Essex Corinthian Yacht Club July 2014 Iss



# THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT Club



"4th of July Plus One" Harbor Parade

#### **UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS:**

- July 13th: Second EYC/ECYC Round The Buoy Race @ EYC
- July 19th/20th: 3-Mile Harbor Raft-Up and Fireworks
- July 19th: Ideal 18 Rum Challenge
- July 19th to 25th: ECYC Summer Cruise
- July 26th: Essex Rum Challenge
- August 22nd/23rd: Leukemia Cup
- August 24th: Third EYC/ECYC Round the Buoy Race & Party @ECYC
- September 20th: ECYC Cross Sound Challenge & Party
- November 1st: Commodores' Gala & 30th Anniversary Celebration

Refer to our event calendar on our website at <a href="www.essexcorinthian.org">www.essexcorinthian.org</a> for event details!

## **VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE**



#### Dear Friends,

With many thanks to Cheryl Arndt, our coordinator-extraordinaire for on-shore entertainment, and to Terry Stewart and Steve Rodstrom for orchestrating the parade, we marked another great day in the 30-year history of the club. With Hurricane Arthur postponing our planned July 4th celebration to Saturday the 5th, the club was looking great, was filled with the sights and sounds of member-revelers and their guests enjoying a stunning early summer afternoon of fun and fellowship. We kicked off the day with the

## **OFFSHORE UPDATE**

Our sailing season is in full swing, and we have just started the second session of Ladies' Sailing Classes. The first session was successfully completed at the beginning of July. Considering the popularity of the program, we may add another session in fall.

The first "friendly" Round The Buoy Regatta was a blast. The party was well frequented and everyone had a great time, as it was combined with the pre-party for the 12-Meter Challenge in New Newport (see Terry Stewart's report). The second "friendly" will be held on Sunday, July 13th, this time under the auspices of EYC. Competing in one of these friendly races is the perfect way to experience the excitement of offshore yacht racing, if you have never tried before. And of course, for those who are already busy racking up ECSA points, the ECSA calendar is full of races for the next few months.

### Ideal 18s & Sailing Instruction



Ladies' Ideal 18 sailing classes are in full swing, the second session started last Monday. Cindy Gibbs may be offering another class later in the season if there is demand, please check with her for details. You can also contact Ed Birch, who offers another Adult Sailing Class in July.

Please remember that in order to use ECYC's Ideal 18s, you must be approved by the Fleet Captain or one of the authorized club members (Ed Birch, Cindy Gibbs).

Fleet Captain Jon Gibbs held an "Get To Know The Ideals" Open Sail on our Ideal 18 fleet, which enjoyed a lot of positive attention. The Ideal 18s are a great element of our boating tradition, and are a blast to sail. Anyone interested in trying their hand on the tiller, contact Jon, Cindy or Ed for details and opportunities to experience these small agile boats.

#### 4th of July "Plus One" Harbor Parade

A wide variety of boats participated in the annual Essex Harbor Parade, all dressed up and ready to go! The parade was led by the Essex Fire Boat and the Mary E hosted a number of on-water spectators. It was great to see boats from outside ECYC join the parade that has become an annual tradition. Thank you to Terry Stewart, who acted as the "parade facilitator" and helped us convince some disappointed boaters to postpone the parade to July 5th as Hurricane Arthur's impact made it impossible to hold it on the actual Independence Day. I have to admit, there were some tense moments when Terry, Cheryl and I struggled to get everyone on board for a successful postponement as we feared that people had already made set

traditional Essex Harbor boat parade, led by the Essex Volunteer Fire Department, and followed by the Mary E and members of both ECYC and EYC. The parade boats were cheered by our own members lining the face dock and the upper deck of the club, as well as spectators stationed along the CRM waterfront. In further accordance with tradition on, there was a cannon salute for each club's bridge members as their boats passed the "review stands".

