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THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

September 2018

The Latest News from ECYC!



View from the Bridge

Dear Fellow Corinthians!

Time just doesn't want to hold still, I cannot believe we are already in September! While everyone keeps saying "summer is over", because we have already celebrated Labor Day, I refuse to think that way. Some of the nicest days of the season here in the Northeast are yet to come!

Speaking of Labor Day, my heartfelt thanks go out to Nancy Simms, Pat Atkinson and the extended Entertainment Committee for putting on a great **Labor Day/Club Anniversary** event last Monday! I was very happy to see that our last appeal enticed some of you to help out setting up and running the event. The camaraderie was more evident than ever, and the food was delicious! Thanks to the "Rib Crew" assisting Nancy Simms, and the fabulous Eggplant Parm created by Pat Atkinson and her helpers we all enjoyed a delicious meal. Members' appetizers and fabulous

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- **September 8th** - Ideal 18 Team Race
- **September 11th** - Ladies on Deck
- **September 12th** - Last Musical Wednesday Night with Corinthian Jazz Band
- **September 14th - 15th:** Fall Off-Soundings
- **September 22nd** - Cross Sound Challenge
- **October 6th** - EYC Willets Memorial
- **October 9th** - Ladies on Deck
- **October 13th** - PYC Birch Memorial
- **October 13th** - DIYC Thundermug

sheet cakes by Val Votto rounded out the culinary side of the afternoon. Thank you to all who helped! Please continue to lend a hand - this spirit is what differentiates our club from other organizations and makes it so special!

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Thank you to
everyone who
supported

the **2018 Connecticut River Leukemia Cup**, held on August 11th. While it initially looked like a wash-out, we ended up with a great day consisting of two races on the river, and an excellent post-race party at the club. More than 130 people participated in our re-imagined charity event. Fundraising culminated at close to **\$32k**, which, while a little below our initial goal, was a very respectable result for an inaugural event of this kind on our river. Team Dragonfly (formerly Team Tartuca) won the Connecticut River Leukemia Cup Fundraising Trophy, which now resides next to the the ECSA Leukemia Cup Trophy in our trophy cabinet.

My gratitude to both the Race and Entertainment Committees, as well as the volunteers from PYC, EYC and other organizations who helped us realize our plan for a new One-Design Regatta on the Connecticut River. We could not have asked for more dedicated volunteers as well as sponsors and auction item donors! The **Coastal Cooking Company** served up a tasty buffet while also acting as a sponsor, and party goers were treated to music provided free of charge by Laura and Chris Funk (whom we would like to invite back for one of our future musical evenings). All in all, we are very pleased with how the event turned out!

- **October 20th** - ECYC Clark Memorial Regatta
- **October 27th** - Commodores' Gala

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

VICE COMMODORE'S UPDATE

Well, as I have said in past editions, and as we all know, Summer passes all too quickly. And while September is here, a look back will show a Summer packed with boating, social events and many gatherings exemplifying the Corinthian spirit.

The **Leukemia Cup Regatta** was a huge success with the help of the combined efforts of Essex Corinthian, Pettipaug and Essex Yacht Clubs. Led by the LCR Committee Chair, Commodore Emblin, together we created a new regatta format to provide competitive small boat racing followed by a great after-party, all to benefit a worthy cause. None of this would have been possible without the efforts of the many volunteers who worked on shore and on the water to make it all happen. Many thanks to Race Chair Bill Robinson and the Race Committee who ran numerous races with multiple classes, all while dodging potential bad weather and shifting winds. Also, thanks to our Entertainment Committee Chairs, Nancy Simms and Pat Atkinson, who put on a wonderful after-party when the racing was done. While no one was surprised by the delicious food provide by Coastal Cooking Company, it should be noted and appreciated that they did so at a greatly reduced cost to assist in increasing the events ability to donate all regatta profits to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. As a result of all of these efforts, thousands of dollars were raised for a very worthy cause.

But even with this success, the fun is not over. Up next is the **Cross Sound Challenge Regatta** set for September 22nd. Once agin our Race and Entertainment Committees are hard at work preparing for what I am sure will be an exciting and successful event to close out the boating. Summer.

THANK YOU ALL - you made a difference in someone's life by supporting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society!

