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# BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,  
This is the second newsletter in 2009.

## 2009 FALL SKIPPERS' SHORE PARTY

There is no Fall Skippers' Forum/Shore Party this year. The next Forum/Shore Party will be March 2010.

## 2011 BERMUDA ONE-TWO

We have scheduled the next Bermuda One-Two in 2011. The start to Bermuda is on Friday 3 June and the return to Newport is on Thursday 16 June with the awards in Newport on Saturday 25 June. Make your plans!

## NEW SKIPPERS' REPRESENTATIVE

In Bermuda we conducted the vote for a Skippers' Representative and the vote went to David Sherman. I would like to thank past Skippers' Representative Kristen Wenzel for the immense amount of work she put into the position.

## 2009 BERMUDA ONE-TWO RACE RECAP

We didn't quite make the same record this year that we had in 2007 however we were close with 39 boats starting to Bermuda on 5 June; 16 of the skippers were first timers as skippers in the singlehanded leg. The enthusiasm was wonderful that these skippers brought to the event. Even though the return leg was one of the toughest, I heard many statements of wanting to come back in 2011.

- During the singlehanded leg, new skipper Jay Cushman on Glory never made it to Bermuda and caused much concern. He made it to just less than 200nm from Bermuda and turned back. Jay had a problem with his auto pilot for a while. With water and fuel getting low he was towed into Nantucket. Jay was in touch with me and his wife the whole time.
- We had two unique classes this year. Again we had Open 6.5 Minis participate; 7 started to Bermuda in Class 6. Class 5 which has been the bigger Open class boats this year was mostly made up of Class 40s (4); the exception being Michael Millard's Open 40 Wildeyes.
- Jay Sharkey on the Open 6.5 Carbon Neutral that he bought from Duncan Gladman (who had to abort the 2007 singlehanded leg the first night due to mast problems) on the first night out broke both his rudders then the forestay let go and his mast fell narrowly missing him. Jay waited out the night and the next day was towed into Montauk Pt. Brian Guck on Curlew vectored to Jay Sharkey during the night and stayed with him until Jay was stable. Brian stated that the flares work real well at night. This is the second time Brian has vectored to help someone in distress.
- Class 4 was again the largest and my favorite class. We had ten boats participating in Class 4. Douglas Campbell on Robin, a Westsail 32, had finished dead last in 2007. This time Doug finished second on corrected time. Doug can thank his wife for convincing him to get a spinnaker for this year's race.
- Two first timers to the Bermuda One-Two stood out. Alex Mehran on his Class 40 Cutlass finished first on elapsed time to Bermuda and back to Newport as well as corrected time back from Bermuda and thus finished first in his class both on elapsed and corrected times for both legs. The skipper that beat Alex on corrected time for the singlehanded leg to Bermuda was the other first time skipper Jonathan Green on his Beneteau 351 Jeroboam. Jonathan finished first overall on corrected time for the singlehanded leg as well as first both elapsed and corrected in his class 4 for both legs.
- After the heavy air the first night of the singlehanded leg there was light air and big lumps. Several boats in trying to gain an advantage while flying the spinnaker collapsed the spinnaker and wrapped the spinnaker around the head stay. The two examples that come to mind are Dragon and Flying Tiger. Both took hours to undo the mess.
- Robert Patenaude on Perseverance was hit by a whale (reportedly female) when he was ten miles out from the finish in Bermuda. Robert dove down to see what damage had occurred and discovered that the rudder had been bent aft a little and the trailing edge of the rudder was opened up. Robert was able to continue and finished first in his class, even though he was limited in how much he could turn due to the bent rudder. Robert and his crew member Andre Gagnon dropped the rudder and fixed it using West System G/flex Epoxy Repair Kits that were donated to each skipper by Bougeon Brothers for the race. Twelve skippers donated their repair kits to Robert. Several skippers helped Robert and

Andre install the rudder. Perseverance went out for a test sail then started with the fleet and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in his class for the return leg. Amazing!

- Kristen Wenzel was the social director again in Bermuda which was wonderful.

- The awards party in Bermuda was great again. The Deputy Mayor of St. George's Kenneth Bascum participated. Brian Oatley, Commodore, was the master of ceremonies for the evening. Afterwards there was a steak fry and after that there was live music and dancing. I was caught dancing in a couple of pictures.

- Palangi broke his boom not long after leaving Bermuda but still finished.

- There was lots of broken equipment, auto pilots, blown out sails, etc. on the return leg which the start was delayed one day due to the tough looking Low south of New England.

- The return leg was agreed upon by the veterans to be the toughest leg they have run into due to weather.

- Acadia broke both dagger boards but was still able to win the mini class for the singlehanded leg. He also won the doublehanded leg.

- The following family teams sailed the return leg:

Robin – Doug and Monica Campbell

Panacea – Peter and his son Collin McCrea

Cordelia – Roy and Gail Greenwald (both 1<sup>st</sup> timers)

Wildeyes – Michael and his son Ben Millard (his 1<sup>st</sup> time)

Kontradiction – Michael and son Jason Schum (both 1<sup>st</sup> timers)

Mirari – Dan and son Michael Stadtlander (his 1<sup>st</sup> time)

Palangi – Dave and daughter Sydney Sherman (her 1<sup>st</sup> time)

Warriors Wish – Don and brother Michael Gray (his 1<sup>st</sup> time)

Weatherly – Tom and wife Barb Agerter (both 1<sup>st</sup> timers)

- 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. Perseverance – Robert Patenaude; 2. Dirigo – Eric Johnson; 3. Warriors Wish – Don Gray; 4. DragonJ – John Van Slyke, Jr.

