



THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

OFF-SHORE

IDEAL 18 FLEET NEWS

The ECYC/EYC Inter-Club Ideal 18 Team Race scheduled for this past Saturday was postponed due to lack of wind. In fact no one left their overstuffed chairs in EYC's clubhouse before making the unanimous decision given the dismal marine forecast and ebbing current. It has been tentatively rescheduled for Saturday, October 28th.

Frostbiting starts Sunday October 8th and goes for nine weeks. I will send an e-mail to the Ideal 18 group e-mail address next week providing further details. If you are interested in frostbiting and are not currently included in the group e-mail address please let me know and I will add you. If you are in the group e-mail address you would know because you would have received several group e-mails recently regarding the team race.



Frostbiting starts soon

Contact Tom Atkinson (860- 662-4005) or Jon Gibbs (860-391-5700) if you are interested.

Note: All members and guests using the Ideal 18s must sign the waiver and contact information forms, and sign out on the bulletin board in the River Room as well!

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Tom Atkinson

Fleet Captain

Email: fleetcaptain@essexcorinthian.org

Race Committee Update

IMPORTANT DATES:

- September 20th: Last Musical Wednesday Night
- September 22nd: Skippers Meeting
- September 23rd: ECYC Cross Sound Challenge
- September 29th: Friday Docktails
- October 1st: Fall Raft-Up in HBC
- October 7th: River Series starts - EYC Willets Race
- October 8th: Fall Frostbiting starts
- October 14th: PYC Birch Race
- October 15th: River Room Fundraising Dinner
- October 21st: ECYC Clark Race
- November 4th: Commodores' Gala



Refer to our event calendar on our website at www.essexcorinthian.org for event details!

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Fellow Corinthians!

Upcoming Regattas of Note:

ECYC Cross Sound Challenge: Saturday, September 23
ECYC Thomas Clark Memorial (Tri-Club River Series): Saturday, October 21



ECYC's premier on-water event, the Cross Sound Challenge is only a few days away. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 23rd. The after-race party will be held at Brewer's Essex Island Marina and is open to all ECYC members and their guests. This will be a great day and a great party, and you DO NOT have to be on a race crew to enjoy the post-race festivities!

For those of you who will be racing, registration is quick and easy via Yacht Scoring. Visit

www.yachtscoring.com for the Notice of Race, SIs and Entry Form. Details and links are also on our webpage at www.essexcorinthian.org/racing.html.

Thanks in advance to all our Race Committee and protest Committee volunteers. Without the help of these club members, we would not be able to sustain our PHRF racing programs! If you'd like to be involved in planning the Cross Sound Challenge or the Thomas Clark Memorial, please contact me at racechair@essexcorinthian.org.

See you on the water,

Tim Brewer

2017 Race Committee Chair
Email: racechair@essexcorinthian.org



Regatta News from Our Membership:

Congratulations to Skip Haskins!

ECYC cornered **First Place in the 60th Duck Island Rendezvous** in August. Skip was at the helm of his Marshall Catboat "Believe". A total of 8 catboats raced. His crew was former ECYC member Dan Watts.



SPECIAL EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT: YOUR ARE INVITED!

ECYC Cross Sound Challenge Post-Race Party,
September 23rd, 2017, starting at 6 pm

Open to everyone, you do not have to sail (or even have a boat...) to attend!

Show your support of our signature event, the Cross Sound Challenge Regatta by coming to the post-race party. Bring your family and friends!

Music by "Take Two", dinner and drinks included in the \$15 per person price (advance purchase) or \$20 at the door.

It's the middle of September, and we just enjoyed our **Labor Day Party**. We had a great turnout and fantastic weather. I want to give a special thank you to **Chuck Grusse** for his rib recipe and cooking ability. They turned out incredible! Thanks go to **Nancy Simms, her husband Pete and their family** for bringing this all together. The same goes for **Pat Atkinson, Ruth and Peter Emblin and Ellen Smoller**. Working hard on the grill, **Chuck Grusse, Pete Simms and Tim Brewer** kept everyone well-fed and happy. An amazing job done by all!

