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# BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,

This is the second newsletter in 2006.

## 2006 SKIPPERS' FORUM

The next Skippers' Forum and Shore Party is scheduled for 4 November at the Newport Yacht Club. The Skippers' Forum starts at 1600, however you might want to show up at 1530 to start the gab session, and food starts after the meeting about 1800. Anyone who might have items to add to the agenda please either contact me or Ray Renaud, [raymondrenaud@cox.net](mailto:raymondrenaud@cox.net). Please contact Muffin Dubuc by 1 November if you would like to partake of the food.

## 2007 BERMUDA 1-2 DATES

We actually have dates for next year. We are ahead of the game on that front.

May 19: Deadline for entrant applications, entry fees and skipper/crew resumes

June 4: Deadline for arrival in Newport of first-time entrants & returnees with new boats

June 7: Bermuda One-Two Welcome the Skippers Party

June 9: Newport to Bermuda Start

June 22: Bermuda to Newport Start

June 30: Awards in Newport

## WELCOME THE 2007 BERMUDA ONE-TWO SKIPPERS PARTY

We are planning on having a sponsored party two nights before the Newport to Bermuda start in Newport to welcome the skippers. Obviously all the skippers are invited as well as their relatives and friends, as well as Newport and Goat Island Yacht Club members. It is hoped that this will be an event to pull the community together before the start.

## MERCHANDISE

We have Bermuda One-Two flags that can be purchased for \$15.

## NOTICE OF RACE FOR 2007

I am hoping to send out the Notice of Race and Application for the 2007 Bermuda One-Two as soon as we finish reviewing it; no later than early January but I am hoping to get it out much earlier. I will email it to those that I have email addresses and then mail it to those that I don't have email addresses. The following are some of the more significant changes:

- Satellite tracking devices will be required for all boats.
- Appendix A – Required Safety Equipment; item 1, specifically call out a life raft **with a canopy** is required.
- Item 9 now requires a **waterproof** VHF handheld.
- Item 11 now requires all flares and smokes to be SOLAS type and 6 vice 4 red parachute flares are required.

- Item 6, rope is no longer allowed for jack lines.
- Item 39 now requires a First Aid Manual as specified in ISAF 4.08.1.
- Item 55 now requires having a means of charging the hand held radio shall be carried aboard.

### **POTENTIAL NEW SKIPPERS**

Doug Campbell, Steve Perry, Paul Grimes, Linsay Lowe (another Hobie 33), David Treadway (actually David has done it on a Luders 33, Crow). I have received other inquiries but I lost track of them.

### **SKIPPERS AND BOATS**

Ned Caswell's modified mast on his new Helmsman 47 fell down last year. He had a new one made up and has been sailing this year.

Peter McCrea has finally got his boat finished after being side swiped by a boat while on his mooring up in Rockland, ME. He had to wait a long time for toe rails to come from Italy. He says he is ready for the 2007 Bermuda One-Two.

Robert Patenaude, last did the race in 2001, now has a C&C 41 and is expecting to do the 2007 Bermuda One-Two.

Eric Lecoq, who participated in the 2005 Bermuda One-Two with JP Mouligne, is selling his beautiful Aerodyne 38. He says that they went completely through it and that it is the soundest and best prepared Aerodyne out there. If interested you can contact Eric at [eric@lecoquaine.com](mailto:eric@lecoquaine.com) or cell phone 914-433-0830. Eric says that he is purchasing one of those new Class 40 boats, a Pogo 40, and will not be able to sail in next year's Bermuda One-Two.

Speaking about Aerodyne, I understand that Murray Danforth has sold his 38 to Bob Manchester. I believe that Bob will be sailing it next year in the Bermuda One-Two with Barrett Holby.

### **BERMUDA 1-2 WEBSITE**

Some time this summer the website was hacked and we lost all the stories that I had entered. Drew Wood says that he has fixed the problem that let them in.

