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A NEWSLETTER FOR J/44 OWNERS AND FRIENDS  
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## Record J/44 Turnout Expected for Bermuda Race!

### First One-Design Start in History of Race

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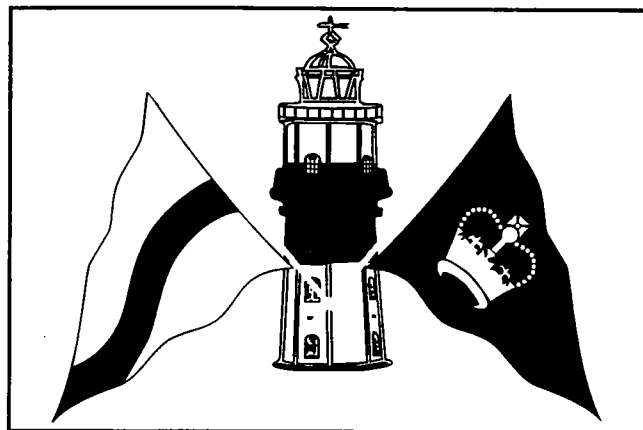
**New York, New York (May 1, 1994): NEWPORT TO BERMUDA RACE TO SEE RECORD J/44 TURNOUT!**

Final entries for the 1994 Newport to Bermuda Race were due to the Race Committee last week. We are extremely pleased to announce that a record thirteen J/44s have signed up to sail this premier blue water race!

Jim Bishop, President of the J/44 Class

Association, states that this is an indication that these great dual purpose yachts are both safe and comfortable to sail at sea, and that they are competitive under the new Cruiser/Racer Division split of the International Measurement System (IMS). The fact that the J/44s will have their own start and will be sailing what is essentially a one-design race for class honors is just icing on the cake according to Bishop.

This will be the first time in the 88 year history of the Bermuda Race that there



has been a one-design start. Race Committee Chairman Dan Dyer had promised the Class a separate start if a minimum of ten J/44s entered.

J/44s will sail in the IMS Cruiser/Racer Division. Both Cruiser/Racers and Racers will compete for the St. David's Light House trophy for overall fleet honors. Racer Division boats will receive a one percent distance penalty

for scoring against the Cruiser/Racers in the Bermuda Race. Under the 1994 IMS

Regulations, yachts with a hull date after July 1, 1989 must sail in the Racer Division.

Other significant differences between the Divisions include a prohibition of Group 3 professionals and a limit to the number of Group 2 marine industry representatives on Cruiser/Racer Division yachts. Under the new 1994 IMS Regulations, only three Group 2s are

permitted to sail on a J/44. No Group 2 or 3 competitors may steer while racing.

Again this year the J/44s will compete in a day of Team Racing in Bermuda. Five-boat teams representing the US and the host Bermudians will race in Great Sound on Saturday June 25th.

For more information, call Chip Barber at 914-763-6890.

# J/44 PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**Dr. John Bradford** has bought *SPOILER* from Bo and Vicki Robinson. John plans to cruise and race her with his family along the Maine coast. The Bradford's are from Bangor.

**Alan Stuart** is in Antigua where he has just completed Race Week with a second in class and third in fleet finish! Alan sailed with a crew composed primarily of family and friends, several of whom had never sailed before. Mike Keyworth of Cove Haven Marine in Rhode Island was also aboard.

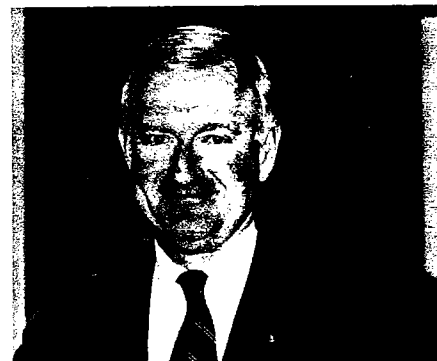
Alan sailed *CELEBRATION* to St. John, USVI in November with Mike Keyworth as first mate. They experienced full storm force winds...the same storm that sank a nearby sail boat with two New Yorkers aboard. Those men were very fortunate to have been rescued after the Coast Guard diverted a passing freighter to the position of their life raft. Alan said that *CELEBRATION* had no problem weathering the storm. After wintering over

in St. John and doing Antigua Race Week, *CELEBRATION* will return to New England. Alan plans to be one of the thirteen J/44s in the Newport to Bermuda Race.

**Sarah Cavanaugh**, partner of *MATCHLESS* with **Buie Seawell**, is in San Diego where she was invited to try-out for Bill Koch's all-woman *AMERICA<sup>3</sup>* America's Cup Team. On the other coast, Buie ran in the Boston Marathon in April. *MATCHLESS* continues to be available for charter along the East Coast.

**Mike Frigard** has assumed duties as Commodore of Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead, MA. Mike and Kathi's *LOOSE GOOSE* is a frequent competitor in IMS and PHRF events. They will sail the Bermuda race this year.

In the "old news" category, **Dr. Thomas White** of Bellingham, WA sailed *JO* to first in fleet honors in the



**Ben Michaelson's** *QUINTESSENCE* was third in class in the Annapolis Yacht Club's 1993 Fall Series. Ben sailed in the IMS Division. In addition, *QUINTESSENCE* was fourth overall in the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association's 1993 High Point competition in the IMS II Class. (Photo by Marsha D. Crawford (AYC))

1992 Victoria (BC) to Maui Race. Tom attributed his success to the (then) new deep rudder he had installed and a "big wind". Apparently, *JO* saw near storm conditions for a good part of the race.

**Dr. James O'Niell** plans to sail the Clearwater to Key West Race in *PRISM*. The race starts on May 19th. James and his crew took line honors in the 1991 Clearwater to Key West Race.

