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November 2018

## The Latest News from ECYC!



### View from the Bridge

Dear Fellow Corinthians!

I admit, I am not a fan of Daylight Savings Time ending. It kind of puts a final seal on the fact that the warm weather season is gone for good around here. It was so easy to enjoy the daylight a little longer in the evening, even though the days have steadily become shorter. But, nobody has found a way to turn back time yet, so we just have to deal with it. May I suggest enjoying the club, especially on Friday nights, as the fireplace is roaring and the galley is serving comfort food? We also have a few more events up our sleeves before the end of the year.

October at the club went by too quickly, but we were able to squeeze in a few events. The folks who joined the **Fall Raft-Up in Hamburg Cove** enjoyed a great afternoon in the very picturesque setting on the Lyme side of the river. The **Tom Clark Memorial Regatta and Party** were

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### IMPORTANT DATES:

- **November 5th - 19th: *Holiday Food Drive (see below for details)***
- **November 13th: *Ladies on Deck***
- **November 16th: *Trivia Night***
- **November 20th: *Holiday Decorating***
- **November 21st – November 26th: *Galley Closed***
- **November 22nd: *Thanksgiving – Club Closed***
- **November 25th: *Trees in the Rigging***

both very successful; this year we had about 50 people attending the post-race party - and the Tri-Club River Series trophy is back at the club thanks to the crew of Celebration (more on that below)!

Finally, the Commodores' Halloween Gala was a blast - and not just because for a while it seemed the Nor'Easter would blow the club away! We feel really sorry for you if you could not make it, because you missed a highly entertaining evening with great food, great company and an excellent live band. All in all, a very enjoyable month on the water and at the club.

As we prepare for the **Decommissioning and Annual Meeting on December 1st**, we can look back on a very successful year. All our events were wonderful, and, while we were lacking a few volunteer hands here and there, were overall enjoyable for everyone. The Entertainment Committee did a great job with our onshore parties and special events, while the offshore crew, including Race Committee and Waterfront Committee kept their end of the bargain by running great regattas and keeping our sailors safe and happy. The Race Committee is becoming a well-oiled machine ready for next year's regattas, and the Frostbiters on our Ideal 18s - well-prepped thanks to the Waterfront crew - are still sailing hard and well as the temperatures slowly drop and boats disappear from the docks and mooring fields.

**Looking towards 2019** we have a lot of activities and events planned to keep everyone entertained and engaged. Our committees are in full planning mode, but could definitely need more "hands on deck", whether on or off the water. **Please make it one of your New Year's Resolutions to volunteer at ECYC!** Our club can only function properly if everyone helps together and does not take the committees' hard work for granted. We are a "Corinthian" club driven by volunteerism, that is one of the reasons why your dues are still much more affordable than many other commensurate clubs'. We have seen a welcome increase in people coming forward to help, which makes life easier for those committee members who have been working so hard to make everyone happy! Keep going in that direction, fully embracing the "Corinthian Spirit"!

#### *Viewing Party & Holiday Bazaar*

- **December 1st: Decommissioning, Annual Meeting, New Member & Holiday Reception**
- **December 2nd: Children's Holiday Party with Santa & Sunny Train**
- **December 9th: Special Holiday Brunch**
- **December 24th – 30th: Galley Closed**
- **December 24th - 25th: Club Closed**
- **December 31st: New Year's Eve Event**

Refer to our event calendar on our website at [www.essexcorinthian.org](http://www.essexcorinthian.org) for event details!

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## VICE COMMODORE'S UPDATE

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As it always happens, we blink and another Summer has flown by. Looking back, it has been a busy season.

The Club committees have each worked hard to provide for ECYC and its membership. Our House, Entertainment and Race Committees have worked hard to provide our members with a beautiful environment and events that personify the Corinthian spirit. As a result, we have all been able to enjoy a season at a beautiful club house with many wonderful events.