As we plan for 2019, we are already looking for volunteers for the Leukemia Cup Committee. While I will certainly continue to support this worthy cause, after 9 years of involvement with the Leukemia Cup in its various incarnations I would prefer to hand over the reins to someone else with fresh ideas. We are looking for dedicated individuals to make the 2019 event even bigger and more successful. Please contact me for details if you are interested!

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Our next big event is our signature regatta and post-race party, the **Cross Sound Challenge on September 22nd.**

This regatta is in its 6th year now and promises to be another great off- and on-shore event. Races will be held on Long Island Sound, with a start and finish in the vicinity of the Outer Saybrook Light. As the regatta's name indicates, the course will lead across the Sound, if wind and tides permit.

The post-race party is always the highlight of our regatta season, and will be held in the party tent at Safe Harbor Essex Island Marina. Please consider helping out with the organization!

The party is open to all - you do not need to race to purchase a party ticket! For a small amount of money you can enjoy food and drinks and the typical camaraderie that we are known for! See below for more information on how to sign up.

Click on:

[**www.essexcorinthian.org/ecyc-cross-sound-challenge.html**](http://www.essexcorinthian.org/ecyc-cross-sound-challenge.html)

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But what, there is more! It won't be long before those brave Frost Biters will be back on the chilly waters of the Connecticut River.

As you can see, the fun and action never stops. I hope you all have had a wonderful Summer and I look forward to the many events yet to come.

Respectfully submitted,

*Chris Morano*

*Vice Commodore*

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## REAR COMMODORE'S UPDATE:

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ECYC and EYC co-hosted a race day for Pettipaug Sailing Academy youth sailors in Ideal 18s in late July. This is the second year we've done this and it was a great success again - the kids loved it, and there were no collisions in the light conditions.

At Pettipaug's suggestion, four North Cove Yacht Club teams also participated putting a total of eight boats on the line, up from six last year. Pettipaug sailors took the top three spots.

Thirteen year old Will McCarthy, with crew Jackson Bullock, won all five races by being on the starting line with a full head of steam at the gun and staying on the wind while beating; others were not as consistent. Gus Montana with Finn Thompson finished second, while Peter Fitton with Dan LaChance were third. Amy Pullin, PYC Vice Commodore in charge of their sailing program and a fine Ideal 18 sailor herself, remarked how valuable this race was to the kids and vowed to improve their racing program on her watch. ECYC hosted the post race lunch on the upper deck with Pat Atkinson and Jean Little doing all the work. Yours truly was kept busy cooking hot dogs, the kids' food of choice, while the adults munched on grinders. EYC provided the boats, race committee, and awards.

Lastly, I don't want to miss thanking our **Vice Commodore Chris Morano**, who has been instrumental in taking a lot of pressure off me in the last few months. His assistance with various bureaucratic matters, such as the temporary liquor permits we are required to apply for every time we hold an event where alcohol is served, is only a small part of what he has done for the club. Chris' advice has been invaluable, and if you see him around the club, please thank him for his dedication to our organization!

In fact, it would be great if you sought out one or the other of our dedicated volunteers every once in a while and thanked them for their involvement! And, even better, become part of the group that is keeping the club going by helping out once in a while!

You can always refer to our website at [www.essexcorinthian.org](http://www.essexcorinthian.org) for details on dining, social, educational and on-water events, and any other information on the club and its programs.

Please feel free to contact me or any member of Bridge and Board if you have any comments, questions or concerns. I plan to be available for a quick chat at the club on most Friday nights!

### ***Ruth Emblin***

*ECYC Commodore #21*

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## ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:

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Ahoy  
Members of  
Essex  
Corinthian  
Yacht Club!

The Summer  
is coming to a

Late Breaking News! - Celebration, skippered by Jeff Going, won the small boat non-spinnaker division at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ram Island Yacht Club Invitational Regatta which was a race around Fishers Island. Celebration had the highest PHRF rating (which means it should be the slowest boat) yet led the race from start to finish in ideal conditions for the boat's design (light air, smooth water). Celebration was also the top boat on corrected time for both non-spinnaker divisions, a total of ten boats. Jon Gibbs on Petrel and Bill St John on Irish Lady also participated in the non-spinnaker division.

### ***Tom Atkinson***

*Rear Commodore*

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*Jeff Going, skipper of Celebration, won the Ram Island Invitational Regatta with Ed Birch and Tom Atkinson.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

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close after a great season of fun at the club. We have a few more Wednesday nights to enjoy music and dinner at the club! Our last Wednesday night music will be September 12<sup>th</sup> with the Essex Corinthian Jazz Band.

