



THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB



ECYC Commodores' Gala
November 2nd, 2013

ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS:

- Frostbiting starts September 29th through December 1st
- October 2nd: Last Wednesday Night Jazz
- October 12th: Thomas Clarke Memorial Race on the Connecticut River and After-Party at ECYC
- November 2nd, 6.00 pm: ECYC Commodores' Gala (see write-up in Terry Stewart's 'View from the Bridge')
- December 7th: ECYC Decommissioning, Annual Meeting & New Member Reception

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



VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Fellow Corinthians,

September was yet another history making month for ECYC! And it showed making history at a yacht club, especially ours, is fun!

The weekend of September 21st started off one of those amazing Friday nights at the club with a full moon rising over Nott Island to the delight of everyone on deck.



Tartuca wins again...

That full moon, and the tide it influenced, would be a factor the next day as we launched the inaugural Cross Sound Challenge, our first regatta run by ECYC in the sound since the early days of the club. Major Corinthian kudos to Vice Commodore Tim Brewer for a superb job organizing what many felt was one of the best planned and run regattas of the season.

On shore, what a post race party! Many thanks to a very wide group of club members who planned and supported an incredible celebration that illustrated exactly what ECYC was founded to be: "An environment

for good fellowship among active yachtsmen and women at a modest price".

Well over 130 sailors and club members joined in to the music of the group "UHF", augmented by the truly impressive musical talents of our own Chris Murano!

We rapidly transitioned from



OFF SHORE NEWS & EVENTS:

1st Inaugural Cross Sound Challenge PHRF Race

20 boats competed in three classes for XSC hardware on Saturday, September 21st and the event lived up to its name in spectacular fashion. Challenge is the name of the event and the word to describe the day. A southerly building to about 20 knots, a flood at the start and a strong ebb for most of the afternoon gave most crews all they could safely handle while trying to stay fast around the course, which began and ended west of the outer light. The course featured a beat to windward over to Orient Shoals (Truman Beach) and a very fast down wind leg back through a gate between the east end of the shoal and Bell 8 and a final reach to the finish line. The downwind leg saw speeds over ground of 7 to nearly 10 knots, depending on the size of wave one was surfing off of. 16 boats finished the race and 3 retired. All crews, novice or seasoned, ended the day with stories to tell.

The post-race party at the clubhouse was an absolute blast. Keg beer, grilled burgers and dogs and live music kept the party-goers happy and celebrating an outstanding day of competitive sailing and fellowship well into the evening hours.

This event was a great success for ECYC on so many levels. Number one, it was a great reward for the many volunteers who made the event possible. While the number of helpers were too numerous to list here, each and every one was individually thanked during the awards ceremony. A handful of our members, however, must certainly be thanked again here: John Ackermann hosted the race Committee aboard COSMOS. Club members Loch Syme and Ron Noe were aboard as Race Committee members, while Adam McEwen provided LTM for the Chase Boat and handled pin responsibilities. Liz Fowler and Valerie Votto were co-leaders of the shore team who set-up, cooked, and cleaned up at the party. Mark Bivolack and Jeff Winterstein did Yeoman's work on the grill, while Celia Francis and Joyce Winterstein were our ticket collectors/bouncers at the front door. Chris Morano and Toby Doyle headed up the event's planning and race organization. Outside expertise in form of a PRO, Greg Gilmartin, and an assistant, Frank Murphy, ensured that the on-course logistics and officiating would run flawlessly. Doug Domenie and Brewer's Marina offered free moorings for competitors during the weekend

exhilarating white cap sailing of the Cross Sound Challenge to the tranquil waters of Hamburg Cove for the Fall Raft up on the ECYC mooring. This year's raft up was



mostly a powerboat affair as many of our sailors were still in recovery mode from the evening before.

Looking ahead, October brings the return of one of ECYC's great traditions, the Thomas Clark Memorial Race on October 12th. The Clark race is our contribution to the Tri Club River Race series shared with the Essex and Penttogaug Yacht Clubs. The yacht Flo (Lori Conforti) will be defending its title from last year's series. We invite all ECYC members to the post race party.

Watch out for the sign up list.

Fall Frostbiting returns on Sundays, beginning September 28th with ECYC member boats defending their class championships in Ideal 18s and Etchells. Ideal 18 crews are forming now. Contact Jon Gibbs to sign up.



