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SEAWORTHY NEWS

Spring 2024

ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



On behalf of the Essex Corinthian Yacht Club and your Board of Governors, I'd like to welcome everyone to the 2024 season. Our 40th Commissioning is right around the corner, and I am humbled and honored to serve as the club's 24th Commodore since we opened our doors in 1984. My wife Stephanie and I live in town with our two boys Charlie (5) and Teddy (3) and we are all thrilled to have this opportunity to serve our community. When we aren't at swim class, T-Ball, or soccer practice, you can find us cruising our 32' Holland Downeast *Tashtego*, or fishing and beaching our 19' center console *Oyster*. I'm still fortunate to be able to race once a week in the Etchells fleet, and in June, I will be competing in my 4th Newport to Bermuda Race, crewing for EYC Commodore Bill Gunther aboard *Blue Skies*. If you ever want to chat about racing, cruising, fishing, or just sitting on the hook on Sunday afternoons, I'm your guy!

I've personally been active in the club since 2010, but my EYC roots run all the way back to the mid 80's, when my father Ed raced & cruised his Marshall 18 Catboat Sounder out of the Corinthian. Many have heard this story before, but I can still remember watching cartoons in the River Room when I was 6 or 7 years old, and now I am chasing my boys around the same places. To now take the helm for my watch as Commodore is a special duty that I am thankful for.



Bill Robinson
COMMODORE "24"



As we embark upon our 40th year, we have much to celebrate:

Galley

Our Galley has continued to up their game, offering new and fresh menu options at an unbeatable value. How lucky are we to have one of the finest restaurants on the shoreline all to ourselves? And don't forget the grab and go meals in the cooler for those other nights you'd rather not cook.

Entertainment Committee

Our Entertainment Committee is delivering on all the classic ECYC events we know and love, while also introducing fun new options at a variety of price points. Watch your emails and postings around the club for all the latest Entertainment happenings this year.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership Committee is gearing up for their busy season, when the Boat Show, Spring Open House, and New Member reception dot the calendar as we traditionally greet a number of new members. A member survey has also been dutifully drafted and is slated for release this month; please watch your emails and help us deliver on our mission to "provide a facility and environment of good fellowship for active yachtsmen at a moderate cost."

House Committee

House Committee has spearheaded several key upgrades, most notably the brand new HVAC system, which will realize a positive return on investment within 2-3 years as we drive down heating and cooling costs. A number of other repairs and upgrades are freshening up our spaces and getting us ready for peak season.

Racing

Offshore, our traditional Ideal 18 and big boat regattas are in the planning stages, while we also aim to bring back the Three Mile Harbor Cruise and River Raft Ups. Frostbite racing began in March, with Corinthians currently leading both the Ideal and Etchells fleets. Summer Ideal 18 racing and cruising will be on offer as the weather heats up.

Yacht clubs come in all shapes and sizes, especially here in the Northeast. They range from opulent, white glove mansions with 100+ employees, to the very basic with no facilities or waterfront of their own. To me, ECYC represents the perfect balance, and with our culture of volunteerism, members have the ability to be as involved and impactful as they'd like. Your experience at ECYC is largely what you make of it, so I invite you to get involved, raise your hand, and ultimately enjoy your club in the way that suits you best. Welcome to our 2024 season and the 40th Commissioning of Essex Corinthian Yacht Club.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Happy Spring! We are pleased to report that we welcomed new members, Kaye Griffin, Pat Kolosowski, Gary Mathias and Amelia Armitage, Allan and Yvonne Schiffer and Jordan and Danielle Schweidenback. We welcomed back Cherie Calabrese and also Bill Stanolonis as they rejoined ECYC this year. Congratulations to all and we are glad you are here!

With Spring upon us, it is time to get ready for the CT Spring Boat Show on Essex Island. The dates for the Boat Show are April 26-28; on Fri 1-6 pm and on Sat/Sun 10-5 pm. We will have our booth at the show again this year and it is a great opportunity to market ourselves to the public for prospective new members. Volunteers are needed to help man the booth throughout the weekend so please email membership@essexcorinthian.org if you are interested and thanks!

