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BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,
This is the second newsletter in 2025.

2025 FALL SKIPPERS' PARTY

The Fall Skippers Shore Party is scheduled for 8 November 2025 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.

- Introductions
- Shore Party – opportunity to rekindle friendships, ask questions, and plenty of gab.

2027 BERMUDA ONE-TWO DATES

We have scheduled the next Bermuda One-Two in 2027. The start to Bermuda is on Friday 4 June. Make your plans!

We have generated a [questionnaire](#) associated with the length of time spent in Bermuda and other items. We would appreciate your input. A similar questionnaire was sent out to the skippers in 2009.

SKIPPERS' REPRESENTATIVE

Josh Reisberg was voted in for the Skippers' Representative during the Newport Awards this year. Josh has participated in three recent Bermuda One-Two races as well as racing in the New England Solo/Twin and Offshore 160 races. Josh is willing and able to talk to potential new skippers with questions. For that matter, so are past Skipper Representatives Ray Renaud, Kristen Wenzel, Tristan Mouligne and Jon Bixby.

POTENTIAL SKIPPERS FOR 2027

The following people have stated (that I remember) are planning on participating in the 2027 Bermuda One-Two race: **Ronald Canizares** with his Swan 44-2 Barbara Ann, **Josh Reisberg**, **Michael Schum** on his new boat, to the B12, Karelina a Nauticat 39.

Let me know if you are interested in doing the race in 2027.

2025 BERMUDA ONE-TWO RECAP

Attendance was down quite a bit this year from recent past races. We had 12 boats started (14 had registered) to Bermuda with 10 finishing. We were limited to only 3 classes. 8 boats were docked at the Dinghy Club (2 were med moored on the outside). 3 boats were docked downtown (1 on the new dock off Ordinance Island and 2 alongside downtown).

- **Mini829** was dismantled after exiting the Gulf Stream. **Strummer** (Louis Meyer) was redirected to recover the skipper Alex Khandros. **Strummer's** autopilot failed as he headed back to **Mini829**. Strummer successfully rescued **Mini829** Alex Khandros however the effort left them totally exhausted and after a congratulatory cocktail slept for 12 hours. **Mini829** was left adrift. **Strummer**, fortunately, then continued on to Bermuda with Alex.

- 12 boats started for Newport in the double-handed leg with 9 finishing. **II Tender**, Robert Hamilton Kelly & Charles Eberly only did the return leg.
- Due to medical reasons the crew on **Humble Pi**, Tony Leigh, was offloaded to a Cruise Ship on its way to Bermuda. The medical staff on the cruise ship resolved Tony's medical issue until he could meet with his doctor.
- **Scowling Dragon** (Michael Hennessy's new Scow Bow Class 40) was the first boat to finish however finished in second place on corrected time to first time entrant **Groupe 5**.
- **Fathom** sailed by Tim Brewer was evidently hit by lightning during one of several thunderstorms on the single-handed leg and lost several electronics items and the use of his motor. He was towed to the outside of the fixed pier at the Dinghy Club. Murray Danforth on Flying Turtle spent many hours trying to get Tim's motor started. It was finally fixed before the return start and was able to motor to the start and start. Evidently the fix wasn't quite right since **Fathom** lost the use of the motor again on the return leg. He was towed into the Newport Yacht Club and was fixed again this time by a friend. **Fathom** has a generator which still worked and thus did not have any charging issues.
- Several, **Chicama & Windswept**, boats had to take sails to the sail loft in St George's due to damage.
- The oldest skipper, as in 2023, was Louis Meyer at 82 and he was the skipper that recovered the **Mini829** skipper Alex. In contrast, Adrien Blanc on **Young American** was the youngest skipper at 21 years. With Adrien, Will McKeige and Erica Lush the average age of the skippers this year dropped from somewhat average age of 59.4 to 52.5. Nice to see!

Single-Handed Corrected Results:

Class 1: 1. **Scowling Dragon** – Michael Hennessy); 2. **Groupe 5** – William McKeige (1st timer); 3. **Alchemy** – Erica Lush (1st timer).

Class 2: 1. **Abilyn** – Josh Reisberg; 2. **Young American** – Adrein Blanc (1st timer); 3. **Chicama** – Pat Dionne (1st timer).

Class 3: 1. **Fathom** – Timothy Brewer(1st timer); 2. **Windswept** – Rick McCally.

Double Handed Corrected Results:

Class 1: 1. **Scowling Dragon** – Jesse Rowse & Chris Skinner(1st timer); 2. **Groupe 5** – William McKeige & Brooks Daley (1st timer); 3 **Alchemy** – Erica Lush & David Southwell.

Class 2: 1. **Abilyn** – Josh Reisberg & Kyle Wishart; 2. **Young American** – Adrein Blanc & Peter Becker; 3. **Chicama** – Pat Dionne & Gregg Carville.

Class 3: 1. **Fathom** – Timothy Brewer; 2. **Windswept** – Rick McCally & Eric McKnight.

