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**Beneteau First 36.7 North American
One-Design Class Rules**

*Modifications to class rules from the prior year are underlined

1 OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 These rules, as adopted by the “Beneteau First 36.7 North American One Design Class Association” (Class), are set in place to maintain the First 36.7’s one-design standards and to ensure equal and fair racing among all boats in the class. Wherever possible, these rules will not compromise the First 36.7’s ease of handling, affordability, safety, comfort, and styling.

The Rules can be interpreted in two very different ways. An Owner could make the assumption that the Beneteau First 36.7 is a boat that should be able to be continually optimized and modified with very little restriction, causing a further assumption that any changes an Owner chooses are acceptable **unless** specifically *prohibited* by these rules. The Beneteau First 36.7 Class does not recognize this philosophy.

The Beneteau First 36.7 Class Rules shall be interpreted such that Owners participating in one design racing make the assumption that **no** modifications are allowed **unless** they have been specifically *approved* by these rules, or by a direct ruling from the First 36.7 Class’ Technical Committee. This means that any changes or modifications from a standard Beneteau First 36.7 would have to be specifically allowed within these rules to be considered legal. The penalty for participating in Class one design events with a boat that had knowingly made modifications outside of those allowed within these rules could be disqualification from those or any First 36.7 Class one design events.

However, the intent of these rules is not to disqualify owners from one design events; the intent is to keep all competing boats equal and within the parameters of the rules. We believe that these rules contain all of the necessary information to allow each Owner to ensure that their boat and their crew are within compliance and similar to their fellow competitors. Ultimately, it is each Owner who is responsible for upholding the integrity of these rules, and the integrity of the Beneteau First 36.7 Class’ one design racing.

- 1.2 All designs and dimensions of First 36.7’s hull, steering wheel, rudder, spars, equipment, keel, deck, weight and distribution thereof, sail plan, and interior shall be alike.
- 1.3 The Class prohibits any and all deliberate modifications and alterations to a boat, unless cited in these rules, to all yachts competing in one design or class-sponsored events. Anyone who believes, or has evidence, that a competitor or boat is not in compliance with these Class Rules is encouraged to submit the information to their Class Representative, or to the Race Committee and/or Judge *before* the regatta’s first race has begun.
- 1.4 In order to guarantee compliance with the First 36.7 building specifications, among other copyrights, Beneteau USA, Inc. (BUSA) is the only authorized builder of First 36.7’s equipped to race One Design in North America. Molded fiberglass parts, spars, rudder, keel, engine and prop shall be supplied by BUSA or a manufacturer designated by Beneteau or the Class Technical Committee.
- 1.5 It is the responsibility of the Owner or the primary helmsman and active members to ensure that their yacht complies with these Class Rules.

- 1.6 Class members may submit requests for rule changes to the technical committee February 16 thru November 1 of each year. Whenever possible, proposed rules modifications will be posted on the Class website. Approved changes will be effective February 15 of the following calendar year. Questions received by the Technical Committee, regarding rules interpretations will be answered and posted and updated periodically and will be used only for assistance in the clarification of class rules.

ADMINISTRATION

- 2.1 The Class Executive Committee (EC) will hold the authority over class rules and will rule on challenges to the Class Rules and/or the enforcement thereof. For issues involved with ensuring compliance to class rules, the local Fleet Captain may also be used to assist in mediation and resolution.
- 2.2 The Class Executive Committee will apprise class members of any rule changes in an appropriate and timely manner; the First 36.7 Class website is the preferred method of promoting and informing the class members of any changes. This site can be found at: <http://www.beneteaufirst367.org/forums/upload/index.php>
- 2.3 The official language for the class shall be English, in the event of conflicts. The appearance of the word “shall” makes that statement mandatory, and the word ‘may’ is permissive.
- 2.4 Advertising for boats racing in the Class shall comply with the current International Sailing Federation Regulations (ISAF)-Category A.
- 2.5 The Executive Committee shall consist of the following officers:
President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Event Chairman
Technical Committee Chairman
Chief Measurer

3 MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 All yachts participating in a Beneteau 36.7 North American, Regional Championship, NOOD Regatta, or other Class one design race shall submit the BENETEAU FIRST 36.7 ONE DESIGN RACING CERTIFICATION FORM (noted in Class Rules as *Appendix A*) to a class representative at the event. Appendix A is also the official form for an Owner to register their overall crew weight for a race and/or regatta. Appendix A is also to be submitted at any other One Design Event where required by the Notice of Race.
- 3.2 A Class Member shall be an Owner of a First 36.7, shall comply with Class Rules, and shall pay annual dues. Family members (further defined in Rule 3.4-A #2), crew, or other individuals supporting the Class Association by paying annual dues shall be considered an Associate Member.
- 3.3 An Owner may be a sole owner, or one of two, three or four joint owners that are competitors that share meaningful ownership in the purchase of the complete yacht and the cost of its operations. Ownership begins on the date transfer of watercraft title is completed. The Owner(s) is/are recognized as the purchaser or obligee of the title. It is also requested that a new boat or used boat purchaser contact the Class Technical Committee Chairman within 45 days after purchase to allow for the Class Sail Button database to be updated with their information.
- 3.4 The First 36.7 Class is an Owner/Driver Class. In these Rules, the ‘Driver’ is heretofore defined as the person on board who steers the yacht from the Preparatory signal until the finish of any race. For all 36.7 Class Regional and North American Championship one design buoy racing, the Owner or their immediate family-as described in 3.4 #2-shall act as the Driver unless noted otherwise by the First 36.7 Class; this rule is in effect for all races of a regatta. Any references in these rules to “Group 1 or 3” competitors are referring to the criteria used by ISAF to categorize the status of a racing sailor. A Group 3 competitor may only act as a Driver if he or she is a 100% Owner of a First 36.7. Further, during a race, the Owner/Driver is allowed a momentary absence due to a personal or shipboard need provided it is at least five minutes after the start of the race.

