



October 2015

BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,
This is the second newsletter in 2015.

2015 FALL SKIPPERS' FORUM/SHORE PARTY

The Fall Skippers' Forum/Shore Party is scheduled for 7 November 2015 at the Newport Yacht Club, 110 Long Wharf, Newport, RI 02840. For the Forum Mike Hennessey has agreed to give us a brief on his experience in getting ready and doing this year's Transatlantic and one other race. The gab session starts at 1530, the Forum starts at 1600 for about 30-45 minutes and the Shore Party runs to about 1900. This is a great opportunity to renew friendships made during this year's race plus meeting with other past skippers. Hors d'oeuvres will be served so please let me know if you plan to be there so I can get the right amount of food. The next Forum/Shore Party will be March 2016.

2017 BERMUDA ONE-TWO DATES

We have scheduled the next Bermuda One-Two in 2017. The start to Bermuda is on Friday 2 June and the return to Newport is on Thursday 15 June. Make your plans! For those that live on another planet the finals of the 35th America's Cup will be held while we are in Bermuda. Not sure yet of the impact but maybe we can see some action while we are down there.

NEW SKIPPERS' REPRESENTATIVE

In Bermuda we conducted the vote for a Skippers' Representative and the vote was to keep Tristan Mouligne in that role.

2015 BERMUDA ONE-TWO RECAP

Our numbers were up from the previous race and we had the return of the Class 6 Open 6.5 Minis. We had 26 boats start in the single handed leg (2 returned, Eagles Dare broke its rudder and was able to limp back, and Shandygaff had charging problems so returned home), 23 finished (1 powered into Bermuda). In the double handed leg 23 boats started however two of them didn't finish (Sallywag II turned on their motor to get back and Kontradiction was dismasted, no one was hurt). Eleven of the starting skippers were first timers and it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the new skippers and the desire of the past skippers to keep on participating. One of the new skippers, Antoine Lacasse, used the boat, Pogo Loco, that has raced twice before in the Bermuda One-Two by Philippe Laville. One boat didn't start, Frogger skippered by Joshua Owen, broke down before the start and had to retire.

- The start was in 10 kts out of the SE building towards the end of the sequence. Samba, Tristan Mouligne, hit the line first at speed in Class 1. Eagles Dare, Jonathan Green, insisted on flying a Code 0 which overpowered him just before Castle Hill with one big round up and fell behind his class not being able to head towards Bermuda. Dianthus spotted his class some time being quite a bit late to the line.
- The next day 30-35 kts out of the NE was reported by some, even higher by others, and caused several problems with equipment; read that destroyed sails. However, no one was hurt and other than the two that turned back the rest of the skippers made it to Bermuda.
- The battery in each of two trackers died on the second day due to an incorrect setting resulting in no update reports showing up on the tracking website. Windswept had the correct connectors and was able to recharge his tracker and started reporting again. Unfortunately Pogo Loco couldn't charge his and finished the race without being tracked visually. We would update the website when we received reports of his position though.
- While in the Gulf Stream Island Girl reported that "the chef quit citing inhumane working conditions; now looking at menus comprised of various power bars and Gatorade".
- Cordelia reported that his main halyard broke but the main was stuck part way down.
- Kontradiction blew out his main sail and after getting his main halyard down he put up his cruising main and finished with that (doesn't everyone carry a spare main).

