



THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB



UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS

- **November 28th:** Christmas Tree Decorating Party
- **November 30th:** Trees in the Rigging
- **December 6th:** Decommissioning, Annual Meeting & Awards
- **December 7th:** Children's Holiday Party
- **December 9th:** Holiday Wreath Making Workshop
- **December 14th:** Holiday Brunch
- **December 31st:** New Year's Eve Party & Dance

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

OFFSHORE UPDATE

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VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Dear Friends,

As if the northwest breeze alone didn't tell you, one look at Essex Harbor, where Bluebird is alone on her mooring, will surely confirm that our boating season is all but over. My way of saying a seasonal goodbye to warmer days of cruising (as was Harry and Goody's on the last weekend of October), was to head for Gardiner's Bay for a last overnight. On Saturday afternoon, Bluebird went down to Sag Harbor,

wow: may be an overused commonplace exclamation but I am unable to come up with a word that expresses the way I feel about the last few months at ECYC as concisely and accurately. September and October were nothing but spectacular, and I am extremely proud of being a part of such an active yacht club. Our on- and off-shore events have been entertaining, exciting, inspiring, and - to use one of our past commodore's favorite words - simply amazing. It is a bittersweet feeling to see fall ushering in colder days, and watch boats come out of the water one by one. It is a good thing we have a lot planned for the next few months, so never fear, it will definitely not get boring at ECYC!

Ideal 18s - Fall Frostbiting November 5th to December 7th

Of course, there are still a few sails out on the CT River, among them our Ideal 18s. The "new boat" is holding its own and there are still a few races left until Frostbiting ends.



Fall Frostbiting started on Sunday, October 5th. If you have signed up to crew on one of our boats, please contact Fleet Captain Jon Gibbs for assignments!

The Ideal 18s are a great element of our boating tradition, and are a lot of fun. The addition of a third Ideal will allow us to expand our small boat sailing program considerably. Why not plan on taking a class next year? These fun, agile boats teach new skills even to accomplished "big boat" sailors.

Once Frostbiting is over, the Ideals will be hauled and undergo maintenance. As mentioned in earlier editions, we are continuing to ask for pledges towards the Ideal 18 fund, to cover the purchase of the third boat as well as create a maintenance fund to keep these boats in good shape. If you have not already done so, please consider making a small donation towards this pledge drive. Keeping these boats in good shape is an important part of our club tradition, to ensure that they will be available for the enjoyment of our members.

Tri-Club River Race Series 2014

The Tri-Club River Race Series was, as always, a great way to experience racing on the river. It started on Saturday, October 4th, with the EYC-sponsored Willets Memorial Regatta, followed by our own Clarke Memorial Regatta on the 11th, and finally, ended with the Birch Memorial Regatta (PYC) on October 18th.

Terry Stewart has a detailed review on the last race and overall results below.

while I put Tesoro into Coecles, counting on the peace and quiet. Just east of the entrance to Coecles, I'd seen a pair of Loons and made a mental note to listen for them at dusk. A cigar, a walk along the beach and two schoolie stripers later, I rowed back to Tesoro for the last evening aboard this year. The Loons didn't disappoint. Just after striking colors, I sat in the cockpit watching the stars come out while sipping my last cockpit martini of this season, to the pair of Loons calling across the harbor. What a sendoff. Hot soup for dinner, a couple of chapters of Webb Chiles, and I was soon sound asleep. More on this story after a few bits of Club news and business...

Commodores' Gala / 30th Anniversary Celebration:

This past Saturday evening was a wonderful night of celebration, Corinthian style. Under the leadership of Cheryl Arndt and with the help of many talented members, the mood, food, flowers and club decorations were spectacular. Thanks also to the many Past Commodores who attended and special thanks to Alan Wasley (Founder) and A.J. Wasley (Founder and ECYC's first Commodore) and their families for their attendance and thoughtful remarks, which confirmed that after 30 years, the mission spirit of our yacht club, "to provide an environment of fellowship", is as valid today as it was in 1984.