A. To encourage Crew participation and Fleet development, the Owner/Driver Rule is relaxed for **local** Fleet one design racing. For these races, the Owner may have a Group 1 competitor act as the Driver, however the ½ weight credit **cannot** be claimed if an Owner is not acting as the Driver. Additionally for these races, the Driver shall meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. An Active member or associate member of the First 36.7 Class, as described in Rule 3.2.
2. An immediate family member of an owner, defined here through blood, in-law, or step- relatedness as: husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, or grand-relatedness.
3. An Associate Member of the Class who is Regular Crew* for the Owner.
*Regular Crew is defined as a Group 1 crew member for a specific First 36.7 Owner, and one who has participated in at least 50% of the last 8 (eight) First 36.7 Class one design buoy races that said Owner has raced (on his/her First 36.7) within the past 12 months. If challenged, proof shall be presented in the form of the Owner's *Appendix A* form submitted for those previous races. Any final determination on the validity of Regular Crew for local events will be made by the local Fleet Captain. For new Owners ('new' being defined as one who has been a member of the 36.7 Class for less than 365 days), the Owner shall drive during all Class Events until he/she has raced a minimum of 8 (eight) First 36.7 Class one design buoy races (local or other) in order to establish their 'regular crew'.

An Owner may have a guest Driver (defined here as one who does not meet **any** of the criteria listed in 1, 2, or 3 above) for a local one design race, and may do so by requesting the local Fleet Captain execute a simple majority vote of local fleet members,

- B. The maximum crew weight (in shorts and t-shirt) for one-design racing is 1,550 lbs. without limit on the number of crew and with the Owner/Driver counting as ½ of their weight. For a boat with multiple owners, the Owner on board who is acting as the Driver will always be the one who is counted as ½-weight, and shall be identified as such on the Appendix A Form(s). For racing requiring a weigh-in, a yacht will be required to do so only once, except when a substitute crewmember joins the crew aboard. At that time, only the substitute will be weighed. Local Fleet Captains may designate a race or regatta as one requiring all competing boats to weigh-in. This can be done by giving all competitors written or verbal notice at least 48 hours before the warning gun of the race and by offering a reasonable location for performing the weigh-ins.
- C. For One Design Class long-distance races ('long distance' being defined as a race consisting of 25 or more continuous nautical miles), the Owner (the person claiming the ½ weight credit and listed as the Driver on Appendix A) shall steer, at minimum, from the Preparatory Signal to the completion of the first hour of the race, and shall steer for approximately the last hour of the race and Finish the boat. Additional Drivers for these events shall be determined by using the criteria in all of Section 3.4A.
- D. A First 36.7 Owner who is a Class member attending a race or Regatta in a chartered boat is entitled to and bound by the same criteria as described in all of Section 3. As such, these Owners are also entitled to the ½ weight credit, and the owner who is paying to charter the boat shall be considered the Owner of record for the regatta. If there are two or more Owners on board the same chartered boat, the Owner who is acting as the Driver is the one who may claim the ½ weight credit.

3.5 While racing in One Design Class events, only one Group 3 competitor is allowed on board a boat participating in competition. The rest of the crew shall be comprised of Group 1 sailors. Competitors are required to obtain verification of their Group status by applying online to the ISAF website. For North American Championship Events, all sailors (Owners and Crew) participating in any racing during the event are required to have a current ISAF Classification Code, or it will be assumed that they are a Group 3 sailor. The ISAF Classifications can be found at the following link: <http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/ClassificationCode2010ISAF-%5B8185%5D.pdf>

The ISAF Classification Code application form can be completed online at the following link: <http://www.sailing.org/classification/>

3.6 An Employee or Staff Member of Beneteau USA or an Owner or Employee of an Authorized Beneteau USA Dealer shall be permitted to compete on any First 36.7 at any event at any time, regardless of their ISAF classification, by obtaining approval from a majority vote of the Technical Committee and Fleet Captains. A determination of approval shall be made within 30 days of receipt of a sailing and occupational resume and if approval is gained, they will retain that designation until revocation. Recipients of this approval will not count as a Group 3 competitor in rule 3.5.

4 MEASUREMENT

- 4.1 By participating in First 36.7 events or for First 36.7 one design trophies, owners agree to permit First 36.7 Class Officers or Race Committee or their appointed representatives to board their boat for the purpose of inspecting and/or measuring. Boats entered into competition must be made available at least 48 hours before the scheduled start of the first race of the Regatta; these boats may also be measured at any time during the Regatta.
- 4.2 Any variation in builder-supplied equipment or specifications must be approved by the Executive Committee. Approved variations are listed in Appendix B. The Executive Committee may, at its discretion, deem a boat not in compliance with these Rules or take further action.
- 4.3 Refer to Appendix B for a full list of the specific allowed changes/modifications.
- A. Lifelines, Stanchions, Pulpits and their connections shall be configured at least according to Beneteau specifications, be made entirely of stainless steel, and the lifelines must be a minimum of 3/16" in diameter. The lower lifeline, when depressed with a 10 pound weight, shall be no lower than four (4") inches above the working deck between any two stanchions. The upper lifeline, when depressed with a 10 lb. weight, shall not exceed two (2") inches of downward deflection between any two stanchions.
 - B. The mast, mast step, and boom may not be modified or altered in any way from the original factory specifications.
 - C. Some equipment that is not permitted for one design racing: halyard locks or hooks; holes or tubes that feed halyards or control lines through the deck, hull or transom; hydraulics of any kind.
 - D. All boats shall be wet sailed with commercially-available anti-fouling paint or epoxy applied to the entire underwater surface/bottom. The only exception to this rule is to allow a Dealer-owned inventory boat that is being chartered or loaned to a Class member to facilitate/allow for their participation in a regatta. McLube, or other types of non-permanent paints or materials, are not permitted. Additionally, 'boat baths' are not permitted.
 - E. During class racing, which is defined here as the period of time that begins at the preparatory signal and lasts until the finish of the race, adjustment or detachment of the forestay and/or shrouds is not permitted. Additionally, a boat racing in a class event shall not, from the time it leaves the dock until after it has completed the last race of that day, adjust or move the mast at its base or the position of the mast step or partners.
- 4.4 Altering the Rudder or Keel Profile to exceed tolerances set forth by these Rules, or the Official Offsets, is strictly prohibited. Any variation from the Construction Specifications to a hull, deck, interior, keel, rudder, rig or overall weight of a yacht for which there is no prescribed measurement shall be compared by a Class Measurer to a sample of 3 boats. If the variation is within the range taken from the 3 yachts, the Class Measurer may accept the variation. If the variation is outside this range the matter shall be reported to the Chief Measurer for action. Further, any boat that shows clear evidence that an attempt has been made to change its shape, or evidence is available to suggest this, shall have the matter referred to the Management Group (Executive Committee and/or Technical Committee) for action. This action may be taken regardless of the variation and range of measurement with other yachts by citing rule 1.3, which prohibits 'deliberate modifications and alterations to a boat'.
- 4.5 Keel and rudder measurement and modifications: Beneteau 36.7 keels and rudders may not be altered from the standard keel and rudder as supplied by Beneteau or the official Class supplier, with the exception that the keel profile may be shaped to form a smooth aerofoil provided it remains within the class tolerance described below. The fore and aft chord measurement and overall depth must also remain within the measurements below, and there shall be no fairing other than mild sanding in the keel bulb, as defined by the area that is below 55 inches (55") from the top of the keel. Keels will be measured only by the Chief Measurer, Fleet Captains, or someone authorized by the Chief Measurer or Technical Committee, using a set of templates made by the Chief Measurer that have been provided to each established local fleet. Keel thickness measurements will be taken at 8 defined points, noted as points F1 thru F8, using an inside Caliper of sufficient size to the nearest 1/32". No measurement taken at any of these 8 points may exceed the Standard Keel Measurements by more than Plus (+) or Minus (-) 6/32". Because of the difficulties in both accurately fairing and measuring keels, an additional tolerance of 2/32" will be given for no more than one of the 8 defined points. Additionally, the trailing edge of the keel may have an angled bevel of up to 30 degrees to prevent vibration; however the keel trailing edge thickness may not be less than 7/32" at any point. The trailing edge of the rudder may also have a bevel of up to 30 degrees.

