

NEWS RELEASE



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Survival Tech One/Two Bermuda Race

The 1987 Survival Tech One/Two is scheduled for a Saturday, June 13 start from Newport, Rhode Island.

The sixth biennial running of the race will continue the traditional format, with the boats racing singlehanded from Newport to Bermuda and doublehanded from Bermuda back to Newport.

The gruelling 635 nautical mile course will take the boats and their singlehanded skippers out of Narragansett Bay, across the busy shipping lanes of the US East Coast, through the meandering Gulf Stream with its notorious rough seas, and then to a tropical finish at St. George's, Bermuda.

In the past, success in the first leg of the Survival Tech One/Two has depended not only on the endurance of a single person handling a large sailboat for up to 10 days but also on choosing the best course to cross the Gulf Stream. Normally flowing northward against the singlehanders, the Gulf Stream has occasional "eddies" where the stream flows temporarily southward. The singlehander who rides an eddy can easily add 60 free miles, while a competitor caught in the north-flowing stream may lose an equal amount. In addition, the strong current of the Gulf Stream will set up violent and freak waves when running contrary to the wind, so that choosing the course to avoid the most vicious gales and storms is vitally important.

A second person--usually more a co-skipper than a crewman--will join the boats at Bermuda for the June 27th start of the doublehanded return to Newport. While the doublehanders will not suffer from the unending

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watchfulness required and the consequent fatigue of the singlehanders, the boats are often driven harder on the return, and wind and wave conditions are often rougher, with the threat of an early season hurricane.

Although entry is for both the singlehanded and doublehanded events, each leg is considered a separate race.

Two changes from previous races have been instituted for the 1987 Survival Tech One/Two. First, the upper size limit has been increased from 45' to 60', to allow entry of the larger monohulls which are also entered in the BOC or OSTAR races; second, overall and class prizes will be awarded based on performance handicap time allowances. Minimum boat size is 25 feet. Boats must carry an extensive inventory of safety equipment, based on the Offshore Racing Council's Category 1 requirements.

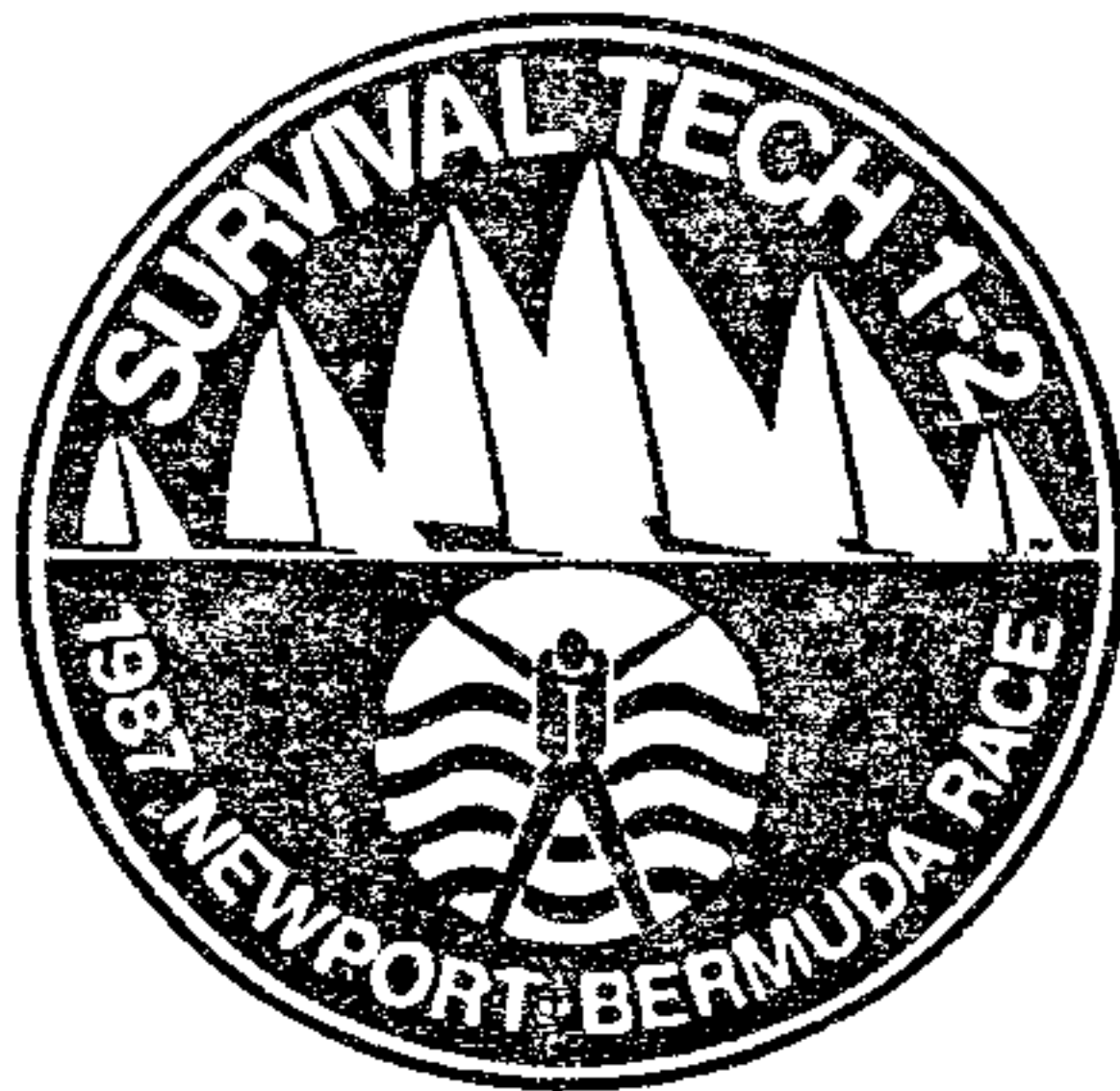
Entrants in the Survival Tech One/Two will be required to present evidence of extensive singlehanded or shorthanded sailing, including at least one offshore passage a minimum of 100 nautical miles. Ability with celestial navigation will also be required.

