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The February issue.

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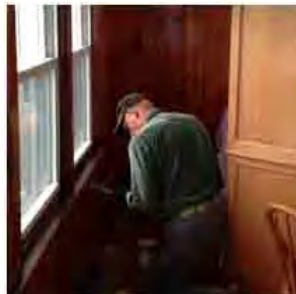
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## A View from the Bridge

### Fellow Corinthians,

While January is our "shut down" month, ECYC has been far from shut down!

**The House Committee**, led by Chair Chuck Grusse, did a wonderful job putting a new finish on the Sun Room's woodwork, giving it an even brighter look. The team also did a thorough cleaning of the club to make it ready for the new season. Very well done all!



Chuck has quickly become ECYC's "master of the house"!

John MacArthur  
refinishing the Sun  
Room.

Let the Sun shine in.  
Michael Birch  
working on our  
windows.

Our **Entertainment and Race Committees** have been fine tuning our 2013 on and off shore activity calendar. Please see highlights below.

Many of us were able to enjoy the hospitality of our new **reciprocal agreement with the Old Lyme Country Club** in January. We felt welcomed as Corinthians and found OLCC very friendly. We thank past Vice Commodore and OLCC board member Don Shannehan for his efforts arranging the agreement. We look forward to welcoming OLCC members to ECYC in February during their shutdown. Please show our well known Corinthian spirit to make them feel welcome at ECYC.



### **MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT: First Floor Renovation Project**

As part of our new 20 year lease, we are very pleased to report the Bridge reached an agreement with Doug Domenie, VP and General Manager of the Brewer Dauntless Shipyard and Marina (aka our landlord), to renovate our heads and the underlining plumbing under the clubhouse.

This very exciting project starts the week of January 28th.

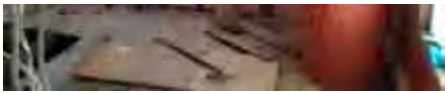
While the club and galley will continue to operate on a regular schedule, the ladies "head" is now closed. The men's head will be used as a unisex facility with gentlemen encouraged to use the Brewer Marina heads located on the north side of the Marina office nearest the Dauntless Club. Vice Commodore Tim Brewer (not related), who in his real life is noted architect, will work with BDS to come up with a mutually satisfactory layout for the new heads. House Chair Chuck Grusse will act as the club's project lead.

We ask for your patience and understanding as we embark on this important project that will dramatically enhance the Corinthian.



The Brewer organization is funding this project under the terms of the lease. The project will not impact our budget or involve a member assessment.

We anticipate the project taking 6 to 8 weeks to complete in time for the club's spring commissioning for



the new season. Can't wait!!

**New BOG meeting date.** Finally, to accommodate the various work schedules of our new Board of Governors, our monthly regular meetings will be held the last Tuesday of the month starting at 1830. As always, these meetings are open to the membership and we welcome your input.

Our board goals for 2013 will continue to: 1) grow the club on shore and off shore as the most fun and active "environment for good fellowship" in the area, 2) improve the club's appearance inside and out, 3) increase galley value and timely service, and 4) wisely manage our budget. We're off to a great start!

Make it a good month.

Terry

*Terry Stewart, Commodore*



## Spring Frostbite 2013

The spring season begins Sunday, March 3rd with ECYC defending championships in Ideals and Etchells. With thanks to Fleet Captain David Dorrance, Rear Commodore Steve Rodstrom, and Past Commodore Jeff Going, both ECYC Ideals are in great shape and ready to go. ECYC Frostbiters should contact Race Chair Cindy Gibbs to register for the spring season at [cindy.gibbs@yahoo.com](mailto:cindy.gibbs@yahoo.com).



## Events Updates

We have several unique, fun, and interesting events on the calendar:



**New Date for the presentation by New York Yacht Club Vice Commodore Rives Potts on circumnavigating to the world's great open ocean races.** We are moving the event to Sunday, February 24th at 4:30pm to accommodate a change in Rives' schedule. The event supports our sponsorship of the Valley Regional High School Sailing Club and a \$10 donation is suggested. The Galley will also be open to dinner following the presentation. Please RSVP with Monique [monique@coastalcookingcompany.com](mailto:monique@coastalcookingcompany.com)

even if you are not planning to stay for dinner, as we anticipate a large audience.

**Healthy Cooking Demonstration by the Corinthian Café and Wine Tasting.** Saturday, February 9th, 5:30pm. Healthy Buffet to follow. \$25pp. RSVP with Monique. BOYB.

**Caribbean Night-** Friday, March 22nd. Ya Mon! Watch for the sign up list.

**Newport 12 Meter Challenge** - Saturday, June 22  
Crews are forming now. Contact Terry Stewart at [tgstewart14@comcast.net](mailto:tgstewart14@comcast.net) to sign aboard.

### **Kentucky Derby.**

A long standing club tradition has been the Kentucky Derby. Overtime, however, the party has been run and attended by non ECYC members. The Entertainment Committee recommends skipping the Derby at ECYC this year to focus energy on our other member focused events. We will revisit the Derby in the future and welcome your thoughts.

