



March 2023

BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,
This is the first newsletter for 2023.

2023 SKIPPERS' FORUM/SHORE PARTY

The Skippers' Forum this spring will be on Saturday 18 March at 1530. The Fall Skippers' Forum/Shore Party scheduled for 4 November 2023. Frank Bohlen has graciously agreed again to give us a Gulf Stream brief. We are hoping to be able to do a question-and-answer period. Please send me a note if you plan to participate to have a feel for how much food to have out.

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Frank Bohlen's Gulf Stream Brief
- Q&A

2023 BERMUDA ONE-TWO DATES

The Notice of Race will go out and be available on the website for download later in the year and I plan on discussing changes at the November Skippers' Forum. No America's Cup this time!

June 02: Newport to Bermuda Start

June 13: Awards in Bermuda

June 15: Bermuda to Newport Start

June 24: Awards in Newport

POTENTIAL 2023 BERMUDA ONE-TWO SKIPPERS

Potential Skippers for 2023: Elke Backman **on her Frers 36**, Peter Becker (**with 2 J/105s**), Greg Carville **on his J35**, Jack Clayton, Brian Gray **on his new POGO 44**, Roy and Gail Greenwald, Peter Gustafsson **on his J/111 Blur**, Phil Haydon **in a SunFast 3300**, James Hammitt, Greg Leonard **on his Class 40 Kite USAa144**), John Manderson **on his Archambault 31 Kismet**, Rick McCally, Michael Millard, Thomas O'Connell **on his J/99 Finale**, Alessandro Pagani, Stanley Paris, Josh Reisberg, Rick Rohrer, Walter Rush, David Southwell, Gust Stringos, Leah Sweet **on a Figaro 3 Celeritas**, Chris Terajewicz, John Youngblood **on his Little Harbor 52**.

As of this writing we have 15 skippers registered of which 5 are new to the race.

CHANGES FOR 2023

The following changes are planned for 2023.

- AIS transponder required (transmit and receive)
- We are pushing for boats to have alternative charging capabilities (solar panels, windmills, hydro charging, etc.). The intent is to require back up charging in the future.

COVID-19

The Covid-19 requirements have been reduced. You must fill out a form, print it out and carry it with you to hand to Customs when you get to Bermuda. Go to the following link to fill in the form. <https://www.gov.bm/applying-bermuda-travel-authorisation>

For those racing thus arriving by boat see the section “Starting March 7th 2022” at <https://www.gov.bm/are-you-mariner>. Please note “Testing and quarantine requirements will depend on your immunization status.” Note also that you whether you fly or arrive via boat you need to fill out the Travel Authorization form as mentioned above, download it or print it and have it available at Customs. Should the requirements change I will endeavor to update you..

SKIPPER’S REPRESENTATIVE

From you Skipper’s Representative Jonathan Bixby:

Dear 2023 participant and potential participant,

As the Skippers Representative for the 2023 Bermuda 1-2 I would like to welcome you into the Bermuda 1-2 family. Please feel free to reach out any time if you have any questions or concerns leading up to the event, including boat preparation, sail training, offshore communications, safety inspections, safety at sea questions and so forth. If I do not have the answers, I will find out who does and put you in contact.

I participated in the 2017, 2019 and 2021 races, twice on my own boat, and have many years of offshore sailing experience. I offer participants my experience and insight from boat prep, safety at sea, Bermuda arrival and actually racing in the Bermuda 1-2. Additionally, I live in Portsmouth, RI offering a bit of local knowledge, I am a member of the Newport Yacht Club, Cruising Club of America and the Bermuda 1-2 Committee.

I look forward to meeting you at some point before the start. My contact information is below. Please do not hesitate to reach out at any time.

Cheers,

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MERCHANDISE

I have Bermuda One-Two burgees for \$20 and hats.

UPCOMING SEMINARS

- The Northeast Ocean Race Symposium: For the first time ever, in 2023, the three odd-year ocean races in the northeastern United States are jointly sponsoring an event called the Northeast Ocean Race Symposium. The [Marion Bermuda Race](#), as lead organizer, has joined with the [Marblehead Halifax Race](#) and the [Bermuda 1-2 Race](#), to offer this unique event. The event is open to all race participants and the public; it is not a race requirement. You can view the full symposium [program](#); or go directly to [register](#). Join us for a full day of information, interaction, and invigoration with a set of sessions to help you better prepare for, and enjoy, your race - or just offshore cruising. There will be speakers, panels, and opportunities for questions and answers as well as a “gam” to close out our day and hopefully ease your path, not only to the starting line, but to the finish as well.

- SAFETY AT SEA SEMINAR: CCA is conducting 3 hands on Safety At Sea Seminar this year at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI. <https://sas.cruisingclub.org/>

- ONLINE OFFSHORE SAFETY AT SEA COURSE: Check it out at <https://www.boaterexam.com/sailing/safetyatsea/>

SKIPPERS AND BOATS

- **Michael Hennessy** has sold Dragon and his new boat is going to Europe to race this year once it is done.
- **Brian Gray** has decided that his mini was too small (why did it take so long to figure that out 😊). He has commissioned a Pogo 44 to be built and it should be home in the near future in time for this year's sailing. He was planning to do this year's Bermuda One-Two.
- **Paul Grimes** is selling the 1 Design 35.
- **Phil Haydon** has purchased a Jeanneau Sunfast 3300 has sold his Quest 33S Cepheus. Phil is registered to race this year.

NEW ENGLAND SOLO/TWIN

The New England Solo/Twin is held every year and this year the race starts on Friday 28 July with the awards on Saturday 29 July. This race has classes for both singlehanded and doublehanded boats with different courses most going around Block Island. Online registration open now. These races are a good way to get your shorthanded racing fix in. Hope to see you.

BERMUDA ONE-TWO WEBSITE

If anyone has previous 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.

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 when you get there. The easiest way to join is to do it when you are in Bermuda. See the Bartender Brenda. If you hadn't noticed their website address has changed to: <https://www.stgdsc.com>. They also have a Facebook [page](#).

EMAIL

If you know of someone who would like to receive the newsletters, Notice of Race, our Offshore events, etc. via email, let me know so I can add that person's email address to my distribution database. If your email changes, please let me know if you can think of it otherwise you may get deleted off my distribution.

Some of you have just started receiving my emails. The Race Committee suggested that I add the crew members of the Bermuda One-Two to the distribution list. Hopefully this is not a problem for you however if it is just click on the "Unsubscribe" at the bottom of the emails.

Roy Greenwald, Cordelia a Valiant 42, has done the Bermuda One-Two four times with the real navigator, his wife Gail, doing the return leg with him. Roy (known as Roy2) is working on finding sponsorship for the Bermuda One-Two. He is working now getting sponsorship which will cover the two years; pre-race year and the year of the race. The goal obviously is to try to keep the cost down to the skippers of the Bermuda One-Two race and to expand the advertiser's visibility by including the Offshore 160 and New England Solo/Twin participants. Some sponsors may like two to three emails per year that we will send out (my distribution is not shared with anyone else) where they mention their products. I hope you make note of our sponsors and partake of their products.

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**BERMUDA ONE-TWO 2023 SPRING SKIPPERS' FORUM/SHORE PARTY
SATURDAY, 18 MARCH – 3:30PM TO ??**

Program of Events:

1530 – 1600: Gab session

1600 – 1700: Informal Skippers' Forum

1700 – ?? : Heavy Hors and gab session

Please let me roy@royguay.net know if you plan on participating so I can send you the Zoom link.