



THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

January 2013

A View from the Bridge

Fellow Corinthians,

As we move into a new year, the holiday season gave us all reason to appreciate simple blessings, among those our special friendships and fellowship through ECYC. Please know our board is already at work planning to build and expand those friendships in 2013 through ECYC's special "environment for good fellowship."



We rang in New Year's with another spectacular ECYC party accompanied to music by the Convertibles and a wonderful New Year's buffet by the Corinthian Café. Many thanks to Sharon Craig, Val Votto, and Jane Pfeffer who coordinated the



festivities. We showed we can have fun with a full house of 80 members and guests for dinner with room left over for the band and dancing in the Sun Room.

We also thank our amazing "Fleet Gardener" Jean DeLia for her wonderful holiday decorations around the club's front door. Jean has designed and maintained our flower boxes throughout the year. Thank you, Jean!

Even though the club is closed in January, the month is still important and active. Please see House Committee Chair Chuck Grusse's all hands call as we clean and work on the club house in preparation for the coming season.

We also start refining dates in the club's event calendar. Some highlights include the always fun and exciting Newport 12 Meter Challenge is scheduled for June 22. Please let me know your interest as we reserve boats for our crews.



Due to popular demand, the Essex Historical Society will repeat the "History of the Essex Yacht Clubs" at our club on April 25th, 7pm.



Our opening event will be a very interesting presentation by Rives Potts, Vice Commodore of the New York Yacht Club and General Manager of Pilots Point to share his family's story of sailing around the world to the Great Open Ocean Races on Carina, beginning and ending with Bermuda Race wins. While originally scheduled for February 3rd (Super Bowl Sunday), the presentation is now Sunday February 10th, 4:30pm, at the club. We will ask for a \$10 donation to go towards our support of the Valley Regional High School Sailing Club.

This is a great time to hear your ideas and suggestions for other events and programs our membership would enjoy. Some examples:

- Learning about and sharing our favorite nautical "apps"
- Cooking demonstrations by the Corinthian Café
- New members for the ECYC Bridge group
- Corinthian Kayakers
- Ladies Deck Nights and Speakers
- Sailing Classes....what days and times work best?
- "I know how to sail....now I want to learn to race"

If you are planning a cruise in 2013, let us know where and when.

We will be looking for nominations for the John Philip Sousa Cruising Award, so keep us posted!

Our club will once again team with the Baldwin Yacht Club on a long term summer cruise. See the note below on dates and ports.

We look forward to an exciting year of fun with Corinthian friends on shore and off shore, near and far.

Make it a good month.

Yo Ho!

Terry

Terry Stewart, Commodore



Fall Frostbite Season Wrap Up



The Fall Frostbite series went off without a "hitch"! The ECYC members pulled off a very successful series in three of the five fleets. Beginning with the Etchell 22's; 1st place went to Chuck Poindexter (& crew); 2nd place -Toby Doyle; 3rd - Bruce Avery and 4th- Bill Robinson. In the Ideal 18 fleet, 1st place went to Cindy Gibbs & Lori Comforti; 2nd -Dennis Posey; 3rd -Rob Reinchart & Ed Birch; and 4th - Jon Gibbs and crew "Du Jour"! .Let's extend a huge congratulations to them all for a great Fall series. Spring Frostbiting begins the first Sunday in March. Please sign up to sail the club Ideal 18's! Its lots of fun!

We welcome Cindy Gibbs as ECYC's Race Chair going in the new year. She is an extraordinarily accomplished sailor who brings ECYC sailing to the next level in terms of skills and FUN. Cindy led and taught our popular women's sailing program last year and looks forward to introducing sailing to more members in the year to come.



House Committee Goings On

New Year's gala brings in more than the New Year and the challenges everyone faces to keep those resolutions we all make, publicly or just to ourselves. It also begins the annual one month closure of the club. The closing has always presented the opportunity to get our venerable club house in shape for the next season of ECYC camaraderie and enjoyment of our beautiful riverside location.

As of now we have 2 scheduled work days, January 13 & January 19. The focus of the 13th will be what I'm calling the "deep clean". This day will include bleach cleaning of head vanities; bleach cleaning of the river room- kitchen area and lockers; light fixtures; vacuum dust & cobwebs; display case clean & polish; well you get the drift.

January 19th will be a day of wall surfaces. The sun room paneling will be getting a fresh coat of poly; the river room for wall repair and painting, as Sandy left her mark on some sheetrock portions.

Each of the work days will start at 13:00. I urge all members who can and want to help on either of these days to please email me as to their ability to help out on either day. More details will follow.

In addition to these scheduled work days, additional specific activities will be pursued. Examples include head vanity rebuild/replacement; dining tables repair; windows frame, sash, and glass cleaning; prep of planters.

Improvements front door, deck lighting, AC units are in the works, more on those initiatives next month.

A very Merry Christmas and joyous New Year to all and their families.

Chuck Grusse (House Committee Chair)
(cgrusse@snet.net)

Membership Update

Membership finished the year on a very positive and upbeat note with three new wonderful new members!

The Board of Governors approved the membership of Geoffrey and Karen Wiswell of East Haddam who are very experienced sailors having grown up in Southport CT and former members of the Pequot Yacht Club. They were sponsored by Jean and Richard Pierce and seconded by Commodores Stewart and Brewer.

