



# BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,  
This is the second newsletter in 2016.

## 2016 FALL SKIPPERS' FORUM AND GAM

The Fall Skippers' Forum and Gam is scheduled for 5 November 2016 at the Newport Yacht Club, 110 Long Wharf Newport, RI 02840. Heavy Hors d'oeuvres will be provided so please let me know if you plan on attending (I need an estimate).

Proposed Agenda:

- Will Keene, from Edson, talk on Offshore Preparation with a focus on steering systems and keeping water out of the boat (i.e. flooding)
- 2017 Bermuda One-Two changes

The next Forum/Shore Party will be March 2017.

What, may you ask, is a "gam?" A gam is defined as a meeting of sea captains at sea – which is a pretty nifty nautical term when you think what the Bermuda One-Two is all about.

2017 will mark the 40th year since the establishment of the Bermuda One-Two in 1977, and its organizers think that November 5th would be the perfect opportunity to invite ALL past participants – skippers, crew members, spouses, committee members and the like – to come together to share their personal stories from past events as we start looking forward to next year's race start in June.

Our informal onshore "gam" is planned to begin at 3:30 pm, followed by a participants' forum at 4:00 pm, to which everyone is invited. At this time, information related to next year's race will be provided.

But the REAL party is set start at 5:00/5:30 pm, complete with an ample array of delicious appetizers, and – of course – Dark 'N Stormies being served up at the cash bar.

We envision this soiree as a long-overdue event reunion – a coming together of ALL past event participants of every flavor to visit and swap their Bermuda One-Two sea stories with one another. It's also a great opportunity to bring along someone you know who might be interested in doing the One-Two next year or in the future. What better opportunity to introduce a newbie to a singularly remarkable group of folks? The Bermuda One-Two is a unique event which attracts unique and interesting people, and we are inviting everyone to gather for an evening dedicated to celebrating its 40-year history.

No reservations are necessary however if you can pop me a note or an email with a count if you think you might attend, it would help me with figuring how much food to make. There are no costs for attending – mark your calendar now and plan on being at Newport Yacht Club to hang out with "the gang."

## 2017 BERMUDA ONE-TWO DATES

The following is a rough schedule for the next Bermuda One-Two in 2015.

January 1: Online application open

March 4: Spring Skippers' Forum/Party – Gulf Brief by Frank Bohlen

April 1: Application fee increases

May 29: Deadline for arrival in Newport of first-time entrants & returnees with new boats

May 31: Bermuda One-Two Skippers Send-Off Party

June 1: Mandatory SH Leg Skippers' Meeting, Weather and Gulf Stream Briefs

June 2: Newport to Bermuda Start (yes, it's a Friday!)

June 15: Bermuda to Newport Start

June 24: Awards in Newport

Make your plans!

## SKIPPERS' REPRESENTATIVE

For those that may not know Tristan Mouligne continues his reign as the Skippers' Representative. Tristan has been participating in our Race Committee meetings in the preparations leading up to the 2017 Bermuda One-Two as well as racing in both the 2015 and 2016 New England Solo/Twin races. Frank Bohlen has again agreed to do the Gulf Stream

brief at the Skippers' Meeting before the start, the March Skippers' Forum, as well as providing several brief handouts leading up to the race as he did since 2009. Frank gives a tremendous analysis of the Gulf Stream.

### **POTENTIAL SKIPPERS FOR 2017**

The following people have stated that they expect to race in 2017: Clay Burkhalter on J Hawk a J/133 with his uncle Rod Johnstone as return crew, Jack Clayton on Melantho 2 a Cal 33-2, Marcus Cochran on a mini 547, Brian Gray on his mini Trouble No Trouble, Philip Haydon on his Catalina 350 Prairie Gold, Mike Hebert on his C&C 1221 Pointe Blank and return crew Marcos Tonndorf, Michael Hennessey (are the Class 40s back?), Vernon Hultzer on his mini Team Wichard, Eric Johnson, Tony Leigh on his mini 806, Josh Owen on his mini Frogger, Stanley Paris on his new 53 footer, Rick Rohrer on Rocinante a J/109, Roger Shepley on his Omega 42 SV Seriana, Noel Sterett on his J/130 Solarus, Chris Terajewicz on his Morris Justine 36 (another one!) Corvus, John Van Slyke.

