

March 2007



BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,
This is the first newsletter for 2007.

2007 SKIPPERS' FORUMS

The next Skippers' Forum and Shore Party is Saturday 3 March at the Newport Yacht Club. Please contact Muffin Dubuc by 28 February if you would like to partake of the food. The Fall Skippers' Forum and Shore Party is scheduled for 3 November 2007 at the Newport Yacht Club.

AGENDA:

- Bermuda activities
 - Availability and cost of dockage before/after the race
- Anyone who might have items to add to the agenda please either contact me or Ray Renaud raymondrenaud@cox.net.

2007 BERMUDA ONE-TWO DATES

The Notice of Race as well as an Amendment have gone out and are available on the website for download.

- May 19: Deadline for entrant applications, entry fees and skipper/crew resumes
- May 21: Deadline for completing skipper's SH qualifying passage
- June 04: Deadline for arrival in Newport of first-time entrants & returnees with new boats
- June 07 Bermuda One-Two Skipper's Welcome Party
- June 09: Newport to Bermuda Start
- June 22: Bermuda to Newport Start
- June 30: Awards in Newport

MERCHANDISE

I have Bermuda One-Two burgees available; \$15.

SKIPPERS AND BOATS

Actually I haven't heard anything new lately.

WEATHER AND SLEEP SEMINARS

We have two seminars scheduled this year, as was done in 2005, for March 24th and 25th. The Sleep Seminar by Dr. Claudio Stampi is set for Saturday 24 March and a Weather Seminar by Bill Biewenga is scheduled for Sunday 25 March. Both will be held at the Newport Yacht Club. The Sleep Seminar is limited to 15 and the folks that have already asked will get priority for that seminar. The Sleep Seminar has a fee of \$150 per person and the fee for the Weather Seminar will be \$110. however \$250 for both seminars.

DOUBLEHANDED OCEAN RACING TROPHY

This year's Bermuda One-Two race can be used as input to the DH-ORT for those boats that provide an Endorsed IRC certificate in addition to all other requirements. These boats will be scored as a group, in addition to the Bermuda One-Two PHRF scoring, by TIME-ON-TIME using the Endorsed IRC rating and the results will be provided to the DH-ORT officials. These results in no way affect results of the Bermuda One-Two event and no trophies will be awarded to this grouping of boats as part of the Bermuda One-Two event.

POTENTIAL 2007 BERMUDA ONE-TWO SKIPPERS

We have received 8 applications for this year's race to date; way ahead of 2005. Those eight are: Jon Desmond and Jack Desmond on Affinity (new skipper), Ray Renaud and Kris Wenzel on Aggressive, Eric Johnson and John Downes on Dirigo, Robert Patenaude on Perseverance, Patrick Nugent & James Watson on Spanky (who delivered his C&C 35 Mk II 10/17/06 to RI from Michigan for the race), Tom & Kathy Gaffey on Tomkat, Bjorn Johnson & Betsy McClintock on Valkyrie, and Rick & Diane McCally on Windswept.

Also we have the following that say they will be doing the race: Kate Ambach (mini 6.5), Dimitri Antoniadis, Sam Ausmus (mini 6.5), Jan Brandt (mini 6.5), Doug Campbell, Ned Caswell, Murray Danforth (in what boat he doesn't know yet), Ryan Finn (mini 6.5), Duncan Gladman (mini 6.5), Brian Guck, Joe Harris (Open 50), Craig Horsfeld (mini 6.5), Earl Libby (Peterson 43), Peter McCrea, Mike Millard, Larry Pierce, Ray Renaud, Christian Riemer (mini 6.5), Jean-Claude Rizzi (Pogo 8.5), Scott Rosenthal (Bristol 40), Jesse Rowse (mini 6.5), Michael Schum (C&C 110), Jay Sharkey (mini 6.5), Dan Stadtlander (Bristol 40), John Van Slyke (Catalina 35 Mk II), Drew Wood (mini 6.5).

BERMUDA ONE-TWO WEBSITE

I have revamped the Bermuda One-Two website and posted past results back to 1997 with some pictures and more to post. I have a bunch of question marks on some people in the picture for 2003 skippers. If someone can identify them please let me know. Also, if anyone has results and pictures from earlier races I would love to get them for putting on the website. If you notice any errors please let me know; Kris Wenzel already spotted a couple of errors.

SHORTHANDED SAILING ASSOCIATION

Most folks are aware of this but I thought I would mention it again. A kick off meeting of a group of folks interested in shorthanded sailing met 9 December in Middletown, RI. The Short-handed Sailing Association was created to help promote shorthanded sailing. A slate of officers was selected and a website should be available soon; www.short-handed.org. Contact Joe Cooper at hoodri-sales@att.net

COMMUNICATIONS

We will require the use of the tracking devices again this year and already have them reserved. Since our 2005 race they have been involved in several offshore races.

DOWNEAST CHALLENGE

Like the Offshore 160, the Downeast Challenge may count as an official Bermuda One-Two qualifier at the discretion of the Bermuda One-Two Race Committee. The race is approximately 130 NM which runs from Marblehead, MA to Rockland, ME across the Gulf of Maine. I'm not sure how many would use this race for this purpose but it is an opportunity to use/test systems under racing circumstances and at the same time potentially be a qualifier for the Bermuda One-Two. Check it out at the Rockland Yacht Club website <http://www.rocklandyc.org/> or contact Doug Pope at doug@popesails.com.

30th ANNIVERSARY OR 16th RACE

This is 30 years since the start of the Bermuda One-Two however since we race every other year it will actually be the 16th race. Does that make it an anniversary?

OPEN 6.5 MINI

For those that may have been living under a rock, the Open 6.5 minis have been included this year in the Bermuda One-Two as a demonstration class. They are expecting enough boats to make their own class.

ST. GEORGE'S DINGHY AND SPORTS CLUB

SGD&SC offers a membership for us out of country folks called an Overseas Membership. It is only \$50 and a very nice gesture. I know that a number of Bermuda One-Two participants currently have this type of membership. If you do not, would you please consider joining SGD&SC as an Overseas Member? <http://www.stgdsc.bm>

EMAIL

If you would like to receive the newsletters, Notice of Race, etc. via email; let me know so I can add your email address to my database. I am emailing these newsletters, etc. to those that I know.

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BERMUDA ONE-TWO 2007 SPRING SKIPPERS' FORUM AND SHORE PARTY SATURDAY, 3 MARCH 2007 – 3:30PM TO 9PM NEWPORT YACHT CLUB – 110 LONG WHARF, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Shore Party Program of Events:

1600 – 1800: Informal Skippers' Forum
1800 – : Heavy Hors and gab session

Make your reservations by contacting MUFFIN DUBUC by Wednesday, November 1st. When making your reservations, please include the number of guests. **PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS SO THAT MUFFIN CAN GET A GOOD COUNT FOR THE FOOD!**

NOTE – Should your plans change PLEASE contact Muffin to cancel or adjust your reservations. Thank you!

\$10.00 Per Person (Payable at the door)

**Make your reservations today by contacting
ONE-TWO Social Chairman MUFFIN DUBUC
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Reservations Deadline: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2007**