

**24th Biennial Bermuda One-Two
Trophies Given at St. George's Dinghy and Sports Club
13 June 2023**

Introductions: Her Worship The Honorable Quinell Francis; Mayor of St. George
St. George's Dinghy & Sports Club Commodore: Sheila Gringley
Bermuda 1-2 Event Chairman: Roy Guay

SUMMARY: 24 boats started in Newport in a nice SW wind, the boats were becalmed later and then the wind filled in from the NE in the area of the Gulf Stream. Five boats didn't finish with four going home and one continuing to Bermuda (Melantho). I heard everyone had current against them an awful long time. 18 finishers. It has been a while since all the boats that made it to Bermuda were finished by Wednesday; so it ended up being a fast race.

THE BERMUDA ONION – LAST BOAT TO FINISH - donated by Windybank Farm
WINDSWEPT RICK MCCALLY - a likely excuse of a broken in 2 boom!

ST GEROGES DINGHY & SPORTS CLUB TROPHY – FIRST TO FINISH
This boat is a 40' boat and pretty big for a singlehander. The skipper is this giant of a person to be able to sail it like it was sailed!
FIRST LIGHT COLE BRAUER (1st timer and 1st female skipper to be first to finish)

1st, 2nd, 3rd CORRECTED TIME EACH CLASS (1st gets bottle of Goslings)

CLASS 1

3 RD	FEARLESS	PHIL HAYDON
2 ND	ENVOLEE	NATHALIE CRIOU (1 st timer to finish)
1 ST	FIRST LIGHT	COLE BRAUER (1 st timer to finish)

CLASS 2

3 RD	YOUNG AMERICAN	PETER BECKER
2 ND	BREAKAWAY	GREGG CARVILLE (1 st timer)
1 ST	REVEILLE	JIM HAMMETT

CLASS 3 – the grand daddy's of the race.

3 RD	CORDELIA	ROY GREENWALD
2 ND	STRUMMER	LOUIS MEYER
1 ST	BLUEBIRD	GUST STRINGOS

JUDITH LAWSON TROPHY – BEST SH CORRECTED TIME FINISH BY A WOMAN SKIPPER

COLE BRAUER FIRST LIGHT (4 women skippers started and 2 finished, nice to see woman back in the race)
1st & 3rd elapsed and 1st and second in Class 1 corrected time)

TOWN OF ST. GEORGES TROPHY – BEST CORRECTED TIME FINISH – First Light was first on elapsed time however this Morris Justine corrected ahead

BLUEBIRD GUST STRINGOS

THE BRIAN OATLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY – BEST CORRECTED TIME FINISH BY A FIRST-TIME ENTRANT – presented by past Commodore Frank Jennings

FIRST LIGHT COLE BRAUER (Presented by Frank Jennings)

LONGEST PARTICIPANT AWARD – donated by the Pikes

The sailor who has participated in the most Bermuda 1-2 races – singlehanded legs

To show you what kind of repeatability we have:

Louis Meyer	8
Gust Stringos	7
Roy Greenwald	5
Eric Johnson	6
Ted Singsen	5

Rick McCally – 10 races

PETER HEGEMAN ANCIENT MARINER TROPHY (bottle of booze)

Awarded to oldest skipper to arrive in Bermuda

Louis Meyer 80

CRYSTAL CATFISH TROPHY – Awarded by the St. Geoerg’s Dinghy & Sports Club – Commodore

