



## View from the Bridge

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Greetings! After a mild winter, I hope that everyone is busy getting their boats ready for spring and excited to spend more time at the club. Chaplain Dan Taylor-Stypa blessed the fleet at the annual Chili/Soup/Stew cookoff and our Ideal 18s are in the water, having already started in the 2023 Frostbite Yacht Club Spring Series.

The Entertainment Committee has been hard at work planning some exciting events for this year starting with Afternoon Tea on April 15 and Corinthian's Got Talent on May 6 – keep an eye out for eBlasts with all of the details. And, we plan to host the first ever Women's Ideal 18 Invitational Regatta in May, which will include sailors from ECYC, EYC, and other eastern Connecticut Yacht Clubs. The full 2023 Schedule as it stands right now is included below.

Chef Lori Daley and her crew continue to serve up amazing food, including the recent themed dinner for Saint Patrick's Day. Her "Grab & Go" meals from the cooler continue to be a big hit – and don't forget there's a microwave in the bar so you can warm your food and eat it at the club.

Club Commissioning is Saturday April 1st at 4pm – I hope to see you there!

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**The gas dock Xmas tree sailing upriver in the December storm**

# ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Decommissioning was a dreary day – rainy and windy. We sent one person outside in foul weather gear to fire the cannon and lower the burgee and flag. The proposed 2023 budget, dues, officers and board members were approved. The proposed bylaw change moving the Treasurer above the Secretary in rank was opposed by one member – the secretary’s husband. Meredith Lindner and Joe Pelletier resigned as board members due to time constraints. Joe also resigned as Fleet Captain but will continue to provide expert maintenance support for the Ideal 18s. Lisa Frank moved from Treasurer to board member due to time constraints as well. Since the annual meeting, Bill Foster took over as Treasurer, Dan Rennie was elected to the board, and Jon Gibbs was appointed Fleet Captain for a third time.



## Annual Awards & Trophies

**Corinthian (outstanding service to the club) – Terry Stewart**

**A. Justin Wasley (yacht with best ECSA racing record) – Blue Heron, Sharon Tracy**

**Thomas B. Clark (winner of the fall river race that we host) – Toby Doyle**

**Sailing Achievement (most outstanding sailing accomplishment) – Toby Doyle**

**John Phillip Sousa (most impressive sailing voyage) – Bill Robinson**

**Summer Dinghy Series (outstanding small boat racing sailor) – Judy Saunders**

**Copper Drip Pan (outstanding clubhouse maintenance) – Steve Snyder**

**Commodore’s (unselfish energy for improving the club) – Ruth Emblin**

**Founders (created an environment of spirit and good fellowship) – Jessi Kneier**

**Keel (unselfish effort and expertise) – Chris Morano**

**Good Spirit (spouse of absent first mate) – Jason Kneier**

**Governor’s (contributed to the success of the Ideal 18 program) – Joe Pelletier**

**Baby Sailor (new baby sailor born during the year) – Genevieve Pelletier**

**Port & Starboard (nautical mishap they can laugh about now) – David Hays**

**And thank you to: Corinne Kilty, Norm Dorval, Jim Stoll, Gary Riggio, Laura Loew, Jane Reilly,**

**Harry Bird, Ed Birch, and Pat Atkinson**

# IN THE CLUBHOUSE

## LADIES ON DECK

Our Ladies on Deck continues on the first Tuesday of every month and is an evening set aside just for ladies to come socialize over appetizers brought to share. Members are encouraged to bring guests to introduce them to the club.

## WHAT ABOUT STARTING DUDES ON THE DOCK?

Why should the ladies have all the fun? Looking for a brave soul to volunteer to organize the first Dudes on the Dock this year - if interested, let Tom know.

## Supporting Our Community



Ruth Emblin and helpers once again made and sold “wishing tree ornaments” to members in December to put on our Xmas tree, raising \$575 for The Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries charity. The Gowrie Group matched our donation as well as all other donations during the holidays.

## Galley Update



### Spring Hours:

Please see website for weekly menus

#### Lunch (self-service):

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
11:30 am to 2:00 pm

#### Dinner (table service):

Friday  
5:30 pm to 9:00 pm

#### Brunch (table service):

Sunday 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Wednesday Night Dinners with Live Music returns on May 31st**

### Did You Know?

You receive a 3% discount on payments made by check (versus credit card) on your club account in 2023

**That's The Spirit liquor store next to the train tracks offers \$1 off any bottle of wine to club members – bring your membership card as proof – Francis welcomes your business!**

# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## 2023 Club Events

- Saturday April 1: **Club Commissioning**
- Saturday April 15: **Spring Afternoon Tea**
- Saturday May 6: **Corinthian's Got Talent**
- Monday May 29: **Memorial Day Potluck Picnic**
- Saturday June 3: **Caribbean Night**
- Tuesday July 4: **Cookout w/ Live Music**
- Monday September 5: **Labor Day Catered Barbecue**
- Saturday September 23: **Cross Sound Challenge Race & Party**
- Saturday October 21: **Sea Chanteys**
- Saturday November 11: **Veteran's Day Big Band Music**
- Saturday December 9: **Children's Holiday Party**



**Subject to change: other events may be added. Note: Details for each event including times and registration requirements will be sent to all members via email in advance.**

**ECYC PRESENTS**  
**AFTERNOON TEA**  
**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 15, 2023**  
**3PM - 5PM**

FINE TEAS WILL BE BREWED, DELICATE FINGER SANDWICHES & SWEET TREATS SHALL BE ENJOYED

EVERYONE IS INVITED: MEMBERS & THEIR GUESTS  
CHILDREN WELCOME  
FEEL FREE TO DRESS UP!