Official Standard Keel Measurements (in thickness):

F1: 4 16/32", F2: 4 17/32", F3: 1 11/32", F4: 2 30/32", F5: 4 19/32", F6: 3 3/32", F7: 4 3/32", F8: 4 8/32"

Keel Depth shall not exceed 68-20/32" plus or minus 12/32" when measured as a straight line from the top of the keel (hull/keel joint) through measurement points F2, F5, F7 to the bottom of the keel - and when measured as a straight line from the top of the keel (hull/keel joint) through (approximately) measurement points F3, F6, F8 to the bottom of the keel.

Chord Measurement shall not exceed 33-16/32" plus or minus 12/32", with the measurement taken from trailing edge through measurement points F6, F5 and F4 to the middle of the leading edge of the keel.

Distance from the back of the keel to the lower edge of the transom shall not exceed 208" plus or minus 8/32", with the measurement taken from the point where the transom and hull meet, to the mark measured from the templates on the trailing edge of the keel, **See Appendix D diagram for the approximate location of the measurement points.**

- 4.6 Beginning April 1, 2010, boats racing in regional, national, or North American Class one design competition will be issued an official First 36.7 Class Keel Measurement Certificate (MC) by the Technical Committee and Chief Measurer. The purpose of this certificate is to verify that keels have been measured and meet the criteria defined in section 4.5. Each First 36.7 keel has been or will be measured by a representative of the TC and/or the local fleet captain. If the resulting measurements comply with the Official Standard Keel Measurements, a Keel Measurement Certificate will be issued.

Upon its issuance, and the acceptance of it by the Owner, he/she agrees to refrain from further alterations/fairing of their keel in any way - other than to perform normal (or off-season) maintenance and preparation. Any work that is considered more extensive than normal maintenance or preparation to a boat already issued an MC will require that new keel measurements be taken before the boat can resume racing one design. If an Owner's keel is damaged in such a way that it requires more than paint preparation or slight sanding to complete the repairs, the keel must be re-measured and re-issued a Certificate before they can once again race one design. A fee of \$150 will be charged to/collected from the Owner to cover the costs & expenses of any re-measurement. These fees will be collected by the Local Fleet's Treasurer and will be applied to the coffers of the local fleet.

As the keel measurement data is collected and Keel Measurement Certificates issued, the resulting measurements will be made public to First 36.7 Class Members, initially by contacting the Executive Committee or Technical Committee and eventually thru the Class website. All Official Standard Keel Measurement points and their **approximate** locations are marked in a drawing titled Appendix D. Each established 36.7 Fleet will be provided one set of Official Standard Keel Measurement templates to be used for measuring keels, and one set of calipers to measure thickness. The integrity of these measurement tools should be maintained and the templates kept by the local Fleet Captain.

See Appendix E to view the Class Keel Measurement Certificate

- 4.7 Hull modifications are prohibited except for the following: the hull below the bottom of the boot stripe may be sanded for the purpose of removing and/or adding barrier coat and/or bottom paint. Additionally, the center seam at the bottom of the hull *and* the seam for the sail drive plate may be filled in and faired to a maximum width of 3 (three) inches to smooth the surface of the seam and allow it to become flush with the hull after sanding. Additionally, fairing compound may be added to the below-waterline through-hulls to allow them to become flush with the hull after sanding. The fairing compound is limited to a maximum 10 (ten) inches total diameter around each through-hull, or 5 (five) inches in any direction from the center of the through-hull. A boat's hull may be painted any color, providing it is painted with a commercially-available paint used for such applications, such as Awl Grip or Imron. Extending the bottom finish above the bottom of the factory-installed boot stripe is prohibited.
- 4.8 Sail Drive Leg. The surface may be lightly sanded in preparation for painting. No grinding, removal of aluminum, or fairing of the sail drive leg or its propeller is permitted. Any paint system applied to the saildrive leg shall be of normal thickness; it shall be checked to manufacturer's tolerances for standard configuration.

5 EQUIPMENT RULES

- 5.1 The First 36.7 was created as a racer/cruiser, and as such shall race with the supplied standard equipment. Standard factory supplied furnishings and equipment including, but not limited to: the swim ladder, Harken Carbo Foil or Tuff Luff, two 12 volt batteries, refrigeration system, pressure water system, holding tank and head, any of the interior or exterior components, floor boards, bunk cushions, and bulkhead doors. These items shall not be relocated or removed when racing, except as specified in Appendix B.

5.2 Moved to Rule 6.1- D

- 5.3 A list of required equipment to be carried aboard each boat whilst participating in one design racing is attached to these rules as Appendix C. This list shall be considered the minimum amount of equipment required for fleet one design racing.

