



THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB



The Jazz Band returns on Wednesday nights!

ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS:

Jazz Band at The Corinthian Cafe on Wednesday nights beginning June 5th

Spring Hamburg Cove Raft Up Saturday, June 8th, 12 noon. Sign up in the dining room. If you don't have a boat, we will get you to the raft up. BYOB and snacks. Wear name tags.

Kayaking at Smith's Cove, Old Lyme - Sunday, June 9th.

1st ECYC-EYC Buoy Race and Party at ECYC - Sunday, June 23rd.

4th of July Essex Harbor Boat Parade and **Party & Cookout** at the club. Please stay tuned for details!

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Fellow Corinthians,

Our season is really getting into stride across a wide spectrum of club activities. It's great to see so many Corinthians come out of hibernation to enjoy ECYC.

On shore, we have the Jazz Band making its club debut on Wednesday, June 5th for its 23rd consecutive season. A fun tradition in the middle of the week! The club was also the place to be for another spectacular Mother's Day brunch enjoyed by many ECYC families. Sunday dinners will be starting June 2nd. A great time to visit the club!

Off shore, our on water activities span from partying at the Spring Hamburg Cove Raft Up on Saturday, June 8th, to our next kayaking excursion at Smith's Cove on Sunday, June 9th to exciting 12 Meter racing in Newport on Saturday, June 22nd. I am very pleased to report ECYC has full crews on the 12 Meters Columbia and Neferiti as we race boats from EYC, Pettipaug, Baldwin, North Cove, and Frostbite.

We will also have our first fun "round the buoys" race with EYC on Sunday, June 23rd, followed by a combined 12 Meter and Buoy Race Awards Party at the club that afternoon.

We are excited to announce a club cruise to the Grenadines in 2014. See the update below for details.

To support our communication efforts, we are very pleased to introduce our new club webmaster, Ruth Emblin, henceforth to be known as "Fleet Communicator". Ruth has extensive experience with club-related electronic communication having just completed her term as president of The Scuba Sports Club of New York. Now that she has "surfaced" from that responsibility, we are very happy she has agreed to help us with the website and editing Bell 8. Thank you, Ruth!

Please check out the club's new web site at www.essexcyc.org. Our Facebook



OFF SHORE NEWS & EVENTS:

Essex harbor is starting to fill up with boats and we're finally beginning to actually register a flood current at certain stages - a sure and welcome sign that the fresh and spring rains are dwindling. That said; do remain on the lookout for submerged snags in the river!

PHRF Fun Racing with ECYC - Update:

Our first PHRF "Fun Race" with EYC is set for Sunday, June 23rd with the first gun at 12:00. Course will be set in LIS of approximate lengths of 10 - 15 miles (depending on conditions) using government marks. These races are intended for all participants - novice to very experienced. We'll keep the races short and anticipate a low stress, high fun-factor experience for all. PHRF boats over 23 feet in length, non-spinnaker, cruising canvas only. NOR and Sailing Instructions will be posted in the club.

Volunteer needed!

I am looking for a volunteer to provide a finishing line boat and crew. This assignment requires only that you record finishing places and times. You will station at the finish line (Bell 8 vicinity) and see boats over the line. Your total time on station should be approximately one hour. Contact me if you can help out.

Learn to Sail Programs:

Ed Birch has space in the Tuesday evening class. Please contact Elaine in the office for sign-up. Cindy Gibbs' Ladies-Only Learn-to-Sail program on Monday evenings is full. Stay tuned for another session this summer. Many thanks to our intrepid instructors for their skill and patience in preparing our 2013 class of new sailors.

3 Mile Harbor Raft Up & Club

page also provides current club updates and has an increasing audience. Become a "fan" to get club updates. Make it a good month!

Terry Stewart

Commodore
Essex Corinthian Yacht Club



2013 Marblehead to Halifax Race

We are very excited and proud ECYC will be represented in this year's Marblehead to Halifax Race, sponsored by the Boston Yacht Club and the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron.

ECYC member Harry Bird will skipper Bluebird with fellow Corinthians in this year's race. Harry is an accomplished off shore sailor and racer. He has placed in the Newport - Bermuda race and sailed in the 2011 Halifax Race.



With Harry's encouragement, our club's racing resume now ranges from one design racing in the river, to PHRF racing in the Sound, to international blue water racing!

