



THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

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The Latest News from ECYC!



View from the Bridge

Dear Fellow Corinthians!

Hard to believe that it is already October... the leaves are turning - and, to my chagrin, falling as well, and nights have become cool and crisp. There is no doubt that summer is over, even though I still do not want to believe it.

Those of you who sailed in the regatta and/or attended the Cross Sound Challenge Post-Race Party already know that it was a great success!

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- **October 6th** - EYC Willets Memorial
- **October 7th**: Fall Raft-Up in Hamburg Cove
- **October 9th** - Ladies on Deck
- **October 13th** - PYC Birch Memorial

While party attendance was a bit lighter than in years before, we completely filled the Essex Island part area to the brim. At least this way, everyone found a seat to enjoy the tasty fare the Coastal Cooking Company served. Val Votto's amazing special sheet cakes rounded out a great dinner for the many hungry sailors and their friends! My thanks to the energetic Entertainment team ably led by co-chairs Nancy Simms and Pat Atkinson! We were almost scarily organized this year....it was a pleasure to be part of the crew!

The Race Committee led by Bill Robinson in his first year as Chair, assisted by the Mystic Mudheads, organized a very well-run, successful regatta this year. Brisk winds helped to make it a true "Cross Sound Challenge" with 20 boats registered. Thank you to new Race Committee members Deb and Peter Martin for taking on the Committee boat task and helping to make the day a complete success despite challenging conditions for anchoring, and to Larry Stewart who volunteered to act as the mark boat. More on the regatta in Bill Robinson's column below!

It is great to see how members have come together to help with our events. It has been a bit of a slow start this year, but I am happy to say that we are gaining momentum - the true Corinthian Spirit is starting to show! Please continue to embrace the hands-on concept of our club, which results in an immense amount of camaraderie guaranteed! If you are a relatively new member and want to meet more people at the club, sign up for a committee, help with an event, or if you have an idea for something new, talk to us! Many of my husband Peter's and my closest friends are club members, which we got to know more closely the more we got involved in club life. Don't know where to start? Talk to any board member, contact our club manager, or chat with me at a Friday night dinner!

- **October 13th** - DIYC Thundermug
- **October 20th** - ECYC Clark Memorial Regatta
- **October 27th** - Commodores' Gala
- **November 4th**: Daylight Savings Time Ends

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

www.essexcorinthian.org for event details!

VICE COMMODORE'S UPDATE

October does not mean that the fun is over. Soon the Frostbiters will be out on the river again, and we still have a few more events on tap.

Now is also the time to think about joining a committee or volunteering for one of the open positions to help the club move forward. The earlier we can start the process to organize ourselves for 2019, the better. Past Commodore Steve Rodtrom is heading the Nominating Committee, as is customary. Please contact him for more details on how you can get involved in our club. His email is pastcommodore@essexcorinthian.org.

A perfect example for great committee work was the very successful **Cross Sound Challenge Regatta** set for September 22nd. Once again our Race and Entertainment Committees were hard at work to prove that our club's premier regatta is an important part of the ECSA regatta calendar. The conditions were excellent and the party was very well attended. Thank you to all volunteers who made it happen!

As you can see, the fun and action never stops. I hope you all have had a wonderful Summer and I look forward to the many events yet to come this Fall and Winter.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Morano

Vice Commodore

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REAR COMMODORE'S UPDATE:

It has been a very busy summer on the water - I'm exhausted! Every other year the Ideal 18 North American Championship is held at a club in western Long Island Sound in late September. Early in the summer I think about doing it but drop the idea by late summer because I need a rest before frostbiting starts. One of these years we'll have to get a team there, although we will need to learn (or relearn) how to fly a spinnaker. Next summer we plan on participating in the Thursday night EYC summer series which allows spinnakers.

I will be creating a group e-mail address for House Committee members to communicate among themselves in maintaining our club house. Jean Little, our club manager, will be a prime member and will use this address to request volunteers to fix things. Anyone not listed as a house committee member in the 2017 roster who would like to be included please send me an e-mail. This is a great opportunity for retired members to contribute as there are always little things that need to be taken care of.

A big thanks to Brian King who asked how he could help at the same time it was noticed that mold was growing on Jean's office ceiling. Brian determined there was a leak inside the ceiling, removed the sheetrock from the area, arranged for a plumber to replace a cracked drain line, then replaced the sheetrock and painted the area.

