



## NEKA 300

September 7-9, 2023

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

[NP] The notation “[NP]” in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a) [DP] The notation “[DP]” in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

#### 1. RULES and OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

1.1 By the rules as defined by the current The Racing Rules of Sailing (“rules”), including the US SAILING Prescriptions to the rules, and the Notice of Race. The following rules are changed:

- 17 with the addition of: From sunset to sunrise, when two boats are on the same tack within three overall lengths (of the larger boat) of each other, the boat being overtaken shall maintain her proper course. The overtaking boat shall keep clear, and neither boat shall bear away toward, nor luff, the other. (see the International Regulations for Prevention of Collision at Sea)
- 26 to allow using audible signals only, no flags (see SI 8.5)
- 61.1 see SI 13 Protests & Requests for Redress
- 62.1(a) see SI 8 Recalls (also changes rules 28, 63.1, A4 and A5)
- 63.3(a) see SI 13.6
- 64.1 see SI 10

1.2 Any boat withdrawing before the start or abandoning the Race shall remove her class flag and **immediately** notify the Organizing Authority by email to [leovasiliev@nekasailing.org](mailto:leovasiliev@nekasailing.org). It is the sole responsibility of any boat withdrawing to ensure the Race Committee has been notified.

#### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Changes and/or additions to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Notice Board by 0800 on the day of the race. Changes to the scheduled start time will be posted by 2000 the day before the race. They shall be incorporated into these Sailing Instructions and shall be considered as having been delivered to each Captain.

#### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS:

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the website <http://www.yachtscoring.com/NEKA300Notices> Notice Board and emailed to all entrants.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 05A.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

4.1 In the event that changes and/or additions have been made to the Sailing Instructions, International Code Flag "L" will be hoisted on the Shore Station (main flagpole) of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club at least four hours prior to the first warning signal and emailed to each skipper or official boat representative. Any such changes **will not** be available on the water. (see SI 3)

4.2 In the event weather conditions are such that the race cannot be started at a reasonable hour on Thursday, the Start will be postponed by the display of International Code Pennants "AP" over "A" and two sound signals. The Warning for the first class will be Friday at 0855.

## 5. REPORTING FOR INSTRUCTIONS:

5.1 There will be no pre-race requirement to report to NEKA 300 Headquarters. All communications will be via the Official Notice Board (YachtScoring) or by direct email to all entrants.

5.2 [NP] Tracking: All boats will be issued a Spot Trace GPS tracker that shall be operational and switched on, such that it is transmitting throughout the race. Failure to have the Spot Trace on at all times is subject to protest by the Race Committee only.

## 6. THE COURSES AND MARKS:

6.1 All courses:

(a) START: G15 (north of Lloyd Neck), and a staff displaying a yellow flag on the Signal Vessel.

(b) FINISH: Passing between G15 (north of Lloyd Neck) and a virtual mark (N300 finish) to the north of G15 at position: lat. 40 57.94N long. 073 29.273W.

6.2 **The Full Course:** From the Start to dip the line between 1BI and a virtual mark to the north (1BI offset) at positions lat. 41 15.736N long. 071 34.548W, passing Block Island to either side and proceeding south to dip thru and virtual line between (OGE) at position lat. 40 25.534N long. 071 34.564W and (OGW) at position lat. 40 25.533N long. 071 34.893W, then reverse to the finish line, for a total of 289 NM.

6.2.1 **Short Course: At the discretion of the Race Committee, a short course may be signaled by displaying a Code Flag "S" prior to the first warning signal of the day and will apply to all classes. The shortened course will be either the Block Island Course or the Plum Island Buoy course.**

6.3 **Block Island Course:** From the Start proceeding outside of Long Island Sound, rounding Block Island in either direction (honoring all government navigational marks) to the finish, for a total of 187 NM

6.4 **Plum Island Buoy Course:** From the Start rounding Plum Island Lighted Whistle Buoy "PI" to port, then to the finish, for a total of 125 NM.

6.5 In the event that a mark of the course is not on station, it will be incumbent on each boat to round the established position of that mark (see appendix for lat/long of marks). The Navigator shall report the missing mark, in writing, to the Race Committee within two hours of finishing. Rounding time and boats within sight shall also be noted.

## 7. THE START:

7.1 The first signal shall be at 1500, Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Starting Signals shall be in accordance with rule 26 with classes starting at ten-minute intervals after the first start and in the order indicated on the top of the Scratch Sheet.

7.2 START: G15 (north of Lloyd Neck), and a staff displaying a yellow flag on the Signal Vessel.

7.3 [NP] Each boat should, prior to the Warning Signal, approach the Signal Boat so that she will be assured of being recorded as a starter. **There is to be no check- in via radio.**

7.4 The RC may use an audible-signal start system. The timing of the audible signals will be the same as described in Rule 26. A series of short sounds will indicate that the first warning signal is about to sound. **Radio announcements will be made prior to the warning signal and during the sequence.** The significance of each audible signal will be announced. This changes rule 26 and Appendix U3.