Nominating Committee:

With thanks to Terry Stewart, Jane Pfeffer and Val Votto, our Nominating Committee is completing its work for 2014. Please contact of them or anyone on the Bridge if you have an interest in serving the Club. We've got a job for you if you want one.

Ideal 18 Pledge Update:

For a few months, we've been near the goal of the \$11,000 purchase price, but just can't get over the top. Please help us get there. We'd really, really like to raise another \$3,000 to put us over the top on the purchase and put a little extra into a fund dedicated to maintenance of the fleet. You can call Elaine in the office, let her know your pledge amount and she'll add it to your next bill. It could not be easier to do.

Decommissioning and Annual Meeting:

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 6th and please plan to attend our Decommissioning Ceremony and 2014 Annual Meeting which will follow immediately thereafter.

So, with those announcements out of the way, here's the rest of the last-sail-of-the-season story...

For more information on each race please go to our "Racing" page at www.essexcorinthian.org/tom-clark-memorial-race.html

Last Outing To Hamburg Cove

A few of us took advantage of a balmy October afternoon and paid a last visit to Hamburg Cove. Most mooring balls have been removed and the cove is beginning to look deserted. We are very lucky to have this beautiful piece of "river real estate" at our disposal, and we are looking forward to spring 2015 when mooring balls reappear and the season starts in earnest. Of course, we will have an official Hamburg Cove Raft-Up to celebrate! By the way, you do not have to have a boat to participate. In the best of our Corinthian tradition, we are happy to host non-boaters on our vessels. Just let us know that you would like to come out to one of our raft-ups, and we will get you there!



Thank you again to everyone who has stepped up to the plate to help us turn our events, whether on- and off-shore, into the best along the River!

Ruth Emblin

Rear Commodore



ECYC Racing Update

2014 River Race Series

Willets Race

Rain did not dampen the spirits of an outstanding group of Connecticut River sailors for this year's running of the Tri-Club River Race Series. Beginning with the Thomas Willets Race on October 4th, six cruising class boats joined a hearty group of sailors from Pettipaug YC who wailed their MC Scows down from PYC to meet us at the starting line. This was the first time the Scow class has joined the River Race series and we're glad to welcome them. We were happy to see Past EYC Commodore Randel Osbourn represent EYC in Blue Steel, his amazing trimaran you may have seen zipping through the harbor from time to time. Randel sails as a class of one and seems to enjoy how many times he can lap the fleet! Just as the EYC Race Committee dropped the one minute prep flag, the

Before turning in, NOAA told me to expect a wake-up call shortly before dawn. At precisely 0415, Tesoro leaned suddenly onto her port side while her bow found the new direction of the gusts. Wake-up call received. I went on deck to confirm that the predicted northwesterly had, indeed, filled in. Tesoro's haunches were down and the anchor line was tight. The sky was cloudless, the big dipper appeared within reaching distance and my anchor light looked like part of another constellation. I let out another 50 feet of scope and climbed back into my bunk listening to another autumnal tune - whistling rigging. At 0700 I brewed the coffee, boiled a couple of eggs for breakfast and gave NOAA another listen. Everything was proceeding according to plan; small craft advisories through Sunday night, NW winds 15 to 25, gusting to 35; seas 4 to 6 feet. Eldridge provided the rest of the information - NW flood would begin at 0800. The breeze was up, but the water in Coecles Harbor was as flat as a pancake. Foulies on, I put the first reef in the main while still on the anchor. In accordance with my usual routine, I sailed around the harbor while rinsing and storing the rode. Dead downwind passing marker 1, we were doing 7 knots over the water. At number 3, I chicken-gybed through 285 degrees, rolled out the jib and reached off to Plumb Gut, starboard rail buried. Like I said, what a sendoff.