August was an exciting month, with our very successful **One-Design Connecticut River Leukemia Cup Regatta**. We hosted this event with our friends from Pettipaug Yacht Club and enjoyed this collaborative effort. Boats from as far away as Boston participated as well as Rhode Island and surrounding areas. Our after-party which included refreshments, music and a silent auction, was enjoyed by all. We want to thank Coastal Cooking Company for the donation they made toward the event as well as the wonderful food they served that evening.

Rounding out our summer events we look forward to the **Cross Sound Challenge** which is coming up on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please look for future e blasts to obtain party tickets.

Enjoy these remaining days of summer. We look forward to seeing you at the club!

***Nancy Simms & Pat Atkinson***

*Co-Chairs Entertainment*

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*[pat-events@essexcorinthian.org](mailto:pat-events@essexcorinthian.org)*

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## SAVE THE DATE!

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### **LADIES ON DECK - SEPTEMBER 11TH**

Join us at our monthly ladies' get together, scheduled for Tuesday, September 11th, starting at **6:00 pm**.

These casual get-togethers are the perfect opportunity to meet your fellow ECYC Ladies, and make new friends. This month's LoD will be hosted



### **ANNUAL IDEAL 18 TEAM RACE SEPTEMBER 8TH**

The annual Ideal 18 Team Race between ECYC and EYC will be held on September 8th.

To find out more, please contact Rear Commodore Tom Atkinson at [rearcommodore@essexcorinthian.org](mailto:rearcommodore@essexcorinthian.org)!

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## SIGN UP NOW FOR THE XSC!

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### **CROSS SOUND CHALLENGE REGATTA & POST-RACE PARTY SEPTEMBER 22ND**

Please support our sixth annual signature regatta and end-of-summer party! You can join us **EVEN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A BOAT!**

For event details, please click [HERE](#).

You do not have to have a boat or enter the regatta to participate! The post-race party is open to all members, their guests and friends from our area and beyond. Please click on the links above and below for details.

**Party tickets for sale now (\$15 per**

by Clive Connor.

We are currently looking for a host for the October 9th LoD, please let us know if you are interested! Hosting a "Ladies on Deck" is very easy, all you are asked to do is to be at the club at 6:00 pm to welcome everyone!

**Bring friends, bring an appetizer to share! BYOB.**

person in advance or \$20 at the door)

## Post-Race Party Tickets

**Boat registration now open at**  
**[Yachtscoring.com](http://Yachtscoring.com)**  
Cost \$40 per boat

**Register Your Boat**

**Find out how to become a sponsor for the 2018 Cross Sound Challenge, by clicking [HERE!](#)**

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## WATERFRONT UPDATE:

We are rounding out Tuesday night racing in September with a call to prioritize skippers who haven't raced much. We'd like to get them on the schedule with priority. Contact me at [fleetcaptain@essexcorinthian.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@essexcorinthian.org) if interested.

In September, we resume with skippers reserving boats to sail with their pick of crews. Guests that are interested in our club are welcome to crew on a limited basis. This is the first season we have had to schedule Tuesday nights in advance with all boats racing every week. So far, fifteen members have participated. Spinnaker sailors keep in mind there is Thursday night racing too!

Our Race Committee deserves great thanks for making a very successful Connecticut River Leukemia Cup One Design Regatta out of a difficult day for sailing, while the on-shore volunteers did us proud once again. Joining us were a core of dedicated local one design racers that know us from Frostbiting, as well as teams from all over southern New England that responded to Bill Robinson's outreach.

Over the coming weeks we will haul one of our boats each week for annual maintenance to avoid the weather dance in February. Racing Team members and other volunteers please follow our group messaging for details. Also watch for our September meeting in which we will discuss

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## HOUSE UPDATE:

### **Stair Lift Update:**

Unfortunately we have not yet been able to repair/replace the broken stair lift. A brand-new stair lift was unfortunately not part of our 2018 budget, and we are currently reviewing our options to get a timely replacement that will not cause a special assessment or require other additional funding. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

### **Committee Chair and Members Wanted:**

This is the perfect opportunity for you to sign up for the House Committee. We need dedicated members who are willing to help keep the club house in Bristol fashion! Please remember that committee membership is one of the cornerstones of ECYC membership, and we cannot maintain the house at the current budget level without your help.