### **OFFSHORE 160**

This year's race started on 14 July. We had a new course, again, which turned out to be a nice one however the winds didn't cooperate and were very light after midnight the first night. We had 8 boats show up for the start however only 7 boats officially started. Gehard Meilen started on the wrong side of the Race Committee boat and again wasn't listening to VHF as he did in a previous race. Only three boats finished; Bjorn Johnson on Valkyrie finished Saturday at 2110 for first place in Class 1, Michael O'Connor on Coconut Telegraph finished Sunday at 1516 for second place in Class 1 and Chris Adams finished Monday at 0630 for first place in Class 2. Chris may have the record for the longest it takes to do the Offshore 160.

### **NEW ENGLAND SOLO/TWIN**

This year's Solo/Twin race was held 28/29 July. 41 boats entered this year. Again we had only 1 solo monohull class, spinnaker, with only 3 boats, there were 3 multis and the rest were double-handed monohulls. Solo seems to be diminishing in the Solo/Twin. Prompted by the success of the course used for the Offshore 160, we sent the boats on the reverse course. Most people enjoyed the change of pace of the different course. Phil Garland and Lars Guck on Samba finished first in Class 1, Bob and Todd Johnston on Morning Dance finished first in Class 2, Fauss Hull and Steve Hoffman on Skeleton Crew finished first in Class 3, Jim Francis and Jeff Going on Free Spirit finished first in Class 4 cruising, Bob Kempe on Hideaway finished first in Class 5 solos and Tom Cox and Dave Steele on Triad finished first in Class 6 multihulls.

## **MINI 6.5**

Jessee Rowse, Vice President of Mini Class US, represented the class at an Offshore Committee meeting recently. The end result is that the Mini 6.5 will be allowed in the 2007 Bermuda One-Two in a Demonstration Class. They are expecting anywhere from 4 to 8 boats coming as far away as New Orleans, Texas, Virginia and Canada. Being a Demonstration Class, we will gather information about the minis and will reevaluate the minis after the race to see how and if we can integrate the mini better into the Bermuda One-Two.

## **FEEDBACK REQUESTED**

Several times we have heard people request that we include a doublehanded class for the trip Newport to Bermuda. Well it was brought up again recently. At a recent Offshore Committee meeting this was discussed and it was suggested that we pose that as a question here to get feedback from the skippers to potentially discuss at the 4 November Skippers' Forum. So the question is, **do you think we should add a doublehanded class to the Newport to Bermuda leg of the Bermuda One-Two.** Please feel free to reply to me or Skipper's Rep Ray Renaud or show up to the 4 November Skippers' Forum.

Now that I have asked the question I will give my thoughts on the subject. I don't doubt that we would get more boats if we added a double handed class (proved out by the history of the New England Solo/Twin race). I have three concerns however; 1. It is not the Bermuda **One-Two**, 2. I suspect the number of single handed skippers to Bermuda will fall off dramatically as witnessed by the New England Solo/Twin and 3. Will the number of boats increase beyond the capabilities of the St. George's Dinghy and Sports 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. I am emailing these newsletters to those that I know.

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**BERMUDA ONE-TWO 2003 FALL SKIPPERS' FORUM AND SHORE PARTY**  
**SATURDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2003 – 4PM TO 9PM**  
**NEWPORT YACHT CLUB – 110 LONG WHARF, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND**

Shore Party Program of Events:

**1600 – 1800:** Informal Skippers' Forum

**1800 –** : Heavy Hors and gab session

Make your reservations by contacting MUFFIN DUBUC by Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. When making your reservations, please include the number of guests. **PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS SO THAT MUFFIN CAN GET A GOOD COUNT FOR THE FOOD!**

NOTE – Should your plans change PLEASE contact Muffin to cancel or adjust your reservations. Thank you!

**\$8.00 Per Person** (Payable at the door)

**Make your reservations today by contacting**  
**ONE-TWO Social Chairman MUFFIN DUBUC**  
**Phone: 401-683-1847; FAX: 401-682-2086; E-mail: [Muffin7@cox.net](mailto:Muffin7@cox.net)**  
**Reservations Deadline: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2006**