George Pike will again chair the race committee which is made up of members of the Goat Island Yacht Club in Newport and the St. George's Dinghy and Sport Club in Bermuda.

Among the early entrants are Charles Carpenter of Newport, Rhode Island, who has raced in all five previous Survival Tech One/Twos, and Dave Sturdy of North Carolina who won the singlehanded portion of the 1985 race. Also planning to race when he completes the BOC is Mac Smith, who teamed with Francis Stokes to win the 1985 double-handed leg. A maximum of 50 entries will be accepted.

The race is sponsored by Survival Technologies Group, Inc., manufacturer of ... top quality safety and survival gear.

Further information on the race and entry forms can be obtained by writing the Goat Island Yacht Club, PO Box 3422, Broadway Station, Newport, RI 02840, or calling members of the race committee at 401-849-5655, 401-849-5770, or 401-847-5419.



NOTICE OF RACE

1987 SURVIVAL TECH ONE-TWO RACE START — SATURDAY, 13 JUNE 1987

Organized by
GOAT ISLAND YACHT CLUB, LTD.

COURSE: Newport, R.I. to St. George's, Bermuda
St. George's, Bermuda to Newport, R.I.

CLASSES: There will be five classes to be divided equally by PHRF Handicap.

The upper limit will be 60', defined solely by length overall (LOA) where LOA = length of hull excluding bowsprit, bumkin, self-steering gear or externally hung rudder. The lower limit is 25' LOA, although the Race Committee will give special consideration upon written request to well qualified crews sailing well proven but slightly smaller vessels.

RULES: The Race will be sailed under Special Rules for the SURVIVAL TECH ONE-TWO as promulgated by the Goat Island Yacht Club, Ltd.

ENTRIES:

Entries will be limited to fifty (50) competitors. Skippers who have sailed in previous Bermuda One-Two Races will be given first preference within a reasonable time limit. All other entries will be taken in order of date of postmark. (**NOTE:** To ensure entries, it might be advisable to send via registered mail.)

Entry fee shall be non-refundable unless it is decided by the Race Committee for any reason that the entry not be accepted.

CLOSING DATE:

Qualifying cruises must be completed by 7 June 1987 and details thereof must reach the Goat Island Yacht Club not later than 7 June 1987. No entry will be accepted after 1 May, 1987.

QUALIFYING CRUISES AND CREW QUALIFICATIONS:

Entrants must enclose with their entry form details of their, and their crew's experience in Ocean Racing and/or Offshore Cruising.

To be accepted as an entrant in the singlehanded leg, an applicant must have completed a singlehanded passage under sail, i.e., wind power only, to a point at least 50 miles from the nearest land aboard the boat he or she will be sailing in the Race, and must furnish celestial navigation fixes. Such passages should not be undertaken in congested waters or where an entrant's vessel might constitute a navigational hazard.

Skippers must show that they have sailed at least 100 miles as skipper, single-handed, not in company with any other yacht.

ENTRY FEE: Unsponsored Boats \$125.00
Factory Sponsored Boats \$200.00

Those sailors wishing to enter, please complete and return the enclosed intent-to-enter postcard. For more information about the race, write to:

GEORGE W. PIKE, RACE DIRECTOR
SURVIVAL TECH ONE-TWO RACE
GOAT ISLAND YACHT CLUB, LTD.
P.O. BOX 3422
NEWPORT, R.I. 02840



FORM OF ENTRY

1987 SURVIVAL TECH ONE-TWO RACE

TO: SURVIVAL TECH ONE-TWO, GOAT ISLAND YACHT CLUB,
GOAT ISLAND MARINA, NEWPORT, R.I. 02840

Please type or print:

Name of Yacht _____ Sail Number _____ Rig _____

Nationality of Skipper _____ Class/Design of Yacht _____

LOA _____ LWL _____ BEAM _____ DRAFT _____

Skipper's Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Tel. No. _____

Crew's Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Tel. No. _____

I (Name of Skipper) _____ declare that I am over 21 years of age and that I wish to enter the above named Yacht for the 1987 Bermuda One-Two Race. I further declare that my crew during the Race will be _____ and that he/she is over 18 years of age.

In the event of my entry being accepted I agree (a) that the Sponsors and Organizers of the Race shall have no liability either to me or to my estate for any accident or loss arising consequent upon my entry and any participation in the said Race, and (b) to indemnify the Sponsors and Organizers of the Race in respect of any liability or loss whatsoever or howsoever arising consequent upon my entry and participation in the said race whether such liability or loss shall be incurred in respect of myself, my crew, the Yacht, third parties, another entrant in the Race, or in any other respect. I accept the jurisdiction of the Organizers on all matters to do with Trophies and Awards.

I certify that both my crew and I are competent in the practice of ocean navigation and either is competent to take over complete charge of the Yacht in an emergency.

Tel. No. _____

- I enclose herewith: (a) The sum of \$125.00 being my entrance fee.
(b) A summary of my previous experience as Skipper of a Yacht.
(c) A summary of knowledge and use of sextant.

Signed _____ Date _____

Should there be any emergency, or important information to communicate during the race, please contact:

Tel. No. _____