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Duck Island Yacht Club

Founded in 1932

Happy mid-October!

Look for our Holiday Shirt Sale in our November 25th newsletter!

ANNUAL PARTY w/Awards
Saturday November 23rd at 5:00p

Essex Corinthian Yacht Club

$75/person (only 26 seats left) BYOB

PARTY RSVP HERE or email Robin with questions (before Nov 17th)

ANNUAL MEETING recap

Your approved 2025 Officer Slate

Commodore Anne Edgley
Rear Commodore Race Ruth Emblin
Rear Commodore Cruise Lauren Weinstein
Secretary Renee Carlisle
Director of Publicity Robin Konrad
Vice Commodore Mike DeNamur
Rear Commodore Social VACANT
Treasurer Evan Cooper
Fleet Captain Roger Bauman
*Webmaster Dick Saunders

ECSA Thundermug Regatta (BONUS POINTS)

ECSA
EASTERN CONNECTICUT SAILING ASSOCIATION

Thank you for coming!
Thank you Officers, RC & Social Volunteers and everyone else who helped!

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Member Spotlight
2024 Sailing Cruisers

Evado by Jeffrey Sturges

I got into sailing when I began my professional career and found that my "weekends" were Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Terry Munster, a high school friend, was crewing on Wednesdays and I asked how to get involved. I was living in Niantic at the time, and his advice, after giving me a book on basic parts of a sailboat, was "walk down to a marina on a Wednesday with no wind, bring a 6 pack, and look lost. Someone will ask why you are there; tell them you want to crew". So began my sailing journey.

I crewed on a few boats, ultimately finding a slot on Slainte at DIYC. Terry and Deb also took my wife, Marsha, and I cruising on Strella a couple times before we all had families and that hooked her. So, we spent many nights searching Yachtworld for boats we liked and thought we could afford, and compiling all that info into a 3-ring binder. The arrival of our daughter put the purchase off a couple years, during which time a family member took our binder of research and found an Endeavor 33, a model we liked, near Rochester NY. He bought it, trucked it to VT, and sailed it on Lake Champlain until he decided on upgrading. The Endeavor was for sale, we had a toddler, a newborn, a new house and a new job, so the timing was perfect (sarcasm), but we wanted to make it happen. We had her trucked down from VT, christened her EVADO (our "escape" c/o Google translate), and have been sailing as a family every summer since.

We've had her since 2014, and each year push our sailing adventures into further and more challenging cruises. We often sail to local favorites on Long Island, Block, Rhode Island, and in the last couple years, Nantucket and Edgartown with stops in Cuttyhunk. Mark McCarthy said early on that a boat has no financial justification, but the investment in your family and happiness is priceless. That has certainly been the case for us. Evado has taken us on many adventures, in good weather and bad, challenged us and made us better, given our kids lots of fun, and we look forward to more. We are easy to spot in an anchorage; we'll be the one with a flotilla of inflatable plastic tied to the stern and lifelines covered in beach towels.

Argo by Jessi & Jason Kneier
L'Interdit by Tom Hahn
Orca by Harold Guidotti
Triona by Edward Bennett
Full Sail by Maryellen Pizzolato
Manitou by Rick Veddar
Out of Reach by Dick Saunders
USII by Gary Greve
Valhalla by Lynne & Robert Hubbard
Augenblick by Anne Edgley & Fred Beckham

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Screwball by Amy & Kevin Carse

We bought our first boat, Stewball, in August of 2003. Stewball was a sistership to my dad's boat Legend, a McCurdy and Rhodes 46. When I was growing up my family participated in 5 Marion to Bermuda races aboard Legend and we won overall in 1987. We also cruised the east coast as far north as Grand Manaan Island and as far south and as Savannah, Georgia.

Anyway, after we bought Stewball we spent the next year re-fitting her. The kids were really young Andie was 3 and Kyle less than 1 year old. After cruising Stewball for 6 years we decided to buy Screwball, an Aerodyne 38. The two boats could not have been more different. Stewball was 46 feet long and weight nearly 36,000 pounds. Designed to be raced with a crew of 12, the sails were very big and heavy and the loads large enough that we had coffee grinders. Screwball only weighs 12, 000 pounds and is designed for smaller crews, with a big main sail and small head sails. She can easily be handled by 2 people. In the fall of 2009, I delivered Stewball to Manchester by the Sea, MA, and returned with Screwball.

