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THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

March/April 2019

The Latest News from ECYC!



View from the Bridge

Dear Fellow Corinthians!

The club has been very busy since it reopened. Dining has started in full force, and our new galley operator is working hard to get acclimatized. Growing pains are expected when you first start out in a new environment, and everyone's goal is to create a smooth process for the future.

Speaking of the galley, we are so happy to report that Gourmet Galley has agreed to remain with us as our permanent caterer! We now have an agreement with them through the end of 2019, reviewable on a yearly basis which also were our terms with the previous caterer. Our plan is to streamline dining to the point when both the club and the new galley are used to each other and our collaboration benefits both parties accordingly.

My heartfelt thanks go out to our Galley Search

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- **March 16th: *Movie Night "Fool's Gold"***
- **March 23rd - 24th: *ECSA US Sailing Advanced Race Management Seminar* (please note, lunch for members will be served in the River Room)**
- **April 6th: *Caribbean Night***
- **April 13th: *35th Spring Commissioning & Reception***
- **May 3rd, 4th, 5th: *Essex Boat Show***
- **May 4th & 5th: *Connecticut River One-Design Leukemia Cup***
- **May 12th: *Mother's Day Brunch***

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

Committee led by Chris Morano. They did a great job with suggestions, interviews and follow up. Please help us support the new galley by coming to lunch, brunch and dinner, and sign up for our special events the majority of which will be catered by Gourmet Galley. In order to create and maintain the standards we come to expect from our galley we need your help. If there are problems please understand that the galley crew is trying to get used to our way of doing things as much as we are trying to get used to them. They feel very badly every time something is not quite right, and work extra hard to make up for it.

Running a yacht club galley is very different from event catering or a restaurant. We have tried to keep it casual without reservations, and so far have only instituted seating times (usually the time when Nancy, our server, collects your order chit). However, we are also going to institute an informal "heads up, I am coming to dinner" system with which you can let the galley know your plans. If they have an idea how many people will show up they can prep more efficiently and make sure they don't run out of certain dishes too quickly. It is important to understand that our club's success is closely connected to our galley's success, and we all need to work together at this time to allow the staff to get settled into a routine that will benefit us all. Thank you for your understanding and help!

Our membership drive has been going really well! We have received over a dozen applications so far, and we hope to get more in the weeks to come. The board is doing their best to evaluate every application as quickly as possible so new members can start enjoying the club. My thanks to all members who have brought their friends to get to know us and have sponsored them for membership! Keep 'em coming! The more active members our club has, the easier it is to maintain our overall budget and day-to-day operation, to the benefit of everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Gibbs, our Membership Chair. Her team has been working tirelessly on promoting our club and what it has to offer.

Please feel free to contact me or any member of Bridge and Board if you have any comments, questions or concerns. I plan to be available for a quick chat at the club on most Friday nights!

VICE COMMODORE'S UPDATE

Frostbite sailing has started and Spring is just around the corner. Just as we emerge from the Winter months, the Club does so as well.



After an exhaustive search and detailed negotiations ECYC

now has a permanent caterer for our galley services. Gourmet Galley, who has filled in temporarily, has agreed to sign on to provide our food and catering services.

Finding the right company was not an easy task. After a Request for Proposals was sent out, 5 companies expressed an interest. After interviews and tours of the club, Gourmet Galley stood out above the rest. In an effort to help us during a period of transition, they agreed to fill in for two months. During that time we were able to experience their food and commitment to providing the service that is the heart and soul of ECYC. As with any new partnership there have been hiccups. At every turn Anna Lathrop, Gourmet Galley's owner, never hesitated to address and work to correct any problem. Will there be more issues, probably, but be comforted that they will be dealt with. If you have a concern, don't hesitate to let Commodore Emblin or myself know.

In order for this partnership to be a success, it is important to support the galley when you can. In addition, think of GG If you find yourself in need of a caterer for any event. Our Club's success is tied to theirs. As part of our agreement, ECYC will get an additional percentage of the annual galley gross sales, if they reach a certain amount. This is in addition to a set monthly rental and utility payment made to the Club. In short, we now have an experienced caterer with many resources, as well as a sound source if income derived from their operation.

None of this would have been possible without the assistance of the Galley Search Committee. I can't thank them enough for their assistance.

On the boating side, **the Club now has a 4th Ideal in the fleet.** I will leave it to others to fill you in on the details, but once again Commodore Emblin and her husband Peter stepped up to loan the Club the funds required to make the deal happen. Over the next few

Ruth Emblin

ECYC Commodore #21

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ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:

The winter season is about to end and Spring is just around the corner. We are looking forward to a wonderful year filled with many enjoyable events.