#### Report on the Acquisition of a Third Ideal 18:

Last month, I noted the BOG's consideration of an opportunity to expand our Fleet of Ideals from two to three. I'm very pleased to report that the board voted unanimously to seize the rare opportunity to acquire a very well-found boat. The BOG determined that acquisition costs shall be funded through a voluntary pledge program, as we did with the two original deals. No members' dues nor capital assessment will be used in the purchase. Adding this boat to the fleet will help us to satisfy increasing demand for learn to sail and race programs, as well as an increasing number of members who participate in the summer regattas and have qualified as Frostbite crews. The Ideal 18 has a long term future in the Essex area as a competitive sailboat and a sailing instruction platform. Increased member use of the Ideals is certainly a "good problem to have", but translates to more wear and tear on the boats. The third boat will help us to preserve our assets by rotating boats out of the water more regularly for preventative maintenance.

We will be launching the fundraiser very soon. Please be on the lookout for your invitation to participate as generously as you can.

Please join the Bridge and Board of Governors in acknowledging the generosity of former member Lori Comforti and current member, Toby Doyle for making this fine boat available to our Club at a below market cost.

#### **Upcoming Activities:**

Looking forward to the fireworks display and beach party in 3 Mile Harbor on Saturday the 19th, there will be a flotilla departing the mouth of the river at 1100 Saturday morning. Exact time of departure (for sailboats) from an imaginary line between Bell 8 and "E" is 1115. Sailboat participants are reminded; just because more than one boat may leave a certain point at approximately the same time and sail for a common destination, does not (necessarily) mean that they are racing...Ahem. Power boats will calculate their time of departure accordingly:-).

Please sign up in the clubhouse or contact me if you plan to participate. We'd like to have an approximate head count for the beach party, which is BOATS (bring own appetizer to share) and BYOB.

There is an informal cruise with an informal itinerary planned for the following week of July 20th through the 25th. See notice in clubhouse for further information.

#### **Cross Sound Challenge:**

plans for the rest of the weekend. I hough the intrepid party crew on shore headed by Cheryl quickly rearranged the timing and transformed the club's

dining areas to host more than 90 club members and their guests, who enjoyed viewing the parade and plenty of food and drinks. The weather on Saturday was perfect while a bit breezy, but we all enjoyed a great celebration of "4th of July Plus One", as Terry dubbed it. I would like to mention again, that we could not have done it without volunteers ready to step up to the plate and my



thanks go out to everyone who helped make the day so successful!

#### ECYC Sailors, Sign Up For the Second RTB Regatta!

This Sunday, **July 13th** is the date for our second "friendly" **Round-The-Buoy Race** in cooperation with EYC! This race and post-race party are hosted by the Essex Yacht Club.

Get your crews ready (if you have a sailboat) or contact Terry Stewart (Race Committee Chair) or myself if you are looking to crew on any boat affiliated with ECYC. Registration form and Sailing Instructions are posted online on our "Racing" page at <a href="www.essexcorinthian.org">www.essexcorinthian.org</a>. Please note that since this is a race managed by EYC, we cannot guarantee that any changes to the SIs will be posted on our website prior to the race. To ensure that you have up-to-date information, please contact EYC directly. You can also get the forms at the Skippers Meeting on Saturday morning at 9 m at EYC. After the regatta, EYC invites the participants to am After-Race-Party. The next "Friendly" and last of the series will be on Sunday, August 24th, a day after the Leukemia Cup Regatta, which several ECYC boats will be competing in as well.

### Leukemia Cup Regatta on August 23rd



As you might know, yours truly is a member of the Leukemia Cup Regatta Committee, and I hope that many of you will either participate in or support the event. The **Leukemia Cup Regatta** is scheduled for **August 23rd**, and I am working together with the LLS Regatta Committee in hopes to make this the best Leukemia Cup Regatta ever. If you have a sailboat and

wish to enter the (ECSA points) regatta, please go to <a href="https://www.leukemiacup.org/ct/">www.leukemiacup.org/ct/</a> to register your boat.