We have had a record number of new skippers doing their qualifiers this year. This is great to see; getting the qualifier out of the way minimizing what has to be done getting ready of the race in the spring of 2017.

### **SKIPPERS AND BOATS**

- Stanley Paris is having another boat built, smaller this time 53', in Europe that he plans on racing with us next year and his son Alan his crew for the return.
- We may have three Morris Justine 36' boats in next year's race; veteran of several races Gust Stringos on Bluebird, Zachary Lee on Yankee Girl (who won the double handed division in the Newport Bermuda Race with Gust Stringos) and Chris Terajewicz on Corvus who participated in this year's New England Solo/Twin Single Handed class.
- Michael Schum, who was dismayed in last year's race, has another boat and he raced it in the solo class of the Solo/Twin this year; a comfortable Saga 409 In Concert. Will he be able to do the Bermuda One-Two next year?

### **MERCHANDISE**

We have Bermuda One-Two burgees at \$20.

### **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.

### **NOTICE OF RACE FOR 2017**

We are working on the Notice of Race for next year and hope to get it out soon after the Skippers' Forum. I thought I would mention some of the changes that are being implemented for 2015.

- Electric flares are now allowed and must meet the manufacturers inspection recommended date.
- Dyneema life lines are no longer allowed however we will grandfather them in for this next race.
- Qualifier increased from a minimum of 24 hours to 30 hours.
- Allow inflatable Dan Buoy vice Man Overboard Module and must meet the manufacturers inspection recommended date.

### **2016 OFFSHORE 160**

The Offshore 160 was held 15-17 July with 11 boats entered. 4 backed out before the start (Samba due to work) so 7 boats started in two classes with 5 finishing. They started in very light wind however there was nice wind for a bunch of the race (of course there were those moments where there was no wind like being becalmed for 6, hours several times). Due to a buoy that was going to be used as a mark being off station two new courses were created and the boats were given the 160nm course. They discovered that the buoy for the new mark was missing so they rounded a virtual mark (the lat/long of the missing mark). The two slowest boats, David Paine on Trifion and Philip Haydon on Prairie Gold (first time to the race and potential Bermuda One-Two skipper next year), got the worst of the light air and withdrew. The boats that finished all received trophies. Mike Piper on his new Elliott 35ss Inigo Montoya was the first boat to finish however due to Paul Grimes on Breakaway finishing 19 minutes behind Mike Piper and Murray Beach on Meridian finishing 43 minutes behind Paul Grimes, Mike corrected to 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Paul Grimes corrected 1<sup>st</sup> place and Murray corrected 2<sup>nd</sup> place all in Class 1. Dan Walsh on his Jeanneau 40 Wild Goose II finished first in Class 2 and Jonathan Bixby on his Tartan 3500 Highlander finished 2<sup>nd</sup> (without a spinnaker). Both are first timers in the Offshore 160. New skippers to the 160 Mike Piper, Dan Walsh, Jonathan Bixby and Philip Haydon are hopeful for participating in a future Bermuda One-Two. Mike Piper on Inigo Montoya an Elliot 35ss was awarded the William J. Dubuc Trophy for being the first boat to finish. More information can be seen at: <http://www.newportyachtclub.org/Racing/Offshore/Offshore160/offshore-160>.

### **2016 NEW ENGLAND SOLO/TWIN**

This year's Solo/Twin race was held 29/30 July. 33 boats entered this year. We had one solo monohull spinnaker class with 4 participants, one multihull class with 6 participants and the rest were double handed monohulls. For the start predictions of thunder storms and flash floods didn't come through (thankfully). We had rain during the start but quickly