Speaking of championships, we proudly recognize yet another ECYC yacht, Petrel (Jon and Cindy Gibbs) for winning its class in the Fall Off Soundings series. Off Soundings can be viewed as a twice a year All Star regatta of the most experienced sailors from Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York. Petrel's win is a terrific accomplishment. The Gibbs family needs a new trophy

shelf just for their results this year alone! This has been truly an amazing year for ECYC sailors. We are very proud of all of them.



Jon Gibbs accepting yet another first-place trophy!

Still on tap is the Thundermug Race where the ECYC yacht Tartuca (Ruth and Peter Emblin) will be making its final run to win the Long Sands Shoal Cup for combined races results from throughout the season.

Finally as we head into November, we invite all members to attend the Commodores' Gala on Saturday,

November 2nd. The Gala is our opportunity to dress up for a fun evening celebrating our fellowship and all those who have led the club in the past to where it is today. Stay tuned for details.

Please check out the club's web site at 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!

and, we hope, will do so again next year as we build this event into a major regatta in our section of LIS. This regatta is primed for growth next season. Our aim is to make the race an ECSA Points regatta in 2014 and to make the ECYC in Essex Harbor a critical fixture in the PHRF Racing Series. Congratulations to all of the members of ECYC in taking this giant step towards building our on-water reputation among active sailing clubs. Below are the results from each class:

Class A:

1st Place: Jon Gibbs in PETRAL
2nd Place: Jeanne Little in CALAMINE
3rd Place: Tim Brewer in TESORO

Class B:

1st Place: Toby Doyle in FLO*
2nd Place: Jeff Going in CELEBRATION
3rd Place: Bill St. John in IRISH LADY

Class C:

1st Place: Peter Emblin in TARTUCA
2nd Place: Chris Morano in DORIAN
3rd Place: Jim Francis in FREE SPIRIT

* *First Overall for the Regatta*



Petrel speeding away

Tom Clark Memorial Race - October 12

Next up on the off-shore calendar is the Tom Clark Memorial. This is the second race of a 3 race series comprising the Tri-Club River Race Series. We are seeking volunteers to lead and help with on-water and on-shore logistics. On-water volunteer opportunities include the Race Committee Boat and 2 Chase Boats, along with personnel. On-shore opportunities include party organization and hands-on work on the day of the event.

Please see our website for NOR, SIs and

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.
David's mobile: 203-722-5334.

Did You Know that a portion of your galley bill goes towards the Club's operating budget? Our caterer, the Coastal Cooking Company, pays rent to the club for its use of the Galley as a percentage of the meals served each month. By enjoying a meal at the club, please know you are helping support the club's operations.

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

Reminders:

- ECYC members showing their club card get a \$1 per bottle discount at **That's the Spirit** on Main Street in Essex on your way to the club.
- We also encourage all ECYC members to consider having Elaine set up **automatic billing to your credit card**.
- **ECYC is a Smoke-Free Environment.** We need all members' assistance in reminding guests our club is a no smoking area. The smoking area is over by the dumpsters and not on the club's deck or in front of the club. Smoking and cigarette butts left behind during private events continue to be a challenge.

In Memoriam:

Entry Forms and watch for flyers going up in the clubhouse.

We definitely need your help to pull this together. Contact me directly if you can help us make this a spectacular event!

Contact me at tbrewer@tlbarchitecture.com or 860 638 7025

Tim Brewer

Vice Commodore



COMMITTEE UPDATES

House & Grounds Update:

House Committee Update: You will notice a new construction project to improve the appearance of the area surrounding the club. Brewers is installing a new ramp leading onto the deck by the gas grill and a stone wall to contain the area where mooring balls are stored in the off season. New stone will be installed to eliminate the unsightly weeds that grow there now. Later this year, the parking lot nearest the club will be repaved. Our continued thanks and appreciation to the Brewer organization for their efforts improving the appearance of our club inside and out.



Before and (Almost) After

I hope all had a great summer, enjoyed & maximized use of the club.

Chuck Grusse

House Chair

Membership Update:

We are so pleased to announce that **Diana & James Coan** and **Joyce & Nick Incerti** have rejoined ECYC!

We are sad to report the passing of ECYC member Fred Cliff this month. We extend our heartfelt condolences and Corinthian wishes on behalf of the membership to Connie and Fred's family.

Corinthian Kayakers

(a.k.a. "The Mini Fleet"):

Kayak Adventure # 5:

Load up your boats for Sunday October 6th. We are heading for Whalebone Creek (Hadlyme Cove) in East Haddam. The tide will be high at 1pm, so we should plan to use that to our advantage and as the meeting time. If you are in need of a boat please send out a request and arrange the details.

