



Marion Bermuda— Leaders struggle for Late Night Finish

Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club, Paget BERMUDA—, June 17, 2013: As predicted late Sunday, the 'line honor' leaders hit the wall Monday afternoon. According to the YellowBrick tracker they now seem to be sailing on the wind, on a long port tack to Bermuda.

The 'handicap' leaders are the smaller boats that have kept the old, reaching breeze longer and made their time on the other boats in their class. *Integrity*, the Navy 44 Mk II STC (NA22) skippered by Mario Avila, leads his Class B and appears to be one of the best on corrected time in the whole fleet. Other class leaders are Gardner Grant's J120 *Alibi* in Class A and David Caso's perennial winner *Silhouette* in Class C. Classic Division entry *Spirit of Bermuda*, a heavy 112 footer, suffers in these light conditions. She's slogging along at 3-4 knots vmg at 74°. Her heading is less than perpendicular to the rhumb line in that report. *Spirit* was 122 miles from home.

At 15:00 EDT Monday afternoon, *Shindig* seems to have found a fairly steady southeasterly breeze. The Andrews 68 was about 9 miles west of the original 164° rhumb line to Bermuda sailing 159° 57 miles from the finish. *Lady B*, a Swan 62, was in a similar breeze 22 miles off the rhumb line some 72.5 miles out steering 168°. Both boats are doing between 6 and 7 knots so they should reach the island in the wee hours of Tuesday morning. It is still a battle for line honors between *Shindig* and *Lady B* although *Shindig* holds the inside edge. The outcome will depend on which way the wind blows... and how much.

Southerly winds 5-10 knots should persist around Bermuda until Tuesday night. Pressure should then build from the West as a low moves off the mid-Atlantic coast and squeezes the high back to the southeast. This should give the boats in the back of the pack a nice boost to their finishes.

Spectators at home or on mobile devices with the proper app can follow all the yachts in the Marion Bermuda Race on the YellowBrick tracker program sponsored by Kingman Yacht Center. Positions are updated every hour on the hour on the YellowBrick tracking map. Go to the Marion Bermuda web site— <http://www.marionbermuda.com/> and click on the brick.

About the Marion Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race Association

Since its inception in 1977, the biennial Marion Bermuda Race has been a premier 645 mile ocean race and sailing event which appeals to a broad range of cruising and racing enthusiasts. The spirit of the race is one focused on Family and Fun, and all yachts and crew are participating for the joy and pleasure of sailing, competition, and the camaraderie that accompanies such an offshore event. The Marion Bermuda Race encourages the development of blue water sailing skills on seaworthy yachts that can be handled safely offshore with limited crew. The Marion Bermuda Race is a 501(c)(3) organization and among other educational efforts, supports and encourages [Youth Sailing](#) programs. The Marion to Bermuda Race is organized and run entirely by hundreds of volunteering members of The [Beverly Yacht Club](#) (BYC), [The Blue Water Sailing Club](#) (BWSC) and [The Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club](#) (RHADC) for the Marion Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race Association.

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