You can also become part of a regatta fundraising team, as we are striving to generate funds to support the critical blood cancer research of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

We have a variety of options available for personal and corporate support. For more information, please contact me at ruthemblin@gmail.com or refer

hard to make it the best-run, best-attended and best-party event on the ECSA calendar this year. It will be hosted by ECYC on Saturday, September 20th. The event will culminate in a blockbuster regatta after-party that is open to all members, and invited guests. Race Committee planning and party engineering will begin soon. Please participate in the planning and execution of this historic weekend in September!

#### **New ECYC Website:**

Check out the new website, www.essexcorinthian.org. The site has all the information you need regarding upcoming events and activities and is another good way to give your feedback to the BOG. In the not-too-distant future we will also be adding a password-protected section with members-only content to add even more value for our members.

Make July 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 Corithian Cafe! We will continue posting menu updates at our website over the course of the year. Check back often to see what is new: <a href="https://www.essexcorinthian.org/Dining.html">www.essexcorinthian.org/Dining.html</a>

## Summer 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)

Wednesday Night Dinner & Jazz 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm (music starts at 7 pm) Friday Night Dinner Service - 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm Sunday Night Dinner - 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm

to the above webpage.

## Cross-Sound Challenge on September 20th

Yet another very important race for ECYC is our own, ECSA-sanctioned Cross-Sound Challenge on September 20th

We will provide more details on the race shortly, but the NOR is already online at our "Racing" page. We held our inaugural race last year and it was a great success. This year it is a full-fledged points race and we are hoping to attract a wide variety of competitive sailors. ECYC is currently looking for sponsors for this exciting event, and



hope that you will help us promote this regatta among your families, friends and sailing acquaintances!

I am also looking for a number of motivated members who can assist us with the planning of our special regatta. We welcome people with all kinds of expertise: organization, sailing, marketing, party planning, and simply anyone who has an idea to make our signature regatta exceptional! Please contact me or Terry Stewart to sign up for the committee - we will be calling a special meeting to launch our preparations soon!

We are all looking forward to a great summer of boating and many exciting on- and off-shore events at ECYC!

# **Ruth Emblin**Rear Commodore



## Near Perfect Sailing Conditions for the June RTB

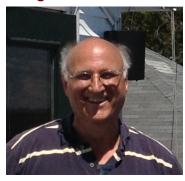
ECYC hosted the first of three Round the Buoys Races (RTB) with the Essex Yacht Club on June 7th. Light winds were predicted so a short course was designed to leverage the current. Seven PHRF boats from both clubs arrived at the start line off Cornfield Point, pleasantly surprised to find a 10-15 knot northerly breeze that would propel the fleet on a reach to the turning mark at the east end of Long Sand Shoal. After a starboard mark rounding, and a wind shift from the north to the south west, the fleet returned on a fast port tack to the mid shoal mark south of Cornfield Point. In what was expected to be a three hour race was done in an hour, so fast that the Race Committee finish boat was not yet on station. As a result, skippers took their own time as they passed the finish mark to starboard.

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Every month we will 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 and a short description of why your nominee should be listed as the Member of the Month to Ruth Emblin at ruthemblin@gmail.com

The Member of the Month for July 2014 is

## George Van Drasek



For two seasons we have always been able to count on George to be involved in every work day activity. His participation is always invaluable to the success realized and expectations met. But George goes much further. Last season, George took on the task, without solicitation, to recondition the outdoor grill. The grill was all but useless, and actually dangerous. George sought out the required replacement valves and knobs, ordered and installed all components to bring the grill back into service. Additionally, he selected and pursued to completion the grill cover, replacing the thinning and hole infested previous cover remnant. This season the transition of the deck tables to the ECYC blue color, whereas a number of folks engaged in the

first two session periods to prep and paint half the tables. The last half would most likely still be green had George not initiated their completion together with Terry Stewart just before the season's first event (12-Meter & RTB kickoff). There are many volunteers who make work sessions and operation of the club building possible, but George's energy and willingness to do whatever it takes to complete a project is a major contribution to the house committee, and

provides many benefits to the membership in general.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to George for his enthusiastic involvement in all things ECYC!

