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THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB



View from the Bridge

Commodore Tom Atkinson

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Greetings! The year is shaping up nicely. We have already had several successful entertainment events, and co-hosted the Gowrie Group CT River One-Design Regatta to benefit Sails Up 4 Cancer along with four other local yacht clubs. This regatta would not have happened without the hard work of Ruth Emblin and her dedication to the cause, as well as the generosity of my Essex Yacht Club counterpart Carter Gowrie, who has an impressive sailing resume, but loves one-design racing most of all (and he's darn good at it!) You can read more about the regatta below.

Chef Lori Daley and her crew continue to serve up great food, including themed meals for Saint Patrick's Day and Cinco De Mayo. Her "to go" meals from the cooler are a big hit - we have installed a microwave in the bar so you can warm your food and eat it at the club.

You are welcome to keep a kayak on the dinghy rack in the upper parking lot and launch it either from our dinghy dock or Essex Yacht Club's ramp just over the property line. If you don't have a kayak, you can use mine - one is a gray "America" model, and the other is a yellow "Acadia" model - both have ECYC burgee stickers on them. The paddles are inside the cockpit. And lastly, the 2022 Member & Fleet Roster will be distributed at the Fourth of July picnic.

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IN THE CLUBHOUSE

LADIES ON DECK

Our Ladies on Deck continues on the first Tuesday of every month and is an evening set aside just for ladies to come socialize over appetizers brought to share.

Our most recent LOD welcomed our neighbor Essex Paint & Sip who came in to do a paint night for us! If you have never attended LOD, please come and join the fun- and bring a friend to introduce her to our fantastic club!



Galley Update

Wednesday Night Dinners with Live Music returns on June 1st



Summer Hours:

Please see website for weekly menus

Lunch (self-service):

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Dinner (table service):

Wednesday & Friday
5:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Brunch (table service):

Sunday 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Did You Know? (Corrected)

The monthly minimum charge of \$60 includes galley meals (excluding tax and gratuity) and the cost of events where a fee is charged and food is served. It does not include any other charges to your account.

FRIDAY NIGHT COLORS CEREMONY



“Standing for Colors” is a tradition observed by yacht clubs around the world and at the Essex Corinthian Yacht Club on Friday nights during Essex Yacht Club’s commissioned season.

“Colors” involves members and guests standing quietly while a cannon salute is rendered, followed by the lowering of the U.S. Flag, then returning to regular activity upon the words, “As You Were.”

We do not lower our U.S. Flag at sunset - we fly our flag and burgee 24X7 with a light at night, as required by protocol.

The staff at the Essex Yacht Club will fire their salute cannon at sunset and lower the EYC burgee.

When the EYC burgee has been lowered, a Board designated “Officer of the Deck” will ring the club’s bell twice and announce “Stand for Colors.” Only at that time should members and guests stop activity, stand, and turn to observe the flagpole at Essex Yacht Club. We then fire our salute cannon while the U.S. Flag at EYC is lowered.

We do not honor the EYC burgee, but the U.S. Flag. Members and Guests should face the colors and be silent. When the Flag has been lowered, the Officer of the Deck will ring the bell once and announce, “As You Were.” Members and Guests may then resume their prior activity.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT



ECYC recruiting booth at the Boat Show

Our spring membership drive is well underway starting with 5 new members and the boat show special bringing in 16 more! A huge thank you to those who came out to help: Cindy Gibbs, Maria Decker, Dave Newbegin, Ruth Emblin and Jason Kneier. Read all about our newest friends on the new members board by the front door and be sure to offer up a warm Corinthian welcome. Our membership drive continues with half off the initiation fee until the end of May so keep spreading the word!

Jessi Kneier, Membership Chair

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

It may have been chilly outside in March, but our club was spicy hot during our well attended first event! Our annual chili cookoff was a tasty way to start the year and many chili, soup and stew dishes were brought for all to enjoy. Members voted on their favorites and awards were given to Ruth Emblin, Maria Decker and a guest.

Following tradition, our fleet was blessed with an inspirational invocation by our Fleet Chaplain, Dan Taylor-Stypa. Many thanks for all who participated to make this event the largest attended cookoff!

More events are on the horizon including our member favorite Caribbean Night and Docktails coming in June!

Also starting back up in June will be Wednesday night dinners with music on the deck!

Pat Atkinson & Jessi Kneier
Entertainment Co-Chairs



Harry Bird looking good in pink while decorating the club before an entertainment event

Did You Know?