The September boat shows are in full swing, and since I work the Newport Boat Show every year, I ran into a few members who made the trek up to Rhode Island to see what's new. It was an interesting weekend, with folks from all over the country looking at the latest offerings. I will again be busy with the upcoming boat show in Norwalk, but am doing my best to help facilitate our signature event, the **Cross Sound Challenge, to be held next Saturday, September 23rd. Even if you are not a sailor, you are invited to the post-race party on Essex Island!** Please see details to the left. Don't miss this great annual event!

Membership Update:

We continue to need your help finding new folks from our surrounding communities who would enjoy what we have to offer. Remember, boating is only part of our club and prospects do not have to have a boat to join. Only about half of our members currently own a boat. The application is on our website and I would be happy to go over it with you. Remember, it's the people who make our club fun! And new members are always welcome at the Commodore's Table.

BOG 2018:

We have started filling a few slots on next year's Board of Governors, but there are several key positions still open. Now is the time to raise your hand. Several terms are ending and I want to be prepared for next year. This is a great service for our Club and you will enjoy the experience. Please contact me for details.

Please note that the list of BOG meeting dates is posted on the bulletin board outside the office. Members are welcome. Please let us know if you wish to attend.

Make it a good month!

Steve Rodstrom
Commodore



Vice Commodore's Update:

September is already in full swing, and we have enjoyed plenty of events and activities at ECYC. And there is more to come!

The **Labor Day Party & Club Anniversary Celebration** was a great success with about 75 people enjoying a great afternoon on the deck with plenty of delicious food. Thanks to the intrepid Entertainment Committee, foremost our co-chairs Nancy and Pat, who made the afternoon so special. I also want to thank my husband, Peter, for always supplying great DJ services for our musical entertainment!

Our **River Room Fun(d)raiser** was rather lightly attended, yet those who were there, started a bidding war for the many skills, talents and services that were up for auction! Thank you for everyone who came and enjoyed the drinks and snacks, bid on the auction items and/or purchased raffle tickets. We did well, considering, and it was a start to allow us to begin with the planning for our renovation. We will run **another fundraiser on Sunday, October 15th**, this time a dinner. Details will be shared shortly!

We will run another **"Docktails"** pre-dinner event on Friday, September 29th, watch out for the announcement in an e-blast. These casual get-togethers are a great way to mingle with fellow club members before heading up to dinner. We charge a nominal amount per person to cover the cost of the appetizers. Stay tuned for details!

The next event to come up on our calendar is the 5th Annual ECYC Cross Sound Challenge Post-Race Party on Saturday, September 23rd.

Everyone is invited! Please come support ECYC's signature event, even if you are not sailing. This is what it is all about: celebrating our club, our activities

For more information and to order tickets, please go to:



www.essexcorinthian.org/ecyc-cross-sound-challenge.html

ON-SHORE

Entertainment Committee Update:



The Cross Sound Challenge Party is coming up on Saturday, September 22nd!

Ahoy, All Members of Essex Corinthian Yacht Club!

We would like to thank all who attended our **Labor Day Picnic and 33rd Anniversary Celebration**. We had a wonderful turn out of approximately 75 people who enjoyed the festivities. A special thanks to Chuck Grusse and his group of helpers who prepared some wonderful barbecued ribs that were the highlight of the meal. Thanks to those who contributed wonderful appetizers that everyone enjoyed.

We are looking forward to our next big event which is the **Cross Sound Challenge on September 23rd at 6:00 pm at Essex Island**. This is one of the biggest events of the season. There will be a band (Take Two) for your enjoyment as well as a wonderful meal provided by Coastal Cooking Company. Tickets are \$15 per person if purchased in advance. If you are available and would like to help with setup, working during the event or cleanup for the event, please email us.

You can buy tickets for the party at
<http://tinyurl.com/ECYC-XSCP2017>

Our next **"Docktails"** pre-dinner get-together will be held on Friday, September 29th. We will send out an e-blast with details shortly!

