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Essex Corinthian Yacht Club

June 2017



THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

OFF-SHORE

IDEAL 18 FLEET NEWS

All three Ideal 18s are cleaned up now after winter storage and frostbiting and are ready to go for the summer. And each boat now has two paddles after having struggled myself to get out in a head wind. Each boat has a sign inside the cockpit warning of submerged rocks northwest of Nott Island (which were the likely cause of Dragonfly's keel damage) and that you are to stay in the channel between the mooring fields when entering and exiting the basin per Essex Harbor Commission orders. This last one is a downer for me as I have always enjoyed sailing directly at the occupied cockpits of moored boats during cocktail hour to either give them a thrill or cause enough panic to get them to spill their drinks, and then veer away at the last second (just kidding...). This coming weekend the boats will be used by The Corinthians for a regatta hosted by EYC and so they are not available for pleasure sailing.



After this weekend's regatta the club's Ideal 18s are available for any qualified skippers to take out other club members or guests (please familiarize yourself with our Ideal 18 Usage Guidelines).

- Please sign out the boats and follow the rules posted on the Ideal 18 bulletin board.
- Bring a VHF radio. If you do not have your own, please ask Jean Little or me about using the club's radios. Please ensure you return the radios to their chargers after use.
- Life jackets must be worn at all times. There are a couple of spare life jackets in the lockers next to the side door.
- Check that each boat has two paddles as it can be difficult to clear the outer docks.

For graduates of Cindy Gibb's racing clinic and any other qualified skippers who feel they are ready to test themselves one of our Frostbite skippers will be happy to crew for you in the Tuesday night EYC races which we are allowed to participate in. The racing is not highly competitive and is a good stepping stone to Frostbiting, the Rum Challenge, and the team race.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- June 4th: 1st ECYC/EYC Round the Buoy Regatta
- June 5th: Ladies Sailing Starts
- June 7th: Wednesday Night Music starts with Corinthian Jazz Band
- June 9th - 10th: Spring Off- Soundings OSYC
- June 11th: Spring Raft Up @ Hamburg Cove
- June 16th: Docktailes
- June 18th Father's Day Brunch
- July 4th Boat Parade and Cookout
- July 9th ECYC/EYC "Round the Buoys Regatta"
- July 11th Maritime Art Reception at LAA



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

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Fellow Corinthians!

Contact Tom Atkinson (860- 662-4005) or Jon Gibbs (860-391-5700) if you are interested.

Note: All members and guests using the Ideal 18s must sign the waiver and contact information forms, and sign out on the bulletin board in the River Room as well!

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Tom Atkinson

Fleet Captain

Email: fleetcaptain@essexcorinthian.org

Race Committee Update

Upcoming Regattas:

Round-the Buoys Friendly Series Dates:
Sunday, June 4th - Sunday, July 9th - Sunday, August 6th
Spring Off Soundings: June 9th - 10th
Essex Rum Challenge: Saturday, July 22nd
North Cove Outer Light Classic: Saturday, July 22nd
Essex YC Sam Wetherill Overnight Race: Friday, August 18th
Tri-Club Leukemia Cup Regatta: August 26th
Fall Off Soundings: September 15th - 16th
ECYC Cross Sound Challenge: September 23rd
ECYC Thomas Clark Memorial (Tri-Club River Series): October 21st

Thanks in advance to all our Race Committee and Protest Committee volunteers. Without the help of these club members we would not be able to sustain our PHRF racing program! If you'd like to be involved in planning one of the friendly Round the Buoy Races, the Cross Sound Challenge or the Thomas Clark Memorial, please contact me at racechair@essexcorinthian.org.

See you on the water,

Tim Brewer

2017 Race Committee Chair

Email: racechair@essexcorinthian.org



ON-SHORE

Entertainment Committee Update:



Wednesday Night Music to start June 7th

Ahoj, All Members of Essex Corinthian Yacht Club!

As you know summer is soon upon us and as always goes by quickly. Therefore, we are apprising you of upcoming events. Particularly, our annual **4th of July Picnic**. This will include, the 4th of July boat parade, as well as a picnic to follow. Music will be provided this year by the **Arrowhead String Band!** Those of you who came to the LLS Benefit

Here we go again! We have a busy Summer planned and it's hard to believe we are currently working on the **4th of July Boat Parade and Cookout** event. Please sign up early so we can make plans accordingly. With all of the events going on this year remember they are run by volunteers and without them we would not have such great parties. Please think about saying yes to an event which is a great way to meet other fellow Corinthians. You definitely get out what you put into it. Some upcoming events include our first **Round the Buoys Regatta**, the **Spring Raft-Up in Hamburg Cove** and the return of **Wednesday Night Music Program**. Please review the calendar for details.

