



THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

## OFFSHORE & WATERFRONT

### Off-Shore

Now that the leaves are down and talk of the Holidays is in the air, your Bridge and Board are beginning to plan the 2016 event calendar. We will be reaching out to all those interested in helping make it another fun and active year. Our various club committees are always in need of you support and it is a great way to meet other members.



We are also approaching the time for Trees in the Rigging and are wondering who might still have their boat in the water for the event. The date is Sunday, November 29th. Please let me know as we have a crew eager to help you decorate to represent the Essex Corinthian Yacht Club at this annual event!

See you at the club,

### Steve Rodstrom

Vice Commodore

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### Race Committee Update:

The Tom Clark Memorial Regatta was sailed on October 10th in quite challenging conditions, yet it was another good showing by ECYC boats.

#### PHRF Results:

1. FLO
2. TOAD
3. RUMOR
4. BLUE STEEL
5. CELEBRATION

#### Ideal 18 Results:

1. NAUTILUS 192
2. DRAGONFLY 191

While the ECYC regatta season is over now and boats have come out of the water, we are looking forward to next year and another season of ECYC Racing!

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- **November 11th:** (W)WWW a.k.a. Ladies on Deck
- **November 26th:** Thanksgiving - clubhouse closed
- **November 27th:** Holiday Decorating Party
- **November 29th:** Trees in the Rigging
- **December 5th:** Decommissioning & Annual Meeting
- **December 6th:** Childrens' Holiday Party
- **December 13th:** Special Holiday Brunch



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

## VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



### Dear Friends!

Every year around this time, many of us try to thread the needle; keeping the boat in the water long enough to take advantage of the incomparable (though few) sailing days remaining in the New England fall, counterbalanced with the knowledge that every additional day on the mooring in Essex is day later getting into the winter yard, where almost every boat chore involves freezing one's fingers. My last sail this year lacked the excitement of last year's, but moved the needle high on the satisfaction scale nonetheless, for simpler reasons. 1) I was playing hooky from work on a sparkling Monday morning, 2) I had 1.5 knots of flood under the keel the whole way up river and 3) a family (maybe two families) of bald eagles - 4 immature yearlings and 2 gorgeous, jet black and snow white adults - joined me as I passed the entrance to Hamburg Cove and stayed within view nearly all the way up to Gillette's Castle. A truly wonderful, if subdued, last day on the water for 2016.

**On-Water Events in October** included the Fall Raft-Up in Hamburg Cove, attracting a great

Thank you to the 2015 Race Committee and all competitive sailors for their support!

We hope to see you in 2016!

### Priscilla Robinson

Race Committee Chair &  
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## IDEAL 18 RACING:

All three ECYC Ideal 18s are frostbiting this fall, with regular crews, a strong bench, and one remaining date on November 22 held open for qualified racers as well.

At our work meeting to prep the boats for the season we drew the boat assignments for each campaign. Returning veterans Frank Hall and Myron Stacks drew Dragonfly. Cindy Gibbs and Peter Emblin are sailing Nautilus. Joining our team this fall, having shown great promise in the Rum Challenge and Team Race vanquishing of our neighbors, is Thomas Atkinson, with crew Daniel Atkinson sailing Dauntless. Jon Gibbs and Bill Albro are alternates subbing in on all boats as needed. Alternate Terry Stewart has seen some action, as will Jim Pfeffer.

October 3-4 Ideal 18 racing was cancelled due to storms. Since then four skippers from both clubs have won the day in five days of Ideal racing. Ed Birch with Robert Reichart with their Harmony took a day, an early lead, and are now in a very competitive third place with 45 points. Thomas Atkinson in ECYC 38 Dauntless tied for low points one day and has worked his way up to second with 42 points. Cindy and Jon Gibbs have ECYC 192 Nautilus, with 47 points in a close fourth. In the way of a Corinthian sweep is EYC Carter Gowrie, ahead but within reach at 32 points.



One of ECYC's three Ideals racing

The Clarke Memorial Race on October 10 saw close Ideal 18 match racing with Jon Gibbs and Frank Hall changing leads multiple times.

Fall frostbiting will continue into early December.

