



2026 Beneteau First 36.7 North Americans

Ashbridge's Bay Yacht Club, Toronto
August 20-23 (Racing August 21-23)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the scheduled warning time of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Racing Rules of Sailing: [racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/15509/event](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/15509/event).
- 3.2 The race office is located at the gazebo beside the flagpole between the clubhouse and harbour.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel International 71.
- 3.4 The following communications may be made by the race committee on VHF:
- location of race committee vessel
 - alternate preparatory signals
 - postponement or abandonment
 - starting signals
 - general recalls and OCS boats
 - timing of next start sequence

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole beside the gazebo between the clubhouse and the harbour.
- 5.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1

Thursday August 20	Registration Crew weigh in Measurement/Inspections Class Owner's Meeting Opening Reception	1100-1800 1700 1800
Friday August 21	Continental Breakfast Registration Crew Weigh In Competitor's Briefing First Warning (2 races planned) Cocktail Party BBQ Dinner	0800-1000 1000 1300 After racing
Saturday August 22	Continental Breakfast First Warning (3 races planned) Cocktail Party Dinner	0800-1000 1100 After racing
Sunday August 23	Continental Breakfast First Warning (3 races planned) No warning signal after Awards Cocktail Reception	0800-1000 1100 1500 After racing

- 6.2** One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the event does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.

7 CLASS FLAG

- 7.1** 36.7 in black on a white background.

8 RACING AREA

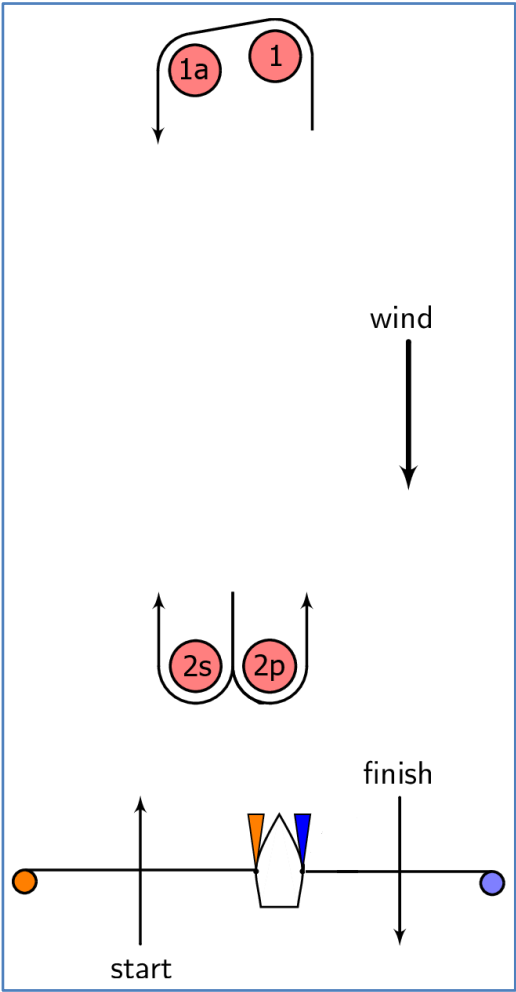
8.1 The racing area is centred at 1 NM Southeast (135°M) of the exit from Ashbridge's Bay outer harbour.

9 COURSES

9.1 The diagram below shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, and the side on which each mark is to be left:

Rounding order:

Start, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, 1, 1a, Finish



9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing (e.g. 030) and length (e.g. 0.9) of the first leg.

9.3 The course may be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.2 provided a minimum of two legs have been sailed, excluding the leg between mark 1 and mark 1a.

10 MARKS

10.1	Start	RC Vessel
	1, 1a, 2s, 2p	Yellow Tetrahedron
	New mark as provided in SI 13.1	Pink Tetrahedron

Finish	Red Tetrahedron
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11 THE START

11.1 The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the signal vessel and starting mark.

11.2 As a courtesy, if any part of a boat's hull 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 sail number on VHF. A boat may not request redress based on failure of the race committee to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

11.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 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.

12.2 When Mark 1 has been changed, Mark 1a is no longer a mark of the course. It will be removed as soon as practicable. This changes RRS 33.

12.3 The leeward gate may be replaced by a single mark; in this case the mark will be left to port.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.1, applies.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target Time
30 minutes	100 minutes	30 minutes	60 minutes

15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course. Boats starting but failing to sail the course within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored DNF.

15.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

16.2 Hearing request forms shall be submitted online at: Racing Rules of Sailing: racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/15509/event.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 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 protest room, located in the boardroom on the ground floor of the clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.

17 SCORING

17.1 See NOR 11.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 [DP] Boats shall sail past the signal vessel on starboard tack when coming to the race area to check in.

18.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

19.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

- 20.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.
- 21 **[DP] SUPPORT TEAMS**
- 21.1 Support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 22 **TRASH DISPOSAL**
- 22.1 [DP] Trash shall not be disposed of in the water. After racing, trash may be disposed of in the trash bins in the club parking lots.
- 23 **BERTHING**
- 23.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the harbour.
- 24 **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**
- 24.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
- 25 **DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**
- 25.1 [DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the event without the written permission of the race committee.
- 25.2 [DP] Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means between 0600h on August 21st and end of racing on August 23rd.
- 26 **PRIZES**
- 26.1 See NOR 14.
- 27 **RISK STATEMENT**
- 27.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**