

**25<sup>th</sup> Biennial Bermuda One-Two**  
**AGENDA FOR 2025 BERMUDA 1-2**  
**NEWPORT AWARDS PARTY**  
28 June 2025

\*Remember to tell the skippers ahead of time that they can't park at NYC but either the parking lot, side streets or municipal parking lot in back of the Marriott Hotel.

**DIGNITARIES:**

Mayor Newport RI: Mayor

Commodore Newport YC: FJ Ritt or representative

Chairman of the Rhode Island Sailing Events Commission: (not present)

In summary, we had 15 boats registered (29 in 2023), 12 started for Bermuda (24 in 2023), one was left adrift, 11 boats made it to Bermuda of which 1 did not finish (however all 12 skippers made it to Bermuda). 12 boats started in Bermuda (18 in 2023) for Newport (II Tender was picked up in Bermuda), and 9 finished (18 in 2023). Skipper/Crew came from Seattle and the usuals from the New York, Virginia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine and even 3 from Rhode Island as well as from Southwest England and New Zealand.

The trip to Bermuda was highlighted (make that a low light) by the dismasting of *Mini829* just after crossing the Gulf Stream. *Windswept* suffered a knockdown causing electronic failures and a beat up Genoa, and *Fathom* was hit by lightning losing his VHF and not being able to start his motor plus other things Tim is still discovering; both still finished the race. *Strummer* who picked up Alex on the dismasted *Mini829* lost his autopilot on the way to get Alex. *Windswept* who normally communicates via SailMail did not on the first leg. Discovered that the servers he was trying to communicate through were down. He got it working for the second leg.

The second leg was forecast to have fairly light Southwest breezes. A lot of the boats were becalmed quite a bit except for the fastest boat, *Scowling Dragon*, that managed to stay ahead of most of the slow stuff. Dragon managed to do the return in just under 3 days but missed making a record. The next 3 boats managed to avoid the worst of the dead zones; *Groupe 5*, *Alchemy* and *Abilyn*. This was a real slow race for the slower part of the fleet finishing in 6-7 days. This was the scenario that the slower boats got slower.

This year's weather in Bermuda was a big improvement over the 2023 race. We had light to moderate Westerly winds, temps in the mid 70s at night to low 80s during the day and it only rained once and that was short. In 2023 there was a lot of rain and cooler temperature. The comradery amongst the skippers was again nice to see. The gang led by Peter Becker were able to move *Fathom* from broadside, with a breeze against them, on the fixed pier to the moorings med moore without a motor. There was a very successful Fish Fry (wonderful food provided by Brenda and crew) at the Dinghy Club, two well attended tours at Bermuda Radio, a wonderful tour of Fort Albert by Patrick Paley, a night out at Wahoo's Restaurant with 23 people, a very successful Awards then a demonstration by the Gombe Dancers with Merebea Danforth and Pat Dionne joining in the dance at one point and then the Awards Dinner afterwards. This time I remembered to have pictures taken of the single-handed skippers.

We were blessed with 6 new skippers starting this year (6 in 2023 also): *Alchemy* – Erica Lush our only female skipper, *Chicama* – Pat Dionne, *Fathom* – Tim Brewer, *Groupe 5* – William McKeige, *Mini829* – Alex Khandros, and *Young American* – Adrien Blanc (the youngest skipper in the race). Ages ranged from 21 to 82 for an average age of 52 which I think is quite lower than in recent past.

**BERMUDA ONE-TWO TROPHIES GIVEN IN NEWPORT (suggested order of presentation) :**

**DOUBLE-HANDED LEG TROPHIES**

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB COMMODORE’S TRAY – presented by Commodore FJ Ritt or representative.

For best DH leg elapsed time finish in fleet or in other words first boat to finish

***Scowling Dragon – Jesse Rowse & Chris Skinner (71:38 hrs:min)***

**BRASS BULKHEAD PLAQUES**

One for each boat that started on either one of the legs of the race. All skippers stand up.

**BEST DH LEG CORRECTED TIME FINISHES IN EACH CLASS**

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places to skipper and crew in each class (total of 30)

