However, such an appeal or request arising from an event conducted under the procedural rules of the Intercollegiate Sailing Association or the Interscholastic Sailing Association will be forwarded to the association appeals committee for the ICSA and ISSA.
- R1.3** The director will forward an appeal of a decision of an association appeals committee, a request by an association appeals committee for confirmation or correction of its decision, and a request for an interpretation of *rules* to the US Sailing Appeals Committee.
- R1.4** The director will forward an appeal of a decision of a protest committee acting under rule 69.1, an appeal of a decision of a protest committee of a US Sailing national championship, and a request by such a committee for confirmation or correction of its decision to the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

R2 TO APPEAL OR MAKE A REQUEST

- R2.1** To appeal,
- (a) no later than 15 days after receiving the written decision being appealed or a protest committee's decision not to reopen a hearing, the appellant shall send an appeal and a copy of the decision to US Sailing. The appeal shall state why the appellant believes the committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect;
 - (b) when the hearing required by rule 63.1 has not been held within 30 days after a *protest* or request for redress was delivered, the appellant shall, within a further 15 days, send an appeal with a copy of the *protest* or request and any relevant correspondence. The appeals committee to which the appeal is forwarded shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so; or
 - (c) when the protest committee fails to comply with rule 65, the appellant shall, within a reasonable time after the hearing, send an appeal with a copy of the *protest* or request and any relevant correspondence.
- If a copy of the *protest* or request is not available, the appellant shall instead send a statement of its substance.
- R2.2** The appellant shall also send, with the appeal or as soon as possible thereafter, all of the following documents and information available:
- (a) the written *protest(s)* or request(s) for redress;
 - (b) if the appeal is from a decision of an association appeals committee, the written decision of the protest committee and the appeal to the association appeals committee;
 - (c) a diagram, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that shows
 - (1) the positions of all boats involved at relevant times, and their tracks;
 - (2) the course to the next *mark* and its required side;
 - (3) the speed and direction of the wind;

- (4) any relevant *mark, obstruction* or *zone*; and
- (5) if relevant, the depth of the water and the speed and direction of any current;

- (d) the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them;
- (e) the names, mailing addresses and e-mail addresses of the *parties* to the hearing, the chairman of the protest committee and, if relevant, the chairman of the association appeals committee; and
- (f) any other relevant documents.

R2.3 To request confirmation or correction of its decision, a protest committee or association appeals committee shall send to US Sailing a copy of its decision and all relevant documents and comments (see rule R2.2).

R2.4 To request an interpretation of the *rules*, a club or other organization affiliated to US Sailing shall send its request to US Sailing. The request shall include assumed facts and be endorsed by an officer of the club or organization. A US Sailing committee is considered to be an organization affiliated to US Sailing.

R3 FEES

R3.1 If the appeal or request is being made to an association appeals committee (see rule R1.2), US Sailing charges no fee for forwarding that appeal or request. However, an association appeals committee may charge a fee, in which case the association appeals committee will send a notice to the appellant (or, for a request, to the protest committee) stating the fee, to whom the fee is payable, and the address to which the fee must be sent.

R3.2 If the appeal is being made to the US Sailing Appeals Committee (see rules R1.3 and R1.4) by a member of US Sailing or another national authority, US Sailing charges a fee of \$25. The fee is \$75 for all others.

R3.3 A fee of \$25 is charged for a request for an interpretation of the rules, but there is no fee for such a request from a US Sailing committee. There is no fee for a request from an association appeals committee for confirmation or correction of its decision.

R3.4 If a fee is required for an appeal or request, it must be received before the appeal or request will be considered. For appeals and requests made to the US Sailing Appeals Committee, the fee can be paid by check to “US Sailing” or electronically as described in the Appeals FAQ.

R4 NOTIFICATION OF THE COMMITTEE WHOSE DECISION IS BEING APPEALED

Upon receipt of an appeal, the appeals committee shall send a copy of the appeal to the committee whose decision is being appealed, asking it for any documents required by rule R2.2 not supplied by the appellant.

R5 COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

R5.1 Protest Committee

A protest committee whose decision is being appealed shall supply the documents requested under rule R4 and any facts or other information requested under rule R5.4. If directed to do so by the appeals committee, it shall conduct a hearing, or reopen the hearing, of the *protest* or request for redress, or conduct a hearing to consider redress.

R5.2 Association Appeals Committee

- (a) The association appeals committee shall send to all *parties* to the hearing, and to the committee whose decision is being appealed or reviewed, copies of all relevant documents, comments and clarifications it has received, except those supplied by that *party* or committee.
- (b) The association appeals committee shall send its decision in writing to all *parties* to the hearing and the protest committee.
- (c) An association appeals committee shall consider an appeal it has refused to decide if directed to do so by the US Sailing Appeals Committee.

R5.3 US Sailing Appeals Committee

The US Sailing Appeals Committee shall send to all *parties* to the hearing, to the protest committee and to the association appeals committee whose decision is being appealed or reviewed, copies of all relevant documents, comments and clarifications it has received, except those supplied by that *party* or committee.

R5.4 Inadequate Facts; Reopening

An appeals committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts, and the protest committee shall promptly do so.

R6 COMMENTS

The *parties* to the hearing, the protest committee and, if relevant, the association appeals committee may make comments on the appeal or request, on any of the documents listed in rule R2.2, and on any clarifications received under rule R7.2(d). Comments shall be sent in writing to the appeals committee no later than 15 days after the *party* or committee receives the document. The appeals committee need not consider comments sent after that time or comments on comments.

R7 PROVISIONS IN ADDITION TO THOSE OF RULES 70 AND 71

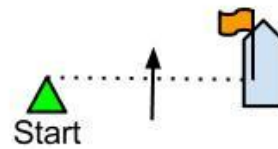
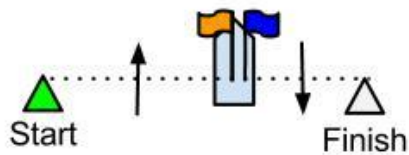
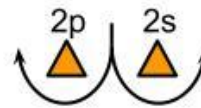
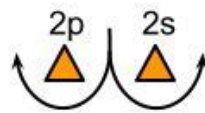
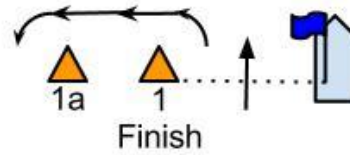
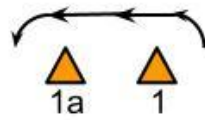
R7.1 Right to Appeal or Request Confirmation or Correction

- (a) A *party* to a hearing may appeal an association appeals committee's decision.
- (b) An association appeals committee may request confirmation or correction of its decision (see rule R2.3).

R7.2 Other Provisions

- (a) No member of the association appeals committee shall take part in the discussion or decision on an appeal or a request for confirmation or correction to the US Sailing Appeals Committee.
- (b) An appeals committee may direct a protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for an appellant or other boats.
- (c) The US Sailing Appeals Committee may direct an association appeals committee to consider an appeal it has refused to decide.
- (d) An appeals committee may seek clarifications of rules governing the event from organizations that are not *parties* to the hearing.

ADDENDUM 2 - COURSES



Course 4	Course 6	Course 3	Course 5
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.