



THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB



Children's Holiday Party

ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS:

- **December 7th:** ECYC Decommissioning, Annual Meeting & New Member Reception. 4 pm
- **December 8th:** Our annual Children's Party, always a favorite! 2.30 to 4.40 pm
- **December 8th:** Frostbite Yacht Club End of Season Party & Awards. 6 pm
- **December 15th:** Charles the Piano Man will return to the club for a fun holiday brunch on Sunday.
- **New Year's Eve** at ECYC....watch for details. Dancing to music by "Straight Ahead"

Refer to our event calendar on our website at www.essexyc.org for event details!



Charles, The Piano Man

OFFSHORE UPDATE

Fall Frostbite Series

For the last 2 weekends, racing has been canceled due to weather conditions. On Sunday the 24th, racing was canceled due to high winds. On Sunday December 1st, the last day of the Fall Series, racing was canceled due to lack of wind - go figure. When final series results are posted, we'll see that several ECYC sailors will

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Fellow Corinthians,

On the heels of a spectacular **Commodore's Gala**, we are now planning for our **Annual Meeting** and setting the foundation for our 2014 season, the **30th Anniversary of ECYC**.



The Commodore's Gala continued an amazing string of festive and very well attended social events we've seen this year. Our entertainment committee, headed by Val Votto, has been amazing. Adding to our events have been creatively unique decorations with thanks to Jean Brewer.

Looking to the Annual Meeting, we will celebrate a very strong year for the club on and off shore.

On shore, we exceeded our new membership goals (something very few private clubs can say) which contributed to excellent financial results. We will enter 2014 with a cash balance for the first time in many years instead of tapping our line of credit at year end.

As a board, we reviewed our 2014 dues proposal very carefully. With our new 20-year lease with the Brewers Dauntless Shipyard, you may recall we elected to have a rent schedule with small annual increases (less than 1 % a year) vs. larger ones every other year. Our new lease also requires us to carry business interruption insurance which is an addition to the club's current coverage. At our current membership levels, the rent increase and insurance amount to \$15 per member.

It is also time we refinish the floor in the dining room. The floor has not been done recently and saw increased wear during the course of the renovation earlier this year. Refinishing now saves us from a far more expensive project in the future. Additionally, in response to member feedback, the board is recommending we improve the lighting on the deck so members can enjoy the deck later into evening. These two projects equate to \$10 per member.

As a result, the board is recommending a \$25 dues increase at the Annual Meeting. You may ask, "Will we always have a dues increase each year?" The short answer is it depends very much on our membership level. The more we increase our membership to our cap of 250 (we are at 215 today), the need to increase dues goes down. The more we all use the galley and participate in club event, we reduce our dependence on dues revenue.

As members have increased using credit cards to pay their club bills, banking fees charged to the club have grown as well, amounting to over \$3600 this past year. To defray this cost, the board is recommending in 2014 we join other clubs and businesses who include this fee on club bills paid by credit card. The fee will not apply to bills paid by check.

Some of you may recall we planned a new front door in last year's budget. We deferred this project because of the renovation project started at the beginning of the year. We also learned the project would entail a complicated carpentry effort to frame the door, doubling the project's cost. We hope we can move forward with the door depending on our end of year financial results and how our membership numbers look in the spring time.

Also at the annual meeting, we will propose a change to club Bylaw 15 which is our no-smoking policy. The current bylaw allows for smoking on the deck during the decommissioned season of the club. Our new lease with Brewers calls for no smoking anywhere in or next to the club year round. Our bylaw should align with the lease.

Finally, we will propose a new slate of officers and board members to lead ECYC into our 30th year providing "an environment for good fellowship for active yachtsmen and women at a modest price." It is an outstanding team of fellow members who share a passion and commitment to our founding purpose above.

Leading the club will be **Tim Brewer** as **Commodore**. He and Jean have been tremendous partners and friends to Laurel and me during our term. They are a terrific couple with a creative flair that has brought much to the expanded energy we see around the club. Tim has led several major club initiatives to include our galley selection committee, design of the club's renovations, and our wide range of off shore activities to include launching the Cross Sound Challenge this year.

Steve Rodstrom will assume **Vice Commodore** with a focus on our on shore activity. He and Ellen Smoller do so



Chuck Poindexter (1341) and Toby Doyle (1042) battle for the lead in the Etchells class

do very well. In the Etchells Class, **Chuck Poindexter** and **Toby Doyle** are dueling it out for 1st and 2nd place, while **Bill Robinson** has consistently raced well and could also place. In the Ideal 18s, **Ed Birch, Cindy Gibbs/Lori Conforti** and **Jon Gibbs** have each won the day during the regatta, and any or all of these crews could place in the overall series. Congratulations to all of our ECYC Frostbite Sailors for another terrific season!



