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Marion to Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race

Sailing - Entries build in Marion to Bermuda Classic

47 entries in 40 days!! The 30th anniversary Marion to Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race is off to an incredible start in registrations for the 2007 race. You can find the **Enter the Race** button and information on the race website <http://www.marionbermuda.com>.

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Plans are well underway for a great 30th Anniversary Race including expanded festivities at the Beverly Yacht Club in Marion and at the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club in Bermuda. Gosling's tasty products will be flowing at both ends of the rhumb line. While you are at on the web site, sign up for Race Updates to receive the latest information on the race.

iBoattrack is back on board for the 2007 race to follow the race from Buzzards Bay to St. David's Head Bermuda. Friends and family will again be able to watch the track of their favorite entry as they jockey for position on their race to Bermuda. There will be some exciting upgrades to this year's program so stay tuned.

All Marion Bermuda sailors need to remember that if they haven't fulfilled their Safety at Sea requirement, the Marion Bermuda Safety at Sea Seminar is scheduled for March 24 at MIT. The information for this year's seminar is right on the Marion Bermuda web site. <http://www.marionbermuda.com/symposium.shtml> . Even if a boat's crew has met the participation requirement, it is never a bad idea to take a refresher course by attending this very educational program.

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More about Marion Bermuda...

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In 2005, sixty-eight monohulls and thirteen multi-hulls started the race. Race organizers expect more than 100 competitors in 2007. All yachts will be scored under the ORR (Offshore Racing Rule) system, formerly AMERICAP II, and a class or classes will be scored with the IRC system that has become popular for many east coast events.

Yachts choosing to sail with celestial navigation only will receive a favorable 2% rating credit to their corrected time. They will then compete alongside yachts using electronic navigation for overall prizes. The 2% rating credit reflects the statistical difference between celestial and electronic performance in the past three Marion to Bermuda Races.

For the first time in this event, Sail Magazine will present the second annual **Bermuda Ocean Cruising Yacht Trophy**. This new prize is presented to the performing captain in successive Newport Bermuda and Marion to Bermuda Races. The first pair of these trophies was presented to two deserving captains. Jeff White of Radnor Pennsylvania sailed his Hylas 49 *Makai* in both the 2005 Marion and 2006 Newport ocean races and was the top boat among boats that had sailed in both events. Laura Sudarsky of New York sailed *Cassiopeia* to the lowest combined score considering all Cruiser Division boats racing in both races.

About the Marion to Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race

The Marion to Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race is open to amateur cruising yachts, families and friends. Participants will have the opportunity to compete in an open ocean passage with a group of friendly competitors. Sailing in this race is a life experience that can bridge the gap between generations, solidify friendships and foster teamwork, all while promoting seamanship and the love of sailing.

While the spirit of competition flows as freely in the veins of Marion-Bermuda racers as it does in sailboat racers everywhere, Marion Bermuda is a *cruising yacht* race. It is as much about companionship and the joy of coaxing the best performance possible out of a sailboat as it is about being first to cover the 645 nautical miles from the start in Buzzard's Bay to the finish off St. David's Lighthouse in Bermuda.

Characteristically, a Friends and Family day race is scheduled for Bermuda a week after the start; prizes in that race go to, among others, the yacht with the largest crew and the crew with the best attitude.

This prestigious race began in 1977 with its roots deep in the Corinthian spirit. The Beverly Yacht Club, the Blue Water Sailing Club, and the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club host the event.

The Marion to Bermuda Race is open to single-hulled and multi-hulled sailing vessels with a minimum hull length of 32 feet, exclusive of sprits, and a maximum length of 80 feet. In 2005, the race was open for the first time to two new categories, Multi-hull yachts and Double Handed yachts. Also for the first time, a trophy was awarded for the best finish of a yacht with an all-female crew. In 2007, scoring for IRC classes will be added to the mix. This addition opens the race to a broader spectrum of competitors.

Although Marion-Bermuda is a race for amateur sailors rather than pros, safety is a prime consideration and Marion-Bermuda's safety regulations are as stringent as any other race of its type.

All yachts are required to demonstrate to the Selection Committee that they are seaworthy and appropriate for sailing well offshore. This is a Category 1 Race as defined by the ISAF. All yachts must be inspected and meet these offshore safety requirements. Visit the race website – www.marionbermuda.com – for a complete listing of all pertinent details.

The Marion to Bermuda Race includes both a Celestial and an Electronic division with equal distribution of prizes to both groups, with the exception of the Navigator Trophy, which is awarded to the Celestial winner. The fleet will be scored under the ORR and the IRC Rating Systems.

Pre-race festivities will include cocktails and dinner served on the grounds of the Beverly Yacht Club in Marion, Massachusetts, one of the oldest yacht clubs in the United States. Participants will enjoy the spectacular view of Sippican Harbor and the camaraderie of club members, fellow crewmates and contestants.

The post-race activities are hosted by, and held at, the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club in Bermuda.

For complete information on the 16th biennial Marion to Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race including all the dates and deadlines, entry list and much more go to www.marionbermuda.com

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