6 SAILS

6.1 Sails - Overview:

- A. The intent of this section is to keep the class inventory simple, economical, and durable through a wide range of sailing conditions appropriate to the performance of the boat. Any change that is not specifically covered by the sail plan and measurements shall be considered illegal until a ruling has been obtained from the Chief Measurer, and the Executive Committee has concurred.
- B. Sails shall be constructed not to exceed maximum dimension set within, and measured in accordance with, the current ISAF guidelines.
- C. Sails carried aboard, or used during an event where First 36.7's are competing as a class amongst themselves, shall be limited to:
- one class mainsail,
 - one class genoa,
 - one class jib
 - two class symmetrical spinnakers of different weight per rule 6.6

All sails must carry an official Beneteau-36.7 Royalty Class Button ("Button"), as defined in Rule 6.2. Additionally, the five sails to be used for any specific 36.7 Class regatta must be declared for use before the regatta on the One Design Racing Certification Form (Appendix A). Only those five declared class sails are allowed on board the boat at any time while racing that regatta.

- D. (Moved; was previously 5.2) Safety equipment shall conform to ISAF Regulations prescribed by the applicable Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions. Storm and Heavy Weather Sails are permitted beyond the normal 5 sail limitation. Storm and Heavy Weather sails, as prescribed and recommended by ISAF Offshore Special Regulations- Race Category #4-Section 4.26, are allowed to be carried on board at any time and may be used during one design racing. Sail buttons are not required on Storm and Heavy Weather Sails. The link to this ISAF Regulation and its limitations is below; please refer to pages 48-49, Rule 4.26:
<http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR2010Complete101209Web-%5B7979%5D.pdf>

6.2 Class Sail Acquisition:

- A. Calendar year for sail acquisitions shall be defined as January 1-December 31 of the year the sail was acquired. Sail acquisition is limited to 2 sails in any calendar year, whether they are new or used sails. Only class members or their sailmaker may purchase sail buttons for these sails.
- B. A 'new owner' who purchases a new or used boat new or used boat purchaser may purchase sail buttons for up to one complete set of sails, as defined in Rule 6.1-C, plus one additional sail. These initial 6 (six) sail buttons may be purchased at any time during ownership and do not have to be purchased immediately. However, using the date of the first sail button purchased as the starting date, the new owner will have 12 (twelve) months to purchase the remaining buttons for the initial complete set of sails, the other in the first 12 months of ownership, After the first twelve months of ownership, Once this twelve-month period has ended, At the beginning of the the sail acquisition schedule will follow the calendar year schedule defined in Rule 6.2-A.
- C. Sail Buttons: All sails used in First 36.7 Class events shall have official sail "Buttons" affixed (preferably sewn) near the tack. Buttons may be purchased from the Technical Committee Chairman (TCC). Upon each "button" purchase, the TCC issues two buttons per sail-one for port, one for starboard. Information is available on the class web site at <http://www.beneteaufirst367.org>. Sail buttons cost \$30 per sail or \$125 for the initial set of sails and will be recorded in a database with the Owner, hull number, type of sail and date of acquisition. Sail Buttons are not

transferable, except to the subsequent owner when a boat has been sold. The right to purchase Sail Buttons may not be carried forward from year-to-year or from boat-to-boat. Members or sailmakers shall order the buttons from the class TCC. The sailmaker must provide the anticipated delivery date of the sail; this date must be a date subsequent to the order being received by the TCC, unless prescribed otherwise by the Executive Committee. This delivery date shall be used as the acquisition date. The sailmaker must notify the class TCC if the actual delivery date varies by more than 30 days and the class will use the corrected date. Sail button applications are available on the class web site. No buttons shall be issued if they contravene the rules above.

A boat competing in 36.7 class one design racing may use any combination of buttoned class sails (either current or previously buttoned sails may be used) providing the buttons have been issued to that boat. All buttoned sails must meet class sail measurements and may not have been altered in any way, and must have a Button affixed, as per rule 6.2. B and C.

- D. Replacement sails due to damage beyond the normal wear and tear or not associated with normal sailing (fire, lightning, etc.) must be documented and presented to the Executive Committee and class measurer for exemption and/or approval. The acquisition date for an approved replacement sail shall be the date the new sail is acquired. In the event the owner is not eligible for that button, the acquisition date shall be carried forward to the soonest date the owner would be eligible to button that sail. During a regatta, a class representative may approve the use of a non-declared previously-buttoned sail for that regatta - if a boat's currently buttoned, declared sail is damaged beyond reasonable immediate repair.
- E. Moved to 6.2- C for continuity.
- F. Owners chartering a yacht for an event may use their own sails or the sails registered with the boat they are chartering, but may not combine sails from two different boats, except with the expressed approval of the Technical Committee. Owners purchasing a used 36.7 are entitled to a new set of sails, and they may combine the new buttoned sails with the existing buttoned sails from the boat they are purchasing.
- G. A boat owner may petition the Technical Committee to use substitute sails which comply with class measurement, for up to 90 days from the start of their first race, if they are waiting for delivery of their new racing sails.
- H. Upon transfer of a used boat to a new owner, the new owner must notify the technical committee chairperson of the new owner's name and address, button numbers for all sails being transferred to the new owner, and the previous owner's name. The technical committee chairperson will then transfer buttons to the new owner. Transferred buttons do not count towards the buttons a new owner can purchase.

6.3 Mainsail:

- A. Fabric limitations shall not apply.
- B. The mainsail shall be set within the bands on the spars at all times.
- C. Dimensions shall not exceed:
 - Leech—14581mm
 - Top girth—1045mm (all girths to closest point of luff)
 - ¼ girth—1805mm
 - ½ girth— 3087mm.
 - ¾ girth—4040mm
 - Head—175mm
- D. A maximum of five (5) battens shall be fitted of any length so that the center of the batten pockets shall divide the aft edge of the sail into equal parts with a tolerance +/- 80 mm.
- E. Batten material can be composite, excluding Carbon Fiber.
- F. The tack ring of the mainsail shall be affixed in the standard tack fitting.
- G. The mainsail foot may otherwise be loose.
- H. Reinforcement triangles at seams at leech of sail may be used. They shall not exceed 150mm in length and width.

- I. Reinforcement patches underneath slide/eyelet locations may be used.
- J. At least one serviceable reef set shall be installed no closer than 1830mm up from the tack. Reef (s) may be fitted with a reinforcement band of similar material not exceeding 150mm in width between luff and leech.
- K. The mainsail shall be attached to the mast with sail slides or boltrope.
- L. The mainsail may be fitted with a cunningham ring and flattening rings. The cunningham may not be more than 350mm above the tack and the flattener no more than 420mm above the clew. Cunningham may be fitted with a reinforcement band of similar material not exceeding 150mm in width between cunningham and clew.
- M. The class insignia shall be a contrasting color to the mainsail with the overall dimensions of the “B” logo to be at least 785mm tall and the numbers “36.7” to be at least 200mm high. Insignia shall be affixed on both sides of the sail, starboard side above the port side. Model number and “box” to be perpendicular to the luff of the sail. Insignia to be located between the half height and upper ¼ height of mainsail.