Screwball has proven to be terrific boats for us. She sails well in all conditions, has a much more comfortable interior, and can be raced competitively and comfortably with larger crews and also cruised comfortably. She is capable of planing and we have hit boat speeds in the 20's on multiple occasions. We have competed in Spring Offsoundings on Screwball every year since 2010 and placed multiple times and won our class once.

Amy and I have tried to engage younger sailors and get them involved in the sport by using Screwball as a platform, we call it Screw U. We have competed in multiple distance races, DIYC overnights, Daylight Distance Races, and Mudnight Madnesses. Placing in our class multiple times with crews of mostly Andie, Kyle and their friends.

Most recently we competed in the Safe Harbor Newport Race Weekend. The goal was to give the Maine Maritime Offshore Sailing team some extra time on the water. Kyle is a senior there and also their driver. Andie was aboard as crew along with multiple current and past members of the MMA sailing team. We were lucky to

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enlist Todd Berman to be aboard as a coach. I was also aboard but tried hard not to be involved in anything other than as a safety officer, snacktition, and wallet. It was a very challenging weekend. The first day was sustained winds in the low 30's with frequent gusts into the high 30's. Many boats retired, we finished but also blew up one of our spinnakers. The next two days were a mixed bag of conditions, from potluck drifting, and lottery results, to beautiful 15-20 knots of wind. From a practice and training point of view the weekend was a terrific success.

There is nothing that makes Amy and I more happy than having Andie and Kyle use the boat on their own. They have done a couple trips to Block Island on their own and delivered the boat from Westbrook to Newport themselves with a few friends in some pretty nasty weather. I'm sure they are currently planning their next trip or regatta for the 2025 season. We look forward to many more trips and races aboard Screwball.

Windchime by Norb Church

I met Windchime 15 years ago. I had just joined The Shoreline Sailing Club and, as a new member, I was invited for my first sail by Rita Lehto on none other than Windchime. Rita was a boat partner with David Knapp, Windchime's owner. It was one of those glorious days in July, warm, not hot, cloudless sky and a perfect 12 knot breeze. I was in love. Not with Rita, (although I was always very fond of her) but with Windchime. She sailed effortlessly; a true joy in the way she handled. As a side note, I discovered that day that her brother was Frank Connolly (who I was also very fond of), who was the Town Manager of North Branford and with whom I worked on a sewer project to provide sewers to 450 homes in Northford. I digress...

Windchime is a Catalina 28, hull number 71, built in 1990, one of over 500 built. She was the generation of Catalinas which were more pleasing to the eye than the earlier Catalinas from the early 80's that looked more like floating bathtubs. She is fast, easy to sail, and I frequently single hand her. Below, she is as spacious as the Morgan 34 and Cal 34 my parents sailed years ago.

I don't often race her, but the last time I did, I won the perpetual Shoreline Sailing Club's Bud Cook Race, named in memory of Rita's brother-in-law. The race was an annual Labor Day weekend pursuit race where we raced from Three Mile Harbor to near Greenport and then finishing near Sag Harbor. Thank goodness they haven't run the race since, so the trophy remains bolted to my mantle.

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About 10 years ago Rita suggested to Dave Knapp that it was time for him to find a new boat partner as she was spending more and more time in Florida. She suggested me to Dave as I was already very familiar with Windchime. At this point, Dave was around 85. We struck a deal- I would take care of everything on Windchime- engine, electrical, you name it, and as it turned out, saving Dave, who knew nothing about all that, a fortune in yard bills. I kept Windchime in turn-key condition so Dave could just get on the boat and go. In exchange, I could use the boat whenever he wasn't, which was most of the time. What a deal! Besides, to me, fixing something on a boat and making it good, is the finest form of therapy. Yup, my friend, there is *nothing*- absolutely nothing- half as much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.