Another excellent way to gain new members is through our Current Membership. So spread the good word and feel free to contact us if you have a referral, questions or would like more information.

Get Connected

Looking for a quiet place to work or connect while at the club? Make use of our wi-fi throughout the property for fast service.

NETWORK: EssexCorinthian
PASSWORD: DrunkenSailor1

RIVER ROOM: *Smart TV*

Thanks to the generosity of the ECYC members of Etchells Fleet 24, we can now enjoy a full slate of entertainment options while relaxing in the upgraded River Room area. With a Smart TV, simply select the appropriate app (Netflix, Disney+ , Hulu, YouTube TV, etc), provide your login details, and you can watch just like you were at home. Looking for traditional cable, news & sports channels? Try the YouTubeTV app for over 100+ channels and live sports on CBS, Fox, ESPN, TBS, etc. Many of us have been enjoying March Madness and the NFL playoffs earlier this year.

COMMODORE'S CORNER



Recognizing noteworthy member contributions in the Corinthian spirit. In a volunteer club like ours, there are dozens of examples each month, but we'll highlight 10 in each Bell 8. Send your nominations to commodore@essexcorinthian.org

SUSAN MALAN & BOB WARD

For their donation of the beautiful ships door coffee table and Bose sound bar for the River Room

TOBY DOYLE

For donating the framed photo of his Custom Onorato 24 Flo, flying downwind towards a 1st in class and 1st in fleet finish in the Cross Sound Challenge

DAN TAYLOR-STYPA

For delivering a pitch perfect renaming ceremony of WINDQUEST, the yacht name made famous by the founding Wasley family.

JOE DIRENZO & JOE PELLETIER

For leading a new subcommittee focused on bringing Boater Safety education to our members and greater River Valley community

THE RIVER ROOM COMMITTEE

consisting of Leah Melius, Deb Martin & Stephanie Robinson

For their thoughtful re-design and frugal sourcing to breathe new life into our downstairs area! Of course there would be no Committee without our anonymous River Room donors.

THE ECYC MEMBERS OF ETHELLS FLEET 24

Toby Doyle, Chris Morano, Scott Beckwith, Bill Robinson, John Kihm, Dan Rennie & Joe Pelletier

For their donation of our new big screen TV in the River Room!

FLOOD CLEANUP CREW

The 50+ volunteers who came by to support the winter House cleaning days and River Flood recovery efforts. Too many to mention!!

STEVE SNYDER, PETER DECKER & THE ENTIRE HOUSE COMMITTEE

Who prefer to toil anonymously, but can be found working on something at the club on an almost daily basis. Buy those guys a beer when you see them!

A very special shout out

NEW BOARD MEMBERS IN 2024

Brian Fresher, Pete Martin, Joe Direnzo, Elizabeth Nocera, and Dave Furtak

Thank you all for stepping up and making a positive impact from the very beginning.

I am proud to serve the club together with every one of you!

OUR NEWEST COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Stephanie Robinson & Laurel Stewart: ENTERTAINMENT Ruth Emblin: REGATTA

Our social events & regattas form the basis of our experience at ECYC and I am so thankful for your leadership in taking on these important roles.



2024 SPRING/SUMMER *Club Events*

- Saturday April 6:* ECYC CLUB COMMISSIONING
- Saturday April 13:* AFTERNOON TEA
- Saturday April 27:* KID'S MOVIE NIGHT
- Saturday May 4:* KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY
- Tuesday May 7:* LADIES ON DECK
- Monday May 27:* MEMORIAL DAY POTLUCK
- Saturday June 1:* CARIBBEAN NIGHT
- Wednesday June 5:* WED NIGHT MUSIC DINNERS START
- Saturday June 8:* FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS
- Thursday July 4:* 4TH of JULY BBQ

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 and on our website

GROUNDHOG POST PARADE PARTY



8th ANNUAL ECYC *Chili Cook Off*



SUPERBOWL PARTY





Ladies ON Deck



UPCOMING EVENTS



CLUB COMMISSIONING SATURDAY APRIL 6 *at* 4:00 PM

Reception to follow

The Commissioning Ceremony is a time honored tradition which celebrates the official opening of the club & the boating season. We welcome you to join your fellow members and share in this festive and traditional yachting ceremony.



