

AGENDA FOR 2015 BERMUDA 1-2 NEWPORT AWARDS PARTY

DIGNITARIES:

Mayor Newport RI: Mayor Jeanne-Marie Napolitano

Commodore Newport YC: Stewart Abramson or representative

Chairman of the Rhode Island Sailing Events Commission: Michael Keyworth (unable to attend since he is in Bermuda with the Marion-Bermuda Race)

In Summary we had 33 boats registered (28 in 2013), 26 started for Bermuda, 23 finished (1 motored into Bermuda at the end and 2 turned around for various reasons weather being a big part; Eagles Dare due to broken rudder and Shandygaff due to battery charging problems. 23 boats started in Bermuda (15 in 2013) for Newport (Panacea is still in St. George's Harbour due to scooter accident #3 on this trip. It has been suggested that we add a new requirement to the NOR for 2017, "Scooter proficiency") and 21 finished.

The trip down to Bermuda quickly built up into strong winds from the NE through the Gulf Stream for pretty strong conditions and finished in extremely light winds trying to get into Bermuda. I bragged that I was happy that there was no need to call the Coast Guard. The return leg started off very nice with somewhat lite NW winds; some boats flew their spinnakers from the start and out through the town cut and was nice for a couple of days. Then Tropical Depression Bill hit the fleet at various points. Pretty severe conditions and two reasons for talking to the Coast Guard (so much for not talking to the CG).

We were blessed with 10 new skippers starting this year (Meridian – Murray Beach, Scallywag II – Robert Green, Dianthus – David Tabor, Trifion – David Paine, Tyche – Mac Turner, Carina – Robert Brown, Shandygaff – Sandy Van Zandt and all of the mini class, Pogo Loco – Antoine LaCasse (Canadian), Team Wichard – Vernon Hultzer (???), 806 – Tony Leigh (English) & Frogger – Joshua Owen who had equipment failure on the single handed start and didn't race) (some of these "newbies" receive trophies). And there is even more new crew. There were actually more new boats however they had to withdraw from the race before the start due to time issues.

BERMUDA ONE-TWO TROPHIES GIVEN IN NEWPORT (suggested order of presentation) :

(Some unfinished business first.)

BEST CORRECTED TIME FINISH IN SINGLE HANDED LEG (rehash for Helly Hansen vests)

(have them all come up as a group)

Class 1 – Flight Risk – John Lubimir; size large

Class 2 - Scallywag II – Robert Green; size XL

Class 3 – Island Girl – Brian Flynn; size large

Class 4 – Mirari – Dan Stadlander; size large

Class 6 – Team Wichard; Vernon Hultzer; size large

PETER HEGEMAN ANCIENT MARINER TROPHY (bottle of booze, Gosslings, not given in Bermuda)

Awarded to oldest skipper to arrive in Bermuda

Robert Green (bottle of rum)

BRIAN OATLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY

Awarded to the best corrected time first time finisher.
Dianthus – David Tabor

Now to the Double Handed leg.

BEST DH LEG ELAPSED TIME FINISHES IN EACH CLASS

1st place skipper and crew only in each class and skippers also get bottle of Tews???? as keeper for:

Class 6 – Pogo Loco – Antoine Lacasse & Christophe Gireau (both first time entrants)

Class 4 – Mirari – Dan Stadtlander & Matthew Thomson (goose neck started to break, lashed it but eventually it totally shattered but still did extremely well)

Class 3 – Aggressive – Kristen Wenzel & Ray Renaud

Class 2 – Meridian – Murray & Hillary Beach (both first time entrants)

Class 1 – Resolute – Scott Miller & Gregg Carville

NEWPORT YACHT CLUB COMMODORE'S TRAY – presented by Stewart Abramson or representative

For best DH leg elapsed time finish in fleet

Resolute – Scott Miller & Gregg Carville (92:44)

BRASS BULKHEAD PLAQUES

One for each boat entered that completes either one or both legs of the race. All single handed skippers stand up.

BEST DH LEG CORRECTED TIME FINISHES IN EACH CLASS

1st, 2nd and 3rd places to skipper and crew in each class (total of 30)

Class 6 – Elapsed Time for this class

3rd – 806 – Tony Leigh & Jeremy Burnham

2nd – Team Wichard – Vernon & Heather Hultzer

1st – Pogo Loco – Antoine Lacasse & Christophe Gireau

Class 4

3rd – Strummer – Louis Meyer & Gil Song (Gil is Louis' son inlaw, bonding time?)

