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BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,

This is the first newsletter in 2004 and I started identifying for the 2005 race as you can see above.

2004 SKIPPERS' FORUMS

Due to the Bermuda 1-2 being run in 2003, there is no Skippers' Forum and Shore Party for this March. The fall forum and party are scheduled for 6 November 2004 at the Newport Yacht Club.

MERCHANDISE

I am still looking into having some smaller versions of the Bermuda 1-2 flag that the St. George's Dinghy and Sports Club had flying while we were in Bermuda. We think we have one here somewhere and are trying to find it to use as the template for a smaller version of it. I'll let you know via the website when they become available.

I have a few more hats. I have polo shirts in all sizes. Betsy McClintock provided me with some polo shirts from past Bermuda 1-2 races and they are in the NYC store along with the rest of the Bermuda 1-2 merchandise.

SOME MISCELLANEOUS

In case you haven't heard: For superb daily updates on what is going on worldwide in sailing and current efforts to break the round-the-world records subscribe to Scuttlebutt on e-mail. To subscribe (it's free) call up www.sailingscuttlebutt.com.

Joe Cooper has an irregularly e-mailed newsletter for shorthanded sailors. To subscribe, e-mail Joe at Double-Handed-Sailing@cox.net or call him (at the Newport Hood Sails loft) (401) 849-9400 and he'll add you to his subscriber address book. Also free (but he might appreciate you buying him a drink at the Fall reunion).

The current (March/April) issue of New England Sailing Life has an article on the three New England entrants in the TransAt 2004. One is on Joe Harris, a One-Two alumnus and sailing One-Two alum Brad Van Liew's Around Alone Class 2 winner Tommy Hilfiger, renamed Gryphon Solo. The other two are Rich Wilson with his trimaran Great American II and Maine sailor Kip Stone with his brand new monohull 50 Artforms. For a subscription call up www.sailinglife.com

Another One-Two veteran is Derek Hatfield, Canadian Yachtsman of the Year, who completed the 2002-2003 Around Alone in a 40 (designed by Bob Dresser) is planning to build a 60 for the 5-Oceans Challenge Solo Round the World (nee Around Alone).

NOVEMBER'S SKIPPERS' FORMUM

- John Drozdal was voted in as the new Skipper's Representative replacing outgoing Robert Dresser.

- After mentioning that we were planning on going with a shorter Offshore race this year since the Coast Guard stole our mark that we use for the Offshore 160, there was a general consensus that the race should be longer than 130 nm. We have reworked it and it is back to being called the Offshore 160 but will probably be about 170 nm in length. The actual course will be published in the Notice of Race which should be posted on the NYC website soon.
- There was a request to allow both the Open 6m50 Mini Class and multi hull boats into the Bermuda 1-2. There was much discussion about it, with some skippers for it and some against it. After much discussion by the Race Committee, we have decided that we are not willing to take on either type of boats in the Bermuda 1-2 at this time. It is interesting to note that Jack Boye is trying to make a go of the Open 6m50 Mini Class here in the US. He is trying to set up a race Boston to Bermuda and back in July this year;
http://www.miniclassus.com/html/BBC_Race.htm.

BERMUDA 1-2 WEBSITE

Some of you may have noticed that your bookmark to bermuda1-2.org resulted in showing the Newport Yacht Club website home page being displayed. There is a link at the bottom of the page to get to the actual Bermuda 1-2 page. This is temporary however that length of time is growing. The NYC website moved to another location and we changed the bermuda1-2.org domain name to point to the old NYC domain location. When the NYC new site is on its own, we will clear out the old NYC site. Selecting www.bermuda1-2.org then will result in the bermuda1-2 site being displayed.

SOLO/TWIN

This year's Solo/Twin race is scheduled for 30 July.

ROCK2ROCK RACE

2003 Bermuda 1-2 alumnus Michael Hennessy has organized a new race for this year. Hosted by the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club and called the 'Rock2Rock', the 159 mile race goes from Race Rock at the far eastern end of Long Island Sound and runs west to Execution Rock at the far western end of the Sound before it returns to Race Rock. Scheduled to start on September 10 this year, fall winds should bring consistent and exciting racing.

While there will be fully crewed IMS, PHRF and NEMA divisions, the race is actively courting the short handed community and will have a PHRF double handed class with the perpetual "Deuce" trophy for the fastest finisher on a adjusted time basis. Organizers will also form one design classes based on participant interest, and hope to see a Open 6m50 Mini Class.

The race is being run under IMS, NEMA and ECSA PHRF ratings, and any one who is competing for the ECSA circuit trophies will be awarded double points for the race.

For more information, check out www.rock2rock.org on the web. The Notice of Race, Entry Form and preliminary Sailing Instructions are all available, as well as lots of other information.

EMAIL

If you would like to receive the newsletters, Notice of Race, etc. via email, let me know so I can add your email address to my database. I am emailing these newsletters to those that I know.

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