



Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship

August 20–23, 2026

Hosted by Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) for the Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship is Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club (ABYC).

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as changed by this Notice of Race (NOR) or by the sailing instructions.

1.2 Beneteau First 36.7 North American One Design Class Rules (hereafter "Class Rules") apply.

1.3 Racing rules will be changed as follows:

1.3.1. RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats starting and sailing the course but not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored points equal to the last finisher plus one point without a hearing.

1.3.2 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or

1.3.3. RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress, and for requesting that a hearing be reopened, on the last day of racing.

1.4. Sail Canada prescriptions apply. [Sail-Canada-Prescriptions-to-the-RRS-2025-2028_revfinal.pdf](#) (updated March 13, 2025)

1.5. Appendix T – Arbitration is in effect.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on or before Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at <https://abyc.ca/regatta/3tZaGme9mQ>

2.2 Class information is at <https://www.beneteaufirst367.net>

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The event website and Official Notice Board is located online at:

<https://abyc.ca/regatta/3tZaGme9mQ>

3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF 16, 69, 71, 72 and 73.

3.3 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that are not available to all boats.

3.3 Commercial pay services, e.g., XM Radio, SailFlow, Windy, and PredictWind, are considered to be available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to all Beneteau First 36.7 owners who are members of the Beneteau First 36.7 One Design Class Association (Class) at the time of the first race.

4.2 Owners shall be current members of their National Authority.

4.3 Boats shall be equipped per Appendix C of the Class Rules.

4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form online on Clubspot at:

<https://abyc.ca/regatta/3tZaGme9mQ>

4.5 The entry deadline is Friday, August 14, 2026 (see NOR 5).

4.6 At or before the time of registration:

4.6.1 Crew will be required to sign a waiver of liability.

4.6.2 Crew will be weighed.

4.6.3 Any subsequent change to the crew list requires prior written consent of the OA or the RC.

4.7 Class Rules Appendix A regarding sail declaration and crew lists shall be submitted no later than 1800 on August 18, 2026, to the Beneteau First 36.7 North American Championship Committee at: LOFirst367Fleet@outlook.com

4.8 Crew lists will be posted online and on the official notice board as soon as practicable after the deadline.

4.9 CATEGORIZATION: See Class Rules para 5.5.

4.10 The categorization protest time limit will be at 1600 on August 19, 2026, or 24 hours after the posting of the changed crew list, whichever is later.

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee is CAD\$850 per boat if completed and paid on or before June 30, 2026.

5.2 The entry fee for complete registration and payments made between July 1 and August 14, 2026 is CAD\$950 per boat.

5.3 The entry fee includes:

5.3.1 Dockage during the event (Thursday through Sunday), and

5.3.2 Access to all event parties for up to eight (8) crew, including cocktail parties each day, continental breakfast every morning, and BBQ dinner on Friday.

5.4 The Organizing Authority may authorize entries after the entry deadline of Friday, August 14, 2026.

6. ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be asked to display advertising from event sponsors.

6.2 Boats shall display the event bow stickers and/or identification numbers on their bow while racing.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 The intended schedule is as follows:

Thursday, August 20	Registration Crew weigh in Measurement/Inspections North American One Design Class Owner's Meeting Opening Cocktail Reception	1100 – 1800 1700 1800
Friday, August 21	Continental Breakfast Registration Crew weigh in Competitors Briefing First warning (2 races planned) Cocktail Party BBQ	0800 – 1000 1000 1300 Immediately after racing
Saturday, August 22	Continental Breakfast First Warning (3 races planned) Cocktail Party Buffett Dinner	0800 – 1000 1100 Immediately after racing

Sunday, August 23	Continental Breakfast	0800 – 1000
	First Warning (3 races planned)	1100
	No warning signal after	1500
	Awards Cocktail Reception	Immediately after racing

7.2 All times are Eastern Daylight Time

7.3 There will be no more than eight completed races for the regatta.

7.4 Eight (8) races are scheduled, three (3) on each racing day, except Friday, when two (2) races are scheduled. Up to four (4) races may be sailed in one day if needed to complete the scheduled number of races. The RC, at its discretion, may run fewer than eight (8) races.

7.5 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

8. MEASUREMENT, INSPECTIONS, WEIGH-INS

8.1 All boats will be inspected for compliance with Class Rules before racing begins. Additional inspections may be conducted during the event.

8.2 All boats shall be afloat and available for inspection by 1600 on Thursday, August 20 in their OA-assigned slips

8.3 Crew weigh-ins will be completed Thursday, August 20, 2026, between 1100 and 1800, and Friday, August 21, 2026, between 0800 and 1000, at Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club.

8.4 Approved substitute crews will be weighed by appointment on the morning of the day they race between 0700-0800.

9. CHARTERS

9.1 Inquiries regarding charter boats should be directed to Regatta Chair or Lake Ontario Fleet Captain. See 17.

10. VENUE AND COURSES

10.1 The racing area will be on Lake Ontario, on or near Ashbridge's Bay.

10.2 The races will be windward-leeward type courses similar to RRS Appendix S Course LA3.

10.3 The Organizing Authority may authorize one Distance type race to be sailed.

10.4 Courses may include gates and offset marks.

11. SCORING

11.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 A boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes RRS A2.1.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Support boats shall be registered with the OA prior to the start of racing.

12.2 Each race day, from the time of the first preparatory signal through and until all boats have finished racing, coach and support boats shall:

12.2.1 Stay at least 100 meters away from all racing boats.

12.2.2 Not be allowed in the top half of the course.

12.2.3 Not be allowed on the extensions of the start line.

12. MOORAGE, HAULOUT RESTRICTIONS AND INSPECTION

13.1 All boats shall be moored at Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club in their OA assigned slips during the event.

13.2 Dockage at Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club from Thursday, August 20 through Monday, August 24, 2026, is included in the entry fee for each boat entered in the regatta.

13.3 No boat shall be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permissions of the OA.

13.4 All boats are to remain available for inspection throughout the duration of the event at the discretion of the OA.

14. PRIZES

14.1 Overall prizes will be awarded to:

14.1.1 The top three boats, and

14.1.2 The top two boats racing with only WS Category 1 sailors (Corinthian Scoring).

14.2 Daily prizes will be awarded each evening to the top three boats of the day.

15. CONSENT

15.1 Competitors consent to the use by the OA, ABYC, and Class of their name, image, photo, voice, or visual recordings of their images ("Recordings") or any statements, whether oral or written, regarding the regatta ("Statements") and for the organizing authority to use, sell, copy, distribute, perform, display, transmit, or otherwise, exploit the foregoing Recordings,

Statements and personal identifiers by any means and in any media known or hereafter devised.

15.2 Competitors waive any rights of privacy or publicity in connection with the use of their name, Recordings, or Statements, waive the right to credit or acknowledgment in conjunction with their identity, Recordings, or Statements, and acknowledge that they shall have no right to inspect or approve any use of their identity, Recordings or Statements by the OA, ABYC and Class.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

16.2 The OA, all officers, employees, or volunteers of Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club, the Race Committee, the Beneteau First 36.7 North American One Design Class, and the 2026 North American Championship Committee team, will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, and/or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after this regatta.

17. INSURANCE

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability coverage per event of CAD\$2,000,000 for Canadian boats and USD\$500,000 for US boats.

17.2 A copy of the policy shall be available at the event.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 For further information, please contact the following:

Host Club: Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club	30 Ashbridge's Bay Park Road Toronto, ON, Canada M4L 3W6 Phone: 416-698-4498 Email: admin@abyc.ca Website: www.abyc.ca
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