



THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB



IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 4th:** Essex Harbor Boat Parade & Cookout
- **July 8th:** Ladies' Sailing Class kicks off - 4 weeks
- **July 8th:** Wednesday Night Music: Corinthian Jazz Band
- **July 12th:** Second "Friendly" RTB Race hosted by EYC
- **July 14th:** Ladies on Deck
- **July 15th:** Wednesday Night Music: Jim Paradis
- **July 18th:** Three-Mile Harbor Race & Cruise
- **July 18th:** Ideal 18 Essex Rum Challenge
- **July 20th:** ECYC Summer Cruise kicks off
- **July 22nd:** Wednesday Night Music: Corinthian Jazz Band
- **July 25th:** Essex Rum Challenge Regatta
- **July 29th:** Wednesday Night Music: Double Vision
- **August 5th:** Wednesday Night Music: Corinthian Jazz Band
- **August 11th:** Ladies on Deck
- **August 12th:** Wednesday Night Music: Jason Jenkins
- **August 16th:** Third "Friendly" RTB Race
- **August 28th:** Leukemia Cup Pre-Party & Skippers Meeting at NCYC
- **August 29th:** Leukemia Cup Regatta in cooperation with DIYC and NCYC

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

OFFSHORE

Upcoming Off-Shore Events

Our next Big Event is the **Forth of July Boat Parade**. We are expecting a good number of well-dressed boats for the event. The Schooner Mary E and the Essex Fire boat will be in the celebration and anyone with a boat is welcome. The parade starts at 1pm south of the mooring field. Boats should assemble near green marker 25 at 12.45 pm and



VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Dear Friends!

An emotional send-off for Elaine and Dick Kyle:

On the afternoon of June the 11th, members and friends gathered in the River Room and along the Ideal 18 dock to wish Elaine and Dick well in their retirement. Many thanks to Ruth Emblin, whose thoughtful planning made the day special for the Kyles and for so many of our members. A number of past commodores joined members and the current BOG in sharing memorable moments from Elaine's tenure of 21 years as manager at ECYC. The afternoon was highlighted with Elaine's christening of the club's newest Ideal 18, **Dauntless**, and the presentation of an ECYC engraved locket to commemorate her time with us.



Saying our farewells to Elaine Kyle

Honorary Members:

The BOG, at its monthly meeting in June, acted to make **Elaine and Richard Kyle honorary members of ECYC**, for life. They shall enjoy all of the privileges of regular membership, but will pay no fees or dues. Join us in welcoming these special members of the ECYC community back to our clubhouse, sans the responsibilities of club management!

monitor channel 71 for instructions. Contact me if you have any questions.

The **Second Friendly RTB Race** will be held on July 12th and is hosted by EYC. These are great days on the water and fun evenings at the after party. If you need to register your boat go to the Racing page of our website to download the application. Please be advised that entry forms for the second race should be submitted to EYC.



The Annual Three Mile Harbor Cruise & Fireworks will start on July 18th. This is a fantastic event and is also the start of the ECYC annual cruise. Please stay tuned for details on the float plan.

Please Note:

Our dingy rack is getting full and anyone interested in using it should contact me for a sticker so we can identify your boat.

Have a GREAT July and I hope to see you on the water!

Steve Rodstrom

Vice Commodore

Email: vicecommandore@essexcorinthian.org



Ideal 18 Sailing Update

Ahoy all ECYC women sailors! Update on Summer Sailing Classes!

Ladies' sailing classes will be held on Wednesday nights; starting July 8th at 5:00pm!

My email address is cindysgibbs@gmail.com, or call me at 860-391-5400! Plus we have 3 (three!) Ideal 18s available this summer, so we can accommodate more students! Come join the fun on Wednesday nights; fine tune your skills or get started among ECYC friends! Please sign up soon!

I will also be offering semi-private lessons earlier in the afternoon on Wednesdays, for anyone who desires more one-on-one instruction; these will be by appointment.

I look forward to seeing everyone this summer!

Happy Sailing,

Cindy Gibbs



Race Committee Update:

THE ECYC RACING SEASON IS ON!

JULY

The second **ROUND THE BUOY FUN RACE** will be held on Sunday July 12th! Please go to:

www.essexcorinthian.org/racing.html and check out the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for this next event that we share with the Essex Yacht Club.

