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THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

Late Summer 2019

## The Latest News from ECYC!



### View from the Bridge

Dear Fellow Corinthians!

Please stop the time from flying by! Summer is just going too fast! Seems like we just recently splashed our boats and here we are in the middle of August already! Though, don't worry, there is still a lot going on at the club in the next few months. **The committees are in full planning mode, they really never stop.** Please do me a favor, thank our committee chairs, board members and committee volunteers every once in a while when you see them. They are donating their free time (and often a few dollars as well) to make sure that all ECYC members have a great time, on and off the water.

You may have noticed that we did start **Sunday dining** again. This was a result of member feedback after we decided not to have them (member feedback is always encouraged!). **Sunday dinners will run for the month of August only**, and are sort of an experiment to gauge how it will

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### IMPORTANT DATES:

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- **August 16th-17th:** Wetherill Overnight Race
- **August 17th:** Mason's Island Yacht Club – Island Series
- **August 17th:** *Summer Woodstock Party*
- **August 24th:** Outer Light Classic, Ram Island YC Island Series
- **August 31st:** Fisher's Island YC - Round Island Series
- **September 1st:** Block Island – Round Island Pursuit Race
- **September 2nd:** *Labor Day Weekend Cook-Out & 35th Club Anniversary*
- **September 8th:** *"Ideal Day" & Social*
- **September 8th:** Thames Commodore's Trophy Race
- **September 10th:** *Ladies on Deck*

affect our dining dynamics overall. Gourmet Galley is working with us to determine the best schedule for both sides. **Wednesday Night Music Dinners** have been quite popular, and I encourage you to check out the musical performances (and dinner) that are the perfect ending to a mid-week evening. It is said that listening to music is good for you, and will help you endure the rest of the week!

I would like to make a special mention of our "House Elves" who have been busy with deck maintenance, an ongoing project. **Myron Stacks, Peter Decker and Rich Gilliland** have been busily scraping and painting away. Even though we still do not have a House Chair we are lucky to have dedicated volunteers like them who really care about our club and its clubhouse. I would also like to thank **Earl and Liz Fowler, Andy and Bill Foster, Glenn and Melissa Jacobsen and Laurel Stewart** for watering the plants while our club manager was on vacation. The flowers look great!

To keep all our equipment functional for more than one season, **please make sure to close the umbrellas on the deck each evening when you are ready to leave.** More often than not, umbrellas get damaged by sudden wind gusts during the night or in the morning before the club opens. While we have talented people in our club who can usually fix them, this is not always the case, and we'd rather not repeatedly spend money that could be used elsewhere for broken umbrellas.

Finally, a word about our club's finances. I would like to thank those members who respect the club and its hardworking board, club manager and galley operator by paying their bills on time. Overall, costs are on the rise, whether we like it or not. As you know, we keep a close eye on our income and expenses, and our goal is to work as closely to our budget as possible. However, we cannot do this without our members' support.

A recent review of our receivables has shown a **number of overdue member accounts, some of them quite severe.** This is a friendly reminder that if your account has an overdue balance, please pay it as soon as possible. Don't forget, in addition to all the socializing that is going on, we are, after all a business, and have bills just like you do. Our galley operator, for example, needs

- **September 13th-14th:** Fall Off-Soundings
- **September 21st:** *Cross Sound Challenge*

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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Well, just as it always does, the Summer is flying by. You know when it's almost over when the back to school ads invade our televisions. There is still more to come, as you can see by looking at the Club calendar.

Looking back, our club committees have done a great job. Our **Race Committee**, primarily due to the efforts of Bill Robinson, have provided our racers with numerous activities. Always willing to go the extra mile, Bill even stepped up and provided the food and cooking for a recent post race party. And he did all of this in between changing diapers (his son's, not his).

Our **Ideal fleet** has been very active with regular races, as well as a few "pop up regattas" where member show up and decide to match race. This is usually followed by a "pop up cook out " after the race.

