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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Feb. 03 Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
- Feb. 09 Commodore's Happy
Hour
- Feb. 10 Town Hall Meeting
- Feb. 17 Commodores' Ball
- Feb. 24 Dinghy Race
CIA

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Jimmy Lee

We are off to the races for ABYC in 2018! Board members and committees are working hard to fill the calendar for 2018 and we are off to a great start. Take a look at our Team Up calendar to see an up to the minute schedule of events.

Speaking of committees, we are in search mode for a head of our newly formed Technology Committee. We have a new website portal waiting in the wings and we are looking for a member to maintain the site. Please see my previous email with the details and let me know if you are interested.

We had a great turn out for the

workday on January 13th with about a dozen Club members doing the demolition on the deck and getting ABYC ready for our seawall construction, which should be underway by the beginning of February.

Please plan to join Sondra and me at the Commodores' Ball on February 17th with dining and dancing and a Roaring Twenty's theme. It should be quite the time.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the membership potluck meeting on February 3rd and my second Commodore's Happy Hour on February 9th. Bring a friend and introduce them to the Club and don't forget to welcome all our new members.

One last item, don't forget the ABYC Town Hall Meeting is on February 10th at 11 AM. Bring any questions and ideas charting the future course of the Club. Fair winds!

Vice Commodore's Corner

Eric Olsen

The spring on-the-water activities are beginning to take shape. The PHRF races have been put on the calendar and will begin in March. We hope to have a great turnout this spring for these races.

The first monthly dinghy race will be January 27 in the basin. Participants will need to get their own dinghy to the race. We are looking for volunteers to help run the dinghy, races possibly on a monthly rotating basis in which a

different individual acts as the "race committee" for each race.

We are working on rescheduling the Associate Member Sail Day to sometime in February – weather permitting. Once rescheduled, we will send out a notice to the Associate Members. Associate Members will be invited to sail with Regular Members or take their own boat, if they like.

There will be a "fun sail" regatta following the Spring Opening on March 10. We hope to get as many boats as we can out on the water after the opening. This will not be a race, but rather just an opportunity for Club members to be out on the water together.

In late spring or early summer after the conclusion of the PHRF racing, we will have several "beer can" races open to everyone where ratings will not matter but the ability to follow unusual directions will. Stay tuned!

Members - Please Note

The Ensign & the Club burgee should be taken down at the end of an event and put away in the ice house.

MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Feb. 03, 2018
- Social - 1800
- Pot Luck - 1900
- Business Meeting - 1945
- Program - 1800

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Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

John Newton

The January meeting and program at West Marine in Tallahassee were well attended. About 40 people showed up to learn more about Garmin products from Dowe Thornton. He brought caps and koozies for folks who wanted them. Dowe said he would leave more caps with West Marine for people who did not get one. We also learned that long-time West Manager and Club supporter Jim Clark is moving to another store in another town. Take the time to stop by to wish Jim good luck and thank him for his support over the years.

Almost everybody went to Cabo's for supper afterwards. Mike Ferrara, a fine cruising sailor, and his crew took good care of us, despite the strain forty people arriving at once put on the systems. People seemed to enjoy the two for one drafts and margaritas special Cabo's had for the Club.

February's meeting will provide a treat. Diane Roberts will speak to us. Diane is a well known and highly regarded author and commentator, widely published in the United States and Great Britain. She is regularly published in all three Times - London, New York, and St. Pete. Diane's many books include *The Myth of Aunt Jemima* (a scholarly examination of representation of African-Americans in literature written by Caucasian women), *Dream State: Eight Generations of Swamp Lawyers, Conquistadors, Confederate Daughters, Banana Republicans, and Other Florida Wildlife* (much funnier than the usual history tome and full of information about the panhandle), and *Tribal, College Football and the Secret Heart of America*. *Tribal*

is Diane's latest book. It examines the southern affinity for college football and why college football is the sport America deserves. It is as passionate and well-informed as you would expect from a writer who started her career as a sports reporter and grew up in Tallahassee bleeding garnet and gold.

Tribal highlights Diane's unique ability to combine serious analysis, historical facts, and major laughs. Diane is a great speaker and has the best southern accent. Come hear her at the February meeting.