Members who reach age 90 pay the non-resident dues rate – let Jean know if/when you qualify

Upcoming Events

May 30: Memorial Day Potluck Picnic

May 31: Kayaking Group Meeting

June 1, 22, July 13: Women on the River

June 4: Caribbean Night

June 7: Ladies on Deck

June 10: New Members Reception

June 19: Father's Day Brunch

July 4: Cookout with Live Music

July 16: Three Mile Harbor Raft Up & Fireworks

August 13: New Members Potluck Picnic & Open Sail in Ideal 18s

Commissioning Day 2022



Did You Know?

That's The Spirit liquor store next to the train tracks offers \$1 off any bottle of wine to club members – bring your membership card as proof – Francis welcomes your business!

Kentucky Derby Party



ECYC ON THE WATER

2022 Gowrie Group CT River-One Design Regatta a Huge Success

The 2022 Gowrie Group CT River-One Design Regatta to benefit Sails Up 4 Cancer presented by Cooper Capital Specialty Salvage on April 30th with probably the longest name I have ever had to pronounce several times over could not have worked out any better. After months of planning and promo work to get the word out, we ended up with 37 boats registered, 34 of which battled it out amongst their fleet, and 250 party guests under the big tent on our neighbors' (EYC) lawn.

The day began with a bright blue sky and blustery conditions, as crews gathered for the Skippers Meeting. Meanwhile, volunteers from all five participating clubs were setting up tables and chairs, as well as a plethora of auction items, to be enjoyed later after racing concluded.



Photo by Peter Emlin

Five classes competed; MC Scows, Lasers, Ideal 18s, JY 15s and Etchells. The Connecticut River was the perfect place to have this one-design regatta, which was held one weekend prior to the last day of Spring Frostbiting. Sailors from all five yacht clubs, ECYC, EYC, FBYC, DIYC and PYC, competed on the river in variable conditions with occasionally quite hefty gusts, making for an exciting day on the water. Following 4 to 6 races depending on the one-design class, the sailors joined guests from all five yacht clubs and beyond for a great party. Music by "Cherry Pie", food provided by EYC and plenty of drinks donated by generous sponsors kept everyone entertained until it was time for a couple of announcements by the planning committee. As the Past Commodore of ECYC and current Vice Commodore of DIYC, it was my pleasure to introduce **Mischa van Berkel, PYC Commodore, Carter Gowrie, EYC Commodore, Tom Atkinson, ECYC Commodore, Mark McCarthy, DIYC Commodore and Sue Wyeth, FBYC Past Commodore** to the assembled guests. A mission statement by Bob Davis, founder and CEO of Sails Up 4 Cancer, the benefitting charity, and a testimonial by Ken McGahee, Leukemia survivor, brought the goal of the event into focus: raise funds for cancer patients and their families in our community. Party guests bid on exciting prizes in a silent auction, and a photograph by Rick Bannerot of On the Fly Photography was auctioned off in a brief live auction. After an initial tally in the evening, it looks like the charity event reached its goal of \$50,000 raised to benefit Sails Up 4 Cancer!

The planning committee would like to thank everyone who helped make this day happen, from club representatives, members of the race committee, to volunteers from all clubs and the Navy cadets who came to lend a helping hand. And, of course, a heartfelt thank you to all our cash donors, sponsors, and in-kind donors for their generosity! Please stay tuned for an announcement of the final tally in the next couple of weeks.

Race Results - Our four Ideal 18s finished out of the money, however ECYC sailors swept the first four places in the Etchells class with Toby Doyle getting the win, followed by Bill Robinson, Chris Morano, and Scott Beckwith.

Ruth Emblin, Past Commodore



Photos by Beverly Kohl

Frostbite Yacht Club Spring Series

Trophy Winners

Etchells:

1st – Toby Doyle

2nd – Bill Robinson

Ideal 18s:

