

March 2012



BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,
This is the first newsletter for 2012.

2013 SKIPPERS' FORUMS

The next Skippers' Forum and Shore Party is Saturday 3 March at the Newport Yacht Club. There will be a Fall Skippers' Forum and Shore Party scheduled for 3 November 2012. Last November we had a Shore Party. A number of potential new skippers showed up and interacted with the skippers. Steve Perry (2007) and his wife showed up from Florida. Jay Sharkey showed up bidding us good by since he was leaving shortly for the west coast, Seattle, WA.

AGENDA:

- Impact of new Offshore Regulations on the Bermuda One-Two

Anyone who might have items to add to the agenda please either contact me or Kristen Wenzel canopach@cox.net. Hopefully we will see you 3 March.

2013 BERMUDA ONE-TWO DATES

The Notice of Race will go out and be available on the website for download later in the year.

June 08: Newport to Bermuda Start (yes a Saturday start!)

June 20: Bermuda to Newport Start

June 29: Awards in Newport

MERCHANDISE

I have Bermuda One-Two burgees for \$15 and 2011 hats and polo shirts available for \$5.

UPCOMING SEMINARS

- SAFETY AT SEA SEMINAR: Since this is the year the Newport Bermuda Race is being held the Cruising Club of America is holding the Safety at Sea Seminar again 17-18 March in Newport, RI. This also includes the excellent Hands-On In-Water Survival Training Course. Please see:

<http://www.bermudarace.com/NewsCalendar/News/tabid/179/EntryID/259/Default.aspx>

- Bill Biewenga and WxLive! are conducting "Communications and Weather Webinars" starting 10 March. <http://www.weather4sailors.com/onlineseminars.htm>

SKIPPERS AND BOATS

- In 2011 we had two Rodger Martin designed Quests in the race: Tristan Mouligne's Samba and Lindsay Lowe's Flying Tiger. Paul Cronin is expected to enter his newly acquired Quest 30 in 2013 and there may be a fourth.

- Jay Sharkey may be selling his prototype mini due to his move to Seattle, WA. Which reminds me, he never named the boat!

OFFSHORE 160 AND NEW ENGLAND SOLO/TWIN RACES

Since this is the off year for the Bermuda One-Two the Offshore 160 is being held. This is a good opportunity for skippers to get their qualifier in (at the discretion of the Bermuda One-Two Race Committee) for the next Bermuda One-Two as well as being amongst other shorthanded skippers. The race starts on Friday 13 July and the awards are the following Sunday 15 July afternoon.

The New England Solo/Twin is held every year and this year the race starts on Friday 27 July with the awards on Saturday 28 July. This race has classes for both singlehanded and doublehanded boats with different courses most going around Block Island.

These races are a good way to get you shorthanded racing fix in. Hope to see you at these races.

BERMUDA ONE-TWO WEBSITE

For those that may not know I have put the following on the website: results for all races back to the beginning in 1977, a listing of all past skippers and what singlehanded races they were a part in and a page dedicated to those skippers that have passed away. If anyone can fill in missing data, please let me know. If anyone has pictures from the earlier races please let me know. I'll post the data/pictures and get it back to you.

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>. The easiest way to join is to do it when you are in Bermuda.

In the past, like the past couple of years, there have been times when they forget to bill us for the Overseas Membership but Brian Oatley says they have fixed that problem. If you didn't receive a renewal notice from SGD&SC last year then contact Brian at oatley@northrock.bm.

EIGHT BELLS

Clifford Mitchell, the 2001 Bermuda One-Two Event Chairman passed away on 26 November. Locally Cliff was well known for conducting the Mitchell Memorial and Columbus Regattas to Block Island for twenty something years. Cliff was also a past commodore of the Newport Yacht Club.

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. If your email changes please let me know if you can think of it otherwise you may get deleted off my distribution especially if I don't have your mailing address. I am emailing these newsletters, etc. to those that I know.

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BERMUDA ONE-TWO 2012 SPRING SKIPPERS' FORUM AND SHORE PARTY
SATURDAY, 5 MARCH – 3:30PM TO 8PM
NEWPORT YACHT CLUB – 110 LONG WHARF, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Shore Party Program of Events:

1530 – 1600: Gab session

1600 – 1730: Informal Skippers' Forum

1730 – : Heavy Hors and gab session

\$5.00 Per Person (Payable at the door)

OFFSHORE COMMITTEE
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