Rough conditions at the gut

The northwesterly opposing the flood at the gut, was a sight. No blue-green water was visible - only white. Hoping my wheel pilot would give me a minute or two in these conditions, I eased out the main and I put the furling line around the primary winch to roll in the jib. Of course, the wheel pilot was good for about fifteen seconds. The main overwhelmed the pilot and Tesoro came up quickly. The flogging jib made a catscradle of the loosed jib sheets faster than you can tie your shoe. We autotacked toward the ferry slip. Shucks. I went forward to unwrap the sheets from themselves and began the process of rolling up the jib again. That job done, we'd tack back to port and work our way around the teapot. However, Tesoro would not put her bow through the wind in that breeze with reefed main alone, and I wasn't willing to gybe, so I left the helm

again to start the Westerbeke (without asking the wheel pilot to try again). The diesel pushed the bow through the wind and we were back on our way. Here in the lee of the Orient Point, the breeze was steady at 32 to 35 knots apparent. I thought it best to keep the diesel chugging as I began to wonder what I'd see on the instruments when we were on the north side of Plum Gut. I also considered the second reef in the main.

Under main alone with a good 3 knots of flood under us, we blew up and into to the gut in minutes. At first impression, it didn't look like we could point high enough under reefed main alone fetch the mouth of the river. Just as well, because trying to coax her higher meant slamming directly into the white humps and trenches. We fell off a bit towards Niantic. This way was no less dry, but at least the pounding abated some. With the flood we were doing 10.5 knots over the bottom. The highest gust I saw on the instrument (and the highest I've ever seen on Tesoro) was 44 knots

skies opened into a monsoon as the fleet headed over the start line. Rain would continue throughout the day, fortunately accompanied by a nice wind that propelled the fleet around the marks and against the current. There were no complaints from the Fleet when RC shorted the course by half a lap!

Results:

Class 1: 1-Flo, 2-Celebration, 3-Vienna, 4-Petrel, 5-Rumor

Class 2: 1-Blue Steel

Class 3: 1-MC Scow 1776, 2-MC Scow 2780, 3-MC Scow 1944

Clark Race

Similar conditions greeted the Fleet for our own Tom Clark Memorial Race. We were pleased to welcome Jane Reilly from the Duck Island Yacht Club as our Primary Race Official (PRO). Jane directed the ECYC Race Committee in setting up the course, running the starting sequence and scoring the results.

Thanks to Vice Commodore Steve Rodstrom for hosting the RC on his Bertram 28, OSPREY, assisted by Mark Bavolak on the chase boat and Steve's son Kevin on the mark boat. Also on board OSPREY were ECYC members Cate Beckstein and Mary Vogeli. The fleet was divided into two cruising classes with PHRF boats below 200 in one and above 200 in the other.

We again welcome the Pettipaug Scow sailors to their first Tom Clark race. The ECYC Ideal 18s's were ready to sail but again, EYC's Ideals remained at the dock. This did not deter Nick Inserti from sailing our newest Ideal. It should be noted, Nick worked with Tom Cla

rk. becoming close friends in the process. As a result, the Tom Clark race is very special to the Insertis along with many other members of the Essex sailing community. A steady drizzle, variable winds, and a strong flood tide challenged the fleet on their way to Calves Island. After taking G23 to port, the fleet tacked into a favorable current to quickly sailing past Essex in route to a dropped turning mark just south Brockway Island. As with the Willets Race, the ECYC RC shaved the course by half a lap allowing skippers and crews to head early to the clubhouse for the post race party.

The ECYC "Ground Crew" did another amazing job with the post race party with major kudos to Entertainment Chair Cheryl Arndt and Rear Commodore Ruth



apparent, though most of the time there was too much water flying around to see much of anything, including the instruments. Having gotten through the nastiest of the white water, but well east of where I'd really wanted to be, I decided to reset the jib so that we could get a little closer to the wind. This time the wheel pilot was actually helpful (in retrospect I think the waves were too steep and frequent into the port bow for the main to push Tesoro through), so I went forward to adjust the jib leads, then reeled out the rough equivalent of a 90% jib, thinking at some point I'd have to tack it. Tesoro beat straight for the mouth, with a little lee bow from the tide. Inside of number 2, we fell off a bit. Starboard rail down and deep again, with the sun out and the water glass flat, we flew all too quickly to the railroad bridge and towards the last hours aboard this season. Too tired to tack the jib and in no real hurry to end this last sail, I worked my way up to Essex under reefed main alone. Having seen a 32 knot blast in Saybrook and a steady breeze of 22 to 26 knots, I was a little surprised to see the entire Frostbite Fleet getting ready for the first start of the day. They were in for a great day of racing, I thought - as long as they could stay rightside up. I continued up to Hamburg Cove to say hello and take a turn around the raft up, then headed upriver to Chester to put her up for the winter. How lucky I was to have this sort of a last sail.