For those efforts, we should all be thankful. While it may seem effortless, each and every day of the Summer involved the work of many of those who volunteer their efforts and time to our Club. I am sure you join me in thanking each and every volunteer for all they have done.

As you may have learned from our Commodore's column to the left, our galley staff, Coastal Cooking Company, has decided not to renew their contract. There is no doubt that the food and warmth they have provided has been a major part of the soul of ECYC. I am sure I speak for all of our members when I say that we will miss them and the delicious food they have served us over the years.

Part of our planning process, of course, is also the weekly dining service we offer here at ECYC. After working with us since 2010, the **Coastal Cooking Company** just informed us in late October that they will not seek a contract renewal for 2019. They will remain at the club through December and will close just before the Christmas holiday. Please be assured that there will be no interruption in dining service at the club. We are already looking for a replacement caterer, though Monique, Chef Ed and their team will be sorely missed by all. **We thank the Coastal Cooking Company for their excellent work in keeping our diners happy, and for their creative cuisine for lunches, brunches and dinners and for our many special events.** We wish them all the best for their future endeavors. We plan to be up and running with a new caterer by the time the club reopens in February of 2019.

*Please read the letter Monique and Ed have asked me to share with you all a little further below.*

Please make a **special consideration for the outgoing galley crew in your 2018 Gratuity Fund donation** to thank them for their hard work throughout the years. As you know, we ask you every year to make a contribution to this fund to show an extra bit of gratitude to everyone from our **Club Manager, the Galley, the Dauntless Marina dock personnel, as well as the cleaning crew.** If you would like to dictate how your contribution is shared, please let us know on your check, or advise Jean Little if you are charging your account. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

The **Annual Meeting Notice** will reach your mailbox in a few days. If you cannot attend on December 1st, please make sure you return the proxy by mailing it back to the office as soon as possible. The Bridge and the Board of Governors have been working hard to provide you with a workable and sustainable plan for 2019 to benefit our membership.

I wish you all a great month of November, and hope to see you all soon at our great little club!

Please feel free to contact me or any member of

Commodore Emblin has asked that I chair a committee to search for a new company to provide for our galley needs. While this is a huge task, please know, that we will have a new vendor in place by February.

Don't forget to show your appreciation to all of our staff with a contribution to the Gratuity Fund.

While the Summer season is behind us, please know there is much ahead in the remaining months of this year.

Respectfully submitted,

**Chris Morano**

*Vice Commodore*

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## REAR COMMODORE'S UPDATE:

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At the request of our membership chairman, we will have another Nautical Trivia Night Friday, November 16th! **Unlike last April when we discouraged members from bringing guests for fear of overcrowding, this time we want people to bring prospective members, and a few close friends are okay as well.** This is a fun night and therefore a good time to show prospective members our club culture. Being the Friday before Thanksgiving, there will also be a turkey shoot whereby you can decorate your table with your quarry, if you are a good shot.

Stand by for e-blasts as the time approaches. Invite prospective members now!

**Tom Atkinson**

*Rear Commodore*

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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:**



Ahoy Members of Essex Corinthian Yacht Club!

We have been enjoying some of our Fall festivities at our great little club. The Tom Clark Memorial Race in October was another great event! The post race party was well attended. We enjoyed great food and company while learning a bit more about Tom Clark who this race is named after.

The Commodores Gala was held on October 27th. The club was decorated for Halloween. Those who attended enjoyed great music and a wonderful buffet of appetizers and dinner which were symbolic of the Hippies, Gypsies and Free Spirit theme.

Our next events are the Trees in the Rigging Boat Parade and Holiday Bazaar on November 25th. Join us for the parade and do some Holiday shopping!

We will be having a club Holiday decorating party on Tuesday November 20th at 6:30 pm. Bring an appetizer to share and join us in creating a



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## **A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER:**

Monthly and year to date financials are available at all times to all members at ECYC and will be available and discussed at the Annual Meeting.