### Jonathan Gibbs

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## ON-SHORE & HOUSE

As activities move indoors we can only marvel again and again at the cozy and welcoming character of our clubhouse. This is not only a function of the camaraderie among our members, but also a result of the dedicated work of our House Committee who keep the place "ship-shape" all year round! Thank you to Chuck and his committee members for all the effort put into making ECYC's clubhouse a place to be proud of.

Of course, our events also benefit from this welcoming vibe. Most recently we had our Annual Commodores' Gala, which traditionally is a celebration of the club's past, present and future. The Entertainment Committee and many new volunteers made it a breeze to set up and the results were more than stunning! The dining room was transformed with sparkling tea lights and greenery, as well as fall foliage to pay homage to the season. A seasonal buffet further emphasized the theme. The band "2Hot" provided musical entertainment - and I swear I have never seen so many ECYCers on the dance floor at the same time!

crowd of Members and Guests, aboard a variety of boats from 15 feet to about 50. The **Thomas Clark Memorial River Race** was sailed in very light and challenging conditions. Our club PRO for the day, Jim Francis, made all of the correct calls in shortening course and finishing all competitors before the breeze collapsed at about 1330. Priscilla Robinson, our (now experienced) Regatta Chair, is to be credited with yet another very successful event in a year that added another great chapter to our club's racing traditions and track record of well managed events.



2015 Fall Raft Up in Hamburg Cove

**After many years of service to the Club**, most notably in capacities of Rear Commodore and Treasurer, Deb Wallis will step down this December. I simply cannot tell you what Deb's skills, professionalism and dedication have meant to our Club over the years, nor can I imagine a more delightful board colleague. Please join me in a heartfelt thank-you to Deb!

The **Coastal Cooking Company** will join us for a 5th year! On behalf of our intrepid Galley Liaison, Hollis Barry, the all of the Board of Governors, we are pleased to announce that Monique Armstrong and her team will be with us again in 2016.

As noted earlier in the year, ECYC will **not** have a New Year's Eve event this year. We have decided that the New Year's Eve party will be held every other year, to coincide with the end a new Commodore's first year.

**Decommissioning and Annual Meeting** are set for Saturday, December 7th. The Decommissioning ceremony will begin at 1600 at the Flagpole (weather permitting) and the Annual Meeting will follow directly thereafter in the Dining Room. Please plan to attend this important club business meeting to adopt the 2016 budget and to approve a slate of nominees to the Board of Governors, as well as other YE business. A BYOB, member cocktail reception will follow immediately. Look forward to seeing you there!

Cheers,

Tim Brewer  
Commodore



## Galley News

Just in time for planning your holiday entertaining, CCC will make available a price list detailing an array of hors d'oeuvres for take out. Keep a look out for an email blast with the details. And, keep in mind that Monique and Ed are always willing to fulfill your special catering requests whether for appetizer, entree or dessert fare.

Kicking off the holiday season is the Essex community's annual Trees in the Rigging carol sing and boat parade. The ECYC boasts a prime location from which to view the lighted boats as they make their way across the waterfront. In keeping with tradition, members may bring their own food and service items to enjoy during the festivities. For those who prefer, the Galley will offer a limited menu.

As a brief reminder, under our contract with CCC, club members and guest may bring non-prepared snacks and foods when the Galley is open. These foods are generally defined as nuts, vegetable platters, cheese and cracker and other non-cooked foods which are not competitive with food normally offered by the Galley.

**Remember, we publish updated menus via e-blasts and on our website. Check back often to see what is new: [www.essexcorinthian.org/dining.html](http://www.essexcorinthian.org/dining.html)**

Looking forward to seeing you at the club!



Dancing the Night Away at the Commodores' Gala

Thank you to Entertainment Chair Cheryl Arndt, Event Coordinator Jean Brewer and the many other volunteers who made the evening so special!

As you can see on our calendar, there are a few events left until the year 2015 comes to an end. Come help us decorate the dining room for the holidays, join us at Trees in the Rigging, always a fun event, Decommissioning & Annual Meeting complete with awards, let your grandkids enjoy a visit from Santa at the Children's Holiday Party, or enjoy holiday fare at the Special Holiday Brunch. All events are listed online at [www.essexcorinthian.org/events.html](http://www.essexcorinthian.org/events.html), in your "What's On Tap" mailing included with your monthly billing and in periodic e-blasts.