Sheila Gringley presents

COLE BRAUER

FIRST LIGHT

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Abilyn had a late start, class 3 sequence, but was making good progress until his autopilot broke. He volunteered to go to Newport after fixing the autopilot to pick up a life raft for Fearless and scooted down here for the return leg. The life raft on Fearless was swept overboard during leg 1.
- Several boats had electronics problems. Windswept wanted to video tape the wave action behind the boat, opened the companion way hatch just as a wave broke over the boat getting his laptop all wet, frying it and his sat coms. On the video we heard “Oh Shit”. Dianthus had electronics problems and after finishing discovered his Engine Control Panel had awful water corrosion and had multiple problems; motor would start but not charge, etc. Dave kept ranting about how could the water get there! New panel on the way. Cordelia had VHF/AIS problems for the last at least half of the race but after he entered the Cut Bermuda Radio verified they were receiving his 25Watt VHF and seeing him on AIS. Next day neither worked. Ended up being the antenna. II Tender had issues with non-essential electronics.
- II Tender is not sailing back. Rob injured his ankle on the first leg and testing revealed that he had a broken bone. Rob has already flown to the states to see a doctor.
- Autopilot failures, the single most prevalent problem in the past was present again. Abilyn returned home due to the ram breaking it’s connection to the steering quadrant. Melantho due to electrical problems lost autopilot but made it to Bermuda. Saraband lost autopilot but slowly made it back to Long Island.
- Windswept broke his boom in two pieces and sailed with no main the rest of the way. Alchemy had his main torn in half on a knockdown and had no main the rest of the way. He showed us a picture later of the tear with the main spread out on the grass and it looks like the tear was below the 3rd reef point and should have been able to use the top part of his mainsail to sail and improve his finish time!
- Carol Vaughn volunteered to help take boats from Customs to the Dinghy Club. Carol helped a total of 5 boats, however on the fourth boat she spent 3 hours helping trying to get the boat off the painter they got stuck on while maneuvering to pick a buoy. That was Resolute. When the next boat came in after getting off Resolute she volunteered again! It was her boat with her husband on it. The really hard part of this was
- Two boats didn’t start this leg. Rocinate withdrew before the start and Kiwi Spirit 2 was doing a delivery from hell. Had to delay leaving St Augustine due to NE winds at St Augustine and when finally left St Augustine during the trip to Newport the motor was totally destroyed and thus didn’t make the start. Stanley was so pissed that the boat is now for sale! Kidding. Stanley and crew flew in anyways to be with us tonight.

- Peter on Blur had to make the trip interesting; hurt his ribs somehow. But at least he said that he can yell and no one will hear him.
- Lots of whale and dolphin sightings but fortunately no bumping the boats! Someone, Cole maybe, showed me video of a whale swimming around and under their boat.
- Lots of words especially from Cole (doing a good job of replacing Michael Hennessey), Gregg on Breakaway and Peter on Blur. In contrast, David on Dianthus was a man of few words.

THANKS:

- Thanks to Several skippers helped with the trip from Customs to the Dinghy Club and others helping the boats come into the marina. We really need that help and I much appreciate the skippers joining in to help.
- Thanks to Commodore Sheila Gringley who let us back here again for another race and helped facilitate this event on a day-to-day basis.
- Thanks to Dock Master - Gilbert "Gilly" Pitcher for his effort in helping the boats dock, making sure the slips were empty and in getting the diver for Resolute to free the boat of the mooring painter.
- Ted Singsen who flew down with me and took a lot of the load off of me. Much appreciated.
- Thanks to Eric Johnson for flying down here to help us out. He drove people down to Customs to ride back on the boats.
- Robert Welch for support dealing with preparation for the race and providing us with a big screen and projector for the Skipper's Meeting tomorrow.
- Alan Oatley for using his boat for race committee this coming Thursday.
- Brenda Smith for putting up with us and her crew: Kim & Kim, Yakita, Flo, Ellen, Arthur and Trimane for food preparation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PROPANE DROP OFF AT FLAGPOLE BY 1000 WEDNESDAY

BRING JERRY CONTAINERS TO FLAGPOLE ALSO BY 1000 FOR FUEL REFIL; RETURN 1pm

ORDER BLOCK ICE NOW FROM BRENDA

I NEED TO DEFINE TEAMS FOR WEDNESDAY MEETING.

1400 WEDNESDAY – (WEATHER BRIEF FOLLOWED BY ME) THE SKIPPER'S MEETING

RENEW/APPLY FOR DINGHY CLUB MEMBERSHIP AT THE BAR