

October 2008



BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,
This is the second newsletter in 2008.

2008 FALL SKIPPERS' FORUM AND SHORE PARTY

The next Skippers' Forum and Shore Party is scheduled for 1 November at the Newport Yacht Club starting at 1530. The party should be over in time for hitting one of the local restaurants for the evening meal. Please contact Muffin Dubuc (Phone: 401-683-1847; E-mail: Muffin7@cox.net) by 29 October if you would like to partake of the food. For those that do not know, at the March Skippers' Forum Kristen Wenzel was elected as the new Skipper's Representative replacing Ray Renaud. I would like to thank Ray for all the help and insight he gave the Offshore Committee over the past years.

2009 BERMUDA ONE-TWO DATES

As I mentioned in the March newsletter we have dates for next year.

- May 16: Deadline for entrant applications, entry fees and skipper/crew resumes
- June 1: Deadline for arrival in Newport of first-time entrants & returnees with new boats
- June 3: Bermuda One-Two Welcome the Skippers Party
- June 5: Newport to Bermuda Start
- June 18: Bermuda to Newport Start
- June 27: Awards in Newport

There are some activities that will be going on while we are in Bermuda. The Tall Ships will be in Hamilton while we are Bermuda. The Queen's Birthday will be the Monday while we are there and thus the Bermuda Dinghies will be racing on the west coast. Also, next year is the 400th anniversary of the settlers first setting foot on Bermuda and there will be activities related to that. The Skipper's Representative (and social director in Bermuda) Kristen Wenzel says that she will be generating a list of activities. Those that were in Bermuda last year know how well she can do that.

MERCHANDISE

We have Bermuda One-Two burgees and hats that can be purchased for \$15.

NOTICE OF RACE FOR 2009

We are working on the Notice of Race for next year and hope to get it out Real Soon Now. I thought I would mention some of the changes that are being implemented for 2009.

1. Covered life lines are no longer grandfathered in. All life lines as per the ISAF Offshore Regulations require uncovered lifelines.
2. White flares are now replaced with a high powered non plug in white spotlight.
3. The minis are no longer a demonstration class but we expect them to have at least one class, maybe two, next year according to Class President Sam Ausmus.
4. Motors, both inboards and outboards, will be verified operational during the Safety Check and the boats will be required to motor by the race committee as they check in before the start.

POTENTIAL NEW SKIPPERS

I may not have all the potential new skippers for next year that have contacted me but hear are those I remember: Roger Billings, Jonathan Green, Jack Ives, Ben Jelic, Bob Kemp (Bob has done the return leg in 2007), Yves Lepine, Mike Stevens, Chris Pitts, Simon Day, Jay Cushman, Neil Calore and Marvin Clements.

SKIPPERS AND BOATS

John Van Slyke has a new boat to him, J/120 Dragon, as I mentioned in March. John did the Newport to Bermuda race double handed with Michael Millard (Kristen Wenzel and I did the return trip with John (yes I actually did the trip, 1st time!).

Mike Hennessy does have a new Class 40. Other past skippers are also going the Class 40 route. I don't have the list but rumor has it there might be 5 Class 40s.

Bart Janney is thinking of doing the race next year in Ed Kunkle's Alberg 37 with Ed doing the return leg with him. While at the Safety at Sea seminar back in March I ran into another person with an Alberg 37 (unfortunately I don't remember his name) who wants to do the race so I introduced him to long time Alberg 37 owner Douglas Shearer. Wouldn't that be interesting; 3 Alberg 37s in one class. Got to love that Class IV!

BERMUDA 1-2 WEBSITE

I have been slowly adding to the Bermuda One-Two website, especially past years' results and pictures. Mac Smith, past alumni, and George Pike, past event chairman, provided data for races 1977 through 1993 but some data is sketchy. There are two group pictures for race year 1987 that George & Mary Beth Pike helped identify most of the people however there are still some unnamed. I am expecting more data from Betsy McClintock as she empties out her attic of past Bermuda One-Two, Offshore 160 and Solo/Twin files. If anyone else has past year's results and pictures, especially pre 1999 or can fill in missing data, please let me know. I'll post the data and get it back to you if you like.

