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# BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,  
This is the first newsletter for 2016.

## 2016 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 5 November 2016. Last November we had a brief by Mike Hennessy on his preparation for the transatlantic race and during the race. Michael Dreese who was also at the brief and had also done the last transatlantic throw in some comments. Afterwards we were treated to great food at the Shore Party by Caryn Cummings and Jody Sullivan. 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](mailto:tmouligne@gmail.com). Hopefully we will see you at least in November if not at the Offshore 160 or New England Solo/Twin.

## 2017 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. For those that haven't been paying attention the next America's Cup will be in Bermuda and the finals start while we are in Bermuda. Any idea how that will impact us?

June 02: Newport to Bermuda Start (yes a Friday start and by popular demand!)

June 15: Bermuda to Newport Start

June 24: 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 19-20 March in Newport, RI. Please see:

<http://bermudarace.com/caa-safety-seminar-targets-racers-delivery-crews-cruisers/>

- For other locations check out US SAILING: <http://www.ussailing.org/education/safety-at-sea/find-a-seminar-near-you/>

## SKIPPERS AND BOATS

- Anyone interested in being crew double handed on this year's Newport Bermuda Race? Tom Vander Slam is planning on doing the race this year on his Hinckley 48 Whisper. If interested let me know and I'll put you in contact with Tom.

- Stanley Paris is selling his Kiwi Spirit and getting ready to commission a smaller (54') boat. He plans on participating in the 2017 Bermuda One-Two and doesn't want to hear me complain about his boat being too big.

- Remember Michael Schum lost his mast on Kontradiction during the return from Bermuda in 2015? Michael said that "Kontradiction had way too many problems besides the mast" and has put it in salvage. He is in the process of finding another boat; more a cruiser since he is a grandad now. However, he says he is planning on doing the B12 next year. Absolutely wonderful.

### **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 15 July and the awards are the following Sunday 18 July afternoon. Online registration is now open and we already have three boats registered: Samba - Tristan Mouligne, Rick Rohrer – Rocinante, and Meridian - Murray Beach.

The New England Solo/Twin is held every year and this year the race starts on Friday 29 July with the awards on Saturday 30 July. This race has classes for both singlehanded and doublehanded boats with different courses most going around Block Island. Online registration is now open and we already have two boats signed up for the S/T: Samba - Tristan Mouligne, and Vento Solare - Bill Kneller.

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

### **NEW ENGLAND SHORTHANDED OCEAN RACING TROPHY**

Back again in its second run. The New England ShortHanded Ocean Racing Trophy, a dose of the real thing!!! This event is geared to be a great tune up and test event for the 2017 Bermuda 1-2. This event is designed to mimic the real event. Starting with a challenging 160-mile singlehanded ocean race, the Offshore 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 Offshore 160 can be used as a Qualifier for the Bermuda One-Two. The New England ShortHanded Ocean Racing Trophy will be a fun event on its own. If you are thinking about entering the 2017 Bermuda One-Two, the New England ShortHanded Ocean Racing Trophy 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 2017.

### **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**

- Peter Dunning: The Bermuda 1-2 lost one of its original and staunchest supporters last week with the passing of Peter Dunning, 91. As dockmaster of the Goat Island Marina, where almost all of the OSTAR single-handers docked after finishing in Newport, Pete knew them all. He was instrumental in organizing the first Bermuda 1-2 in 1977, which featured several OSTAR sailors as well as locals.

In the 1980s and 90s, Pete coordinated single-sideband radio contact with the Bermuda 1-2 fleets going both to Bermuda and back to Newport. As dockmaster, he offered dockage for B1-2 boats when slip space ran out

at Newport Yacht Club. The understood dockage deal was for half the price the marina usually charged, but Pete never bothered to collect.

Now Pete joins the handful of other founders including Jerry Cartwright, George Pike, Mel Lash and Charlie Carpenter – as well as a number of early participants – to whom the Bermuda 1-2 owes its heartfelt appreciation. (from Jeff Spranger)

## **EMAIL**

If you know of someone who would like to receive the newsletters, Notice of Race, our Offshore events, etc. via email, let me know so I can add that person's 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.

Some of you have just started receiving my emails. The Race Committee suggested that I add the crew members of the Bermuda One-Two to the distribution list. Hopefully this is not a problem for you however if it is just click on the "Unsubscribe" at the bottom of the emails.

Roy Greenwald, Cordelia a Valiant 42, has done the Bermuda One-Two a couple of times with the real navigator, his wife Gail, doing the return leg with him. Roy (known as Roy2) has volunteered to try getting sponsorship for the Bermuda One-Two. He is working now getting sponsorship which will cover the two years; pre-race year and the year of the race. The goal obviously is to try to keep the cost down to the skippers of the Bermuda One-Two race and to expand the advertiser's visibility by including the Offshore 160 and New England Solo/Twin participants. Some sponsors may like two to three emails per year that we will send out (my distribution is not shared with anyone else) where they mention their products. I hope you make note of our sponsors and partake of their products.

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