***Class 6 No Class 6 this year***

***Class 5 No Class 5 this year***

***Class 4 No Class 4 this year***

***Class 3***

***3<sup>rd</sup> –***

***2<sup>nd</sup> – Windswept – Rick McCally & Eric McKnight***

***1<sup>st</sup> – Fathom – Tim Brewer (first timer and solo both legs)***

***Class 2***

***3<sup>rd</sup> – Chicama – Pat Dionne (first timer) & Gregg Carville***

***2<sup>nd</sup> – Young American – Adrien Blanc (first time solo) & Peter Becker***

***1<sup>st</sup> – Abilyn – Josh Reisberg & Kyle Wishart***

***Class 1***

***3<sup>rd</sup> – Alchemy – Erica Lush & David Southwell***

***2<sup>nd</sup> – Groupe 5 – Will McKeige & Brooks Daley***

***1<sup>st</sup> – Scowling Dragon – Jesse Rowse & Chris Skinner***

**CHESTER & LILLIAN MUNROE CUP**

Best DH leg corrected time finish in fleet

***Scowling Dragon – Jesse Rowse & Chris Skinner (87:01, was 87:14 in 2023)***

**JUDSON CRANE WALTON III TROPHY**

Best DH leg corrected time finish, by a first-time entrant

***Groupe 5 – Will McKeige & Brooks Daley (114:41)***

**JUDITH LAWSON TROPHY – WAS GIVEN IN BERMUDA**

Best SH leg corrected time finish by a woman skipper (1<sup>st</sup> time given since 2011,)

**Not give in 2025 –**

**FAMILY TEAMS (Only one family)**

Flying Turtle – Murray and Merebea Danforth

**LINDA E. MITCHELL MEMORIAL TROPHY (sail bag embroidered)**

Best DH leg corrected time finish, by a crew consisting of family members

***Flying Turtle – Murray & Merebea Danforth***

I'd like to recognize the LONGEST PARTICIPANT AWARD – donated by the Pikes WAS GIVEN IN BERMUDA

The sailor who has participated in the most Bermuda 1-2 races that participated this year.

**Murray Danforth on Flying Turtle – 17 races**

Also I would like to recognize the PETER HEGEMAN ANCIENT MARINER TROPHY (bottle of booze, s) GIVEN IN BERMUDA

Awarded to oldest skipper to arrive in Bermuda

**Louis Meyer 82 – the oldest person use to be in the 70s!**

**COMBINED CORRECTED TROPHIES**

**CHARLES CARPENTER 'BIERMIESTER' TROPHY**

Last place corrected combined time finish or “the skipper that saw the most ocean”. (case of beer; Budweiser beer or non-alcoholic beer)

**Windswept – Rick McCally (278:28)**

**Not given this year JEFF SPRANGER TEAM TROPHY (Betsy presents)**

Awarded to the best sum of finish places of a two-boat team in the Bermuda to Newport leg. Had 9 teams.

***Gryphon – Walter Rush & Dallas Johnson (2<sup>nd</sup>) &***

***Alchemy - David Southwell & Scott Meier (2<sup>nd</sup>)***

***Total of 4 points. Gryphon was part of the winning team in 2021 also!***

**BEST COMBINED CORRECTED TIME IN EACH CLASS**

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to skippers only; and bottle of Goslings Dark for 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Class 5 (The Class 40s) NONE FOR 2025**

***3<sup>rd</sup> Place –***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Place –***

**• FOUNDER'S CUP – best CCT finish, Class V**

***1<sup>st</sup> Place –***

**Class 4 (My favorite class) NONE FOR 2025**

***3<sup>rd</sup> Place –***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Place –***

**• JOHN & JUDITH REBELLO CUP – best CCT finish, Class IV**

***1<sup>st</sup> Place –***

**Class 3 (Ends up being my favorite class this year)**

***3<sup>rd</sup> Place –***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Windswept – Rick McCally***

**• SIRIT OF BERMUDA CUP – best CCT finish, Class III (Kathy Singen presenting)**

***1<sup>st</sup> Place – Fathom – Tim Brewer (1<sup>st</sup> timer)***

**Class 2**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Chicama – Pat Dionne (1<sup>st</sup> timer)*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Young American – Adrien Blanc (1<sup>st</sup> timer)*

- RP ASSOCIATES, INC CUP – best CCT finish, Class II

*1<sup>st</sup> Place – Abilyn – Josh Reisberg*

**Class 1**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Flying Turtle – Murray Danforth*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Alchemy – Erica Lush (1<sup>st</sup> timer)*

- GEOFFREY SPRANGER CUP – best CCT finish, Class I

*1<sup>st</sup> Place – Groupe 5 – Will McKeige (1<sup>st</sup> timer)*

RI GOVERNORS TROPHY – presented by Mayor or Commodore

Awarded for best combined corrected finish in fleet, by a RI resident

**Alchemy – Erica Lush (246:56 hrs:min)**

CITY OF NEWPORT CUP – presented by Mayor or Commodore

Awarded for the best combined corrected finish in fleet

**Groupe 5 – Will McKeige (227:13) (1<sup>st</sup> timer)**

GEORGE PIKE AWARD (Betsy presented)

Awarded for exemplary service to the Bermuda One-Two.

