
The March issue

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THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

March 2013

A View from the Bridge

Fellow Corinthians,

"Through surf and storm and howling gale, high shall our purpose be."

United States Coast Guard anthem

From Sandy's visit last fall to Charlotte's (or was it Nemo's?) most recent fly by, ECYC has definitely seen surf, storm, and howling gale, plus a little snow thrown in for effect.

Through it all, our purpose remains undaunted: "To provide an environment for



good fellowship." By the efforts of many fellow Corinthian's, our galley staff, and the Brewer Dauntless team, we have not missed a step and can look forward to a tremendous year ahead.



And our environment for good fellowship is seeing historic and dramatic improvement as we head towards commissioning. The club renovation project is progressing extremely well. The first floor as we knew it has been removed and the new floor plan is starting to take shape. Behind the scenes, or perhaps



more accurately, underneath the scenes, new plumbing is being installed along with new electrical service and wiring that will support window air conditioning units this summer. We ask for your continued patience as the project moves towards completion. A heated portable head (....fondly named, "Ameri- Can". Not to be outdone, the EYC portable head supporting their renovation is called "Royal Flush".) with running water with separate male and female facilities is now located outside the club.

Our thanks to our Vice Commodore Tim Brewer for his design guidance, Chuck Grusse as the EYC project lead, and to Doug Domenie, General Manager of the Brewer Dauntless Shipyard for his active involvement and support of the project.

A special visitor to EYC we welcomed this month was Honorary Member Molly Clark. Molly's husband, Tom, is the namesake of our Annual Thomas Clark Memorial Race. Molly had a great reunion among EYC friends.



Speaking of the Tom Clark race, please check out the wonderful story of the sailing vessel "Marionette" who visited EYC to sail in last fall's Race. See the link below. The story says much about the friendly and welcoming nature of our club, on and off shore.

http://www.dolphin24.org/marionette_essex.html

We were also happy to see members of the OLCC in February enjoying the Corinthian. Thank you for welcoming them.

Please see our calendar updates below. Caribbean Night is coming March 22nd! YA MON! Spring is coming!

Make it a good month.
Terry



Terry Stewart, Commodore

Spring Frostbite Begins Sunday March 3rd

Ahoy all sailors and frostbiters! The spring season begins March 3, 2013! We are excited to begin and hoping for good weather and enthusiastic racers for our ideal 18's. Please email me to sign up to both skipper and/or crew our boat(s)! We are trying to get commitments for specific dates - in advance of our season getting under way! Looking forward to kicking off the spring sailing with frost biting! Please let us hear from you! cindy.gibbs@yahoo.com



Cheers,
Cindy Gibbs, Race Chair

Galley Minimum Policy Update

The BOG has clarified that our Galley Minimum can be used towards any meal ordered through the Galley during our regular galley service, club sponsored events and special events hosted by the Galley. The galley minimum cannot be used toward the ships store or at private events not sponsored by the club or galley.

From the Galley

Remember on Sundays you have a built in show outside with the **Frostbite Series**. *Races begin at 1pm. (Weather Permitting)*

We can provide you with **boxed lunches and dinners to go**. Perfect for your office meetings, or your dinners at home for busy evenings. Just call ahead and we will be happy to have your meals ready for pickup or delivery.

We're looking ahead to several exciting March events:

Sunday, March 17th

St. Patrick's Day

We will have a 4 course *pri fixe* offering of traditional Irish fare along with some dishes to delight the Breakfast lovers, including **Brioche Smoked Ham Eggs Benedict**.

We will be extending our Brunch until 5:30pm giving all who wish to enjoy their **Guinness with Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Guinness Beef Stew. Bangers & Mash. Boxty Reuben Cod, or Fish n Chips** all coming with **Irish Soda Bread, 2 soups and desserts** including **Apple Custard Bread Pudding with Whiskey Whipped Cream** for \$22 per person.

A Children's menu will be available.

We will have Irish tunes playing in the background, so come down early, get a great

table and enjoy a day of Irish fun.

Friday, March 22nd

Caribbean Night!

The buffet will be a delicious mix of Caribbean inspired dishes, including Barbados Baked Coconut Crusted White Fish, Grilled Jamaican Jerk Spiced Strip Steak, Cuban Barbecued Pulled Pork, Spice Island Chicken, Desserts and more...finishing off with Chicory Coffee.

Live Music with the Sun Kings Caribbean Party Band. Pirate attire and Aloha shirts encouraged!

