



THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB



IMPORTANT DATES:

- **January 1 - 31:** Clubhouse closed for maintenance
- **January 11th:** House Work Day
- **January 17th:** House Work Day
- **January 31st:** Frostbiting Meeting
- **January 31st:** ECSA Meeting
- **February 1st:** ECYC reopens
- **February 10th:** Deadline for Roster

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

OFFSHORE UPDATE

Offshore activities are on a winter hold, as cold weather moves in. Please refer to our website and stay tuned for e-blasts regarding specific information on the 2015 season. We will be posting regatta schedules shortly!

Ideal 18s - Spring Frostbiting will kick off beginning of March, weather permitting

Please watch for an official announcement by the Frostbite Yacht Club - which we will also share with you.



All three Ideals have been hauled for the winter and are undergoing required maintenance. They will be ready when the Frostbite season kicks off in earnest.

On that note, we are continuing our Ideal 18 pledge drive to provide some funds to maintain our fleet at their best

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Happy New Year, Corinthian Friends!

We wish you a healthy, joyous and prosperous 2015.

Following an outstanding **New Year's Eve** celebration with great friends, food, dancing and camaraderie, we've closed the clubhouse for the month of January for our annual maintenance period.



Ringin' in 2015!

Many thanks to Cheryl Arndt, Ruth Emblin and all of the decorating volunteers, and thanks also to Monique

Armstrong, Chef Ed and the CCC team for putting on a wonderful event! We look forward to seeing many of you in February. In the meantime, ECYC will continue our reciprocal relationship with the Old Lyme Country Club for the months of January and February. ECYC members are welcome to dine at OLCC (and participate in their activities) during the month of January. In February, we'll welcome their members to ECYC for lunch, brunch and dinner. For further information, refer to email blasts or go to www.oldlymecc.com. We also have some information on our own website at www.essexcorinthian.org, click on the "Dining" tab and follow the links.

30th Annual Decommissioning:

For those who could not attend our Decommissioning Ceremony and Annual Meeting on December 7th, you'll be pleased to know that, in spite of the miserable weather, we concisely decommissioned ECYC for the 30th time in our club's history. Albeit an indoor ceremony, we got the job done with a touch of class and a lot of pride in our many accomplishments throughout the year. Thanks to all who participated and especially to our Past Commodore

possible condition. If you have already donated, thank you again, if you have not yet done so, please consider contributing to the Ideal 18 Maintenance Fund.

Every club member who is interested will have the opportunity to sail these agile little boats. We will be offering sailing instruction again this summer, and provide orientation sessions to qualify members for Ideal 18 sailing. Please familiarize yourself with our policies regarding the use of the club fleet.

If you have any questions, please contact our new Fleet Captain, Bob Robinson at fleetcaptain@essexcorinthian.org.



2015 Annual Eastern Connecticut 12-Meter Challenge in Newport, RI

We are pleased to announce the date for this year's **12-Meter Challenge is Saturday, June 6th**, followed by a party at North Cove Yacht Club (winners of the 2014 competition) on Sunday, June 7th.

If you are interested in sailing in the challenge please let me know a.s.a.p. as the boats will fill up fast. More details to follow.

Steve Rodstrom

Vice Commodore

Email: vicecommodore@essexcorinthian.org



ECYC Fleet Captain's Update

Happy New Year to all!

A quick update on the Ideal 18 Fleet, we are on track to have all three boats race ready for Spring Frostbiting. I would like to invite all qualified ECYC skippers and crew to attend a 1-hour planning meeting to gage interest and introduce some changes for 2015 on January 31st at 15:30 at the clubhouse. Any member who is interested in becoming qualified on the Ideal 18s and racing with us, is also invited.

Please email me at fleetcaptain@essexcorinthian.org if you would like to be on the ECYC Frostbiting distribution list.

Bob Robinson

Fleet Captain

Email: fleetcaptain@essexcorinthian.org

ON-SHORE & HOUSE

many accomplishments throughout the year. Thanks to all who participated and especially to our Past Commodore and current Bugler, Ed Birch and to our inspiring Club Chaplain, Dan Taylor-Stypa.

