



A View from the Bridge

MAY 2013

Fellow Corinthians,

Mooring balls have sprouted in the harbor calling for their boats! Another boating season has begun! While our thoughts start to look off shore, there is much to report on shore at ECYC. April was a very active month!

Rives Potts Presentation. Our thanks to Rives Potts, Vice Commodore of the New York Yacht Club and President of Brewer Yacht Yards for a spectacular presentation to a packed house at ECYC about his family's circumnavigation to the world's great open ocean races. If there is ever a question what a yachtsman is, look no further than Rives. The event raised nearly \$900 towards our sponsorship of the Valley Regional High School Sailing Club which is aimed at encouraging the next generation of local sailors.

Yacht Clubs of Essex History presentation. We had another fun event to hear the histories of the ALL the Essex Yacht Clubs. We thank ECYC members who told the stories of Frostbite (Ed Birch), Pettipaug (Toby Doyle) and ECYC (Jim Francis). We were also pleased to host presenters from the Essex Station of the Cruising Club of America, the Essex Boat Club, and the Essex Yacht Club.

Club History Test Question: Who is this smartly turned out yachtsman and why is he part of ECYC history? Why is he holding a stuffed animal? Let me know. Look for the answer in next month's Bell 8.

29th Commissioning. To to sounds of our salute cannon and our visiting bagpiper, we officially opened the club to the 2013 season. Our member reception was a fun gathering where we honored our founders and welcomed our newest members to the Corinthian family.



Prior to the commissioning ceremony, the ECYC Board gathered for a group picture:



Back Row, L to R: Strategic Planning Chair Tom Pinkowish, Fleet Captain David Dorrance, Member at Large Jane Pfeffer, Fleet Chaplain Dan Taylor-Stypa, Membership Chair Sharon Craig, Galley Liaison Dan Watts, Immediate Past Commodore Skip Haskins

Front Row, L to R: Treasurer Deb Wallis, Vice Commodore Tim Brewer, Commodore Terry Stewart, Rear Commodore Steve Rodstrom, Secretary Katherine Berry

Not Pictured: Entertainment Chair Val Votto, House Chair Chuck Grusse, Fleet Surgeons Drs. Marybeth and Lee Ellison.

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Renovation Update. Simply put: "Mission Accomplished"! (Really). The consistent one syllable reaction when members see the finished renovation has been: "Wow"! Our thanks to the Brewer Dauntless team for a wonderful enhancement to the club. The project accomplished several strategic needs:

- 1) New plumbing supporting the heads and galley
- 2) Upgraded ladies and men's heads
- 3) Improved Club office
- 4) Improved shower and changing facility
- 5) New carpeting on the first floor and office that can be rolled up in a flood
- 6) Enhanced wiring to support window air conditioners in the dining room
- 7) Improved access to the River Room

We thank House Chair Chuck Grusse for his continuous engagement throughout the project.

As a next step, a committee of ECYC member "interior decorators" will be looking at our expanded wall space to place our existing art collection. We will also be launching a new half hull model display of ECYC yachts beginning with the Wasley's yacht "Windquest".

Also note the enhancements made to the entrance to our parking lot and to the parking lot itself courtesy of the Brewer Dauntless Shipyard and Marina.

Club House Lease. We are very pleased to announce we completed negotiations with Brewers to reach an agreement on a new 20 year lease. This has been a very long term discussion over the past two years. The agreement includes a fixed rent schedule for the next 10 years. We are pleased the new rent reschedule is lower than both the schedule we previously had with the Chandlery and lower than our current rent schedule.

The rent schedule we have agreed upon provides for small fixed annual increases that amount to less than \$10 per member per year at our current membership level of 200 members.

To minimize the impact of rent on our dues, it is clearly in our collective interest to increase the club membership. All of seek to minimize annual due increases, if not avoid them. We can do this by increasing regular members. We ask every member to consider a friend who would be a great addition to the Corinthian Spirit that has, and will continue, to draw us together as the most fun club in the area.

As an added incentive, the Board will offer a \$75 "Corinthian Credit" to the ECYC Ship's Store to current members for each new member accepted into the Club by June 30th.