Upon winning a class championship a gold chevron may be placed to the right of the “B”.

- N. View windows, trim stripes and tell tale windows are permitted.

6.4 Genoa:

- A. Fabric limitations shall not apply.
- B. Dimensions shall not exceed:
 - Head width—108mm
 - Luff Maximum—14350mm
 - Luff Minimum—13600mm
 - Luff Perpendicular (L.P.) Maximum—6161mm (155% of J)
 - L.P. Minimum—5962mm (150% of J)
- C. No Class Genoa shall have a clew height of more than 3 feet above the deck when set.
- D. View windows, trim stripes, and tell tale windows permitted.
- E. Leech and foot lines permitted.
- F. Tacking lines not permitted.
- G. Leech Battens not permitted.
- H. A genoa Cunningham, secondary tack fittings, and alternate tack extensions are not allowed. A shackle may be permanently fitted to the sail tack; however that shackle must then be directly affixed to the U-bolt on the bow of the boat, meaning that only one shackle may be used and it must attach the sail directly to the boat. Otherwise, the tack ring in the sail must be closed and attached directly to the shackle on the U-bolt. For boats using a Harken furling system with a furling sail, the tack of the sail may be shackled directly to the Harken Furling system; if the furling drum has been removed for racing, it must be directly shackled to the U-bolt at the bow.

6.5 Jib:

- A. Fabric limitations shall not apply.
- B. Measurements of jibs shall be taken in the same manner as genoas.
- C. Dimensions shall not exceed:
 - Luff Maximum—14350mm
 - Luff Minimum—13250mm
 - Luff Perpendicular (L.P.) Maximum—4173mm (105% of J)
 - L.P. Minimum—3975mm (100% of J)
- D. A maximum number of four (4) optional battens of any length may be fitted.

- E. Batten pockets shall divide the aft edge of the sail into equal parts with a tolerance +/- 80 mm.
- F. Batten material can be composite, excluding Carbon Fiber.
- G. View windows, trim stripes and tell tale windows permitted.
- H. The One Design Class Jib Shall not have Positive Roach
- I. Leech and foot lines permitted
- J. A jib Cunningham, secondary tack fittings, and alternate tack extensions are not allowed. A shackle may be permanently fitted to the sail tack; however that shackle must then be directly affixed to the U-bolt on the bow of the boat, meaning that only one shackle may be used and it must attach the sail directly to the boat. Otherwise, the tack ring in the sail must be closed and attached directly to the shackle on the U-bolt. For boats using a Harken furling system with a furling sail, the tack of the sail may be shackled directly to the Harken Furling system; if the furling drum has been removed for racing it must be directly shackled to the U-bolt at the bow.

6.6 Spinnakers:

- A. Spinnakers shall be symmetric.
- B. Dimensions shall not exceed:
 - Luff Maximum (s)—13960mm
 - Luff Minimum (s)— 13500mm
 - Maximum Girth—7160mm
 - Minimum Girth—6860m
 - Minimum Foot Girth—6560mm
 - Centerline length—15400mm
- C. Spinnakers to be woven Nylon or Polyester. Laminated fabrics shall not be permitted.
- D. One of two spinnakers shall be manufactured from woven nylon with minimum nominal weight of not less than 40 grams per square meter.
- E. Adjustable leech, luff and foot lines shall not be fitted.
- F. Pull down patches not permitted.
- G. Headboard not permitted.

Appendix B

Variations/modifications permitted for racing:

- 1 GPS/Loran/VHF/Radar.
- 2 Interior cruising and day-sailing amenities, which do not enhance performance.
- 3 Foredeck lifeline netting, shroud rollers & other anti-chafing gear.
- 4 Alteration of the mainsheet traveler turning blocks and control lines is permitted; however, the purchase cannot be increased and must not exceed a 5:1 system.
- 5 The backstay adjustment control lines may be led forward into the cockpit by adding pad eyes, blocks and cleats as necessary; solely for the use of the backstay adjuster. The maximum purchase for the backstay remains at 48:1. The factory backstay cleat on the transom may be removed.
- 6 Through-hulls. No builder-supplied through-hulls shall be removed without being replaced by through-hulls that are similar in diameter, design, and weight. All builder-supplied through hulls shall be operable at all times. Boat speed and depth instrument transducers may be of any brand or type.
- 7 The turning radius of the wheel may be modified by Edson or an authorized Beneteau dealer to a 1:1 ratio.
- 8 Purchase of Mainsail outhaul may be increased using only block and tackle.
- 9 Purchase of genoa car adjuster may be increased, using only block and tackle. In addition, a second genoa/jib car may be added to the existing genoa track on each side of the working deck.
- 10 Purchase of mainsheet gross and fine tune may be modified using block and tackle, but must remain a 24:1 system. However, the mainsheet and fine tune blocks/cams cannot be independent of the traveler car.
- 11 Footrests for helmsman and/or mainsheet trimmer may be added to the cockpit.
- 12 Mainsail Cunningham may be added.
- 13 Running rigging: All standard running rigging may be replaced, provided it is at least equal to the breaking strength of the original standard rigging. Aramid fibers (except PBO) for running rigging are permitted.
- 14 A low-friction mainsail luff system such as Tides, Antal or Harken is permitted.
- 15 Removal of helm seat while racing is permitted, bolted in thwart must remain installed at all times.
- 16 The standard equipment steaming/deck light may be replaced by a different steaming light. The mid-mast deck light is not required.
- 17 A boom topping lift is not required.
- 18 Shackles and blocks may be added or replaced with any brand or style of shackle or block; titanium is not permitted.
- 19 The use of blocks to redirect existing control lines, and the use of organizers such as sheet bags, winch handle pockets and shock cord are permissible to aid the boat's deck gear.
- 20 Individual spinnaker sheets and guys are permitted.
- 21 Blocks, tackle, replacement track and car plus cleats used specifically for spinnaker pole height adjustment are permitted on the mast.
- 22 An access panel may be added to the V berth floor board to facilitate easy access to the speed and depth transducers.
- 23 Cleats may be added to the mast below the internal halyard exit holes in the mast.
- 24 A 54" stainless steel steering wheel with a triangular fiberglass pod support structure as manufactured and supplied by Beneteau is legal and maybe retrofitted onto existing boats.
- 25 Minor changes by Beneteau or its engine manufacturer in the size of the standard saildrive unit are permitted.
- 26 A gap of no less than 5/16" must remain between the saildrive fairing plate and the saildrive. That gap maybe filled with a flexible silicone sealant.
- 27 Aft and amidship wood toe rail shall be a minimum of 1" in height on the inboard portion and 1 3/16" in height on the outboard portion. It should be noted that there are bolts buried in these toe rails at approximately 3/4" in height and any reduction in height could cause maintenance problems.
- 28 Synthetic backstay is permitted, except PBO is not allowed. It must have a minimum breaking strength of 10,000 pounds and a dyneema or ultraviolet protective cover over an inner core.
- 29 Harken "Carbo-foil" racing headsail foil is permitted.
- 30 Forward V-Berth cushions, V-Berth hatch shade and its hardware, salon settee back / arm cushions, LPG bottle, salon table, bow roller, the 2 removable cockpit seats and the helmspersons seat may be removed. Note: the salon table stainless steel support bar may not be removed for racing.
- 31 Headsail roller furling is allowed.
- 32 Volvo D1-30 Engine with spinlock engine control is permitted.
- 33 Aluminum handrail for companionway cover is permitted.
- 34 Changes to the standard, factory cam size in the Spinlock rope clutches are permitted.
- 35 The original steering pedestal on hull numbers 1 to 155 may be shortened and a wheel well may be installed to accommodate the lowered wheel. The center of the wheel hub may not be lower than 24 inches above the top of the

