

October 2007



# BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,  
This is the second newsletter in 2007.

## 2007 FALL SKIPPERS' SHORE PARTY

The next Skippers' Shore Party is scheduled for 3 November at the Newport Yacht Club. The Skippers' Shore Party starts at 1700 to start the gab session, and hors d'oeuvres starts about 1730. The party should be over in time for hitting one of the local restaurants for the evening meal. Please contact Muffin Dubuc by 31 October if you would like to partake of the food.

We are not having a Skippers' Forum this November; the next one will be March 2008. The voting for the next Skippers' Representative will not be until the March 2008 Skippers' Forum.

## 2007 BERMUDA ONE-TWO RACE RECAP

We had a record turn out this year with 40 boats starting to Bermuda on 9 June; almost 50% of the skippers were first timers. The enthusiasm was wonderful that these skippers brought to the event. I heard many statements of wanting to come back in 2009.

- We had our first tie in the singlehanded leg; new comer Rusty Duym on Williwaw and Peter McCrea on Panacea finished together for first place in Class 4 in Bermuda. Both, by the way, are from Maine.
- Also during the singlehanded leg, new skipper John VanSlyke on Bugaboo may have broken the record for the slowest trip down. He took 10 days to get to the finish line. John lost power from his batteries and unable to start the engine thus having no auto pilot requiring him to self steer, when he wasn't sleeping that is. We could tell when he slept; his track would go off in the wrong direction.
- Speaking about tracks, again we used Horizon Marine's iBoatTrack tracking which is a godsend for the race committee and helps make the Bermuda One-Two a spectator sport.
- Two new boats had to "bail" out within 24 hours of the start to Bermuda. Pegasus found a leak (he later found in the center board trunk) and decided to head back to fix it. Komera, an Open 6.5 mini, noticed a problem with his rigging and decided to return to avoid possible failure at sea.
- If you come from the planet mars, then you might not know that the Open 6.5 minis participated in the race as a class. We started them last but the fastest of them finished with the Class 1 boats; there wasn't a lot of windward work. We had 8 minis starting to Bermuda.
- There was a lot of reaching during the singlehanded leg and two boats actually lost their spinnakers and several were blown out. It was a fast ride down.
- Kip Stone's singlehanded course leg record which Kip established in 2005 on Artforms was broken by Joe Harris on Gryphon Solo. Joe did it in 66 hours 57 minutes.
- Doug Shearer's response to my telling him of the record was "it's hardly worth sailing if it's going to be that quick".
- Frog Kiss, Tristan Mouligne, had an amazing ride down and won his class as well as corrected overall first in the fleet. Then on the return leg, Frog Kiss lost his fore mast in the morning after the return start and headed back to St. George's to recoup. He rigged a staysail and was able to sail back quite a bit but not part of the return race.
- Kris Wenzel was the social director in Bermuda which was wonderful.
- Rusty Duym went from patient to patient carrying his tool bag. Rusty was kept busy fixing various things on many boats.
- Several boats went cruising while in Bermuda and said they had a great time. First time cruising, Dave Sherman, raved about it.
- The awards party in Bermuda was great. Mayor and past Commodore of St. George's Dinghy & Sports Club Mariae Caisey participated. Brian Oatley, Vice Commodore, was the master of ceremonies for the evening. Afterwards there was a steak fry and after that there was live music and dancing. A few pictures were taken while Patrick Mouligne danced up a storm.
- A number of boats had engine problems on the return: Convergence, Trpxprs, Wafi and Myrna Minkoff come to mind.

- First timer Peter Bourke on Rubicon finished last in Class 2 on the singlehanded leg however finished first both elapsed and corrected on the doublehanded leg.
- First timers were well represented in the medal. Don Gray managed second on both legs and combined in Class 2 on Warrior's Wish. Dan Stadtlander on Mirari finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on the singlehanded leg and 2<sup>nd</sup> in combined in Class 4. Michael "Ryan" Finn on Myrna Minkoff finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the Open 6.5s in both legs and combined. Jesse Naimark-Rowse on Reality finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Open 6.5s in both legs and combined. Lindsay Lowe on Flying Tiger finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the doublehanded leg.
- The return trip to Newport was marred by the presence of the Tall Ships; admittedly not good planning. Newport was crowded however the majority of folks made it to the Newport Awards Party.
- This is the first race that Juan Perez did not race and Doug Shearer ended up taking the senior skipper rank.
- The following family teams sailed the return leg:  
Robin – Doug and Monica Campbell (both 1<sup>st</sup> timers)  
Panacea – Peter and John McCrea  
Tomkat – Tom and Kathy Gaffey (1<sup>st</sup> time for Kathy)  
Strummer – Louis and Emily Meyer (1<sup>st</sup> time Emily actually finishes)  
Wafi – Drew and Dean Wood (not 1<sup>st</sup> timers but 1<sup>st</sup> time on a mini)
- I am continuously impressed with the camaraderie amongst the Bermuda One-Two skippers and what an amazing group of people they are.