Make November a great month,

Tim Brewer

Commodore

Essex Corinthian Yacht Club



Galley News

We hope you have been enjoying the special menus created by Chef Ed at The Corinthian Cafe! We will continue posting menu updates at our website over the course of the year. Check back often to see what is new: www.essexcorinthian.org/Dining.html



Emblin. Katherine Berry and Ellen Smoller were terrific manning the bar. Prior to announcing results, we paused to remember Tom Clark, an early ECYC member, noted Essex Sailmaker who made many friends in the Essex sailing community. Nick Inserti summed it up by saying, "If there is some who should have a race named in his memory, that person is Tom Clark," Tom's favorite poem, "Sea Fever" by John Masefield was read:

Sea Fever
BY JOHN MASEFIELD

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by;
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking,
And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn breaking,
I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.
I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover,
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.

We know the Tom Clark Race Party was a success because we heard many "merry yarns from laughing fellow-rovers" from the day's sailing!

For more on Tom Clark, please see a special page on our website: [Click here to access page.](#)

Results:

Class A: 1-Flo, 2-Celebration, 3-Star Ship II, 4-Rumor, 5-Bearcat, 6-Vienna, 7-Arran, 8-Genesis
Class B: 1-MC Scow 1776, 2-MC Scow 1016, 3-MC Scow 1944

Birch Race

The last leg of the Tri-Club Series was the Charles Birch Memorial Race sponsored by the Pettipaug Yacht Club on October 18th. Racers were relieved to see a forecast of no rain and strong winds. WRONG! While we did not see the monsoons from the first two races, the winds were far from strong, checkering the river with wind holes and puffs like a chessboard. For the first time in its long history, the Birch Race had a non cruising class for Ideal 18's. ECYC's two Ideals sailed up river to the starting line, joining 6 other cruising class boats who were veterans of the series. Again, no EYC Ideals answered the call. Maybe next year. The cruising boats set off south from the starting line using a 5 minute starting sequence followed by a separate start for the Ideals in a match race using the 2



October's Bistro Night was an unparalleled success. More than 60 folks turned out for the scrumptious fare and to challenge their wits on the twenty question multiple choice quiz. There was much gnashing of teeth as everyone's knowledge of French geography, history, nautical terms etc was pushed to the limits. Three lucky individuals won raffle prizes: do keep a lookout for the handsome gentleman sporting a beret, but we're guessing the bottles of Pouilly-Fuissé and Burgundy wines might be history by now. If you would like to More theme nights are planned, as is a special holiday evening in December.

We are delighted to report that Coastal Cooking will continue to operate the Galley in 2015.

And just a reminder, it's not too late to book your holiday party at the ECYC. And be sure to consider using Coastal Cooking to augment your holiday dinners.

They'd be delighted to provide your hors d'oeuvres, sides dishes, desserts etc. to allow you to spend more time relaxing with your family.

Looking forward to seeing you at the club soon!

Hollis Barry
Galley Liaison

Did You Know?

We want your feedback about our galley activities.
Please let us know what you think!
Email Hollis at galleyliaison@essexcorinthian.org



We want to know what you think about our galley!

Fall Galley Hours:

Wednesday through Saturday Lunch - 11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday Brunch - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm (may be extended on special occasions)
Friday Night Dinner Service - 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

2015 ECYC Speaker Program Planned

Each year over the past few seasons, we've had terrific speakers visit ECYC to share their stories of the sea. In 2013



sequence followed by a separate start for the Ideals, in a match race, using the 3 minute start associated with one design races.

