



## THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB



Help trim the ECYC tree!

### ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS:

- **November 2nd:** ECYC Commodores' Gala (reservations closed)
- **November 15th:** Prospective Members Reception - please see Membership Update for details (reservations required)
- Decorate the Club's tree and dining room the afternoon of Friday, **November 22nd**.
- **December 1st:** "Trees in the Rigging" Holiday Boat Parade, and Club BYOB and Food Party
- **December 7th:** ECYC Decommissioning, Annual Meeting & New Member Reception
- **December 8th:** Our annual Children's Party, always a favorite!
- Charles the Piano Man will return to the club for a fun holiday

### VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

#### Fellow Corinthians,

October is a transition time of year for all things ECYC. We start moving our socializing from the deck to our dining room and fireplace. The harbor starts to empty out as we sadly return our boats "to the hard" with fond memories of good times shared off shore.

As Vice Commodore Tim Brewer will report below, it's been an amazing season for ECYC sailors with outstanding race results from spring to fall. To cap off the season, ECYC sailors were a major part, if not THE major part, sailing in this year's Tri Club River Race series.



Corinthians take 1st (Flo), 2nd (Celebration), and 3rd (Nautilus) in the EYC Willets Race

#### Ed's Old Timer Band - Then And Now -



We also extended our Wednesday night dinners through October with incredible musical visits from several instructors from the Essex based Community Music School along with our own Ed Birch and his high school reunion band (see photos on left).

On the upcoming weekend, we will have our annual Commodores' Gala to celebrate the Corinthian Spirit and our

brunch on Sunday, **December 15th.**

- **New Year's Eve** at ECYC....watch for details.



*Trees in the Rigging*

Refer to our event calendar on our website at [www.essexcyc.org](http://www.essexcyc.org) for event details!



## OFF SHORE NEWS & EVENTS:

### Tom Clark Memorial and the Tri-Club River Series

ECYC's leg of the Tri-Club Series, the Tom Clark Memorial Race, was held in blustery conditions with wicked river currents on Saturday, October 12th. The PHRF racing was tight with only 3 minutes separating the first place boat from the third. Jeff Going on Celebration was first, Lori Conforti and Toby Doyle on Flo were second and Doug McDonald on Euphoria was third.

Two Ideal 18s, plus Loch and Jane Syme in their Marshal Cat, Encore, made up a Perseverance Class, with Terry Stewart finishing first, Nick and Joyce Incerti second and Encore third following a very close and prolonged encounter at the thatched bed.

With Conforti/Doyle in first place and Jeff Going taking second in the previous



fellowship throughout our club's almost 30 year history.

We now start looking ahead to the holiday season at ECYC to include

Decommissioning, our annual meeting, and member reception on Saturday, December 7th. Please join us as we celebrate our 29th season and lay the foundation for our 30th to include a Change of Watch welcoming our new leadership team.

The board is working on the 2014 club budget to be presented for your approval at the Annual Meeting. The nominating committee is also working on new board members as we have terms expiring. If you have thoughts about the budget or have interest in serving the club next year, please let Past Commodore Skip Haskins and/ or me know.

Please check out the club's web site at [www.essexcyc.org](http://www.essexcyc.org). Our Facebook page also provides current club updates and has an increasing audience. Become a "fan" to get club updates.

Make it a good month!

***Terry Stewart***

**Commodore**  
Essex Corinthian Yacht Club



## ***Galley:***

**David Dorrance & Sarah Lively** are pleased to accept the responsibility of Galley Liaison. We welcome your input and suggestions to help make the ECYC galley a pleasant and delicious experience for all.

David's email: [dwdorrance@gmail.com](mailto:dwdorrance@gmail.com).  
David's mobile: 203-722-5334.

### **Fall Galley Hours:**

Wednesday through Saturday Lunch	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday Brunch	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Friday Night Dinner Service	5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

week's racing (the Willet's, sponsored by EYC), the stage was set to determine this year's winner of the Tri-Club Trophy. The Birch Race, hosted by PYC on October 19th would settle the matter for 2013.



*Celebration wins Tri Club River Race Series - again!*

The start of the finale was delayed due to lack of wind, but eventually got under way with a building, if shifty, southerly. A great afternoon of challenging racing ended with Doug McDonald taking line honors (with VC Brewer crewing), followed closely by the Conforti/Doyle team, with Jeff Going and Ed Birch crossing third. On corrected time, Jeff Going was first, winning the regatta series and keeping the Tri-Club Trophy safely at EYC. Team Conforti/Doyle was a very close second overall, with Doug McDonald (the creator of the Tri-Club Trophy) placing third.