Afternoon Tea

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
from 4 o'clock to 6 o'clock

FESTIVE ATTIRE IS ENCOURAGED

*Fine teas will be brewed,
delicate finger sandwiches &
sweet treats shall be enjoyed!*



\$35 PER PERSON
\$10 CHILDREN UNDER 12

RSVP

KID'S MOVIE NIGHT

ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

April 27 @ 5:30pm

COME FOR PIZZA & A MOVIE FOR THE KIDS! BRING YOUR FAVORITE STUFFY, COZY BLANKET & PILLOW!

RSVP: events@essexcorinthian.org

UPCOMING EVENTS



Please join us on
SATURDAY, MAY 4 AT 5PM
for

150th RUNNING of the KENTUCKY DERBY

THERE WILL BE FOOD, PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED
and HATS, TRIVIA, PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES & MORE

Details to follow but mark your calendars



ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

Ladies ON Deck

TUESDAY, MAY 7 6:00-8:30PM

*A casual get together for the ECYC Ladies
Feel free to bring a non member friend to introduce to the club*

HOSTED BY Jane Reilly & Tijae Pelletier
BRING AN APPETIZER TO SHARE & BYOB

Interested in hosting a future LOD? email events@essexcorinthian.org



HELLO TO ALL OF OUR BOAT OWNING MEMBERS

please join us

JUNE 8th for FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

*Followed by a short seminar discussing unforeseen
emergencies on board by the USCG Aux FLOTILLA
Squadron of the lower CT River. ECYC members will
be given the first opportunities to sign up and then will be
opened to neighboring clubs and marinas. There will be a
sign up for the vessel safety checks to allow for the Aux
group to work effectively. Please keep an eye out for this
and more resources as the season gets underway.*



ECYC ON THE WATER



In recognition of the Wasley family's long running and generous support of the ECYC Ideal program, the Board of Governors has voted to rename one of our Ideal 18's "Windquest" in their honor. The Wasley's "Windquest" won 1st in class in the Newport to Bermuda race in 1968, 1st in fleet under 40' in 1972, and 2nd in class in 1974. A model of the boat was generously donated to the club as the A. Justin Wasley Memorial Trophy and has been awarded annually to the most successful ECSA yacht every year since 1985.

Club Chaplain Dan Taylor-Stypa officiated a traditional boat renaming ceremony on March 2nd.

The ritual of a boat naming ceremony ensures that a new boat name is accepted by the gods of the sea. Legend says without one, a boat will be unlucky. If you've never attended a traditional renaming ceremony, it's a very special process unique to our pastime. We were so happy for all that attended and were able to experience it and celebrate a legendary Corinthian family who have done so much for our club!





ADULT BEGINNER SAILING SESSION ONE

Tuesdays, June 25-July 16, 5:30-7:30pm

This class is for those adults who have never sailed and have always wanted to learn in a friendly and fun environment on the waterfront of beautiful Mystic Seaport Museum. Participants will be introduced to the theory of sailing (why and how a boat sails), basic sailing and gear terminology, rigging and de-rigging a sailboat, personal safety, knots, safety on the dock and on the water, points of sail, small boat handling, and basic rules of the road.

This class is taught on Dyer Dhows.
Members \$152 • Non-members \$190

ADULT BEGINNER SAILING SESSION TWO

Tuesdays, July 23-Aug. 13, 5:30-7:30pm

Students that have some sailing experience or students that took session one can continue to learn intermediate skills. This class is also open to adults who have never sailed and have always wanted to learn in a friendly and fun environment. Participants will be introduced to the theory of sailing (why and how a boat sails), basic sailing and gear terminology, rigging and de-rigging a sailboat, personal safety, knots, safety on the dock and on the water, points of sail, small boat handling, and basic rules of the road. Our sailing instructors will divide the class as needed to teach to individual skill/experience level.

This class is taught on Dyer Dhows and c420s.
Members \$152 • Non-members \$190

Our Secretary Elizabeth Nocera will be taking these classes and welcomes club members to join her. She will help organize car pools and perhaps a post class drink at a local Mystic establishment.