The first mark was a port rounding of G23 by Caves Island followed by the longest leg of the entire series: sailing north against the current to G33 just south of the entrance to Selden's Creek. This leg took the fleet up and back through the narrow passage between Brockway Island and the entrance to Hamburg Cove. These were uncharted waters for the Ideals who, without instruments like depth sounders or chart plotters, are normally limited to sailing within the confines of Essex Harbor. Upon returning to Essex Harbor, the fleet rounded N26 in front of ECYC before returning north to the start/finish line. Success was determined by who found the puffs and avoided the holes. All sailors enjoyed near peak foliage on beautiful fall day on the river, capped by the post race party and decommissioning ceremony at Pettipaug.

Results:

Class A: 1-Flo, 2-Rumor, 3-Blue Steel

Class B: 1-Celebration, 2-Bearcat, 3-Vienna

Class C: 1-Nautilus, 2-New Ideal

Overall Results:

The yacht Flo skippered by ECYC's Toby Doyle took overall honors in the 2014 Tri Club River Race Series. Joined by ECYC members Bill Robinson and Cindy Gibbs, Toby guided Flo to first place in the Willets Race on October 4th and the Clark Race on October 11th.

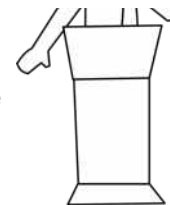
Last year's defender, Celebration, skippered by ECYC Past Commodores Jeff Going and Ed Birch, won the Charles Birch Memorial Race on October 18th.



L to R: Bill Robinson, Deb Sands, Toby Doyle, and Cindy Gibbs.
Not pictured: John Peterson.

While each race presented unique challenges around wind, weather, current, and river navigation; every race provided crews fun sailing and camaraderie during and after racing. The series traditionally ends at the Decommissioning Party of the Pettipaug Yacht Club where the Tri-Club River Race trophy was presented to the winning crew.

Speakers visit ECYC to share their stories of the sea. In 2012, The club was packed to hear Rives Potts, incoming Commodore of the New York Yacht Club and President of the Brewer Yard Yards, share his story of circumnavigating the globe to sail in the world's great ocean races. We had a similar reception this year for Gary Jobson to kick off the Leukemia Cup (now residing our trophy case with thanks to the crew of Tactuca (Rear Commodore Ruth Emblin and her husband Peter) and share his insight on the America's Cup. We were proud to host Halsey Herreshoff in 2010 to share his storied family's many contributions to yachting enshrined in the Herreshoff Museum in Bristol, RI. Who can forget in 2011 our own Alex Ellison and his fabulous tale of his family's experiences on land and sea as told in his award winning book "A Star to Sail Her By", detailing their visits to islands throughout the Caribbean and Pacific. We've also had sessions on boat maintenance, racing tactics, and our Ideal 18 sailing classes.



Going into 2015, the board plans additional speakers on a wider range of topics. Topics are not limited to nautical subjects. Speakers will be scheduled for the "indoor" season of the club in the early spring and late fall.

Please watch your ECYC email for an upcoming electronic survey (using a survey tool called "Survey Monkey") asking for your input on desired topics, scheduling, and speaker fees.

If you have any questions, Rear Commodore Ruth Emblin is the flag officer overseeing the program. And if you have an idea for an interesting speaker, please do not hesitate to contact Ruth or Terry Stewart!

2015 Nominating Committee Needs Your Input!



The Nominating Committee needs your help. If you are interested in board service and leadership, please contact one of the committee members,

Jane Pfeffer, Val Votto and Terry Stewart for more information!

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Laurel Stewart

Known to many of us as Immediate Past Commodore Terry Stewart's better half, the term "Commodorable" was coined for Laurel's steadfast support of her husband's time-consuming involvement in all things ECYC. Laurel is to be commended for being an

Terry Stewart

Race Committee Chair &
Immediate Past Commodore

Email: racechair@essexcorinthian.org

Waterfront Update:

Fall Frostbiting at mid-season has seen plenty of wind except for race two, and the club's Ideal fleet has had great participation with Bill Albro, Liz Baird, Jon and Cindy Gibbs, Jim Pfeffer, Terry Stewart, Bill St John, and Bob Robinson all participating to date, and with Tim Brewer, Peter Emblin and Priscilla Robinson remaining scheduled to race. Please be on the lookout for further crew scheduling emails!