### Reminder: ECYC Club House is Available for Events!

We want to share our beautiful setting! Summer is the perfect time to enjoy the wonderful atmosphere and great views at the Essex Corinthian Yacht Club. Why not have your next event at the club?

Here is our new simplified, rental rate schedule for members' and non-members' use of the ECYC dining facilities.

A.	MAIN DINING ROOM	Member Rate	Non-Member Rate		
Wir	Ninter: Feb 1-April 15				
	Mid-week	\$150	\$200		
	Weekend (Sat, Sun & Holidays)	\$150	\$250		
Spring/Fall:					

The conditions were so great that several crews, after crossing the line, continued to cruise for the pure fun of sailing, turning into the Conneticut River to return to ECYC for the post race party and results.

With thanks to ECYC entertainment chair, Cheryl Arnt helped by Rear Commodore Ruth Emblin, a wonderful race party convened on the lower deck of the club with crews and skippers swapping stories and tactics from the day. Joining the RTB crews were members from other yacht clubs sailing in the Eastern Connectciut 12 Meter Challenge the next day in Newport.

The results demonstrated how the PHRF handicap system helps all boats compete regardless of shape or size.

Continuing its winning ways was ECYC's Tartuca (Peter Emblin), winner of last year's Rum Challenge. Tartuca followed by Arran (Terry Stewart with Commodore Tim Brewer on board as navigator and sailing master) and Vienna (Bob Robinson), a new member of the Essex sailing community.

#### June RTB Results:

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The next RTB will be July 13th and hosted by the Essex Yacht Club. Entry Forms, NOR, and SI's can be found on our website, but please note that any changes to the SIs may not be available until the Skippers Meeting at 0930 at the Essex Yacht Club on the day of the race. Join us for fun, informal racing on the Sound!

## North Cove YC wins the 2014 Eastern Connecticut 12-Meter Challenge

Two crews from ECYC joined counterparts from Baldwin, North Cove, Pettipaug, and Thames in Newport on June 8th for this year's 12 Meter Challenge, now known as the Eastern Connecticut 12 Meter Challenge Cup.

Aprii	16-IVIAY 31, OCT 15- Dec 30				
	Mid-week	\$150	\$250		
	Weekend (Sat, Sun & Holidays)	\$175	\$300		
Sumn	Summer: June 1-Oct 14				
	Mid-week	\$150	\$250		
	Weekend (Sat, Sun & Holidays)	\$200	\$300		
B. RIVER ROOM					
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Note: A refundable \$200 damage deposit is required for all rentals.

Remember, the ECYC benefits from outside events hosted on-site in two ways: directly through the Galley usage fee and indirectly through the resulting potential to attract new members.

Won't you consider hosting your next special event or encouraging others to host their personal or business gathering at our club?





### Alice Schmutz

With thanks to Barbara and Frank Hall for providing this in memoriam, we are saddened to announce the passing of another long-time ECYC member, Alice Schmutz.

Alice Schmutz, a member of ECYC since 1984, died on June 10, 2014 at age 78 after a short illness. Alice lived her life to the fullest. She was a graduate of Bates College in Maine. She enjoyed sailing and boating activities on the Connecticut River. She was a passionate artist. She travelec near and far with family and friends. She was active in American Association of University Women. Alice will be greatly missed by her family and many friends. She is survived by her sister Anna Foote (Winthrop) and her three children: daughter Anne and her husband Gregg Peterson o Ivoryton, Jim and his wife Deirdre of Maryland and Chris of Hong Kong; and her five grandchildren: Sean and Emily

Petersen and Tyler, Trevor and Terrence Schimutz.

We encountered light winds as we headed to the start line just south of Gould Island. Fortunately, as the fleet began the first starting sequence, a brisk southerly kicked in and held throughout an amazing day of racing in Narragansett Bay. Three "short" windward leeward races were held between Gould Island and the Newport Bridge, followed by a "long" race down to the Dumplings (the "house on the rock") then back to a finish line drawn by the Newport Bridge.