Last summer (2023), at nearly age 95, Dave was entering home Hospice care. At that point, the doctors were saying let him do whatever he wants. Dave wanted to sail. We sailed 3 more times, the last being 3 weeks before he died in late July. A week later, Dave's estate lawyer called me to say Dave left Windchime to me in his will. He told his lawyer he wanted Windchime to go to the person who took such good care of her and loved her so much. As it turned out, his family was delighted because they weren't going to be saddled with the chore of unloading a damn boat! With boat ownership I have been elevated from a social to a full member of DIYC.

For those of you who know me, I definitely like messing about in boats. I don't like to use no stinkin' engine. (Hints of "no stinkin' badges" in Blazing Saddles?) We pretty much always go in and out of our slip under sail. I use the genoa, rolling it in and out to control speed. This summer has been mostly day or evening sails with friends, So far, I have taken out 85 different people from my ski club, my sailing club and DIYC. Memorial Day she spent 3 days and 2 nights in Hamburg Cove. In early September, I brought her up to the Connecticut River and did 9 evening sails to see the swallows do their dance over Goose Island in Old Lyme. In early October, she spent 10 days in Essex for cruises up the river and lunches in Hamburg Cove. She is now back in her home slip at Pilots Point Marina. In total, she burned 7 gallons of fuel for the summer. Yup, there is nothing like messing about in boats.

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SOCIAL CENTRAL

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RSVP HERE or email Robin before Nov 17th
PAY HERE via PayPal
BYOB

Look ahead into 2025

Winter Social - TBD

Thank you, Robin social.chairman@diyc.com

Team One Newport (DIYC SWAG)

Not a racer? But want to be in the action?
Consider joining race committee!

Plan ahead to join in 2025!

Contact Ruth at diyc.race@gmail.com

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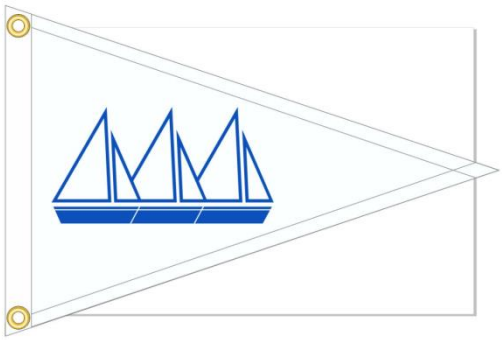
Fun w/Flags

Our Condominium Burgee by Bob Weinstein:



Many many years ago (maybe 42) I was commuting to/from NYC while running a printing company. We were in the process of putting the deal together to buy the marina to form our Condominium Association (DIYCA). If my memory serves me we somehow came up with the logo for the stationary. That logo was used to make our burgee!

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Vice Commodore's Comments

Thank You, Mike Vice.commodore@diyc.com

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RACE INFO

Looking back at the 2024 season we really cannot complain. While there were a few instances when we had to call or shorten races, it has been a good season overall. The conditions included everything from flat seas to whitecaps, sunny skies to stormy, low-hanging rain clouds. True to the DIYC spirit, nothing stopped the fleet from enjoying spirited competition on the water. The Shirley Hall Series, the Spring and Summer Bob McLellan Series, Fleet Captain's Series, One-Design on Thursday Nights, PHRF Spring Regatta, Bill's Cup, ILCA District 7 Championship Race, PHRF Distance Race, and finally the ECSA Bonus Points Thundermug Regatta – hard to believe that all these races are fun by a sincle club. We at DIYC can be very proud of our stong regatta racing culture as well as of the results our racers bring in across the board in other regattas within the Eastern CT Sailing Association (ECSA).

We are blessed with a dedicated race committee who are there week after week to ensure that the series and regattas are run like clockwork.

DIYC is definitely a force to be reckoned within the ECSA circuit! This was made even clearer by ECSA awarding Bonus Points Regatta status to our last regatta, the Thundermug, which resulted in a total of 31 boats registering in three classes; one canvas class and two spinnaker classes.

Saturday, October 19th, started out as a beautiful fall day, and most people had a smile on their face while contemplating the fall foliage, but our sailors were more concerned with the conditions outside Duck Island, of course. The wind started to fill in a bit and courses were set. The starts were pretty exciting with the boats jockeying for the most favored positions near the committee boat, but soon they all were off!

Unfortunately the beautiful fall day was just too beautiful and the wind started dropping. The time limit was 1700h and it began to look as if only a few boats were going to make it. Nevertheless, they all fought until the end and the reconvened at the DIYC clubhouse for awards, libations and food set out by the hard-working social committee.