If you have any specific questions please feel free to contact me at 860-767-5011 or by email [susanamalan@gmail.com](mailto:susanamalan@gmail.com)

Respectfully submitted,

**Susan Malan**

*Treasurer*

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**



### **TREES IN THE RIGGING VIEWING PARTY & HOLIDAY BAZAAR, NOVEMBER 25TH**

Our annual Trees in the Rigging Viewing Party & Holiday Bazaar will be held on Sunday, November 25th. It will be a member-catered event, so bring appetizers and snacks to share. BYOB.

Due to the potential to overcrowd we will once again use a sign-up system. Please watch for an email with a link to our event sign-up page arriving soon. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the dining room - just make sure you register to be able to enjoy the show from the club.

We will also hold our annual Holiday Bazaar. Please donate decorative and festive items to this sale which benefits the club's plans for the River



festive club for the Holiday Season!

The Children's Holiday party is on December 2nd. There will be entertainment for the children and of course the most important guest "Santa" will stop by for a visit.

Finally, we are working on a New Year's event. More details to follow.

Enjoy this beautiful fall weather! We look forward to seeing you at the club!

***Nancy Simms & Pat Atkinson***

*Co-Chairs Entertainment*

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## SAVE THE DATE!

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### LADIES ON DECK NOVEMBER 13TH

Join us at our monthly ladies' get together on Tuesday, November 13th, starting at 6:00 pm.

These casual get-togethers are the perfect opportunity to meet your fellow ECYC Ladies, and make new friends.

We are currently looking for a host for the November 13th LoD (a.k.a. Ladies in the Clubhouse at that time of the year), 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.

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## HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Now through November 19th

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Room! We are still collecting funds, we have a long way to go to be able to initiate the renovations we are hoping for.

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## SAVE THE DATE!

### 2018 DECOMMISSIONING, ANNUAL MEETING, AWARDS & HOLIDAY RECEPTION - DECEMBER 1ST

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December 1st marks the date for our Decommissioning, Annual Meeting, Awards & Holiday Reception.

Please attend to vote on the club's future, find out who will receive an award, and enjoy a holiday member reception during which the new members of the last few months will be officially introduced. Finger food will be provided by the Coastal Cooking Company.

Please watch for your official invitation and document package in the mail in the next few days.

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## MORE EVENTS:

### CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 2ND

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On December 2nd we will hold our traditional Children's Holiday Party with a visit from Santa and fun activities by special entertainment group "Sunny Train".

Bring a wrapped gift for each child attending with you. There will be snacks and drinks for kids and adults (adults, please BYOB if you wish to have an alcoholic beverage).

The Entertainment Team needs volunteers to help



Please donate canned and non-perishable food items to our food drive. Let's make the holiday season a little easier on those who are not as lucky as we are.

We will have a box or tub in the River Room waiting for your donations to the Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Pantry.

The following items are appreciated:

Canned Tuna or Salmon Canned Beef, Chicken or Turkey, Peanut Butter, Meal-in-a-Can, Canned Beans, Dried Beans or Legumes, Cake, Muffin or Pancake Mix, Dried Fruit or Nuts, Oatmeal, Breakfast Cereal, Juice or Juice Boxes, Spaghetti Sauce, Shelf-Stable Milk, Canned Fruit, Holiday Foods - all non-perishable foods are accepted!

run this event. Please contact Nancy Simms as soon as possible if you are interested.

Please email: [npsimms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:npsimms@sbcglobal.net)

## NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS VIEWING & RACLETTE DINNER PARTY



You may remember that last year's New Year's Eve fireworks had to be cancelled due to ice dams on the river. Well, EYC is trying again this year, and we will be able

to benefit from their endeavors! We are planning a viewing party complete with a Raclette Dinner, a very special experience and tradition your current Commodore enjoys to celebrate the end of the Old and the beginning of the New Year! If you love cheese and you have never had Raclette, you are in for a treat!