Reinstatement Policy. With an eye towards welcoming back past members, the board reviewed and adjusted the member reinstatement policy. The previous reinstatement fee policy was 10% of current dues per year a member has been away from the club. This policy has become prohibitive for many prospective past members. As a result, the Board modified the policy to cap the reinstatement fee to 50% of the current dues.

Please know your feedback and suggestions are always welcome. Our Board meets on the last Tuesday of the month at the club, starting at 1830 hours.

Off Shore. Please see Vice Commodore Tim Brewer's update below on our outstanding Frostbiters, upcoming sailing classes, our May 19th Spring Hamburg Cove Raft Up, the June 22nd 12-Meter Event, buoy racing, and summer cruise opportunities.

Let's get out there! Make it a good month!

Terry



TERRY STEWART, COMMODORE

2013 ECYC Member Roster



The 2013 ECYC Member Roster will be available for pick up at the Club Office shortly.

Galley Use Policy

Galley Use.

As a reminder, ECYC is NOT open to the public. We welcome and encourage members to bring guests in accordance with our guest policy in the by laws. We also welcome members from other reciprocal yacht clubs located outside of Essex. This summer we will again invite members from "galley-less" yacht clubs to visit ECYC for lunch. This helps the Galley provide lunch service during the week and exposes their wonderful service to the wider yachting community for private events.

Meal tickets. To help reduce delivery times in the galley, we remind members of the importance of properly completed meal tickets to include your Table Number. If you move tables, please let the galley know.

Summer Cruise Opportunities

Please see the dates and ports below for the joint 2013 Baldwin YC - ECYC summer cruise. Please reach out to Cliff Vermilya for questions at vermilya@comcast.net.

<u>Captain's choice</u>	<u>Saturday, July 27</u>
<u>Cuttyhunk</u>	<u>Sunday, July 28</u>
<u>Cuttyhunk</u>	<u>Monday, July 29</u>
<u>Onset</u>	<u>Tuesday, July 30</u>
<u>Onset</u>	<u>Wednesday, July 31</u>
<u>Marion</u>	<u>Thursday, August 1</u>
<u>Marion</u>	<u>Friday, August 2</u>
<u>Westport</u>	<u>Saturday, August 3</u>
<u>Bristol</u>	<u>Sunday, August 4</u>
<u>Bristol</u>	<u>Monday, August 5</u>
<u>Wickford</u>	<u>Tuesday, August 6</u>
<u>Wickford</u>	<u>Wednesday, August 7</u>
<u>Newport</u>	<u>Thursday, August 8</u>
<u>Newport</u>	<u>Friday, August 9</u>
<u>Newport</u>	<u>Saturday, August 10</u>
<u>Home</u>	<u>Sunday, August 11</u>

House and Grounds

Our major renovation is complete (although a few accessory items remain to be finished off). I hope the entire membership has had the opportunity to visit the club and see firsthand the incredible impact to the club the effort has achieved. Of course there's no rest for the weary, attention now shifts to the many other improvement and maintenance tasks.

As mentioned last month there are a number of house committee sub-teams formed with specific objectives. They include:

Activity	Lead	
Power wash exterior	Steve Rodstrom	
Replace potting soil	Jack MacElwee	Complete
Repair stationary windows	Andy Roussel	
Paint shutters, window cover	Lew Davidson	
Clean windows, frames, sash	Chuck Grusse	
Enhance front porch	Terry Stewart	
Deck maintenance	vacant	

To date, Jack MacElwee completed the soil replacement in front planting boxes with Earl Fowler's help and much to the delight of club gardener Jean Delia and myself for such a great job - thanks again guys!!

All members are welcome and urged to assist any team to complete its objective task. Please contact team lead to join any of the respective teams. Future teams will be created as projects are defined.

Improvement projects under consideration include window unit air conditioners, lights and fans on deck, and front door replacement.