Now that the weather is finally nice and Friday nights are getting busy, remember to order from the Galley sooner rather than later. Please do take a moment to read the **revised Food Rule 12** now posted upstairs. It is important that everyone knows this revision.

Membership Update:

We are currently down about 14 members from last year after bringing in seven new members. We need your help to bring in new members from our surrounding communities. Remember boating is only part of our club and prospects do not have to have a boat to join. The application is on our website and I would be happy to go over it with you. Remember it's the people that make ECYC fun!

BOG 2018:

We are currently looking to fill some slots on next year's Board Of Governors, so now is the time to raise your hand. Several terms are ending including mine and I want to start next year well prepared. This is a great service for our Club and you will enjoy the experience. Please contact me for details.

Please note that the list of BOG meeting dates is posted on the board outside our office. Members are welcome. Please let us know if you wish to attend.

Have a great month!

Steve Rodstrom

Commodore



Vice Commodore's Update:

While the weather hasn't been cooperating as much as we would have liked, we have enjoyed a few nice days here and there. Last night a few intrepid members braved the cooling temperatures and had their dinner on the club deck anyway! Our dining room has been very busy lately, and the galley is hopping. Please remember to stagger your arrival and order as soon as you get to the club. If too many orders go in at the same time, our intrepid galley crew will be hard pressed to get it all out at the same time. CCC has been offering great pre-made cheese platters for those of you who want instant gratification!

A heartfelt word of thanks to everyone among you who came to the "ECYC Cares: Benefit for LLS" last month. The turn-out was better than expected, and with the able help of a very dedicated crew of volunteers as well as a wonderful (donated) performance by the Arrowhead String Band, we enjoyed a great evening among friends. The silent auction was a hit, and we were able to donate over \$4,000 to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the evening's success!

Our **Wednesday Night Music program is starting on June 7th** with the return of the Corinthian Jazz Band! The program for upcoming Wednesday nights will be posted soon, so stay tuned! CCC will once again provide dinner service for these evenings.

On **Sunday, June 11th**, is our traditional **Spring Hamburg Cove Raft-Up**. Mark Bavolack is your contact. Dick and Cheryl Arndt have graciously agreed to have their M/V Raggamuffin act as the anchor boat on the club mooring, and other club vessels are welcome to raft up to them. More information to follow!

The **July 4th Harbor Parade and Cook-Out** is coming up quickly as well...the Entertainment Committee is busy planning the event. As soon as we have all the details we will publish an event page for sign-ups. Please note that we will have only a limited number of tickets available to accommodate everyone comfortably. Sign up as soon as the event page is live to avoid getting shut out!

experienced their great performance, and we are thrilled that they are coming back to ECYC!

As always, the club will provide hamburgers hot dogs, condiments and dessert. We are requesting club members kindly provide salads and appetizers to compliment our meal. To accommodate those who wish to attend we are asking that you sign up for this event no later than Wednesday June 28th. The cost per person will be \$20.00 with children under 5 free. An event page with sign-up information will be posted shortly.

Those who wish to provide a salad or appetizer please email Pat Atkinson or Nancy Simms (see contact information below) to let us know what you would like to bring.

Our summer entertainment series will begin on **June 7th** with the **Corinthian Jazz Band**, starting off our season. They will play every other Wednesday evening for our summer series. We have several other great talents rounding out the month of June and July. We have **Russ Becker on June 14th** and **Scott Konrad and the Occasional Jazz Band playing on June 28th**. Starting out the month of July we have **Megan Erichetti** sharing her wonderful singing talent with accompaniment. Please take some time to enjoy dinner and entertainment on these upcoming Wednesday evenings this summer.

You will be pleasantly entertained!

We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events!

**Pat Atkinson
& Nancy Simms**
Co-Chairs Entertainment
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or pat-events@essexcorinthian.org

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Docktailes June 16th 5:30 - 7pm

Join fellow Corinthians for cocktails on the dock (BYOB) and light appetizers.

A great time to catch up with old and new friends, before heading up to dinner. \$7 per person goes toward

the munchies provided. We will have bar set ups on the lower dock area as well. No reservation required, we look forward to seeing you there.

Special Functions Update:

Spring Hamburg Cove Raft-Up, June 11th



Well it may not look or feel like it's time for a Raft Up.....
(Welcome to New England) !!!

Sign up even if you do not have a boat we will provide transportation .

A very special, exclusive event will follow on July 11th: The Lyme Art Association is hosting a special Maritime Art Exhibition Reception exclusively for yacht club members. Their committee has been assembling an astounding collection of maritime art which is definitely worth seeing! Yours truly has been working as the liaison for the association, so I can guarantee you a very enjoyable reception. The event is free of charge and music, drinks and snacks will be provided. I will publish more information soon.