**If you are interested, live locally and love to tinker and DIY, please let us know!**

### **NEW: Club Wish List**

Please look out for an e-blast with a list of items we would love to get for our club. If you have any of these items to donate, or would like to make a cash donation to fund one of them, please contact the office.

*In the meantime, if there are any House-related questions, please contact Jean Little, our Club*

strategies for frostbiting team assignments.

Congratulations to Jeff Going, Ed Birch and Tom Atkinson for taking the Gun at the Ram Island Round Fisher's Regatta despite Celebration's having highest boat handicap rating. Not only did they walk away in a division with two other ECYC entries, they took the combined non- spinnaker prize.

### *Jon Gibbs*

*Fleet Captain*

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## REGATTA UPDATE:

### Inaugural CT River Leukemia Recap

By the numbers:

2 Races

4 Classes

9 Total Boat types represented

38 Registrants

31 Boats on the starting line

44 Total Sailors

16 On the water RC Volunteers

In what can only be considered a superlative success, the Inaugural CT River Leukemia Cup was held on Saturday, August 11th, and the long list of enthusiastic volunteers have much to be proud of. Despite an ominous forecast of torrential rain, thunderstorms, and light and fickle winds, the first-rate race committee managed to find a 2 hour window of mostly dry weather and squeezed in 2 races for all classes. A shifty 4-6mph SE breeze (maybe that's generous!) and an outgoing tide provided competitors with an array of strategic and tactical choices. Navigating both windward-leeward and triangle courses, top finishers all emphasized clear air, boat speed, and current relief as keys to success. The phrase "local knowledge" was also overheard several times at the Gibbs and Doyle tables at the post

Manager, at [ecyc@essexcorinthian.org](mailto:ecyc@essexcorinthian.org) or Ruth Emblin, Commodore, at [commodore21@essexcorinthian.org](mailto:commodore21@essexcorinthian.org).

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## GALLEY UPDATE:



There is much to look forward to on the culinary side this summer! Please refer to our weekly menu emails for details on

"What's Cooking at the Corinthian Cafe"!

Sunday Dinners have ended for the season, but we still have another Wednesday night with musical entertainment left. Last Wednesday, Scott Konrad and the Occasional Jazz Ensemble entertained members enjoying the breeze on the deck. The final performance of the Corinthian Jazz Band will be on September 12th, so don't miss it. Our Late Summer dining hours are shown below.

Here are some tips for making dinner service smoother for everyone:

- Order your appetizers upon arrival on a separate slip so those can come out while you are enjoying your cocktails. These can even be preordered earlier in the day.
- If your table wants to eat at together, turn all the slips in at the same time.
- Make sure your table number is on the slip.

If you are entertaining at home, remember CCC can cater your party so you can spend time with your guests instead of being in the kitchen.

Please note that effective immediately, **Chris Morano** has taken on the responsibilities of **Galley Liaison** in addition to his Vice Commodore post.

He is filling in for **Cathy Gazikas** who decided to vacate the post as she has not been able to be

race party... The Regatta Committee would like to especially commend PROs **Jane Reilly & Dan Rennie** and their extended team of 14+ volunteers who flawlessly executed these races in very challenging conditions. You guys made it look easy!

Finally, a hearty congratulations go out to all participants, and a special round of applause for our top ECYC finishers in bold below. Thank you all for being a part of this special event.

#### *Ideal 18*

**1st: Jon Gibbs & Peter Emblin**  
**2nd: Cindy Gibbs & Myles Gibbs**  
**3rd: Bill Sandberg**

#### *MC Scow*

**1st: Toby Doyle**  
**2nd: Chris Moore**  
**3rd: Keith Kraner**

#### *RS Aero*

**1st: Bill Shaw**  
**2nd: Jim Myers**  
**3rd: Eric Aker**

#### *Portsmouth*

**1st: Emily Black**  
**2nd: Kimberly Jackman**  
**3rd: Tom Atkinson**

#### ***Bill Robinson***

*Race Committee Chair*

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We regret to share the news that our fellow member, **Donald K. Connor**, 84, of Essex, passed away on Sunday August 19th, shortly before his 85th birthday. He is survived by Constance

present at the club as much as she would like this year. Life happens...we all know understand. We appreciate every minute of her limited spare time she has donated to the club in the past and would like to thank Cathy for her support over the last two plus years! If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact Chris at the email address shown below.

