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BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,
This is the second newsletter in 2023.

2023 FALL SKIPPERS' PARTY

The Fall Skippers' Forum/Shore Party is scheduled for 4 November 2023 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).

The next Forum/Shore Party will be in March 2024.

We actually have an agenda for this Party.

- Introductions
- Coast Guard Representative Talk/Q&A

2025 BERMUDA ONE-TWO DATES

We have scheduled the next Bermuda One-Two in 2025. The start to Bermuda is on Friday 6 June and the return to Newport is on Thursday 19 June. Make your plans!

SKIPPERS' REPRESENTATIVE

For those that may not know, Jonathan Bixby was voted for another term as the Skippers' Representative at the Newport Awards this year. Jon is a local sailor and has participated in two recent Bermuda One-Two races as well as racing in the New England Solo/Twin and Offshore 160 races. Jon is willing and able to talk to potential new skippers with questions. For that matter, so are past Skipper Representatives Kristen Wenzel and Tristan Mouligne.

2023 BERMUDA ONE-TWO RECAP

COVID-19 wasn't an issue this year however they were having a spike in COVID-19 rate while we were there.

This year 12 boats stayed at the Dinghy Club inside the fixed pier. Resolute got hung up on one of the Dinghy Club moorings and after a very long time trying to get untangled a diver came by and freed it. Scott decided to anchor vice med moor to the fixed pier. The rest of the boats (6) were downtown alongside.

Our numbers were similar to 2021 but only 3 classes due to the types of boats; no Open 6.5 Minis and no Class 5 (Class 40s however there was one Class 40 in Class 1). Only 29 skippers registered (7 were first timers!), 23 boats started the singlehanded leg to Bermuda (20 for the last race) in nice conditions and 18 boats finished (1 turned back due to auto pilot failure, 1 turned back due to rudder problems, 2 turned back due to conditions and one limped into Bermuda with total electrical problems). We had two injuries on the way down; Peter Gustafsson on **Blur** hurt his ribs and Robert Kelly on **II Tender** fractured his foot and could not do the return leg. **Abilyn**, Josh Reisberg, who had the autopilot failure, went home, fixed the problem, went to Newport, picked up a life raft for Fearless (who lost it overboard during the singlehanded leg) and rushed down to Bermuda with his crew in time to start the return leg! 18 boats started the doublehanded leg to Newport (**Melantho**, Jack Clayton, headed back home since his electrical problems were not totally fixed).

- Stanley Paris had a late start for the delivery to Newport due to weather in St. Augustine and then developed motor problems and then lack of wind. They arrived way after the start for Bermuda with a dead motor and now **Kiwi Paris 2** is for sale! And Stanley has stated that his solo career is done.
- **First Light** (alias Dragon) was the first boat to finish as it has in the past 2 races however this time it was sailed by 29 year old Cole Brauer. Cole is the first woman to be the first woman to finish first in the Bermuda One-Two. Cole was crew for Michael Hennessey in 2021 on Dragon. Cole's crew for the return leg was Cat Chimney who was also crew in 2021 but on Tim Kent's Class 40 Kent Racing.
- Speaking of woman skippers, there were 4 woman skippers to start the singlehanded leg. Two withdrew but the two that finished the singlehanded leg finished 1st (Cole Brauer) and 2nd (Nathalie Criou from San Francisco) in Class 1 corrected time.
- **Windswept**, Rick McCally, broke his boom on the 2nd day out to Bermuda and sailed the rest of the way with just the genoa and spinnaker. He found someone in St. George to patch the boom with a wooden plug which survived the return trip as well as the Solo/Twin in July which had a 52 knot squall.