The **EYC vs ECYC Ideal 18 Rum Challenge** will be held on **Saturday, July 18th**. Please go to: www.essexyc.com and check the Essex Yacht Club's website for the Notice of Race. ECYC needs three skippers and three crew! Race is held on the Connecticut River.

To be followed by the **Essex Yacht Club's PHRF Rum Challenge** held on **Saturday, July 25th**. Please go to: www.essexyc.com for the Notification of Race and entry information. Race is held on Long Island Sound.

AUGUST

ECYC has been cooperating with Duck Island and North Cove Yacht Clubs to bring you the **2015 Leukemia Cup Regatta**. The pre-race party and charity auction/skippers meeting will be held at North Cove Yacht Club on Friday, August 28th. The **Leukemia Cup Regatta (PHRF) will be held on Saturday,**

Club Manager:

Jean Little, our Club Manager, is quickly acclimating to the position. Please be sure to introduce yourself when you are at the club next.

Goal Setting with our Galley Partners, CCC:

With thanks to Hollis Barry and to Monique and Ed for their sincere commitment to please, we continue to incorporate your feedback and strive to maintain a collaborative, win-win relationship with the Coastal Cooking Company. We are focusing our attention on **delivery times**, and have established a working goal of 30 minutes for delivery of your orders on regular Friday night dinners. In order to focus on this objective, you will likely notice a streamlining of menu offerings on regular Friday nights. We will monitor the progress toward this goal over the next several dinner services. The **input and feedback** we receive on this initiative will tell us whether we can re-expand the menu while maintaining the 30 minute goal, or whether further streamlining or other retooling is necessary to meet the objective. Please stay tuned and please feel free to offer your constructive criticism to galleyliaison@essexcorinthian.org, or to me personally. With good communication and collaboration, we can take a very good thing and grow it into a very great thing for all of us.

Musical Wednesdays (and Fridays):

Please check out the **new musical lineup** put in place this year by our tireless entertainment committee, headed up by Cheryl Arndt and Charlotte Robinson. Our Corinthian Jazz Band will be with us every other Wednesday evening this summer, while new musical entertainment is being scheduled for the alternate Wednesdays. This mix of traditional old time jazz and new talent is a great twist on our summer format.



On certain Fridays, we are adding music to the clubhouse. See the website calendar of events for scheduled performances. The two musical Fridays we've had this spring have been very popular, drawing large crowds for dinner. The success of these nights has prompted us to strongly suggest that you **RSVP** to events@essexcorinthian.org, the club office or directly to Monique Armstrong. Our menu e-blasts for these special Friday dinners will prominently feature an **RSVP button**. Please click on it to advise the galley of your plans for said Friday nights.

Please know that calling or emailing ahead **will not constitute a table reservation**, but will provide a crucial **"headcount"** to the galley, enabling them to plan a menu and staffing for the evening. We have held these musical dinners on the last Fridays in May and June, and the turn-out has created significant challenges for the galley. A "good problem to have", to be sure, but providing advance notice if you plan to be with us on the next musical Friday will allow the galley to serve you all better. Thanks!

New Member Welcome:

Last Friday, we formally welcomed **many new members** to ECYC at a wine and cheese gathering preceding dinner. It was terrific to have so many new members turn out for this celebration, get a feel for the typical Friday-Night-in-June atmosphere at the club, and to be welcomed aboard by all. Many thanks to Val Votto, Membership Chair, for coordinating the evening and to all of the new and prospective members for joining us. Going forward, new members' name tags will display a brightly colored "dot" to announce their arrival. If you see a member with a "dot" on their badge, please introduce yourself and help us welcome these new members.

