



**Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship**  
**September 15 - 17, 2017**  
**Youngstown Yacht Club**  
**Youngstown, NY USA**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

The organizing authority is the Youngstown Yacht Club.

### **1 RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, US Sailing prescriptions shall apply as stated in Addendum 1 and the Beneteau 36.7 Class rules.

(a) 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.

1.2 Protest Arbitration

(a) Appendix T (Arbitration) applies and T1(b) is replaced with “A Post-Race Penalty is a 50% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.

### **2 ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

### **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Beneteau First 36.7 class entered by an owner who is a member in good standing of the Beneteau First 36.7 class association as of the date of event and must be valid through the end of the regatta. Owners shall be current members of their national governing body.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter online at: [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)

3.3 Sail declaration and crew list, including unexpired World Sailing classification rulings for all crew and substitute crew, shall be completed by 1800 on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2017. Crew lists will be posted online and on the official notice board as soon as practicable 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 on Thursday, September 14th or twenty four hours after the posting of a changed crew list.

3.4 All crew must be weighed and meet World Sailing classification eligibility requirements prior to racing.

3.5 All owners and crew will be required to sign a waiver of liability form prior to racing.

#### **4 FEES**

4.1 The required fees are as follows:

Description Received by Fee

Early Bird March 31 US\$ 625

Regular April 1 – July 31 US\$ 675

Late August 1 and after US\$ 725

4.2 No entries will be accepted after 1800 on September 9th, 2017

4.3 The entry fee includes dockage during the event and access to all event parties for the skipper and up to eight (8) crew. There may be additional fees charged for some events.

#### **5 SCHEDULE**

5.1 Three races are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, and two races are scheduled on Sunday. One additional race may be scheduled per day.

5.2 Schedule:

**Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>** YYC docks/moorings open

**Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** 1200 – 1730 Boat Inspection, Registration & weigh-in, optional practice

**Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

1830 Opening ceremony

1800 Skippers Meeting

**Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>**

1100 First warning

**Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>**

1100 First warning

**Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>**

1000 First warning

1400 No warning after this time

Alternate crew members may weigh by appointment each race day at 0800

#### **6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing instructions will be available at registration and will be posted online on or before September, 13th 2017.

#### **7 VENUE AND COURSES**

7.1 Racing will take place on the waters of Lake Ontario.

7.2 The courses will be windward/leeward courses using inflatable drop marks. Gates and offset marks may be used.

#### **8 SCORING**

8.1 One (1) completed race will constitute a series.

8.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. Once six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **9 SUPPORT BOATS**

9.1 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; and
- b) Not be allowed in the top half of the course; and
- c) Not be allowed on the extensions of the start line.

9.2 Support boats shall be marked with flags provided by the organizing authority.

## **10 BERTHING**

10.1 Boats will be assigned a berth at Youngstown Yacht Club. All boats must use this berth for the entire regatta.

10.2 All boats shall be in their assigned berth and available for inspection by 1800 on Thursday, September 14th.

## **11 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the jury for damage inspection or repair.

## **12 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

12.1 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.

12.2 The race committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information, including OCS hails after starts, to competitors. Failure of a boat to hear a broadcast by the race committee will not be grounds for redress.

## **13 PRIZES**

13.1 Overall prizes will be awarded to the top five boats, the top boat racing with no World Sailing Classification Group 3 sailors (Corinthian scoring), and the top boat with three or more members of the same family.

13.2 Daily prizes will be awarded each evening.

## **14 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.

## **15 INSURANCE**

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

## **16 BOW NUMBERS**

Each Bow numbers may be required, at the discretion of the Race Officer, to be displayed while racing, in accordance with the instructions for their placement. If required, the bow numbers and

instructions will be provided at registration. Boats failing to display bow numbers may be subject to protest by the race committee only, this changes Rule 60.1a.

## **17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

17.1 The Beneteau 36.7 event website is <http://www.yyc.org/2017-36-7-north-americans/>

17.2 For further information please contact:

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## **ADDENDUM 1**

**Applicable US Sailing Prescriptions** in the following rules of The *Racing Rules of Sailing*

Apply **Rule 40**

**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](http://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 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.