Thank you, thank you, and thank you! A fantastic group of EYC volunteers were required to handle the on and off water logistics for Tom Clark Memorial event. Sarah Lively and David Dorrance provided Chelsea Morning as the Race Committee Boat. David stayed on board, along with Liz Baird to assist VC Tim Brewer with Race Committee duties. Mark Bavalack provided his boat to set marks in the morning, while Rear Commodore Steve Rodstrom and his son Kevin ran their pristine and classic 13 foot whaler as the second chase boat for the RC (they even participated in a "rescue").

The on-shore volunteer group was headed up by Jean Brewer, with lots of help from Liz and Earl Fowler, Suzette Bavalack, Laurel Stewart, Cheryl Arndt, Ellen Smoller, Katherine Berry and Chuck Grusse. Thanks to all of you for all that you did to put together a well run event!!

#### **Fall Frostbite Series**

EYC sailors continue to do well frostbiting on Sunday afternoons. In the Ideal 18s, Ed Birch, Cindy Gibbs/Lori Conforti and Jon Gibbs have all placed

## **Did You Know?**

- **River Room TV:** We added basic TV to our existing Comcast phone and internet subscription for our Large Screen TV in the River Room with thanks to the generosity of a member.
- **OLCC Reciprocal Agreement to continue.** We are pleased to announce we will continue our special reciprocal relationship with the Old Lyme Country Club during our January shutdown.
- **Did you know EYC has an existing application into the Block Harbor Master for a mooring in the Great Salt Pond?** Before you get too excited, please know we are number 96 on the wait list!
- **New members joining EYC after November 1st do not pay dues for the rest of the year.** Now is the time if you have a prospective member in the works to complete their applications.
- The picture of racing 12 Meters on the **"Welcome to the City of Newport"** sign is from our first Essex 12 Meter Challenge (2009)



showing Columbia, on the left, manned by a crew from the Niantic Bay Yacht Club crossing Heritage with her crew of Essex Corinthians.

But the story gets even better:

Our commodore Terry and his wife Laurel recently spent a weekend in Newport and visited an art gallery where they found the same image as an oil painting! Terry purchased a print of this painting, which will be displayed at EYC in the near future.

EYC in action, in photography, on wood and on canvas!





*The Tri Club River Race Trophy remains at ECYC!*

in the top 3. In the Etchells Class, Chuck Poindexter and Toby Doyle are consistently 1 and 2, while Bill Robinson has also raced well and placed. Come down to the Club for brunch on Sunday and watch the racing from the deck! First signal is 1 PM.

#### **ECSA Final Standings and the Long Sand Shoal Cup**

Our great club was really well represented in the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association (ECSA) Offshore Circuit again this year.

Our registered competitors were: Jon Gibbs, Jeff Going, Bill St. John, Peter Emblin, Jim Francis, Dan Watts, Skip Haskins, Commodore Terry Stewart, VC Tim Brewer, Bill Robinson and Ed Remillard. Special congratulations to Jeff Going, who placed third overall out of 35 boats qualifying in Division 8.

Congratulations also go out to Peter Emblin and crew for finishing ninth overall out of 32 boats qualifying in Division 7. In Tartuca's first year in the competition, Peter, Ruth and their crew finished second overall in the Long Sand Shoal Cup!

#### **Tim Brewer**

Vice Commodore



#### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**



Anyone interested in purchasing a copy of this fine art print can do so at Harbor Fine Art's website (<http://harborfineart.com/>).

### **Congratulations!**

We are very happy to report Marilyn Jacobs announcing her engagement to Bill Christopher at the Club last Friday night.

Our best wishes to the happy couple!



### **Burgee(s) of the Month:**

We have two new burgees this month.

One is from the **Smith Cove Yacht Club** ([www.smithcoveyc.org](http://www.smithcoveyc.org)) located in Niantic north of the bridge. ECYC members Richard and Pamela Wass are also Smith Cove members and hosted the club at ECYC last month.



The other burgee is from the **Conanicut Yacht Club** ([www.conanicutyachtclub.org](http://www.conanicutyachtclub.org)) located in Jamestown, RI directly across from Newport.

Founded in 1892 "for the purpose of encouraging yacht building and improvement in seamanship and the cultivation of naval science", CYC offers reciprocal privileges to members of clubs listed in the most recent Register of American Yacht Clubs.