2008 OFFSHORE 160

Being an even year, the Offshore 160 was held on 11-13 July with 13 boats starting with ironically the 3 biggest boats not finishing (lack of wind and adverse current at the Nomans Land mark). Gordon Fletcher on his Beneteau 40.7 won class 1 and Jonathan Green on his Beneteau 35 won class 2. Veteran Bermuda One-Two skippers Peter McCrea and Ned Caswell participated and several other skippers expressed interest in doing the 2009 Bermuda One-Two. Bob Kempe, who did the return leg with Dave McLouglin last year, stated that he will do the 2009 Bermuda One-Two with Bob Johnston, who finished 2nd in class 1, doing the return leg with Bob Kempe. Chris Pitts and his mini are planning on doing the 2009 Bermuda One-Two as well as Michael Schum, Jonathan Green, Mark Winslow and Marvin Clements (who stuck it out on his Catalina 30 and finished just before the Awards).

2008 NEW ENGLAND SOLO/TWIN

This year's Solo/Twin race was held 25/26 July. 41 boats entered this year. Again this year we had only 1 solo monohull class, spinnaker, this time with 7 boats, there were no multis and the rest were double-handed monohulls. Surprisingly the solo class more than doubled over the past several years. We used the normal direction for the courses this year but due to the projected light wind only the first two classes did the 95 mile course. Anyways, 12 boats didn't finish.. Bob Manchester and Barrett Holby (veteran Bermuda One-Two skippers) on an Aerodyne 38 finished first in class 1. Class 2 was decimated; only 2 boats finished with Rob Nye and Sean McNeil on a J/100 took first. Class 3, the biggest class, was won by Charles McCoy and Richard Waterman on a J-29. Class 4, one of two cruising canvas classes, was won by the father & son team of Victor & John Pinheiro on Victor's new Hanse 430. Class 5, the other cruising canvas class was won by the father and daughter pair Mike and Olivia Chapman on their Freedom 32. The solo spinnaker class was won by Frederic Cosandey on his Jeanneau SF 36. At least four skippers have expressed interest in doing the 2009 Bermuda One-Two Race.

MEDICAL SEMINAR

Joe Cooper, instrumental in setting this seminar for the weekend of 1-2 November has put out the following: As of 10/1/08 only 2 registrations for the Medical seminar have been received. This of course makes the seminar not a viable proposition. A minimum of 20 folks is needed for this to fly. If you want to have this seminar and want to come please: a) Email Joe confirming that you will attend, b) Send the registration form and check payable to the SSA for \$195 ASAP. Mail the registration and check to:

Short Handed Sailing Association

c/- Joe Cooper

6 Simmons Terrace

Middletown, RI 02842

ST GEORGE'S DINGHY AND SPORTS CLUB MOORING FUND

As part of the Bermuda 1-2 clan, you all have enjoyed the hospitality of the St. Georges Dinghy and Sports Club. The location, facilities, cold Dark & Stormy's and the warm reception are critical ingredients for the success of our event, and one of the reasons we enjoy such a significant number of repeat participants. Many of you have joined the Club, and proudly fly its Burgee when tied up in Bermuda. Now there is another opportunity to help the Club. Best of all, in helping the Club we will end up helping our selves. The Club is looking to install mooring balls to make the process of med mooring simpler, faster and SAFER. Picture the scene: late at night, exhausted, sore, sun burned, and delirious..... Would you prefer to fumble around with your anchor set up or would you like to pick up a mooring ball as you back up to the dock? How about those early morning fire drills when someone drags an anchor? How nice would it be to sleep through the night without having to worry? No need to answer... those were rhetorical questions!! We are soliciting donations from all of you to help the Dinghy Club make this benefit a reality. The money you contribute will go towards installing as many med mooring balls as possible. The sooner we can pull the donations together, the greater the likelihood that the set ups will be ready for our race next June. So dig into the reserve funds and fork up some boat bucks for a good cause. So if you can and are willing please make out your checks to Newport Yacht Club and send them on to Bermuda 1-2, Newport Yacht Club, 110 Long Wharf, Newport, RI 02840.

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 2008 FALL SKIPPERS' SHORE PARTY
SATURDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2008 – 3:30PM TO 7PM
NEWPORT YACHT CLUB – 110 LONG WHARF, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND**

<p>Shore Party Program of Events: 1530 – 1600: Gab session 1600 – 1700: Skippers' Forum 1700 – 1900: Hors d'oeurvs and gab session</p>	<p>Make your reservations by contacting MUFFIN DUBUC by Wednesday, October 29th. When making your reservations, please include the number of guests. PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS SO THAT MUFFIN CAN GET A GOOD COUNT FOR THE FOOD!</p> <p>NOTE – Should your plans change PLEASE contact Muffin to cancel or adjust your reservations. Thank you!</p> <p>\$5.00 Per Person (Payable at the door)</p>
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**Make your reservations today by contacting
ONE-TWO Social Chairman MUFFIN DUBUC
Reservations Deadline: WEDNESDAY, OTOBER 29, 2008**

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