Due to the nature of this special dining experience (the Raclette cheese has to be special ordered in advance) we will limit this event to 40 people, so watch out for an email with sign-up information. Be advise that the fee (t.b.d.) will include a \$15 donation to EYC to help with the cost of the fireworks. BYOB.

## WATERFRONT UPDATE:

The **Thomas Clarke Memorial Race** capped off a great fall Tri Club River Race Series. Two PHRF fleets and an Ideal 18 with spinnaker fleet were fielded in a growing fleet. Jeff Going in Celebration sailed away in the Willets and kept on going....see Bill Robinson's report for all the details. The season ending party after showed our club at its best once again!

The distance spinnaker in One Design fleet racing in the Ideal 18s at the Willets and the Clark made for some interesting new challenges, with both

## A LETTER FROM THE



*Good afternoon to all my  
Essex Corinthian Yacht Club friends,*

*The opportunity to work with the ECYC and its members for the past 8 years has been an amazing experience that I will always have grown from. Being a woman who has always had an entrepreneurial spirit, this has been a worthwhile*

days of racing showing plenty of drama and lead changes. The ECYC deck gallery may need to get stronger binoculars! We look forward to expanding our Ideal 18 spinnaker racing into Thursday night racing next summer, as well as with the River Races.

We have had two weeks of topsy-turvy racing in challenging conditions but generally good breeze. Great measures of humility were provided for all. Persevering were Sam Berman sailing with Tom Atkinson sailing Dauntless to third place on week one, and (after a blow out cancellation week two) Cindy Gibbs with Matt Melius on Dragonfly, who took four first place finishes to win the day in a close battle with Carter Gowrie on week three. The rest of us have had enough good individual races to remain interested.

Contact me at [fleetcaptain@essexcorinthian.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@essexcorinthian.org) if interested in joining the Ideal Fleet Racing Team, or to qualify to take our boats out for day-sailing.

***Jon Gibbs***

*Fleet Captain*

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## REGATTA UPDATE:

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### Thomas Clark Memorial Race

ECYC's Clark Memorial Race was held on Saturday, October 20th, and was the final race of the 2018 Tri Club River Race Series. In one of the strongest showings in recent memory, we had 17 boats register and 15 ultimately made it to the starting line. The inclusion of both Ideal 18 and MC Scows, competing in their respective one design fleets, were a big part of this expansion and we hope the trend continues! The traditional PHRF boats competed for the annual Clark trophy and were 10 strong, split into 2 classes.

Conditions were "sporty", to say the least, with

*challenge. And I am so proud of the work Ed, I and the entire CCC crew accomplished over the years.*

*We want to thank the ECYC boards, past and present, as well as members for supporting our efforts to provide you with not only quality and delicious food but to allow us to show that our efforts come from the heart. Every year has had its challenges but after 8 we are so happy with what we provided you and accomplished.*

*We have made such wonderful acquaintances and friends here at the ECYC that we will never forget. We hope that everyone will continue to stay in touch with us and consider us friends as well. If there is anything the ECYC board or members need we hope you won't hesitate to ask. Our door is always open.*

*Ed is looking forward to a bit more time to relax, watch some football and put his feet up a bit more than he has. Continuing his educational requirements for his professional teaching career will be on his agenda as well. He has dedicated countless hours to the betterment of what we offered you in terms of food and hospitality, always with a smile on his face.*

*Coastal Cooking Company and I will be available for home catering, platters and private events, as well as pursuing a personal endeavor of researching and looking for viable opportunities with nonprofit organizations dedicated to giving opportunity of education and independence to the young girls and women of the world somewhere in some way. I will also dedicate some additional time to my mom and enjoying our time together as much as possible. Promoting education and independence to young girls is a calling my mom has shared with me, which I am proud to carry forth.*

*Ed and I look forward to sharing our paths with all of you at the ECYC.*

*Many Thanks,  
Monique, Ed and the entire Coastal Cooking Co.  
Crew*

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gusts from the west consistently reaching into the 20s. After 2 light and shifty races earlier in the month, I think everyone enjoyed the fast reaches and top boat speeds. The smiles were undoubtedly widest on trimaran *Blue Steel* (line honors), who sported a rooster tail at 20+knots throughout the race.