Our **House Committee** members have been **equally as busy.** Through their efforts, the deck and railings were stained. While many assisted in this effort, a special recognition goes out to **Myron Stacks**, who was the Energizer Bunny. Once he discovered the existence of the painter's mitt he was unstoppable. Many thanks to all those who worked to handle the mundane chores that keep the building standing.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that **due to a very generous donation by Alan and Nancy Wasley, we have met the goal of the Harmony Fund Drive!** In speaking with Nancy she said that, as a founding member of ECYC, Alan wanted to contribute to the Club's efforts to provide a strong sailing program for our members. Please join me in thanking all who contributed to this fund, as well as Ruth and Peter for providing the loan that allowed this to be possible. Truly an example of the Corinthian Spirit!

to be paid within a short time after you consume your lunch or dinner, and our monthly operating expenses are nothing to sneeze at even though we try to be as frugal as possible. Our bylaws allows the board to implement certain measures in case of severely or repeatedly delinquent accounts. These measures include suspension of club privileges and public posting of overdue accounts at the club. We have never had to resort to posting, but will do so if we do not receive payment on these severely delinquent accounts very soon. Of course, if you have a question about your account balance, please contact our Club Manager, Jean Little, she will be happy to discuss it with you!

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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## IDEAL 18 FUND DRIVE UPDATE:

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***We met our goal!!!***

***The Ideal 18 fleet is an important part of our club's legacy, and these agile keelboats are perfect for sailing on the river. Membership in ECYC includes the use of these boats (after being checked out by one of our instructors).***

"Harmony", formerly owned by Ed Birch, joined our fleet this spring. The club now owns four Ideal 18s to be used in racing and cruising on the river.

Many thanks to everyone who donated so far. Special thanks go to **founder Alan Wasley and his wife Nancy** who just made a substantial contribution that catapulted us above our goal!

Alan Wasley is one of the founders of our wonderful little club, and with his donation he

As the Summer slips by, come down to the Club on those quiet weekday evenings and enjoy the end of the day. You'll be surprised how many others are doing the same.

See you there!

Respectfully submitted,

***Chris Morano***

*Vice Commodore*

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## REAR COMMODORE'S UPDATE:

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The **Rum Challenge for Ideal 18s** was an interesting affair. Eleven boats sailed six windward-leeward races in a 10-15 knot southerly breeze with one throw out race. **Ed Birch with crew Mike Saxe** won three of the first five races and held a five point lead over EYC's Peter Harding going into the final race. Ed's last race was a bad one - 10th place, whereas Peter won the last race. Still, after throwing out the 10th place finish, Ed wins the regatta by one point. Except, it turns out that both Ed and Peter were over the starting line early in the third race and didn't know it. Their finishes were not counted by the race committee, and none of this was known before the regatta results were posted. So the third race became Ed and Peter's throw out race, and Ed's 10th place finish in the final race counted, giving Peter (whose worst race was a 5th) the victory by one point over Ed. **Tom Atkinson and John Abbot** finished third, new member **John Kihm and Chuck Grusse** finished sixth, and **Sam Berman and young Robert** finished eighth (but won the fourth race!). Only four points separated the top five boats.

ECYC and EYC cohosted the third annual **Junior Invitational Regatta July 30th**. Eight teams of junior sailors from the Pettipaug and North Cove sailing programs sailed six races in EYC's Ideal 18s. Once again we had 6-8 knot winds which are perfect for the light weight crews. We had our first collision, but no damage thanks to the

helps ensure that the sailing history of the club remains alive. Easy-to-sail keelboats like the Ideal 18s are perfect for a Corinthian organization like ours, and thanks to the generosity of Alan Wasley and others we can now proudly look upon a fleet of four of these agile vessels.

**Since the Ideal 18s need periodic maintenance we will leave the fund drive open for a little while longer.** If you still wish to contribute, the money will be placed into an "Ideal 18 Maintenance Fund". Please let our club manager know whether you want to have her add it to your bill or you can send a check to us, please note "Ideal 18 Fund" on the memo line.

On behalf of the Bridge and Board, thank you all again for your support!

***Ruth Emblin***

*Commodore*

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## ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:

We hope you are all enjoying these Summer months. The Entertainment Committee has been busy!

We had a successful Fourth of July Party. It was great to see the crowd enjoy the day! Thanks to Chef Mel and the gourmet Galley for making a wonderful meal which was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who brought appetizers to share, we had a tremendous variety of delicious appetizers.

