

March 2009



BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,
This is the first newsletter for 2009. Sorry about the tardiness on this one.

2009 SKIPPERS' FORUMS

The next Skippers' Forum and Shore Party is Saturday 7 March at the Newport Yacht Club. There is no Fall Skippers' Forum and Shore Party scheduled for 2009.

AGENDA:

- Bermuda activities
- Schedule
- Safety Check Process
- Skipper's weather brief for Bermuda to Newport start
- Availability and cost of dockage before/after the race

Anyone who might have items to add to the agenda please either contact me or Kristen Wenzel
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2009 BERMUDA ONE-TWO DATES

The Notice of Race as well as an Amendment have gone out and are available on the website for download.

May 16: Deadline for entrant applications, entry fees and skipper/crew resumes

May 18: Deadline for completing skipper's SH qualifying passage

June 01: Deadline for arrival in Newport of first-time entrants & returnees with new boats

June 03 Bermuda One-Two Skipper's Welcome Party

June 05: Newport to Bermuda Start

June 18: Bermuda to Newport Start

June 27: Awards in Newport

MERCHANDISE

I have Bermuda One-Two burgees and 2007 hats available; \$15.

WEATHER AND SLEEP SEMINARS

At this time we are polling everyone to see how many would like to participate in the sleep and weather seminars this spring. We have been running these for the past several races and they have been well received. Dr. Claudio Stampi conducts the Sleep Seminar (25 April) and Bill Biewenga conducts the Weather Seminar (26 April). We have it planned for 25/26 April at the Newport Yacht Club. We currently have ten people signed up and need around sixteen. If we pull it off, I will send out an email and post it on the website.

DOUBLEHANDED OCEAN RACING TROPHY

This year's Bermuda One-Two race again can be used as input to the DH-ORT for those boats that provide an Endorsed IRC certificate in addition to all other requirements. These boats will be scored as a group, in addition to the Bermuda One-Two PHRF scoring, by TIME-ON-TIME using the Endorsed IRC rating and the results will be provided to the DH-ORT officials. These results in no way affect results of the Bermuda One-Two event and no trophies will be awarded to this grouping of boats as part of the Bermuda One-Two event. We had one entrant in 2007 that participated in this, Bjorn Johnson.

POTENTIAL 2009 BERMUDA ONE-TWO SKIPPERS

We have received 8 applications for this year's race to date. Given the amount of people, especially new people, that have said they plan on racing, we could approach 50 boats this year. However, given the state of the economy I can't help wondering if we will lose some of those people. We have the following that have said they plan on participating: *Sam Ausmus III, Roger Billings, Doug and Monica Campbell, Marvin Clements, Jay Cushman, Simon Day, Mike Dreese (Class 40), Rusty Duym, Ted Fisher, Don Gray, Jonathan Green, Brian Guck, Mike Hennessy on his new Class 40, Denver Hopkins in his new proto Mini, USA578, Jack Ives, Ben Jelic on his J/12, Eric Johnson, Bob Kemp on Hideaway, Eric Le Coq (Class 40), Yves Lepine on his 45 Open Atlantix Express, Jim Linsley, Lindsay Lowe, Rick McCally, Peter McCrea, Pat McFadden, Alex Mehran (Class 40), Louis Meyer, Robert Patenaude, Chris Pitts, John Ryan (Class 40), Jay Sharkey (he bought Duncan Gladman's mini #415), Dave Sherman, Dan Stadtlander, Mike Stevens, Gust Stringos, John Van Slyke, Kristen Wenzel.*

BERMUDA ONE-TWO WEBSITE

I received more data from Betsy McClintock. She emptied out her attic of past Bermuda One-Two, Offshore 160 and Solo/Twin files. Now if I can get some time to put the data up... If anyone else has past year's results and pictures, especially pre 1999 or can fill in missing data, please let me know. I'll post the data and get it back to you if you like.

COMMUNICATIONS

We will require the use of the tracking devices again this year and already have them reserved. We will be using iBoatTrack again. Some folks have proposed changing to the website service used by other races like the Volvo 70 however I had already committed to iBoatTrack.

OPEN 6.5 MINI AND CLASS 40 BOATS

The Open 6.5 minis tell me they are expecting at least 13 minis for this year's Bermuda One-Two. Mike Hennessy tells me that they are expecting 4 to 6 Class 40s to enter this year.

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?

<http://www.stgdsc.bm> Actually the easiest way to join is to do it when you are in Bermuda.

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, etc. to those that I know.

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BERMUDA ONE-TWO 2009 SPRING SKIPPERS' FORUM AND SHORE PARTY
SATURDAY, 7 MARCH 2009 – 3:30PM TO 8PM
NEWPORT YACHT CLUB – 110 LONG WHARF, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Shore Party Program of Events:

1530 – 1600: Gab session

1600 – 1800: Informal Skippers' Forum

1800 – : Heavy Hors and gab session

\$5.00 Per Person (Payable at the door)

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