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The Latest News from ECYC!



View from the Bridge

Dear Fellow Corinthians!

Even though it has been Spring for a couple of weeks, we have had our share of inclement weather in the last few weeks. It felt like the winter didn't want to end.... We had a few nice days in March, lucked out for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, in which ECYC participated this year! Thanks to the creative members who helped put the float together!

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- **April 10th:** Ladies on Deck
- **May 4th - 6th:** Essex Boat Show - ***ECYC to have booth at the show!***
- **May 5th:** Kentucky Derby & 5 de Mayo Party
- **May 13th:** Mother's Day Brunch
- **May 19th:** Connecticut River Leukemia Cup Cocktail Reception

Leading up to April 7th it looked like it was not about to improve. However, the sun came out for our



Commissioning Ceremony last Saturday, and it was a very moving affair for me, as it was my first official act as Commodore. We had a large crowd in attendance, including the majority of recent new members, who were formally introduced by our Membership Chair Cindy Gibbs at the reception. It was a special treat to have the Sailing Masters of 1812 perform at the ceremony! Thank you to the BoG members who took part in the ceremony and reception. The new season is off to a good start in your capable hands!



Our committees have been hard at work to get the 2018 season started. As always, we have plenty of events on the calendar, and there is still much to do around the club house to get everything ready for outdoor season. All

committees could really need some help, please never forget that we are a Corinthian club, meaning, we don't employ a large staff but trust in the spirit of volunteerism our club stands for. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for a committee! And then get involved! Meet new friends and enjoy the resulting camaraderie!

Once the weather gets warmer and the awning is installed 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.

Remember, we are a boating AND social club, and welcome anyone interested in what our great little

- **May 26th:** Spring Raft-Up Hamburg Cove (weather permitting)
- **May 28th:** Memorial Day (Galley Closed, Club open for members to BBQ)

[Refer to our event calendar on our website at](#)

www.essexcorinthian.org for event details!

VICE COMMODORE'S UPDATE

Welcome to another Spring!

A busy time of year, as we all bring our boats back from dormancy, while trying to keep up with the never ending list of spring chores at home. During the Winter, while our vessels slept, the work at the Club never stopped. Our various committee members continued to perform the functions that keep our Club rolling along. The House Committee continues to address the many projects that maintain our beautiful location. If you ever owned a wooden boat, you know how that work never ends. Maintaining our building is like owning 10 wooden boats. Our other Committees, including Race, Membership, Entertainment and Strategic Planning, to mention a few, have also been working hard to address important issues that keep the Club afloat while also addressing its future needs. As a result, the Club is actively getting ready to go for the 2018 Season. In fact, racing has already commenced with ECYC boats and members competing in the Spring Frostbite Series. This year, Club members are racing both Ideals and Etchells!

As Spring awakens (in between snow storms), there is always a need for help to get the Club up and running. As you read of various projects and events in this newsletter, don't hesitate to contact any Committee Chair if you feel you can provide assistance.

Remember, as membership levels fluctuate over time, there is always a need to increase our ranks, as dues income is the life's blood of our organization. Don't forget, anyone who is the primary sponsor of a new member receives a \$100

club has to offer. Boat ownership is a plus, but not a prerequisite for membership. Members who travel and visit other clubs will tell you that we are pretty lucky in what we are able to enjoy all year round for the low dues we pay every year. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers we have a lot to offer for a price that is much more affordable than at some of the commensurate clubs around the country and even around the world.

My heartfelt thanks go out to the members who have already stepped up to a leadership role either on the Board of Governors or as a committee member. We could not keep this club going without the support of members like them.

If you want to help, please contact any board member or committee chair. Their contact information is listed on our website in the "About Us" section (click on the Board of Governors link in the upper right corner).

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

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ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:

Ahoy all
members of
Essex Corinthian
Yacht Club!

reduction on the amount of their own annual dues when the newcomer's membership renews!

In addition to the beautiful Club facilities and great food, there are many activities planned for the Summer. Keep an eye on the Club Calendar and this newsletter for details!