Overall, the last big regatta of the DIYC sailing season was a success, even if the wind god hadn't been paying attentions!

Thank you to all the volunteers and participants!

Thank you, Ruth diyc.race@gmail.com

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BOG Chair Update

The proposed slate of officers for 2025 was approved at the annual meeting last month. Our goal has been to establish continuity while also bringing new people aboard, so the 2024 officers were asked for a two-year commitment, which was reflected in the 2025 slate. Look for progression among the current officers and additional new nominees as we assemble the 2026 slate later next year. If you have an interest in getting involved and serving in any role, at any level, please let us know.

DIYC is ending the year in a much improved financial position compared with last year, so we will side-step any major dues increases for 2025. The Board of Governors is reviewing the situation and will determine if a small, cost-of-living size increase might be appropriate to stay ahead of inflation. Stay tuned.

Regards, David Nauber

Treasurer's Report

a) Monthly bills paid
(Eversource, Yachtscoring, Clubhouse cleaning & webhosting)
b) Finalizing Thundermug registration, shirt sales and party fees
c) Tax returns in process
d) Working on Annual Party w/Awards fees

Thank you, Evan *diyc.treasurer@gmail.com*

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Cruise Highlights

End of October is a great time for a cruise! Especially this October! You really can't beat the weather. Missed a spot this summer? There's still time!

MOORING REGULATION REMINDER

1) Moorings are available on a "first come, first served" basis, subject to the following priorities
   A) DIYC Active members
   B) Where permitted, guests of DIYC members when cruising with a member yacht
   C) Where permitted members of yacht clubs which grant reciprocal privileges to DIYC

DIYC members may not offer the use of the Club moorings to other individuals

For full mooring locations & regulations

See our DIYC website and click on "Member Only" section

Thank you, Lauren cruise.chairman@diyc.com

FLEET NEWS

Thanks for a great season…see you spring 2025!

Thank you, Roger fleet.captain@diyc.com

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Secretary's Summaries

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Find our minutes and rosters on our website → **Members Only** Requires userid & pswd

Thank you, Renee diyc.secretary32@gmail.com

Condo Happenings

Thank you, Mark Salerno-Condo Secretary

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Commodore's Corner

Our Annual Meeting is always a wonderful evening to be Commodore! Thank you everyone who attended which occurred a bit later in the year than normal. Our clubhouse was comfortably full with interests and cheers! A gratitude of thanks for each of my officers for their faithful and hard work during our 2024 season with much energy and excitement as it certainly showed when they shared their reports. Thank you Mike, Ruth, Renee, Evan, Roger, Robin and Lauren!

Appreciation to our Board of Governors for their support to me during my first year as Commodore of DIYC. Thank you Dave, Mike, Mark, Brian, B.J. and Bob!

I am excited to continue as Commodore of DIYC for 2025!

Next Officer's Meeting: *Tuesday, November 12th at 5:30p*

Thank you, Anne diyc.commodore@gmail.com

Got News?

Our NEXT "The Mainsheet Newsletter" will be Monday, November 25th

Spotlight on our new Treasurer, Evan Cooper

And our One Design members!
JY15: T. J. Buckley, John Amendola, Jameson McCarthy
Laser: Roger Bauman, Terry Munster, Ben Russell
Etchells: Mark Kondracki/Evan Cooper/Doug Carlisle, Scott Beckwith, Toby Doyle, Dennis Carriere

Spotlight on Sheridan Bauman of Premier Gear
Winter Shirt Sale information

Submission deadline: Monday November 18th

Thank you, Robin
Director of Publicity diyc.pub@gmail.com

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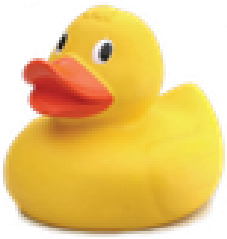

Frostbite Yacht Club
The Connecticut River Squadron established circa. 1933

Laser IDEAL 18 J15 The Rocket

2024 Fall Series

One Design Sailing

5 Classes: Etchells, Laser, Ideal 18, JY 15, Rocket

Join us on the Connecticut River in Essex, at Essex Yacht Club

Sundays October 13 to December 8th – Warning signal @ 1300

Members and Non-Members Welcome

Register today: www.fbyc.org

Daily awards and chili post racing

Charter boats may be available for JY15 and Laser fbyc1933@gmail.com

Accepting donations of boats as well.

