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THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

August 2018

## The Latest News from ECYC!



### View from the Bridge

Dear Fellow Corinthians!

Can someone please build me a zip line across the river? Or find a way to safely beam across the water like they do on Star Trek? Seems like there is always something going on at ECYC to the extent that my phone's GPS gives me traffic information from Lyme to Essex every morning without being asked...! I love the club and all it stands for, so I really don't mind my almost daily "commute" across the river, it is a rather scenic drive and always presents a different view of our beautiful area. Many of our board and committee members are spending extended time at the club as well. While we all love ECYC, it would be nice if it weren't required quite so often for activities that could

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required quite so often for activities that could really be delegated to our extended volunteer base. We are lucky to have a very involved board, and several committee chairs who have been the true cornerstones of our operation. However, these board and committee members are shouldering a lot of tasks mostly on their own that require support from the membership to avoid burn-out. You have seen our appeals in the past.



As we start the second half of our year, we took stock of our current operation. I found myself faced with the not-so-perfect status of our committees. When you applied for membership to ECYC, you were provided with a copy of our bylaws that clearly

identifies the type of organization we are running. **A Corinthian club is an affordable alternative to higher-end yacht clubs, but that also means that committee membership and volunteerism are required to fulfill the terms of membership.** You are paying much lower dues than you would for a club that has a full staff taking care of house maintenance, events, regattas, waterfront duties, etc., etc.

Please don't forget that we only have **one (1) employee**, our Club Manager, Jean Little. The **galley is run under a subcontractor agreement** by the Coastal Cooking Company. Your dues cover the cost of rent and general cost of operations including maintenance of our fleet and house, as well as our Club Manager's wages and taxes. Everything else is accomplished by volunteers who do not receive any financial benefit from their involvement.

**We are currently lacking a number of volunteers for several committees, as well as general tasks going forward.** Have you thanked any of the committee chairs and their crew lately, by any chance? Would be a nice gesture to begin with! Though, the handful of people who have become so valuable to the club thanks to their unflagging dedication really deserve more than just a thank you, they deserve some help.

**The continued operation of our club at an affordable rate really depends on you.** While dues will need to increase as our rent and cost of operations increase every year, we can keep the increase to a manageable minimum only if we have help from members. It does not take much to help, contact one of our Committee Chairs or speak to me, we have several areas of need. Please consider helping out - even if you have done it in the past. **My gratitude again to all the current volunteers. I hope that we can get you some relief soon!**

Refer to our event calendar on our website at [www.essexcorinthian.org](http://www.essexcorinthian.org) for event details!

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## VICE COMMODORE'S UPDATE

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August is here and as usual, Summer is flying by all too quickly. Work on the Clubhouse continues with a new roof and replacement of the decking on a portion of the upper deck.

Many events are in the near future. On August 5, the third Round The Buoy Race will take place just off the mouth of the Connecticut River. Run in conjunction with the Essex Yacht Club, it is an informal event and a good chance to work on the development of sailing and racing skills. As always, it is followed by a party back at the Club.

**On August 11**, the Club will be very busy with the first small boat edition of the **Leukemia Cup**. This event is open to a variety of small one design boats. If you wish to participate, I urge you to go to the Club's website for further details. All profits from this event will benefit leukemia research. Please go to the event website to see how you can donate to support the fundraising efforts of individual campaigning boats or make a direct donation yourself. Finally, there will be a **great after-race party at the clubhouse with food music, beer and wine provided**. Tickets for that event are on sale on our website. Buy them before the event to get the best price.

All of these in events could not happen without the volunteers who sacrifice their time and efforts to get the job done. There is always a need for more help. If you wish to help out, please contact the entertainment committee.

I hope you are all enjoying your summer, Of course, as always, if you have any questions concerns or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact the Bridge.

See you on the water, the race course or at the Club,

Respectfully submitted,

**Chris Morano**

*Vice Commodore*

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A quick update on the progress of preparations

for the 2018 Connecticut River Leukemia Cup (August 11th): The committee has had several meetings, and we are beginning to get a few sponsors. We are pleased to report that one of our primary sponsors is ESSEX BOAT WORKS! We have also received a sponsorship from the GOWRIE GROUP and OLD LYME MARINA, as well as from several other small businesses. Pettipaug Yacht Club has been promoting the regatta as well, and it looks like it will shape up to be a successful premiere for this "reimagined" Leukemia Cup on our river. We are now working on the Leukemia Cup Regatta & Post-Race Party (August 11th). To find out more, to help, sponsor, or enter the One-Design River Regatta, please go to our website and click on the "Racing" link or take a look below for more information. Please support this charity event and share the party invitation with your friends. Everyone is invited, it will be fun to watch the action unfold right outside our club, and the post-race party will be a typical ECYC fun event! Get tickets to the party at https://tinyurl.com/CTLCR2018Party

You can always refer to our website at www.essexcorinthian.org for details on dining, social, educational and on-water events, and any other information on the club and its programs.

