



BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,
This is the second newsletter in 2024.

2024 FALL SKIPPERS' PARTY

The Fall Skippers' Forum/Shore Party is scheduled for 2 November 2024 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 following Forum/Shore Party will be in March 2024.

We actually have an agenda for this Party.

- Introductions
- NOR changes
- Guest speaker – Shelia McCurdy on SAS, check lists and preparing your boat.

2025 BERMUDA ONE-TWO DATES

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

November 2024: Notice of Race is published

January 1: Online application open

March 1: Spring Skippers' Forum/Party – Gulf Brief by Frank Bohlen

April 1: Application fee increases

June 4: Mandatory check in and Bermuda One-Two Skippers Send-Off Party

June 5: Mandatory SH Leg Skippers' Meeting, Weather and Gulf Stream Briefs

June 6: Newport to Bermuda Start

June 17: Awards in Bermuda

June 19: Bermuda to Newport Start

June 28: Awards in Newport

Make your plans!

SKIPPERS' REPRESENTATIVE

Jonathan Bixby was voted for another term as the Skippers' Representative at the Newport Awards last 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 Ray Renaud, Kristen Wenzel and Tristan Mouligne.

POTENTIAL SKIPPERS FOR 2025

The following people have stated (that I remembered) are planning on participating in the 2025: Peter Bourke on his Class 40, Jeff Daudert on his C&C 121, Pat Dionne on Chicama, Rick McCally, Louis Meyer, Josh Reisberg, Theodore Rice on his Pacific Seacraft 34 named Rhapsody, Michael Schum on his new boat Karelia a Nauticat 39.

Let me know if you are interested in doing the race next year.

2024 NEW ENGLAND SOLO/TWIN RECAP

The 2024 New England Solo/Twin was held 26/27 July. Twenty six boats had registered, 4 solo sailors were in one spinnaker class and the rest were divided into three doublehanded classes (two spinnaker classes and one non-spinnaker class). All boats were monohulls. Twenty four boats started and two did not finish.

The weather prediction was beautiful for 26/27 July however the wind prediction was for very light winds. Leading up to the noon start on Friday 26 July the wind was dying and looked to be a very slow start however the wind out of the North-west picked up enough that all the boats were able to easily move around and start. It helped that the tide was going out of the bay.

The three spinnaker classes sailed a 93 nautical mile course (around Block Island to a buoy off of Gay Head on Martha's Vineyard to a buoy off of Pt Judith to the Castle Hill finish) and the non-spinnaker class sailed a 60 nautical mile course (to a buoy off of Pt Judith to the buoy off of Gay Head to a buoy outside of Narraganset Bay to the Castle Hill finish).

The wind held up mostly during the race with a period of calm on the south-west side of Block Island for some of the boats and at the buoy off of Gay Head. Class 4, non-spinnaker, was able to finish before the spinnaker boats due to the short course. The first boat to finish was SeaJai sailed by Jim and Seamus Hennigan (father and son team) at 0042 Saturday morning and the last boat to finish in Class 4 was Dos Amigos sailed by Ray Renaud and Kristen Wenzel at 0556. The first spinnaker boat to finish was Goat Rodea sailed by Todd Johnston and Greg Maninning at 0627 while the last boat to finish was singlehanded Rambunctious sailed by David Barrus at 1353 (in time to make the Awards at 5pm).

On corrected time in Class 1 Goat Rodeo lost first place to Samba sailed by Tristan Mouligne and Ted Winston by 13 seconds. Agent 99 sailed by Jeff Johnstone and Tom Kirk finished third. In Class 2 Grimace sailed by Bend Hodgson and Ike Bowen finished first, GunDog sailed by Thomas Sa and James Hamilton (first time entrants from New Jersey) were second and third was Memory sailed by Kevin Dakan and Patricia Sellon. Class 5, the singlehanded sailors, Envolee sailed by Nathan Bossett was first and Rambunctious sailed by David Barrus was second.

Class 4, the non-spinnaker class, was won by Larvik sailed by Kim Andersen and Bill Beebe, second went to Pegasus sailed by Scott Walker and Daivd Materne and third went to SeaJai sailed by James and Seamus Hennigan.

This year we also raced the Offshore 160 two weeks earlier which is a singlehanded only race. The New England ShortHanded Ocean Racing Trophy is awarded to the boat that races both the Offshore 160 and the New England Solo/Twin doublehanded and performs the best of those that did both races. This year there were seven boats that did both races and Samba sailed by local sailor Tristan Mouligne was awarded this trophy.

We also had 6 family teams sailing and the Cliff Mitchell Family Trophy was awarded to Larvik sailed by Kim Andersen and Bill Beebe.

This year we added trackers to the boats, so all friends and family were able to follow the boats which really helped making the race interesting to a lot of people and of course helping the Race Committee . We hope to continue with this.

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/>

2024 OFFSHORE 160

The Offshore 160, which is held in the off year from the Bermuda One-Two, was held 12-14 July with an above average turnout of 14 boats registered. 3 backed out before the start so 11 boats started in two classes with 7 finishing. 6 skippers were new to this race, several expressed the desire to do the Bermuda One-Two, and 7 were past Bermuda One-Two skippers. They started in very light SW winds. A boat carrier anchored in the start area so the boats had to avoid it heading out. Michael

Schum in his Nauticat 39 was taking forever getting across the start line and eventually took the stern of the boat carrier whereas all the other boats were able to cross the bow of the boat carrier. We found out later that Michael was having intermittent power problems and thus no autopilot, it wasn't pretty. The first boat to finish was Abilyn sailed by Josh Reisberg Saturday afternoon at 1425. The William J. Dubuc Trophy (First to Finish) was awarded to Abilyn by Muffin Dubuc and her daughter Michele. Samba however sailed by Tristan Mouligne corrected to first place in Class 1. The first boat to finish in Class 2 was Windswept sailed by Rick McCally on Sunday at 1034. The last boat to finish was Alex Khandros on his Open 6.5 Minit Trouble No Trouble on Sunday at 1644. Awards were held Sunday afternoon with about 15 people participating. More information can be seen at: <http://www.newportyachtclub.org/Racing/Offshore/Offshore160/offshore-160>.

SKIPPERS AND BOATS

- **Newport Bermuda Race and Bermuda Shorthanded-Return Race** – It was nice to see all the B12 Skippers taking part in either or both the doublehanded leg down and singlehanded or doublehanded back (some were crewed on the way down to Bermuda). Murray Beach did crew down but singlehanded back!
- **Fred Cosandey** – Fred will be cruising in New Zealand at the time of the Fall Skippers' Forum. Last year, he sailed his boat Choucas from New York to Auckland via the classical trade route ie Panama Canal, Galapagos, French Polynesia and Fiji. A fantastic trip.

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 2025 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 2024 FALL SKIPPERS' FORUM/SHORE PARTY
SATURDAY 2 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.