In March we will hear from intrepid sailors Sue and Kingsley Ross about their last two trips across the Atlantic and cruising the Mediterranean.

Jr. Board Member Report Social Report and Plans

Sondra Lee

The first month of 2018 was a busy one with several events taking place. The first ringing in of the New Year in our expanded clubhouse was a great success in spite of the cold wet weather. Thanks to Marcia Bjerregaard and Angel Ganey for co-hosting this year's celebration and to ABYC for providing a champagne toast for those who stuck it out to the Eastern Time Zone New Year at the clubhouse. Eighteen hours later, several members gathered for a New Year's Day Hoppin' John potluck dinner where lots of great food was served to those who were too frostbitten and windblown to get outside much on New Year's Day. A few days later, we had another great turnout for the January Membership Meeting at West Ma-

rine followed by a dinner get-together at Cabo's, arranged by John Newton. The Commodore hosted a happy hour one Friday evening and the Soups, Stews and Chili, hosted by Kris Hebert, had returned to its traditional January time slot. The January Changes in Attitude host is the ABYC Social Committee (S. Lee, A. Ganey, B. Hamilton, T. Watkins, S. Wilhelm).

February is also full of activities at ABYC, with something taking place each weekend. First, the monthly member meeting returns to the clubhouse on Saturday, February 3 with a potluck dinner. Bring a main dish, side dish or dessert to share before the monthly membership meeting and program. The bar opens at 6:00 PM for cocktails; potluck dinner served buffet-style at 7:00 PM; membership meeting begins at 7:45 PM followed by the program at 8:00 PM. See the Senior Board Member's report for details on the program.

The second weekend brings the second Commodore's Happy Hour. Stop by the club between 5:45 & 7:45 PM on Friday, February 9 and have your drink served by the Commodore. No food will be provided by ABYC, but if you show up with something to share, you will not be turned away! Plastic glassware will be used, but members can bring their own glassware if desired.

This year's ABYC Commodores' Ball will take place the third weekend of February, on the 17th. The evening will start with the bar opening at 6:00 PM., dinner (catered by Black Fig) served at 7:00 PM, followed by live music by The Allie Cats. The cost is \$45 per person. Reservations are required for this catered event. You

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can RSVP online using the club calendar, or by sending an email or text message to Commodore Jimmy Lee (winterlee@comcast.net, 850-445-4072). Details of the meal will be available on ABYC's online calendar, provided in Google Group emails, and on the ABYC Members' Facebook group feed.

The final event of February will be the Changes in Attitude on February 24 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Hosts Dee Pace and Glen Broga will be bring us a Mardi Gras themed evening. Reservations are not required for Changes in Attitude gatherings and there is no cost to attendees other than the cost of the tokens you use at the bar.

For you long range planners out there, mark your calendars for our annual Spring Opening on March 10. More details will be forthcoming by the usual means (online calendar, the March issue of *The Mark*, emails, and Facebook notifications).

Membership Report

Cam Whitlock

This month I'm pleased to announce that the Board approved four new associate memberships; Ted Schweitzer, George and Shiela Gill, Ray Spudeck, and Richard and Tammy Lynn Norman. We have one new application posted at the Club from Gena and Joe Thomas. Please welcome these new and prospective members when you see them at the Club!

**Webmaster's Cubicle**

C. Henry Depew

Brief History of ABYC Website

ABYC member Al Oosterhof created our original website in around 1997 using Microsoft's original version of FrontPage, a software package that at the time was fairly unique in its ability to help one develop and debug websites. The overall design of the original website has remained intact, with its smaller left panel used to navigate among the website's major sections, which are displayed in the larger right panel. The left panel presently includes several of its original elements including ABYC's logo and reminder to "Bookmark ABYC" for future access, the tickertape encouraging viewers to check out the website's weather page, a summary of the month's events, and links to membership information, the photo gallery, tide data, and nautical sites. Clicking on the ABYC logo remains a hidden link back to the site's homepage, which still contains three of its original photos including a sunset at Dog Island, the Go for It approaching the start line at the 1998 VC Regatta, and one of the early Gobbler Regatta puffin races. The purpose of the website was to provide members and others links to useful nautical and weather sites, and to promote ABYC to the community and perspective members. Al remained the site's webmaster for a number of years.

