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THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

June/July 2018

The Latest News from ECYC!



View from the Bridge

Dear Fellow Corinthians!

As you can see from our calendar on the right, we have a busy summer ahead of us! Wednesday Night Music has started, Sunday Night Dinners will start the third week of July, and we are getting a full house almost every Friday night! Boats have started appearing on the river, and our Ideals have been well used for sailing lessons, trials and racing. There are several regattas (both PHRF and One-

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- **June 29th:** Ladies' Sailing Class
- **June 29th:** New Member Reception
- **July 4th:** Harbor Parade & Cookout
- **July 7th:** CCC Clam (Bake) Jam
- **July 8th:** Round the Buoy Regatta
- **July 10th:** Ladies on Deck

Design) planned in the near future, and summer cruising will start soon.



We are still looking for a good date to **reschedule the postponed Hamburg Cove Raft-Up** . Slowly but surely the club's boats are being splashed, and we hope to be able to find an agreeable date soon. In any case, feel free to call upon your fellow boat owners and organize a casual raft-up, our mooring in Hamburg Cove is ready and waiting! One word of caution, though, we do not have a pennant this year (who knows where it ended up again, we are trying to find out from the harbor staff), but the crew of Raggamuffin, Dick & Cheryl Arndt were kind enough to attach a small fender to make line retrieval easier. Please make yourself familiar with the mooring protocol (available on our website) if you are planning to use it.

Just in case you are looking for our new **Club Roster** , unfortunately it is not yet complete. Boat splashing was not the only activity that was delayed this year... While we can blame the boats on the rather mixed weather until now, the delay in printing was unfortunately caused by a lack of volunteers. It seems that every time we tried to tackle the roster, something else had to be prioritized or fixed at the club and only a handful of volunteers were to be found. Hopefully we will be able to provide you with a roster soon, but please be patient - or even better, consider volunteering to help next year!



My thanks to those of you who came to our (very successful) Cocktail Reception to benefit for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in May (a.k.a. as the **Leukemia Cup Kick-Off**). We

had more than 70 people attend, and bidding on

- **July 14th:** Three-Mile Harbor Bastille Day Fireworks
- **July 14th:** Ideal 18 Rum Challenge
- **July 15th - ?:** Casual Summer Cruise
- **July 21st:** Essex Rum Challenge
- **July 23rd:** PYC Junior Race Day at ECYC/EYC
- **July 31st:** 2nd Annual Yacht Club Reception at Lyme Art Association
- **August 5th:** Round the Buoy Regatta
- **August 11th:** Connecticut River Leukemia Cup

Refer to our event calendar on our website at

www.essexcorinthian.org for event details!

VICE COMMODORE'S UPDATE

Hard to believe that summer has already started! The club has been humming despite some mixed weather, and the dining room and decks have been full almost every Friday night. Soon Sunday Dinners will start as well (July 22nd).

Club volunteers including Steve Rodstrom, Ruth Emblin and Pete Simms (who acted as the master paint brush wielder) tackled the stained ceiling in side our club house at the beginning of the week. Since we finally have a new roof it was time to get rid of some of those unsightly stains. Between a brighter ceiling and a new chain with recently acquired burgees the dining room looks great above and below. The next big project is the deck replacement, which will be done in stages. More on this will be shared shortly. 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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the various items up for auction. Many members and local business went above and beyond to help make the event a success! We were pleased to welcome a large group from Hamburg Cove who very much enjoyed our club and party. We are now working on the **Leukemia Cup Regatta & Post-Race Party (August 11th)**, in cooperation with the **Pettipaug Yacht Club**. To find out more, to help, sponsor, or enter the One-Design River Regatta, please go to our website and click on the "Racing" link or take a look below for more information.

Summer means regattas, cruising, waterfront dining and events, and more at ECYC. My favorite time of the year! **Come join us on July 4th at our traditional Harbor Parade & Cookout!** If you have a boat, let me know if you want to be part of the on-water parade, it is a lot of fun! More information in the Entertainment column below.

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:

Ahoy all members of Essex Corinthian Yacht Club!