Bill Robinson and crew in the hunt for Etchells Class honors

Join me in a huge "thank you" to **Jon Gibbs** for his efforts in arranging Ideal 18 crews on a weekly basis. Jon has done a terrific job of coordinating the Fall Series for ECYC. With additional thanks to Jon and all of those who lent a hand, the Club's Ideals have been pulled for the season and transported to their winter storage facility on Plains

Road, where we'll assess maintenance priorities prior to Spring 2014 launch. We are so very lucky to have Jon in the position of **Fleet Captain for 2014**. Many thanks, Jon for all you have done and thanks in advance for what you will do for the Club's boats in 2014.



"Where's the mark?" Ed Birch in the fog

Trees in the Rigging



Ready to launch!

Trees in the Rigging officially welcomes the start of Holiday season to Essex with Santa's landing at the River Museum. It also marks the absolute end of the boating season with a spectacular lighted boat parade around Essex Harbor.

Not to miss an opportunity to party, ECYC traditionally celebrates "Trees" in style both on- and offshore. This year was no exception. The Club was packed with several members' mini parties merging into one large party. Several members reached out to other members to join their tables so everyone was able to have seats.

Adding to the event this year, the galley was open for dinner and appetizers with many members taking advantage of a special pub style menu.

Off shore, ECYC was very well represented in what was a wonderful boat parade, helped by calm weather making for a beautiful evening.

much to support our House Committee, Elaine in the office, and the maintenance of our Ideals and moorings. Steve is a very experienced yachtsman with extensive boat yard experience running his family's marina on City Island and in his current position leading Prestige Yacht Sales office here in Essex. Steve is also a member of the Larchmont Yacht Club.

We are very pleased and excited to introduce **Ruth Emblin** as our new **Rear Commodore** to drive our off shore activity. You are already seeing the impact Ruth has brought to ECYC as our "Fleet Communicator" this year with Bell 8, our eblasts, and event posters being better than ever. Ruth has extensive computer and organizational leadership skills. She recently "surfaced" from completing her term as President of The Scuba Sports Club of Westchester County just in time to bring her energy to ECYC. She and her husband Peter sail their Islander 40 Tartuca, taking 1st place honors this year in the Rum Challenge and Cross Sound Challenge, along with taking 2nd in the Long Sand Shoal Cup.

We are pleased to report **Deb Wallis** will continue as our **Club Treasurer**. We could not ask for a better custodian of our finances. While the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association has many awards recognizing outstanding sailors, if there was an award for the best club treasurer, we would nominate Deb and she would win!

We are equally pleased **Katherine Berry** will continue as **Club Secretary**. Katherine is a diligent and careful recorder of the Board's actions and friend to many in the club. Through the process, she has become an authority in Microsoft Word and electronic communications!

Another new flag officer is **Jon Gibbs** who will assume **Fleet Captain** responsibilities from David Dorrance. The Fleet Captain has become a very important job at ECYC keeping our Ideal 18s in racing shape, overseeing our moorings in Essex Harbor and Hamburg Cove, and supervising our Friday Night Colors protocol. Anyone who sails at ECYC knows both Jon and Cindy are respected fixtures in the Essex sailing community. They are tremendous sailors and have introduced sailing and racing to many of us.

We thank **David Dorrance** for his many contributions not just as Fleet Captain, but skipper of the beautiful Chelsea Morning, our fantastic Race Committee boat, Galley Liaison, and even Fleet Curator facilitating our Art Shows with the Essex Art Association.

We welcome **Cheryl Arndt, Hollis Barry and Adam McEwan** to the Board of Governors. **Cheryl** will bring her enthusiasm and many talents to our **Entertainment Committee**. We are very pleased **Hollis** will be taking over **Galley Liaison** responsibilities and **Adam** will oversee our **Race Committee**. Adam is a certified Primary Race Official (PRO) and was very involved in the Racing Program at the Watch Hill Yacht Club prior to joining ECYC. Current Board member **Val Votto** will transfer her leadership of the Entertainment Committee to the all important **Membership Committee**. We are very pleased to report **Chuck Grusse** will continue his wonderful work and direction of the **House Committee**. We are all indebted to their efforts that play such an important part of our club experience. **Tom Pinkowish** will continue his board service in a vital role translating our **long term planning efforts** from vision to execution. Tom's prior experience as treasurer, committed ECYC member and strategic planner in his "day job" equip him well as we look to our future beyond the annual budget process. Watch for a future article in Bell 8 about our long term planning efforts.