Once again, welcome to the 2018 Season. Don't blink, as it always seems to go by too quickly.

Chris Morano

Vice Commodore

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REAR COMMODORE'S UPDATE:

In between recent frostbite races, Mike Saxe and I discussed the penalty turn, which occurs frequently in close quarters frostbite racing. The rule book says that a boat breaking a racing rule may take a penalty turn at the time of the incident and then continue racing. The rule calls for two circles (aka 720 degree penalty turn), but is often shortened to one circle if specified in the sailing instructions for a particular race. The 720 penalty turn was introduced as an alternative penalty in 1973. Before then, a boat breaking a rule had to retire from the race. I recall my excitement as a teenager being invited to crew for the best Atlantic Class skipper at my yacht club, sailing 45 minutes out to the course, fouling a starboard tack boat at the starting line, and sailing 45 minutes back to the club. This was before 1973. As many of you know, member Cindy Gibbs won the 1975 Adams Cup as the best female skipper in the United States. She qualified again a couple years later and the same thing happened to her that happened to my Atlantic skipper, ruining her chances in the multi-race event. This was after the 720 penalty turn was introduced, but it seems that until 1997 it was up to the regatta organizer to decide whether to offer



The Entertainment Committee is off to a busy start of

the season. We had a successful and fun St Patrick's Day Event on March 17th. We enjoyed Scottish and Celtic music during dinner throughout the remainder of the evening we enjoyed Irish Music provided by Peter Emblin.

The spring commissioning and new members reception on April 7th was well attended. Coastal Cooking Company once again provided delicious appetizers for all to enjoy.

A Kentucky Derby/Cinco De Mayo party is in the works for May 5. Appetizers will be provided for the derby and a Mexican themed dinner will follow. Please look for upcoming information.

Summer is just around the corner, keep a look out for our upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Nancy Simms & Pat Atkinson

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MORE UPCOMING EVENTS:



2018 ESSEX BOAT SHOW

**May 4th, 5th, 6th at
SH Essex Island Marina**

ECYC will have a booth at the show this year! This is part of our spring membership drive and we hope to invite potential

it, and the Adams Cup did not. In 1997 it became the default penalty, meaning that it applied unless the sailing instructions said it did not. If it were not for the 360 penalty turn half the boats frostbiting wouldn't finish a race! On the other hand, the boats would have fewer dings.

Tom Atkinson

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UPCOMING EVENTS:



KENTUCKY DERBY & CINCO DE MAYO PARTY SATURDAY, MAY 5TH

As the Kentucky Derby and Cinco de Mayo fall on the same day, we are planning a combined celebration of both events: El Derby del 5 Mayo!

Save the date, details will follow soon! RSVP will be required to allow us to plan accordingly.

If you want to help, please let the entertainment committee know! We can always use extra hands!

members to visit our great little club! Stop by to say hello!

We are still looking for a few volunteers to help man the booth during the weekend. Please contact Cindy Gibbs if you want to help!

Remember, the more active members our club has, the better for everyone!

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH SUNDAY, MAY 13TH

Coastal Cooking Company is pleased to invite you to the Annual Mother's Day Brunch on May 13th!



Menu and sign-up information to follow shortly!

RAISE YOUR GLASS TO CURE BLOOD CANCERS

COCKTAIL PARTY & SILENT AUCTION
ON SATURDAY, MAY 19TH



Please join us on May 19th for a cocktail party for a very worthy cause! Music provided by the Arrowhead String Band, silent auction items donated by our generous supporters!

Cost \$35 per person.

All profits are donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Sign up required - stay tuned for details!

WATERFRONT UPDATE:

GALLEY UPDATE:

Spring frostbiting means lots of wind. Sometimes an unexpectedly early and strong cold front means the sheets that went out at the windward mark will not come in at the leeward mark! Ask Ed Birch about that (frozen!). I was so glad to be home sick that day.