Whalebone Creek is accessed just south of the Haddam Ferry site and before the entrance to Selden's Island. It will offer a good birding area and the foliage should be beginning to turn. You can take the ferry, \$5.00 per crossing, or take Joshuatown Road to Rte. 148 W and follow to Ferry Landing. Car park will be next to ferry site; paved and quite large.

The paddle should not be difficult, wind permitting. As always; sun screen, water for hydration, and PFD for safety. Water should still be quite pleasant; however a wind-shirt or such may be a good idea if air temps are cool.

High winds and rain will cancel.

Don Shannehan
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Ideal 18s:

Fall Frostbite Series Starts
Sunday, September 29th
through December 1st.
Interested sailors to contact
Jon Gibbs at
jongibbsarch@aol.com



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

Sharon Craig
Membership Chair

ART on the River:

New Art Show in place! 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:

The Cigarette Butt Dilemma

At a recent beach clean-up we pulled an astoundingly high amount of cigarette butts from the sand and surrounding grass areas. Among my friends accompanying me to this clean-up were several die-hard smokers, and even they were shocked at the high quantity of butts we recovered.



Not a pretty sight...

Before anyone gets upset about this report and cries 'discrimination against smokers', please read this before making any such judgment. In a public discussion that followed the clean-up we polled a lot of smokers (and non-smokers) and realized that most people have no idea that cigarette butts are NOT FULLY BIO-DEGRADABLE and create an environmental hazard. This is not about

Essex Boaters and Boating Fans:

On October 7th at 7pm the NESN Channel will feature Essex as its boating destination of the week.



Tune in!

For details on the series, please see:

<http://newenglandboating.com/new-england-boating-television/2013-destinations-and-shows>

Farewell, Corinthian Jazz Band!

Thank you, Essex Corinthian Jazz Band for another great season!

"No Music without Fun. No Fun without Music!"

The Corinthian Jazz Band:

- Ed Birch- trumpet and trombone
- Walter Budney - clarinet
- Ken Canfield - banjo
- Bill Grover - cornet (not coronet)
- Chad Floyd - drums
- Stuart Ingersol - tuba
- Marc Schwartz - piano
- Leslie Strauss - fiddle
- Trip Wyeth - guitar



Burgee of the Month:



Our newest burgee continues our members' travels to the "Wide World of Yacht Clubs" and is from the Yacht Club de Quebec located in beautiful Quebec City. It is our first exchange with a French speaking club.

YCQ (www.ycq.ca) was founded in 1861 and

'smoking or non-smoking' - it's everyone's personal choice - *this is about what remains behind.*

It is estimated that several trillion cigarette butts are littered worldwide every year. That's billions of cigarettes flicked, one at a time, on our sidewalks, beaches, nature trails, gardens, and other public places every single day. In fact, cigarettes are the most littered item in America and the world. Cigarette filters are made of cellulose acetate, NOT COTTON, and they can take decades to degrade. Not only does cigarette litter ruin even the most picturesque setting, but the toxic residue in cigarette filters is damaging to the environment, and littered butts cause numerous fires every year, some of them fatal (from CigaretteLitter.org).

A new study shows that cigarette butts have a devastating effect on marine life. The chemicals from just one filtered cigarette butt had the ability to kill fish in a one-liter bucket of water. It does not matter whether the butt still contained tobacco or whether it was unsmoked or smoked. In all cases, about half of the fish died exposed to a very low concentration of cigarette butts. What is in the left-over filter seems to be the most toxic. Think about it - those toxins concentrate in larger fish that prey on smaller species and *may ultimately end up on your dinner table!* Birds also ingest the butts and cannot digest them, leading to death. Most smokers are completely unaware of how dangerous the butts actually are.

ECYC is a smoke-free club for several reasons, some of which have already been mentioned above. Smoldering butts can also lead to fires (which was the case not too long ago, when the CT River Museum almost burned down), and, besides being harmful to the environment, the litter is rather unattractive when found near our picturesque facility. In addition, the terms of our lease dictate that we cannot allow smoking in the club house, on the decks and surrounding dock areas.

We welcome everyone, non-smoker or smoker, but would like to ask smokers to enjoy their cigarettes outside the club in the designated smoking area near the trash containers. Please also ensure that your cigarette butts are fully extinguished and discarded properly. The fewer butts end up on the ground and in the water, the better for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation!



provides a full range of yacht club services to include a marina, restaurant, and a full racing and boating calendar



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!**

Ruth Emblin
Fleet Communicator



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