On-Water Activities:

Don't miss the **July 4th Boat Parade!** Spring 2015 has been a very busy season, by any standard, and we don't see any let up in sight. With regard to the Ideal 18s; the boats were loaned to the **CT Special Olympics regatta last Saturday**; the **Ladies Sailing Program** (contact Cindy Gibbs for spots) is gearing up and Ed Birch has already **qualified new sailors** for the summer programs; **Tuesday, Thursday racing** is on-going and there's the **Rum Challenge for Ideals on July 18th**. While the wind gods did not smile for our first RTB Friendly, PHRF racing is now in full swing and ECYCers are getting results. **Jon Gibbs was 1st in the NS-3 class at spring Off Soundings and Jim Francis was 6th in the NS-1 class.** **Harry Bird and his crew on Bluebird** have departed for Marblehead, the location of the start line for the **2015 Marblehead to Halifax race**. Our **second RTB Friendly Regatta** will be held **July 12th** and the **Rum Challenge (PHRF)** will be on the following **Saturday, the 25th**. The **Leukemia Cup** is scheduled for **August 29th** and ECYC's own **Cross Sound Challenge** will be raced on **September 26th**.

3 Mile Harbor Fireworks and Summer Cruise:

The **3 Mile Harbor beach party and night of fireworks is set for July 18th**. This gathering will begin the **ECYC Summer Cruise**, which will continue for up to two weeks following 3 Mile Harbor. We will publish a float plan shortly.

BOG Meetings are Open to All Members:

All Board of Governors meetings are posted in advance (see the bulletin board outside of

August 29th on Long Island Sound, followed by a post-race party at Brewer's Pilots Point Marina in Westbrook. Ruth Emblin, our Rear Commodore, is co-chair for the regatta and is spearheading the fundraiser as well as campaigning her boat in the regatta as a representative of ECYC. Please contact Ruth at rearcommodore@essexcorinthian.org for more details on how to contribute to the campaign, click on [Tartuca's Fundraising Page](#), or go to the Leukemia Cup website at www.leukemicup.org/ct to register your boat! Let's work together to support this fundraiser regatta - and to keep the Leukemia Cup trophy at ECYC!

SEPTEMBER

Mark your calendars and RSVP for the **Third Annual ECYC CROSS SOUND CHALLENGE**. Save the Date Invitations have been sent to all 2014 participants. The 2015 field will be limited to 50 boats. The Notice of Race is posted at: www.essexcorinthian.org/ecyc-cross-sound-challenge.html. Please sign-up as soon as possible. The date is **Saturday, September 26th**.



We will be updating you with information on the **Cross Sound Challenge** (XSC for short) throughout the summer. This is not a race to miss, neither is the post-race party to be held at Brewer's Essex Island Marina!

If you have a business and wish to become a **Cross Sound Challenge Sponsor**, please contact me and I will provide you with details!

Priscilla Robinson

Race Committee Chair &
The ECYC 2015 Race Committee
Email: racechair@essexcorinthian.org

ON-SHORE & HOUSE

While our evenings have been quite cool considering the time of the year, we have been able to enjoy several great meals on the ECYC deck lately. Our music program is in full swing, and more great new acts, as well as old favorites, are beckoning! Check out the Wednesday night music program, accessible via our [Event](#) page on our website, to find out who is playing next!

Our second "**Ladies On Deck**" get-together will be held on Tuesday, July 14th. Come, grab your favorite cocktail, bring an appetizer to share and enjoy! Bring a friend!

Our latest Friday night music offering was a veritable success. **McCauley, The Jazz Circle and Joel Spinetti**, entertained a crowd of more than 100 diners. Needless to say, this was a bit much for our small galley to handle. So for any upcoming special music nights, we really need to ask you to do us a favor: simply let us know whether you are planning on coming for dinner, so we can help the galley do their planning a little ahead of time. We will place a big RSVP button in the announcement e-blast. Please click on it and provide your details on how many people in your party for that particular Friday night! Thank you!

As we are planning a wide variety of events for 2015, I encourage you to **join a committee**, whether on- or off-shore, we need you! We have a very motivated Board of Governors, and we welcome members' support in any of our endeavors! This is one of the characteristics that makes ECYC so special - we all share the Corinthian Spirit and come together to help. If you have suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact me or any of our board members to share. ECYC lives and breathes with the help of our membership.

See you all soon at the best yacht club in Essex!

Ruth Emblin

Rear Commodore

Elaine's office for 2015 dates). We'd like to hear from you and get your feedback on events, galley, and sailing programs - whatever!

Cheers,

Tim Brewer

Commodore



Galley News

Summer is underway and if the turnout on several Friday evenings is any indicator, folks are happily reconnecting with old friends, making new ones and extending the club's hospitality to their guests.