Annual Meeting Wrap Up:

During the Annual Meeting, our steadfast Treasurer, **Deb Wallis**, reported that we would close out 2014 on budget and that the club was on financial solid ground going into our 31st year. Following a short discussion of a \$15 dues increase for regular members, plus an increase in our monthly galley minimum of \$5 for regular members, the 2015 proposed budget was unanimously approved by the membership. Please join the BOG and me in a huge thank-you to Deb Wallis for her tireless efforts as our Treasurer.

The membership also approved the slate of nominees as presented by our Nominating Committee. Joining the BOG this year will be **Priscilla Robinson** and **Richard Pierce**. Priscilla will head up our race Committee as Chair, while Richard will lead our strategic planning efforts. Additionally, **Bob Robinson** was appointed as Fleet Captain - a demanding role within our club governance body, who will guide the maintenance of our fleet of Ideal 18s and oversee all of the Ideal 18 sailing programs. We thank outgoing BOG member, **Tom Pinkowish** for his many years of service to the club as BOG at-large member as well as Treasurer. We also sincerely thank **Jon Gibbs** for his tenure as Fleet Captain, and specifically for his vision and great patience in carrying out the BOG's wishes for developing more competitive ECYC crews for Ideal 18 competitions. Jon was tireless in his efforts and generous with his time in promoting, coordinating and teaching/coaching aspiring race crews over the year. The results of Jon's method are made clear in the Fall Frostbite Series results this year. As a token of the Club's thanks, Jon received The Governors' Award.

The 2015 Club Roster will include all of the 2014 award recipients - each and every one very well earned! Thank you all for your Corinthian Spirit and commitment to our fine little yacht club.



BOG Members at indoor Decommissioning Ceremony



Left to right: George van Drasek receives the Keel Award; Ruth Emblin the Corinthian Award; Jon Gibbs the Governors' Award.

Burgee Exchanges:

In observance of an ECYC tradition, two of our member-families completed burgee exchanges during their winter holiday this year. With much thanks to Mark and Suzette Bavalack, please join me in saying (out loud, everyone), IT HANGS IN MAUI!



ECYC burgee hanging in the Lahaina Yacht Club, Maui HI

Susan Malan and Bob Ward spent some time in Southern California over the holidays and didn't miss the opportunity to enjoy reciprocal privileges at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club. With thanks to Susan and Bob, we'll add the SBYC burgee to our club rafters this winter!



Susan and Bob exchanging burgees with SBYC

Committee Sign-Ups:

We are looking for a few good men and women! Please consider the tremendous work that our committees do in bringing you the wonderful programs that we enjoy at ECYC! Sign Up Sheets are posted at the club for House, Race and Entertainment Committees.

Joining my fellow club officers I would also like to wish everyone a very happy New Year and all the best, health and happiness for 2015!

Vice Commodore Steve Rodstrom will be responsible for off-shore this year and I will take over the on-shore responsibilities. While every single activity and event at our club overlaps, we want to make sure that you, the members, always have a contact person for any concern you may have.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about on-shore activities, events, house, maintenance, galley, etc. I will do my best to answer your questions and address your concerns, or find the appropriate person(s) to shed light on the issue! In addition, I would like to ask you to join one of our committees to help us run the club effectively. Volunteer power is what drives this club and has done so successfully for 30 years.

Year 31 has started and we will need your continued assistance and support. Thank you in advance, I look forward to hearing from you!



Ruth Emblin
Rear Commodore
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House Committee Update:

Happy New Year to all fellow Corinthians & their families. Hope the holiday season was enjoyable and exceeded all expectations. Let 2015 begin!

With the new year ECYC enters its annual shutdown month, traditionally the period taken advantage to complete a number of maintenance and improvement tasks to the club building. This year will be no exception as I'm planning two work days, Sunday, January 11th and Saturday, January 17th. The 11th will focus on deep cleaning (upper windows, ice machine, bar area sinks and floors, etc.) and prep the galley for the 17th galley focus day. The 17th will include work on the galley day, scrubbing walls, painting walls & ceiling, clean appliances, attend to the floor.....

Each of the planned work days will begin at 11 a.m. All are encouraged to lend a hand. Let me know by email if you are planning to be a part of the work team for either or both days.

A few members have signed up at the sheet on the board at the club to be members of the 2015 house committee, please consider joining this, or any of the very important and necessary sub-committees. These are the core of the success and health of ECYC. Please email at the address listed below to join the house committee.

