



THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

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The Latest News from ECYC!



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View from the Bridge

Dear Fellow Corinthians!

It finally looks like Spring out there! It's been a long time coming, but now the weather and vegetation in our area look much closer to what we expect for this time of year! And the local shipyards are exhibiting activity as well, soon docks, moorings and the river will be full of boats again!

By the end of the week the club will have its **new roof** complete. The repairs have been on the radar for a while, and have finally come to fruition. Our landlord, Safe Harbor Marinas, has also worked on the **fuel tanks** to bring our building up to code. Repairs will continue on the building and decks throughout the year, and the **House Committee** is looking for a number of



- **May 17th:** Online Ship's Store Launch
- **May 19th:** Connecticut River Leukemia Cup Cocktail Reception
- **May 26th:** Spring Raft-Up Hamburg Cove (weather permitting)
- **May 28th:** Memorial Day (Galley Closed, Club open for members to BBQ) & Take an Ideal 18 for a Spin Day
- **June 3rd:** Alt. Date for Raft-Up
- **June 5th & 12th:** Tuesday Night Ideal 18 Racing for New Skippers
- **June 6th:** Musical Wednesday Nights Start
- **June 17th:** First Round the Buoy Regatta
- **June 19th:** Tuesday Night Ideal 18 Racing Begins

volunteers to help accomplish a long list of tasks to give the club a deserved exterior face lift.

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



ECYC's booth at the Essex Boat Show looked great, and had plenty of visitors. We hope that some of these visitors will come back to

enjoy what our organization has to offer! Thanks to the dedicated Boat Show Committee who pulled this off! I could not be more pleased with how everyone came together to represent our club! A great display of the Corinthian Spirit.

I would also like to remind you of a very special upcoming event that further highlights the Corinthian Spirit: the **Annual Cocktail Party to Benefit the Lifesaving Work of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the official kick-off for our new, exciting Connecticut River Leukemia Cup**. I am pleased to report that the **Pettipaug Yacht Club** has officially endorsed our new event and will be working with us to make it as successful and enjoyable as possible! Please join us on **May 19th** to find out more on how you can help beat cancer and see what is planned for the August regatta! See below for details on how to sign up for the cocktail party.

Once the weather is consistently warmer we will also start outdoor dining again. This is the perfect opportunity to invite friends and potential new members to check out the club. There will also be a few new opportunities for existing, new and potential members to enjoy our waterfront activities even more this summer.

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

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

Ruth Emblin

ECYC Commodore #21

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ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:

VICE COMMODORE'S UPDATE

Spring has exploded upon us and ECYC is hitting the ground running.

After a busy Frostbite Series, where our club was heavily represented, plans are already under way for additional on-water sailing events. Upcoming regattas include a Round the Buoys series throughout the Summer. In addition our Race Committee is organizing a Leukemia Cup Race as well as The Cross Sound Challenge.

As I write this, I am in Newport watching the arrival of the boats racing in the Volvo Cup Ocean Race. The Town is bustling with events at the Race Village at Fort Adams. They will be here through May 20th, when the boats depart for Cardiff Wales! If you can, make the trip to Newport. It is a rare opportunity to see these majestic boats and their brave crew, up close.

After exposure to this event you will return home really motivated for an active Summer of boating!

In other news, Our Membership Committee did an excellent job representing ECYC at the recent Essex Spring Boat Show. As a result, I believe we will be getting applications from young sailors who wish to join as Junior Corinthians. This is great for the Club, as they will expand our membership to include young blood who can carry on the Corinthian Spirit in the years to come.

Our club house just got a new roof, of which it was in great need. There are additional projects that need to be addressed and I ask that you keep an eye out for any assistance needed by the House Committee.

I know we all look forward to the Summer and the camaraderie ECYC provides and I look forward to seeing you all as the season progresses.

Chris Morano

Vice Commodore

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REAR COMMODORE'S UPDATE:

Our second annual nautical trivia contest was held last month. I was surprised that no one could answer where our fireplace mantle came from. There is a plaque explaining it, but the writing is so small and the light in that area so dim, that I'll bet a lot of you have tried to read it in vain - I needed my reading glasses and a flashlight. It came from the ship Osage that was under construction in North Cove when the British raided the village in 1814 and set fire to it. The beam was salvaged from the wreck in 1915 and presented to the Essex Yacht Club (the previous clubhouse tenants) in



Ahoy all members of Essex Corinthian Yacht Club!

We hope you enjoyed the Kentucky Derby/Cinco Del Mayo celebration on May 5th. The event was well attended and a great time was had by all! The Coastal Cooking Company provided delicious

appetizers and buffet with a Mexican twist.

The Leukemia/Lymphoma Society cocktail party will be on May 19th from 6:30 - 10:00 pm. We will enjoy appetizers, wine tastings and music provided by Arrow Head String band. In addition to this, there will also be a silent auction to benefit this wonderful cause. Looking forward to having you attend this worthwhile event.