Chuck Grusse, House Chair

Off-Shore Events

It's early spring yet, but already much has been happening on the water and on the waterfront at ECYC. With help from too many to mention, but under the guidance of our capable Fleet Captain, David Dorrance our Ideal 18s have been serviced and are ready for a very busy season ahead. Indeed, Dragonfly has been in the water since March and has raced very competitively in the spring frostbite series.

Speaking of Frostbiting, the spring series wrapped up this weekend and ECYC Ideal 18 skippers and crews were, once again, being handed the hardware at the awards reception:

Ideal 18 Class 1st Place: Cindy Gibbs / Lori Comforti (Owner)
Ideal 18 Class 2nd Place: Ed Birch / Rob Reicherdt

Etchells Class 1st Place: Toby Doyle

Notables: Bill Robinson was 4th overall in the Etchells Class. ECYC's Dragonfly was 4th overall in the Ideals, with skippers Jon Gibbs and Jeff Going both having each "won a day". Liz Baird, Jim Pfeffer, Peter Emblin, Terry Stewart and guest Hillary Loftus all crewed. Along with regular Jack MacElwee (and, who else have we missed?), all look forward to skippering in our two boat campaign in the fall!



Learn to Sail Programs

Ed Birch and Cindy Gibbs will be the primary instructors for our learn-to-sail and intro-to-racing sessions this year. The cost is \$100 per person, per session. The learn-to-sail sessions are based upon the US Sailing Program and include a very useful and well written text book. All students successfully completing a session will be qualified to skipper or crew the Club's Ideal 18's.

- The early bird (and traditional) learn-to-sail session, open to ECYC Members will be taught by Ed Birch and will begin on Tuesday, May 21st, and will continue on Tuesday evenings through June 18th.
- A Ladies-Only learn-to-sail session, taught by Cindy Gibbs will begin on Monday, June 3rd at 5:30 PM and will continue each Monday in June.
- A Ladies-Only Introduction to Racing session, taught by Cindy Gibbs will be held on Wednesday evenings on the 10th, 17th and 24th of July.

Space is limited in these sessions, so please register early. Also see the bulletin board in the River Room for sign up sheets and more information related to our Ideal 18 programs.

PHRF Fun Racing with ECYC - Update

Our plans for 3 dates of "Fun PHRF Racing" with ECYC are shaping up. Courses will be set in LIS of approximate lengths of 10 - 15 miles (depending on conditions) using government marks. BBQ and cold beer on the club lawns/deck to follow the racing. EYC will provide a committee boat for the starts and ECYC will provide a committee boat to record finishes.

These races are intended for all participants - novice to very experienced. We'll keep the races short and anticipate a low stress, high fun-factor experience for all. Boats over 23 feet in length, non-spinnaker, cruising canvas only.

Tim Brewer, Vice Commodore



Upcoming Events



ECYC Spring Raft up!

May 19th Hamburg Cove. Sign up even if you don't have a boat....we will have a boat lift to get everyone out to the Raft Up. The Raft Up is great fun and a wonderful way to get to know fellow members. See the sign roster in the dining room.

Corinthian Kayakers Meet

On-Water Introduction and Orientation. Sunday, May 5th, 12 noon. See Don Shannehan's Kayak update below.

Contact Don at

donshannehan@sbcglobal.com.

Newport 12 Meter Challenge - Saturday, June 22nd

We have three slots remaining for this year's Newport visit to race 12 Meters with our friends from the Essex, Pettipaug, Baldwin, Essex Frostbite and North Cove Yacht Clubs. Let Terry know.

Corinthian Café Hosted Dinner Event featuring the Langley Project Band - Saturday, May 11th, 6:30pm to 9:30pm.
Reserve now with Monique for a great evening of food and pop music at the club.

Mother's Day Brunch - Sunday, May 12th. RSVP with Monique for a Corinthian Café fabulous buffet for either the 11 AM or 1PM seating.

Did you know?

Do you know where our moorings are and how to use them?

Essex Harbor Moorings

"ECYC 1" is located directly front of the club. "ECYC2" is located immediately south of the southern fairway leading to the Essex Yacht Club and Middle Cove.