**Not given for 2025**

THE SEAMANSHIP AWARD

**Louis Meyer** – The story both Louis and Alex tell is amazing. Louis lost his autopilot almost as soon as he turned to get Alex. Sea state was tough. Of course the raft wouldn't cooperate. Thank god for electric winch and main halyard. They slept for 12 hours afterwards.

JUAN A. PEREZ BERMUDA 1-2 SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Awarded to the person who best exemplifies the true spirit of the Bermuda One-Two, as nominated by the fleet skippers and selected by the Event Committee.

**Louis Meyer** - The Juan Perez Sportsmanship Trophy honors the sailor who best embodies the true spirit of the Bermuda 1-2 — integrity, fairness, loyalty, and quiet determination. This year, we proudly present it to Louis Meyer. Over 26 years and nine singlehanded starts, Louis has been a steady pillar of our community — leading not with words, but with actions. Whether sharing stories over a late-night scotch or responding without hesitation to a fellow sailor in distress, Louis exemplifies the Corinthian spirit. He asks nothing in return, offers everything he can, and reminds us all what it truly means to be a gentleman of the sea.

US SAILING ARTHUR B. HANSON MEDAL for rescue during the Bermuda One-Two.

**Louis Meyer** – Dick York and Matt Gallagher from the Safety At Sea Committee at US SAILING awarded the Arthur B. Hanson Medal for his successful recovery of Alex Khandros from the dismasted Mini829 just south of the Gulf Stream on the way to Bermuda in the Bermuda One-Two Single Handed Leg.

**VOTE FOR SKIPPER'S REPRESENTATIVE BY SINGLEHANDED SKIPPERS**

**Josh Reisberg** was unanimously elected the new Skipper's Representative.

**Special Acknowledgements:**

- Rick McCally made up for no communication on the first leg with fairly long emails on the trip back.
- Scowling Dragon was in its glory with lots of great conditions for that boat. It was flying.

- It was nice to see the following skippers back after a pause in racing: Murray Danforth, Michael Hennessy and Brian Gray.

## RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE THAT HELPED MAKE THIS EVENT

### **BERMUDA**

- Thanks to Lacey Rance: Commodore, who facilitated numerous things.
- Thanks to Alan Oatley for driving his boat for and helping out as Race Committee in Bermuda. We were comfortable. The boat wasn't set up for doing race committee and we were shorthanded (Eric Johnson, Alan and I), but we managed.
- Thanks to Brenda Smith: She and her support staff cooked a wonderful Fish Fry and Breakfast the morning of the start back and served the Friday night Happy Hour and the Awards Dinner, calling taxis, calling for blocks or ice and putting up with us at the bar. Brenda is their only paid staff and basically runs the Dinghy Club. Also Brenda took a bunch of pictures as the boats were going through the Towne Cut.
- Thanks to many Skippers who chipped in and helped fellow skippers dock and undock at the Dinghy Club and the Town Docks.
- Thanks to Alex and Francois who stayed in Bermuda even though they didn't have a boat to race back on, joined in the activities and helped the boats leave the dock for the start back to Newport.
- Thanks to Eric Johnson, who basically flew out to be with the race, took a bunch of pictures I am still working through, helped dock the boats at the Dinghy Club and helped on Race Committee.
- Thanks to Ted Singsen. Ted and I flew out. Ted took the load off of me allowing me to be at the Duty Desk. Ted helped with the docking of the boats at the Dinghy Club.

### **NEWPORT**

- RC Boat: Peter Jencks, Caryn Cummings, Ted Singsen, Jane Fontaine, John Drozdal (remember him) and Bill Shea (pictures).
- Bill Shea: Pictures at Awards?
- Lew Abramson for pictures of the start.
- Ted Singsen: Committee member, Safety Checks Lead, Duty Station.
- Caryn Cummings: For the trophies
- Kristen Wenzel: Safety Checks, Committee member, and Social Calendar in Bermuda.
- Tristan Mouligne: Safety Checks and on the Offshore Committee.
- Jon Bixby: Skipper's Representative, Safety Checks and on the Offshore Committee.
- Hallie Payne & staff: For putting up with us before and after the race.

**Lots of stories out of this year and I'm sure stories I haven't heard yet (some I may not want to hear). We promote a chat hour twice a day. I think the comradery in Bermuda was outstanding and contributed to successful events in Bermuda. A big difference between the Bermuda One-Two and other races is the comradery amongst the participants which I continue to hear from new participants.**

- Hats, shirts, and Burgees still on sale.  
Enjoy the food and gab!
- Last but not least, all the sailors that participated to make the event what it was! You are all winners in my mind for such an undertaking.

**And with that I declare the 2025 Bermuda One-Two in the books.**