2nd – Jon Gibbs



ECYC Ideal 18s in Action



Tom & Dan Atkinson



Diane Stark & Laura Nunno

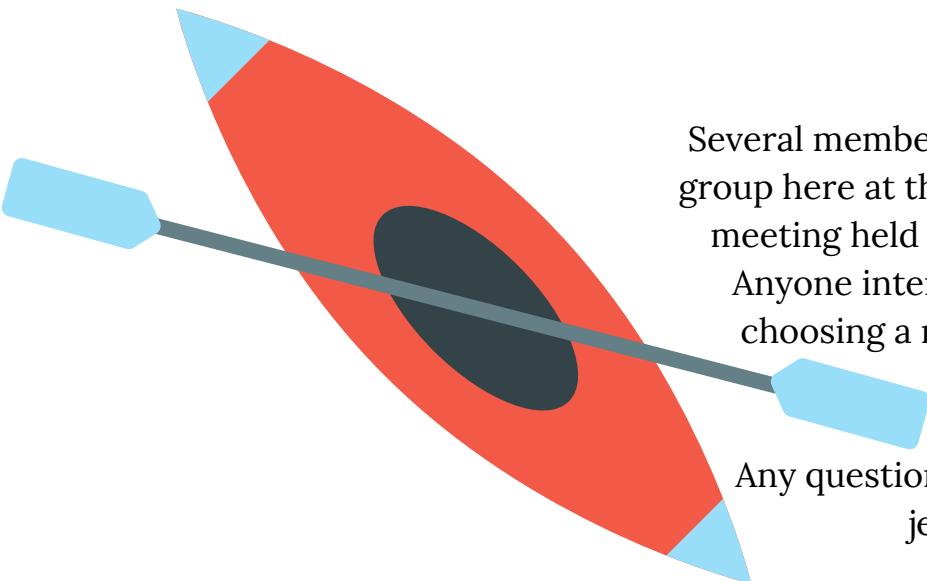


Cindy Gibbs & Peter Emblin

Kayaking Group!

Several members have asked for a dedicated kayaking group here at the club. To facilitate this, there will be a meeting held at ECYC on Tuesday, 5/31 at 6:30pm. Anyone interested is asked to attend. We will be choosing a member to head this up to organize outings.

Any questions can be directed to Jessi Kneier at jessikneier@sbcglobal.net.





Reciprocal Privileges

A Special ECYC Membership Benefit

Did you know through your ECYC membership, you have reciprocal access to hundreds of yacht clubs around the world? You do! During the course of our belonging to ECYC, we have visited 150 clubs (yes, I keep count!) across the US, Canada, the Caribbean and the Pacific. Some are large full-service clubs ranging from St. Francis in San Francisco to others that are minimal like Cuttyhunk. All share a fun fellowship around our enjoyment of boating and life on the water. They are great places to meet with and break the ice with the locals!

Most yacht clubs, much like the Corinthian, are located near the center of a locale's harbor. They provide a special venue to meet fellow sailors in a less crowded environment compared to similarly located bars and restaurants. When visiting by boat, clubs can provide a shore based "home away from home" with head facilities, WiFi, moorings, and often launch service. Some have a galley like ours and a bar.

When visiting a club, we are respectful of policies a club may have regarding visiting yachtsmen and women to include membership verification and dress codes. Some clubs require a letter from our club manager authorizing cross charging. Jean can produce these on request. Others may ask for your club membership card. Most accept credit cards. Some clubs adhere to traditions such as evening colors and may require a jacket at dinner. Most are informal. We always follow their protocols as representatives of our club.

Before visiting a club, we check their website for their policies and hours of operation. We also let them know in advance of our visit. If we have questions, we've found club managers always helpful and encouraging of our visit.

After our visit, we'll send a thank you note encouraging their members to visit our club.

While we do many joint activities with the Essex Yacht Club, we do not have a reciprocal relationship given our close proximity. This is a common practice among clubs located near each other. Like almost all clubs, we also do not have reciprocal with the New York Yacht Club. We have visited and stayed at the NYYC only as guests of a member. To find a club near your destination, we use: www.yachtclub.com. Our club also belongs to the Yachting Club of America which provides our members a reciprocal courtesy card that some clubs will ask for. Jean will provide yours along with your club membership card. Jean also has their registry of member clubs. See www.ycaol.com for more information.

Finally, a fun tradition among clubs is exchanging burgees as a sign of mutual friendship. Our club displays burgees our members have collected from around the world. If we know we're visiting a club we have not done an exchange with, we'll bring an ECYC burgee with us and arrange in advance to make the exchange. We'll then add the other club's burgee to our club's collection when we return. During your travels on land or sea this season, we hope you enjoy this fun membership benefit as much as we have!

Terry Stewart, Past Commodore



Burgee exchange with the Bora Bora Yacht Club, Terry's 150th conquest



Important Notice about Email Communications

In an effort to reduce the number of e-blasts, we are moving the weekly galley menus to our website www.essexcorinthian.org - they will be posted by Wednesday each week.

We will send an e-blast for each upcoming event and also post them at the club and will only send reminder e-blasts when an event requiring reservations is in jeopardy of being cancelled due to insufficient attendance.

If you do not currently receive e-blasts but wish to, please notify Jessi Kneier and you will be added to distribution. If you are not seeing e-blasts but think you should be receiving them, check your spam folder.

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