



The Jovial Crew™ a traditional folk music band, with Essex, CT as our home port. We are a group of guys who present historical, traditional, and some contemporary songs “in the tradition”; Sea songs, old English songs, early American songs, Irish & Scots selections, ballads and songs of love and consequences, drinking songs, songs of the working classes...

Begun by Cliff Haslam in 1986, the band has had the pleasure of myriad performers in our lineup. Currently we have Joseph Morneault (a founding member and current manager), Rick Spencer (formerly of Mystic Seaport and years of sea music experience), and Michael Hotkowski (song writer and newest member of our crew); Paul Elliott is another founding member and now lives in the south, re-joining with us when he is in town. We’ve been guests on several internet radio programs; we’ve been on the Colin McEnroe show; we’ve been covered by the New York Times; we’ve been visited and covered by Connecticut news shows such as WFSB, WTNH, and PBS Weekends with Yankee, not to mention at least a dozen print and internet magazines.

You can find us every Monday night (with rare exception) at the [Griswold Inn](#) at 36 Main Street, Essex, CT, USA. The show begins at 8p and go until 11p... Sometimes we fudge the specific times, pending crowd, weather, &c. It almost always fills in quickly so if you’ve a mind to sit you might wish to consider getting there early and ordering something from the pub menu. **And bring your singing voice and a sense of humour**, for anything less simply will not do!

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