I have my own request. Many of you don't know, but we have a small storage shed behind the neighboring brick building where we keep the Ideal 18 sails, racing buoys and flags, event supplies and various other items. Many items are on the floor because there is limited shelf space. But there is room to add shelving. I'm looking for a couple

Of course, there are more EYC events coming before the year is over. The next regatta is part of the **Tri-Club River Series**, and is dedicated to the memory of past club member **Thomas B Clark**. Our website has a lot of information about Tom Clark, his life and history with the EYC at www.essexcorinthian.org/tom-clark-memorial-race.html. Tom's widow, Molly Burke Clark, recently moved back to Essex, and we hope to see her at the post-race party on October 20th!

Finally, we can look forward to the **2018 Commodores' Gala on Saturday, October 27th**! Catering by Coastal Cooking Company, LIVE music and more will make this Halloween Gala a must for diehard EYC partygoers! The theme is "**Hippies, Gypsies and Free Spirits**", so get your costumes ready! More details will be shared soon! Don't miss this event, tickets will go on sale shortly, and registration is limited to the first 70 members and their guests.

As we are starting full blast into the third quarter of 2018, I would once again express my gratitude to all the dedicated board members and volunteers who have made this club into what it is today. Thank you for sticking with it through thick and thin and donating your time (and money) to keep this club running smoothly.

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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volunteers to install plywood shelves before winter comes. The club will pay for all materials.

Tom Atkinson

Rear Commodore

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ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:

Ahoy Members of Essex Corinthian Yacht Club!

We welcomed in the Autumn season with our annual Cross Sound Challenge. It was a beautiful day on the water with good wind for our sailors. We welcomed them back to shore with a successful after race party, at Essex Island. The food was great thanks to Coastal Cooking Company and the music was enjoyed by all!

Looking forward to The Tom Clark Memorial Race on October 20th. We will be hosting an after-race party at the club that afternoon.

The Commodores Gala is scheduled for October 27th. The Theme of the party this year is Gypsies Hippies and Free Spirits. So...put your best costume together and join us for a fun filled evening. Further details on this event will be coming shortly. Please check your ebcasts and emails for more information.

Upcoming events to put on your calendar include the Trees in the Rigging boat parade on November 25th as well as Children's Holiday party on December 2nd.

Enjoy this beautiful fall weather! We look forward to seeing you at the club!

Nancy Simms & Pat Atkinson

Co-Chairs Entertainment

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UPCOMING EVENTS:



TRI-CLUB RIVER SERIES 2018

ECYC Willets Memorial Regatta - October 6

PYC Birch Memorial Regatta - October 13

Tom Clark Memorial Regatta - October 20

The annual Tri-Club River Race Series will be held on October 6th, 13th and 20th, 2018. ECYC's regatta is the Tom Clark Memorial Regatta on October 20th, which will round out the series. For more details and to register, please go to our **RACING** page. The Tom Clark Regatta is held each year in memory of a past club member whose short life was dedicated to sailing. We hope to welcome his widow, Molly Burke Clark at the event, since she recently moved back to Essex.

For Tom Clark event details, please click [HERE](#).

SAVE THE DATE!

**2018 Commodores' Halloween Gala
Saturday, October 27th, 6:00 pm**

SAVE THE DATE!



LADIES ON DECK - OCTOBER 9TH

Join us at our monthly ladies' get together on Tuesday, October 9th, starting at 6:00 pm.

These casual get-togethers are the perfect opportunity to meet your fellow ECYC Ladies, and make new friends. This month's LoD will be hosted by **Robbi Storms**.

We are currently looking for a host for the November 13th LoD (a.k.a. Ladies in the Clubhouse at that time of the year), please let us know if you are interested! Hosting a "Ladies on Deck" is very easy, all you are asked to do is to be at the club at 6:00 pm to welcome everyone!

Bring friends, bring an appetizer to share! BYOB.

OKTOBERFEST 2018

Theme Dinner Friday October 12th



Chef Ed and the Coastal Cooking Company staff will serve up a **Bavarian-style menu on Friday, October 12th** during our regular dining hours. Enjoy Oktoberfest-themed specialties and a festive atmosphere - and don't forget to bring your Bavarian stein filled with beer!

Menu details will be shared soon.



Theme: Hippies, Gypsies & Free Spirits

Come dressed appropriately or in cocktail attire.

Enjoy a LIVE band, dinner provided by the Coastal Cooking Company, entertainment and more! We will start with dinner accompanied by quiet background music, then dance the night away to Halloween and theme-related tunes!

Prizes for best costumes.