Our 2nd Annual Easter Sunday Brunch is March 31st

The hours will be 11:30am through 2pm. If you attended last year, you know this is the place to come for ***Easter Sunday Brunch.***

We will be featuring a beautiful and bountiful buffet of *Easter Eggs, Fresh Fruit Platter, Cheese Charcuterie Tray, Mini Croissants, muffins, Cinnamon Buns, Smoked Salmon Platter, Pumpernickel, Rye, Cream Cheese, Capers, Lemon. A local Glazed Ham, assorted mustards, Orange Brown Sugar Roast Turkey Breast with Apple Compote, Eggs Benedict, Crepe Station, and on and on.....this Easter Buffet rivals all others on the shoreline.* All inclusive \$28.98.

Bring your Champagne, we will have the OJ all set for Mimosas.

It is never too early to sign up for events. Please do so by emailing monique@coastalcookingcompany.com.

Please remember the club is available for rent for your private events. Most Saturday evenings are available all year and a perfect night to have a celebration. Please inquire about a catering menu for your Graduation, Wedding Rehearsal, Anniversary or Simple Summertime Soiree.

Looking forward to seeing all ECYC members coming out to enjoy the hint of Spring in the air!

Monique Armstrong

Ideal 18's

Major Corinthian kudos to our Fleet Captain David Dorrance, Rear Commodore Steve Rodstrom, and Past Commodore Jeff Going for their efforts throughout the winter working on our Ideal 18's. We are very appreciative of Jeff's providing indoor workspace at his dinghy repair shop.

We also thank ECYC member Toby Doyle for working with Evolution Sails, our sailmaker who provided new replacement sails at no cost to the club.



Sailing classes on our Ideal 18's We intend to run a general class for all members along with a session designed especially for women. Please contact Race Chair Cindy Gibbs to express interest (cindy.gibbs@yahoo.com).

House and Grounds

Our new house is coming! The major renovation to the first floor of our house has reached just about the half-way mark and taking great shape. We're talking ceramic tile, new private shower area, new carpeted office, refinished flooring, enhanced recessed lighting, new wiring, full view to marina and river on entry, pedestal sinks, new modern heads with reliable flushing toilets. I say reliable as I've learned going back as much as 25 years the ladies head was especially a bit moody and at times in need of encouragement for full performance, becoming a renown rustic feature of the ECYC. Every effort is being done by the BOG, house committee, and Brewers to have the premier showing ready for this year's commissioning. Brewers has been an incredible partner in the effort, expressing and performing with strong commitment toward a really first class result. I hope every member shares in the growing anticipation of our renewed house.



An appeal to the members - As the project moves

toward completion, there's a need to furnish the new office. I believe the new office space could be fitted with 2 tall storage cabinets, a short 3 drawer file unit, desk, chair, and credenza. Ask if any member has possession of, knowledge of, or access to any type of resource to possibly fill this need. If so please contact Elaine.

Spring is also coming. Look for and please make every effort to assist in upcoming scheduled improvement events. Windows will be cleaned, exterior washed, painting, plantings to be cared for, and the many other tasks necessary to keep the house in order.

The house committee for 2013 includes: Monique Bauman, Ed Birch, Michael Birch, Tim Brewer, Lew Davidson, Peter DeLisa, Ann Fitzgerald, Earl Fowler, Jim Francis, Jeff Going, Frank Hall, Skip Haskins, Jack MacElwee, Steve Rodstrom, Andy Roussel, Don Shannehan, Terry Stewart, Loch Syme, George VanDrasek, and Deb Wallis. Expect there will be much to do to keep all very busy, and of course welcome help from all our fellow Corinthians.

Looking forward to 2013 as an especially memorable year in the history of the ECYC building.

Chuck Grusse - House Chair

Off Shore Update

Well, it's the first of March. I don't know why, but this time of year, the thought of taking the cover off of the boat seems light years away. Then, in the mail arrives the launch date from my winter marina and instantly, I'm trying to figure out what happened to my boat chore list and how I'm going to get everything done in time for my mid-April launch.

We've been very busy planning a full slate of off shore events for 2013. By the time you receive this edition of Bell 8, ECYC will have begun its defense of a number of Frostbite awards. With many thanks to David Dorrance (our capable Fleet Captain) our Ideal 18s have been readied and launched to start the Frostbite Spring Series. With more thanks to Dan Watts, Toby Doyle, David Dorrance and others, our boats will be outfitted with brand new sails. Due largely to the vigilance of Dan Watts with help from Toby, Evolution Sails has stepped up to the plate to replace 2 suits of sails (that we were not entirely pleased with) at no cost. Kudos to our members and our sincere thanks to Evolution for seeing things through.

