



March 2024

# BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,  
This is the first newsletter for 2024.

## 2024 SKIPPERS' FORUMS

There will be NO Skippers' Forum/Shore Party this spring.  
There will be a Fall Skippers' Forum and Shore Party scheduled for 2 November 2024. Last November our guest speaker was Chief Warrant Officer DJ Holcomb from the Coast Guard stationed here at Castle Hill. Chief Holcomb was peppered with many questions especially about PLBs and EPIRBs. Chief Holcomb later provided this link to NOAA's SARSAT website with a breakdown of how the system works. <https://www.sarsat.noaa.gov/about-sarsat/>  
Roy Greenwald promoted the 2nd annual running of the Northeast Ocean Race Symposium which is coming up soon on 16 March 2024 at Bentley University again. Information and Registration at <https://marionbermuda.com/NORS/>.

## 2025 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.

June 06: Newport to Bermuda Start

June 19: Bermuda to Newport Start

June 28: Awards in Newport

## POTENTIAL 2025 BERMUDA ONE-TWO SKIPPERS

The following people have told me (and I remembered) that they hope/plan to race next year. At the moment I can't remember anyone who has told me they plan on participating. Please let me know if you plan on racing in 2025.

## MERCHANDISE

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

## UPCOMING SEMINARS

- INTERNATIONAL OFFSHORE SAFETY AT SEA WITH HANDS-ON TRAINING: At Roger Williams University, Richard L. Bready Mount Hope Bay Sailing and Education Center, 1 Old Ferry Road, Bristol, RI 02809. The in-person day will be conducted at Roger William University in Bristol, Rhode Island and includes lunch and a textbook.  
Dates available are: March 2, March 3, April 13, April 14  
For more information [click here](#)

- ONLINE OFFSHORE SAFETY AT SEA COURSE: Check it out at <https://www.boaterexam.com/sailing/safetyatsea/>
- Northeast Ocean Race Symposium which is coming up soon on 16 March 2024 at Bentley University again. Information and Registration at <https://marionbermuda.com/NORS/>.

## **SKIPPERS AND BOATS**

A new section, "[Boats For Sale](#)", was added in the website for skippers selling their boats. Any past B12 skippers may have their boat and information posted there; just contact me with the information you would like to have posted.

- There are a number of skippers participating in this year's Newport Bermuda Race and also racing back in the Bermuda Short-Handed Return race. Good luck racing.
- **Stanley Paris** is hanging up his sails and selling his Kiwi Paris 2 sailboat.
- **Micheal Millard** has sold his Quest 30 Wildeyes and the new owner may join us someday.
- **Brian Gray** wasn't able to make it to the line in 2023 with his new boat a Pogo 44 but plans on joining us next year. Past B12 skipper Vernon Hultzer helped Brian deliver it home from Europe.

## **OFFSHORE 160 & NEW ENGLAND SOLO/TWIN**

Since this is the off year for the Bermuda One-Two the Offshore 160 is being held. This is a good opportunity for new skippers to get their qualifier in (at the discretion of the Bermuda One-Two Race Committee) for the next Bermuda One-Two as well as being amongst other shorthanded skippers. The race starts on Friday 12 July and the awards are the following Sunday 14 July afternoon. Online registration is open now.

The New England Solo/Twin is held every year and this year the race starts on Friday 26 July with the awards on Saturday 27 July. This race has classes for both singlehanded and doublehanded boats with different courses, most going around Block Island. Online registration is also open now.

These races are a good way to get your shorthanded racing fix in. Hope to see you at these races.

New to both races this year will be the use of the YB Tracking trackers that we have been using for years in the Bermuda One-Two. The update rate will be every 15 minutes. This will be a nice addition for participant families and friends but especially for the Race Committee!

## **NEW ENGLAND SHORTHANDED OCEAN RACING TROPHY**

Back again in its sixth run. The New England ShortHanded Ocean Racing Trophy, a dose of the real thing!!! This event is geared to be a great tune up and test event for the next Bermuda 1-2. The concept of this trophy is designed to mimic the real event, the Bermuda One-Two. Starting with a challenging 160-mile singlehanded ocean race, the Offshore 160, to be followed 2 weeks later by the doublehanded division of the annual event known as the New England Solo/Twin. This event will give a sailor a real feel for what the Bermuda One-Two is all about. The Offshore 160 can be used as a Qualifier for the Bermuda One-Two at the discretion of the Race Committee. The New England ShortHanded Ocean Racing Trophy will be a fun event on its own. If you are thinking about entering the next Bermuda One-Two, the New England ShortHanded Ocean Racing Trophy will be a chance to get a feel for the real event and will help you understand the requirements of entering the next Bermuda One-Two.

## **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 as well as I currently have this type of membership. If you do not, would you please consider joining SGD&SC as an Overseas Member? The easiest way to join is to do it when you are in Bermuda. Their website is <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) 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.

New this year to sponsor us is [New England Yacht Rigging](#). I am very glad to see them and hope to see them at some of our events.

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**BERMUDA ONE-TWO 2024 SPRING SKIPPERS' FORUM AND SHORE PARTY**  
**SATURDAY, 2 MARCH – 3:30PM TO 7PM**  
**NEWPORT YACHT CLUB – 110 LONG WHARF, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND**

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