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# BERMUDA ONE-TWO NEWSLETTER

Hello again,  
This is the second newsletter in 2020.

## 2020 FALL SKIPPERS' FORUM AND SHORE PARTY

The Fall Skippers' Forum and Shore Party scheduled for 7 November 2020 has been canceled due to the Covid-19 restrictions in Rhode Island. Hopefully, we will have one in March next year.

Frank Bohlen has again agreed to do the Gulf Stream brief at the Skippers' Meeting before the start, the March Skippers' Forum, as well as providing several brief handouts leading up to the race as he has done since 2009. Frank gives a tremendous analysis of the Gulf Stream.

## 2021 BERMUDA ONE-TWO DATES

The following is a rough schedule for the next Bermuda One-Two.

January 1: Online application open

March 6: Spring Skippers' Forum/Party – Gulf Brief by Frank Bohlen

April 1: Application fee increases

May 31: Deadline for arrival in Newport of first-time entrants & returnees with new boats

June 2: Mandatory check in and Bermuda One-Two Skippers Send-Off Party

June 3: Mandatory SH Leg Skippers' Meeting, Weather and Gulf Stream Briefs

June 4: Newport to Bermuda Start

June 15: Awards in Bermuda

June 17: Bermuda to Newport Start

June 26: Awards in Newport

Make your plans!

## SKIPPERS' REPRESENTATIVE

For those that may not know Tristan Mouligne continues his reign as the Skippers' Representative. Tristan has been participating in our Race Committee meetings in the preparations leading up to the 2021 Bermuda One-Two as well as racing in the 2017 Bermuda One-Two (as well as other B12 races), both the 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 New England Solo/Twin and 2018 Offshore 160 races. Tristan has been energetic in promoting the races and willing to help new skippers.

## POTENTIAL SKIPPERS FOR 2021

The following people have stated that they expect to race in 2021: **Jonathan Bixby, Luke Brockman, Jon Burt** on his J/130 Lola, **Gregg Carville** on a J35 (use to be Paul Grime's J35)(Gregg did the DH leg in 2015 with Scott Miller), **Fred Cosandey** on his new boat Choucas3, **Richard Geis** in his S2 9.1 Renegade, **Roy Greenwald, James Hammitt, Philip Haydon, Stanley Paris, Alessandro Pagani, Rick Rohrer, Lance Ryley, Henry Schultz, David Southwell, Steve Tofield** on his Tartan 41 Tyger Tyger, **Kristen Wenzel, John Yanusas**. If your name is not here it is either because I forgot, or you didn't tell me. Let me know if your intention is to do the race in 2021.

Again, there are a lot of new skippers and return skippers with new boats doing their qualifiers the year before the race, 2020. This is great to see; getting the qualifier out of the way minimizing what must be done to get ready for the race in the spring of 2021.

## SKIPPERS AND BOATS

- **Paul Grimes** sold his J/35 to a potential B12 skipper Gregg Carville!
- **Fred Cosandey** had a new 44' sailboat built and launched over a year ago in La Rochelle France. He had a bunch of new boat problems taken care of last year. He was planning a cruise to New Zealand but due to the pandemic he put a kibosh on those plans. Fred has done a qualifier on Choucas3 and plans to do the Bermuda One-Two next year.

## MERCHANDISE

We have Bermuda One-Two polo shirts from 2019 for \$5 and burgees at \$20 and some 2019 hats left.

## BERMUDA 1-2 WEBSITE

If anyone has past 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.

## NOTICE OF RACE FOR 2021

We are working on the Notice of Race for next year and hope to get it out in November. I thought I would mention some of the changes that are being implemented for 2021.