- The winds around Bermuda were very light and nothing at night so the boats were catching up to the leaders. Samba was doing a great job of leading the whole fleet the whole way but got becalmed twice for hours. He still finished first but was corrected out by Flight Risk.
- Mirari who had to return home the last time he tried the Bermuda One-Two due to several problems installed a “magic stick” mizzen mast to convert to a Bristol 39 Yawl and had a great race finishing physically and corrected time first in his class and first corrected time for the whole fleet. What a comeback!
- Two boats had problems starting their motors after finishing in Bermuda and had to be towed in. Both had water in their fuel.
- Neal Petersen, return crew for Flight Risk, was already in Bermuda and volunteered to help boats dock at the Customs dock.
- As skippers arrived they chipped in and helped the rest of the skippers dock at customs and then docking at the St. George’s Dinghy & Sports Club.
- The Thursday night after all arrived 29 of us partook in the biennial trip to the Swizzle Inn upper outside deck for Rum Swizzles and food. Again it was a wonderful time.
- Susan Oatley was a tremendous help for us in filling in for Brian who passed away a year and a half before. I appreciated her involvement in the race.
- Patrick Paley, Rear Commodore of the St. George’s Dinghy & Sports Club, conducted a tour of Fort St. Catherine and also a tour of caves and the dolphin swim area behind the Blue Hole Park.
- New this year for the race was Bermuda Yacht Services running the docking for the Dinghy Club. Mark Moran was a big help docking the boats with his utility power boat.
- Brenda Tweed cooked hamburgers and hot dogs, the Fish Fry and breakfast the morning of the start back to Newport for us while the boats were at the St. George’s Dinghy & Sports Club. This was truly appreciated by the skippers and myself.
- Two tours of the Bermuda Radio facilities were held. This is a very interesting look into the facility that the skippers deal with before they even make it to Bermuda.
- At the awards in Bermuda the Mayor of St. George the Honorable Quinell Francis and Commodore Lacey Jennings helped hand out the awards.
- Many pictures were provided by Patrick Paley of the Awards and tours as well as pictures from Amelia Green, Peter McCrea and Gust Stringos. These pictures can be seen and downloaded from the Photo Gallery on the Bermuda One-Two website.
- 23 boats started back to Newport on Thursday 18 June; 21 finished. “The Admiral” which has been used as the Race Committee boat many times in the past was destroyed in the last hurricane so Chris King and daughter Margret used their power boat for race committee. Peter McCrea, Panacea, had to fly home due to a scooter accident. Peter in August flew back to Bermuda to deliver his boat back (which is another story).
- The return leg was even more of the single handed leg. There were long periods of no wind where boats on the east side were being taken NE by the Gulf Stream and then there was Tropical Depression Bill. The boats had lots of problems with Bill.
- About a day out from Bermuda Windswept reported that his crew was bleeding from the nose, wasn’t sure it could be stopped and Rick McCally was afraid his crew was getting worse. The Coast Guard (first call to the CG) ended up asking a cruise ship to pick the crew person up from Windswept and Rick McCally continued on by himself to Newport. The crew person was off loaded in Bermuda (they were on their way to Bermuda) after being checked out by the medical staff on the cruise ship and flew home the next day. He was treated by his doctor. The motion of the boat was causing a vein in his nose to burst periodically while on Windswept. Once off Windswept he had no problems.
- After getting out of the impact of Tropical Depression Bill Kontradiction was dismayed (2nd call to the CG). Both Mike Schum and Mike Stevens were fine. They were able to clear the rigging from the boat and motor but decided to go into Menempsha, Martha’s Vineyard with the help of the CG since they were low on fuel. They motored back to Newport the next day.
- Doug Shearer did the return leg solo, again.
- Samba took a flyer by going West while the rest of the fleet followed somewhat near the Rhumb Line. The winds ended up being lighter overall (even though they were hit pretty hard by Bill) to the west of the Rhumb Line and Samba fell behind his Class 1 competitors.
- Resolute was the 1st boat to finish on elapsed and corrected times in the fleet and 1st on elapsed and corrected times in Class 1.
- Mirari finished 1st on elapsed and corrected time as he did in the single handed leg.
- Brian Flynn awarded me with the “Grand Poobah” hat.
- Rick McCally was awarded the Prolific Writer award with his extensive emails to me during the race; competing with Mike Hennessey’s blogging.
- The Man of Few Words was awarded to Mac Turner for his 4 word emails “All’s well on Tyche”. Evidently this was created as a canned message that Mac would send out.
- The Not So Fixed award was given to 806 for having to return to Bermuda since the fix to the rudder/tiller interface failed. He fixed it and returned to the race.
- The Magic Stick award or the Most Improved award was given to Mirari for fixing problems from the 2009 & 2013 races (didn’t make it to Bermuda in 2013) including adding a mizzen mast (magic stick) and winning everything in class4! Amazing legs but no fish.