existing non skid surface of the cockpit floor directly below the wheel. The inside dimensions of the wheel well shall not be more than 2.5 inches fore and aft and 36 inches athwart ships. A drain line may be added to the wheel well. No steering mechanism below the deck may be modified, the steering ratio may not be modified beyond the class rules and the original steering pedestal and factory supplied wheel shall be used. Rule 1.4 shall not apply to the wheel well.

- 36 The companionway hatch boards may be replaced with acrylic boards of the same size and thickness as the original wood boards.
 - 37 Additional thru bolted cleats to be used for control lines (excluding halyards), may be added to the coach roof in the smooth finished area, outboard of the existing rope clutches.
 - 38 A pedestal guard may be installed on all boats with the second generation steering pedestal. The top of the guard shall not be more than 50" above the existing non skid surface of the cockpit floor directly in front of the pedestal.
 - 39 The stopper mechanism of cheek block for the genoa sheets may be modified by pinning open, taping or removal.
 - 40 The floorboards surrounding the mast may be modified as necessary to position the bottom of the mast into any of the holes in the factory mast step.
 - 41 Pad Eyes (2)-one on port, one on starboard-may be added to the top of the deck with bolts, nuts, and backing washers. The location must be approximately 1/2 inch inboard of the toe rail and between 4" to 16" aft of the furthest aft stanchion. A turning block may be added to these pad eyes only to assist in the redirection of the spinnaker sheet or the afterguy to the cabin top winches.
 - 42 Plastic Spreader caps, supplied by the manufacturer for the outboard end of the spreaders, do not have to be installed.
 - 43 LED (low emission diode) lighting may be added, providing that the replacement lighting is ISAF and Coast Guard-approved. This lighting may be added as navigation lighting on the bow (red/green) and stern (white), as the steaming light at mid-mast, and as the anchor masthead light. The existing navigation light and bulbs may be removed only for the replacement installation of these lights. A masthead Windex light may also be added, but the anchor light (either the factory-supplied or a CG-approved LED light) must remain in its current location even if a Windex light is added.
 - 44 Tactical Instrumentation and additional compasses are allowed.
 - 45 No pad eyes, cleats, or hardware may be repositioned, removed, or attached by screws or bolts unless specifically approved in the class rules, although it may be submitted to and allowed/approved by the Technical Committee if it does not unfairly assist the boat's performance during racing.
 - 46 Lifeline gates and/or pelican clips (up to one per side) may be added to the boat solely for the purpose of assisting in the boarding and disembarking of a boat. This gate shall comprise of a lifeline enclosure system which has at all points at least the breaking strength of the lifeline wire.
 - 47 Mast sheaves may be replaced with those of a similar diameter provided they are of equal or greater weight.
 - 48 The 10-gallon waste holding tank may be upgraded to a larger size, provided it is located in the same area as the tank it is replacing (in the forward berth under the wooden bedboard). Bladder tanks or collapsing tanks are not allowed.
 - 49 A bag may be attached to the boom for the purpose of storing the spinnaker pole during racing.
 - 50 The non-skid surface throughout the deck may be painted without removing the existing raised non-skid fiberglass, as its removal would result in a significant reduction of weight.
 - 51 Wireless wind transducers are allowed, although the original cable (or one of equal or greater weight) must remain inside the entire length of the mast. A mast-head wind transducer is required equipment on all competing boats.
 - 52 The forward fairleads for the spinnaker downhaul may be through-bolted into the coachroof to allow them to become an anchor points for blocks.
 - 53 A tacking line is permitted for the Genoa sail with the singular purpose of assisting in skirting the genoa during short-handed sailing with 'short-handed' being defined as a boat with a total of five or less people on board.
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Appendix C