Please contact Elizabeth at noceraek@gmail.com if you intend to take a class.
YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASS YOURSELF

Mystic Seaport offers sailing classes for all ages and skill levels

CHECK IT OUT AT

<https://mysticseaport.org/learn/sailing/community-sailing/>

i911 Is A Tool Every Boater Should Know About

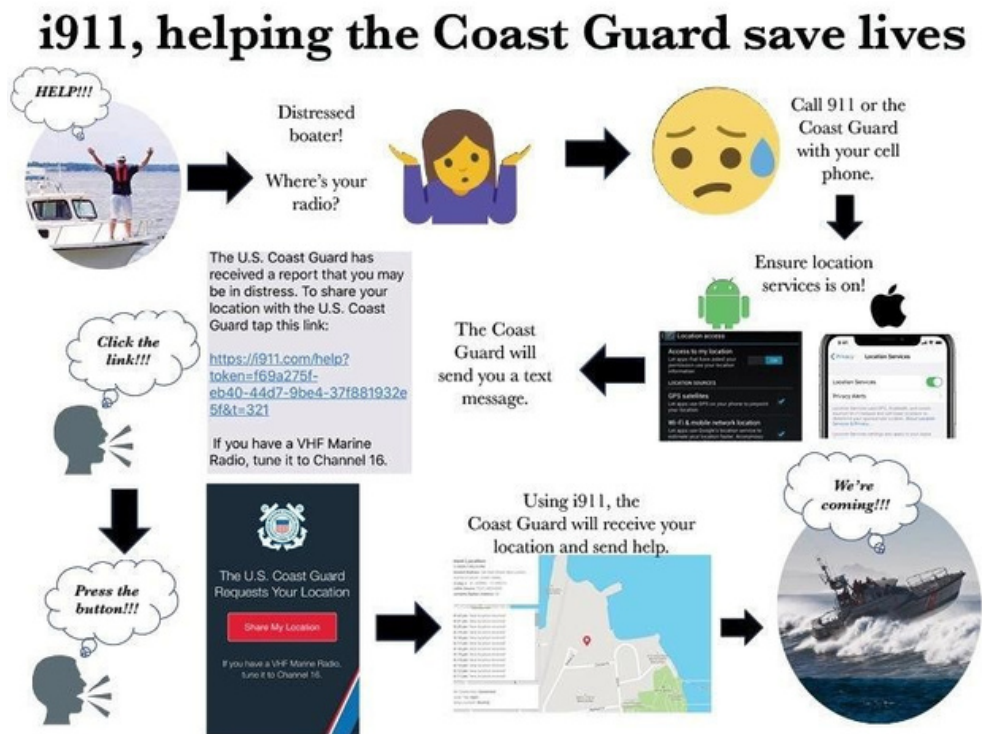


BY JOE DIRENZO

For decades recreational mariners that were in distress relied on three primary means of communications: VHF radio, EPIRBs, and flares. With the advent of the cell phone a new capability was provided. As 10G is deployed throughout the country the ability for boaters to use a cell phone has increased significantly.

In the last few years, the use of cell technology and capability has increased even more. Working with a company called "Callyo, based out of St Petersburg Florida, the New London based U.S. Coast Guard Research and Development Center (RDC) conducted extensive testing of a system called i911. Quoted a USCG article, "Depending on the cellphone service, i911 can determine the locations of mariners in distress from up to 15-20 nautical miles offshore. To determine the efficacy of this range, the RDC looked at more than 38,000 search and rescue cases across the contiguous United States over the past five years and found that nearly 90 percent of all cases took place within 20 nautical miles of shore".

Follow this graphic to see how simple this is! (The key is making sure your phone's location is switched to "on":



(official USCG: PA2 Nicole Groll)



About the Author

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

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The dynamic duo of Jane Reilly & Stephanie Robinson have worked incredibly hard this year to freshen up our club communications, so that you never miss an important notice, upcoming event, or Galley update. The email subjects typically start with "From ECYC" so you can search your inbox to see if you are receiving them.

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EMAIL communication@essexcorinthian.org and we'll get you squared away

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