That being said, February was a busy month with the club hosting its first movie night thanks to the screen that was installed by Peter Simms and the video equipment donated by both Peter Simms and Ruth Emblin. The turnout for this event was small but people who attended enjoyed a great movie. As the year progresses we will be hosting other movie or documentary type events, stay tuned.

Valentine's Day Dinner was a fun evening and the food Gourmet Galley created was fabulous and enjoyed by those who attended.

Rounding out February and into early March we held our 3rd annual Chili, Soup, Stew Cook-off with Raclette added. There were many dishes to sample and savor. We have a wonderful group of talented chefs in our own right and their contributions were appreciated by all. Congratulations to Ellen Smoller for winning the fan favorite contest with her amazing and tasty chili.

We would also like to thank our fleet chaplain Dan Taylor-Stypa for conducting the "Blessing of the Fleet" allowing us safe and bountiful times during the coming season.

Looking forward, mark your calendars for our annual Caribbean night on April 6th and the club's Spring Commissioning ceremony and member reception on April 13th. Check your e-blasts for more information.

We hope to see you at the club!

months we will work to raise the money to pay them back.

Finally, now that the galley issue is resolved, attention will turn to renovation of the River Room and other clubhouse related projects.

Welcome to Spring. Now let's go have fun!

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Morano

Vice Commodore

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REAR COMMODORE'S UPDATE:

Because the primary purpose of the **Connecticut River Leukemia Cup Regatta May 4th & 5th** is to raise funds for the Leukemia Society, the four club owned Ideal 18s will be allocated to the highest bidders. The regatta is being held the week after the Spring Frostbite season ends, so the usual Frostbiters will have their fill of sailing by then. We want other club members to sail, whose primary goal is to raise funds rather than winning. So skippers please team up with your crew and get others to donate to your campaign. Register your boat with any sail number. On Tuesday April 30th at noon we will allocate the four boats to the four teams that have raised the most money. Be aware that if you are not one of the top four teams, the entry fee will not be returned to you. If you lose out, we will give you two party tickets in return for your entry fee. However know that all money is going to a good cause. I will personally crew for anyone who wants me. Registration and the ability for others to donate to your boat can be found on the club's Leukemia Cup page at <https://www.essexcorinthian.org/2019ctriverleukemicup.html>

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The club looking truly spectacular for our New Year's Eve Dinner

SAVE THE DATE!



LADIES ON DECK

April 16TH

We are looking for a host for our (almost) monthly ladies' get together on Tuesday, April 16th, starting at 6:00 pm.

These casual get-togethers are the perfect opportunity to meet your fellow ECYC Ladies, and make new friends.

Bring friends, bring an appetizer to share! BYOB.

If you are interested in hosting (it's very easy, just be there at 6 pm to welcome everyone!), please contact Ruth Emblin at commodore21@essexcorinthian.org

RACE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our Regatta Calendar for 2019 is as follows:

May 4th & 5th: CT

River One-Design

Leukemia Cup

July 7th: EYC - ECYC

RTB Race

Aug 4th: EYC - ECYC RTB Race

September 21: Cross Sound Challenge

October 5th: EYC Willets Race

October 12th: ECYC Clark Race

October 19th: PYC Birch Race

If you'd like to help our team in hosting these



TREASURER POSITION CHANGE:

Susan Malan has been our Treasurer since I took over as Commodore in spring of 2018. Susan has been a great asset to our operation from day 1 and we were saddened to receive her resignation from the Board of Governors. As upsetting as it was, it was no great surprise and is utterly understandable because she is one of those people who is involved in just every local organization out there! Susan expressed her regret that she could no longer devote as much time to the Treasurer position as needed due to her many other responsibilities.

Please join me in thanking Susan for her hard work and straight-forward approach to budget building and financial management for our club.

Fortunately, we were able to find someone to take over as Treasurer very quickly.

Corinne Kilty, a brand-new member whose application was just approved as of Thursday's board meeting, has agreed to take on the assignment and will also help with daily bookkeeping whenever needed. Corinne's appointment was confirmed at Thursday's board meeting. Details are available in the meeting minutes which will be posted for review shortly.

I would like to thank Corinne for stepping up to the plate and I am looking forward to working with her.

Ruth Emblin

Commodore

events, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We have a proud racing heritage with a deep roster of accomplished sailors and enthusiastic volunteers, and we'd like to welcome you to be part of the action in 2019!

Bill Robinson

Race Committee Chair

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BABY SAILOR ARRIVAL!

**Please join us
in**



congratulating Bill & Stephanie Robinson on their bundle of joy, Charles Edward Robinson (a.k.a. as the inspiration for the "Baby Sailor Robinson Award")!