7.5 A boat shall not start later than 60 minutes after her starting signal.

## 8. RECALLS:

8.1 In the event of an Individual Recall, the race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats by name or sail number over VHF Ch. 05A. The timing and order of such hails or the failure to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)

8.2 A boat that is OCS and does not restart shall, without a hearing, have thirty minutes added to her elapsed time. For the purposes of rules A5, a boat so penalized shall be considered to have started properly. This changes rules 63.1, and A5.

## 9. THE FINISH:

9.1 Each boat shall record the time when the vessel crosses the virtual line between G15 and the virtual point to the north at position lat. 40 57.94N long. 073 29.273W G15 is the Lloyd Point Shoal Lighted Gong Buoy 15 with a four second flashing green light. At this time, along with her best estimate of the finish times and sail numbers of the boats immediately preceding and following, must be reported as described in SI 9.2.

9.2 Navigator's Finish Record must be filed by email ([leovasiliev@NEKASailing.org](mailto:leovasiliev@NEKASailing.org)) no later than two hours after finishing. A clear cell phone photo will suffice.

## 10. PENALTY SYSTEM:

10.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply.

10.2 [DP] In the case of a protest involving the rules of Part 2, the boat at fault, instead of being disqualified as a result of a hearing, may, at the option of the Protest Committee, have her corrected time increased by 2% or more. This modifies rule 64.1 but does not affect SI 8.1.

11. **TIME LIMIT:** Sunday 09/10/23 09:00.

12. **RETIREMENT:** Any boat withdrawing from the race **shall** at the first opportunity report her withdrawal to the race committee on VHF Channel 05A, or by email to [leovasiliev@NEKASailing.org](mailto:leovasiliev@NEKASailing.org).

## 13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

13.1 In addition to all other requirements of rule 61.1, a boat intending to protest shall, promptly after finishing notify the race committee over VHF Ch 05A.

13.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed online via the Owner's Page on YachtScoring within four hours of the protestor's finish time or by 0900 for boats finishing between 2200 and 0500.

13.3 The protest committee will attempt to notify the parties by telephone, text, or email.

13.4 Arbitration will be held in accordance with Appendix T.

13.5 The arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony given and offer testimony. This adds to rule 63.6.

- 13.6 Arbitration and protest hearings will be held at the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club or by online meeting (e.g. Zoom) at a time to be determined and mutually acceptable to the parties involved.
- 13.7 Protests involving potential trophy winners will be heard as soon as practicable after the boats involved have finished. Protests for other boats will be heard beginning at 1200 on Sunday for all boats finished by that time. Special arrangements will be made for later finishing boats.

#### **14. SCORING:**

- 14.1 ORC classes will be scored using Triple AP Number Time on Time ratings in accordance with NOR 9.2.
- 14.2 The overall NEKA 300 Trophy will be awarded based on the Series will be scored using each entrants finish relative to other series competitors only. The scores will be computed using a weighted high-point system as follows: [NEKA 300 score X 1.0] plus [Ida Lewis Distance Race score X 0.5] plus [Vineyard Race score X 0.8]. There will be no throw-outs. This changes RRS A2.1 and A4.

#### **15. SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY:**

- 15.1 Each boat shall carry a cell phone, the number of which shall be on file with the Race Committee and shall be *kept on* during the race and for two hours after finishing.
- 15.2 [NP] In the event that a boat assists another vessel or crew in distress, and the assisting boat wishes to continue in the Race, the boat may do so provided that, in rendering assistance, with or without the use of the engine, the boat shall return promptly to the position on the course at which the Race was interrupted and resume the Race from that point. The boat shall, promptly upon finishing, report to the Race Committee all details of the assistance rendered and supply extracts from her log showing her position at time of rendering assistance, names of other competing boats in the vicinity, time spent in giving such assistance, and any other details regarding assistance rendered which might affect the boat's standing in the Race. Upon receiving and verifying the foregoing information, the Race Committee, with or without a hearing, may at its discretion record such boat as an official finisher and subtract such time from the boat's elapsed time as may be deemed fair under the circumstances. This modifies RRS 63.1. (See "Rendering Assistance" document [https://yachtscoring.com/event\\_documents.cfm?eid=15833](https://yachtscoring.com/event_documents.cfm?eid=15833) )