On the two recent Friday nights where music was featured, the club had record turnouts. Last Friday, over 100 dinners were served. As a result, many folks received their orders much later than they should have. Given that, we are working with Monique and Ed to pare down and to simplify the menu offerings to ensure that everyone is served within a reasonable timeframe.

Additional Friday night music events are planned for this summer. On those nights, Coastal Cooking will offer a streamlined menu as well as ask for you to **RSVP** your intention to attend (but it should not be construed as a reservation since, as has been our long tradition, table seating will remain first come, first served.) An RSVP helps Ed and Monique anticipate a larger crowd, and a streamlined menu helps assure that food orders are fulfilled in a timely manner. Coastal Cooking is known for its delicious fare and this will continue to be their hallmark.

Just as a reminder, please be sure when filling out your dinner order to be sure to underline your appetizers and to include your table number. This will help the staff greatly in locating you at your table and delivering your dinner to you.

Remember, we publish updated menus via e-blasts and on our website. Check back often to see what is new: www.essexcorinthian.org/dining.html

Looking forward to seeing you at the club!

Hollis Barry

Galley Liaison

Did You Know?

We want your feedback about our galley activities.

Please let us know what you think!

Email Hollis at galleyliaison@essexcorinthian.org

FEEDBACK

We want to know what you think about our galley!

Summer Galley Hours:

Lunch:

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

Dinner:

Wednesday (self-service),
Friday (table service)
Sunday (self-service)
6.00 pm to 8.30 pm

Brunch:

Email: rearcommodore@essexcorinthian.org



House Committee Update:

The list of needs has not become any smaller last month, so here it is again.

I've yet to be successful in my attempts to receive any volunteers to become a point of contact (POC) for the 4 areas I have hoped for assistance and off-loading of, at times, overwhelming needs of attention to the club building. Such POC's will become the subject matter expert, be the contact and initiator for any vendor services, maintenance, identify necessary acquisitions, and schedule & coordinate work days. For each POC I will share all I have in materials, contacts, historical information to kickoff and serve as introduction to begin their role. The areas I seek a volunteer from the committee to become the respective POC are:

- Exterior: ensure & monitor care for the building exterior including siding, decking, awning, lighting, grill, stairs, doors, locks.
- Interior: ensure & monitor care for the cleaning, windows, floors, heads, lighting, bar, river room, electronics, plumbing, electrical, carpet, supplies.
- HVAC: ensure & monitor care for the furnace, oil & propane vendors, AC units, fans.
- Gardening: plan, acquire, plant, and arrange care for all plants on club premise (boxes, hanging, urns, etc).

I appeal to the entire membership to please consider helping the club and the house committee to become one of the POC's. Contact me at cgrusse@snet.net to get started.

As mentioned previously, one major task to be completed will be the staining and repainting of the rear deck and railings. Look for announced scheduling of work efforts to complete this large undertaking.

Thank you in advance for all assistance, enjoy this great time of year.

Chuck Grusse

House Chair

Email: house@essexcorinthian.org

Entertainment Committee Update:

We are working on our annual **4th of July Boat Parade & Cookout**. A lot of folks help make this a fun time for all so it really helps the planning if you can let us know if you are coming. We do this ourselves (members) as CCC likes to take the day off. It's like having a backyard picnic, so if 40 extra folks descended on your backyard, would you be able to feed them? The money we collect goes for the music and the food, we keep the pricing as low as we can by asking you to bring a contribution to share. We want every member to share in the festivities and enjoy the Corinthian Spirit.

This year we have a DJ instead of a band, to keep the level of the music bearable. We are constantly listening to your input and making changes.



Our Wednesday Music Program is in full swing. Our own Corinthian Jazz Band continues to attract good crowds and our new musicians are starting to get a good following. Please check our [website](#) for upcoming musical entertainment. You will find links to

various websites for our guest musicians. Please come out and support these musicians and enjoy the evening on our deck.