In early November we will be having our **Annual Commodores' Gala**. Information regarding this event is forthcoming.

Thank you for participating throughout the year and we look forward to seeing you at future events.

Please consider helping out at one of these events! Contact us for details!

**Pat Atkinson
& Nancy Simms**
Co-Chairs Entertainment
Email: nancy-events@essexcorinthian.org
or pat-events@essexcorinthian.org

Special Event Organization Appeal:

and the camaraderie among our members and friends! Click on the link in the SPECIAL EVENT section to the left to order your tickets!

As always, I am indebted to our great group of volunteers who help us maintain a steady flow of events and entertainment for our members to enjoy. Our volunteers are what makes this club so special. Please support their efforts by attending as many of them as possible - or even better, come join a committee! Trust me, we do have a lot of fun, and it is a great way to meet fellow club members.

Please contact me at vicecommodore@essexcorinthian.org if you would like to help out at any of our events, or even better, all our events! Our success hinges on the involvement of our volunteers. Please get involved!

Remember, our events are listed online at our website, just go to www.essexcorinthian.org ... and click on "Events"!

Ruth Emblin

Vice Commodore
Email: vicecommodore@essexcorinthian.org



Rear Commodore's Update:

We have been enjoying a number of club events so far this season, but preparing for our many events requires a lot of planning. Not only in people power, but also in ensuring that we are in compliance with the relevant laws and regulations. Our off shore committees have been doing this for years, making sure that every event, from regattas to our 4th of July parades, are properly registered and run pursuant to State, Local and Coast Guard requirements. We are in the process of seeking a Club Liquor Permit to satisfy regulations that govern our on-shore events. For our upcoming Cross Sound Challenge Post-Race Party we have applied for a temporary liquor permit to satisfy the requirements for our post-regatta celebration which will be held off-site at the Brewer's Essex Island Marina.

All these activities do not mean the Club intends to open a bar, as it does not. Everything will stay the same, we will just be following the law and allowing all of us to rest assured, while we enjoy the many special functions ahead. Stay tuned for updates, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Once again, **enjoy the remaining warm days of the 2017 Season**. Don't blink, as it always seems to go by too quickly.

Chris Morano

Rear Commodore
Email: rearcommodore@essexcorinthian.org



Strategic Planning Update:

We are still working on a summary of our club's Strategic Plan, to be published shortly. As a reminder, the club's Strategic Planning exercise was recently completed. The Bridge and Board have begun the process of implementing a number of the action items identified and prioritized at the conclusion of the exercise. The first stage of the process entailed a SWOT analysis. SWOT being short for "Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats". Over the course of a number of meetings of the Strategic Planning Committee, the assembled groups identified, collectively, 38 SWOT items. A number of the SWOT items fell broadly under the heading of "demographic" risk. Accordingly, the first actions identified through the Strategic Planning exercise are focused on these issues.

Please look for an upcoming special e-blast with details on our plans for the future which were derived from this process.

Richard Pierce

As you know, our club's premier regatta, the Cross Sound Challenge, will be held on September 23rd, 2017.

To date we have secured the same party space over at Brewer Essex Island Marina, like in years past, and the US Coast Guard permit for the regatta is in the works. We are reaching out to past and potential new sponsors to help us make this regatta a success.

In order to do so, we need your help. You do not need to be on the race committee or entertainment committee to become a part of our regatta, anyone is welcome! **We need people to help us with the planning for and organization of the actual day, as well as folks who are willing to ask their business contacts to become an event sponsor.** We will post all details and a sponsorship on a special webpage shortly.



Please contact our **Race Committee Chair, Tim Brewer or Nancy Simms and Pat Atkinson, our Entertainment Committee Co-Chairs** to let them know that you are ready to help!

Tim Brewer Email: racechair@essexcorinthian.org

Nancy Simms Email: nancy-events@essexcorinthian.org

Pat Atkinson Email: pat-events@essexcorinthian.org

House Committee Update:

Myron Stacks is on a roll, to the benefit of us all. His most recent contribution is the painting of the trim frame around the two main deck access doors. I too have been looking at the deteriorating trim for a while, but it never perked to the top to get it done. Myron saw the same, acted on it quickly. Once again - THANK YOU MYRON.