We have had lots of wind and great racing. Tom Atkinson, sailing Nautilus as the open boat, with a variety of crew (Mike Saxe, Glenn Jacobsen, Sharon Tracy, Matt Melius, and (this week Joan Kirsch) is close behind perennial EYC leader Carter Gowrie, while Sue Watts co-skippering with Jon Gibbs are closing the gap in third in Dauntless #38. Sam Berman and Matt Melius are breaking into the fleet well with increasingly strong finishes (including one just a few feet short of a first last week), after not scoring the first week, to try out sail with others. Week one was a good harbinger for EYC. Fielding just two club boats only for the conditions that day, Tom and Matt won the day, while Jon and Sam were a close second, with members Ed Birch and Jeff Going placing third. Sue Watts is now top notch both skippering and crewing and has visited the podium more than a few times. On week five Joan Kirsch made a very promising Frostbite debut to help me to break a long drought and win the day.

Carter Gowrie of EYC has definitely hit his stride, with a score of 1-3-1-1-1-1-1 on week four.

EYC Summer Tuesday night racing is the best way to get started racing in our Ideal 18 fleet. The first two weeks of Tuesday night racing in June are introductory un-scored casual racing with coaching allowed. Those interested in setting up a rules and tactics round table the week before, and follow up discussions after those races, or those interested in signing up for our team and racing crew e-mail list, should contact me, Jon Gibbs at fleetcaptain@essexcorinthian.org.

Tuesday racing, EYC Thursday evening racing with spinnakers, The EYC Essex Rum Challenge, the Willets, Clarke, and Birch fall river races, the EYC-EYC team race, and fall frostbiting will round out our 2018 Ideal 18 season.

Consider getting qualified to take out an Ideal 18 for day sailing. You can get underway in minutes on a moment's notice. On Memorial Day 1:00 PM -4:00 PM, we will have skippers ready to



The galley has been hopping the last few Friday nights! And speaking of "hopping" just recently, Monique, Ed and their team served up a wonderful Easter 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.

Our next special brunch will be on **Sunday, May 13th, for Mother's Day**. More information will be sent out soon!

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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Early Spring Galley Hours:

get members and prospective member guests underway.

Jon Gibbs

Fleet Captain

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HOUSE UPDATE:

There are a number of House projects on the schedule in 2018. The board is currently discussing roof repairs with our landlord, which should happen shortly. We will provide you with an update as soon as we know more, but we do not expect the work to cause any major disruptions. There will be further communication soon about projects we need to tackle this spring. If you want to help, whether physically or financially, please email David or contact any of the current Bridge officers. Thank you for your support!

David Kirsch

House Committee Chair

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Spring is finally here or is it? I'm happy to announce, last month at our March board meeting, we voted in a few new members! Chris Morano sponsored **Ned Manuel and wife Andrea Ely** from Chester. They are the proud owners of a 42' Express cruiser which they dock at Essex Island Marina during the summer. They are excited to be to new members of ECYC! Wendy Pollack sponsored **Dickon Powell-Gray** who owns an Edgewater 26' called Willow! **Nancy St. Clair** also joined recently; she lives in New Canaan CT. Nancy was sponsored by Dennis and Sally Walker who long time members. Finally, we welcome **Frank Telo** of Essex...a long-time boater and owner of a Chris

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

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?

EARLY 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

Craft 22' docked in Essex. Frank is a returning member after a brief hiatus!

Our "fresh idea" for growing our membership is to participate in the **2018 Annual Spring Boat Show held on May 4-6th** at Essex Island Marina! We will have a table/booth with information about the club! A few enthusiastic volunteer members will man the booth and be available for show attendees to ask questions about our wonderful club. We will need more help with manning the booth, so volunteers should contact Cindy Gibbs or Sue Watts with their availability and questions! We are excited to promote the club in a "new" way by taking part in a very well-attended local boat show! We believe the exposure will be excellent! I look forward to feedback and volunteers! please feel free to give me call, if you are interested in lending a hand on May 4th- 6th! Thanks!

Cindy Gibbs

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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 !

SHIP'S STORE

The **Ship's Store** is currently undergoing reorganization.

Watch for an announcement for our new online store with TeamOne Newport soon. If you would like to purchase an item from our inventory in the meantime, please contact the office.



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