## 2013 Off-Shore Events

2013 is shaping up to be a banner year for ECYC Off-Shore events. We welcome Cindy Gibbs

as our Race Committee Chair this year and look forward to expanding the Club's competitive

presence at area PHRF regattas. One-design racing, in the format of Spring Frostbiting is less

than a month away. If you're an experienced Ideal 18 sailor with some experience in sailboat

racing and would like to measure your skills against some fantastic competition, Frostbiting is

a great opportunity for ECYC Members. Cindy will be organizing crews for the two club boats.

Contact her at [cindy.gibbs@yahoo.com](mailto:cindy.gibbs@yahoo.com).

Learn-to-sail and women's sailing programs, as well as kayaking programs will be getting

started later in the spring. Spring will also feature a raft-up in Hamburg Cove, cruise planning

and crewing opportunities on PHRF boats. Stay tuned for more information.

While our competitive PHRF sailors have been perennial class trophy winners at area ECSA

events, we are working to raise ECYC's profile this year as a host of an ESCA sanctioned points

race. Details to follow.

Another racing opportunity that we're working on, if less competitive, is an annual event to be

centered around Shelter Island Yacht Club and ECYC. This will be an inter-club, non-points

race. This year, we believe the race will be hosted by SIYC with a course in Gardiner's Bay.

Next year, we will host the race with a course in Long Island Sound. Again, watch this space for

developments.

Tim Brewer, Vice Commodore



## Calling all Corinthian Kayakers!



There is interest in forming an ECYC kayaker/canoeing group for the coming season. Please reach out to Don Shannehan to get involved.

[donshannehan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donshannehan@sbcglobal.net)

## Burgee of the Month



Our first new burgee of the year comes from the Devon Yacht Club located in Amagansett, NY. Devon is an amazing club located on the south fork of Long Island on the way to Montauk south of Gardiner's Island.

Their Sunday brunch is particularly noteworthy. ECYC members interested in visiting Devon should contact Elaine for a letter of introduction to arrange billing through your club account.  
Mystery Burgees:

**Who can identify these burgees? They've been at the club for years, are unlabeled, and we want to identify their homes.**



The first two Corinthians to correctly identify these burgees shall receive an ECYC burgee car decal. Send your answers to Terry at [tgstewart14@comcast.net](mailto:tgstewart14@comcast.net).

(Hint: It's not EYC!)

## Pettipaug Sailing Academy

Pettipaug Sailing Academy. The junior sailing program of the Essex Corinthian Yacht Club is the renowned Pettipaug Sailing Academy. Applications for the 2013 PSA season will be posted on the Pettipaug web site ([www.pettipaug.com](http://www.pettipaug.com)) in January. Slots fill VERY quickly. Due to our club's sponsorship of boats used by the Academy, Corinthian members received a tuition discount.

In addition to junior sailing instruction (ages 8 to 16), Pettipaug also offers a Powerboat Operation and Handling Course. See [www.pettipaug.com](http://www.pettipaug.com) for details.



## Liquor Lockers

Please contact Elaine to register for a club locker if you don't have one. Lockers are a great convenience for keeping nonperishable items you routinely use at the club like wine glasses

## Automatic Billing to your Credit Card

Let Elaine know if you would like your club bill automatically charged to your credit card. A great way to get frequent flyer points!

## Ships Store

In addition to our on premise Ship's Store in the Sun Room, check out the online store at: [www.boatowners.org](http://www.boatowners.org)

## **Communication Information**

Please note our **EMAIL and WEBSITE ADDRESSES**

We have a helpful page on the ECYC Website. Want to sell stuff??? or perhaps you are looking for something....check out our "Classified Page."

Give your information to Elaine and she'll get onto the ECYC website.

Also, note that all Club events, menus, photos, etc. are on our website.

....so remember:

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## **ECYC Information**

### **2013 FLAG OFFICERS**

Commodore - Terry Stewart

Vice Commodore - Tim Brewer

Rear Commodore - Steve Rodstrom

Treasurer - Deb Wallis

Secretary - Katherine Berry



**2013 BOARD MEMBERS**

Sharon Craig  
Chuck Grusse  
Jane Pfeffer  
Valerie Votto  
Dan Watts  
Past Commodore - Skip Haskins  
Fleet Captain - David Dorrance  
Fleet Surgeon - Dr. Marybeth Ellison, MD  
Fleet Chaplin - Dan Taylor-Stypa

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Entertainment - Valerie Votto  
Galley - Dan Watts  
House - Chuck Grusse  
Membership - Sharon Craig  
Nominating - Skip Haskins  
Race Committee - Cindy Gibbs  
  
Ship's Store - Jean Brewer  
  
WebMaster-Skip Haskins  
Bell 8 - Robbi Storms

**CLUB MANAGER.....Elaine Kyle**

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