Guests are entitled to use the CYC Clubhouse and waterfront, including dining, bar, shower facilities, guest moorings (if available) and launch service. They strongly encourage guests to contact the CYC office in advance to



### House & Grounds Update:

Whew! What a difference a year makes. At this time last year Sandy had rolled through, the scramble was underway to salvage, dry, clean, and put back in order the mess she left behind at the club. Many acts of heroism were performed, but I know I'll never cease to be amazed how Ed & Monique managed to move the River Room refrigerator upstairs, or Terry sloshing through the shin-high water in front of the front porch to get to higher ground, his imitation of Macarthur's return to the Philippines in 1944. The silver lining to Sandy's visit, she triggered the long overdue review of the club facilities, leading to the major improvements we enjoy today. I hope and presume all can share the relief to not have had to face a repeat this year (that loud sound you hear is me knocking on wood).

As we wrap up the 2013 ECYC year and boating season, time to start thinking about 2014 projects and upcoming work sessions. I confess my "non-club" life (making a living, grandparent, aging parents, home maintenance, travel, ..... ) has been absorbing to the point where some ECYC efforts have been pushed down the list. Remain hopeful to be able to direct more attention and catch some momentum in the coming months. As has been the tradition, there will be a number of volunteer workday sessions scheduled during the January shutdown period, and mostly likely before. Details will be coming as needs are defined.

There are a number of improvement projects I wish to review, evaluate, and have included in the 2014 objectives list. A key focus area I will aggressively pursue to have done in 2014 will be the overall front of the building. This includes the front door (yep, it's still there), replacement decking, bead board ceiling, lifeline railings, galley windows, planters and plants (Fleet Gardener Jean Delia will be getting help from Barbara Hall and new member Teresa Connell). Not to mention, I have not forgotten the lights/fans on the rear deck, plus the river facing ECYC sign is in need of major maintenance. All will be subject to what can be included in the budget. Speaking of budget, I wish to commend the board, especially Deb, Terry, Tim, Tom, Val, and Sharon for the amazing effort each performs to keep ECYC such an affordable club for all to enjoy. I'm in awe at times as I've become aware of what an effort and balancing act it is to get so much

coordinate their visit.

Reciprocal Guests must present either their current club membership card or a letter of introduction from their club.



## ECYC Hosts "Galley-Less" Yacht Clubs:

- The **Baldwin Yacht Club** held their Annual meeting and end of year dinner on October 27th.
- The **Pettipaug Yacht Club**, the official junior sailing program of the Essex Corinthian Yacht Club, will hold its annual awards party and change of watch on November 9th.
- The **Essex Station of the Cruising Club of America** will be holding their annual holiday dinner at ECYC on December 3rd, a 40 year tradition that extends back to when the club was the Essex Yacht Club.
- The **Frostbite Yacht Club**, Essex's first yacht club, will celebrate its 80th season awards party on December 8th following the Children's Party.

These clubs share our love for our clubhouse along with great service from our galley team.

## ART on the River:

Our thanks to ECYC member Susan Malan and ECYC "Curators" (AND Fleet Captain AND Galley Liaison!) David and Sarah Dorrance for setting up our second Art Show



collaboration with the Essex Art Association. To purchase a painting, attach the picture's tag to a galley ticket with your club number and turn into Elaine's office. The club receives a portion of the sale so you are helping the club, along with an appreciative local artist!

## Green Tip of the Month:

*This is the time of year when boats are being hauled, cleaned, covered for the winter months. Many of us take this opportunity to do a "fall cleaning" of sorts to get rid of whatever dirt has accumulated on the outside and inside of our vessels.*

But what about the **environmental impact of boat cleaning products**? It is not easy to find out all the details from the descriptions on product containers, but a little digging around is worth it. Marinas are already tasked to follow strict guidelines as to run-off from cleaning and maintenance products, so it only makes sense that we as individuals do so

from so little.

And lastly, wish to thank Andy Roussel for his continuing efforts on the rear River Room windows to stem the flood; Steve Rodstrom remedial actions during the water in the ceiling light caper; Terry's cleaning of the exterior siding around the side outdoor light; and again George VanDrasek great efforts on the outdoor grill.

### **Chuck Grusse**

*House Chair*

#### **House Wish List:**

If any one has one of these items (in good shape) sitting around in an attic, and would like to donate them, please let us know.

- **Dressing table** for Ladies' Room
- **Storage cabinet** for head supplies for Men's Room

#### **Membership Update:**

Please welcome our newest members, **Melanie & Ed Remillard** and **Linda & Dick Levene**.

**Melanie and Ed** live in Durham and have two children. They have a long sailing history and currently own a 35' Beneteau, Ruffian. Ed was on the Race Committee at EYC and is looking forward to participating in the ECYC races. Ed also accompanied Harry Bird on three Bermuda races and two Halifax races. The Remillards were sponsored by Harry Bird and Laurel & Terry Stewart.