dissipated and the weather became nice. The boats had a nice downwind start. This year the solo class consisted of veteran Bermuda One-Two skipper Michael Schum in his new boat "In Concert", and return leg skipper Noel Sterett and new skipper Chris Terajewicz on Corvus both hoping to do the Bermuda One-Two next year. We moved the Gay Head buoy to a buoy 5 miles out from Gay Head to minimize the current at the Gay Head buoy so it shortened the course from 100 nm to 93 nm. The slower spinnaker class was given the 77 nm course, the non-spinnaker class was given the 65 nm course and the others were given the 93 nm course. Only one multihull out of 6 started but unfortunately they didn't finish. The first boat to finish was veteran Bermuda One-Two team of Fred Cosandey and Ernest Berger on Choucas at 6:56 am Saturday sailing in Class 2 on the 77 nm course. In Class 1 Goat Rodeo a Sequest 36 sailed by Todd and Robert Johnston was the first to finish. Samba, a Quest 30, sailed by Tristan Mouligne and Ted Winston finished first on corrected time in Class 1. Dark Star sailed by Mark Gervais and Carol Tobian (long time participants) finished 1<sup>st</sup> in corrected time in Class 2. Class 4 was won on both elapsed and corrected time by Larvik a Pearson 10M sailed by Kim Andersen and William Beebe. Benjamin Hodgson, first time sailing singlehanded in the Solo/Twin, on Grimace a J/100 finished first in Class 5, the Solo monohull spinnaker class, both on elapsed and corrected times. Seven boats withdrew this year but six boats didn't show up for the start; 5 of them multihulls.

In its second year, sponsored by Mike Millard, was the New England ShortHanded Ocean Racing Trophy (SHORT) which combines the Offshore 160 (singlehanded) with the New England Solo/Twin (doublehanded) giving a trophy to the best boat that does both races. The idea is to try to promote these races and hopefully into the Bermuda One-Two. The inaugural trophy went to Tristan Mouligne on his Quest 30 Samba in 2014. This year we had four boats that sailed in both races. The winner won his class in the Offshore 160 and was second in a very high powered Class 1. Breakaway sailed by Paul Grimes was the clear winner of this year's SHORT trophy. Congrats, well done.

The rest of the results as well as notes during the race can be seen at:

<http://www.newportyachtclub.org/Racing/Offshore/NESoloTwin/new-england-solo-twin> .

#### **HELP NEEDED IN BERMUDA ONE-TWO BUILD UP**

Help! For years we have found that the best source for new participants in the Bermuda One-Two has been its veteran skippers and crews. Anyone who has done the Bermuda One-Two knows how to sail long distances shorthanded, what type and how strong a boat is needed, and how fit and experienced a sailor has to be to satisfy the Bermuda One-Two's demands.

For the Bermuda One-Two to remain a top-notch sailing event, it needs new participants. Look around your yacht club or marina and among your racing rivals to see who might be interested and qualified. Talk with them; tell them about your experiences in the Bermuda One-Two and about the friends you've made through involvement in the event. Bring them to the next skippers' forum and party. If you cannot answer all their questions, give them the e-mail address of Tristan Mouligne [skippersrep@bermuda1-2.org](mailto:skippersrep@bermuda1-2.org). Or forward their names and phone numbers and/or email addresses to Roy Guay at [roy@royguay.net](mailto:roy@royguay.net), and we will contact them with answers.

#### **SPONSORSHIP**

If you know of anyone/outfit that would like to provide some money in sponsorship for the 2017 Bermuda One-Two we would appreciate it if you would forward their information to either Roy Greenwald [FansOf@bermuda1-2.org](mailto:FansOf@bermuda1-2.org) or Roy Guay. We need some sponsorship to defray the costs of the trackers and dockage. We have a good group of sponsors so far: Hood Sailmakers, Wichard, Edson, Life Raft & Survival Equipment.

Roy Greenwald has volunteered to help us out with sponsorship and has done a great job getting our current sponsorship. We have moved to a two year cycle starting on the even year so that the sponsors get visibility during all of our races; Offshore 160, New England Solo/Twin and the Bermuda One-Two.

#### **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 have email addresses.

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**BERMUDA ONE-TWO 2017 SPRING SKIPPERS' FORUM AND SHORE PARTY  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER – 3:30PM TO 8PM  
NEWPORT YACHT CLUB – 110 LONG WHARF, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND**

Shore Party Program of Events:

**1530 – 1600:** Gab session

**1600 – 1730:** Skippers' Forum

**1730 – ?** : Heavy Hors and Gam session

Please let me [roy@royguay.net](mailto:roy@royguay.net) know if you plan on attending.

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