Do you have your tie-die bandanna? Can you believe that it's been 50 years since the Woodstock Festival took place? We will be celebrating this anniversary on August 17th with our Woodstock-themed party. Gourmet Galley is putting together a festive menu for us. Music will be provided by Dr. Jeckyll and Mr. Hyde! Registration is closed at this time. If you received a confirmation email you are in! Sorry, we can no longer accept additions or changes.

In other news, we are preparing a festive celebration on Labor Day to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the club. Look for an e-blast with details to follow shortly.

rubber bow bumpers, and we had our first protest hearing. North Cove boats took first and third, and Pettipaug placed second. The winning crew was Conner Levy and Chris Dowie who won four of the six races.

**We often need power boats** for the four races we host/co-host - the junior regatta in August, the Ideal 18 team race and the Cross Sound Challenge in September, and the Thomas Clark river race in October. Power boats are needed for race committee (anchored for starting/finishing the race) and marks (drop/move/retrieve course marks). I want to maintain a call list of boats. If you have a boat and are willing to skipper it, please contact me. Experienced race committee people will be onboard with you, so all we need is you and your boat. The ideal committee boat would be 25-30 feet and semi-enclosed, whereas the ideal mark boat would be 20-25 feet open cockpit. All but the Cross Sound Challenge take place in the river.

***Tom Atkinson***

*Rear Commodore*

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## TREASURER'S UPDATE:

### Summer Greetings from the Treasurer!

So far, it has been a hot Summer and the expression of Dog Days is quite true.

**A friendly reminder to those of you whom haven't paid your dues or past due Galley charges, please do so as soon as possible.** We keep current with our payments to the Galley so when our receivables are pending, we need those funds to help fund the everyday operations of our club.

On another note, without your wonderful support of our club and galley, we could not continue to enjoy this beautiful club. We are



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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### **NEXT LADIES ON DECK September 10th - Host Wanted!**

Join us at our next ladies' get together on Tuesday, September 10th, starting at 6:00 pm.

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

**Bring friends, bring an appetizer to share!  
BYOB.**

We are looking for a host for the September 10th evening. It's easy - just be there at 6 pm to welcome everyone!

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## RACE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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After conflicting schedules prevented us from running the first 2 "Round the Buoys" regattas in June & July, ECYC and EYC managed to pull together the 3rd and final installment of this series on August 4th. 6 boats were registered by the Friday deadline, but light winds saw only 4 boats make it to the starting line. Congrats go to Frank Flores (EYC) on *Checkmate*, who took home the coveted Paper Plate trophy for 1st place!



lucky indeed!

As the Summer winds down, I would like to remind you to please make sure you are getting your statements. If there is a problem viewing or receiving, please contact Jean Little.

Happy dining on the deck and soon the swallows will be a brilliant part of your evening viewing! See you in the Marshes of Old Lyme... Cheers!

### ***Corinne Kilty***

Treasurer

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## SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE:

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### **Two more Musical Wednesday Night Dinners this month!**

We have already enjoyed many great performances accompanied by a great pub-style menu by the team of Gourmet Galley. **Thank you again to Deb Martin** for putting the program together.

Further Performances in August:

- Aug 21 Scott Konrad
- Aug 28 Corinthian Jazz Band

Come enjoy evenings of music and dining on Wednesday nights! Please include your Wednesday night plans in the weekly "heads-up email", so Chef Mel and her team can plan accordingly! Open to members and their guests.

The regatta committee and the club now turns its attention to the annual **Cross Sound Challenge Regatta, to be held Saturday, September 21st.** Our signature event has become a late season favorite on the ECSA calendar, highlighted by great racing conditions and lively post race festivities, open to all. We are in the middle of building out our sponsorships and on the water support team, so please step forward and help us continue this tradition.

Our Regatta Calendar for 2019 continues as follows:

**September 21st:** ECYC Cross Sound Challenge

**October 5th:** EYC Willets Memorial Race

**October 12th:** ECYC Clark Memorial Race

**October 19th:** PYC Birch Memorial Race

If you'd like to help our team in hosting the Cross Sound Challenge and the Clark Memorial Race, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We have a proud racing heritage with a deep roster of accomplished sailors and enthusiastic volunteers, and we'd like to welcome you to be part of the action in 2019!