Our Wednesday night music series will kick-off on June 6th with the Essex Corinthian Jazz Band. There will be entertainment every Wednesday for your enjoyment. Details to follow.

Nancy Simms & Pat Atkinson

Co-Chairs Entertainment

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UPCOMING EVENTS:



RAISE YOUR GLASS TO CURE BLOOD CANCERS

COCKTAIL PARTY & SILENT AUCTION ON SATURDAY, MAY 19TH, 6:30 PM

Please join us on May 19th for a cocktail party for a very worthy cause!

1936. We are happy that EYC designed a modern clubhouse across the way and left this piece of history behind. Also, no one answered correctly who our first commodore was. A. J. Wasley is still a member and, while I have never met him, I will make it my mission to do so and to re-introduce him to the membership in a future Bell 8 column. According to Terry Stewart he has some good stories to tell. On the other hand, everyone knew the unofficial alcoholic spirit of big boat sailing is rum, and that Toby Doyle owns more than ten boats.

Tom Atkinson

Rear Commodore

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UPCOMING EVENTS:



SPRING RAFT UP AT HAMBURG COVE ON MAY 26TH

Weather permitting we will hold our annual Spring Raft-Up at Hamburg Cove on Saturday, May 26th, beginning at 1 pm. Alternate/Rain Date Sunday, June 3rd

We are looking for someone with a boat to act as the "Mothership" to hold the ECYC mooring for the raft-up. As it is Memorial Day Weekend, the cove will be rather busy.

If you don't have a boat and would like to attend, please let us know! We will get you there!

Note: Should the weather not cooperate or the number of boats in the water at this time be too low to warrant a raft-up, we will reschedule.

This is the fifth year ECYC has been a part of this charity fundraiser. We thank all our past sponsors and donors for their continuing generosity! We hope to raise a substantial amount this year to help drive cancer research forward.

Wine tasting courtesy of local vineyards!

Music provided by the **Arrowhead String Band** from Chester, **exciting silent auction items including trip coupons** donated by our generous supporters!

Cost \$35 per person.

All profits are donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Sign up required - please click on <http://tinyurl.com/LLSBenefit2018atECYC>

More details will be shared soon!



WATERFRONT UPDATE:

The cannon will fire this Friday May 18, as we commence repeating the colors signal of our neighbor. The fleet Captain will be re-learning the firing procedure at that time; others who may want to learn, stop by! For Memorial Day we have our Ideal 18s departing at 1PM, 2PM, and 3PM for introductory open sails.

Summer Tuesday night racing starts with warm-up, un-scored casual racing on June 5th and 12th. New to the fleet skippers are encouraged to participate by both ECYC and EYC. I will host an informal rules and tactics start to finish review 6:30 PM May 20 and May 29 at the club, at which our skippers are also asked to share their take on the tactical implications of the rules of yacht racing. We also look forward to additional post-race discussions this summer.

As of press time, we proud to welcome Ed Birch to our club team, as our "A" skipper this fall. This year our returning veterans Tom and Dan Atkinson, Jon Gibbs, Glenn Jacobsen, Terry Stewart, and Chuck Grusse welcomed Mike Saxe, Sharon Tracy, Joan Kirsch, and Laura Nunno, while Sam Berman and Matt completed their first full season. We have a fleet!

Congratulations to Toby Doyle and Tom Atkinson for their Spring Frostbite racing success, taking second in the Etchells and Ideal 18 fleets respectively. The Auperin brothers, Pettipaug Sailing Academy graduates, won the Etchells fleet, While Carter Gowrie of EYC continued his most impressive streak in the Ideal 18 fleet. Also sailing a notably strong season was Peter Harding of EYC, taking the Ideal fleet third place back for his club this spring. Also notable is EYC Waterfront Manager Marcus Garafalo, finishing in the money in the Laser fleet.

Ed Birch and Jeff Going also came on strong in the Ideal 18 fleet in the end with some great days to finish fourth, ahead of Sue Watts and me, who were nonetheless pleased with some good finishes. New skipper Sam Berman with Matt Melius, while short a day, acclimated to the fleet quickly, with some great races and finishing in the money the last day, putting the rest of the EYC fleet behind for the season. We are proud to add our ECYC Leukemia Cup One Design Regatta to our summer racing season. Other events

HOUSE UPDATE:



While we may have a new roof now, our good ol' Clubhouse needs a bit more TLC this year to get her into ship shape.

Our House Committee is looking into getting much-needed repairs to our deck done. We will need a good number of volunteers to accomplish this

without too much interruption to our early summer activities. Please contact our House Committee Chair David Kirsch for more details. You do not need to be an official House Committee member to help! Keeping the clubhouse in good shape is in everyone's interest and the Corinthian nature of our club is based on volunteerism. To allow us to move forward we need more than just your goodwill - the more hands we can get to help together, the better for everyone!