#### ***Chris Morano***

*Galley Liaison*

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#### **Late Summer Galley Hours:**

##### Lunch:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
(self-service) : 11.30 am to 2.00 pm

##### Dinner:

Friday (table service): 5.30 pm to 9.00 pm  
Wednesday (self-service): 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm (Wed dinner ends September 12th)

##### Brunch:

Sunday (self-service): 11.00 am to 2.30 pm - special brunch hours on selected holidays!

Menus are available at

[www.essexcorinthian.org/dining.html](http://www.essexcorinthian.org/dining.html)

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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

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### **LATE SUMMER HOURS ARE IN EFFECT AT THE CLUBHOUSE:**

- Tuesday, Thursday 9 am to 5 pm
- Wednesday, Friday 9 am to 9 pm (Office closes at 5 pm)
- Saturday 11 am - 5 pm (Galley open for lunch/Office closed all day)
- Sunday 11 am - 5 pm (Galley open for brunch/Office closed all day)
- Monday CLOSED

**Members may use the deck any time, even after hours.**

*Note: Private meetings may be scheduled after-hours, except on Mondays. Please contact Jean Little for details.*



(Connie) Kenyon Connor, his wife of 66 years. Don and Connie grew up in Bradford, Pennsylvania and shared the classic love story starting as high school sweethearts.

Don was a resident of Essex for more than 30 years. As a member of both the Essex Yacht Club and the Essex Corinthian Yacht Club, he enjoyed boating on the "Togetherness." He was an active parishioner at the First Congregational Church of Essex and was honored to serve as a steward. Don loved going to the Griswold Inn on Tuesday nights with Connie and dancing to his favorite band, "Shiny Lapel Trio."

Also surviving Don are his three daughters Gail Dingman, Wendy Connor Locus, Lori Connor; two granddaughters Heather Anselmi and Deven Comen; two grandsons Jason Zablocki and Daniel Comen; four great-grandchildren and several grand-nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his son James.

We will miss Don and his infectious smile at the club, and send our deepest sympathy to Connie and her family.

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Hello, ECYC Members!

Happy late summer/early fall to everyone. Hopefully the crazy temperatures will lower and humidity will "go away, please"!

I'm delighted to say we welcomed two new junior members to our club in August:

**Chris Smith of Westbrook** grew up sailing at Pettipaug Yacht Club in 420's and crewed with my son Myles for a few summers, then joined the big boat scene during college. He is now a regular crew member on a Soveral 35' from Duck Island Yacht Club ("Snowbird")! We are excited to have him as a new member! **Dylan Morano** is also a long-time sailor from Pettipaug Yacht Club and enjoys sailing and racing his dad's (Chris Morano, our Vice Commodore) Pearson 39' "Dorian" on Long Island Sound during his free time! We welcome them both to ECYC!

## NO SMOKING AT ECYC:

The clubhouse, the decks and the surrounding dock areas are **non-smoking areas**. Please remind your guests of this restriction, it is part of a facility-wide prohibition of open flames.

## GALLEY MINIMUM:

The Galley Minimum is charged if a member's consumption is less than \$30 per calendar month (except in January). As our caterer is an independent contractor, this amount directly benefits the club in lieu of the commission it would receive were the member to dine at the club instead.

## WEBSITE:

All of our events, weekly menus and announcements, as well as archive copies of the Bell 8 Newsletter are available online at our website at [www.essexcorinthian.org](http://www.essexcorinthian.org)!

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## SHIP'S STORE



***Have you checked out our new Online Ship's Store yet?***

***It is located at  
[www.team1newport.com/Essex-Corinthian-Yacht-Club/departments/1032/](http://www.team1newport.com/Essex-Corinthian-Yacht-Club/departments/1032/)***

***While we will still have some inventory in our in-house store, this is your new direct link to purchasing custom-embroidered sportswear and other items featuring the ECYC burgee!***

***Every time you purchase someone, ECYC will get a commission, which, in turn will***

As we meet new friends and neighbors, remember we offer a great fall discount on membership dues, so spread the word. Bring them to the club to experience the fun and camaraderie we enjoy!

**benefit the club and its members!**

*Go forth and shop!*

Cheers,

Ship's Store Online

*Cindy Gibbs*

Membership Chair

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