#### **16. PRIZES AND RECEPTION:**

- 16.1 A reception and awards gathering is scheduled for 16:00 on Sunday, September 10th at the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club. All skippers, crew and guests are invited. Dress is nice casual (No Denim of any kind is allowed), there is no fee for competitors, a fee for additional guests is \$30 per person.
- 16.2 Prizes for the Series will be awarded to the top three boats having been determined per NoR 9.3
- 16.3 The prizes for the series will be grants applicable to the Tour Voile 2024, Ft. Lauderdale to Key West feeder race and Southernmost Regatta, sailed in the same format as this Series. In the event of a qualifying team not claiming the grant, such grant will be distributed on a pro-rated basis between other qualifying teams.
- 16.4 Grant amounts will be as follows: First Place - \$20,000; Second Place - \$10,000; and Third Place - \$5,000

**17. RISK ASSESSMENT:**

- 17.1 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race, and are reminded of the Disclaimer of Liability to which they agreed, as stated in NoR 13.

**NEKA 300 Race Committee**

Co-Chairs

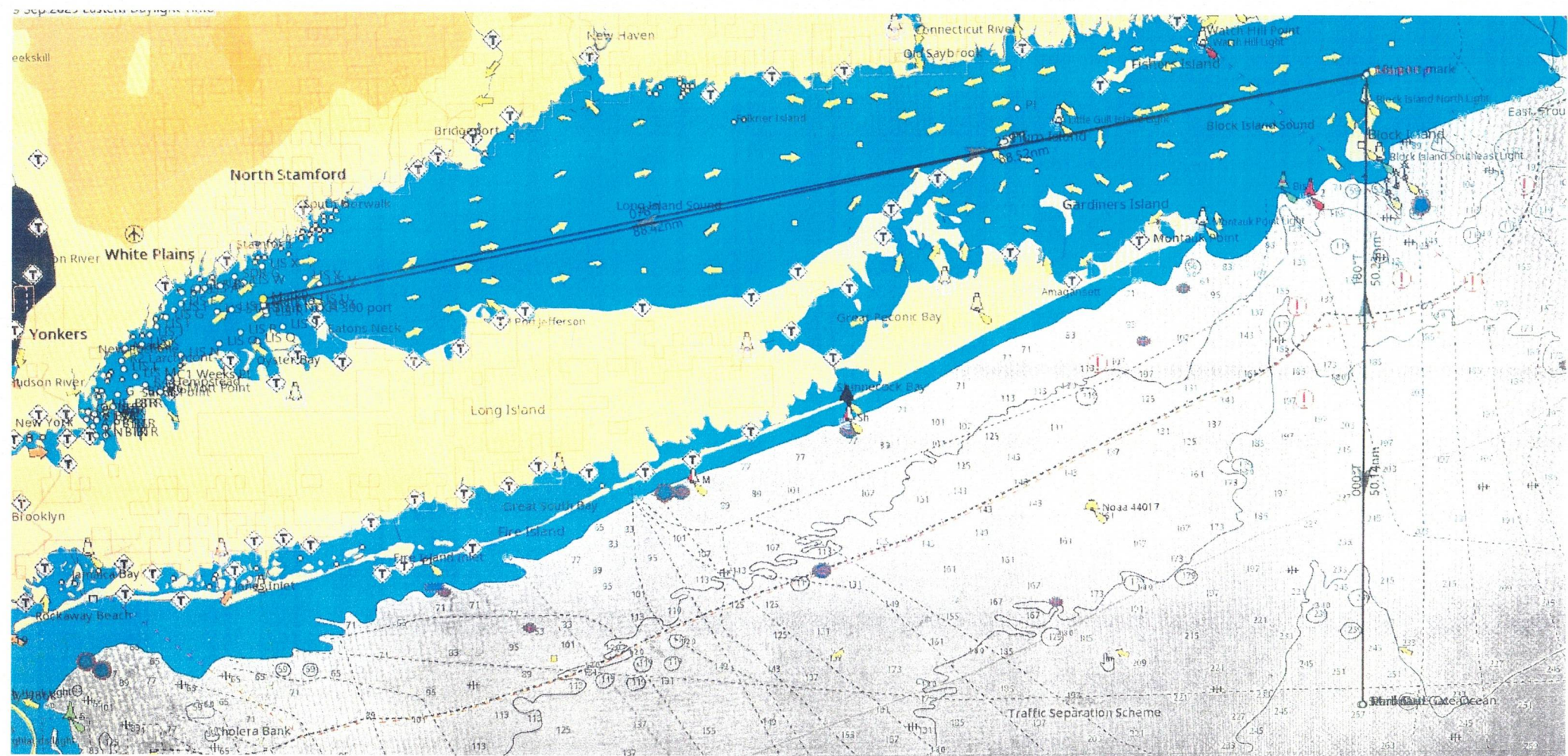
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# Addendum A; The Full Course





# Addendum B; Block Island Course