BYOB, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENJOY SOMETHING STRONGER THAN TEA

**\$35 PER PERSON**

PLEASE RSVP ASAP - SPACE IS LIMITED  
EMAIL: [GILLYNIXON@YAHOO.COM](mailto:GILLYNIXON@YAHOO.COM)  
OR  
[PAT-EVENTS@ESSEXCORINTHIAN.ORG](mailto:PAT-EVENTS@ESSEXCORINTHIAN.ORG)

ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB PRESENTS  
**2ND ANNUAL**  
**CORINTHIAN'S**  
**GOT**  
**TALENT**  
SATURDAY MAY 6  
KIDS 4PM - 6PM  
ADULTS 7PM - 10PM

OPEN TO MEMBERS & THEIR GUESTS

JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING OF MUSIC, SINGING, DANCING, STAND UP COMEDY, MAGIC TRICKS, OR WHATEVER TALENT YOU WANT TO SHOWCASE!  
PRIZES IN SEVERAL CATEGORIES TO BE AWARDED

MICROPHONES W/SOUND SYSTEM/KARYOKE PLAYLISTS AND THE CLUB PIANO WILL BE SET UP AND AVAILABLE FOR USE (AND IN ADVANCE FOR REHEARSALS)  
BRING YOUR OWN INSTRUMENTS, PROPS, ETC.

FULL DETAILS TO BE SENT VIA EMAIL BY APRIL 6 - IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE A JUDGE, VOLUNTEER TO HELP, OR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL THE OFFICE AT [ECYC@ESSEXCORINTHIAN.ORG](mailto:ECYC@ESSEXCORINTHIAN.ORG)

# ECYC ON THE WATER

## Frostbite Yacht Club kicks off 90th Year on the CT River

The FBYC Spring Series started on March 5th with all four ECYC Ideal 18's on the starting line. Racing is every Sunday (Saturday Easter Weekend) through April 30th, it's a great way to enjoy sailing as a spectator sport while enjoying Brunch at the club.

With 12 races sailed already this season, Jim & Deb Hammel currently stand in second place overall for the series, and ECYC 191 in in third place - a great showing so far with several weeks to go. We'll be keeping everyone posted as to the rest of the season on our Facebook Page.



Jim & Deb Hammel (163) and John Kihm & Tom Atkinson (191)



Chris Morano (1100) and Toby Doyle (1042)

### Mystic Seaport Adult Sailing Lessons

While our group of volunteers will do our best once again to help members learn to sail, please consider taking adult beginner sailing lessons given by professionals at Mystic Seaport. They offer both coed and women's classes starting April 18th - hurry, capacity is limited - website

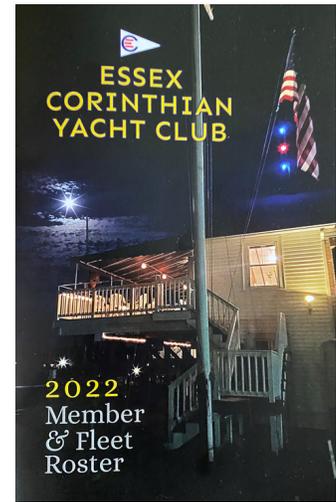
[www.mysticseaport.org/learn/sailing/community-sailing](http://www.mysticseaport.org/learn/sailing/community-sailing)

The program is run by fellow frostbite racer Liz Sistare. ECYC member Diane Stark dianstrk@aol.com is an instructor - contact her if you want learn more.

**Watch for the ECYC float in the Essex St. Patrick's Day Parade  
Saturday March 25th**

## 2023 Member & Fleet Roster

We will publish the club roster after our spring membership drive. If any information in the 2022 Member & Fleet Roster is wrong or out of date, please e-mail Jean (ecyc@essexcorinthian.org) and she will mark up her copy of the roster so that it gets corrected in the 2023 edition. Also, look at the Fleet roster and check for boats you previously owned or new boats you acquired. If you have a boat listed in the Fleet roster, the name of your boat should also appear under your phone number in the Membership roster. If the information is correct now but changes later, please notify Jean of the change so she can keep her copy up to date.



### Important Notice about Communications

If you are not receiving e-blasts, check your spam folder – they may be going there. Or you may have unsubscribed. If they aren't in your spam folder, contact Jean and she will check the system.

Computer whiz Barb Doyle has spent the last several months creating a new ECYC website that has more of everything and will be easier to update. The web address will remain the same - One day soon you will go to our website and be amazed at what you see.

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**For general questions on ECYC please refer to our website at**

***www.essexcorinthian.org,***

***email us at ecyc@essexcorinthian.org,***

***or snail-mail to Essex Corinthian Yacht Club PO Box 759 - Essex, CT 06426***

***Telephone: (860) 767-3239***

Members are encouraged to submit articles and pictures of their club stories, sailing adventures/mishaps to the Bell 8 editor

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Instagram at: [www.instagram.com/essexcorinthianyachtclub](http://www.instagram.com/essexcorinthianyachtclub)

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