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Calling All Racers: 2014 Annapolis Bermuda Race Entries Now Open

ANNAPOLIS, MD (June 3, 2013) – The 19th biennial Annapolis Bermuda Race (A2B) will start June 6, 2014, and entries to compete in the race are now open. Formerly the Bermuda Ocean Race, A2B begins in Annapolis and finishes 753 nautical miles later in Bermuda.

“The race is designed to challenge sailors with a unique combination of conditions – unpredictable winds down the Chesapeake Bay, shipping traffic along busy coastal waters, a Gulf Stream crossing, swirling eddies, invisible competition and challenging navigation with the reefs encircling Bermuda,” said Beth Berry, A2B chair.

The competition welcomes racing veterans, first-time ocean racers and cruisers. Open to any single or multi-hulled sailing yacht of more than 28 feet, Annapolis organizers are anticipating up to 50 entries. There will be PHRF, IRC, cruising, double-handed and one-design classes. Three boats in any one class qualify for a start.

Prior to the start of the race, several seminars help racers prepare for the race. The next seminar, scheduled for November 9, will cover demystifying the ISAF requirement and preparing for the courtesy inspection.

Competitors during the history of this 35 year race have included racing stars George Collins of Chessie Racing fame and Jim Muldoon in Donnybrook, numerous rising stars on the east coast racing scene, Sea Scouts, the U.S. Naval Academy Sailing Team and many spirited cruisers.

The entry fee is \$850 if received before January 1, 2014, and \$950 after that. Entries may be made online at www.annapolisbermudarace.com. Final entry deadline is May 1, 2014. The entry fee is refundable until May 1, 2014, minus a small administrative fee.

Annapolis' Eastport Yacht Club and Bermuda's St. George's Dinghy and Sports Club host A2B. Bacon Sails & Marine Supplies, Lee Chesneau's Weather, Chesapeake Area Professional Captains Association, Liberté the Schooner, SpinSheet, and West Marine are sponsors.

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