Our Wednesday night music program began on June 6th with the wonderful Essex Corinthian Jazz Band. Essex Corinthian Jazz Band will continue to perform every other Wednesday with music

REAR COMMODORE'S UPDATE:



You may have noticed that a portion of our flag pole was broken by the violent thunderstorms that passed through Connecticut on May 15th. Ed Birch rushed out of his house and valiantly

tried to lower the flag before it hit, but he couldn't get it secured in time and had to duck for cover. That was a freakish storm, and very little could be done to prevent the damage given how quickly it developed. Unlike EYC, we don't have a staff on the premises, and we keep our flags up 24/7. Therefore, we need to adopt a "neighborhood watch" mentality whereby if anyone in the vicinity is aware of impending bad weather, please take the initiative to lower the flags, secure the doors, and check that our Ideal 18s are securely tied to the docks with bumpers in place. It would be unreasonable to expect the fleet captain, who has a full time job, to monitor the weather, drop what he's doing, and rush down to the club to take care of such matters. Weather aside, I know many members go for walks in the area - when you walk through the club grounds please keep an eye open for anything out of place, and take a look at our boats to insure everything is safe and secure. And a big thanks to Toby Doyle, his son, and his bucket truck for fixing the flag pole, saving us from having to hire a professional.

Tom Atkinson

Rear Commodore

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provided on alternative Wednesdays by several other artists including Scott Konrad and the Occasional Jazz band, Mat McCauley and Russ Becker.

Mark your calendars for our annual Fourth of July party. This event includes: hamburgers, hot dogs and a number of toppings for your enjoyment as well as cold drinks and dessert. An appetizer contest is planned. We will enjoy entertainment by the Arrowhead String Band. The cost of this event will be \$20.00 per person. Come and spend the holiday afternoon with your friends at ECYC!

The Leukemia cup Regatta and party is coming up on August 11th. We will be hosting this event along with Pettipaug Yacht Club. We will provide food and music for your listening pleasure. There will be more information to follow for this wonderful fund raising event. Please check on these and all events on the ECYC website as well as eblasts.

Nancy Simms & Pat Atkinson

Co-Chairs Entertainment

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION Friday, June 29th, 6:15 pm



Please join us as we welcome the new members who recently

joined our great little club at our semi-annual New Member Reception!

Please wear name tags and introduce yourself!

UPCOMING EVENTS:



4TH OF JULY HARBOR PARADE & COOKOUT

Don't miss our annual Harbor Parade & Cookout at ECYC! The traditional Harbor Parade will kick off at 1 pm and is best watched from our deck. The club's cookout will start at 12:30 pm, complete with music provided by our good friends at the Arrowhead String Band.

If you have a boat and would like to be part of the Harbor Parade, here is the rundown:

Boats assemble at Day Marker 25 at 12:45 pm. Parade will start at 1 pm sharp. Monitor channel 71. Decorate your vessel in red, white and blue for the occasion! If you have questions, please contact Ruth Emblin or Steve Rodstrom.

Cookout at the Clubhouse:

Ticket purchase is required (sorry, no walk-ins). Tickets are now on sale and **GOING FAST**, so go ahead and make your reservations right now by clicking below:

Register for Cookout



CONNECTICUT RIVER LEUKEMIA CUP ONE-DESIGN REGATTA & POST-RACE PARTY ON AUGUST 11TH

We are pleased to announce our official cooperation with the Pettipaug Yacht Club on the "new" Connecticut River Leukemia Cup, a One-Design Regatta held right outside our club's waterfront. This is a truly local event, and we hope that you will join us in supporting this worthy cause. Proceeds benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

For event details, please click [HERE](#).

You do not have to have a boat or enter the regatta to participate! The post-race party is open to all members, their guests and friends from our area and beyond. Please click on the links above and below for details.

**Boat registration now open at Yachtscoring.com
Cost \$30 per boat (includes 1 party ticket)**

[Register Your Boat](#)

Party tickets for sale now (\$15 per person)

[Post-Race Party Tickets](#)

WATERFRONT UPDATE:



SAVE THE DATE!



ECYC & The Lyme Art Association

Invite You To A SPECIAL MARITIME ART EXHIBIT

Tuesday, July 31st, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

A Sailor's Reception to Celebrate "American Waters"

An Exhibition of Marine Artwork at Lyme Art Association, 90 Lyme Street, Old Lyme

Enjoy beverages, including the quintessential sailor's drink "Dark 'n Stormy", snacks and the company of fellow boaters. The historic sky-lit gallery will be filled with paintings of the water and boats, including scenes you may even recognize from your voyages!

Reception Is Free of Charge

HOUSE UPDATE:

Summer Tuesday night regular season racing started Tuesday June 19. Racing skippers are invited to sign up on our Google Group E-mail. Contact fleetcaptain@essexcorinthian.org to get qualified and sign up for both racing and day-sailing our Ideal 18 fleet.