In 2009, Steve Augustine proposed purchasing through contributions from members of the Club and the community, a weather instrument package that could pro-

vide live weather information to the Shell Point community. The ABYC Board provided seed money and others contributed the remaining funds and a location for housing the station. Through the Weather Underground, continuous Shell Point weather information became available on the Web, and included a link to the ABYC website. For several years, a counter embedded in the ABYC homepage showed that the single largest source of ABYC website hits within the Tallahassee region came from individuals who found our website through the Weather Underground link.

Henry Depew became the webmaster in 2007, managed updates to the website's calendar, and added the Archived Materials link that provides access to previous issues of THE MARK. More recently, an Expanded Calendar link has provided access to information related to Club events.

Because of the old software being used (the 2003 version of FrontPage), newer hardware and software had problems accessing all the material on the site. Work started in June 2017, to update the site with others taking over the web site. This work is still underway.

Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

If you have any questions about your bill, you can email me at mbg1215@netzero.net or purser.abyc@gmail.com or call me at 926-5024.

ABYC Board Meeting

Draft Minutes

Please be aware that the minutes upon which this draft is based have not been approved by the Board. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, but errors may inadvertently be present.

The Combined Board meeting was held on Jan. 6, 2018.

Present

Jimmy Lee, Commodore
Cam Whitlock, Past Commodore
Steve LaRosa, Former Past Commodore
Eric Olsen, Vice Commodore
Dan Rocawich, Rear Commodore
Maxie Glenn, Purser
John Newton, Sr Board Member
Sondra Lee, Jr Board Member
Angel Ganey, Past Jr. Board Member
Glenn Parker, Scribe

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order by Jimmy Lee at 1:07 PM.

A motion to approve last month's minutes was made by Maxie Glenn and seconded by Steve LaRosa. The motion was passed.

The 2017 officers described their respective responsibilities to all present.

Commodore's Report

Jimmy Lee reported that a workday is scheduled for Saturday, January 13 to remove the wooden pool deck and the ramp leading to the gangway to the docks. The status of the seawall repair and purchase of the orphan docks were discussed. Jimmy proposed that a town hall type meeting be scheduled for February 10 to obtain input from members. Future projects, including dock pedestals and the need to paint the clubhouse deck were discussed. Jimmy reported that a technology committee would be formed and that Trish

Boyd would work on the ABYC store for members to purchase club logo items.

Vice Commodore's Report

Eric Olsen discussed the spring PHRF series and also proposed scheduling an Associate Member sail day.

Rear Commodore's Report

Dan Rocawich reviewed what needed to be done during the January 13 workday to prepare for the seawall renovations, which should begin by the end of January. He also suggested replacing the wooden pool deck with pavers, as well as possibly replacing the grassy areas near the pool to keep cut grass from littering the pool water.

Past Commodore's Report

Steve LaRosa reported that the membership application form needs to be updated. He also discussed the need to form a Purser's committee. The offsite storage room at Stowaway costs \$600 per year. This is the location where old financial and other records are kept. Steve suggested other alternatives in order to eliminate this expense. Dishwasher maintenance was discussed, along with the need to purchase new chemicals soon. He suggested purchasing the chemicals from the manufacturer, who will provide routine maintenance to the unit at no additional cost.

Eric Olsen moved that Steve and Dan explore alternatives to Stowaway and John Newton seconded. The motion was passed.

Purser's Report

Maxie Glenn reported that she has a new Resale Certificate that permits the Club to avoid paying sales tax on items that are re-sold. She also discussed the need to address the concept of members purchasing shares as a requirement for membership. Maxie reviewed the

previous period's financials.

Cam Whitlock moved that the previous financial report be approved and Eric Olsen seconded. The motion was passed.

Jr Board Member's Report

Sondra Lee reviewed the calendar of Club events for the coming year and announced a new event called the Commodore's Happy Hour. Going forward, the CIA hosts will be encouraged to provide hors d'oeuvres only and not a full meal. Those hosts wishing to provide a full meal can still do so, but the event will be announced and held separately, with a cost to the attendees to help defray the additional expenses involved. The Spring Opening is scheduled for March 10.

