

Beneteau First 36.7
GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP
Cleveland, Ohio



Hosted by The Cleveland Yachting Club
Sanctioned by the Beneteau First 36.7 North American Class Association
Co-sponsored by: Cleveland / Detroit Fleet

August 15 – 16, 2009

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (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 Cleveland Yachting 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 Cleveland Yachting Club 200 Yacht Club Drive, Rocky River, Ohio 44116 by August 1, 2009. 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 August 1, 2009 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 August 1, 2009. The entry fee includes entry into all social activities at The Cleveland Yachting Club property for the skippers. Meal wristbands will be available for the events as follows \$50.00 for all meals (two breakfasts and two dinners). Individual meals can be purchased for \$25.00 for breakfasts only and \$25.00 for dinners only. Wrist bands can also be purchased for non-competitors at the same rate. Dockage at The Cleveland Yachting Club from 8/13/09 - 8/20/09 is available at no charge to participating race boats.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Racing will be held Saturday through Sunday, August 15 – 16, 2009 with the warning signal for the first race at 0950 hours each day.

5.2 Up to 7 races are scheduled. Multiple races are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, August 15 – 16, 2009.

5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours Sunday, August 16, 2009.

6 REGISTRATION, INSPECTIONS AND WEIGH INS

6.1 All yachts may be inspected at the Cleveland Yachting 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 12:00 PM (noon) on August 14, 2009.

6.2 Skippers and crews will be weighed in at check in to ensure compliance with class rule.

6.3 Substitute crews may be weighed in on the morning of the day they will race, only after making prior arrangements with the registration committee.

6.4 Race packets will be available at The Cleveland Yachting Club on Thursday, August 13, 2009 from 1600-1900 hours and Friday, August 14, 2009 from 1600-2100 hours. There will NOT be any skippers meeting.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The sailing instructions will be available with the race packets (see 6.4). When available they may be posted on the Regatta Web site.

8 VENUE:

The racing area will be 1 to 3 nautical miles north of the entrance to the Rocky River. The location of dockage and social activities will be at The Cleveland Yachting Club 200 Yacht Club Drive, Rocky River, 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 J.B. Walsh (440.289.5751 and jbwalsh@sbcglobal.net) or Dan Clevenger (216.496.8465 and danclev@cox.net)

17 SERVICES

Edgewater Yacht Club will be offering haul-in/out and mast stepping services. For prices and to schedule your work please call TBD.

Knaggs Marine Repair will be available for any engine issues. Contact Paul Knaggs @ 440.396.8077

LODGING

Rooms have been reserved at the following locations (both are approximately 5 miles from The Cleveland Yachting Club). Please mention Great Lakes Beneteau 36.7 Championship to receive the discounted rate.

Courtyard by Marriott

25050 Sperry Drive
Westlake, Ohio 44145
440.871.3756
\$89.00 per night

TownPlace Suites by Marriott

25052 Sperry Drive
Westlake, Ohio 44145
440.892.4275
\$94.00 per night