2nd – Tyche – Mac Turner & Gerry Leger

1st – Mirari – Dan Stadtlander & Matthew Thomson (Matthew is a first time entrant)

Class 3

3rd – Cordelia – Roy & Gail Greenwald (back from missing 2013 race, anchored for about 6 hours in 150' of water to avoid set back by adverse current in no wind. Put up an old asym to get going and broke in two pieces when the winds picked up, one up the mast and on draped on the deck)

2nd – Island Girl – Brian Flynn & and Craig Olsen

1st – Aggressive – Kristen Wenzel & Ray Renaud

Class 2 (only 1 of 3 finished)

3rd –

2nd –

1st – Meridian – Murray & Hillary Beach

Class 1

3rd – Flight Risk – John Lubimir & Neal Petersen

2nd – Flying Turtle – Murray Danforth & Adolph Haffenraffer

1st – Resolute – Scott Miller & Gregg Carville

CHESTER & LILLIAN MUNROE CUP

Best DH leg corrected time finish in fleet

Resolute – Resolute – Scott Miller & Gregg Carville (102:51)

JUDSON CRANE WALTON III TROPHY

Best DH leg corrected time finish, by a first-time entrant

Meridian – Murray & Hillary Beach (117:50)

(not given in 2015)

JUDITH LAWSON TROPHY

Best SH leg corrected time finish by a woman skipper

None

FAMILY TEAMS

Panacea – Peter McCrea and his son John

Samba – Tristan Mouligne and his brother John Jay

Meridian – Murray Beach and his daughter Hillary

Scallywag II – Robert Green and his wife Amy

Cordelia – Roy Greewald and his wife “the navigator” Gail

Carina – Robert Brown and his wife Laura Reuter

Team Wichard – Vernon Hultzer and his wife Heather (on a mini and still married!)

LINDA E. MITCHELL MEMORIAL TROPHY (Helly Hansen vests embroidered)

Best DH leg corrected time finish, by a crew consisting of family members

Cordelia – Roy Greewald and his wife “the navigator” Gail

CHARLES CARPENTER ‘BIERMIESTER’ TROPHY

Last place corrected combined time finish or we use to say “the skipper that saw the most ocean” however Windswept easily has that honor this time

Nimros – Douglas Shearer (818 nm)

BEST COMBINED CORRECTED TIME IN EACH CLASS

1st, 2nd and 3rd place to skippers only; and bottle of Thomas Tews??? for 1st place

Class 6

3rd Place – 806 – Tony Leigh

2nd Place – Team Wichard – Vernon Hultzer

• THE RODNEY B. COOPER TROPHY – best CET finish, Class VI

1ST Place – Pogo Loco – Antoine Lacasse

Class 4

3rd Place – Windswept – Rick McCally

2nd Place – Strummer – Louis Meyer

• JOHN & JUDITH REBELLO CUP – best CCT finish, Class IV

1st Place – Mirari – Dan Stadtlander (with his magic stick, the new mizzen mast.

His comment on the Log sheet was “It was a great last race”, he’ll be back!)

Class 3

3rd Place – Cordelia – Roy Greenwald

2nd Place – Island Girl – Brian Flynn

- SIRIT OF BERMUDA CUP – best CCT finish, Class III (Kathy Singen presenting)

1st Place – Aggressive – Kristen Wenzel

Class 2

3rd Place –

2nd Place –

- RP ASSOCIATES, INC CUP – best CCT finish, Class II

1st Place – Meridian – Murray Beach

Class 1

3rd Place – Samba – Tristan Mouligne (go west young man! Didn't quite work this time)

2nd Place – Flying Turtle – Murray Danforth

- MURRAY A. DANFORTH, JR CUP – best CCT finish, Class I

1st Place – Flight Risk – John Lubimir

RI GOVERNORS TROPHY – presented by Mayor Jeanne-Marie Napolitano

Awarded for best combined corrected finish in fleet, by a RI resident

Aggressive – Kristen Wenzel (199:56 hrs:min) the boat won it also in 2013 but with 30+ hours and this year is the second fastest combined corrected finish in the fleet

CITY OF NEWPORT CUP – presented by Mayor Jeanne-Marie Napolitano

Awarded for the best combined corrected finish in fleet

Flight Risk – John Lubimir (198:34)

GEORGE PIKE AWARD This award was given in Bermuda but want to acknowledge it here.

Awarded for exemplary service to the Bermuda One-Two.

Verna Oatley (Verna ran this race in Bermuda from the beginning in 1977 through 2005 when she told me that I needed to take it over in Bermuda. She has been supporting the race off and on since)

THE SEAMANSHIP AWARD

At least two came to mind. We thought about Mike Schum and Mike Stevens on the return leg with problems tacking and a sea cock leaking water both of which forced them to retire however while returning to Newport the back stay let go and the mast fell down. No one hurt but they had to cut the mast and rigging away. They were running low on fuel so they pulled into Menempsha, Martha's Vineyard.

However we settled on this one. He started out on the first leg on the start with the spinnaker flying which was over powering the boat at times with at least one big round up that we saw from the race committee boat. The result is that he ended up behind in his class. Worked up to the lead about 200 nm out when the rudder post sheared off at the hull. Their emergency rudder was a backup rudder hung off the stern on pintles. This emergency rudder developed a crack near one of the gudgeons so he had to nurse the rudder and didn't want to push it. He started to think of other options if needed. For the longest time he could only head for NJ but as he got closer to land the wind veered and he slowly worked his way right into Narragansett Bay. He had to hand steer all the way back since there was no autopilot on the emergency rudder. Anyone who has lost their autopilot will recognize the difficulty of getting to the end by hand steering.