ECYC crews manned Columbia, the 1958 AC winner, and American Eagle, an AC trial house made famous by Ted Turner. North Cove drew Intrepid, the only two time AC winner. Pettipaug crewed Weatherly, the 1962 winner. Baldwin was on Heritage for the third year in a row with Thames, a new Challenge participant this year, on Nefertiti. Columbia and Intrepid alternated first place finishes with the rest of the fleet close on their sterns. The difference on the day came when American Eagle blocked Columbia at the start of the third race, causing Columbia to return to the start line well behind the fleet. Next time, we will make sure to tell Eagle's captain we are on the same team! As a result, North Cove in Intrepid won the regatta with ECYC in Columbia second and Baldwin in Heritage third. The other ECYC crew in American Eagle was fourth.

This year also inaugurated the first presentation of the Eastern Connecticut 12 Meter Challenge Cup, a beautiful new perpetual trophy designed and built by ECYC member Duncan Syme. The Cup will reside at North Cove YC until the next defense. Just like the America's Cup, as the "defender of record", North Cove will organize and run the next Challenge. Stay tuned.

In sum, all sailors had a fabulous experience racing some of the most famous boats in the world at the capital of our sport.

#### Terry Stewart

Race Committee Chair & Immediate Past Commodore

### Off-Shore Summer Events

#### **Three Mile Harbor Fireworks Cruise**

ECYC will again cruise to 3 Mile Harbor for the fireworks spectacular on Saturday, July 19th. Make your plans know to join other ECYC crews in 3 Mile for a raft up (weather permitting) and pre fireworks beach party. Watch out for details.

#### Tuesday - Thursday Summer Ideal 18 Racing Series

Please see Jon Gibbs for details.

#### **ECYC / Baldwin YC Summer Cruise**

The Baldwin YC once again invites ECYC members to join their annual summer cruise. This year the theme is: THE BIG CITY CRUISE & SURROUNDINGS

Boston - Buzzards Bay - Cape Cod Bay

#### Float Plan:

- Saturday -7/26/2014 -- Captain's choice.

## Burgee of the Month:

We always enjoy meeting visiting yachtsmen and -women, and this month we had the honor of hosting Daragh Nagle & Cathryn O'Neill (SV Chantey V) from the Royal Victoria Yacht Club in British Columbia on July 5th. You may have seen "Chantey V" moored next to Terry Stewart's "Arran" in Essex Harbor.

They sailed Chantey V from Victoria, through the Panama Canal, up the East Coast of the US with plans to reach Newfoundland then Bermuda before laying up for the winter. They chose Essex as a interim stopover anchorage while they returned to Victoria to visit family before proceeding on their voyage. During their stay in Essex, they were able to enjoy the Essex Corinthian Jazz Band, the Corinthian Café, and the many attractions of the Essex area. As a token of friendship between the "Royal Vic" YC and ECYC, Daragh exchanged burgees with Commodore Tim. We very much

enjoyed meeting the globe-trotting (or should that be "globe-sailing"...) couple and wish them Fair Winds and Following Seas!

To follow the voyage of Chantey V, please see Daragh and Catherine's blog at ChanteyV.blogspot.ca



Founded in 1892, RVYC is the oldest yacht club in British Columbia. Over the past one hundred and twenty years, RVYC has made significant contributions to the sailing, seafaring, and cruising communities of the Pacific Northwest. The impetus to form a yacht club in Victoria arose out of the City's



annual celebrations to mark Queen Victoria's May 24th birthday in 1888. Eleven local yachtsmen decided that a sailing race should be part of the festivities. The first organized yacht race to be staged in British Columbia, the event became the highlight of the celebration, with yachtsmen from American ports on Puget Sound adding an international flavor. There was considerable interest in extending the racing season beyond just the Queen's birthday; the solution was to form a yacht club. On June 8, 1892 forty-six yachtsmen founded the Victoria Yacht Club. RVYC is an active sailing club, that prides itself on being fun, friendly and affordable; a place to race; a place to start your cruise; a place to have fun with families and friends; a place to get away!

Sound familiar?