The Race will start in Marblehead on July 6th. For information on the race and to track our crew during the race, please see:

http://www.marbleheadtohalifax.com/page/the_race

Go Bluebird!

Grenadines 2014:

A club cruise to the Grenadines is now forming for the week of February 22nd, 2014. ECYC member Jim Pfeffer is organizing charter boats and crews for an amazing sail to some of the most spectacular cruising grounds in the world. Please contact Jim to express interest at jpfeffer@tannenbaumtreasures.com



Hamburg Cove Mooring:

The club's Hamburg Cove mooring is IN!

GPS Coordinates: N 41° 22.437' W 072° 21.765'

Cruise:

Our ECYC Club Cruise this year will kick off on Saturday morning, July 20th with an informal Club Race from Saybrook Point to 3 Mile Harbor (Sammy's Beach party in the afternoon, fireworks at 9 PM). We will coordinate beach party activities with our own Deborah Rie (johnrie@sbcglobal.net), who is coordinating the event for the Baldwin Yacht Club. Please contact Deb if you have a party idea.

On Sunday, July 21st the Cruise will head for Block Island and on from BI to Newport and Cuttyhunk, returning to Essex via Newport, Watch Hill (and/or Block). For those with more time to cruise, our ECYC Cruise can be linked with the Baldwin YC Cruise, which kicks off on our return date of July 27th.

Tim Brewer

Vice Commodore



COMMITTEE UPDATES

House & Grounds Update:

I hope you all have had the opportunity to appreciate the efforts of Jean Delia with her gardening additions to the club entrance. It does make such a difference. May, like each of the spring/summer months, has passed so quickly. So much to do, so little time.

Progress continues on many fronts, Andy Roussel caulked the sunroom window, will be doing same on the large river room window. Awning is in place on the deck. The first of two AC window units has been delivered, installation being pursued. Accessories are being added to the new heads, towel and soap dispensers to date, partitions for the men's head should be first week of June.

Repairs to galley appliances were completed, as was carpet installation edging. Brewers completed deck support enhancements, greatly appreciated by the Board.

As mentioned in previous months'

This is a slight move to the north from last year.

Please see our mooring use guidelines in last month's Bell 8 and on our website.



L: view from the mooring; r: our mooring in Hamburg Cove

High School Sailing Club:

ECYC is proud to co-sponsor (along with the Essex and Pettipaug Yacht Clubs) the Valley Regional High School Sailing Club as our way of encouraging the next generation of sailing families in our area.

The club is in the midst of the spring sailing season and puts three 420 crews on the line in regional competition. This is a rebuilding and training year as the most experienced skippers graduated last year. The younger sailors are seeing good improvement.

The club practices at Pettipaug on Tuesdays and Thursdays. ECYC members are welcome to visit.

Corinthian Kayakers:

Calling all Corinthian Kayakers: The next kayak excursion will be Sunday, June 9th at Smith's Cove in Old Lyme.

We will meet at noon, high tide will be 11:55 am. Cross over the Baldwin Bridge to Old Lyme, stay right on Rt 156 and follow road for about 1.7 miles. You will see Smith's Neck Road on right., follow it (.7 miles) all the way to the end, you will see a large parking area and a paved launch area, unload your equipment and then park back up the hill.

We will head out to the left of the launch area and pick-up the Black Hall River on our left. This will keep us out of any heavy boat traffic. I anticipate about 2-2.5 hours to traverse the Black Hall. Be sure to bring sun block, water, any snacks for energy and a camera or binoculars for birding etc.

Heavy winds or rain will cancel. Any questions, needs, or wants let me know. We will still need extra equipment as before so thank you if you can bring additional boats and paddles.

Please contact Don Shannehan with questions and to get involved.
donshannehan@sbcglobal.net

newsletters there are a number of house committee sub-teams formed with specific objectives. They include:

Activity	Lead	✓
Power-wash exterior	Steve Rodstrom	
Replace potting soil	Jack MacElwee	✓
Repair stationary windows	Andy Roussel	
Paint shutters, window cover	Lew Davidson	✓
Clean windows, frame, sash	Chuck Grusse	
Enhance front porch	Terry Stewart	
Deck maintenance	vacant	

All members are welcome and urged to assist any team to complete its objective task. Please contact team lead to join any of the respective teams. Future teams will be created as projects are defined.