Ideal #38 stands in close contention for second/third place with fellow Corinthian Ed Birch and Rob Reichardt. Nautilus # 192 has also shown competitiveness. Meanwhile in the Etchells 22 Fleet Corinthians Chuck Poindexter and Toby Doyle remain in first and second, while Bill Robinson has scored in the money as well. Kudos also to Nick and Joyce Incerti, Terry Stewart, Frank Hall and Myron Stacks for their participation with club boats in this fall's Tri-Club river series. The series was won by Toby Doyle in Flo, while Jeff Going and Ed Birch scored victories as well.

We look forward to more opportunities when we bring all three Ideal 18s to the line next year!

Jon Gibbs

Fleet Captain

House Committee Update:

As we rapidly approach the end of another year, it's time to start organizing for 2015. To this end I invite all ECYC members to please consider becoming a volunteer as a named participant on the House Committee. What does this really mean? A few things, this is the focus group I reach out for assistance and participation in the multiple events and tasks to keep the ECYC building maintained and looking its best with all volunteers. The extraordinary amount of tasks with the all-volunteer efforts to meet those tasks is the single most contributing factor toward keeping membership cost at ECYC reasonable and affordable. The entire membership benefits from every action performed by this group, and the occasional additional volunteers. For 2015 there will be a couple of organizational changes. The first is already in place. the creation of a vice-chairperson position within the

extremely good sport when she realized that Terry was not going to



"retire" from club politics after all, even though he became a "past commodore" in 2014, when the baton was passed to Tim Brewer. Laurel has been a great motivator for other women to join the Ladies' Sailing Program, is always ready to lend a hand with any event and never expects gratitude for her involvement - and has an immense amount of patience with the rest of us who often pick Terry's brains to benefit from his vast experience at running ECYC.

Thank you, Laurel, for tolerating the consistent demands on your free time with your husband and for being such an important part of the ECYC community! We truly appreciate your friendship and support!

Every month, we want to highlight a particular member or members who has/have fully embraced the Corinthian Spirit! If you would like to nominate someone for this honor, please send an email with the name, photo (if you have one - or we will try to find one) and a short description of why your nominee should be listed as the Member of the Month to

rearcommodore@essexcorinthian.org.

Who will be the Member of the Month for December 2014?

Burgeses Of The Month

We are pleased to introduce two new burgeses from Down East to our worldwide collection.

Kit and Kathy Schellens exchanged burgeses with the Camden Yacht Club. Located at the entrance to Camden's inner harbor on the western side of Penobscot Bay, the club is a vibrant, family oriented club which has served the boating community since 1906. CYC operates seasonally from May through October and is a well known destination for down east cruisers.



Another addition from Maine is from the Portland Yacht Club located north of the city in Falmouth on the shores of beautiful Casco Bay. Portland Yacht Club is home to the Pilot Race, the Monhegan Island Race, and a Fall Series. The Club also hosts informal races every summer Thursday Night. Portland YC has

House committee. I'm very pleased to announce Alex Bell has accepted to fill this role for 2015. The second revolves around the structure of the committee, as I hope to have a specific committee member become a maintenance category primary point of contact and SME. The categories I'm contemplating to form include:

- Heating & Air Conditioning
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Gardening
- Cleaning & Appearance (interior)
- Exterior

I implore every member, especially those who may have experience and knowledge within any of these categories, please afford yourself to the service and benefit of ECYC by becoming a member of the House committee and an ECYC SME of any respective category.

The committee members for 2014 were:

Andy Roussel Bell	George VanDrasek	Gary Sharpe	Alex
Ed Brich Noe	Jeff Going	Jenifer Grant	Ron
Skip Haskins Wallis	Karen Kari	Tim Brewer	Deb
Terry Stewart			

It's my hope all members of the 2014 committee will remain for 2015, and many added fellow Corinthians will enlist to help toward making ECYC the best it can be.

