

Beneteau First 36.7
GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP
VERMILION, OH

Hosted by the Vermilion Boat Club
Sanctioned by the Beneteau First 36.7 North
American Class Association

Co Sponsored by: Cleveland / Detroit Fleet
June 6, 7, 8, 2008



NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS)*, except as any of these is altered by this Notice or by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Beneteau 36.7 Class Rules will also apply.
- 1.3 The organizing authority for this race is the Vermilion Boat Club.

2 ADVERTISING

The organizing authority has designated advertising Category A for this event in accordance with RRS 79 Advertising and ISAF Regulation Section 20. All boats may be required to display the event bow stickers on their bow while racing.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all Beneteau First 36.7s whose owners are members of the Beneteau First 36.7 North American One Design Class.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry forms online at www.beneteau367glc.com or printing and sending it, together with the required entry fee to The Vermilion Boat Club 5416 Liberty Ave Vermilion, Ohio 44089 by May 15, 2008. Appendix A of the Beneteau First 36.7 North American One-Design Class Rules online at www.beneteau367glc.com must be fully completed and submitted with the entry form. Any substitutions may be noted by submitting additional forms detailing the date and nature of the substitutions. Entries received after May 15, 2008 may be accepted at the sole discretion of the organizing committee.

- 4 **FEES** The entry fee is \$200.00 US funds per boat. In addition to the entry fee of \$200.00 US, a late fee of \$100.00 US shall be payable with all entries received after May 15, 2008. The entry fee includes entry into all social activities on the Vermilion Boat Club property for the skippers. Meal wristbands will be available for the events as follows \$50.00 for all meals (three full buffet breakfasts and two dinners). \$25.00 for Breakfast's only. \$25.00 for dinners only. Wrist bands can also be purchased for non racers at the same rate. Dockage at the Vermilion Boat Club from 6/1/08- 6/9/08 is available at no charge to participating race boats.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1** Racing will be held Friday through Sunday, June 6, 7, 8, 2008 with the warning signal for the first race at 0950 hrs. each day.
- 5.2** 11 races are scheduled. Multiple races are scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday June 6, 7, 8, 2008.
- 5.3** No warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs. Sunday June 8, 2008.

6 REGISTRATION, INSPECTIONS AND WEIGH INS

- 6.1** All yachts may be inspected at Vermilion Boat Club prior to registration to ensure compliance with Beneteau First 36.7 North American One Design Class rule 4.1. Any yachts not complying to rule 4.1 must pass inspection prior to 12 (noon) on June 5, 2008
- 6.1.1** Skippers and crews will be weighed in at check in to ensure compliance with class rule.
- 6.2** Race packets will be available at Vermilion Boat Club on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 1600-1900 hrs and Thursday, June 5, 2008 1600-2100 hrs. There will NOT be any skippers meeting.
- 6.3** Skippers and crews will be weighed in at check in to ensure compliance with class rule
- 6.3.1** Substitute crews may be weighed in on the morning of the day they will race, only after making prior arrangements with the registration committee.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The sailing instructions will be available with the race packets. (see 6.2) When available they may be posted on the Regatta Web site.

8 VENUE:

The racing area will be 1 to 4 nautical miles North of the entrance to the Vermilion River. The location of dockage and social activities will be at the Vermilion Boat Club, 5416 Liberty Ave. Vermilion Ohio.

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be as follows: Windward leeward courses, 4-7 legs. Windward offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

10 SCORING

- 10.1** One 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2** (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 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.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

The race committee intends to use VHF marine radio channel 71 to broadcast courtesy information to competitors. 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 satellite communications; use for an emergency is permitted.

13 PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be given as follows: Regatta overall prizes will be awarded for 1st through 5th place.

13.2 Prizes for individual races for 1st through 3rd places will be presented each evening for that day's racing.

13.3 A separate prize will be presented to the overall 1st place shoal draft keelboat. The shoal draft prize-winner will be computed by removing all deep draft boats from the results and recalculating the shoal draft boat finishes.

14 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.

15 INSURANCE

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

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Terry Freeman at 440.967.0260 / terry@freeman-eckley.com or Dave or Sue Grassley at 734. 243.1893 / dave@grassley.com

SERVICES

Don Parsons Inc. will be offering haul-in/out and mast stepping services. For prices and to schedule your work please call 440-967-7910.

Great Lakes Diesel will be available for any engine issues. Contact Jim Zima @440.396.8077

LODGING

The official hotel is the Holiday Inn Express 2417 State Route 60 Vermilion, OH 44089. Special rates are available if you book by 05-10-08. Shuttle service is available.

Gilchrist House

<http://www.gilchristhouse.com/index.html>

440.967.1237

Dan and Laura Roth - walking distance to the boat

Walk in the water Cottage - Lake front - 5 minute drive

<http://www.walkinthewater.com/>

440.963.0020

Another lake front cottage – 5 minute drive

<http://www.lodgesonthelake.com/index.html>

1.800.475.9690