In our unscored two Tuesday evenings of new to fleet skippers' racing, Matt Melius, Laura Nunno, and Mike Saxe sailed with Tom, Cindy and me, all showing great promise. Congratulations to Mike for winning two races! These summer evening races are one of the best ways to qualify for racing in other Ideal 18 Fleet races.

Our rules and tactics reviews yielded some interesting discussions thanks to Jeff Going, Ed Birch, Tom and me. We look forward to hearing more after racing discussions this summer, those interested in also preparing more structured and publicized presentations let me know for planning! Our new Leukemia Cup One Design Regatta will be a great boost to fleet racing at ECYC. Thursday evening racing with spinnakers, The EYC Essex Rum Challenge, the ECYC-EYC team race, the Willets, Clarke, and Birch 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, as well as to Connecticut Special Olympics.

Jon Gibbs

Fleet Captain

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REGATTA UPDATE:



Deck Repairs:

In the next few weeks we are planning to start the repairs to our deck. In order to keep interruptions to a minimum we will start with replacing the boards on the side deck. The front deck,

which is in better shape than the side, will be tackled at a later time. We regret any inconvenience, but these repairs are necessary at this time to avoid future issues.

Air Conditioners:

A helpful group of committee members were kind enough to install the air conditioners last week, as the weather should turn warmer soon. We also took care of some of the stains on the ceiling caused by our (now repaired) leaky roof. House chores are never-ending and we can always use a good number of volunteers to maintain the clubhouse. You do not need to be an official House Committee member to help! The stained dining room ceiling was also recently painted, and the clubhouse is smiling!

On a related note, we regret to inform you that our current House Chair, David Kirsch, will no longer be able to head the committee. He asked to be removed from the leadership role as his busy job does not allow for enough time to be available to the club. He will remain a member of the committee. We thank David for his help to date!

We are now looking for a new committee chair. If you are interested, live locally and love to tinker and DIY, please let us know!

In the meantime, if there are any House-related questions, please contact Jean Little, our Club Manager, at ecyc@essexcorinthian.org or Ruth Emblin, Commodore, at commodore21@essexcorinthian.org .

GALLEY UPDATE:



The first "friendly" Round The Buoy Race in cooperation with EYC had to be cancelled due to lack of

registrations. The next regatta will be held on Sunday, July 8th.

First gun is set for 1200, west of the Outer Light. The post-race party will be at ECYC at 1700.

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

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

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:

Ahoy, ECYC Members:

Summer has finally kicked in and the weather has been fantastic! Yes, our club deck has been filled on Friday nights! And number of new members have been spotted enjoying the view. This month we are happy to welcome five new members.

Laura Nunno joins us from Pettipaug. she is an active racer/sailor who enjoyed frostbiting in our Ideal 18's this spring and got "bitten by the bug"! Sue Watts sponsored Laura.



There is much to look forward to on the culinary side this summer!

Please refer to our weekly menu

emails for details on "What's Cooking at the Corinthian Cafe"!

The Coastal Cooking Company is running a **Clam Bake Dinner on Saturday, July 7th** with musical entertainment by the Langley Brothers. Cover charge \$15 per person and a la carte menu, **BYOB.**

For details and to sign up, please [download the FLYER](#) or contact Monique at monique@coastalcookingcompany.com

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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Summer Galley Hours:

Lunch:

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

In mid-May Chris Morano sponsored **Scott Brown and Stephanie** from Essex who enjoy the water front dining and hope to get into boating soon!

Finally, last week we welcomed the **Emersons** from Farmington - who sold their Grand Banks 36 to Greig Todd and Russell Pagliughi, who then in turn became their friends and sponsors! They hope to keep their feet in boating as well as enjoy dining at our beautiful location in Essex!

Finally, I hope everyone gets out on the water and enjoys these glorious summer days! And don't forget to tell all your friends about our wonderful club!

Cindy Gibbs

Membership Chair

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SHIP'S STORE

The Online Ship's Store is now open at 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!

Go forth and shop!

[Ship's Store Online](#)

Dinner:

Friday (table service): 5.30 pm to 9.00 pm

Wednesday (self-service): 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm

Sunday Dinners will start on July 22nd!

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

DID YOU KNOW?

SUMMER HOURS ARE IN EFFECT AT THE CLUBHOUSE:

- Tuesday, Thursday 9 am to 9 pm
- Wednesday, Friday 9 am to 10 pm (Office closes at 5 pm)
- Saturday 11 am - 9 pm (Galley open for lunch/Office closed all day)
- Sunday 11 am - 9 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.

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



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