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!

Ruth Emblin

ECYC Commodore #21
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ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE:



Ahoy Members of Essex Corinthian Yacht Club! We hope you have been enjoying your summer and the

REAR COMMODORE'S UPDATE:



Ed Birch has been sailing without his lifelong crew and wife Marsha the last several years due to her health issues. Ed slipped a bit,

despite having an experienced replacement. Ed was reluctant to sail the Ideal 18 Rum Challenge in July. But Marsha's remarkable rebound this year allowed her to compete and Ed and Marsha smoked the fleet, winning three races and beating second place finisher Cindy Gibbs - who won the other three races - by four points. Ed said he went the right way and stayed out of trouble. But I bet Marsha's racing knowledge, knowing what information to provide to Ed, and calming presence played a big part in their performance. Before the race Marsha said it would be her last. After the thrill of victor, she backtracked a bit. The crew on a small boat can make a big difference. After decades of sailing together, Ed and Marsha are totally in sync with each other and their performance proved to me that teamwork won the race!

Tom Atkinson

Rear Commodore
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All three ECYC boats rounding the leeward mark



summer evenings at the club! Please come down on a Wednesday night to enjoy our music series and a wonderful dinner on the deck provided by Coastal Cooking Company.

We had our annual Fourth of July party, which was well attended and enjoyed by all! We listened to entertainment from the Arrowhead string band while watching the annual boat parade. We had our traditional cookout, a big thank you to everyone who brought an appetizer or salad, they were delicious!

If you haven't signed up yet, don't forget! The Leukemia Cup Regatta and after party are on August 11<sup>th</sup>. We are working with Pettipaug Yacht Club to put together a fun event. All are welcome to the after-race party which begins at 5:00 pm. Bring your friends and family to join in on an event to raise money for such a wonderful cause. The party tickets are \$15.00 per person in advance, \$20 at the door. Come enjoy food, drinks, music, awards, prizes and a silent auction. Should you have any questions about the event, or if you would like to volunteer some time, please contact either Nancy Simms or Pat Atkinson.

It's hard to believe that September is already around the corner! Prepare your calendars; it's going to be a fun filled month at the Essex Corinthian Yacht Club. Be sure to put September 3<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar for our annual Labor Day party, along with the 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Cross Sound Challenge. These annual events are sure to please! There will be more information forthcoming on this and our other events on the Website as well as Eblasts.

We look forward to seeing you at the club!

### **Nancy Simms & Pat Atkinson**

Co-Chairs Entertainment

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## **SAVE THE DATE!**



(The Birches in EYC boat #160, Cindy Gibbs and Laura Nunno in #191, and Tom Atkinson and John Abbot in #38)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**



### **LADIES ON DECK - AUGUST 14TH**

**Join us at our monthly ladies' get together, scheduled for Tuesday, August 14th, starting at 6:00 pm.**

These casual get-togethers are the perfect opportunity to meet your fellow ECYC Ladies, and make new friends. We are currently looking for a host, please let us know if you are interested! Hosting a "Ladies on Deck" is very easy, all you are asked to do is to be on the deck at 6:00 pm to welcome everyone!

**Bring friends, bring an appetizer to share! BYOB.**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**



### **CONNECTICUT RIVER LEUKEMIA CUP ONE-DESIGN REGATTA & POST-RACE PARTY ON AUGUST 11TH**



## LABOR DAY COOK-OUT September 3rd

**Save the Date for our annual Labor Day Cook-Out at the club!**

We will have a casual cook-out on the upper and lower decks and are looking forward to a pleasant afternoon overlooking the river! Details will be shared soon, it will be an RSVP event, so mark the date in your calendar and watch for more information to come soon!

Please support our first annual event on the Connecticut River, **EVEN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A BOAT!**

Proceeds benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Tickets to the post-race party are **\$15 in advance**, \$20 at the door. Live music, food and drinks, silent auction and more, at our beautiful clubhouse on the river!