Tickets will go on sale soon - limit 70 people



ADVANCE NOTICE:

Due to the Thanksgiving week traditionally being a time when dining at the club is very light, the Coastal Cooking Company will close the galley from Wednesday, November 21st through Sunday, November 25th.

The "Trees in the Rigging" Viewing Party & Holiday Bazaar on Sunday, November 25th will be a self-catered event. Stay tuned for more details.



WATERFRONT UPDATE:

Our third Ideal 18 is now hauled for annual maintenance, as we transition to a system of sequential summer hauls to in lieu of winter work parties. Much thanks is due for the patience and help of all Racing Team members as we make that adjustment. We have also this month held two in depth planning discussions for the growth, competitiveness and role of our fleet in the club.

For this fall all our currently active members have all been seasoned with a very competitive summer racing series, and have been assigned to group campaigns of individual boats. Each team has a senior captain who will organize the racing and maintenance scheduling for each season.

This fall Tom Atkinson leads the Dauntless campaign with co-skipper Sam Berman and Joan Kirsch as “top crew”. Sue Watts is senior captain of the Nautilus campaign, sharing the helm with co-skippers Jon Gibbs, Matt Melius, and Mike Saxe. Cindy Gibbs is Captain for the “open boat” Dragonfly Campaign (which we continue to take turns running) with primary crew Laura Nunno and guest appearances by Nate Jacobsen and Chuck Grusse, Terry Stewart and rock stars T.B.D.

Newcomers are encouraged to start our fleet racing program in the summer racing series, but we do often need replacements last minute, and we find a way to get new members with fleet racing credentials out there as soon as possible. Contact me at fleetcaptain@essexcorinthian.org if interested in joining the Ideal Fleet Racing Team, or to qualify to take our boats out for day-sailing.

Also upcoming this month are the Willets, Clarke and Birch Saturday river races sponsored by EYC, EYCY, and PYC. We still have Ideal 18s available for the Willets.

Jon Gibbs

Fleet Captain

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HOUSE UPDATE:

Thank you, EYCY House Elves!

Brian King surprised Jean Little, our Club Manager, by fixing the damp spot in her office. We really appreciate your help! We also want to thank those members who have expressed interest in becoming members of the House Committee. We may also have a candidate for the Chair position, stay tuned! **If you are interested, live locally and love to tinker and DIY, please let us know!**

Stairlift Update:

You may have noticed that we have a functioning stairlift again. If you need to use it, please ensure that the BOTTOM RAIL IS DOWN while using it, but especially when traveling downward. If you are at the top traveling down, and cannot extend the rail, please ask someone to help you! Please fold it back up when you are done (or ask someone to help you). The reason the old chair broke was that someone did not extend the track and the chair controls were mangled when the stair got stuck at the bottom. Unfortunately all electronics are located on the bottom, downward side. Since this chair is a vital (and expensive) piece of equipment to allow some of our less mobile members access to the dining room, please treat it gently! Thank you to Vice Commodore Chris Morano and Toby Doyle for finding and installing the replacement chair.

River Room Update:

You may or may not have noticed that we now have a new small fridge with ice maker in the River Room kitchen. This allows members access to ice when there is a private function upstairs and access to the main ice machine is difficult. Please treat this machine gently and close the door firmly after use. The appliance was donated and installed by Chris Morano, and we thank him!

The River Room will soon become the subject of a new **River Room Planning Committee**. As you know, we have been collecting donations for the River Room Renovations at several of our past events. We now have a little more than \$6,000 in our fund, and while much more is needed to bring



REGATTA UPDATE:

The 6th edition of the Annual Cross Sound Challenge was held on Sept 22nd under ideal sailing conditions. The first day of fall brought sunny skies, crisp air, and plenty of steady breeze out of the north/northwest for much of the day. As the event name implies, the Race Committee sent the fleet south "across the sound" to a mark off of Truman Beach after a reaching leg over to the east end of Long Sand Shoal. Attentive skippers (present company excluded) who noted an expected wind shift from NW to N dug into the east on the downwind leg and found themselves rounding the leeward mark at the top of their respective classes. The upwind beat back to Long Sand Shoal presented an array of strategic choices with plenty of wind shifts and an ever present ebb tide. The final leg back to the finish was a fast reach that provided good photo opportunities for all.

The regatta committee would like to especially thank the Mystic River Mudheads for serving as excellent PRO stewards of this year's race. Safe, reliable, and smart race management is a rare skill in our sport, and the Cross Sound Challenge has gained an excellent reputation with their partnership. Just as important are the contributions we have from our membership. A special thank you to **Deb & Pete Martin** for volunteering *Makai* to serve as committee boat, and **Larry Stewart** volunteering on *Gypsy Soul* as the mark boat.