We will introduce a number of new PHRF racing opportunities this year - some formal, some informal - all certain to be great fun. We are arranging 3 Sunday afternoon dates with our neighbors at EYC for friendly PHRF competition off of Saybrook Point. These races will provide great opportunities to get involved with some light competition and an after-race

inter club BBQ. If you don't have a boat but would like to crew, contact Tim Brewer or Cindy Gibbs and we'll get you on a boat.

A fun race from Saybrook Point to 3 Mile Harbor will kick off the summer cruise, which will likely include Block Island, Newport and Cuttyhunk this year. Exact dates are still being firmed up, but the race and cruise will coincide with the fireworks display in 3 Mile. A date in August will be confirmed for the first annual ECYC / Shelter Island Yacht Club Inter-club PHRF regatta. Stay tuned for more on that. ECYC standards to include spring and fall Frostbiting, spring and fall Off Soundings, the full slate of ECSA points racing and the Tri-Club River Regatta in October will keep racers busy all season long.

Lastly on the racing agenda; 2013 will be the inaugural year for the "Cross Sound Challenge" Regatta, which will be sponsored by our Club. Scheduled for September 21st, with an after party at ECYC, we intend to grow participation in this event and turn it into an ECSA sanctioned points race next year.

Thanks in advance to Cindy Gibbs, our Race Committee Chair and so many of our members who will serve on the Race Committee this for making 2013 an exciting year at ECYC.

Tim Brewer
Vice Commodore



Upcoming Events

- **Rives Potts and the World's Great Open Ocean Races** - Sadly, we had to reschedule Rives's visit due to the passing of his mother. [Please watch for the new date.](#)
- **St. Patrick's Day** - [Sunday, March 17th.](#) Brunch starting at 11am and dinner though 5:30pm. RSVP with Monique. monique@coastalcookingcompany.com
- **Caribbean Night** - [Friday, March 22nd.](#) Special Caribbean menu and music with the Sun Kings Caribbean Party Band.
- **Easter Sunday Brunch** - [Sunday, March 31st.](#)
- **Commissioning 2013** - Join us [April 13th](#) as we commission the club for the 2013.

Check out our renovations and enjoy a member reception to celebrate!

- **Newport 12 Meter Challenge** - *Saturday, June 22nd*. Crews are forming now. Contact Terry Stewart at tgstewart14@comcast.net to sign aboard.
- **Ideal 18 Sailing Classes** - Learn to sail this year! Sailing classes on our Ideal 18's are now being planned. We intend to run a general class for all members along with a session designed especially for women. Please contact Race Chair Cindy Gibbs to express interest (cindy.gibbs@yahoo.com).

ECYC Members Visit Yacht Clubs Near and Far

Our collection of burgees will soon have two new special additions.

ECYC member and world traveler Joyce Winterstein (it's her business!) and her husband Jeff recently visited the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania in Hobart, Australia. Here is her "log entry":

Jeff and I and a few friends, took a 12 day Australian cruise onboard Crystal Cruises. Ports included Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart, Sydney and Brisbane. We thought Hobart would be our opportunity for a burgee exchange. We received a welcoming email from Sonia Shelverton from the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania looking forward to our visit during our port call January 10 and 11.

Tasmania was discovered by Dutch explorer, Abel Tasman in 1642. The first settlement arrived in 1803 which consisted of (you guessed it) convicts and military guards. The penal colony established at Port Arthur was one of the harshest; housing the hardest criminals Britain and Ireland could send and soon became Australia's largest in operation from 1830 until 1877. Port Arthur is now a major tourist area where visitors can also see the penitentiary.



Because of recent fires in and around Port Arthur, many roads were closed. But there was certainly enough to keep us busy for 2 days around Hobart including a visit Australia's oldest Brewery, the Cascade Brewery and a visit to the Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary to see Tasmanian Devils as well as kangaroos, blue tongued lizards (guess why the name), potoroos, emus, the Eastern Quoll, the Tasmanian Pademelon, the very shy Tasmanian Bettong and of course - koalas!!

Our visit to the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania was great fun. It was founded in 1859 as the

Tasmanian Yacht Club. Over the years, the club has had many homes, many names and has closed and open more times than they like to admit. Finally in 1908 a Royal Warrant was granted to "The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania". In 1910 the present burgee was designed and approved for use by members. Today it sits on a beautiful harbor with one of the largest marinas in Hobart. Indeed - what a view!

