

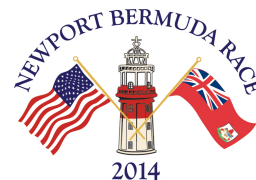


## BREWER YACHT YARD GROUP

2014 NEWPORT BERMUDA RACE

— PREPARATION SEMINAR —

Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013



Schedule of Events: Pilots Point Marina, South Yard, Westbrook, CT

0730 – Registration – Coffee and Pastries provided

0800 – ***Special Session:*** It's Not as Complicated as it Seems!

*During this special one-hour session for first-time racers, Rives Potts and Michael Keyworth from Brewer Yacht Yards will go over all the major aspects of preparing a boat to race to Bermuda and getting to the island safely. We will discuss: planning for and entering the race; selecting crew; provisioning; getting to the starting line in Newport; sailing fast to Bermuda while having fun along the way; what to expect on arrival; where to stay and keep the boat in Bermuda; and getting back to the mainland afterward. Both Rives and Michael have done numerous races as well as multiple return passages during their long careers as sailing crew, boat captains and Brewer Yard Managers. This will be a great opportunity to get your questions answered and meet other first-timers.*

0900 – Navigating the Paperwork

*Bermuda Race Organizing Committee member Bjorn Johnson (ex-Race Chairman) will discuss the entry process and where to turn if you run into problems. With an updated website and a simplified web-entry portal, the 2014 Race will offer a more intuitive and less stressful means of data submission and tracking your progress through the entry system. Bjorn will walk us through the entry portal and answer many of the frequently asked questions.*

0945 – Preparing for the Inspection

*The vessel inspection can be one of the most intimidating and time consuming hurdles of the Bermuda Race. Long time Inspector and General Manager of Brewer Cove Haven Marina (Barrington, RI), Michael Keyworth, will discuss how to prepare and what to expect on inspection day. From complying with hull construction standards to laying out safety gear, Michael will walk through a typical inspection and point out tips for making it quick and painless.*

1045 – Race Tactics – Navigation, the Gulf Stream and Weather

*Veteran global sailor Bill Biewenga will discuss the 635 nm course from Newport to Bermuda and some of the variables competitors must consider in plotting a winning course. Included in that will be a review of weather scenarios from the past several races. He will discuss tactics for using the Gulf Stream to your advantage and navigating the 300+ miles south of the Stream. Bill will also review onboard electronic packages available for various budgets.*

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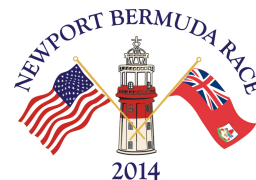


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### Schedule of Events (continued):

1200 – Lunch and Vessel Viewing – a “box lunch” will be provided during which attendees are invited to visit dockside and board race-ready recent competitors. In addition to CARINA, we will have several other boats in racing condition for you to explore and discuss with the owners.

1315 – Optimizing your Boat to Win the Race

*Moderated by Rives Potts, President and COO of Brewer Yacht Yard Group and Owner-Skipper of the Saint David's Light two-time defending champion CARINA, this portion of the seminar will review tips and suggestions for making your boat as fast and competitive as possible while still complying with all race requirements and not breaking the bank. In addition to Rives' comments on various boats and their strategies under different circumstances, Jim Teeters, Associate Offshore Director at US Sailing, will discuss the rating rules used for the event and the various optimization packages available for each. Butch Ulmer, President of UK Sailmakers, will discuss sail selection and construction.*

1430 – When the Going Gets Tough – Equipment to Have Aboard and How to Use It

*Kit Will, Director of Sailing Projects at Pilots Point, will discuss tactics for keeping the boat pointed toward the finish when the wind builds and how to handle severe weather at sea. He will also review what spares and tools to have aboard and how to use them in a pinch.*

1515 – Don't Forget the Return Trip

*CCA Safety at Sea Committee Chairman Anne Glenn will discuss “the other half” of the Bermuda Race – getting the boat back to the mainland safely. Often treated as an afterthought, the trip back to Newport can be as dangerous as the race down – in fact, the majority of serious safety related incidents of the past several years have occurred on the return passage. Anne will review recent incidents on the return passage as well as tools available to owners to help ensure the boat and crew arrive home safely.*

1600 – Wrap Up

*The program will be followed by a cocktail reception during which attendees are invited to discuss the day's topics with the presenters, members of Bermuda Race Organizing Committee and Brewer staff.*

*PLEASE NOTE: The Brewer Race Preparation Seminar is not intended as a substitute for the U.S. Sailing sanctioned Safety at Sea events. No credit will be given to attendees of this seminar toward Safety at Sea requirements.*

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