



ESSEX YACHT CLUB



2015 WINTER TALK SERIES

Sailing and Growing the “Pie”

Speaker: **Cindy Nickerson**

Executive Director, New England Science & Sailing Foundation

Thursday March 26 at 6 pm



New England Science and Sailing Foundation (NESS) is a Stonington-based non-profit organization which won the “2013 Outstanding Community Outreach Program Award” from US Sailing, the national governing body for our sport.

NESS Executive Director Cindy Nickerson will discuss NESS’s history, education philosophy, and outreach efforts to introduce people of all ages and backgrounds to the worlds of sailing and marine science. Come hear how they are reaching out and growing the sailing “pie” through public access to the water and its associated opportunities for challenging adventures, personal growth, and enjoyment of the sea.

Begun as the community sailing arm of the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club in 2002 with 14 boats and a big dream, NESS is now an independent, nationally-recognized, award-winning community program teaching over 3,000 students each year. NESS’s scholarship program and new NESS SEA (STEM Education Ambassador) AmeriCorps program help bring its “hands wet” science and sailing curriculum to students year round.

We are inviting other area yacht clubs to join us and encourage parents to bring their children and to invite friends with children who might be interested in marine science or sailing.

Light supper of hearty hot soup and fresh baked bread available for \$7 + tax & service

No charge for presentation. Cash bar open to non-members. Reservations requested! Please call or email the club if you plan to attend so we can make sure enough soup and seating is prepared!