The Board bids "Fair Winds and Following Seas" to **Sharon Craig, Jane Pfeffer, and Dan Watts**. Speaking for the entire membership, we are extremely grateful to Jane and Sharon for their major contributions increasing the club's membership and making our on shore events shining successes that were fun for all. Dan has contributed to the club in multiple roles to include Race and Galley Liaison, both critical roles supporting our club experience. I am very indebted to them and grateful for their friendship and support which has made my term very fun and rewarding.

Our Immediate Past Commodore **Skip Haskins** will be stepping off the board after eight years of service to include chairing the House committee and moving through our leadership rotation culmination in serving as our commodore. Skip has been part of every major activity of the club and has been a valued advisor and sounding board for me. Many thanks. Enjoy your time off, Skip.

Please join us on **December 7th for Decommissioning, Annual Meeting, Awards and a Party** to celebrate a fantastic year. Events start at 1600.

Please check out the club's web site at www.essexyc.org. Our Facebook page also provides the latest club updates and has an increasing audience. Become a "fan" to get club updates.

Make it a good month!

Terry Stewart
Commodore
Essex Corinthian Yacht Club



Annual Club Awards:

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, we will present the Club's traditional annual awards listed in your membership roster. Our awards recognize outstanding sailing achievement and major on shore contributions to the club.

The Board is pleased to introduce a new award this year called the Governors' Award - see Tim Brewer's report for details.

Galley News:



Chris Morano and Toby Doyle's KRACKEN in full splendor

Many, many thanks to **Chris Morano** and **Toby Doyle** for allowing us the use of KRACKEN, so that ECYC could continue our tradition of participation in this



festive event. Also huge thanks and kudos to our own Bell 8 editor **Ruth Emblin** for creating the "ECYC-burgee-in-Christmas-lights" display, as well as **Sigrun Deman-Morano** and **Terry Stewart** for their help in decorating the vessel!

Members **Angus McDonald** and **Andrea Issacs** wowed the crowd with their spectacular entry, ISHKOODA, their Pearson 37, decked out with a happy fish leading Santa's sleigh. An absolutely stunning addition to the parade and the beginning, we hope, of another tradition at ECYC!!

Angus McDonald and Andrea Issacs' ISHKOODA won the unofficial ECYC poll for best decorated display

ECYC's New Award and Plaque: The "Governors' Award"

The 2013 Board of Governors is please to present the Club with a new award. The Awlgrippd plaque featuring a half hull model of an Ideal 18 will be presented for the first time this year. Be certain to attend our Decommissioning and Annual Meeting on December 7th to see the first deserving recipient(s) of this award!!



The Emblins, the Stewarts and Jean Brewer



Plaque created by Andy Burton, Trident Studios, Newport

2013 Off Shore Racing Wrap Up

A prideful, WOW!! Another banner year for ECYC through the outstanding performances of our competitive off shore and PHRF sailors in 2013. I cannot possibly do justice to the incredible performance of our sailors in this short column, so I won't try. With apologies in advance for anyone I might have left

Coastal Cooking Company and ECYC extend our galley agreement though 2014

We are pleased to report the Coastal Cooking Company (aka "The Corinthian Café") and the BOG extended our galley agreement for 2014. The agreement continues current galley hours into 2014.

Through the efforts of Monique and Ed, we have seen a marked increase in our galley operation year over year. Member feedback has been overall very positive and their support of the wide range of our club events has been excellent (OK...we'll try something other than Lobster next Labor Day!). They've also seen an increase in their private event and catering business as word of mouth spreads among members and the community. Increased private catering is a key goal for Monique next year.



We look forward to another great galley year with a shared continuous focus on improving value and service.

We encourage members to consider the club and the Galley for private events in the coming year.

New Club Rental Schedule

To encourage and promote club rentals in 2014, the BOG is studying a new rent schedule. The new schedule is intended to further recognize club members with reduced rates compared to non-members and competitively position ECYC as an event venue in the Essex marketplace.

Fall/Winter Galley Hours:

Wednesday through Saturday Lunch - 11:30 am - 2:00 pm
 Sunday Brunch - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Friday Night Dinner Service - 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Did You Know?