Our volunteers are working hard to create a great lineup of events for everyone. Please support their efforts by attending as many of them as possible. **More on upcoming events in our Entertainment Update on the left!**

Please contact me at vicecommodore@essexcorinthian.org if you would like to help out at any of our events, or even better, all our events! Our success hinges on the involvement of our volunteers. Please get involved!

Remember, our events are listed online at our website, just go to www.essexcorinthian.org ... and click on "Events"!

Ruth Emblin

Vice Commodore
Email: vicecommodore@essexcorinthian.org



Rear Commodore's Update:

With the arrival of June, things are starting to happen. The harbor mooring field is filling and many on the water activities are approaching. Right out of the gate are the "Round The Buoy" Races, Spring Off Soundings, Ladies Sailing Classes and more. **Keep an eye on the Club calendar for these and other upcoming events.**

On shore there are many planned activities as well. The recent Leukemia & Lymphoma Society fundraiser was well attended and helped raise funds for a very worthwhile cause. Once again, keep any eye on the calendar and email alerts to learn more.

Preparing for these many events requires a lot of planning. Not only in people power, but also in ensuring that we are in compliance with the relevant laws and regulations. Our off shore committees have been doing this for years, making sure that every event, from regattas to our 4th of July parades, are properly registered and run pursuant to State, Local and Coast Guard requirements.

On land events also face related regulatory issues. The most serious of these is compliance with Liquor Control Regulations. As you know, the Club is blessed to be a BYOB facility and for years, other that's addressing insurance issues, further legal requirements have not been examined. As social functions have grown over time, they have evolved into the sale of tickets to fund food, entertainment and yes, even alcohol. As a result, an examination of this issue was commenced to address any potential compliance problems. In short, after a review of State Statutes and discussions with the Liquor Control Commission, it is clear that any paid ticket function serving alcohol, must be covered by a liquor permit. Failure to comply puts the Club in violation of State Law, its lease and its insurance coverage. While this is a serious issue, it can be easily addressed.

In preparing for the recent Leukemia Cup kick-off event, the Club applied for and obtained a one day Temporarily Permit. It cost less than \$100 but required the signed approval of four Town Departments and The Connecticut State Police. While it was quite an undertaking, it was very comforting to know all was in order on the night of the event. Many thanks to Ruth Emblin, who not only volunteered to be the "Permittee," but also took the "Tips" class that was a prerequisite for the permit.

While this temporary solution addressed one function, there is a need to settle this matter for the long term. The solution is the apply for a "Club" permit. It comes with an annual \$400 fee and will cover all Club onsite events. Best of all, it still allows Club members to BYOB. Most importantly, it will place the Club in compliance with the law, our lease and our insurance policies.

After hearing these concerns at the last Board Meeting, a resolution was passed to seek a Club Liquor Permit. This does not mean the Club intends to open a bar, as it does not. Everything will stay the same, we will just be following the law and allowing all of us to rest assured, while we enjoy the many special functions ahead. Stay tuned, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Date: Sunday, June 11th
Location: Hamburg Cove
Time: Noon

The Raft Up is a great time to meet other members as well as enjoy the beautiful area. In advance, thank you to the Arndt's for stepping in to be the anchor boat .

Think sun!

Stay tuned for further details!

I am working on many more offerings in 2017 and hope that you will participate and enjoy them. Suggestions always welcome, enjoy spring and stay tuned !

Cheers,

Mark Bovolack

Special Functions Coordinator
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House Committee Update:

Well, I'll be quick this month. Off to a Grand Canyon raft run (bucket list item), about to leave. Nothing will happen until I get back from a project at the club perspective. However as I think about it, should any of the house committee folks, or any other members, get ambitious to perform a ritualistic spring task. Drop in at the club, tell Jean you ready to clean a few deck chairs. Jean has the material & experience to direct any and all volunteers. Just a thought.

When I return, my hope is to get a couple of tasks out of the way with assistance, a key one getting another coat of paint on the deck tables. It's on my radar, more to come. Told you it would be quick, off to catch a plane.

See you in June!

Chuck Grusse

House Chair
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Membership Committee Update:

Remember that you can earn a **\$100 credit toward any member household's 2018 annual dues for every new member unit proposed by the existing member and approved by the Board of Governors this year.** The incentive applies only to initiators, not seconders, and the credit shall be applied after the new member has paid his/her initiation fee and dues in full.

Scott Konrad

Membership Chair
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Ship's Store:

Once again, **welcome to the 2017 Season.** Don't blink, as it always seems to go by too quickly.

Chris Morano

Rear Commodore
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Revised House Rule 12

House Rule 12 of the ECYC Bylaws was revised following a membership poll and its evaluation.

Signs have been posted throughout the club to reflect these changes. The only items permitted are nuts, bar mix, snacks like "Goldfish", and chips & dip. This applies to days on which our galley is open for food service.