**For event details, please click [HERE](#).**

You do not have to have a boat or enter the regatta to participate! The post-race party is open to all members, their guests and friends from our area and beyond. Please click on the links above and below for details.

**Boat registration now open at [Yachtscoring.com](http://Yachtscoring.com)**  
Cost \$30 per boat (includes 1 party ticket)

[Register Your Boat](#)

**Party tickets for sale now (\$15 per person)**

[Post-Race Party Tickets](#)

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## WATERFRONT UPDATE:

Marsha and Ed Birch have shown us once again what a comeback victory is all about, remarkably, but not surprisingly, taking the EYC Ideal 18 Rum Challenge Regatta. Cindy Gibbs placed second. In the big boat race, Tartucca and Petrel both placed second.

The August 11 Connecticut River Leukemia Cup One Design Regatta is shaping up to be a very well planned and innovative event, that we hope will take root this year and grow to become another signature event for of our very competitive sailing club. We owe our thanks to the very busy committee that has put this all together. Crossing paths with them after racing Tuesday nights, I have observed and heard of another substantial benefit, which is that of extending our co-operation with the Pettipaug and Essex Yacht clubs. Our Connecticut River clubs support a fleet of dedicated one design racers that mostly come together for Frostbiting. Many look forward to

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## HOUSE UPDATE:



**Deck Repairs:**  
We are happy to report that the repairs to the side deck have been completed in record time! After finding one plank completed

rotted and many others in deteriorating condition that did not allow us to make simple cosmetic repairs, we knew we had to act fast to get the deck in ship shape for upcoming events and rentals. We were also very concerned that at one of the upcoming rentals someone with high heels would get stuck in one of the softer boards. To protect the club against any potential liability from damaged deck boards the repairs were scheduled as quickly as possible. Since we do not have a pool

together for fundraising. Many look forward to summer one design "event" racing as well. For this regatta, we are seeking racers from not only from our regulars, but from our club's entire racing community, to co-skipper with any of our regulars. The spirit of competition is as central to the essential fundraising aspect of the Regatta as much as the racing is. Our registered skippers of record will by now have opened fundraising sites for the Dragonfly, Dauntless, and Nautilus campaigns respectively. The chance to win or select the winning team for the FIRST-ever Regatta Connecticut River Leukemia Cup Regatta will be awarded to the highest donor for each campaign. That is to skipper, or sail with any qualified skippers, or to pick to team for the boat you are backing. Even more important than just skipper or crew donations, is the networking of supporters for your campaign in this sprint to the finish. Bidding wars are encouraged. Tuesday night racing has really taken root this year with all boats scheduled every week and new-to-fleet skippers sharing the helm with some of our vets. We have been outgrowing our Google group, we will work on that! We have also have a quorum of interest in clinics for Ideal 18 Thursday night spinnaker racing. Experienced spinnaker sailors who can help, and interested learners, please drop a line to [fleetcaptain@essexcorinthian.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@essexcorinthian.org).

**Jon Gibbs**

Fleet Captain  
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**REGATTA UPDATE:**



On Sunday July 8th, the Corinthians hosted skippers and their crews for a lively cookout & results party after the 2nd installment of the Round the Buoy Race series. We were excited to see 8 boats on the starting line for this edition, which featured a light southerly that

never fully materialized. and plenty of adverse

as quickly as possible. Since we do not have a pool of volunteers to draw from this year, the work was outsourced to a contractor. We opted to perform the repairs in sections to keep the disruption at a minimum. The front deck, which is in better shape thanks to being protected by the awning, will be attended to either this fall or next spring.

We will still need some volunteers to help apply a protective sealant to the new boards before they become too affected by foot traffic and food/drinks dripping onto them. The deck boards will need to dry out for several weeks prior to application, so we are looking at a date in fall. Please consider helping out. Our House Committee is in desperate need of support. **We are still looking for a new chair**, as David Kirsch resigned due to time constraints caused by his long commute to and from Boston. **If you are interested, live locally and love to tinker and DIY, please let us know!**

*In the meantime, if there are any House-related questions, please contact Jean Little, our Club Manager, at [ecyc@essexcorinthian.org](mailto:ecyc@essexcorinthian.org) or Ruth Emblin, Commodore, at [commodore21@essexcorinthian.org](mailto:commodore21@essexcorinthian.org).*

**GALLEY UPDATE:**



There is much to look forward to on the culinary side this summer! Please refer to our weekly menu emails for details on "What's Cooking at the Corinthian Cafe"!