- **River Room TV:** We added basic TV to our existing Comcast phone and internet subscription for our Large Screen TV in the River Room with thanks to the generosity of a member.
- **OLCC Reciprocal Agreement to continue.** We are pleased to announce we will continue our special reciprocal relationship with the Old Lyme Country Club during our January shutdown.
- The **Galley Minimum** is common charge practiced by most private clubs that operate a galley. The Galley minimum goes to the club to fund overhead operations and not to the galley operator.



Did you know the **Pettipaug Sailing Academy** (PSA) is the official junior sailing program of the Essex Corinthian Yacht Club? ECYC members enrolling children into the PSA sailing program get a tuition discount. See <http://www.pettipaug.com/> for sign up information. Classes fill fast!

Burgee of the Month:

Our newest burgee comes from the **West Vancouver Yacht Club** through the efforts of Susan and Jim Gleason during their recent trip to the West Coast. This is our third Canadian club burgee this year, adding to those from the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron and the Yacht Club de Quebec.

Susan reports:

"Before our trip to Sausalito and Vancouver we checked online to see if these locations had yacht clubs and if the clubs had reciprocal privileges. The Sausalito Yacht Club has a beautiful waterfront location overlooking San Francisco Bay and the skyline of San Francisco & Belvedere Island. The manager of the sailing program invited us to tour the club and enjoy a cocktail on the deck. A lovely and friendly club to visit if you are in the area. We spent the final leg of our vacation in Vancouver. We were privileged to visit the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club which received its "Royal" designation in 1909 from Prince Phillip. The manager gave us a private tour of this historic and regal facility and made a point to invite us to enjoy lunch in one of their club dining rooms. This visit was one of the high points of our trip to Vancouver. We took the coast road south to visit the West Vancouver Yacht Club. The club is located on the picturesque coast of West Vancouver. We exchanged burgees with the restaurant manager and have given it to Terry as a part of the burgee exchange program. We would recommend a visit to any of these 3 very unique but delightful yacht clubs."



ART on the River:

The Art Show at ECYC is continuing! This is a perfect opportunity to purchase a piece of art as a special holiday gift! To purchase a painting, attach the picture's tag to a galley ticket with your club number and turn into Elaine's office. The club receives a portion of the sale so you are helping the club, along with an appreciative local artist! Our thanks



off of the following list, here is a summary:

Harry Bird: 3rd place finish in the Marblehead-Halifax race.

Jon and Cindy Gibbs: 1st overall in ECSA Division 5 Class, "AB" Spinnaker PHRF

Jeff Going: 3rd place overall in ECSA Division 8 Class, Non-Spinnaker PHRF

Peter and Ruth Emblin: 9th place overall in ECSA Division 7 Class, Non-Spinnaker PHRF

Bill St. John: 11th place overall in ECSA Division 8 Class, Non-Spinnaker PHRF

Jim Francis: 13th place overall in ECSA Division 7 Class, Non-Spinnaker PHRF

These outstanding results have put our Club in the RARIFIED position of **3rd overall out of all yacht clubs** (approximately 60) registered with the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association (ECSA). What an outstanding accomplishment for our Yacht Club!



Jeff Going and Crew at the 2013 ECSA Awards Banquet

2014 ECSA Circuit Scheduling Meeting

Once again, ECYC will host the **Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association** and our community of yacht clubs from around the state for the annual regatta scheduling meeting on **February 1st, 2014**. Our new Race Committee, which will be led by **Adam McEwen**, will be at work this winter planning our off-shore events on behalf of all of our ECYC sailors and non-sailors, who take pride in on Club's on-water traditions. We look forward to another fantastic year for the Club in 2014, and especially to our special regatta, the **Cross Sound Challenge**, which will be back again next year, complete with the best party on the circuit!

Happy Holidays!

Tim Brewer

Vice Commodore



COMMITTEE UPDATES

House & Grounds Update:

A couple of noteworthy tasks completed since last month's letter. The gas fireplace now has a timer dial switch, replacing the previous on/off toggle. A simple spin of the knob lights the fire for 1 hour. Anytime during the hour on cycle, the knob can be turned clockwise to reset for the full hour, or counter clockwise to turn off. This feature avoids leaving an unattended burning fireplace for an extended period. This switch offers both safety and conservation of propane. Also, some may have noticed the sign mounted on the deck railing facing the river has been removed. It's being refurbished by Jim Danks, the plan is to make its face lift debut in the spring. And lastly, the clouded windows in the sun room will be replaced soon, as replacement panes are on order.