"Charlie" was born on March 6th at 2:53 AM; he weighed 10 lbs 11 oz.

IN MEMORIAM:



**As we
celebrate new
life, we also**

unfortunately have to report the passing of another....

Jeanie Haskins, 73, beloved wife of Past Commodore Skip Haskins, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at Hartford



2019 CONNECTICUT RIVER ONE-DESIGN LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA & PARTIES

***Multi-Club Cooperation AND Competition:
Which club will raise the most funds for the
charity?***

The Connecticut River One-Design Leukemia Cup is an annual charity regatta held on Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th, 2019 to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. **The Essex Corinthian, Essex, Frostbite and Pettipaug Yacht Clubs are cooperating on this important charity event.** This is a One-Design regatta weekend, boats may register at www.Yachtscoring.com. The race course is located on the Connecticut River in Essex,

The post-race and award festivities are open to the public, tickets are available online through our website. On Saturday, May 4th, at 5 pm, a post-race party with food drinks, music and a silent auction, organized by the Essex Corinthian Yacht Club, all to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society will be held on the Essex waterfront. On Sunday, May 5th, the Essex Yacht Club will host an awards reception.

The Leukemia Cup Regatta is a thrilling event that combines the joy of sailing with the important goal of raising money to fight leukemia, lymphoma and other blood cancers. With more than 1 million people in North America diagnosed with a blood cancer, and someone new diagnosed every 3 minutes, The Leukemia Cup Regatta is an important fundraising event that gives participants an opportunity to do something enjoyable while making a critical difference in the lives of patients

Hospital on March 12th. Jeanie is lovingly remembered by her family and friends. Born in Waterbury and raised in Meriden she received her Interior Design Degree from Paier School in New Haven. Jeanie worked for over 35 years at the Saybrook Country Barn. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Meriden and the United Church of Chester. Jeanie enjoyed coming to ECYC with Skip at her side and was a gentle, friendly and welcoming spirit. Jeanie was very artistic and a talented designer. She was devoted to her four grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the Haskins family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made in Jeanie's name to the American Cancer Society. Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 17th from 2:00 to 4:00PM at the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home, 34 Main Street in Centerbrook. A memorial service will be held on Monday, March 18th at 3:00PM at the United Church of Chester, 29 West Main Street in Chester.

The club's burgee has been lowered in her memory.

WATERFRONT UPDATE:

Winter appeared as soon as the covers came off our fleet, and in time to keep our launch parties shoveling with storm one. Nonetheless we fielded three Ideal 18s when the day cleared beautifully for **Frostbiting** on week one March 3. That day team Dauntless, sailed by co-skippers Sam Berman and Cindy Gibbs for the opener, was the standout, finishing the day only two points behind Mr. Gowrie.

Snow from storm two, a frozen bailer, and wakes apparently combined to inundate the outermost berthed Nautilus one night so that she resembled her Navy namesake breaking the surface in the morning. Her flotation tanks did hold up sufficiently for her to be bailed out with no harm or any evident leaks the next day, and she was ready for week two. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Marcus Garafolo, Waterfront Director at EYC, for rendering assistance to this sailor in distress last Friday. We will review the protocol for snow and bailer clearing! Storm

and their families.

Each club will have a team fundraising page to which members can donate. You can also donate directly to a participant - all proceeds will count towards ECYC's fundraising goal. **NOTE: There is a competition going on between all four clubs! The club that raises the most funds wins!**

Please go to www.essexcorinthian.org/2019ctriverleukemicup.html for details.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT, MARCH 16TH

Join us for our second **FREE** movie night on **Saturday, March 16th at 6 pm.** Enjoy a screening of **FOOL'S GOLD**, a sailing and treasure hunt comedy with **Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson.**

BYOB and snacks to share.



GALLEY UPDATE:

Gourmet Galley
CATERING



Enjoy the culinary creations by Chef John Wood of Gourmet Galley! Please refer to the white board

near the galley window for weekly specials!

- Please make sure to fill out your ticket with all details including your membership and table number.
- Your server will collect the tickets to stagger meal deliveries. If you want to eat at the same time as others on your table, please ensure that all tickets are handed over together.

three turned up just in time and stayed just long enough to cancel week two last Sunday. We see only smooth sailing ahead.

Harmony, formerly owned by Ed Birch, has now joined our fleet as the fourth Ideal 18. With it, we have a viable fleet for in-house racing events and clinics. It surely is a pivotal point for our racing program, which is to be considered when we launch the campaign to fund its ongoing support and purchase (made possible with much appreciated bridge financing by the Emblins).