***Bill Robinson***

*Race Committee Chair*

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## SPECIAL OFF-SHORE REPORT:

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The **EYC Rum Challenge** was raced on **July 20th.** Several EYC boats entered the regatta, hoping to clinch the Goslings Rum cask "trophy" that was up for grabs, to be awarded to the club with the best . three boats overall.

Despite our best efforts, the "uber-sailing club", Duck Island Yacht Club, once again dominated the scene. The cask was handed over ceremoniously during the award presentation at EYC. The good news is that our own Commodore may be able to partake in the trophy's contents, as she and her husband are also DIYC members, and the cask will be opened at a party there! Tartuca (ECYC) and Fusion (DIYC) have been battling it out on the

## WATERFRONT UPDATE:

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**Our Ideal 18 program** this summer season to date has seen us getting all available boats out for almost every Tuesday and now most Thursday night spinnaker racing as well. With the occasional return of breeze on Thursday nights, new to fleet skippers John Kihm, Jane Reilly, and Dan Rennie, have helped Tom Atkinson, Ed Birch, Cindy, and me expand our base of spinnaker capable skippers and crew, by helping along many of our spinnaker clinic grads. New to our Tuesday night fleet racing this year so far are also Peter Decker, Judy Saunders, Moses Lieberman, Lisa Frank, Peter Martin, Scott Beckwith, and Keith Kraner. We have yet to schedule other interested people, so don't be shy. While demonstrated fleet one design racing experience with rules proficiency is a requirement for frostbiting skippers, we still have entry level racing opportunities available this summer. With enough interest we will set up a learn-to-race (with rules) clinic after summer Tuesday racing, before frostbiting. October also brings longer distance racing in the Tri-Club River race series.

**We are working on a new system whereby every participant, at each level, is assigned to a particular boat team, rotating such each late summer and early spring.** Last year this system helped with managing the growth of our frostbite scheduling, and this expansion will improve our growing pains in boat care, supervision, and stewardship and other racing scheduling, while reducing the overall deafening over-communication.

**It is generally understood that racers will contribute (proportionately to their racing**

course in the Non-Spinnaker class for several years now, wins going back and forth, and it has also forged a friendship between crew members in the process. We encourage everyone to

Our congratulations to our sailors who valiantly raced in the Rum Challenge!

#### **Rum Challenge Results:**

##### Class One NS:

3rd Place: **Celebration** (Going)

##### Class Two NS:

6th Place: **Blue Jacket** (Robinson)

##### Class Three NS:

2nd Place: **Tartuca** (Emblin)

5th Place: **Atara** (Berman)

Well done!

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## **MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT:**

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Peter Martin, Sam Berman, Pamela Peter and Jeff Croyle were among the ECYC members who participated in "Conquer the Current" at the Connecticut River Museum recently. Judging from the photos the event was a great success and everyone had a lot of fun. It was a great feat to paddle downriver on two different distance courses, truly conquering the currents in the Connecticut River. Congratulations for such an accomplishment!



participation), as much as possible, to volunteer **maintenance and repair tasks**. Each boat's team members will co-operate to assist in its upkeep, under the Scouting principle of leaving each campsite cleaner than it was found. Team captains will ensure that all team members are able to participate at level appropriate to their experience, and veterans will continue to bring learners along.

**We need volunteers to help get most of our seasonal maintenance done.** We hope to schedule fiberglass and other repairs before Nautilus is launched next week. Boat team captains will flesh out tasks required for each boat. We can haul the other boats as necessary. Only Harmony may need a coat of paint this year, the others may not require a summer haul. Anyone that might be interested in hosting Harmony for a couple weeks on shore, near Essex, soon, please let me know. We will schedule re-rigging of a few things on the boats. Other things we can use help with will include top and bottom cleaning dates for the remaining three boats before frostbiting.