As this year comes to an end, the perennial January closing period work projects are but a few weeks away. The main floor is being scheduled for a resurfacing in later January. Prior to the floor resurfacing I hope to plan a few sessions to:

- Annual complete cleaning (fans, lights, bar area, trash bins, heads, river room)
- Complete cleaning of the ice machine
- Evaluate each dining table & chair, repair/refurb as required
- Prime & paint lower walls of pine in office hall area

to ECYC member Susan Malan and ECYC "Curators" David and Sarah Dorrance for setting up our second Art Show collaboration with the Essex Art Association.

Do Your Holiday Gift Shopping at ECYC!

This is the perfect time to purchase a gift or two for your family or friends, or treat yourself to some trendy ECYC merchandise! Come see the new plush vests for men and women!

The Ship's Store not only sells burgees, there are vests, scarves, ties, polos, tees, sweaters, windshirts, etc., etc., all waiting for you to show your Corinthian Spirit!

And if you want to add some Corinthian Spirit to your evenings at the club, check out the etched wine and drinks glasses. Toast your friends in style!



You may have seen the **porcelain ECYC ornament** on our tree in the dining room - at last count there were only 8 left...

The Ship's Store will be open Friday, December 6th and Saturday, December 8th. Come and do your holiday shopping at the ECYC Ship's Store!

See Jean Brewer at the Ship's Store for all the new items she has added to the store's selection and check below for our **MONTHLY SPECIAL!**

ECYC Annual Gratuity Fund

The Board kindly asks members to consider and make their contributions to the Club's Annual Gratuity Fund so that we can make distributions prior to the Christmas Holidays. These include Elaine, our club manager; the Galley Staff; and the cleaning service. The fund is a tradition that dates back to when the club operated as the Essex Yacht Club and is a common practice at private clubs.

Green Tip of the Month:

'Tis the season for holiday parties! But how can we ensure that our festivities are 'green' rather than create more trash that might end up in a landfill somewhere, having a negative impact on nature and poison our waterways? This year, try to throw a creative, low-cost and eco-friendly bash - and impress your friends by caring!

Let's Go Virtual: Yes, there is something special about traditional paper invitations, but unless you are hosting a royal wedding or someone who will not forgo old-fashioned methods, just go virtual. If you don't like to send your own email invitations, there are plenty of free online invitation services that let you be very creative. And most of these services have a built-in RSVP function, making it easier on you to tally your guest list.



Save The Juice (electricity, that is): Set a party mood by dimming or turning off those lights and hang a few strands of low-consumption LED lights. You can place sustainable candles around the room to create a festive atmosphere. Sustainable candles are made from beeswax, soy or palm oil. Another option is to invest in a few reusable, battery-powered candles. You may want to use rechargeable batteries to lighten the load of battery acid on the environment - just make sure to dispose of any type of batteries properly, instead of just throwing them in the trash with regular household garbage.

Decorate 'Green': Of course, green is a dominant color during the holidays, but so should be 'green' as a principle. Skip the party stores, most of them sell single-use decorations made of plastic and paper. It is hard to find out whether these items are sustainable or recyclable, and many of them are made in foreign countries that do not subscribe to strict environmental policies. Instead, go out in your yard and look for pinecones, pine boughs and holly, to name but a few decorative accents. You can create garlands from cranberries, popcorn or nuts, they not only look good, there are edible! You can turn anything into a wreath, from the cut-offs from the bottom of your Christmas tree, if you have one, used wrapping paper and fabric remnants to old books. Books, you ask? Yes, I found details on YouTube: [Click here for instructions, if you are interested!](#) This is something that will last for many years. And if you don't consider yourself creative enough you can buy decorations made from natural materials at a local craft fair. Buy something that will last for years, rather for one-time use. But back to your garden and indoor plants: why not dress up a few of your larger potted plants with (reusable) ribbons and decorations, and even a string of lights? Why should pine trees have all the fun?

Food & Drinks: It is not easy to keep food and drinks at a holiday party eco-friendly, because many of the supplies we find at our local supermarkets are packaged in single-use plastics. Do your best, nobody is expecting you to turn into the uber-eco-friendly party planner overnight, but every green choice you make shows your guests that you care! Shop at smaller local stores and use fresh, seasonal ingredients if you can find them. Try to avoid pre-packaged items, and use reusable shopping bags to transport your loot. Even the produce bags we find at the local supermarket can be reused several times. If you are catering, ask your caterer to use organic supplies and whether their dishes are made with sustainably grown ingredients. Drinks are an integral part of any event. You'd be surprised how many local microbreweries and wineries there are! Many of them offer biodynamic wines or organic beers. Cocktails will benefit from organic ingredients as well. Think about the fruit used in some of the concoctions - would you really want to drink a cocktail with a slice of lemon that has been repeatedly sprayed with pesticides?