Please notify me at house@essexcorinthian.org or my personal email to become a member of the House committee and/or a maintenance primary point of contact.

Plans are being developed for the January shutdown activities. In addition to the customary annual thorough cleaning, the galley area will be the focus this year. Much to do there, more will follow over the next couple months.

Chuck Grusse

House Chair

Entertainment Committee Update:

We are coming off the heels of a terrific Commodores' Gala and 30th Anniversary Party. 80 people attended and we had a great time. Though I did see some red eyes in the club the next day, and heard whispers of a few hangovers...!

I would like to take time to thank the set-up and the break-down crews. We



monthly races every summer. Thursday Night Football FC has an active Junior Sailing Program is open to non-members as well as members. Dining is an integral part of the Club. They offer fine and casual dining Tuesday through Sunday. Lunch is available Tuesday through Friday from early June to the Friday before Labor Day.

Green Tip Of The Month

Let's "De-Commercialize" The Holiday Season!

I don't know about you, but I am a bit fed up with the commercial nature of our holidays. Thanksgiving is approaching, and December's festivities are not that far behind. Everywhere you look there are ads that encourage us to buy more, spend more - and a lot of the products we are supposed to purchase have little or nothing to do with the spirit of the season.



Don't misunderstand me, I love the holidays, love to decorate, and I love to give gifts, but it is becoming increasingly more difficult to find non-commercial options. Most decorations are made of cheap plastics and might not last past one season. And they'll end up in the trash, then in landfills, where they linger for a long time, as most of the materials used are clearly not bio-degradable.

Why not take a look at some options for decorating and gift-giving that will show the world that you do care about our environment?

For example, celebrate an earth-friendly Thanksgiving - [click here for some advice](#). Take care not to purchase plastic holiday decorations made who-knows-where, but go for traditional items you would want to pass on to your kids (we have a local source, just ask!), or, even better, create simple, yet fun and earth-friendly ornaments together with your kids, [click for information here](#). There are so many options! And when it comes to gift-giving, go for items you know won't be exchanged the moment you turn your back. Make them mean something, show that your gift has a purpose. How about some sturdy carry-all bag for your favorite boater - the ECYC Ship's Store carries all sizes of Sailorbags, and they can be personalized. Go for gifts that show you are aware of the fact that we have to treat our planet more gently - no matter whether you believe in global warming or not - [click here for a few attractive ideas](#).

And what about holiday wreaths? Most people pick up some greenery at the local supermarket, or pick up a ready-made wreath when they pick out their Christmas tree. They are either just slapped together in a hurry, adorned with a few pieces of glittery plastic and a cheap bow, or command a steep price if they are "designer

I would like to take time to thank the set up and the break down crew. We cannot hold these events without our dedicated members who show up to help and then slip quietly away, leaving the organizers of the event to take the kudos. Thanks go out to all of you, Goody and Harry Bird, Steve Rodstrom and Ellen Smoller, Tim and Jean Brewer, Earl and Liz, Fowler, Terry and Laurel Stewart, Val Votto, Yolanda Lowe, Hershel Connor, Jane Syme and Betsy Haywood. Special thanks to Jean Brewer who gave us the idea for the theme of "Memories" and honoring the past Commodores by including trophies from the past in the table decorations. To our Rear Commodore Ruth Emblin for the collection and coordination of the art work that is displayed in the club and the e-blasts that went out with menu and reminders. To my hubby Dick for figuring how make the masts and booms for the sails we displayed around the room, complete with sail numbers from the past. Finally and most importantly to Hollis Barry for the absolute fabulous flower arrangements that adorned the tables. There is such talent in our club. And we topped every ounce of it... There is no doubt, as a team we are just awesome!



The final thanks go to our caterer and crew. What is a Gala without food? Monique, Ed and Crew: We can't thank you enough.

Just a quick note on the decorations still hanging at the club: we would like to keep them for future use and as a reminder of our club's past, present - and future! Please do not remove any of the artwork, posters, trophies or sails. Thank you!

We now move on towards our traditional Holiday season activities. We will have our **"Tree Decorating Party" on November 28**, spearheaded by our decorating expert, Katherine Berry.