One of our next big on- and off-shore events will be Leukemia Cup Regatta in cooperation with DIYC and NCYC. This event is an opportunity for our sailboaters to give of their time for a very worthy cause. If you don't have a boat to enter, why not support one of the fundraising teams that are entered in the race. If you want to help keep the Leukemia Cup trophy in our club's trophy case, please support Team Tartuca by clicking on the link to [Tartuca's Fundraising Page](#) and donating.

Sunday (self-service)
11.00 am to 2.00 pm - special brunch
hours on selected holidays!

4th of July Essex Harbor Parade & Cookout



If you have not already done so, please remember to sign up for the cookout by contacting Entertainment Chair Cheryl Arndt with the number in your party; email to events@essexcorinthian.org or sign up on the sheet in the dining room. Please note, we cannot take any additional reservations after Thursday, July 2nd!

Did You Know?

DINGHY & KAYAK RACK:

The rack is reserved for ECYC members. If you are storing your dinghy or kayak there and have not picked up a sticker, please do so. Unstickered vessels may be removed at the owner's expense.



WEBSITE:

All of our events and announcements, as well as archive copies of the Bell 8 Newsletter are available online at our website, www.essexcorinthian.org!

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Please remember that with the change of domain to www.essexcorinthian.org over a year ago, the general office email address was changed to ecyc@essexcorinthian.org.

We noticed that some of you are still using the old email address, which will no longer work. Please make a note of it, if you have not already done so.

Strategic Planning Update:



At the last board meeting, I presented the feedback received to date on the previously circulated "Strawman Document". This document set forth a summary of the steps that must be undertaken to allow for the strategic planning process to move toward completion. We will share further details as we go along.

Richard Pierce

Strategic Planning Chair



Green Tip of the Month:

Take the Sailors For The Sea Pledge!

Sailors For The Sea has created a pledge that will help us all be more careful when we deal with the environment, in particular our oceans and waterways, which we enjoy so much.

**The NT3 Pledge is simple:
NO TRASH. NO TRAIL. NO TRACE**

Ladies:

Don't forget about **Ladies on Deck on Tuesday, July 14th**. An evening on our deck, with snacks and beverages, recipe swaps, and friends..old and new.. All are welcome!

For those who are new to the club, a good way to get to know one another is to come to a Ladies on Deck or to take sailing lessons with Cindy Gibbs on a Wednesday night. The after sail get-togethers are as much fun as the lessons!

How can I make this club more fun for you? Ideas? Suggestions? Send them to me, please. As we evolve as a club, our dynamics change and so must we, so I am grateful for all input.

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

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at 860 227-1363 or email me at events@essexcorinthian.org .

Cheryl Arndt

Entertainment Chair
Email: events@essexcorinthian.org

Membership Update:

We enjoyed a great New Membership Reception last Friday night. Most of our new members came to meet and mingle with board and regular members on a balmy Friday night, complete with a musical performance out on the deck. When you see any of our new members, please make sure to introduce yourself and treat them to a typical Corinthian welcome!

Why not encourage your friends to join us? Review Bell 8 and the e-blasts to find out about our upcoming events.

Val Votto

Membership Chair
Email: membership@essexcorinthian.org

By taking this pledge and adhering to its principles we can reduce pollution harmful to our oceans and waterways. One third of all annual carbon dioxide emissions, created by the production of plastics, petroleum based chemicals and burning fossil fuels, are absorbed by the ocean. You may have seen reports on ocean acidification, and negative results like coral bleaching and mass fish deaths, which are caused by temperature and chemistry changes in the oceans. Ocean acidification is the number one threat to a healthy ocean, marine animals, and people who depend on the ocean - and those who love to play in it, too! We are already observing parts of the marine food chains collapsing, coral reefs and marine habitats being destroyed, and all this has an immensely negative effect on the world's food supply.

But we can change some of this, by protecting the ocean you and your family are swimming, cruising, diving, playing in.

Take the NT3 Pledge today, and join a community that is restoring ocean health by taking big and small steps to reduce their carbon footprint. Not sure how? Don't worry, Sailors For The Sea will tell you how!



I would also like to start working on managing our regattas as "Clean Regattas" according to the principles set forth by Sailors For The Sea. If you would like to find out more about their many programs, please go to <http://sailorsforthesea.org/programs>.

Hope to see you at the club or out on the water soon!

Ruth Emblin

Rear Commodore & Fleet Communicator

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