



THE ESSEX CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

August 2009

A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

July has come and gone but what a month ECYC has had! July fourth just gets better and better starting off with our second annual boat parade and followed up with our picnic that included the reading of the Declaration of Independence, music by the Whiskey Brothers Band, great food, and cold MILLER-COORS beer, sponsored by Miller-Coors Brewing. The party just kept going on until the early morning with people sitting on their boats enjoying each others company. I looked around the people on Thumper and at one time in the early evening we had a crowd of 18 people - no one wanted the day to end.

Our first ever sailing graduation Ideal 18 class has now been entered into the books and I congratulate all the graduates and instructors who made this first class so special. Last year I had a dream about these boats and the dream is now a reality.

As July has come to a close, I am proud to say that **Past Commodore Jeff Going**, after his setback with a broken leg this Spring, entered **Celebration** in The Essex Rum Challenge, and came away with a win in the class D nonspinnaker class. Fifteen boats started in this class, and **Celebration** with Jeff at the helm and **Commodores Birch and Davidson** as crew, sailed almost a perfect race. Standing at the presentation ceremonies at EYC, I was so proud of this boat, its crew, and skipper -- just a feeling of total pride.

I leave you with the thought that every member of our Club should be PROUD for what ECYC has stood for since its founding 25 years ago. **Lewis I. Davidson, Commodore**

ECYC's Ideal 18 Sailing Program

ECYC's Ideal 18(s) may only be used by skippers who have passed the Ideal 18 qualification test with an A or B rating and have signed and deposited a copy of the Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement to the Club Office.

Qualified A-rated skippers may take the boat out alone or with crew and may supervise an unqualified helmsman.

Provisional B rated skippers may only take a boat out in winds under 10 knots and light/moderate tide conditions and may not supervise an unqualified helmsman.

The Ideal 18 may not be used in winds over 25 knots or in any condition deemed unsuitable for the skipper's capabilities by ECYC personnel or any member of the Race Committee.

Use of the Ideal 18 requires reserving or signing out an unreserved time period on the sign up sheet currently hanging on the downstairs hallway bulletin board (outside the River Room Pub).

All crew must wear an USCG-approved PFD at all times on the boat.

A VHF radio or cell phone must be on board for emergency communications – Channel 68 will get you Brewer's Marina or Essex Yacht Club. Note that there is no service for towing.

Mainsail may not be hoisted until the boat is east of the entrance between Brewer Marina's dock and Essex Yacht Club dock. The main must be dropped here when returning.

Ideal 18 use is restricted to the area in the River north of day-marker #25. Sailing in the coves of Essex is restricted. Plan to sail in at least four (4) feet of water.

On completion of your sail, secure the boat according to our tie up procedure, fendered with covers refitted, lines coiled, tiller secured and bailers left open.

Ship's Store

We would like to thank everyone who is helping us manage the inventory by giving us sizes, colors, etc. In particular, when ordering, we need to know sizes of belts and size/color of polo shirts along with whether they are men's or women's. It is very important to have all information in order to process your orders efficiently.

We are planning on a 'pre-sale' this fall—that means you can let us know what you are interested in purchasing so we can order correct colors, sizes, etc. This will help us order merchandise which will 'fly off the shelf'. Thanks in advance for letting us know what merchandise you are interested in purchasing.

Jean Masson, Ship's Store

Galley News

Abby's Catering Company is celebrating our 10 Year Anniversary!!!

We started catering to the members of the ECYC on August 17th, 1999. Can you believe it!?!?

I wish to extend a sincere "Thank you!" to all of you for your past and continued support of my business. Most important, I feel fortunate getting to know so many wonderful people. I feel blessed to be able to count many of you as friends.

With sincere thanks,

Louisa Abbott "Abby" Miner

Activities

Emergency Medicine Workshop

On June 6 and 13, ECYC learned how to handle a REAL emergency - one where there is NO hope of help for at least several hours and boaters are cast on their own resources to keep skipper and crew alive and functioning. **Yves Masson**, ably assisted by his wife **Jean**, taught us how to treat shock, immobilize a broken bone, enable breathing, stop bleeding and ease the pain of a burn. Yves made us aware that often the simple assurance that someone DOES know what to do is enough to avert the panic that worsens any situation. Keeping a wound clean and covered helps relieve pain and prevent infection while keeping the injured person warm and still can avert shock and its complications. Our boat first aid kits should contain antiseptic cream (Bacitracin), hand sanitizer, sanitary napkins, triangle bandages, adhesive tape, analgesic salve (Arnicaflor) and simple splints, along with a mylar blanket and the usual bandaids.

Among those who learned by watching, listening and doing were Commodore Lew Davidson, Hal Holcomb, Ann Fitzgerald, Diane and Tom Neligon, Abby Miner, Dick and Dorothy Tarrant, Chris and Cliff Vermilya, Jerry Wilson, Eric and Barbara Hermanson, Jean and Tim Brewer, Joe and Judy Walier, Jim and Tyler Magaziner, Jim Frazer, Jake Coutaure. Yves taught us that while the initial treatment may be painful, it's definitely worth doing in order to save a life or a limb. ECYC is truly fortunate in the talents that members share so willingly. **Many thanks, Yves & Jean.** Ann Fitzgerald

- ◆ **Labor Day picnic at the Clubhouse - Monday, September 7th.** \$10 per person. Food and beverages (beer soda, water) will be provided. Bring an hors d'oeuvres to share.
- ◆ **9/9/09 – our 25th Anniversary.** Come to the Clubhouse for our Formal Anniversary celebrated with a cocktail party. Hors d'oeuvres by ECYC. BYOB. Come listen to ECYC Jazz Band. Dinner from menu.
- ◆ **REMEMBER, Sunday dinners on the deck at ECYC.** Finish up your weekends with a great dinner AT THE CLUB from 5:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

Boating News

Pictured below is ECYC's first Ideal 18 sailing graduation class. Certificates were awarded to all participants at a recent 'graduation ceremony' at the Clubhouse.



Special thanks to ECYC's sailing instructors: Bill St. John, Ed Birch, Terry Stewart. Missing from photo is Tim Brewer.



The next Ideal 18 Sailing Classes will begin on Saturday August 8th and will run for 3 Saturdays. Classes go from 10 am to 4 pm with a break for lunch. To date, there are 6 students signed up for this session.

Anyone with questions or interested in lessons should contact Ed Birch at 767-7757 or any one of the instructors listed above.

2009 FLAG OFFICERS

Commodore—Lewis Davidson
Vice Commodore—Skip Haskins
Rear Commodore—Donald Shannehan
Treasurer—Tom Pinkowish
Secretary—Barbara Hall
Fleet Captain—Berke George
Fleet Surgeon—Howard Eisenstodt
Fleet Chaplin—Dan Taylor-Stypa

2009 BOARD MEMBERS

James Francis
Jane Pfeffer
Susan Raible
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Neal Stufano
Terry Stewart
Frank Strafacci

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Bell 8—Betty Holcomb
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Galley—Donald Shannehan
House—Skip Haskins
Membership—Jane Pfeffer,
Lewis Davidson
Nominating—Jim Francis
Race—Bill St. John
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and much more!**



**Labor Day Picnic.... ECYC 25th Anniversary
Celebration.... Sunday Night Dinners...
See details inside.**