- Sunday -1121 -- Cruise begins in Gullynunk with BYOB cocklails/hors oeuvres & steak dinner at Mike and Kate Parker's home. (Port Hosts: Mike and Kate Parker.)
- Monday -7/28- Cuttyhunk -Lay day Breakfast at Cuttyhunk Fishing Club. -Tuesday -7/29 - Red Brook Harbor - stay at Kingman Yacht Center or
- Parker's Boat Yard (Port Hosts: TBD)(Cuttyhunk to Red Brook is 22 NM.) - Wednesday, 7/30 & Thursday, 7/31 - Scituate Harbor - (Port Hosts: TBD)
- (Red Brook to Scituate is 42.3 NM) (Cape Cod Canal Current: slack/flood begins at 6:17 AM; max flood is at 9:18 AM.)
- Friday, 8/1, Saturday, 8/2 & Sunday, 8/3 Boston (Port Hosts: John and Deb Rie) - stay at Constitution Marina (Scituate to Boston is 22.5 NM.)
- Monday, 8/4 & Tuesday, 8/5 Plymouth Harbor (Port Hosts: Marc and Jane Potkin) - stay at Plymouth Yacht Club or Brewer's (Boston to

Plymouth is 40.6 NM.)

- Wednesday, 8/6 -Sandwich Harbor (Port Host: TBD) (Plymouth to Sandwich is 17.3 NM.)
- Thursday, 8/7 & Friday 8/8 Padanarum Harbor stay at New Bedford Yacht Club - (Port Hosts: TBD) - Sandwich to Padanarum is 26.4 NM.) (Cape Cod Canal Current: slack/ebb begins at 7:08 AM; max ebb is at 9:55 AM.)
- Saturday, 8/9 CRUISE ENDS and we all sail/motor/drift home. Please stay tuned for more details and contact information.

#### COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Race Committee Update:

The Race Committee has been hard at work organizing our 2014 regatta activities. We are looking for a few experienced sailors to help us with committee boat activities for for the third RTB and Cross-Sound Challenge regattas.

We would also like to invite any member interested in helping us organize and promote the Cross-Sound Challenge to contact us (Terry Stewart or Ruth Emblin) to be included in an upcoming organizing committee meeting.

Watch for updates in upcoming newsletters, on our new website at www.essexcorinthian.org and in email communication.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

#### Terry Stewart Race Committee Chair

Email: racechair@essexcorinthian.org

## **House Committee Update:**

## Green Tip Of The Month

## **Boating Accessories Go Green**

Many of us are ready to "go green", when it comes to boating, but it is not always easy to know where to start. Talk to your boating products supplier to find out more about the following options:

#### **Environmentally-Friendly Cleaning Products**

Many marine cleaning products developed today demonstrate a commitment to clean water. Companies have developed non-toxic based biodegradable boat soaps, which have a minimal impact on the aquatic environment. We've also seen the introduction of color safe, oxygen release gels and cleansers that remove spots off of boats without using bleach or other hazardous materials.

#### **Environmentally-Friendly Marine Aftermarket** Accessories

Innovative companies in our industry have developed ways to extend the life of batteries in harsh marine environments. Some products are designed to reduce premature battery failure caused by periods of inactivity. These systems utilize the power of the battery and return it as a surge or pulse. These products can also revive many older batteries back to their original state.



Image from "Green Boating"; see link below!

#### Improvements in Marine Sanitation

Since the passage of the Clean Vessel Act in 1992 marine sanitation has seen remarkable improvements. Marine sanitation manufacturers are providing consumers with new products to protect the marine environment from boat sewage. Manufacturers have developed and marketed innovative technologies that treat, store and contain

Here is a link with useful information on "green boating": http://yourcruisingeditor.wordpress.com/2011/04/22/earth-day-top-10-tips-green-boating-forcruisers/

Let's all do our part to keep our waters clean and healthy for everyone to enjoy!

### Ruth Emblin

Rear Commodore & Fleet Communicator

waste more effectively.