Combined Corrected Results:

Class 1: 1. **Groupe 5** – William McKeige; 2. **Alchemy** – Erica Lush; 3. **Flying Turtle** – Murray Danforth.

Class 2: 1. **Abilyn** – Josh Reisberg; 2. **Young American** – Adrein Blanc; 3. **Chicama** – Pat Dionne.

Class 3: 1. **Fathom** – Timothy Brewer; 2. **Windswept** – Rick McCally.

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

2025 NEW ENGLAND SOLO/TWIN RECAP

The 2025 New England Solo/Twin was held on 25/26 July. Twenty-three 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-one boats started and four did not finish most during the dead air on the west side of Block Island.

Two spinnaker classes (Classes 1 & 2) sailed a 103 nautical mile course (around Block Island to a buoy East of Gay Head, Martha's Vineyard to a buoy off North East of Block Island to the Castle Hill finish), Class 5 (solo) sailed the 93 mile course (around Block Island to a buoy West of Gay Head, Martha's Vineyard to a buoy off of Point Judith to the Castle Hill finish), and the non-spinnaker class sailed a 77 nautical mile course (around Block Island to the Buzzard's Bay Tower to a buoy outside of Narraganset Bay to the Castle Hill finish).

The race started with a typical South-West breeze however a line of thunderstorms went through the fleet, around Friday 5 pm, with some reporting gusts into the 30s but most with no significant gusts however after the thunderstorms went through, the wind died with it slowly coming back but not as strong as during the first leg of the race. The current as usual was brutal at the South-West Block Island Buoy; the boats rounding Block Island did not seem to make out over the counterclockwise boats.

The first boat to finish was **SeaJai** (Class 4) sailed by Jim and Seamus Hennigan (father and son team) at 0254 Saturday morning and the last boat to finish was **Windswept** (Class 5) at 1329. The first spinnaker boat to finish was **Res Potentia** sailed by Kurt Rauschenbach and Tristan Mouligne at 0539. Tristan snapped a picture near the finish line of Vento Solare motoring home with the spinnaker wrapped around the forestay with two bubbles flying and sent it to me. Ouch. I posted it on the website.

Corrected time finishers for top 3 boats in each class:

Class 1 Spinnaker Twin

1. **Goat Rodeo** – Todd Johnston & Greg Manning; 2. **Res Potentia** – Kurt Rauschenbach & Tristan Mouligne; 3. **Scowling Dragon** – Mike Hennessy & Henry Clemens.

Class 2 Spinnaker Twin

1. **Hope** – Chris Bjerregaard & Joe Whelan; 2. **Grimace** – Ben Hodgson & Ike Bowen; 3. **Coconut** – om D'Albora & Bill Pearson.

Class 4 Non-spinnaker Twin

1. **Larivk** – Kim Andersen & William Beebe; 2. **SeaJai** – James Henigan Jr. & Seamus Hennigan; 3. **Wild T'ing** – Stephen Ammatuna & Kimbal Hall.

We also had 3 family teams sailing and the Cliff Mitchell Family Trophy was awarded to **SeaJai** sailed by James Jr. & Seamus Hennigan.

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

- **Paul Grimes** – Paul has bought a Beneteau Figaro II named Rapsallion, like Murray Danforth's Flying Turtle. Paul has started racing it here on Narragansett Bay. Someone else mentioned thinking of purchasing a Figaro II. We had two Figaro IIs during this year's race: Will McKeige Groupe 5 and Murray Danforth's Flying Turtle. Three or four would be amazing.

- **Kyle Wishart**, one of our sponsors, New England Yacht Rigging, said he is looking for a boat to do the Bermuda One-Two himself. He has crewed for Josh Reisberg in the past two races and wants to skipper one himself.

- **Erica Lush**, who did both legs on the Bermuda One-Two this year on David Southwell's Alchemy, has been working with the goal of competing in this fall's Solitaire du Figaro in France, a three-stage series of single-handed offshore races that has launched the careers of numerous Vendée Globe winners. She has chartered a Beneteau Figaro 3 for the event. You can follow Erica at lushsailing.com although by the time you see this newsletter the Solitaire du Figaro should be done.

Louis Meyer has been asked by his yacht club, the Stonington Yacht Club, to do a presentation on the Bermuda One-Two. Louis has given several presentations there and puts on a good show. October 24, 6:30 pm. Louis asks that you click the flowing link [HERE](#) if you plan on attending.

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/>
It is highly recommended to take an at sea seminar.
- 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, Bermuda One-Two and the Newport-Bermuda Race. This will be held March 26, 2026, at Bently University. This will be the fourth annual run of the symposium. Roy Greenwald, a past B12 skipper, runs this symposium. As soon as the itinerary is finalized, I will send it out. [NORS](#)

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.

The website is finally secure. My fault in delaying getting SSL for the website.

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. Put on presentations of the race at your yacht club like Louis Meyer is doing this year. If you cannot answer all the questions asked, give them the e-mail address of Josh Reisberg 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: New England Yacht Rigging, Quantum Sailmakers, Joe Cooper Sailing, Cay Electronics, 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.