- AIS transceiver was a recommendation in the past and is now required (transmit and receive).
- The following requirement "with an expiration date no earlier than June 30 of the year of the race" is replaced with the new requirement in items "9" and "11" in Appendix A – Required Safety Equipment: "Pyrotechnic signals shall be provided conforming to SOLAS LSA Code Chapter III Visual Signals and not older than the stamped expiry date (if any) or if no expiry date stamped, not older than 4 years".
- The following note is added in same item "9" after "two (2) flashlights with spare batteries and bulbs": "(additional flashlights/spotlights will suffice for extra bulbs)".
- The same item "9" delete "two (2) orange smoke signals".
- The same item "11" also deletes "three (3) red parachute flares" and changes the number of red handheld flares to "three (3)".
- Item "39" of Appendix A has the following requirement added: "In addition, if Lithium batteries are on board (backup, house and or start batteries) Class D fire extinguisher is required as well and properly mounted."
- The following recommendation is added: "It is recommended that alternate (in addition to running the ships motor) methods of charging batteries be implemented. This will be a requirement for the 2023 race."
- Trailer able lifting keel boats will not be allowed in the race.
- We moved two trophies to the St. George's Prize Giving: Peter Hegeman Ancient Mariner's Trophy and Bermuda One-Two Longest Participation. These are applicable only to the Singlehanded leg and make more sense giving them out in Bermuda.
- For flare requirements in summary (5 less flares than in 2019):

Flares	2021			2019	
	Boat	Life Raft/Ditch Bag	*	Boat	Life Raft/Ditch Bag
Red parachutes	0 SOLAS	2 SOLAS	*	3 SOLAS	2 SOLAS
Red handheld	3 SOLAS	3 SOLAS	*	4 SOLAS	3 SOLAS
Orange smoke signals	2 SOLAS	0	*	2 SOLAS	2 SOLAS

## 2020 OFFSHORE 160

The Offshore 160, which is held in the off year from the Bermuda One-Two, was held 11-12 July with a great turnout of 15 boats entered in this Covid-19 environment. 4 backed out before the start so 11 boats started in two classes with 6 finishing. The Skipper's Meeting was held via Zoom and no Awards Party was held. We delayed the start from Friday to Saturday due to the nearby Tropical Storm that went inland west of us. 6 skippers were new to this race, several expressed the desire to do the Bermuda One-Two, and 6 were past Bermuda One-Two skippers. Predictions were for heavy winds and seas, remnants of the Tropical Storm. They had a strong SW wind out to the weather buoy and tough seas but it was a sleigh ride back for those that survived the trip out. There was carnage: Wildeyes lost power, Cepheus discovered a disconnected shroud on the starboard side (even took a video of it) and withdrew just before the only mark, Adventure-us shredded his spinnaker, Alchemy took 3 hours to untangle his spinnaker after rounding the mark, Laurent on La Defonce had a similar problem after rounding the mark; kept the A2 up too long and disaster occurred but he finished. Many said it was a slog to the mark and a

sleigh ride back. The heavy boats complained of a light wind period after exiting Narragansett Bay. The first boat to finish was Laurent Givry on La Defonce a Figaro 3 at 0814 Sunday morning so the William J. Dubuc Trophy (First to Finish) is awarded to Laurent. Normally Muffin Dubuc hands out this trophy but with no awards party due to Covid-19 restrictions this has not happened. The last boat to finish was Rick Rohrer on Rocinante a J/109 at 1330 Sunday afternoon. Rick, amongst others, said it was a memorable ride! Ken Bordieri on Adventure-us was quite happy with himself that he had improved over the 2018 race where he was last. He finished 2nd to last this time! Jack Clayton on his new boat a Beneteau First 36.7 corrected for first place in Class 1. Jonathan Bixby in Highlander a Tartan 3400 corrected first in Class 2. Awards will be delivered to the skippers. More information can be seen at:

<http://www.newportyachtclub.org/Racing/Offshore/Offshore160/offshore-160> .

### **2020 NEW ENGLAND SOLO/TWIN**

This year's Solo/Twin race was held 24/25 July. Again, due to Covid-19 we did the Skipper's Meeting via Zoom and no Awards Party. There was barely enough wind but with an outgoing tide the boats started. Fifty boats started at noon on Friday under sunshine. Just the opposite of the Offshore 160 exceptionally light winds were predicted. Shorter than normal courses were assigned; the longest being 77 nautical miles long. Light to no wind and adverse current impacted the fleet at several of the mark roundings. Only 24 boats finished which were helped by increasing winds late Saturday morning.