Please familiarize yourself with the new rule. Thank you.

House Rule 12:

Effective May 1, 2017



BYO Snacks Permitted on Galley Service Days: Nuts, Bar Mix, Snacks like "Goldfish", and Chips & Dip

GALLEY NEWS

Ed and Monique have been working hard to serve an increasing number of dinners as the weather improves. We hope to be able to serve out on the deck when temperatures finally approach what we are used to for this time of year. Check the weekly menus for new specials and old favorites. There will be a Father's Dat brunch on June 18th, details to follow.

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.

On Friday nights you can preorder your appetizers so they are ready for you when you arrive.

Now that your friends can pay for their own meal by credit card, it's very easy to introduce them to this special club.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. Bon appetite! I look forward to seeing you around the club!

Catherine Gazikas

Galley Liaison

Spring Galley Hours:

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

Dinner:
Wednesday (self-service, starting on June 7th) and Friday (table service):
5.30 pm to 8.30 pm

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





The Ship's Store Committee for 2017 includes the following members:

Kyle Hinding
Sandra Eubank
Justine Lyons
 and **Jean Brewer** as consultant

We will be reopening the Ship's Store soon! Details to follow shortly.

Bridge at ECYC:



The **ECYC Bridge Group** was started 10 years ago, is active, meets every Tuesday, 2 to 4, is open to members, their guests, and any non-member who wants to learn or just enjoys playing Bridge!

Anyone interested to join should

contact Barbara Stacks, email: barbstacks@gmail.com, tel: 860-581-8770.

Upcoming Events of Interest:

Dog Days Adoption Fundraiser at ECYC on June 8th:

DID YOU KNOW?

The Galley serves a great lunch with soups, salads and all kinds of tasty fare while you enjoy the views across the Connecticut River! Why not come and give it a try? Daily Wednesdays through Saturdays, and brunch on Sundays.



We want to know what you think about our galley!

Menus are available at www.essexcorinthian.org/dining.html

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



Friday Night Colors:

Friday Night Colors has been a long-standing tradition at the time of sunset at our yacht club, just like at countless yacht clubs around the country.

We generally time our ceremony with that of our neighbors' at the Essex Yacht Club.

Some of you may not be familiar with the procedure, so here is a little primer:

The day's Officer on Deck (usually a member of the Board of Governors scheduled for that evening) will take the ECYC saluting cannon out of the trophy case and place it on the pedestal mount on the rail immediate next to the club by the flagpole prior to the time of sunset. He/she then loads the cannon with a shot gun shell.

Just before sunset the staff at the Essex Yacht Club will ring a bell as a warning prior to firing their salute cannon. They will then lower the EYC burgee.

When the EYC burgee has been lowered, our Officer on deck will ring **our club's bell TWICE** and say "Stand for Colors". ECYC members and guests are to stand and quietly face the US Flag at EYC as it is lowered. We follow this procedure as we do not lower our own US Flag, since our flagpole is lit throughout the night.

Once the bell has been rung and members have been called to "Stand for Colors," the assistant Officer on Deck (the following week's OOD or other designated assistant) will fire our cannon by hitting the end of the cannon with the mallet. The assistant and anyone close to the cannon should wear ear muffs or plug their ears against the noise.

WARNING:

The cannon shot is VERY LOUD when you are out on the deck!

When the US Flag as been lowered, the OOD will ring our bell ONCE and say, "As you were." Members and guest can now return to their seats and continue as before.

SPRING HOURS IN EFFECT AT THE CLUBHOUSE:

- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** 9 am to 5 pm
- Friday** 9 am to 9 pm
- Saturday and Sunday** 11 am to 5 pm

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

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.

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, www.essexcorinthian.org!

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Essex Corinthian Yacht Club
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6:00PM – 8:00PM
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GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH...will return in July!

Thank you for being an environmentally responsible ECYC Member!

**Ruth Emblin
Vice Commodore**



Photo by Peter Emblin

Welcoming the "Onrust" to Essex!

The Connecticut River Museum is pleased to welcome **Onrust**, to the docks for the 2017 season! Onrust is a replica of Adriaen Block's vessel- one of the first European style ships built in the New World, and the first ever to sail up the Connecticut River!

Built over several years in upstate New York using traditional plans and means, the Onrust is a wholly unique ship that serves to educate and entertain visitors curious about the age of exploration, the fur trade, and our early colonial history.



River cruises will be offered aboard Onrust Thursdays through Mondays. Cruises will be at 1:30, 3:30 and 6:00 pm. Cruises begin June 2 and run through October 15.

When not giving cruises, Onrust will be available for exploration while docked at the Museum.

Learn more about the Onrust at:
<http://www.ctrivermuseum.org/cruises-aboard-onrust/>

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