



Essex Summer Solstice Gam

June 22-24, 2018
Essex Yacht Club
13 Novelty Lane, Essex, CT

Agenda

Speakers, Topics and Dates Subject to Change

Friday, June 22nd

15:00 – 17:00 Shore Side Support (Advance reservations required)

17:00 – 19:00 Meet & Greet @ TBD

Saturday, June 23rd

08:00 – 09:00 Coffee & Registration

09:00 – 09:15 Welcome and Introductions – Bob Osborn, s/v *Pandora*

09:15 – 10:15 ***Getting the Most Out of Your Canvas and What to Look for in Quality Work*** – Chad Zawisza, Sunnyside Canvas

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:15 ***How to Keep Your Rig Up Where It Belongs*** – Chuck Poindexter, Sound Rigging Services

11:15 – 12:00 ***Splicing Exotic Fibers: Make Your Own Soft Hank*** (workshop) – Chuck Poindexter, Sound Rigging Services

12:00 – 13:00 Buffet Lunch (Pre-registration required)

13:00 – 13:45 ***Yes, You Can Do the US Waterway Great Loop!*** – Kim Russo, America's Great Loop Cruisers' Association

13:45 – 14:30 ***What's Going On With the Weather These Days: Large-Scale Weather Drivers*** – Chris Parker, Marine Weather Center

14:30 – 14:45 Break

14:45 – 15:30 ***You and the USCG: Who Does What and Staying Safe*** – USCG Representative

15:30 – 16:30 ***Live SAR USCG Helicopter Demonstration on the River*** – USCG Representatives

16:30 – 17:00 Break

17:00 – 18:00 **Beer & Wine Reception** (Cash Bar)

18:00 – 20:00 **Buffet Dinner and Keynote w/Paul Farrell, author of *Tugboats Illustrated*** (Pre-registration required)

Sunday, June 24th

- 08:00 – 09:00 Coffee & Registration
- 09:00 – 09:15 Welcome
- 09:15 – 10:00 TBD
- 10:00 – 10:45 ***How to Choose a Quality Inflatable and Keep It Looking Like New*** – Jeff Going, Dinghy Pro
- 10:45– 11:00 Break
- 11:00 – 12:15 ***Choose When and Where to Cruise to Get the Best Weather*** – Chris Parker, Marine Weather Center
- 12:15 – 13:15 Buffet Lunch (Pre-registration required)
- 13:15 – 13:30 ***Your Boat Insurance Is Changing with All Those Hurricanes*** – Rick Bagnall, IMIS/Gowrie Group
- 13:30 – 14:30 ***What You Didn't Know About Your Healthcare When You Travel*** – Rick Bagnall, IMIS/Gowrie Group
- 14:30 – 14:45 Break and Close of the Silent Auction
- 14:45 – 15:45 ***Cruising the Windward Islands*** – Bob Osborn, s/v *Pandora*
- 15:45 – 16:30 ***How to Get the Longest Life from Your Sails*** – Jack Orr, North Sails
- 16:30 – 17:00 **Announcement of the Silent Auction Winners** (payment & pick-up)
- 17:00 – 18:00 Break
- 18:00 – 19:00 **Beer & Wine Reception at Connecticut River Museum** (Cash Bar, one drink ticket included with gam registration)
- 19:00 – 21:00 **Potluck at the Connecticut River Museum**

Monday, June 25th

- 09:00 – 11:00 Shore Side Support (Advance reservations required)