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BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,
This is the first newsletter for 2020.

2020 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 7 November 2020. Last November B12 skipper Philip Haydon, Ph.D. gave a brief on his take on solo offshore sleeping which was well received. Afterwards we were treated to great food at the Shore Party by Caryn Cummings and crew. Several potential new skippers showed up and interacted with the skippers.

2021 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. No America's Cup this time!

June 04: Newport to Bermuda Start

June 17: Bermuda to Newport Start

June 26: Awards in Newport

POTENTIAL 2021 BERMUDA ONE-TWO SKIPPERS

The following people have told me (and I remember) that they hope/plan to race next year. **Jonathan Bixby, Philip Haydon, Stanley Paris** (planning on doing the Npt-Bda fully crewed this year also), **Alessandro Pagani, Richard Rohrer** in his J/109 Rocinante, **Henry Schultz** on his Pearson 40, **Kristen Wenzel**.

CHANGES FOR 2021

The following changes are planned for 2021.

- AIS transponder required (transmit and receive)
- The Geoffrey Spranger Team trophy requirements will be modified. Teams, two boats in different classes, will be randomly assigned. The result will be based on combined corrected time for both legs.
- We have dropped off the Elapsed Time winners of each class. There have been complaints about how long the awards ceremony in Newport is and we felt that the Elapsed Time winners for each class is quite often a duplicate of the corrected time trophies. We also moved to trophies to the St. George's Prize Giving; Peter Hegeman Ancient Mariner's Trophy and Bermuda One-Two Longest Participation. These are applicable only to the Singlehanded leg and make more sense giving them out in Bermuda.
- We are expecting to cut back a little on flares.

MERCHANDISE

I have Bermuda One-Two burgees for \$20 and hats.

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 1 March in Bristol, RI.
- For other locations check out US SAILING: <http://www.ussailing.org/education/safety-at-sea/find-a-seminar-near-you/>
- ONLINE OFFSHORE SAFETY AT SEA COURSE: Check it out at <https://www.boaterexam.com/sailing/safetyatsea/>

SKIPPERS AND BOATS

A new section, "[Boats For Sale](#)", was added in the website for skippers selling their boats. Any past B12 skippers may have their boat and information posted there; just contact me with the information you would like to have posted.

- Paul Grimes is selling his J35 that he did so well in the 2017 race.
- Vernon Hultzer is selling his mini which he also has done very well during the 2015 and 2017 races.
- Juan Perez sent me a Christmas card announcing that he has found another, newer, Tartan 28 but with a tiller (he hates wheels). If he buys it and sells the current one there may be a 2021 Bermuda One-Two in his future!
- For those that may not know, Tristan Mouligne was hit by a car on 1 February and was taken to Rhode Island Hospital. It is reported that he drugged due to injuries to his head. Here's hoping for a fast recovery.

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 new 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 10 July and the awards are the following Sunday 12 July afternoon. Online registration will be open real soon now.

The New England Solo/Twin is held every year and this year the race starts on Friday 24 July with the awards on Saturday 25 July. This race has classes for both singlehanded and doublehanded boats with different courses most going around Block Island. Online registration is will be open real soon now. These races are a good way to get your shorthanded racing fix in. Hope to see you at these races.

NEW ENGLAND SHORTHANDED OCEAN RACING TROPHY

Back again in its fourth 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 2019 Bermuda 1-2. The concept of this trophy is designed to mimic the real event; the Bermuda One-Two. Starting with a challenging 160-mile singlehanded ocean race, the Offshore 160, to be followed 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 at the discretion of the Race Committee. The New England ShortHanded Ocean Racing Trophy will be a fun event on its own. If you are thinking about entering the 2019 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 2019.

BERMUDA ONE-TWO WEBSITE

If anyone has previous 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? The easiest way to join is to do it when you are in Bermuda. If you hadn't noticed their website address has changed to: <https://www.stgdsc.com>. They also have a Facebook [page](#).

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 distribution 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 four times with the real navigator, his wife Gail, doing the return leg with him. Roy (known as Roy2) working on finding 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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