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE SHIP'S STORE:

Since I've become a member of the House Committee group, it's been non-stop with improvements, fixes, negotiating, scheduling, maintenance, blah, blah. From the major ground floor renovation, to trying to keep the cobwebs under control on the decks. To list a few of the major activities: new heads, new office, refinished floor, new roof blower motor, stain main room walls & French door, seal leaking windows, install A/C,

replace window panes, install phone/network lines, accessorize heads, recondition grill, clean all windows and frames, install deck fans, install deck lights, repair galley appliances, replace leg pads on all chairs (60) & tables (18), paint deck tables (13), replace deck umbrellas (5), power-wash the siding, etc., etc.



Dick Arndt power-washing the Clubhouse on the work teams, took on sub

The extent of effort to keep the club building and grounds minimally functional, ideally improved and aesthetic has been a learning and very absorbing experience.

Of course without the dedicated help of a core of volunteers only a fraction would have been possible. To those who have been on the work teams, took on sub projects, took the initiative to

address an item requiring attention, I am truly appreciative of the assistance and input.

As of right now the building is (has to be) ready for all to enjoy for this summer season. It seems it takes so long to arrive and so quickly it departs. It's my hope all members find the club to be showing its best side, appreciate the improvements, and see it for being just a little bit better than last year. I will be enjoying all ECYC has to offer these next couple of months, and maybe, just maybe get a few of the second year in waiting tasks completed at my home.

### Chuck Grusse

**House Chair** 

## **Entertainment Committee Update:**

Attention all Past Commodores and Founding Members...! For our 30th anniversary we are in need of photos and stories of years gone by! If you have any photos, anecdotes and mementos that you would like to share with the entire club, please contact me. We would like to include it in our Anniversary Gala.

As the summer season continues, we have enjoyed our share of great events at ECYC. Soon we will be hosting the last RTB regatta and party, and then it is time for our signature CROSS-SOUND CHALLENGE. The plan is to make the post-regatta party the best in the area. But I will need

## Need A New Bag? Sailorbags Are Here!



ECYCers modeling some of the new Sailorbags now available at the Ship's Store

The Ship's Store is pleased to present our new Sailorbags

# Collection personalized with the ECYC burgee!

Come see the variety of models available, 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!

Toast your friends in style - and enjoy this month's special:

Etched wine glasses, usually \$7 per piece, are now \$10 for a set of 2 glasses!

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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For general questions on ECYC please refer to our website at <a href="www.essexcorinthian.org">www.essexcorinthian.org</a>, email us at <a href="ecvc@essexcyc.org">ecvc@essexcyc.org</a>, or snail-mail to

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your help to accomplish this feat.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, or wish to volunteer for set-up and break-down, food organization including bbg, please call me or email me. Other future events include the 30th Anniversary Commodores' Gala. Children's Christmas Party and New Year's Eve. If there is a anyone out there who would like to run one of these events, please let me know...I would love the help. I am particularly in need of help on the Children's party. I know it's a long way off but if we are to engage anvone we need to do it early.



Please call me at 860 227-1363 or email me at events@essexcorinthian.org.

Cheryl Arndt **Entertainment Chair** 

## Membership Update:

#### ECYC is pleased to welcome the following new/returning members:

Arnold & Margaret Chester from Old Saybrook George & Dorothy Rider from Essex Michele & Reade Quets from Essex Bruce & Taffy Glowac from Essex Bob & Agnes Robinson from Essex Patti Davidson from Old Lyme Glen & Marilyn Abrahamsson from Old Lyme (Corporate Membership)

We are glad to have them as a part of the Essex Corinthian community! Please extend them a heartfelt Corinthian welcome and introduce them to other club members.

#### **New Members:**

Your name badges are available for pick-up at the office. Please contact Elaine for details.

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

For questions, please contact

Val Votto

**Membership Chair** 

valerie@vottolaw.com

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ECYC! July 2014 Special:

Etched wine glasses, normally \$7 each, now \$10 for a set of two!

Special pricing valid through the month of July, while supplies last! See the Ship's Store for more!

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