- **Alchemy**, David Southwell, ripped his mainsail during a knock down on the first leg and finished the singlehanded leg with just jib and spinnaker. Once in Bermuda David laid the mainsail out on the ground and took a picture of it. Might he have been able to use the main reefed? Another main that David had (in Maine) was flown to Bermuda for the return leg.
- Ted Singen greeted most if not all the boats arriving at Customs. After a few skippers arrived, they helped the following skippers dock downtown and at the Dinghy Club. Eric Johnson helped again this year with ferrying people to Customs to help the boats go to the Dinghy Club and dock. Eric also took a lot of pictures at various events.
- Brenda Tweed (bartender/cook) does an amazing job of taking care of us while there.
- I made sure we had pictures of the singlehanded skippers after Awards including the Commodore Shiela Gringley and the Mayor of St. George The Honorable Quinell Francis.
- Similar to 2021 after leaving Bermuda the fleet was hit with thunderstorms and squalls.
- **Blur**, Peter Gustafsson, wins the award for the volume of words he wrote (emails) and sent me a couple of pictures. I understand there is even more on his blog. Where did he get the time to write so much, take pictures and still finish 3rd in his class and 5th in the fleet (doublehanded leg). It's debatable as to who is more wordy; Peter or Michael Hennessey.
- **Cordelia**, a Valiant 42, was in its glory with the strong Southwest for a long time. Full sails and trucking. However, when the winds died down the boats started catching up and one even passed them. But they did so well in the strong winds that they ended up 1st in their class and 4th overall corrected time. It was nice to see Roy2 and Gail (the Navigator) back.
- It was nice to see the following skippers back after a pause in racing: Roy2 Greenwald, Louis Meyer who sold his boat and later bought it back, David Tabor, Scott Miller who bought a bigger Boat, and Gust Stringos.
- This year we had three family teams which was an improvement over none in 2021.
- The oldest skipper this year was Louis Meyer at 80. It used to be that the oldest were in their 70s!

Single Handed Corrected Results:

- Class 1:** 1. **First Light** – Cole Brauer (1st timer); 2. **Envolee** – Nathalie Criou (1st timer); 3. **Fearless** – Phil Haydon.
Class 2: 1. **Reveille** – Jim Hammitt; 2. **Breakaway** – Gregg Carville (1st timer); 3. **Young American** – Peter Becker
Class 3: 1. **Bluebird** – Gust Stringos; 2. **Strummer** – Louis Meyer; 3. **Cordelia** – Roy Greenwald.

Double Handed Corrected Results:

- Class 1:** 1. **First Light** – Cole Brauer & Catherine Chimney; 2. **Alchemy** – David Southwell & Scott Meier; 3. **Blur** – Peter Gustafsson & Mattias Bodlund (1st timers).
Class 2: 1. **Young American** – Peter Becker & Adrien Blanc (1st timer); 2. **Reveille** – Jim Hammitt & John Pauling; 3. **Luna** – Alessandro Pagani & Ryan Murphy.
Class 3: 1. **Cordelia** – Roy & Gail Greenwald; 2. **Gryphon** – Walter Rush & Dallas Johnson; 3. **Dianthus** – David Tabor & Carol Vaughn..

Combined Corrected Results:

- Class 1:** 1. **First Light** – Cole Brauer; 2. **Alchemy** – David Southwell; 3. **Blur** – Peter Gustafsson.
Class 2: 1. **Young American** – Peter Becker; 2. **Reveille** – Jim Hammitt; 3. **Luna** – Alessandro Pagani.
Class 3: 1. **Cordelia** – Roy Greenwald; 2. **Gryphon** – Walter Rush; 3. **Dianthus** – David Tabor.

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

2023 NEW ENGLAND SOLO/TWIN RECAP

This year's Solo/Twin race was held July 28/29. 33 boats entered this year (down a tad from 35 last year). We had one solo monohull spinnaker class with 3 participants, one multihull class with 1 participant and the rest were doublehanded monohulls. The predictions for the weather were for decent winds the whole night (unlike the normal dead air during the early morning hours). The two fastest spinnaker classes were given the 103 nm course, the slowest spinnaker class and Solo class were given the 93 nm course and the Cruising Canvas and Multi-hull classes did the 77 nm course. Since the first boat to finish were just 3:30 Saturday morning and the last boat to finish, again, was Windswept sailed by Rick McCally in the Solo Class 5 at 11:25 am, the courses were about right. The boats started in a decent south-westerly wind. 30 boats started and 22 finished! Two boats retired due to sail damage during a freak squall that went through the fleet early Saturday morning with winds hitting 52 kts. The boats rounding the Narragansett Bay entrance buoy ran into very thick fog.