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- 2024 Holiday Shirt Sale – To Be Announced in November
- **Sailboat for Sale –** J29 MHIB **"VELOCITY"**, *1984 J29, Masthead rig, inboard engine w/sail Drive, Fries Sails Compliment. Turnkey J29, ready to race. Contact Dave Gilmore at Windshear01@gmail.net $14,900*

- ***Rent our Clubhouse*** - $100/day, see our rental agreement link in the "Members Only" section of our website – questions ask Vice Commodore Mike (BOOKING FOR 2025)
- **Need Swag?** – DIYC Magnets $5 and stickers $3! *For questions ask Vice Commodore Mike*
- **Got Photos? –** see below. *For questions ask Vice Commodore Mike*

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DIYC Website News & Updates @

Finishing up my 20th year as Webmaster!
Thank you for checking in often…and be sure to check in next spring!

Thank you, Dick diyc.webmaster@gmail.com

Previous Month **November** Next Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Gray items are last years positions or best guess. When date is confirmed it'll be changed to red.					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 ECSA Awards Banquet
10	11	12 Officers Meeting 5:30 PM	13	14	15	16
17 Annual Party RSVP deadline	18	19				23 Annual Awards Party at Essex Corinthian YC - 5PM
24	25 Mainsheet Newsletter eBlast	2	27	28	29	30

Annual Party w/Awards – Nov 23rd
RSVP deadline Nov 17th
26 seats left

Other Happenings:

- CT River Bridge Project started (completion slated in 2031)
- ECSA's Annual Banquet Saturday November 9th

That's all for now Duckies ☺…..Cheers Thank you, Robin diyc.pub@gmail.com

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DUCK ISLAND YACHT CLUB Inc.

Membership Application

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (check one) Active ___Social ____
Children under Age 26 by 4/1? Yes____ No____
A Social member may not own a boat greater than 20 feet

Name_____
Last First Spouse/Significant other

Address_____
Street City State Zip

Applicant:

Cell Phone_____Home phone_____E-mail_____

Spouse/Significant other:

Cell Phone_____Home phone_____E-mail_____

Children (names and ages) _____

Occupation (Applicant) _____ Company_____

Work Address_____
Street City State Zip Phone

Occupation (Spouse) _____Company_____

Work Address_____
Street City State Zip Phone

Boat Name: _____ Make_____ Type_____ Sail #_____

Boat Location: (Where is it docked?) _____

Proposals: Applicant must be proposed by current Active (not Social) Members of Duck Island Yacht Club

Proposed By: _____

Seconded By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Applicant & Member Responsibility: I understand the success of Duck Island Yacht Club requires 100% involvement of its members. I agree to do my part as an active contributor to the work responsibilities of the club.
The applicant understands and agrees to all the requirements of Active/Social Membership and agrees to comply with all DIYC rules and bylaws.

Applicant's Signature_____Date_____

***Proposer/Seconds must recommend the applicant for membership by completing the New Member Recommendation Form. They must be Active (not Social) Members in good standing and must know the Applicant.**
****All completed forms are *to be submitted to the Proposer* of this member.**
The *proposer* will then mail all completed forms with the appropriate fees (see Membership Options) to the DIYC Secretary.

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Duck Island Yacht Club - New Member Recommendation Form

DUCK ISLAND YACHT CLUB Inc.
PO BOX 593 * WESTBROOK, CONNECTICUT 06498

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (check one) _____ Active _____ Social

Name of Applicant (s) _____
Last First Spouse

How long have you known applicant? _____ In what capacity do you know the applicant?
_____
_____
_____

Describe the contributions this applicant could make to the club as a member:
_____
_____
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_____
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_____

Recommender's Signature _____ Date _____

(check one) _____ Proposer _____ Second #1 _____ Second #2

This completed form is to given to the *Proposer* to be submitted with the completed application and appropriate fees to:

Secretary, Duck Island Yacht Club, P.O. Box 593, Westbrook, CT 06498