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BERMUDA ONE-TWO **REWSLE77ER**

Hello again,

This is the first newsletter for 2025.

2025 SKIPPERS' FORUM/SHORE PARTY

The Skippers' Forum this spring will be on Saturday 1 March at 1530 at the Newport Yacht Club. There will be a Fall Skippers' Forum and Shore Party scheduled for 1 November 2025. Last November our guest speaker was Shelia McCurdy on SAS, check lists and preparing your boat.

Frank Bohlen has graciously agreed again to give us a Gulf Stream brief. We are hoping to be able to do a question-and-answer period on anything related to doing the Bermuda One-Two. Please send me a note if you plan to participate so I can have a feel for how much food to put out.

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Frank Bohlen's Gulf Stream Brief
- O&A
- NOR & SI changes
- Potential problem with docking at Customs

2025 BERMUDA ONE-TWO DATES

The Notice of Race and amendment 1 were published on the website for download.

January 01: Registration is now open online.

April 1: Application fee increases

May 1: Deadline for applications

May 29: Deadline for PHRF-NB certification

June 4: Mandatory check in and Bermuda One-Two Skippers Send-Off Party

June 5: Mandatory SH Leg Skippers' Meeting, Weather and Gulf Stream Briefs

June 06: Newport to Bermuda Start

June 17: Awards in Bermuda at the St. George's Dingy and Sports Club

June 19: Bermuda to Newport Start

June 28: Awards in Newport at the Newport Yacht Club

POTENTIAL 2025 BERMUDA ONE-TWO SKIPPERS

The following have told me (that I remembered) are planning on doing the 2025 race: Adrien Blanc on Young American with Peter Becker on return, Peter Bourke on his Class 40, Jeff Daudert on his C&C 121, Pat Dionne on Chicama, Glenn Greener on his Brendan Dobroth design 1990 45' sloop, Michael Hennessy on his new Class 40, Rick McCally, Louis Meyer, Juan Perez on his new to him C&C 29-2,

Josh Reisberg, Theodore Rice on his Pacific Seacraft 34 named Rhapsody, Josh Reisberg, Michael Schum on his new boat Karelia a Nauticat 39, John Youngblood in his Little Harbort 52.

MERCHANDISE

I have Bermuda One-Two burgees for \$20 and hats and last races polo shirts.

UPCOMMING SEMINARS

- ADULT SAILING SAFETY AT SEA COURSES: For more information <u>click here</u>
- Northeast Ocean Race Symposium: The 3rd annual running of the Northeast Ocean Race Symposium which is coming up soon on 22 March 2025 at Bentley University again. Information and Registration at https://marionbermuda.com/NORS/. Bermuda One-Two is one of the race sponsors along with Marion-Bermuda, Newport-Bermuda and Marblehead-Halifax. Bermuda One-Two will have its own speaker sessions.

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.

- **Ted Singsen** is working his way down the ICW and hoping to cross to the Bahamas and hoping to be back early May on his Norseman 45 Sea Eagle. Ted is doing email, texting and calls so he will be in touch with respect to Safety Checks.
- **Cole Braeur** and Elizabeth Tucker are delivering First Light to Australia. Elizabeth is planning on participating in the next Global Solo Challenge race in First Light.
- **Juan Perez** has notified me that he will not be able to do this year's race due to health issues. He as purchased a brand new 6 person life raft in a valise and would like to sell it. If anyone is interested I will put you in touch with Juan.

CHANGES FOR 2025

The following changes are planned for 2025:

- A grace period has been added for life rafts that are under 10 years old with expiration dates between 1 January and 30 June of the year of the race. An inspection will not be required given that. This is NOR Amendment 1.
- The new US SAILING Rules of Racing 2025-2028 are invoked.

BERMUDA ONE-TWO WEBSITE

If anyone has previous years 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 as well as I currently have this type of membership. If you do not, would you please consider joining SGD&SC as an Oversea Member? The easiest way to join is to do it when you are in Bermuda. Their website is 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 five times with the real navigator, his wife Gail, doing the return leg with him. Roy (known as Roy2) is 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.

New last year to sponsor us is <u>New England Yacht Rigging</u>. I am very glad to see them and hope to see them at some of our events.

Roy Guay Offshore Chairman Roy@RoyGuay.net

BERMUDA ONE-TWO 2025 SPRING SKIPPERS' FORUM AND SHORE PARTY SATURDAY, 1 MARCH – 3:30PM TO 7PM NEWPORT YACHT CLUB – 110 LONG WHARF, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Program of Events:

1530 – 1600: Gab session

1600 – 1700: Informal Skippers' Forum 1700 – ?? : Heavy Hors and gab session Please let me <u>roy@royguay.net</u> know if you plan on participating so I can estimate amount of food.