The Board also approved the membership of Harry Bird and his wife Goody LeLash of Essex who are also members of the Essex Yacht Club where they have served as Cruise Chair and Entertainment Chair. They are proud owners of a 45 foot yacht Migrant named Bluebird. They were sponsored by Commodores Stewart and Brewer.

A corporate membership for Pough Interiors was approved. Pough Interiors is a newly formed design shop on Main Street in Essex. The principals are Jessica Whelan, Dennis Pough and Adam Calkins. We look forward to their enhancing our decorating committee. The company was sponsored by Connie Connor, Selene Sweck and Jane Pfeffer.

Please join us in welcoming them aboard!

Jane Pfeffer, Membership Chair

Ideal 18 Maintenance

During January and February, we will be preparing the Ideal 18's for the spring season. Please let Rear Commodore Steve Rodstrom know your availability and interest in helping. We will be sanding, painting, and waxing the hulls. Steve can be reached at steve@prestigeyachtsales.com and 207-841-2333.

2013 Off Shore Update

Once again, we are pleased to team with the Baldwin Yacht Club for our summer cruise. For planning purposes, please see the dates and ports below. To learn more, please contact Vice Commodore Tim Brewer at tbrewer@tlbarchitecture.com and 860-638-7025.

ECYC-Baldwin Summer Cruise Dates and Locations:

Dates	Port
Saturday, July 27	Captain's Choice
Sunday, July 28	Cuttyhunk
Monday, July 29	Cuttyhunk
Tuesday, July 30	Onset*
Wednesday, July 31	Onset*
Thursday, August 1	Marion*
Friday, August 2	Marion*
Saturday, August 3	Westport*
Sunday, August 4	Bristol

Monday, August 5	Bristol
Tuesday, August 6	Wickford
Wednesday, August 7	Wickford*
Thursday, August 8	Newport*
Friday, August 9	Newport*
Saturday, August 10	Newport*
Sunday, August 11	Newport*

Other important dates:

Saturday, July 20-Sunday, July 21: Bastille Day Weekend, Three Mile Harbor, East Hampton, NY. For Corinthian crews not going on the Baldwin Cruise, we will be adding some follow on destinations for the following week.

Saturday, July 20: Launch of the Charles W. Morgan, Mystic Seaport.

Calling all Corinthian Kayakers!

There is interest in forming an ECYC kayaker/canoeing group for the coming season. Please reach out to Don Shannehan to get involved.



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From the Corinthian Café

Dear Club Members,

After finishing our first year at the ECYC, we look forward to the year ahead. We've learned a lot from you and will continue to improve the club's galley experience in 2013.

We look forward to increasing our catering business and our "foods to go" options as well. We will continue to develop menus you enjoy using quality ingredients while keeping price points in mind.

Whenever you have suggestions please feel free to contact us at any time. We look forward to working with Dan Watts as the new galley liaison.

Thank you for the past year and the year to come.

Happy New Year!
Monique and Coastal Cooking Co. Crew

Pettipaug Sailing Academy

Applications for the 2013 Pettipaug Sailing Academy will be posted on the Pettipaug web site (www.pettipaug.com) in January.

Slots fill VERY quickly. Due to our club's sponsorship of boats used by the Academy, Corinthian members receive a tuition discount.

In addition to junior sailing instruction (ages 8 to 16), Pettipaug also offers a Powerboat Operation and Handling Course. See www.pettipaug.com for details.



Did you know?



You may see some additional sailing trophies around the club. These are Frostbite Trophies we are temporary custodians of while the Essex Yacht Club undergoes renovation.

The trophy on the right is awarded to the top Laser sailor of the season and the trophy on the left is awarded to the most dedicated crew member across all classes.

Ships Store

In addition to our on premise Ship's Store in the Sun Room, check out the on line store at: www.boatowners.org

Communication Information

Please note our **EMAIL and WEBSITE ADDRESSES**

We have a helpful page on the ECYC Website. Want to sell stuff??? or perhaps you are looking for something....check out our "Classified Page."

Give your information to Elaine and she'll get onto the ECYC website.

Also, note that all Club events, menus, photos, etc. are on our website.

....so remember:

www.essexcyc.org

email: ECYC@essexcyc.org

ECYC Information

2013 FLAG OFFICERS

Commodore - Terry Stewart

Vice Commodore - Tim Brewer

Rear Commodore - Steve Rodstrom

Treasurer - Deb Wallis

Secretary - Katherine Berry

2013 BOARD MEMBERS

Sharon Craig
Chuck Grusse
Jane Pfeffer
Valerie Votto
Dan Watts
Past Commodore - Skip Haskins
Fleet Captain - David Dorrance
Fleet Surgeon - Dr. Marybeth Ellison, MD
Fleet Chaplin - Dan Taylor-Stypa

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Entertainment - Valerie Votto
Galley - Dan Watts
House - Chuck Grusse
Membership - Sharon Craig
Nominating - Skip Haskins
Race Committee - Cindy Gibbs

Ship's Store - Jean Brewer

WebMaster-Skip Haskins
Bell 8 - Robbi Storms

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