I must correct a major misunderstanding on my part related to an inclusion in last month's Bell 8. I gave correct and appropriate praise and thanks to **Chris Morano** for the two additional picnic tables added to the lower deck. I learned our own BOG secretary **Katherine Berry** also contributed, purchasing one of the two tables. My deepest apologies to Katherine, who once again has contributed in ways so many are unaware - THANK YOU KATHERINE!

The **fund raiser for a boost toward the river room renovation initiative** was a great success and fruitful start toward the eventual improvements being considered there. Thanks to all who helped make this outstanding start of the new ECYC.

As I enter the last few months of my tenure as house chair and member of the BOG I've become a little reflective. This last year has been a bit frustrating for me as I have not been able to accomplish some of the base things I hoped as the year started. As is my tendency, I sometimes set expectations a little high, setting myself up for disappointment and frustration. 2017 seems an especially bad year for this personal flaw as I became distracted and absorbed in the other facets of life (having two new granddaughters this past April and July for example). I guess it's time for "new blood" to be injected into the role of catalyst for the enhancements, hopefully just within reach. The nominating committee is actively in pursuit of the next, 2018 BOG and committee chairs. Please contact any board member if interested and wish to self-nominate for consideration to be a part of the future of ECYC.

Chuck Grusse

House Chair

Email: house@essexcorinthian.org

Membership Committee Update:

Although our program season is in full swing, it's never too late to recruit new members. Doing so now benefits both proposed and new member alike, as 2017 dues are prorated for admissions after August - and the proposer will receive a \$100 credit toward his/her 2018 dues, subject to the new member's admission and payment in full of applicable initiation and dues charges.

Strategic Planning Chair
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GALLEY NEWS

It is September and we are still enjoying warm nights on the deck at ECYC. It's a great place to enjoy the view and a delicious meal from the galley. Ed and Monique have been serving some tasty specials along with the beloved favorites. Remember on busy nights, appetizers can be preordered so they are ready for you when you arrive.

Also a friendly reminder, the only BYO appetizers that are permitted are nuts, bar mix, and snacks such as "Goldfish", and chips and dips. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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.

Now that your friends can pay for their own meal by credit card, it's very easy to introduce them to this special club.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. Bon appetite! I look forward to seeing you around the club!

Catherine Gazikas

Galley Liaison

Early Fall Galley Hours:

Lunch:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (self-service) :

11.30 am to 2.00 pm

Dinner:

Wednesday (self-service; ends soon)

Friday (table service)

Sunday (self-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!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Galley serves a great lunch with soups, salads and all kinds of tasty fare while you enjoy the views across the Connecticut River! Why not come and give it a try? Daily Wednesdays through Saturdays, and brunch on Sundays.

Menus are available at
www.essexcorinthian.org/dining.html

We want your feedback about our galley activities.

Please let us know what you think!

Email galleyliaison@essexcorinthian.org

FEEDBACK

We want to know what you think about our galley!

FALL HOURS IN EFFECT AT THE CLUBHOUSE:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 am to 5 pm

Friday 9 am to 9 pm

Saturday and Sunday 11 am to 5 pm

Note: Private meetings may be scheduled after-hours, except Mondays. Please contact Jean Little for details.

NO SMOKING AT ECYC:



As your Board of Governors charts the Club's future course, Membership takes on a front-and-center role - financially and otherwise. Our Membership Committee invites your constructive suggestions on new ways to broaden our membership base. Just drop me a note at membership@essexcorinthian.org.

Scott Konrad

Membership Chair

Email: membership@essexcorinthian.org



GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH will return in November!

*Thank you for being an environmentally responsible
ECYC member!*

Ruth Emblin

ECYC Vice Commodore



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.

REVISED 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.

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, www.essexcorinthian.org!

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For general questions on ECYC please refer to our website at www.essexcorinthian.org,
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