FIRST 36.7 Class - Required Equipment List

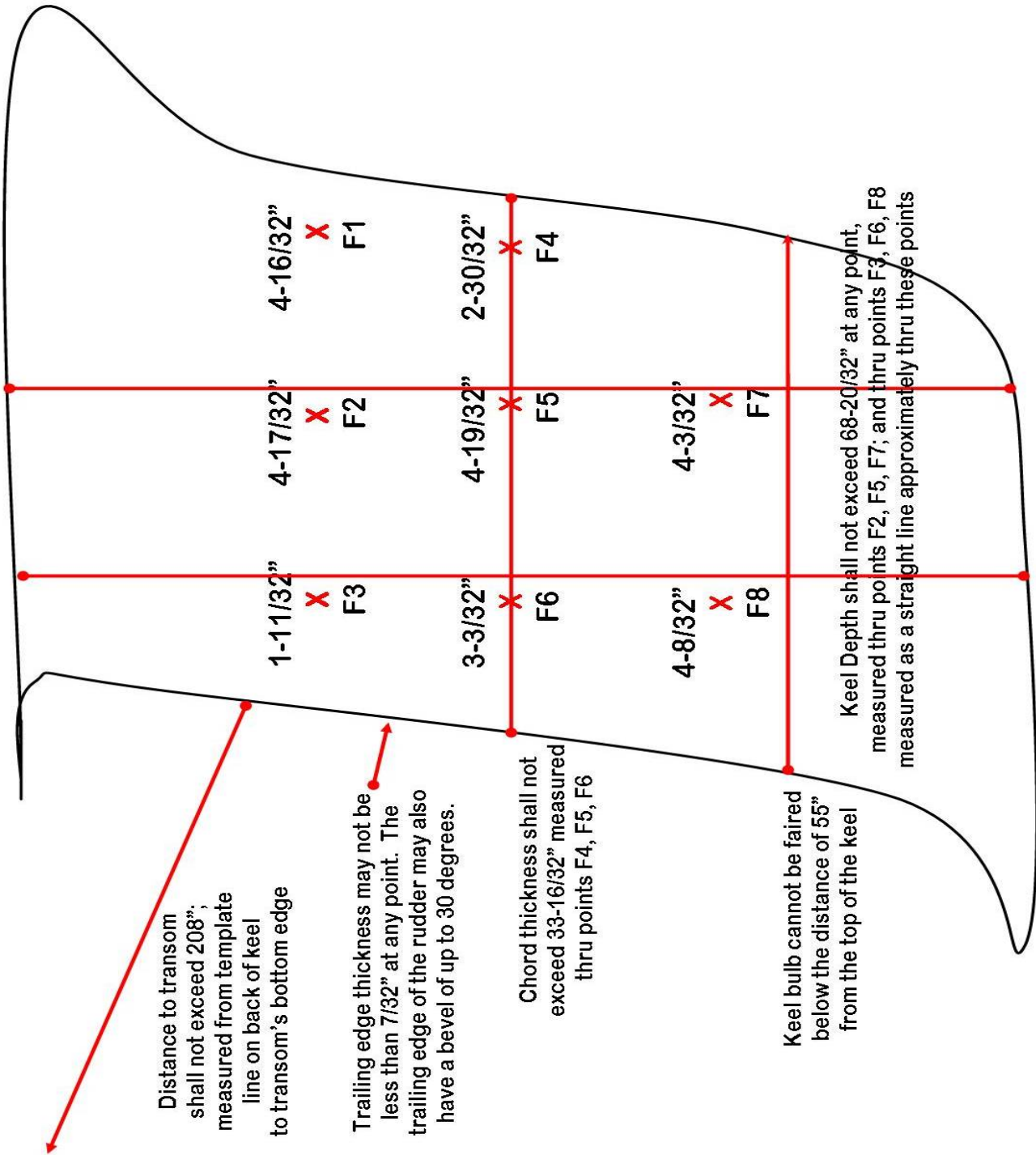
This list offers a minimum of the equipment that shall be carried on a Beneteau-36.7 that is racing in any one design and/or class events. It is the responsibility of the owner and primary helmsman to ensure that the boat is in compliance with this list while racing.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>Check</u>
Waterproof Chart or Chart Book	<u>1 each.</u>	_____
Fire extinguishers	<u>2 each.</u>	_____
Bucket	<u>1 each.</u>	_____
Anchor (minimum weight 10 lbs.)	<u>1 each</u>	_____
Minimum 100 ft. Anchor Rode (5/16" Min. diameter)	<u>1 each.</u>	_____
Flashlight	<u>1 each.</u>	_____
First aid kit	<u>1 each.</u>	_____
Fog horn	<u>1 each.</u>	_____
Depth sounder or Lead line	<u>1 each.</u>	_____
Life jackets	<u># of crew</u>	_____
Life buoy or life sling without a drogue	<u>1 each.</u>	_____
Heaving Line	<u>1 each</u>	_____
Compass	<u>1 each</u>	_____
Emergency Tiller	<u>1 each</u>	_____
Current Flares (to be kept in a waterproof container):	<u>Per local regulations</u>	_____

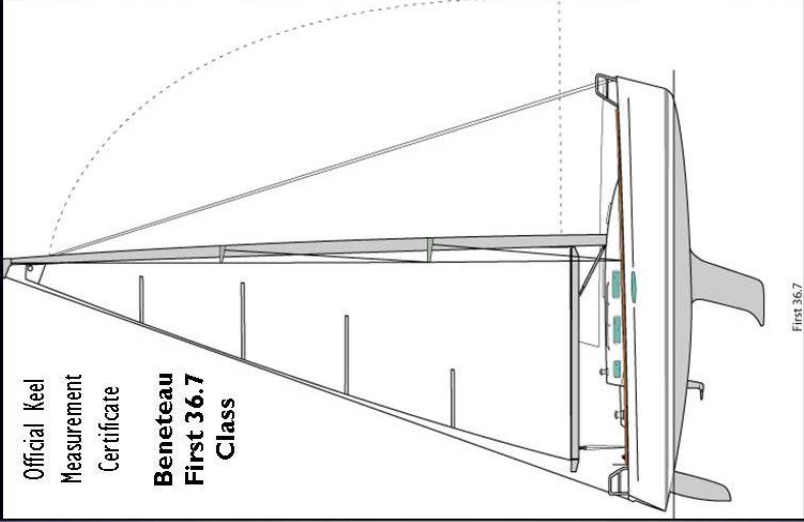
Appendix D

Official Standard Keel Measurements

All measurement locations on this drawing are approximate.
Please refer to Section 4.5 of the Class Rules for the exact measurements, and for any allowed variances.