Eagles Dare – Jonathan Green

JUAN A. PEREZ BERMUDA 1-2 SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Awarded to the person who best exemplifies the true spirit of the Bermuda One-Two, as nominated by the fleet skippers and selected by the Event Committee.

(Couple of quotes from the skippers. "He did the responsible thing and then with little chance of recovering his position continued on under sail to complete the second leg." "He has ably demonstrated that he has the "right stuff" to be considered as one of the class of sailor/competitor to be recognized with the Perez Award."

For those that may not know his crew, Jim Coughlin, developed a periodic nose bleed and this person worried for Jim going into shock so started heading back to Bermuda for his crew to be picked up by Bermuda however the Coast Guard was able to divert slightly the Norwegian Dawn cruise ship to pick Jim up. His write up is on the website. He actually traveled 835 nm on a 635 nm race)

Rick McCally on Windswept

Special Awards:

- Brian Flynn for awarding me with the Grand Poobah hat
- The Prolific Writer award to Rick McCally with his extensive emails. Competing with Mike Hennessey blogging.
- The Man of Few Words award to Mac Turner for his 4 word emails "All's well on Tyche". Evidently this was created as a canned message that Mac would send out.
- The Not So Fixed award to 806 for having to return to Bermuda since the fix to the rudder/tiller interface failed. Fixed it then returned to the race.
- The Magic Stick award or the Most Improved award to Mirari for fixing problems from the 2009 & 2013 races (didn't make it to Bermuda in 2013) including adding a mizzen mast (magic stick) and winning everything in class 4! Amazing legs.
- The Navigation award to Roy Greenwald. Gail who is the navigator on Cordelia gave Roy2 only one navigation task for the return leg which is to add R2 into Narragansett Bay into the chart plotter while they were still in Bermuda. While going up the "bay" he suddenly asked where the Newport Bridge was and instantly realized that he had entered R2 for the Sakonet River and were going up the Sakonet River vice Narragansett Bay. They had to retrace their steps and finish correctly!

RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE THAT HELPED MAKE THIS EVENT

BERMUDA

- Susan Oatley Bermuda 1-2 Event Coordinator at St George's Dinghy & Sports Club, ferried people around, took dark n' stormy and shower token to the boats as they arrived allowing me to stay on the radio/phone.
- Lacy Jennings Commodore who facilitated numerous things. Stated that the Dinghy Club has reserved space for us in 2017 which is America's Cup time frame.
- Brenda Tweed Breakfast, Lunch, Wonderful Fish Fry, cooked hamburgs & hot dogs and breakfast on the final day
- Bartenders Mary Rosser, Brenda Tweed, Audrey Pope
- Eric Johnson He had to drop out from doing the race but showed up in Bermuda to help me and of course to be a part of the comradery.
- RC Boat Chris King (his boat), his daughter and Eric Johnson.
- Patrick Paley Pictures and the cave and Fort St. Catherine tours.
- Mark Moran Bermuda Yacht Services, helped the boats dock and towed Nimros and Trifion due to water in their fuel.

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RC Boat Ned Anderson, George Crocker, Caryn Cummings, Mal Kaul
Lora & Bob Wandras For taking out on their boat our Bermuda Representative Susan Oatley and Bill Shea (pictures) for the start.
Roger & Jane Fontaine For taking out on their boat a bunch of people associated with the minis for the start. They enjoyed Roger's history description of Newport.
Bill Shea Pictures from the start on the Wandras' boat and awards
Ted Singsen Committee member, Safety Checks, Duty Station and helping boats
Pat Clayton Committee member, and Duty Desk
Mike Koster Committee member, and Duty Desk
Marylyn Kaul & Caryn Cummings RC boat and Food Prep for the breakfast on start day and awards today
Jeff Spranger Committee member, trophies and extremely valuable support
Betsy McClintock Trophies
Kristen Wenzel Safety Checks, Committee member, and Social Calendar in Bermuda.
Tristan Mouligne Skipper's Representative and by the way voted back in as the Skipper's Representative for the 2017 race.
George Crocker Committee member, RC boat and Duty Desk
Stefan Nasaney & staff For putting up with us for a month
Last but not least, all the sailors that participated to make the event it was! You are all winners.

Lots of stories out of this year and I'm sure stories I haven't heard yet. We promote a chat hour twice a day. No other race does this. Besides building up communications skills it builds comradery along with the length of time we spend in Bermuda. A big difference between the Bermuda One-Two and other races is the comradery amongst the participants.

- Hats, shirts, aprons and Burgees still on sale.
- Enjoy the food and gab!