I will be reaching out to the committee and membership at large for added upcoming projects. More will follow as each is defined.

Chuck Grusse
House Chair

House Requests:

We are looking for artwork to go up in the ladies head. If you have a picture(s) you would like to donate to the club, please contact House Chair Chuck Grusse.

We are also looking for a small window air conditioner to go into the new club office. If you have a unit you are no longer using, please contact Chuck.

Galley Update:

For club members who bring guests to the club who wish to pick up their own tab, the guest may charge their meals to their own credit card by completing a



Club News:

2013 Club Rosters are in! Please stop by Elaine's office on your next visit to the club to pick up this year's club roster. The rosters look spectacular with this year's cover painting by ECYC member Jack MacElwee.



We've heard several requests for prints of this year's and last year's covers by Jack. We are pleased Jack has made a limited number of prints available through the Ship's Store. Please see Jean Brewer if you are interested.

Thank you, Jack!

Club History:

Club History Test Question from last month:

Who is this smartly turned out yachtsman and why is he part of ECYC history? Why is he holding a stuffed animal?

Answer:

Walter Rowe. Walter can be considered the father of modern yachting in Essex. He was the first commodore of the Essex Yacht Club and was instrumental in putting Essex on the map for dingy racing, a tradition that continues 80 years later to this day in the form of Frostbiting. Walter was a founder of the Frostbite YC, EYC and, if that was not enough, Pettipaug as well. Walt led the efforts to build what is today our clubhouse in 1936. The clubhouse was designed by Walt's father-in-law, Hervey Stockmel. This picture was taken in the 1930's at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club when Walter led a group of Essex Frostbiters to race against RBYC members. He is holding a polar bear which symbolizes the Essex Frostbite fleet. You can tell who won that day! Walter attended the first commissioning of the Corinthian in 1984. His wife Grace, who was present in 1936 when our club was first commissioned as the EYC, still lives in Essex. She toured the club last year and commented Walt would be pleased with what we've done with the club house while maintaining our casual version of the Corinthian spirit.



Walter Rowe

Congratulations to **Cindy Gibbs** who correctly identified Walt. Several of our members knew Walt well.

Promote ECYC!

credit card form available from the galley. This policy is the same as for visiting members from other yacht clubs.

To support the galley's lunch operation during the week, we will once again invite members from local "galley-less" yacht clubs to have lunch at ECYC this summer. Please make visiting club members feel welcome as you always do.

Club Dinghy Rack Relocated:

The Club's dinghy rack is now located behind the "Chandlery" building at the eastern edge of the parking lot. Brewers will provide a trolley for members to move their dinghies for launching. Brewers is working to improve the appearance of the area where the rack was previously located.

Membership Update:

WELCOME!

The Board of Governors has approved the membership of **Alex Bell & Julie Burdelski** of Essex. Alex & Julie, sponsored by Chuck Grusse, have attended several functions at ECYC and are excited to become members.

We are also pleased to announce that **Bob & Ellie Edgeworth** have rejoined.

Please make returning and new members feel welcome and introduce them to your fellow Corinthians!

The perfect way to promote ECYC and show your club spirit throughout the season on and off shore is by flying or wearing the club burgee! Fly it right! Consult Eldridge or Chapman for guidelines.

See Jean Brewer at the Ship's Store for all the new items she has added to the store's selection! Check below for monthly specials!

Kudos to the Shannehan family for an outstanding example of the Corinthian Spirit by their grandchildren. What better way to come dressed when visiting Essex!



BYOB - Discount:

Reminder:



ECYC members get a dollar off per bottle purchased at That's the Spirit Wine Shoppe on Main Street in Essex. Simply show your membership card at check out. See Elaine if you don't have a membership card.



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Save **\$10 off Men's and Women's vests** on **Friday, June 7th ONLY!**

Toast your friends with the new etched wine glasses, \$5.00 each, on Friday night! We once again carry beautiful etched rocks glasses.

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Membership Sponsoring Special @ The Ship's Store!

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A reminder that current ECYC members in good standing will receive a \$75 Corinthian Credit to the Ship's Store for any new members they sponsor though the end of June.

Vest offer available ONLY on Friday, June 7th; new member offer expires: June 30th, 2013