Our fleet assignments for **The Connecticut River One-Design Leukemia Cup Regatta on May 4th & 5th** will be determined again by the leading four LLS benefit fundraising teams. See Rear Commodore Atkinson's column for details.

We still hold a couple spots open on the Nautilus team this spring for potential member outreach or member skippers with experience, as well as a couple of crewing spots on Harmony for experienced member crews. Also by draw, Dauntless and Dragonfly were assigned this spring to teams in which two skippers and a crew (or two part time crew) rotate, generally to be scheduled to race six of the nine weeks.

This summer we plan to offer more formal opportunities for members and members-to-be for introduction to all that our fleet and waterfront offers. Look for introductory sailing instruction opportunities offered at discount for members, and if feasible, to potential members as an outreach as well. For introduction to racing, members with sailing experience can sign up to sail for summer Tuesday evening racing, and accompanying informal rules and tactics discussions. Some of our recent "graduates", and others, will be available gratis, at times, to introduce you. An introductory spinnaker clinic is being organized for intermediate racers, to get a start in Thursday evening racing. Contact me at **fleetcaptain@essexcorinthian.org** about our sailing programs.

Jon Gibbs

Fleet Captain

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- Please do not speak to the chef directly if there is a problem, but speak to your server. He/she will be happy to help.
- Enjoy the camaraderie among friends at the club!

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please contact our Galley Liaison at the email address shown below.

Chris Morano

Galley Liaison

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Spring Galley Hours:

Lunch:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday:
11.30 am to 2.00 pm

Dinner:

Friday: 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm

Brunch:

Sunday: 11.00 am to 2.30 pm - special brunch hours on selected holidays!

In the future, menus will be available at www.essexcorinthian.org/dining.html

NEWS & NOTES:

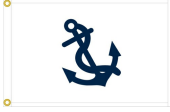
PLEASE NOTE:

Pursuant to the motion approved at the 2018 Annual Meeting the "Galley Minimum" has been renamed "Monthly Minimum" to clearly reflect the fact that this fee directly benefits the club, not the galley. It is a "keep the lights on" fee that indemnifies the club against losses if members do not use the dining services and charge their club account a minimum of \$30 per month during the months of February through December.

DID YOU KNOW?

EARLY SPRING HOURS ARE IN EFFECT AT THE CLUBHOUSE:

- Tuesday, Thursday 9 am to 5 pm



- Wednesday, Friday 9 am to 9 pm (Office closes at 5 pm)
- Saturday 11 am - 5 pm (Galley open for lunch/Office closed all day)
- Sunday 11 am - 5 pm (Galley open for brunch/Office closed all day)
- Monday CLOSED

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Hello, my fellow ECYC Members:

"Sail into Spring Savings" has taken off like gust of wind into a spinnaker!

The Membership Committee is happy to introduce our newest members to ECYC. My good sailing buddies, **Jane Reilly & Dan Rennie** actively race "Snowbird", a Shock 35' during the summer . They've been Frostbiters in both Etchells and Ideal 18's for many years as well as help run PRO club races including the new Leukemia Cup Charity Regatta! We are delighted to welcome them aboard!

In addition, let's welcome **Tjea and Joe Pelletier** (Jane's daughter and son-in-law), who also joined this week. They moved to Deep River, and recently had their first baby (Isla). They have been JY 15' Frostbiters for many years and enjoy big boat racing during the summer.

Finally, we welcome **Moses Lieberman and Judy Saunders** who actively sail a 18' Marshall cat boat on the Connecticut River; they also cruise LI Sound on cruising boats during the summer months.

Lastly, let us introduce **Melanie Carr**. She joined us in January! Susan Malan introduced her to the club and we are glad she is here!

We have a few more new applications in the works which will be evaluated and hopefully approved at the March board meeting. It is so exciting that things are happening at ECYC this Spring!

I hope to see every one for our Spring Commissioning and the New Member Reception on Saturday, April 13th!

Cheers,

Note: Private meetings may be scheduled after-hours, except on Mondays. Please contact Jean Little for details.

NO SMOKING AT ECYC:

The clubhouse, the decks, stairs and the surrounding dock areas are **non-smoking areas**. Please remind your guests of this restriction, it is part of a facility-wide prohibition of open flames.

WEBSITE:

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

SHIP'S STORE



Ship's Store Online

Have you checked out our new Online Ship's Store yet?

While we will still have some inventory in our in-house store, this is your new direct link to purchasing custom-embroidered sportswear and other items featuring the ECYC burgee! Order your spring gear now to ensure timely delivery! **Every time you purchase something, ECYC will get a commission, which, in turn will benefit the club and its members!**

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