The first boat to finish was Class 4 Non-Spinnaker Twin SeaJai sailed by the father/son team of James Jr and James Hennigan at 0333 Saturday morning sailing on the 77 nm course however Larvik sailed by Kim Andersen and Bill Beebe were first on corrected time in Class 4. The first boat to finish sailing the 93 nm course was Class 3 Sail For ALS sailed by Joe Lark and Alex Bowdler at 6:41 Saturday morning and also was first on corrected time in Class 3. In Class 1 Avalon sailed by Ken Read and Suzy Leech finished 1st at 0729 however Samba sailed by Tristan Mouligne and Ted Winston won

on corrected time. In Class 2 the first boat to finish was Amadeus V sailed by Jay Turchetta and Kevin Coughlin however winning on corrected time was Grimace sailed by Ben Hodgson and Ike Bowen. The first boat to finish in Class 5 Solo Spinnaker on elapsed time was Smitten sailed by Eric Congdon however Windswept sailed by Rick McCally won on corrected time even though he was the last boat to finish! Winner of the Cliff Mitchell Family Trophy was the team of Kim Andersen and Bill Beebe on Larvik. Eight boats had family crew. Four boats withdrew this year and 2 boats didn't compete.

The rest of the results as well as pictures and notes during the race can be seen at:
<https://www.newportyachtclub.org/sailing/offshore/new-england-solo-twin/>

SKIPPERS AND BOATS

- **Brian Gray** was unable to get his new POGO 44 ready for this year's Bermuda One-Two but plans to be ready for 2025!
- **Michael Hennessey** sold Dragon and is working on a new Class 40. Hope for more Class 40s in 2025. Dragon was sold to a couple of guys that already had a Class 40 so they renamed it First Light and let Cole Brauer race it in this year's race, and you might say did very well.
- **Stanley Paris** in delivering his boat Kiwi Spirit 2 from St Augustine, FL to Newport for this year's race, all kinds of problems occurred with the killer being a dead engine. According to Stanley this was going to be his last solo race anyways so he has put it up for sail.
- **Eric Johnson** arrived in St George for this year's race and helped Ted Singsen and I with the race. Many of the pictures I have were from Eric. Eric said he loves to be a part of the Bermuda One-Two.

SAFETY AT SEA SEMINARS

- If you are looking for safety at sea seminars take a look here: <https://www.ussailing.org/education/adult/safety-at-sea-courses/find-a-course-near-you/>
- Northeast Ocean Race Symposium – Actually this isn't a "Safety at Sea Seminar" however it has interesting subjects related to the races that make up the Symposium which is Marion Bermuda, Marblehead to Halifax and Bermuda One-Two. This will be held March 16, 2024, at Bentley University. This will be the second annual run of the symposium. As soon as the itinerary is finalized, I will send it out.

MERCHANDISE

We have Bermuda One-Two burgees at \$20, shirts and hats.

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.

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 must 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 shore party. If you cannot answer all their questions, give them the e-mail address of Jon Bixby skippersrep@bermuda1-2.org. Or forward their names and phone numbers and/or email addresses to Roy Guay at 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 2023 Bermuda One-Two we would appreciate it if you would forward their information to either Roy Greenwald 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 for the past two racing seasons, and I would like to thank them: Quantum Sailmakers, Joe Cooper Sailing, Cay Electronics, Artistic Embroidery & Promotion, and Gosling's. 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 our races; Offshore 160, New England Solo/Twin and the Bermuda One-Two. We expect to be reaching out for sponsorship this fall.

EMAIL

If you know someone who would like to receive the newsletters, Notice of Race, etc. for the Bermuda One-Two, New England Solo/Twin and Offshore 160 races via email, let me know so I can add your email address to my database.

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BERMUDA ONE-TWO 2023 FALL SKIPPERS' FORUM/SHORE PARTY
SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER – 3:30PM TO 7PM
NEWPORT YACHT CLUB – 110 LONG WHARF, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Shore Party Program of Events:

1530 – 1600: Gab session

1600 – 1630: Skippers' Forum

1700 – ? : Heavy Hors and Gam session

Please let me roy@royguay.net know if you
plan on attending for estimates on food needed.