**Join a committee**, whether on- or off-shore, we need you! Or if you are already on a committee, please consider re-upping our commitment for next year. In true Corinthian fashion, our club can only be at its best when members work together to make it so! Besides, what better way to make new friends or get to know other members better? Fun is guaranteed!

If you have suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact me or any of our board members to share. ECYC lives and breathes with the help of our membership.

See you all soon at the best yacht club in Essex!

### Ruth Emblin

Rear Commodore

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### House Committee Update:

Planning for 2016 is getting started. I wish to thank all members of the 2015 House Committee as well as all the volunteers who came out and helped so very much to get done what was accomplished for 2015. The work in the galley during the January shutdown was an excellent beginning to a year of maintaining and improving. At times it was very hard to keep momentum on some projects as weather and short opportunity windows were challenging. I truly hope this last year of my tenure can achieve the objectives which have remained so elusive.

As 2016 is quickly approaching, I will again be reaching out to the membership for folks to become part of the house committee. Nothing can really happen without the help and support of a dedicated committee, as well as the wonderful folks who volunteer and show-up for the planned projects throughout the year. I truly do hope to make 2016 a bang up, banner year to get so very much accomplished. It all must start with a strong and dedicated committee. Please contact me to become a part. Also, should any member have questions, comments, suggestions; please reach out to me via email.

### Chuck Grusse

House Chair

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### Entertainment Committee Update:

October just flew by and was a lot of fun. Our **Wednesday Night Music Program** finished at the end of the month and I want to thank all our musicians for keeping us entertained this summer.

### Hollis Barry

Galley Liaison

### Did You Know?

Wednesday and Sunday night dinners may have ended, but the galley still serves lunch from Wednesday through Saturday as well as a great **Sunday brunch!**

**We want your feedback about our galley activities.** Please let us know what you think! Email Hollis at [galleyliaison@essexcorinthian.org](mailto:galleyliaison@essexcorinthian.org)

**FEEDBACK**

*We want to know what you think about our galley!*

### Fall Galley Hours:

#### Lunch:

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

#### Dinner:

Friday (table service)

#### Brunch:

Sunday (self-service)  
11.00 am to 2.00 pm - special brunch  
hours on selected holidays!

### 2016 ECYC Board of Governors Call for Nominations

A terrific way to expand your ECYC experience and make new friends is serving on the Board of Governors. This is the time of year the Nominating Committee seeks candidates to lead the club into the future across our broad range of on and off shore activities.

To learn more, please contact members of the Nominating Committee (Past Commodore Terry Stewart [chair], Membership Chair Val Votto, and past BOG member Jane Pfeffer).



### Strategic Planning Update



On October 23rd and November 6th Richard Pierce led a subset of board members and a selection of other experienced members through the first two of three strategic planning sessions. The assembled group worked to identify the strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities facing our club, and began the associated risk assessment process which will work to prioritize identified issues. One more session will be needed to complete the process, planned for November 20th.

### Ship's Store:

Visit the Ship's Store this Friday for

**SPECIAL END-OF-SEASON DEALS!**

If you would like to purchase ECYC merchandise please see Jean Brewer!



Our **Halloween Dinner** was quite well attended by folks who got "into the spirit" and others who came to see us make a spectacle of our selves!

The **Annual Commodores' Gala** was last weekend, it was Tim Brewer's final Gala as Commodore, and well attended by members celebrating the Corinthian Spirit and reminiscing Tim's tenure. The good food and great music, and overall happy vibe made for a very enjoyable evening!

At the end of the month we will have the **Annual Trees in the Rigging Parade** on Sunday after Thanksgiving, followed by the **Decommissioning & Annual Meeting**, the **Children's Holiday Party** and finally our **Christmas Brunch**. Due to declining attendance in the last few years we have elected to

have a New Years Party every other year, so there is no party planned for this year.



It's been a busy year and we have covered a lot of events.