In the Ideal 18 fleet, congrats to **Jon Gibbs**, who pulled out a come-from-behind victory in the very last section of the race over EYC's Jack Frost. PYC's Bob Wynkoop took home the top prize in MC Scows.

In the overall combined PHRF fleet, **Toby Doyle's Flo** won the day in a strong showing from start to finish. DIYC's Matt Rennie (last years overall winner) finished 4 minutes behind on corrected time, while **Jeff Going & Eddie Birch** (*Celebration*) were under 2 minutes behind them in 3rd. **Jim Francis' Excellent** was the other notable ECYC'er, claiming 3rd place in PHRF 1.

Despite *Flo's* 1st place, it wasn't enough to hold off *Celebration* for the overall 2018 Tri Club River Series. Deservedly so, as I can personally attest to watching their transom way too much this year! Congrats again to **Jeff & Ed**, who sailed a tremendous series scoring a 1st, 1st, and 3rd, winning the tiebreaker over **Toby's** scoring line of 2nd, 2nd, 1st. Great to see both the Clark and Tri Club trophies back home at ECYC!

The regatta committee would once again like to thank our PROs, **Jane Reilly & Dan Rennie**. They make on the water race management look easy, and were ably assisted by the spirited team of **Leah Melius, Sharon Tracy, and Jean Delia**. More thanks to **Chris Morano, Toby Doyle, and Bill Robinson**, who lent their power boats for committee boat and mark boat. Last but not least, **Nancy Simms** and "grill master" **Pete Simms** put on a delicious spread, with **Pat and Tom Atkinson** topping it off with a number of delicious desserts. Safe to say the word is out that ECYC knows how to put on a regatta!

### **Bill Robinson**

*Race Committee Chair*

Email: [racechair@essexcorinthian.org](mailto:racechair@essexcorinthian.org)

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## GALLEY UPDATE:

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Even though the deck is no longer open to dining as days get shorter and colder, we can look forward

to fall-themed cuisine and comfort food served in our dining room. Please refer to our weekly menu emails for details on "What's Cooking at the Corinthian Cafe"!

**On November 16th, the Coastal Cooking Company will feature a buffet dinner with Mexican flavors!**

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please contact our Galley Liaison at the email address shown below.

### **Chris Morano**

*Galley Liaison*

Email: [galleyliaison@essexcorinthian.org](mailto:galleyliaison@essexcorinthian.org)

## Late Fall 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

### Brunch:

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

**Due to the Thanksgiving week traditionally being a time when dining at the club is very light, the Coastal Cooking Company will close the galley from Wednesday, November 21st through Sunday, November 25th.**



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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

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Hello, my fellow ECYC Members:

We have come up with a few good ideas to help grow our membership this fall/winter! We are hosting a Nautical Trivia Game Night on Friday, November 16th! We are asking attending members to bring a guest or friend to this fun event. The board is also working on other creative ideas to boost membership, stay tuned!

We look forward to seeing you and your guest at Nautical Trivia Night on Friday, November 16th!



Remember, any new member who joins now will only pay the initiation fee at the 2018 rate, and still be able to enjoy all the club has to offer during the holidays. Dues will not be invoiced until February 2019.

Cheers,

*Cindy Gibbs*

Membership Chair

Email: [membership@essexcorinthian.org](mailto:membership@essexcorinthian.org)



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 FALL 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.*

### NO SMOKING AT ECYC:

The clubhouse, the decks, stairs 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:

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. **YOUR GALLEY MINIMUM GOES TO THE CLUB.**

### 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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*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 benefit the club and its members!

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