### Single Handed Corrected Results:

**Class 1:** 1. Wazimo – Barrett Holby Jr.; 2. Valkyrie – Bjorn Johnson; 3. Spirit – Dimitri Antoniadis; 4. Flying Turtle – Murray Danforth

**Class 2:** 1. Trpxprs – Jan Steyn; 2. Warrior's Wish – Don Gray; 3. Flash of Beauty – Thomas Amory; 4. Dirigo – Eric Johnson; 5. Perseverance – Robert Patenaude; 6. Rutaine – Dave McLoughlin; 7. Flying Tiger – Lindsay Lowe; 8.

Rubicon – Peter Bourke

**Class 3:** 1. Frog Kiss – Tristan Mouligne; 2. Palangi – David Sherman; 3. Aggressive – Raymond Renaud; 4. Ariana – John Drozdal; 5. Spanky – Patrick Nugent; 6. Indigo – Michael Hennessy; 7. Convergence – James Linsley; 8. Pilgrim – Steve Perry

**Class 4:** 1. Williwaw – Rusty Duym and Panacea – Peter McCrea; 3. Mirari – Dan Stadtlander; 4. Strummer – Louis Meyer; 5. Nimros – Douglas Shearer; 6. Robin – Douglas Campbell; 7. Bugaboo – John Van Slyke, Jr.

**Class 5:** 1. Gryphon Solo – Joe Harris; 2. Wildeyes – Michael Millard

**Class 6:** 1. Myrna Minkoff – Michael Finn; 2. ER Tape – Jan Brandt; 3. Reality – Jesse Naimark-Rowse; 4. Wafi – Drew Wood; 5. Spirit of America – Sam Ausmus III

### Double Handed Corrected Results:

**Class 1:** 1. Wazimo – Barrett Holby Jr. & Bob Manchester; 2. Spirit – Dimitri Antoniadis & Don Nelsen; 3. Valkyrie – Bjorn Johnson & Betsy McClintock; 4. Flying Turtle – Murray Danforth & Ed Sisk

**Class 2:** 1. Rubicon – Peter Bourke & Huw Thomas; 2. Warrior's Wish – Don Gray & Mark Weinheimer; 3. Flying Tiger – Lindsay Lowe & Patrick McFadden; 4. Dirigo – Eric Johnson & John Downes; 5. Flash of Beauty – Thomas Amory & Christopher Biggart; 6. Rutaine – Dave McLoughlin & Bob Kempe; 7. Trpxprs – Jan Steyn & Tom Reese; 8. Perseverance – Robert Patenaude & Mary Demers

**Class 3:** 1. Palangi – David Sherman & Peter Maloney; 2. Pilgrim – Steve Perry & Jim Bigham; 3. Aggressive – Kristen Wenzel & Mark Morwood; 4. Ariana – John Drozdal & Michael Langer; 5. Spanky – Patrick Nugent & James Watson; 6. Indigo – Michael Hennessy & Mark Washeim; 7. Convergence – James Linsley & John Gagnier

**Class 4:** 1. Panacea – Peter and John McCrea; 2. Curlew – Brian Guck & James Tew; 3. Strummer – Louis & Emily Meyer; 4. Mirari – Dan Stadtlander & Greg Schurch; 5. Nimros – Douglas Shearer; 6. Tomkat – Tom & Kathy Gaffey; 7. Bugaboo – John Van Slyke & James Mellen; 8. Robin – Douglas & Monica Campbell

**Class 5:** 1. Gryphon Solo – Joe Harris & Dobbs Davis; 2. Wildeyes – Michael Millard & James Fauci

**Class 6:** 1. Myrna Minkoff – Michael Finn & Clark Thompson; 2. ER Tape – Jan Brandt & Frank Gazioch; 3. Reality – Jesse Naimark-Rowse & Georges Brun-Cottan; 4. Josephine – Jay Sharkey & Katie Healey; 5. Wafi – Drew and Dean Wood; 6. Mini Red Dress – Kate Ambach & Tara Thomas; 7. Spirit of America – Sam Ausmus III & Denver Hopkins

### Combined Corrected Results:

**Class 1:** 1. Wazimo – Barrett Holby Jr.; 2. Spirit – Dimitri Antoniadis; 3. Valkyrie – Bjorn Johnson; 4. Flying Turtle – Murray Danforth

**Class 2:** 1. Trpxprs – Jan Steyn; 2. Warrior's Wish – Don Gray; 3. Flash of Beauty – Thomas Amory; 4. Dirigo – Eric Johnson; 5. Perseverance – Robert Patenaude; 6. Rutaine – Dave McLoughlin; 7. Flying Tiger – Lindsay Lowe; 8. Rubicon – Peter Bourke

**Class 3:** 1. Palangi – David Sherman; 2. Ariana – John Drozdal; 3. Spanky – Patrick Nugent; 4. Pilgrim – Steve Perry; 5. Indigo – Michael Hennessy; 6. Convergence – James Linsley

**Class 4:** 1. Panacea – Peter McCrea; 2. Strummer – Louis Meyer; 3. Mirari – Dan Stadtlander; 4. Nimros – Douglas Shearer; 5. Robin – Douglas Campbell; 6. Bugaboo – John Van Slyke

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### **MERCHANDISE**

We have Bermuda One-Two burgees, hats and a few T-shirts that can be purchased for \$15.