Sonia was there to greet us. After the official burgee exchange, we were given a brief tour of the facility and invited to share in a great Aussie pastime - drinking and socializing! We quickly learned of their "rule" - if you wear a cap into the bar, you must pay for a round of drinks. As soon as they heard our accents, we were given a reprieve. Our new friends gave us this year's racing caps from the Sydney - Hobart race, burgee pins and a beautiful hard cover book of the 100-year history of the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (1908 - 2008). Jeff and I are pleased to donate this book to the ECYC library.



In our hemisphere, members Jim and Susan Magaziner used our great reciprocal program to visit the Miami Yacht Club while visiting the Miami Boat Show last month. Susan reports:

MYC members, staff and Board members were most welcoming and we enjoyed a wonderful lunch on the intercostal. MYC has a very casual environment and we are honored that we were able to represent ECYC. Jim looks forward to presenting the MYC burgee to the club. For certain, a highlight of our trip!



Last September, ECYC members David Evangelisti (L) and Club Chaplain Dan Taylor (R) visited the beautiful Capri (Italy) Yacht Club and proudly exchanged our burgee with CYC club manager Giuliana.

With thanks to our globetrotting members, the sun never sets on ECYC!

Calling all Corinthian Kayakers!



There is interest in forming an ECYC kayaker/canoeing group for the coming season. Please reach out to Don Shannehan to get involved.

donshannehan@sbcglobal.net

Burgee of the Month



Mystery Burgee Found (above)

Thanks to members Duncan Syme and Ken Munson who identified last month's mystery burgee from Stone Horse Yacht Club (<http://www.stonehorseyachtclub.org/>) in Harwichport, MA. The six stars represent the six founding members of the club



This Month's Mystery Burgee (above)

Members correctly identifying this burgee's home receive an ECYC burgee sticker. Send your answer to Terry at tgstewart14@comcast.net.



Burgee of the Month

This month's "burgee of the month" is from the Saugatuck Harbor Yacht Club in Westport, CT (<http://www.saugatuckharboryc.com/>) Our thanks to ECYC member Mike Ingrassia for presenting the burgee on behalf of his son who is a member at SHYC.

Membership Update

The Board of Governors has approved the Membership of Joslyn and Bill Hansen of Suffield, CT and of Nancie and Sal Marino of Niantic, CT .

The Hansens, sponsored by Jane Macy Pfeffer, are avid boaters as well snow boarding and skiing enthusiasts. After spending many summers on Block Island, they are now looking forward to being a part of the Essex community during the summer months.

Nancie and Sal Marino, sponsored by Earl Fowler, have attended many functions at ECYC and are now ready to fully participate in the Corinthian spirit and joining our sailing community.

Further, we are pleased to report that Cheryl and Mitchell Heffernan and Ann Horan-Young have rejoined the club.

We have received a request for Non Resident membership but after reviewing the application have found that the individuals didn't qualify. Please note that under our By-Laws, a Non Resident member must live year round outside the State of Connecticut and shall not have a boat moored within the CT waters nor own a residence within CT.

Please be sure to welcome our new members and welcome back our returning members!

Sharon Craig
Membership Chair

Ships Store

In addition to our on-premise Ship's Store in the Sun Room, check out the online store at: www.boatowners.org

Communication Information

Please note our **EMAIL and WEBSITE ADDRESSES**

We have a helpful page on the ECYC Website. Want to sell stuff??? or perhaps you are looking for something....check out our "Classified Page."

Give your information to Elaine and she'll get onto the ECYC website.

Also, note that all Club events, menus, photos, etc. are on our website.

....so remember:

www.essexcyc.org

email: ECYC@essexcyc.org

ECYC Information

2013 FLAG OFFICERS

Commodore - Terry Stewart

Vice Commodore - Tim Brewer

Rear Commodore - Steve Rodstrom

Treasurer - Deb Wallis

Secretary - Katherine Berry

2013 BOARD MEMBERS

Sharon Craig

Chuck Grusse

Jane Pfeffer

Valerie Votto

Dan Watts

Past Commodore - Skip Haskins

Fleet Captain - David Dorrance

Fleet Surgeon - Dr. Marybeth Ellison, MD

Fleet Chaplin - Dan Taylor-Stypa

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Entertainment - Valerie Votto

Galley - Dan Watts

House - Chuck Grusse

Membership - Sharon Craig

Nominating - Skip Haskins

Race Committee - Cindy Gibbs

Ship's Store - Jean Brewer

WebMaster-Skip Haskins
Bell 8 - Robbi Storms

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