- The Navigation award to Roy Greenwald. Gail who is the navigator on Cordelia gave Roy² only one navigation task for the return leg which was to add the R2 finish buoy into Narragansett Bay into the chart plotter while they were still in Bermuda. While going up the “bay” he suddenly asked where the Newport Bridge was and instantly realized that he had entered R2 for the Sakonet River and were going up the Sakonet River vice Narragansett Bay. They had to retrace their steps and finish correctly!

- The following family teams sailed the return leg:

Cordelia – Roy and Gail Greenwald

Meridian – Murray Beach and his daughter Hillary

Team Wichard – Vernon & Heather Hultzer

Samba – Tristen Mouligne and his brother John Jay

Scallywag II – Robert & Amelia Green

Carina – Robert Brown & Laura Reuter

Single Handed Corrected Results:

Class 1: 1. Flight Risk – John Lubimir; 2. Samba – Tristan Mouligne; 3. Flying Turtle – Murray Danforth; 4. Resolute – D. Scott Miller.

Class 2: 1. Scallywag II – Robert Green (1st timer); 2. Meridian – Murray Beach (1st timer); 3. Kontradiction – Michael Schum.

Class 3: 1. Island Girl – Brian Flynn; 2. Cordelia – Roy Greenwald (back after a hiatus of one race); 3. Bluebird – Gust Stringos; 4. Aggressive – Kristen Wenzel; 5. Dianthus – David Tabor (1st timer); 6. Halcyon – Dan Alonso; 7. Trifion – David Paine (1st timer).

Class 4: 1. Mirari – Dan Stadtlander; 2. Strummer – Louis Meyer; 3. Windswept – Rick McCally; 4. Panacea – Peter McCrea; 5. Nimros – Douglas Shearer; 6. Tyche – Mac Turner.

Class 6 (Open 6.5 Minis): 1. Team Wichard – Vernon Hultzer; 2. Pogo Loco – Antoine Lacasse; 3. 806 – Tony Leigh.

Double Handed Corrected Results:

Class 1: 1. Resolute – D. Scott Miller & Gregg Carville; 2. Flying Turtle – Murray Danforth & Adolph Haffenraffer; 3. Flight Risk – John Lubimir & Neal Petersen; 4. Samba – Tristan & John Jay Mouligne.

Class 2: 1. Meridian – Murray & Hillary Beach.

Class 3: 1. Aggressive – Kristen Wenzel & Raymond Renaud; 2. Island Girl – Brian Flynn & Craig Olsen; 3. Cordelia – Roy & Gail Greenwald; 4. Bluebird – Gust Stringos & John Priestley; 5. Dianthus – David Tabor & Daniel Lawrence; 6. Halcyon – Dan Alonso & Kathy Reckling; 7. Trifion – David Paine & June Condon.

Class 4: 1. Mirari – Dan Stadtlander & Matthew Thomson; 2. Tyche – Mac Turner & Gerry Leger; 3. Strummer – Louis Meyer & Gil Song; 4. Windswept – Rick McCally & Jim Coughlin; 5. Carina – Robert Brown & Laura Reuter; 6. Nimros – Douglas Shearer (singlehanded again).

Class 6: 1. Pogo Loco – Antoine Lacasse & Christophe Gireau; 2. Team Wichard – Vernon & Heather Hultzer; 3. 806 – Tony Leigh & Jeremy Burnham.

Combined Corrected Results:

Class 1: 1. Flight Risk – John Lubimir; 2. Flying Turtle – Murray Danforth; 3. Samba – Tristan Mouligne; 4. Resolute – D. Scott Miller

Class 2: 1. Meridian – Murray Beach.