### **SKIPPERS AND BOATS**

John Van Slyke is hoping to get another boat in the 40 foot range for the next race.

It is rumored that Mike Hennessy's C&C will grow up to be a Class 40 for the 2009 Bermuda One-Two. Other past skippers are also going the Class 40 route.

Speaking about Class 40s (what a lead in), Joe Harris asked if I would mention his venture into selling Akilaria Class 40 boats. Check out the boat at their website [www.akilaria.com](http://www.akilaria.com). The boat exists; it was at the Newport Boat Show and several skippers got a look at it.

### **BERMUDA 1-2 WEBSITE**

I have been slowly adding to the Bermuda One-Two website, especially past years' results and pictures. I am expecting more data from Betsy McClintock as she empties out her attic of past Bermuda One-Two files. If anyone else has past year's results and pictures, especially pre 1999, please let me know. I'll post the data and get it back to you if you like.

### **2007 NEW ENGLAND SOLO/TWIN**

This year's Solo/Twin race was held 27/28 July. 39 boats entered this year. Again we had only 1 solo monohull class, spinnaker, this time with only 2 boats, there were 6 multihulls and the rest were double-handed monohulls. Solo seems to be diminishing in the Solo/Twin. We used the normal direction for the courses this year but due to the projected light wind only the fast monohulls and the multihulls did the 95 mile course. Anyways, 11 boats didn't finish.. Phil Garland and Lars Guck on Samba again finished first in Class 1, new comer David and son David Risch on Corsair finished first in Class 2, new comer Mark Winslow and Tim Brownell on Momentum finished first in Class 3, Ian Scott and John Corbishley on Coco finished first in Class 4 cruising, new comer Bill O'Hanley on Seaquel and potential future Bermuda One-Two skipper finished first in Class 5 solos and Don Watson and son Nat on Swamp Fox finished first in Class 6 multihulls. The boats generally made it to the western side of Block Island fairly quickly however between the wind dying and adverse current, many of the boats were parked trying to round the SW buoy. Pat and Alan Clayton get the record for the earliest boat to withdraw this year; they made it back to the club in time to have last call at the NYC bar (mud slides).

### **FEEDBACK REQUESTED**

Included with this newsletter is a questionnaire for past skippers and serious potential skippers. Please fill it in and send it back to me.

### **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 to those that I know.

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**BERMUDA ONE-TWO 2007 FALL SKIPPERS' SHORE PARTY**  
**SATURDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2007 – 5PM TO 7PM**  
**NEWPORT YACHT CLUB – 110 LONG WHARF, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND**

Shore Party Program of Events:  
**1700 – 1900:** Hors d'oeuvres and gab session

Make your reservations by contacting MUFFIN DUBUC by Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. 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!

**\$5.00 Per Person** (Payable at the door)

**Make your reservations today by contacting**  
**ONE-TWO Social Chairman MUFFIN DUBUC**  
**Phone: 401-683-1847; E-mail: [Muffin7@cox.net](mailto:Muffin7@cox.net)**  
**Reservations Deadline: WEDNESDAY, OTOBER 31, 2007**

## OCTOBER 2007 BERMUDA 1-2 QUESTIONNAIRE

The Bermuda 1-2 Event Organizers are asking all past and prospective entrants to give your feedback on issues that seem to recur whenever we are planning the next 1-2. If you have participated in a 1-2 or have seriously planned to participate, please take a moment to complete the following brief questionnaire and mail or e-mail it back to us.

1. Traditionally the Bermuda 1-2 requires boats to be in Newport three to five days before the start, starts the first leg on a Friday or Saturday, starts the second leg two weeks later on a Thursday or Friday and has the final awards ceremony on the following Saturday or Sunday. Total time 21-22 days plus the pre-start arrival in Newport. From your experience is this schedule:

A. Just about right \_\_\_\_\_

B. Too long \_\_\_\_\_ By how many days? \_\_\_\_\_ What part would you shorten? \_\_\_\_\_

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C. Too short \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What problem entering the 1-2 have you found the most difficult to solve:

A. Duration \_\_\_\_\_

B. Time of the year \_\_\_\_\_

C. Insurance \_\_\_\_\_

D. Your inexperience \_\_\_\_\_

E. Character or condition of your boat \_\_\_\_\_

F. Cost \_\_\_\_\_

G. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

3. If you could change one aspect of the Bermuda 1-2, what would you do?

4. Would you be a mentor for new skippers? If so we'll keep track of those that want to and mention them to new skippers.

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Signed (optional)

Number of times participated? \_\_\_\_\_

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