David Kirsch

House Committee Chair

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GALLEY UPDATE:

include Thursday evening racing with spinnakers, The EYC Essex Rum Challenge, the EYCYC-EYC team race, the Willets, Clarke, and Birch fall river races, and Fall frostbiting will round out our 2018 Ideal 18 season. We will also again, along with EYC, offer our fleet to Pettipaug for a day of keelboat racing for their junior racing team.

Members interested in our Ideal 18 fleet may join us at our race team and Waterfront Committee meeting of May 27 at 7:30 PM at the club, or contact me at fleetcaptain@essexcorinthian.org.

Jon Gibbs

Fleet Captain

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REGATTA UPDATE:

The first "friendly" Round The Buoy Race in cooperation with EYC will be held on Sunday, June 17th. First gun is set for 1200, west of the Outer Light. The post-race party will be at EYCYC at 1700.

Open to all cruising/racing boats over 23.5 feet with a valid 2018 PHRF rating.

Entry will be available at EYC & EYCYC, the Skipper's Meeting (0900, morning of), or online at www.essexcorinthian.org

Race #2 is scheduled for Sunday, July 8th
Race #3 will be Sunday, August 5th

Thanks in advance to all our Race 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 CT River Leukemia Cup, Cross Sound Challenge or the Thomas Clark Memorial, please contact me at racechair@essexcorinthian.org.

Bill Robinson

Race Committee Chair

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

The Spring Boat Show was held May 4-6th at Essex Island Marina and we had a wonderful table/booth with much information available for prospective new members! We also were fortunate to have a number of volunteers manning our booth for the 3-day event: I'd personally like to thank them all for their time and enthusiasm: Matt & Leah Melius, Sue & Rob Watts, Terry Stewart, Jon Gibbs, Sharon Tracey, Deb Martin, Barb Stacks and Cheryl Arendt!

They all did a fantastic job - chatting up our great club for 3 hr. shifts all weekend. We actually signed up one person from PYC plus a couple of twenty-somethings



Last Sunday, Monique, Ed and their team served up a wonderful Mother's Day Brunch at the club. There is much to look forward to on the culinary side this year! Please refer to our weekly menu emails for details on "What's Cooking at the Corinthian Cafe"!

Look for e-blasts with details on themed dinners this season. Our galley team wants to treat us to a variety of local and international flavors.

Here are some tips for making Friday night dinners smoother for everyone:

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

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

As always if you have questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm looking forward to seeing you all around the club.

Catherine Gazikas

Galley Liaison

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Spring 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 8.30 pm
Wednesday night dinners to start June 6th!

Brunch:

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

Menus are available at

www.essexcorinthian.org/dining.html

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER:

We've reviewed our general ledger, upgraded our reporting to reflect month to month and year to date budget to actuals and have established segregated

who were very enthusiastic about becoming junior members!

We offered the Memorial Day demo/ride event on the Ideal 18's as well. I want to remind everyone about this upcoming event - it's a free one hr. ride. It will start at noon and have additional rides at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 & 4:00. The rides will be given by instructors/capable volunteers in our effort to grow our membership! Please tell your friends, neighbors and drinking buddies to come down and "check us out"!

We recently acquired a new member and want to welcome **Laura Nunno** to ECYC! She is an avid sailor who sails and belongs to Pettipaug yacht club and is excited to begin racing our Ideal 18's this summer and fall frostbite series! Welcome Laura!

Cindy Gibbs

Membership Chair

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SHIP'S STORE

We are excited to announce that the ECYC Ship's Store will be live on the Team1Newport site at the end of this week! Please stay tuned for an e-blast with details and the direct link to purchasing custom-embroidered sportswear and other items featuring the ECYC burgee!

Stay tuned for more details soon!

accounts to track the Capital Fund and River Room Fund separately. Year to date our income and expenses are in line with our budget. Our monthly financials are included in the Board of Governors meeting minutes. We assigned work to our CPA in January and still await its completion which will finish our reporting modifications.

Our accounts receivable are still higher than they should be; we encourage and appreciate all members keeping their account current. Though members are charged monthly for galley use, the galley is paid weekly and therefore outstanding bills for galley use weigh heavily on our cash flow.

We're continuing to streamline our accounting and budgeting and next year will have even sharper numbers by department/committee. We hope to move to a process where committee chairs have authority to act upon items within their budget without the need to go to the Board of Governors and seek additional approval. We always look to improve and welcome suggestions.

Susan Malan

ECYC Treasurer

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DID YOU KNOW?

SPRING HOURS ARE STILL IN EFFECT AT THE CLUBHOUSE:

- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9 am to 5 pm
- 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

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 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.

HOUSE RULE 12:

Please be aware that the rule regarding snacks allowed during dining hours at ECYC has been changed. **Only snacks like chips & dip, nuts and "Goldfish" are permitted.**

GALLEY MINIMUM:

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

WEBSITE:

All of our events, weekly menus and announcements, as well as archive copies of the Bell 8 Newsletter are available online at our website at www.essexcorinthian.org!



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