1. Any and all use of the Essex mooring must be reserved through the Brewer Dauntless Marina (BDM) Office by calling 860-767-8267, VHF Channel 68, or e-mail @ bdm@byy.com
2. The Club's Essex Mooring is for transient use; prolonged use exceeding more than five (5) consecutive evenings is not allowed.
3. Visiting Yachtsmen/Non-Members: \$50 per night to include Launch Service. BDM may put the visitor on a closer in mooring to minimize long launch rides.
4. ECYC Members: \$25 per night to include Launch Server.
5. ECYC Members visiting the club for a meal or temporary stay (NOT Overnight): There is a \$5.00 one way charge to include Launch Service. The member still needs to reserve through BDM.
6. Members and Visiting Yachtsmen must fly their club burgee on the mooring as a sign of their membership.

Hamburg Cove Mooring

The Hamburg Cove mooring is located in the middle of the southern rim of the Outer Cove. It is marked "Essex Corinthian Yacht Club".

1. Use of the Hamburg Cove Mooring is on a first come, first-served basis for Members of the Club only. There is no charge for use of the Hamburg Cove Mooring.
2. Members must fly the ECYC burgee while on a club mooring.
3. Any member picking up a mooring should be willing to raft, weather permitting, or must relinquish the mooring to any member who is willing to raft. A member who is unwilling to raft must promptly vacate the mooring.
4. The first member who picks up a mooring is responsible for making decisions concerning the advisability of rafting when there is a question concerning inclement weather and the size of the raft.
5. When a large raft picks up more than one mooring, it should break into separate rafts at night. This is necessary, for, with wind or current changes, the rafts will swing and the mooring lines will chafe the boats which picked up the moorings.
6. Members may not leave their boats unattended overnight on the Hamburg Cove club mooring, even if rafted with another boat.
7. Moorings are for transient use; prolonged use exceeding five (5) consecutive nights is not allowed.
8. Members are requested to inform the Fleet Captain (David Dorrance), or the Rear Commodore (Steve Rodstrom) or the Club Manager (Elaine Kyle) in his absence, in writing, of any mooring abuses or damage. Full information should be given, including: name of boat, name of owner, owner's address, and dates involved.

Friday Night Colors

As we enter our commissioned season, we will honor a tradition practiced by yacht clubs worldwide simply called "Colors". On Friday nights at the time of sunset, a rotating member of the ECYC board, designated as the Officer of the Deck, will conduct Colors.



As the US Flag is lowered at the Essex Yacht Club, the OOD will announce "Stand for Colors", ring our club's bell twice as a warning prior to firing our club's salute cannon. As the US Flag is lowered, members are asked to stand in respectful silence. Once the Flag has been lowered, the OOD will ring the bell once and call, "As you were".

Wear and Fly the Club Burgee



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Promote the Corinthian Spirit throughout the season on and off shore!

Corinthian Kayak News (aka "The Mini-Fleet")

A kayak show-and-tell was held April 26th to familiarize new kayakers on boat and equipment options. This past Sunday, the group met at the Bushnell Street launch to try out different kayaks, paddles, and getting in and out of the boats. Then the group set out for a rendezvous in North Cove. Next up the group will tour Smiths Cove in Old Lyme. Watch for a date. If you know another Corinthian who wishes to join in, please let group leader Don Shannehan know.



Burgee of the Month



Mystery Burgee

Mystery burgee found. Corinthian kudos to ECYC members Dick Arndt and Duncan Syme for correctly identifying last month's Mystery Burgee from the Bayview Yacht Club in Michigan.

Burgee of the Month

ALOHA! Our newest burgee is from the beautiful Waikiki Yacht Club (www.waikikiyachtclub.com) located in Honolulu, HI presented to the club by member Jim Fazio.

Jim has a client in Honolulu and has visited WYC before, this time even replacing the ECYC burgee in their collection which had seen better days.

Thank you, Jim!



Ships Store

In addition to our on-premise Ship's Store in the Sun Room, check out the online 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
Tom Pinkowish
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
Strategic planning - Tom Pinkowish
Ship's Store - Jean Brewer
WebMaster - Ruth Emblin
Bell 8 - Robbi Storms/Ruth Emblin

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