

Omega 42 i USA

Jag har fått kontakt med Roger Shepley i USA, han äger och seglar en Omega 42:a Seriana. Nu i sommar seglade han Bermuda 1-2, en singelhand segling som pågår under flera dygn. Läs vad Roger skrivit om sin båt och seglingen.



Roger Shepley.

My boat is set up for single handed sailing- removable bow sprit for Asymmetrical spinnaker, removable inner forestay for staysail, all modifications needed for ISAF offshore safety requirements, etc...

I also have replaced just about every system, and have very nice Quantum sails. My boat was imported from Finland used by the previous owner, William Patteson and his wife Ann, about 15 years ago. They had fallen in love with the design and bought this boat in Finland. I don't know its previous history. Sadly he died around 2007 and I bought the boat somewhat in a poor state in 2010. It is number FIN 2714, and was I think the first generation, built in 1981. The boat name is Seriana (previous name Pegasus). I keep the boat in Maine in the summer, RI in the winter. I love it but probably am going to have to sell it in the next few years as my wife has a bad hip and has trouble getting into the boat.



The Bermuda 1-2 is complete, I survived, and the boat did very well. I had a third in my class both races and a third overall in my class. I was 10th overall out of 35 boats. I felt pretty good about this as it was my first time, and all of the boats are customized for this type race.



The boat moved well due to its long waterline and narrow form, with relatively deep entry. I sailed with a removable inner forestay with staysail and 155 percent ap genoa on the roller furler. I used the genoa extensively, including reaching in strong winds and downwind in strong winds wing and wing using the spinnaker pole. I have a removable bowsprit 1' beyond the bow to get beyond the stanchions.



For shorthanded racing, I fly asymmetrical spinnakers only, and have a very large one that I use downwind in under 17 knots. On the first leg the last 48 hours were close hauled into 30 knot winds and 8- 10' seas. I had 3 reefs in the main and the 85 percent staysail. The boat did great so thats a good testament to its abilities offshore. We engineered a Raymarine linear drive autopilot off an arm on the rudder shaft and that has performed very well, and was able to handle the loads even in those heavy last 2 days. Coming back we flew spinnakers for at least 4 of the 5 days. It was windy enough that most of our competitors in our class would be planing, as most have planing designs, so I was surprised we kept up with them. Our top speed down waves was 13. 8 knots.

Best regards to all, and I'm happy to answer any questions.

Roger Shepley Omega 42 Seriana

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