**Sunday Dinners are the perfect ending to a weekend on the Connecticut River! Come on down and enjoy a relaxed dinner on the deck!**

Here are some tips for making dinner service smoother for everyone:

- Order your appetizers upon arrival on a separate slip so those can come out while you are enjoying your cocktails. These can even be preordered earlier in the day.
- If your table wants to eat at together, turn all the slips in at the same time.

current. Go figure! If you can make it around the buoys in Long Island Sound in July without deploying your anchor, that's a victory in itself! Hats off to EYC for running the race logistics and to Pat Atkinson and her entertainment committee for a wonderful evening at EYC. Congrats go out to the top finishers, and a special nod to Don Dwyer on *Guardian J*, who won his first ever sailboat race. We couldn't let the occasion pass without a proper trophy, of course (see pic below). Let's see a few more EYC'ers on the starting line for the **final race on Sunday, August 5th**. Maybe you too can hoist the prestigious Ketchup Cup!

1st: *Guardian J* (Don Dwyer)  
2nd: *Checkmate* (Frank Flores)  
3rd: *Madaket* (Joe Carroll)  
4th: *Tartuca* (Peter & Ruth Emblin)

### **Bill Robinson**

Race Committee Chair  
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## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:**

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Hello, EYC Members!

I'm happy to say we welcomed a new junior member at our last board meeting. Her name is **Hanna Stewart** and she was sponsored by Pete & Deb Martin. She lives in Deep River and currently owns a Limestone 24' power boat which she takes out on the Connecticut River whenever possible. In addition, She has spent many summers sailing classic yachts with her grandfather in Marblehead, Mass. She also enjoys racing sailing dinghies in her free time! We look forward to getting to know Hannah better when she begins to enjoy the use of our wonderful Club.

Keep in mind we still need to recruit new members as summer progresses. Reminder- there is a discount on dues that begins on August 1, a definite plus for any new members.

Cheers

### **Cindy Gibbs**

Membership Chair  
Email: [membership@essexcorinthian.org](mailto:membership@essexcorinthian.org)

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## **SHIP'S STORE**

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- Make sure your table number is on the slip.

If you are entertaining at home, remember CCC can cater your party so you can spend time with your guests instead of being in the kitchen.

Please note that effective immediately, **Chris Morano has taken on the responsibilities of Galley Liaison** in addition to his Vice Commodore post.

He is filling in for **Cathy Gazikas** who decided to vacate the post as she has not been able to be present at the club as much as she would like this year. Life happens...we all know understand. We appreciate every minute of her limited spare time she has donated to the club in the past and would like to thank Cathy for her support over the last two plus years! If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact Chris at the email address shown below.

### **Chris Morano**

Galley Liaison  
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## **Summer Galley Hours:**

### Lunch:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
(self-service) : 11.30 am to 2.00 pm

### Dinner:

Friday (table service): 5.30 pm to 9.00 pm  
Wednesday (self-service): 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm  
**Sunday (self-service): 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

### Brunch:

Sunday (self-service): 11.00 am to 2.30 pm  
- special brunch hours on selected holidays!

Menus are available at

[www.essexcorinthian.org/dining.html](http://www.essexcorinthian.org/dining.html)

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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

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## **SUMMER HOURS ARE IN EFFECT AT THE CLUBHOUSE:**

- Tuesday, Thursday 9 am to 9 pm
- Wednesday, Friday 9 am to 10 pm (Office closes at 5 pm)
- Saturday 11 am - 9 pm (Galley open for lunch/Office closed all day)
- Sunday 11 am - 9 pm (Galley open for brunch & dinner/Office closed all day)
- Monday CLOSED



**The Online Ship's Store is now open at [www.team1newport.com/Essex-Corinthian-Yacht-Club/departments/1032/](http://www.team1newport.com/Essex-Corinthian-Yacht-Club/departments/1032/)**

**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!**

**Every time you purchase someone, ECYC will get a commission, which, in turn will benefit the club and its members!**

**Go forth and shop!**

**Ship's Store Online**

Monday CLOSED

*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 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.

**GALLEY MINIMUM:**

The Galley Minimum is charged if a member's consumption is less than \$30 per calendar month (except in January). As our caterer is an independent contractor, this amount directly benefits the club in lieu of the commission it would receive were the member to dine at the club instead.

**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](http://www.essexcorinthian.org)!



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