Trees in the Rigging, on November 30, will take on the mixed format of last year. There will be a limited galley menu available for ordering at the window, but members are welcome to BYO food along with friends and family. Both the main dinning room and River Room will be available for your enjoyment. However, we ask you to share tables with others, as there will be no advance table reservation for this event.

December 6 is the date for our Decommissioning, Annual Meeting, Holiday and New Member Reception. As is tradition, we will provide a buffet of small bites for your enjoyments, BYOB.

December 7 is our Children's Christmas Party with Austin Dailey from Red SupremeProductions. Austin will entertain the kids with dancing and jazzercise .. He will keep them moving for an hour! Check out his web site at redsupreme.com. Santa will make an appearance to give out your presents (please bring your gifts wrapped and clearly labeled). We will finish off the event with a candy bar, ice cream and cookies! Watch for an e-blast with information on how to sign up.

pieces". I have tried to design my own in the past, and did passingly well, yet I was very happy to hear about a special Holiday Wreath Design Workshop being offered at ECYC this year. It is a great opportunity to get away from the "commercial" products offered during the holidays and create your own design with your personal flair. If you are interested to join us on December 9th, please contact Hollis Barry or include your information on the sign-up sheet at the club

Let's "de-commercialize" the holidays and do what we can to keep the season "green"!

Ruth Emblin
Rear Commodore &
Fleet Communicator

WHAT'S NEW AT THE SHIP'S STORE:



Come see what's new at the Ship's Store!

The Ship's Store has all types of fleece sweaters, vests and wind vests, as

We will hold a special **Holiday Brunch with Jos & Friends** playing easy listening musics and jazz on **December 14**. More information will follow shortly.

We round out the year with our **New Year's Eve Dance**. We will change the format this year and have a later start with heavy appetizers and desserts and lots of dancing...and music of many genres...! We want to encourage the younger generation to come and enjoy what our events have to offer.

In a blink of an eye we will be in 2015, looking to do it all over again. Time just flies by when you are having fun. I often wonder when I ever had time to go to work? For those of you who are thinking about retirement a word of advice: It's absolutely the best time of your life!

Looking towards the future, there will be a sign-up sheet for you to re-enlist or join the Entertainment Committee. I would love to see more new names on the list. The bigger our team the better. I am looking for members who would like to run an event as well as all of you who are the heavy lifters and movers. I would love to hear from members if they have an idea to run with a function that we might not have had on the calendar this year.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at 860 227-1363 or email me at events@essexcorinthian.org.

Cheryl Arndt
Entertainment Chair

Membership Update:

Members, please don't forget that this is the perfect time of year to have anyone who expressed interest in ECYC to become a member. Joining now affords them the opportunity to be an ECYC Member by only paying the initiation fee. There is no dues payment until 2015. In addition, new members may take advantage of all of the upcoming events such as the Holiday Brunch, Decommissioning and the Annual Meeting, the Children's Holiday Party and Trees in the Rigging. Encourage and welcome your friends, acquaintances and business partners to join us in our environment of good fellowship.

There will be a new member reception as part of the ECYC Decommissioning to be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014.

If you have any friends interested in joining ECYC, please encourage them to visit the club. Membership opportunities are available, and I will be glad to answer any questions you or they may have!

well as long-sleeved shirts available.

Come see the Sailor Bag models we carry, from small wristlets to weekender duffles. Sailorbags are great quality bags you will enjoy for a long time. Contact Jean Brewer for details and pricing!

Looking for a personalized holiday gift for your favorite boater(s)? There is still time to customize your purchase. Contact Cate Beckstein at Cate@adancingthread.com

Still available, a limited

stock of our Cross Sound Challenge event t-shirts. Long-sleeved, white t-shirt with XSC logo on the back and ECYC burgee on the front, sizes S through XL. Please check with Jane Brewer [for special sale pricing!](#) Limited quantities, so get yours while they last!

See Jean Brewer at the Ship's Store for all the new items she has added to the store's selection and check back frequently for any new **special offers!**



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