We have good news that the mystery of Nautilus' leaking (underway or loaded condition) may be solved. An onshore hose test showed it to be at the rudder post/hull junction (just above the "light" water line). The keel bolts and bailers did not leak in the hose test. We expect the leak to be repairable, on the pressure side, with sealant, which is certainly worth trying before undertaking more invasive work. The leak location explains why Nautilus went submarine after the snow storms last March, and its ongoing leaking while underway, while it took on no water at other times.

I would also like to request team members (and their friends) to seriously consider further help for the Ideal 18 Maintenance Fund. Those who feel bad that they aren't available for work parties all the time may want to consider a reasonable additional contribution (consider the boatyard rate for work on the boats)! See Jean at the club office to make the contribution or mail it in!

Day-sailing is open sunrise to sunset at all times not otherwise scheduled to all members. If you have been checked out by one of our instructors you can simply sign up to take a boat out. Please familiarize yourself with the process, ask if you



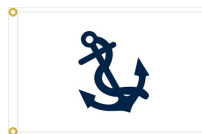


have any questions. Those interested in sailing, or joining our Ideal 18 racing teams, or helping with any of the above, may reply to me personally at the address shown below.

**Jon Gibbs**

*Fleet Captain*

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Hello, my fellow ECYC Members:

We are happy to see many of you using our wonderful club both on Wednesday and Friday nights, plus a few new faces out racing our ideal 18's Tuesday and Thursday evenings!

Please remember the following:

1. The club now has four (4) Ideal 18s available to all (you must get checked out by an instructor to use them on your own and sign a waiver, see usage policy docs for details)

2. The galley is offering Sunday night dinners during August.

3. Wednesday nights is live music dinner night, too!

**Sponsors, please remember to reach out to the new members you invited to the club. Show them around, introduce them, make them feel welcome!**

Enjoy the remainder of the summer! Feel free to contact me or Jean Little with any questions.

Cheers,

**Cindy Gibbs**

Membership Chair

## GALLEY UPDATE:



Enjoy the culinary creations by Chef Mel Green of Gourmet Galley! Please refer to the board near

the galley window for weekly specials!

- Please remember to send your weekly "heads-up email" to Chef Mel to indicate whether you are coming for dinner! It helps tremendously with meal planning.
- Please be advised that the coffee and beverages on the counter near the galley window are NOT free! If you wish to have a drink other than tap water, please make sure you fill out a chit!
- Please make sure to fill out your ticket with all details including your membership and table number.
- Your server will collect the tickets to stagger meal deliveries. If you want to eat at the same time as others on your table, please ensure that all tickets are handed over together.
- Please do not speak to the chef directly if



## DID YOU KNOW?

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### SUMMER HOURS ARE IN EFFECT AT THE CLUBHOUSE:

- Tuesday, Thursday 9 am to 10 pm
- Wednesday, Friday 9 am to 10 pm (Office closes at 5 pm)
- Saturday 11 am - 10 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, 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.

### 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)!

### BOG MEETINGS:

Members in good standing are always welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact a board member or Jean Little to advise us that you are planning to attend as a guest.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Pursuant to the motion approved at the 2018 Annual Meeting the "Galley Minimum" has been renamed "Monthly Minimum" to clearly reflect the fact that this fee directly benefits the club, not the galley. It is a "keep the lights on" fee that indemnifies the club against losses if members do not use the dining services and charge their club account a minimum of \$30 per month during the months of February through December.

there is a problem, but speak to your server. He/she will be happy to help.

- Enjoy the camaraderie among friends at the club!

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

**Chris Morano**

*Galley Liaison*

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### Summer Galley Hours:

#### Lunch:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday:  
11.30 am to 2.00 pm

#### Dinner:

Wednesday: 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm (through end of August)  
Friday: 6:00 pm to 8.30 pm  
Sunday: 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm (August only)

#### Brunch:

Sunday: 11.00 am to 2.30 pm - special brunch hours on selected holidays!

In the future, menus will be available at  
[www.essexcorinthian.org/dining.html](http://www.essexcorinthian.org/dining.html)

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## SHIP'S STORE

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### ***Have you checked out our new Online Ship's Store yet?***

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! Order your spring gear now to ensure timely delivery!  
**Every time you purchase something, ECYC will get a commission, which, in turn will benefit the club and its members!**

Ship's Store Online



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