- Repair/replace ceiling tiles in stairway & overhang.
- Complete clean of galley (floor, appliances, windows)
- Retro fit wooden bench for shower room

We also plan to repaint all the metal tables on the deck in Corinthian blue. We will ask for volunteers to take on one of the tables to refinish any time after January 1, finish by March 1.

Please contact me at cgrusse@snet.net to let me know where you would like to help.

Our thanks to the 2013 House committee members:

The 2013 House committee included:

Ed Birch, Michael Birch, Tim Brewer, Lew Davidson, Peter DeLisa, Ann Fitzgerald, Earl Fowler, Jim Francis, Jeff Going, Jack MacElwee, Steve Rodstrom, Andy Roussel, Don Dhannehan, Terry Stewart, Loch Syme, George VanDrasek and Deb Wallis

Please let me know if you want to continue as or become a member of the committee for 2014.

Chuck Grusse

House Chair

House Wish List:

If any one has one of these items (in good shape) sitting around in an attic, and would like to donate them, please let us know.

- Dressing table for Ladies' Room
- Storage cabinet for head supplies for Men's Room

Membership Update:

Please welcome **Amanda & Doug Culver**, **Karen Kari**, **Kirsten & George Wendell** and **Bill Albro** to ECYC!

Amanda & Doug Culver are new Essex residents and lifelong sailors. They have sailed extensively on a Sabre 34, race lasers and currently own a Whaler. Amanda and Doug who are sponsored by Jane & Jim Pfeffer, are also members of the Breakwater Yacht Club in Sag Harbor, NY and the Nahant Dory Club in Nahant MA.

Karen Kari has an impressive sailing resume, most recently with the Pettipaug Yacht Club with her sponsor, Priscilla Robinson. According to Priscilla, Karen ".has the vitality and knowledge to rig, hoist and skipper a boat". Karen was instrumental in the formation of the PYC Women's Sailing Group and is looking forward to being a member of ECYC for both the sailing and social aspects of the club.

Kirsten & George Wendell moved to Essex in 2012 and are members of the Pettipaug Yacht Club. George's sailing experience includes the Boothbay Harbor program, sailing in Penobscot Bay, Long Island Sound and Denmark! Kirsten and George were sponsored by Judy and Bob Taylor and are looking forward to the camaraderie at the club.

Bill Albro is an accomplished sailor and been sailing since he was 12 years old. He has sailed Etchells, J 109s, Piersons, Melges 32/34 and Hobie Cats and has participated in over 40 regattas around eastern CT. CT Rover and Off Soundings. Bill was sponsored by Lori Comforti and currently owns a 31' Tiara, "Three Buoys".

Please be sure to give them all a warm Corinthian "welcome" when you see them!

Sharon Craig

Membership Chair

Dinnerware: If you see no other alternative than to use disposable dinnerware, choose 100% recycled/ eco-friendly compostable dinnerware. Contrary to popular belief it does not cost much more than its less eco-friendly version. At the club you have eaten from eco-friendly dinnerware at a couple of our past events. This type of dinnerware works just as well if not better for serving food and drinks at parties. However, before you buy disposables, at least think about using your own dishes. Or even bring out the good stuff. When was the last time you used your good china or those champagne flutes that have been gathering dust in the china cabinet?

Clean-Up: Let your guests know that you are recycling by placing clearly marked recycling bins in a couple of strategic locations. And ask them to bring reusable containers to take home leftovers instead of creating more garbage by filling up single-use plastic storage bags. If you have a charity organization or food bank nearby, find out whether they will accept uneaten food (note: some organizations will only accept untouched, sealed items; it is best to inquire ahead of time). If you have a lot of dishes and serveware to clean, make sure you use eco-friendly dish soap and forego paper towels by using washable dishtowels for drying.

Now go have a great time at your eco-friendly party!

Happy Holidays!

Ruth Emblin

Fleet Communicator



Happy Holidays To You and Yours!



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IDEAS
FOR
GIFTS?**

New plush men's and women's vests have arrived!
Drinkware, scarves, belts, burgees, sportswear, ornaments and more...



The Ship's Store will be open on Friday, December 6th and Saturday, December 7th!

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