Chuck Grusse
House Chair

Cheers,

Tim Brewer
Commodore
Essex Corinthian Yacht Club



IMPORTANT DEADLINE! FEBRUARY 10TH, 2015 - MEMBERSHIP ROSTER UPDATES

We are in the process of updating the information for our 2015 Membership Roster.

If any of your personal information (mailing address, email, telephone, boat name, etc.) has changed since last year, we need to hear from you before February 10th, 2015 to have the new information included in the 2015 issue of our Membership Roster.

Please send updated information to Elaine, our Office Manager, by email to ecyc@essexcorinthian.org or by snail mail to Essex Corinthian Yacht Club, PO Box 759, Essex, CT 06426.

Thank you in advance for your help in bringing our membership information up to date!

Galley News

As you know, the Corinthian Cafe and the clubhouse will remain closed during the month of January to allow for annual maintenance to be performed.

While the club is closed, ECYC members are invited to enjoy lunch, dinners and other activities at the Old Lyme Country Club. For details, please click here to access ["The Slice"](#), OLCC's newsletter.



Reservations are not required for regular meals, but are requested to ensure availability. Reservations are required for events, such as Supper Club, Bingo Night, and Cabaret Night.

There are instructions in the newsletter on joining the OLCC Bridge groups. ECYC members are also welcome to attend the Book Club or play Mah Jongg on Wednesday mornings.

OLCC Dining Hours
(Dining Room Closed on Mondays)

BRUNCH
Sundays - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

LUNCH
Tues. through Sat - 12:00 - 2:00 pm
Note: The lunch menu is available until 6:00 pm
(Wed. - Sat.)

HAPPY HOUR
Wed. through Sat. - 3:00 - 6:00 pm

DINNER
Wed. through Sat. - 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Email: house@essexcorinthian.org

Entertainment Committee Update:

I would like to wish you all a happy New Year, as I am writing this from Sunny Florida. Thanks to all who helped with the decorations for the New Year's Eve dinner and dance. The club looked very festive and the party was a blast despite a lower turnout than last year. Our Christmas decorations were done by Katherine Berry and her crew of elves (Ruth, Cheryl, Dick, Liz and Earl). This year, a Menorah was donated by Jackie Wolf to complete the festive splendor. Many thanks to all who helped make the club look so good.

Our Holiday Brunch was well attended, with Jos and Friends playing for our enjoyment. All in all this was a good year with lots of activities. I am looking for volunteers to sign up for next years entertainment committee. If you want to be involved in our events now is the time to sign up so you can make suggestions or lend a hand. It is a lot of fun and you meet great people and make new friends.

As soon as the club reopens, we will start working on the next few events. The schedule of events for 2015 will be published soon, and we are working on a lot of different and exciting ideas, sure to please everyone.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at 860 227-1363 or email me at events@essexcorinthian.org.

Cheryl Arndt

Entertainment Chair
Email: events@essexcorinthian.org

Membership Update:

Thanks to all our members for their continuing support of ECYC! Wishing you all the best for the New Year and hope to see you again soon!

If you have any friends interested in joining ECYC, please encourage them to visit the club. Membership opportunities are available, and I will be glad to answer any questions you or they may have!

For questions, please contact

Val Votto

Membership Chair
valerie@vottolaw.com

PLEASE NOTE:

ECYC Members are requested to call the Old Lyme Country Club for reservations and availability. Billing will be handled via your ECYC membership account. Please bring your ECYC Club Card with you as proof of membership.

The Corinthian Cafe will reopen in February, and we will continue to post special menus created by Chef Ed and his team! Check back often to see what is new: www.essexcorinthian.org/Dining.html

Looking forward to seeing you at the club in February!

Hollis Barry

Galley Liaison

Did You Know?

We want your feedback about our galley activities.

Please let us know what you think!

Email Hollis at galleyliaison@essexcorinthian.org

FEEDBACK

We want to know what you think about our galley!

Winter Galley Hours:

CLUB CLOSED FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY. SEE YOU IN FEBRUARY!



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For general questions on ECYC please refer to our website at www.essexcorinthian.org, email us at ecyc@essexecyc.org, or snail-mail to

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Contact Information for individual BoG Members is posted at www.essexcorinthian.org/club-officers.html

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