In total, 20 boats in 3 fleets represented 6 local area yacht clubs, including 7 from ECYC. Featuring everything from high performance trimarans and a J/133 to heavier ocean cruisers like club classics *Tesoro*, *Dorian*, *Petrel*, and *Blue Jacket*, the course legs offered up points of sail to suit everyone. Spirited congratulations go out to top ECYC finishers **Toby Doyle** on *Flo* (1st overall, 1st in division), **Jon Gibbs** on *Petrel* (1st in

any of our visions to fruition, we can start making plans to overhaul and beautify the space to truly make it a welcoming part of our clubhouse. Further fundraisers will be announced shortly!

Club Wish List

Please look out for appeals with a list of items we would love to get for our club. If you have any of these items to donate, or would like to make a cash donation to fund one of them, please contact the office.

In the meantime, if there are any House-related questions, please contact Jean Little, our Club Manager, at ecyc@essexcorinthian.org, Tom Atkinson, Rear Commodore at rearcommodore@essexcorinthian.org, or Ruth Emblin, Commodore, at commodore21@essexcorinthian.org.

GALLEY UPDATE:



Even though the deck may no longer be the premier dining spot as days get

shorter and colder, we can look forward to fall-themed cuisine and comfort food served in our dining room. Please refer to our weekly menu emails for details on "What's Cooking at the Corinthian Cafe"!

On October 12th, the Coastal Cooking Company will feature an Oktoberfest Menu!

Here are some tips for making dinner service 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.

division), **Tim Brewer** on *Tesoro* (2nd in division), and **Chris Morano** on *Dorian* (3rd in division). For those keeping score at home, that's two 1st place finishes in a row for Toby Doyle & Jon Gibbs (Leukemia Cup & Cross Sound Challenge). Top finishers in all 3 divisions below. Hope to see you all for our final race of 2018, the Thomas Clark Memorial on October 20th.

Class A

1st: Flo, Toby Doyle

2nd: Snowbird, Paul Von Maffei

3rd: Final Gravity, Jeff Bugbee

Class B

1st: Dragonfly, Skip Young

2nd: Gemini, Jeremy Sholovitz

3rd: Dorian, Chris Morano

Class C

1st: Petrel, Jon Gibbs

2nd: Tesoro, Tim Brewer

3rd: Pilar, Rob McLellan

Next up on the ECYC regatta calendar is the **Tri-Club River Race Series**, starting with the EYC Willets Memorial Regatta on October 6th, followed by the PYC Birch Memorial on October 13th, and rounded out by our own **Tom Clark Memorial Regatta on October 20th**, including a post-race reception everyone is invited to attend. More in an upcoming e-blast.

Bill Robinson

Race Committee Chair

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Hello ECYC Members:

Well... Fall snuck up on us with lots of rain but still warm temperatures. Our Frostbiters will enjoy this weather a lot!

- 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.

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

Chris Morano

Galley Liaison

Email: galleyliaison@essexcorinthian.org

Fall Galley Hours:

Lunch:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
(self-service) : 11.30 am to 2.00 pm

Dinner:

Friday (table service): 5.30 pm to 9.00 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?

FALL HOURS ARE IN EFFECT AT THE CLUBHOUSE:

- Tuesday, Thursday 9 am to 5 pm
- Wednesday, 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

Members may use the deck any time, even after hours.

We had a new couple join the club in September; they are **Phil And Linda Nuzzo from Essex !** They were sponsored by Chuck & Rose Grusse, and seconded by by Alex Bell and Earl Fowler . The Nuzzos moved to the area recently and look forward to learning more boating skills, sailing our Ideal 18's and enjoying our waterfront dining and activities. On behalf of the board, we welcome them to our club!

Please keep bragging to your friends and neighbors about our many activities, events and fine dining! Encourage them to join us!

Cheers,

Cindy Gibbs

Membership Chair

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SHIP'S STORE



Ship's Store Online

Go forth and shop!

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.

GALLEY MINIMUM:

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 benefits the club in lieu of the commission it would receive were the member to dine at the club instead. **YOUR GALLEY MINIMUM GOES TO THE CLUB.**

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 !

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

***It is located at
www.team1newport.com/Essex-Corinthian-Yacht-Club/departments/1032/***

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! Every time you purchase someone, ECYC will get a commission, which, in turn will benefit the club and its members!

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