**Linda and Dick** live in Essex and have very active in the community holding several leadership positions in many organizations including Essex Rotary, VNA, Essex Garden Club and the Land Trust. Linda and Dick are looking forward to being close to the River, socializing with the Corinthian Crew, and getting back to sailing. The Levenes were sponsored by Nancy Gould, Barbara & Frank Hall and Joan Hurworth.

*Please be sure to give them all a warm Corinthian "welcome" when you see them!*

#### **PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS RECEPTION**

The Board of Governors is pleased to

as well.

The website Eartheasy.com provides some very interesting cleaning alternatives that have a lesser environmental impact than some of the conventional cleaners marketed by boating businesses. We all know that marine life, seabirds and other wildlife need clean water to survive. Toxic runoff, even in small amounts can have disproportionately harmful effects. The site compares the volume of hydrocarbon and oil pollution spilling into North America's waters to more than 15 times the amount of the Exxon Valdez oil spill!

**Non-toxic cleaners** can help reduce the amount of toxins that spill every year - even under strict adherence to the guidelines.

Here are a few of these cleaning alternatives:

**Fiberglass Stains** - make a paste of baking soda and water. Use a sponge or soft cloth and gently rub the mix into the stain. This paste can also be used to clean onboard showers and heads. While baking soda is an excellent all-around cleaner, keep in mind that it is abrasive, so use with care. Use lemon or lime juice as a final wipe-down for a shiny, fresh-smelling finish.



*Help keep this harbor seal and its wild friends healthy and happy by reducing toxic runoff.*

**Windows and Mirrors** - mix vinegar, lemon juice and warm water. Fill a spray bottle with the solution. Spray it on your windows and wipe with paper towels or newspapers.

**Chrome** - use apple cider vinegar on a soft cotton cloth to rub it clean. Then, use a fresh cloth with a dab of baby oil to restore it to a bright shine.

**Brass** - clean with a Worcestershire sauce, vinegar and salt solution

**Copper Fittings** - make a paste of either lemon or lime juice and salt. Rub gently to clean.

**Stainless Steel** - clean with a cloth dampened with undiluted white vinegar.

**Aluminum** - using a soft cloth, clean with a solution of cream of tartar and water.

**Plastic Surfaces** - use a mixture of one part white vinegar and two parts warm water.

**Decks** - use a mixture of one part white vinegar and eight parts warm water.

**Interior Wood** - can be cleaned by using olive oil or almond oil. The oil will provide natural moisturizers for the wood and add shine at the same time. Don't use these oils on exterior surfaces, however, since they don't hold up in direct sun.

sponsor a "Prospective Members" reception on Friday, November 15 at 5:30 pm. This is open to our members and their friends they are in the process of sponsoring. A perfect opportunity for prospective members to learn more about membership in ECYC. Since it is a Friday, we encourage everyone to stay on for dinner!

**Note: Reservations are required.**

Please RSVP to Sharon Craig, Membership Committee, [sharoncraig224@gmail.com](mailto:sharoncraig224@gmail.com) or 860-819-8248, no later than November 12th.

**Sharon Craig**  
Membership Chair

## ECYC Annual Gratuity Fund

Around this time of year, the Board asks members to express their thanks to those who support our Club throughout the year through the Annual Gratuity Fund.

These include Elaine, our club manager; the Galley Staff; and the cleaning service. The fund is a tradition that dates back to when the club operated as the Essex Yacht Club and is a common practice at private clubs.

Watch for a notice about the fund in your next billing statement along with a list of "frequently asked questions" about the fund.

More on eco-friendly boat maintenance at [http://eartheasy.com/play\\_eco-friendly\\_boating.htm](http://eartheasy.com/play_eco-friendly_boating.htm)

**Ruth Emblin**  
Fleet Communicator



## Thank You!

We would like to thank Jeff Going for donating a US Flag as well as a Connecticut State Flag that have been in his family's possession for many years to ECYC!

## Promote ECYC!

The perfect way to promote ECYC and show your club spirit throughout the season on and off shore is by flying or wearing the club burgee! Fly it right! Consult Eldridge or Chapman for guidelines.

The Ship's Store not only sells burgees, there are vests, scarves, ties, polos, tees, sweaters, windshirts, etc., etc., etc., all waiting for you to show your Corinthian Spirit!



And if you want to add some Corinthian Spirit to your evenings at the club, check out the etched wine and drinks glasses. Toast your friends in style!

See Jean Brewer at the Ship's Store for all the new items she has added to the store's selection and check below for our **MONTHLY SPECIAL!**



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***WANT SOME  
NEW ECYC  
PRODUCTS?***

**Just in time for some early holiday shopping!**

You can look forward to plush new men's and women's vests, arriving in the next couple of weeks!

Come to the Ship's Store to see what's new in November!

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