**Class 2:** 1. Ariana – John Drozdal; 2. Choucas – Fred Cosandey; 3. Weatherly – Tom Agerter; 4. Flying Tiger – Lindsay Lowe; 5. Kontradiction – Michael Schum; 6. Relentless – Patrick McFadden

**Class 3:** 1. Aggressive – Kristen Wenzel; 2. Cordelia – Roy Greenwald; 3. Bent – Michael Stevens

**Class 4:** 1. Jeroboam – Jonathan Green; 2. Robin – Douglas Campbell; 3. Williwaw – Rusty Duym; 4. Mirari – Dan Stadtlander; 5. Bluebird – Gust Stringos; 6. Panacea – Peter McCrea; 7. Nimros – Douglas Shearer; 8. Curlew – Brian Guck

**Class 5:** 1. Cutlass – Alex Mehran; 2. Wildeyes – Michael Millard; 3. Dragon – Michael Hennessy; 4. Toothface – Michael Dreese

**Class 6:** 1. Acadia – Clay Burkhalter; 2. Josephine – Simon Day; 3. Frogger – Christian Reimer; 4. Eko – Kate Ambach; 5. Pogo Loco – Philippe Laville; 6. WAFI – Drew Wood

### **Double Handed Corrected Results:**

**Class 1:** 1. Dirigo – Eric Johnson & John Downes III; 2. Perseverance – Robert Patenaude & Andre Gagnon; 3. Warriors Wish – Don & Michael Gray

**Class 2:** 1. Choucas – Fred Cosandey & Ernie Berger; 2. Relentless – Patrick McFadden & Richard Neely; 3. Weatherly – Tom & Barb Agerter; 4. Ariana – John Drozdal & Michael Langer; 5. Kontradiction – Michael & Jason Schum

**Class 3:** 1. Aggressive – Kristen Wenzel & Raymond Renaud; 2. Bent – Michael Stevens & Andrew Conn; 3. Palangi – David and Sydney Sherman

**Class 4:** 1. Jeroboam – Jonathan Green & Zoe Brizzolara; 2. Curlew – Brian Guck & William Harris; 3. Panacea – Peter and Colin McCrea; 4. Bluebird – Gust Stringos & Harry Richter

**Class 5:** 1. Cutlass – Alex Mehran & Nicholas Halmos; 2. Dragon – Michael Hennessy & Mark Washeim; 3. Toothface – Michael Dreese & Ken Luczynski; 4. Wildeyes - Michael & Ben Millard

**Class 6:** 1. Acadia – Clay Burkhalter & Frederic Boursier; 2. Josephine – Simon Day & Josh Parks; 3. Frogger – Christian Reimer & Denver Hopkins; 4. Pogo Loco – Philippe Laville & Patrick Tissier

### **Combined Corrected Results:**

**Class 1:** 1. Perseverance – Robert Patenaude; 2. Dirigo – Eric Johnson; 3. Warriors Wish – Don Gray

**Class 2:** 1. Ariana – John Drozdal; 2. Choucas – Fred Cosandey; 3. Weatherly – Tom Agerter; 4. Relentless – Patrick McFadden; 5. Kontradiction – Michael Schum

**Class 3:** 1. Aggressive – Kristen Wenzel; 2. Bent – Michael Stevens

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For more results and pictures check out the website, [www.bermuda1-2.org](http://www.bermuda1-2.org).

#### **MERCHANDISE**

We have Bermuda One-Two burgees for \$15 and hats for \$5.

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

I have been slowly adding to the Bermuda One-Two website, especially past years' results and pictures. I received more data from Betsy McClintock. 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.

#### **2009 NEW ENGLAND SOLO/TWIN**

This year's Solo/Twin race was held 24/25 July. 33 boats entered this year. Again we had only 1 solo monohull spinnaker class however it had 7 participants, 2 multihulls and the rest were doublehanded monohulls. Hopefully solo is on the rise in the Solo/Twin. We used the normal direction for the courses this year with all but one of the classes going on the 95 mile course but due to the unusual wind all night the one class could have also done the 95 mile course. The first boat to finish was Jon Alvord's multi-hull Triceratops. Steve Clarke on his new boat Next Wave was the first mono-hull to finish on elapsed time in Class 1 however Bob Manchester and Barrett Holby on Wazimo corrected out to 1<sup>st</sup> place in Class 1, Michael LaChance and Leszek Woldowski on Dark'n Stormy finished first in Class 2, new comer Chris Bjerregaard and Karl Wenuer on Shearwater finished first in Class 3, Jonathan Green on Jeroboam finished first in Class 4 solo class, and Steve and Josh Parks finished first in Class 6 multihulls. Pat Clayton on Floating Point actually finished this year mostly thanks to first timer Caryn Cummings.

#### **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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