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For more results and pictures check out the website; www.bermuda1-2.org.

SKIPPERS AND BOATS

- Joe Harris is planning an attempt at around the world solo non-stop record on his Class 40 GryphonSolo². He will be having a send-off event at the Newport Shipyard on Saturday 7 November from noon to 4pm. Ken Campbell from Commanders Weather who will be helping him with routing during the trip will be talking about the routing. This happens to be the same day but before the Skipper’s Forum/Shore Party at the Newport Yacht Club. The Shipyard is just around the corner from the yacht club.

- Michael Millard is selling his Quest 30 Wildeyes.

- Lindsay Lowe is selling her Quest 32 Flying Tiger; maybe.

- Stanley Paris is having a “smaller” boat built, 57 feet, and plans to do the race in 2017 as well as another attempt at sailing around the world non-stop.

MERCHANDISE

We have Bermuda One-Two burgees \$15, polo shirts \$10, T-shirts \$5, and hats for \$10.

BERMUDA 1-2 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.

Pictures from this year’s race are posted in the Photo Gallery of the website.

2015 NEW ENGLAND SOLO/TWIN

This year’s Solo/Twin race was held 24/25 July. 23 boats entered this year (which is down from recent past). Again we had only 1 solo monohull spinnaker class with 3 participants, 3 multihulls and the rest were double handed monohulls. The morning of the start had very little wind but the wind picked up enough and held out long enough to start all the classes. The prediction was for very light winds the whole time so we gave courses nothing greater than 77 nm (most of the boats normally get the 100 nm course). This year the solo class had three skippers with only one being a veteran Solo/Twin single hander and Bermuda One-Two skipper (Rick McCally on Windswept) with 2 new single handed skippers to the Solo/Twin (Josh Reisberg on his Open 6.5 Mini Abilyn who had planned on doing the Bermuda One-Two but wasn’t able to participate and Paul Kanev on his Hinkley Sou’western 51 Momentum who has hopes of doing the Bermuda One-Two). As predicted the winds were light. The first boat to finish was monohull Goat Rodeo, Todd and Robert Johnston (a veteran Solo/Twin team) at 0300 Saturday, and the first multihull to finish was David Lussier’s Bazinga! with co-skipper Jim Bass at 0413. Todd & Robert Johnston finished 1st on corrected time in Class 1. Samba, a Quest 30, sailed by the Mouligne brothers Tristan and John Jay (Bermuda One-Two veterans) finished second in Class 1 on corrected time. Paul Grimes and David Moffet on the J/35 Breakaway finished first in Class 2 on both elapsed and corrected time. We did not have a small boat spinnaker double handed class this year. Larvik a Pearson 10M sailed by Kim Andersen & William Beebe finished first on corrected time in Class 4 the Cruising Canvas class. Long time solo entrant and Bermuda One-Two veteran finished first on corrected time in Class 5, the solo class, and Carsten Petersen & Lars Svenstrup on Sommersko a Corsair F27 finished first on corrected time in Class 6, the multihulls. The last boat to finish at 0936 was Long Gone a Cross 34 custom multihull sailed by David Ryan and Alex Bocconcelli. All boats that started finished this year but two boats didn’t show up for the start. The rest of the results as well as notes during the race can be seen at:

www.newportyachtclub.org/racing/offshore/new_england_solo_twin/.

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 2015 FALL SKIPPERS' FORUM AND SHORE PARTY
SATURDAY, 7 NOVEMBER – 3:30PM TO 7PM
NEWPORT YACHT CLUB – 110 LONG WHARF, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND**

Shore Party Program of Events:

1530 – 1600: Gab session

1600 – 1730: Informal Skippers' Forum

1730 – ?? : Heavy Hors d'oeuvres and gab
session

Please let me roy@royguay.net know if you
plan on attending.

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