Our ladies will continue to meet very now and again throughout the winter for snacks and cocktails, look out for e-blasts. We are calling this event **(W)WWW**, segueing into winter from our summer "Ladies on Deck" get-togethers. This started with only four or five of us getting together for a drink on Wednesday nights at the Gris Wine Bar, and has now

started to embrace a larger number of ladies, which would probably take over the entire wine bar! We started hosting these events at members' homes and other establishments in the local area. To allow a larger number of ladies to participate as the event is becoming more popular, we will be hosting future get-togethers at the club. The next one will be on **November 11th**. Bring an appetizer to share...and a friend if you want! We would like to have someone act as the dedicated host for each upcoming evening, so please let Ruth or me know whether you want to volunteer for these fun evenings! All it means is to be there and welcome the ladies to the club!

We have also started collecting favorite recipes to put together an **ECYC Cookbook**. If you have any recipes you think are delicious and fun, please send them to Liz Fowler, who offered to collect them. Ruth will then put them together into an attractive booklet to share with everyone!

Remember, our events are listed online at our website, just go to [www.essexcorinthian.org](http://www.essexcorinthian.org) ... and click on "Events"!

### Cheryl Arndt

Entertainment Chair

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### Membership Update:

#### Definition of mem·ber·ship

/ˈmembər, ˈʃɪp/

noun

the fact of being a member of a group

the number or body of members in a group

Did you know that ECYC has members who were friends in their 20s who reconnected in their 60s at ECYC?

Did you know that ECYC has members who attended high school together 40 miles away 36 years ago who reconnected at ECYC?

Did you know that ECYC has a plethora of members who were customers, clients or business acquaintances who later became friends at ECYC?

Did you know that ECYC has members who gained employment due to referrals from other ECYC members?

Did you know that ECYC has members who met working on local charitable events who became friends at ECYC and now together run events at ECYC?

Did you know that ECYC has a member who is the daughter of former members who on her membership application noted her "fond memories of the club as a child?"

Did you know that ECYC members have become friends because of their membership at ECYC?

### Jean Brewer Ship's Store Manager



### News

Congratulations to ECYC member **Bruce Glowac** for being re-elected to the Essex Board of Selectmen.

The **Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association's** year-end results have been published, and according to the list, the Essex Corinthian Yacht Club is in third place overall for non-spinaker results! Congratulations to all our sailors!

### Did You Know?



#### NO SMOKING AT ECYC;

Please remember that 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.

#### WEBSITE:

All of our events and announcements, as well as archive copies of the Bell 8 Newsletter are available online at our website, [www.essexcorinthian.org](http://www.essexcorinthian.org)!

#### IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Please remember that with the change of domain to [www.essexcorinthian.org](http://www.essexcorinthian.org) over a year ago, the general office email address was changed to [ecyc@essexcorinthian.org](mailto:ecyc@essexcorinthian.org).

We noticed that some of you are still using the old email address, which will no longer work. Please make a note of it, if you have not already done so.



#### Green Tip of the Month:

"Green Tip" will return in December!

Stay the course, stay "green"!

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For general questions on ECYC please refer to our website at [www.essexcorinthian.org](http://www.essexcorinthian.org), email us at [ecyc@essexcorinthian.org](mailto:ecyc@essexcorinthian.org), or snail-mail to

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Membership at ECYC comes about in many different ways and brings to each of us something different, but something important. ECYC exists not only for its Members, but because of its Members. Founded on the principle of providing "an environment of good fellowship for active yachtsmen (women) at a modest price..." ECYC offers many different things to its members. It may be a place to reconnect; to meet new people; to race; to learn to sail; to reminisce or to simply enjoy the unparalleled view. Living up to its charge at its inception, ECYC is consistently a "place of good fellowship" with great things to offer both active yachtsmen and social members.

What we all have as members of ECYC can only continue if we as a membership make efforts to show others the great benefits of ECYC membership. Think of what ECYC membership means to you, could it mean the same or something more to others you know? Get motivated! Get your friends motivated! Get them to join ECYC! Encourage and invite potential new members. ECYC has great things planned before the end of 2015 and even more in the New Year! Trees in the Rigging, the Children's Holiday Party (with a visit from Santa), and the Holiday Brunch are all yet to come. And...just remember... Caribbean Night is right around the corner!

**Val Votto**

**Membership Chair**

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