Appendix E
Example of Certificate

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Owner Signature	Date	Class Representative Signature																											
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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is it permissible to increase the purchase of the outhaul that comes standard with the boat?
Answer: Yes - per Class Rule Appendix B Item # 8
2. Are you allowed to add a Pad Eye to the outboard rail area - for an outboard lead for the #3 or for the #1 Genoa?
Answer: No - per Class Rule Appendix B #45
3. Can an ISAF-required storm jib be used in a Class distance race as a Genoa or Spinnaker Staysail?
Answer: No - according to Class Rule 5.2 and ISAF Offshore Special Regulations governing Heavy weather and storm sails "...these sails...are not intended as part of the racing wardrobe".
4. Can Pad Eyes be added to allow a block to be attached to lead the spinnaker sheet up to the Cabin top Winch?
Answer: Yes - per Class Rule Appendix B # 41
5. May a Boat convert or replace its Beneteau factory-supplied running lights and navigation lights with the LED lighting now available on the market?
Answer: Yes - per Class Rule Appendix B # 43. Note these lights must meet and conform with ISAF Regulations for such.
6. Can a toggle be added to the headstay to increase its length?
Answer: No – per Class Rule 1.2
7. May the mast be adjusted after a boat has left the dock for racing?
Answer: No - per Class Rule 4.3. However, the forestay and shrouds may be adjusted before the preparatory signal and after a race has been completed.
8. May the factory-supplied VHF antenna and cable be removed from the mast for racing?
Answer: No, as the VHF radio, antenna, and cable are standard equipment supplied by Beneteau. They can be replaced with a different brand, but the cable weight & diameter must be similar to avoid a weight advantage aloft.
9. Is it permissible to replace the factory-supplied instruments, VHF cable and antenna with one from a different manufacturer?
Answer: Yes - per Class Rule Appendix B. #1 and #44 (Tactical instrumentation, GPS, Loran, radar) are all items which may be replaced with similar items from a different manufacturer.
10. Can an additional genoa or jib car be added to the genoa tracks, meaning there would be two on each side?
Answer: Yes, per the 2009 amendment added to Class Rules, Appendix B #9.
11. Can a halyard turning block be placed just aft of the stoppers to re-direct the tail to the other winch?
Answer: Yes – per a Beneteau equipment change made by the manufacturer in 2005-all boats now come standard with this turning block.
12. Can a Halyard that is not being used be removed from the mast?
Answer: No - per Class Rule 5.1. The only item that may be removed is the optional Boom Topping Lift per Appendix B #17. Additionally, per Appendix B #13, when halyards are replaced due to wear or other reasons, they must be replaced with a size that is at least equal to the breaking strength of the original standard rigging. If a halyard is broken, damaged or lost during racing, a replacement halyard shall be installed within a reasonable amount of time.
13. May swivel cam cleats be added for the Vang and Spinnaker Pole Topping Lift to the Deck?
Answer: Yes - per Class Rule Appendix B #37

14. May Halyard Stoppers be removed from the deck at the pit area? And, if answer is 'No', can they be removed but carried below, or on board?
Answer: No - to both questions - per Class Rule 5.1. Original Factory-installed equipment shall not be removed or relocated.
15. Can I remove the plastic conduit that runs throughout my mast?
No, per rule 1.3, which 'prohibits any and all deliberate modifications and alterations to a boat'.
16. Can I add a bag to my boom to store my spinnaker pole while on upwind legs?
Yes, per Appendix B, #50, which allows for this item to be attached to the boom.
17. My masthead main halyard sheave has cracked and need to be replaced. For durability, can I replace it with a sheave made of aluminum?
Yes, per Appendix B, #47 and provided the sheave is similar in diameter and weighs at least what the existing sheave weighs.
18. I would like to add a wooden wedge to the cockpit floor for my children to use to brace themselves when I cruise with my family. Is this allowed?
Yes, per Appendix B, #11 "Footrests for helmsman and/or mainsheet trimmer may be added to the cockpit".
19. Can I sail my shoal draft Beneteau 36.7 in one design regattas?
Shoal draft boats are invited and permitted to race in one design and North American events without penalty. The Sailing Instructions for these events will provide further information regarding the nature of the handicapping for these regattas.
20. Are halyard 'loops' an acceptable replacement for halyard shackles?
Yes. A looped shackle, such as the Equiplite Spectra product, is an acceptable replacement for a standard halyard shackle, per Appendix B #18.
21. Can I longboard or fair my keel to the Farr Yacht Design's (FYD) keel templates?
No, per Rules 4.5, 4.6, Appendix D, and Appendix E. The FYD templates have never been the recognized measurement tool for Class keels. The class has instead outlined keel measurement points and variances in these sections. While Owners are allowed to fair their keels, they will then be measured using the Class Keel Measurement tools to ensure the keel remains within the allowed variances. If the keel is in compliance, they will receive a Class Keel Measurement Certificate after the work has been completed. As of February 1, 2010, only **one** keel has measured outside of these variances.
22. Can I, with another fellow Owner, charter a boat for a regatta and receive the ½ weight credit if I am the heaviest member of the crew but will not be acting as the Driver?
No, per Rule 3.4, the Owner of record is entitled to the ½ weight credit. If there is more than one Owner on board, the Owner who is acting as the Driver is the Owner who may claim the ½ weight credit. Further, if more than one Owner will be acting as the Driver for the regatta, the Driver for each race is entitled to the ½ weight credit, and must be noted as such on the Appendix A form(s).
23. Can I have my long time, Regular crew person drive for me during the season?
Yes, per Rule 3.4A and 3.4 C; there is a provision to allow *Regular Crew* to act as the Driver. There are certain criteria to be met to ensure there is no unfair advantage amongst all competitors, but it is allowed for some local races.
24. I was categorized as a Group 2 sailor. What must I do to race on a boat in the First 36.7 Fleet?
Under Rule 3.6, it specifies the website to visit to reapply and obtain an updated ISAF status and categorization. Once you have received either your Group 1 (amateur) or Group 3 (professional) status you may resume racing on a First 36.7; however, only one Group 3 sailor is allowed to race on board a First 36.7 for any one design racing.

25. I have a storm jib, a trysail, and a heavy weather (#4) jib. Can I use these sails in 36.7 Class one design racing?
Yes. Under Rule 6.1 D, storm sails and heavy weather sails may be used in one design racing and do not require a sail button to be carried and used by a competing boat. However, there are size, material, and other restrictions in the ISAF Rule referenced in 6.1 D and those guidelines must be adhered to with regards to these sails.
26. I purchased a boat in 2009 and planned to use it for cruising so I purchased only a Dacron main and a furling jib. I did not button either sail. Now it's 2011 and I have decided that I want to race more frequently. Can I use my initial six allowed sail buttons for race sails now?
Yes. As Rule 6.2 B states, an Owner can purchase up to a full 6 (six) sail inventory - and the 12-month period to do this begins with the date of the first sail button purchase. After that 12 month period ends, you will then be eligible to purchase 2 sails per calendar year, beginning with the year that you are in when the 12-month period ends. Additionally, if you decided to button the two sails you currently own (your cruising sails) they will be counted as two of the six allowed buttons.