



## East Chop Yacht Club

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Dear East Chop Yacht Club Members (and potential members);

As usual, this letter begins with a comment about the weather! January here in the Carolinas saw unprecedented cold, while February set a record for warmth! And the groundhog certainly knew New England would have wild winter weather for weeks on end! Happily, ECYC has come through the season without any significant damage so far. Ice loosened one of our pilings; but that can be easily repaired.

Last fall in one of the gales of November, we lost our flagpole. Not only was it a physical loss, but also a sentimental one. In Hurricane Donna (1960), the catboat Cuckoo I, owned by Chuck Sanders and Jim Bryan, sank. Her salvaged rigging was donated by the Bryan/Sanders families to ECYC and was transformed into the flagpole and yardarm that have stood on the club grounds for almost sixty years. Plans are underway to replace the flagpole this coming summer.

Enclosed in this mailing are the Junior Sailing Program Application and the Sailing Program Parents' Letter. Sailing classes are scheduled to run weekly (M-F) from Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Also enclosed is the Facilities Billing Sheet. While the club has a significant repayment obligation to ECBC for the bulkhead reconstruction, we believe it can be met without a further fee increase. Adjustments will be made in future years if deemed necessary.

Finally, mark your calendars! The annual ECYC members' party will be on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. The improvements made to the ECYC over the last few years are certainly worth celebrating!

Sincerely,

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