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# BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,  
This is the first newsletter in 2006.

## 2006 SKIPPERS' FORUMS

Due to the Bermuda 1-2 being run in 2005, there is no Skippers' Forum and Shore Party for this March. The next Skippers' Forum and Shore Party is scheduled for 4 November 2006 at the Newport Yacht Club. We are calling this Forum/Party an "invitational" one. We invite all former participants and ask recent and former participants to invite a friend or two that might have an interest in racing the Bermuda One-Two. The event will emphasize meeting each other and have the food and grog sponsored.

Anyone who might have items to add to the agenda please either contact me or Ray Renaud [raymondrenaud@cox.net](mailto:raymondrenaud@cox.net).

## MERCHANDISE

I have Bermuda One-Two burgees available ; \$15.

## SKIPPERS AND BOATS

Tim Troy, who recently (2003) did the Bermuda One-Two on Margaret Anna, has announced his entry in the VELUX 5 OCEANS. Tim has a new boat, French designed Open 60. Tim's website is [www.sailamericaone.org](http://www.sailamericaone.org). Another Bermuda One-Two alumnus that is entered is Derek Hatfield who is working on his new Open 60. Derek's website is [www.spiritofcanada.net](http://www.spiritofcanada.net). Wish them both good luck.

Michael Hennessy tells me that he is looking to get an Open 40 and thus his C&C 35 Mk III will be available for someone who might want a boat in great condition.

## OFFSHORE 160 & NEW ENGLAND SOLO/TWIN RACES

A new course was developed for the Offshore 160 that is actually 160 miles with fewer legs than 2004's tough course. The Notice of Race and Application have been emailed and are available on the Newport Yacht Club website. The Offshore 160 is scheduled for 14 July and the New England Solo/Twin is scheduled for 28 July.

## COMMUNICATIONS

We will require the use of the tracking devices in 2007 and have already reserved them for 2007. The company providing this technology, Horizon Marine, did not realize its potential when we started negotiations with them last year but the number of races they are supporting is blossoming. For instance they are doing the Newport to Bermuda race this year which is projected to have 250+ boats and several others they told me about. I just read that they will instrument a class in the Buzzards Bay Regatta.

### **30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OR 16<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

Next year will be 30 years since the start of the Bermuda One-Two however since we race every other year it will actually be the 16<sup>th</sup> race. Does that make it an anniversary?

### **OPEN 6.5 MINI**

At the November Skipper's Forum, the Skippers voted to allow the minis into the 2007 Bermuda One-Two. To that avail I worked with some of the local mini folks and the Skipper's Representative, Ray Renaud, to come up with a proposal as to requirements of the minis that would allow them into the race. I pitched this to the Offshore Committee however the committee is still against allowing the Minis into the race until they have developed results sailing in local inshore distance events such as the NE Solo/Twin, Stamford-Vineyard Race, Block Island Race, Whaler's Race, etc. as well, perhaps, as offshore events such as the Marble Head to Halifax Race, Offshore 160 and Rock2Rock Race. I had proposed the possibility of running a race for the minis this summer but the reality of that just didn't work out for various reasons: not enough time to set it up and probably not many minis to support. However, we are inviting the minis that are around to participate in this year's Offshore 160 and New England Solo/Twin races.

### **ST. GEORGE'S DINGHY AND SPORTS CLUB**

SGD&SC offers a membership for us out of country folks called an Overseas Membership. It is only \$50 and a very nice gesture. I know that a number of Bermuda One-Two participants currently have this type of membership. If you do not, would you please consider joining SGD&SC as an Overseas Member?

### **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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