The first boat to finish was doublehanded spinnaker Class 1, 77 nm course, Alchemist sailed by the brother team of Ken and Brad Read in the new Jeanneau SunFast 3300 after just over 24 hours elapsed time. The first boat to finish in doublehanded spinnaker Class 2, 77 nm course, was Vamoose a J/133 sailed by Bob Manchester and Tom Scott however on corrected time Young American a J/105 won sailed by Peter Becker and Serena Vilage. The first boat to finish in doublehanded spinnaker Class 3, 77 nm course, was MoonDog a C&C 115 sailed by Brian Abbott and James Arrighi. The first boat to finish in doublehanded spinnaker Class 4, 70 nm course, was Aggressive a C&C 35-2 sailed by Ray Renaud and Kristen Wenzel however they lost by 5 minutes on correct time to first place Yankee Girl a Morris Justine sailed by Thomas Vander Salm and Bart Littlefield. The first boat to finish in doublehanded non-spinnaker Class 5, 60 nm course, was Kitty Hawk a Nonsuch 33 sailed by John Corbishley and Winthrop Sanford. The first and only boat to finish in the singlehanded spinnaker Class 6, 77 nm course, was SeaJai a Beneteau 40.7 sailed by James Hennigan. The only boat to finish in the doublehanded Multihull Class 7, 77 nm course was boat Zibure a Contour 34 SC sailed by Francois Mazaud and Ian Ray. The last boat to finish was Class 3, 77 nm course, Momentum a Hinckley Sou'wester sailed by Paul Kanev and Dave Faulders with an elapsed time of almost 32 hours.

Awarded in its fourth year, sponsored by Mike Millard, was the New England ShortHanded Ocean Racing Trophy (SHORT) which combines the Offshore 160 (singlehanded) with the New England Solo/Twin (doublehanded) and goes to the best boat that does both the 160 and Solo/Twin races. The idea is to try to promote these races and hopefully they do the Bermuda One-Two in future years. Highlander was awarded this trophy having won his class in the Offshore 160 and 3rd in his twin class in the Solo/Twin.

Congrats, well done. Trophies are being sent out.

The rest of the results as well as notes during the race can be seen at:

<http://www.newportyachtclub.org/Racing/Offshore/NESoloTwin/new-england-solo-twin> .

### **HELP NEEDED IN BERMUDA ONE-TWO BUILD UP**

Help! For years we have found that the best source for new participants in the Bermuda One-Two has been its veteran skippers and crews. Most who have done the Bermuda One-Two know how to sail long distances shorthanded, what type and how strong a boat is needed, and how fit and experienced a sailor must be to satisfy the Bermuda One-Two's demands.

For the Bermuda One-Two to remain a top-notch sailing event, it needs new participants. Look around your yacht club or marina and among your racing rivals to see who might be interested and qualified. Talk with them; tell them about your experiences in the Bermuda One-Two and about the friends you have made through involvement in the event. Bring them to the next skippers' forum and shore party. If you cannot answer all their questions, give them the e-mail address of Tristan Mouligne [skippersrep@bermuda1-2.org](mailto:skippersrep@bermuda1-2.org). Or forward their names and phone numbers and/or email addresses to Roy Guay at [roy@royguay.net](mailto:roy@royguay.net), and we will contact them with answers.

### **SPONSORSHIP**

If you know of anyone/outfit that would like to provide some money in sponsorship for the 2021 Bermuda One-Two we would appreciate it if you would forward their information to either Roy Greenwald [FansOf@bermuda1-2.org](mailto:FansOf@bermuda1-2.org) or Roy Guay. We need some sponsorship to defray the costs of the trackers and dockage. We have a good group of sponsors so far: Quantum Sails, Edson, Joe Cooper Sailing, Goslings (in Bermuda) and Newport Craft (in Newport).

Roy Greenwald has volunteered to help us out with sponsorship and has done a great job getting our current sponsorship. We have moved to a two-year cycle starting on the even year so that the sponsors get visibility during all of our races; Offshore 160, New England Solo/Twin and the Bermuda One-Two.

#### **ST. GEORGE'S DINGHY AND SPORTS CLUB**

The SGD&SC offers a membership for us out of country folks called an Overseas Membership. It is only \$50 and a genuinely nice gesture. The renewals went out by now so if you have not received a renewal let me know and I'll pass it along. Calling the club, Brenda, with your credit card is the easiest way to renew it (other than being there and paying cash). Out of Bermuda checks require an additional \$20 for them to cash.

#### **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 have email addresses.

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