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BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,
This is the first newsletter for 2014.

If you would like to continue receiving this newsletter would you please contact me to either receive it via email or mail it otherwise I will discontinue mailing it.

2014 SKIPPERS' FORUMS

There will be **NO** Skippers' Forum and Shore Party this spring. There will be a Fall Skippers' Forum and Shore Party scheduled for 1 November 2014. Last November we had a Shore Party. A number of potential new skippers showed up and interacted with the skippers.

Anyone who might have items to add to the agenda for November please either contact me or Tristan Mouligne tmouligne@gmail.com. Hopefully we will see you at least in November if not at the Offshore 160 or New England Solo/Twin.

2015 BERMUDA ONE-TWO DATES

The Notice of Race will go out and be available on the website for download later in the year and I plan on discussing changes at the November Skippers' Forum.

June 05: Newport to Bermuda Start (yes a Friday start!)

June 18: Bermuda to Newport Start

June 27: Awards in Newport

MERCHANDISE

I have Bermuda One-Two burgees for \$15.

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 15-16 March in Newport, RI. This also includes the excellent Hands-On In-Water Survival Training Course. Please see:

<http://bermudarace.com/special-presentations-added-march-cca-bermuda-race-safety-weekend/>

- **COASTAL SAFETY AT SEA SEMINAR:** On February 8th 2014 Landfall will be presenting a US Sailing sanctioned, Coastal Safety at Sea Seminar at Mystic Seaport, this is intended to cover the gap between the coastal sailor and the offshore sailor. While It is not a qualifying Safety at Sea seminar for Category 0, 1 or 2, offshore events, this course is perfect for those who are staying within 20 nautical miles from shore.

Please see: <http://www.landfallnavigation.com/feb2014.html>

SKIPPERS AND BOATS

- It looked like we were going to have at least four Rodger Martin designed Quests in the 2013 race. However due to various reasons (really, a wedding? ☺) we hope to have at least 4 for 2015.

- Jay Sharkey and Christian Reimer have sold their Open 6.5 Minis. Rumor has it that there may be some minis in NY interested in doing the race as well as Philippe Laille and maybe some friends.

- Roy and Gail Greenwald are still be on their world wind tour (actually I think they are on a break at this time). The last I heard they were hoping to do the 2015 Bermuda One-Two. It would be nice to see them back in the race with their Valiant 42. They are posting some videos at:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/RoyGSailor>

- Stanley Paris in his Kiwi Spirit left St. Augustine, FL in early December to solo around the world in an attempt to break Dodge Morgan's around the world record. Stanley ran into boat problems and currently the boat is in Cape Town, South Africa. A delivery crew will be taking the boat to Maine for all necessary work.

- Dave Sherman and his wife Barbara are sailing on Palangi in the southern latitudes!

- Lindsay Lowe and husband Robert Hands showed up at last November's Skippers' party. Lindsay was pregnant. Future Bermuda One-Two skipper in the making?

- Juan Perez turns 80 on 16 February. For those that don't know Juan he did the first 15 races most of the time only the single handed leg. And at least since I have been involved he was the oldest skipper doing the race.

OFFSHORE 160 & NEW ENGLAND SOLO/TWIN

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 11 July and the awards are the following Sunday 13 July afternoon.

The New England Solo/Twin is held every year and this year the race starts on Friday 25 July with the awards on Saturday 26 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.

MINI 1-2

New this year thanks to Mike Millard. The Mini1-2, a dose of the real thing!!! This event is geared to be a great tune up and test event for the 2015 Bermuda 1-2. This event is designed to mimic the real event.

Starting with a challenging 160 mile singlehanded ocean race, the Ocean 160, to be followed approximately 2 weeks later by the doublehanded division of the annual event known as the New England Solo/Twin, this event will give a sailor a real feel for what the Bermuda One-Two is all about. The Ocean 160 can be used as a Qualifier for the Bermuda One-Two. The Mini 1-2 will be a fun event on it's own. If you are thinking about entering the 2015 Bermuda One-Two, the Mini 1-2 will be a chance to get a feel for the real event and will help you understand the requirements of entering the Bermuda One-Two in 2015.

BERMUDA ONE-TWO WEBSITE

If anyone has past year's results and pictures that are missing from the website, especially pre 1999, please let me know. I'll post the data and get it back to you if you like.

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.

EIGHT BELLS

- Brian Oatley: Anyone that has been involved with the Bermuda One-Two recently will know Brian. Brian ran the Bermuda One-Two for the St. George's Dinghy & Sports Club but was involved way before that.

- John Hunt: Crystal Catfish passed away back in July 2013. John did the first two races, 1977 and 1979.

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