Sondra moved to reduce the reimbursement to CIA hosts from the current \$75 to \$50, in recognition of the hors d'oeuvres only requirement. Angel Ganey seconded and the motion was passed.

Sr. Board Member Report

John Newton reported that Diane Roberts will be the speaker at the March membership meeting. Kingsley and Sue Ross will be the speakers at the March meeting.

Scribe's Report

Glenn Parker had nothing to report.

With no further business to discuss, Glenn moved that the meeting be adjourned. John Newton seconded. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Parker, Scribe



For Sale or Trade

Members may advertise items in *The Mark* for sale, trade, or giveaway. There is no charge for this service. Ads should include a description of the item, asking price, and contact information of the seller. The items may be nautical or otherwise, but advertising of a commercial nature is not permitted in this section.

Please send info on items for sale or trade to Glenn Parker
glennp53@comcast.net
or call 407-312-2202 if you have any questions.

For Sale

Harmony 22, *Staccato*, includes full complement of sails (main, 150% & 100% genoa, spinnaker), 2.5 hp motor. Condition - fair. . Comes with 2 rudders. \$2,950 or best offer. Contact Cam Whitlock (850)228-3542 or Steve LaRosa (850)264-2892

Rear Commodore's Corner

Dan Rocawich

If you see something that needs repair, please let me know.

Web Calendar

If you go to the ABYC web site <abyconline.org> and click on the "Extended Calendar - click here" you will be taken to the on-line web calendar. Please check that site for current event information.

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

BOAT/US and other boating organizations are sending out notices that if you own a documented vessel, be vary careful about renewing the documentation. There are some third-party organizations that offer to do the renewal for you, at a cost that exceeds the USCG's renewal fee. There is little reason to use a third-party to renew as it can be done on-line at the Coast Guard's official web site:

<http://www.uscg.mil>

Choose "Mariners" from the header list and then the National Documentation Center to get to the proper place to renew your boat's documentation.

A young duck hunter almost died from hypothermia after falling into cold lake water. Once they had pulled their friend back into the boat and headed for dry land, a call on a cell phone brought a faster boat to the scene and a successful rescue operation was well underway. I went looking on the Web to see how many hunters drown from falling out of boats (or boats overturning) only to find the statistics buried among all the other drowning numbers.

What I find of interest in terms of words used in a 2016 report on the subject:

"From 2005-2014, there were an average of 3,536 fatal unintentional drownings (non-boating related) annually in the United States — about ten deaths per day. An additional 332 people died each year from drowning in boating-related incidents..." I wonder from the above wording if boating related drownings are considered intentional?

TOWN HALL MEETING

Jimmy Lee

I know this date has jumped around a bit but I wanted to remind the membership that we have a town hall meeting scheduled for **February 10th** at 11 AM. I will send other reminders out as the time draws near.

We will be discussing the past, present and possible future direction of the club. Bring your ideas and questions!

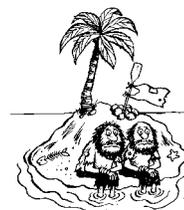
This is a direct quote from the team up calendar:

"It's good to have a picture of where you have been, where you are and a vision of where you are going. "

Please join your Commodore and Board and bring your big picture ideas regarding Apalachee Bay Yacht Club. As your Commodore, I am very interested in peoples opinions, expectations and desires. I and as many of the Board members possible will be there to listen to the members and answer any questions.

We are going to try to do this a few times a year and I hope we can get a good turn out.

I will create an agenda and send it out a few days before the meeting.

**Changes In Attitude Social**

Date: Feb, 24, 2018

Time: 6 - 7:30 pm

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2018

February

- Feb. 03 Board Meeting - clubhouse - 3:00-4:30 pm
Membership Meeting - clubhouse - social 6-7:00 pm - potluck dinner
7:00-7:45 pm - business meeting 7:45 pm
- Feb. 09 Commodore's Happy Hour - clubhouse - 5:45-7:45 pm
- Feb. 10 Town Hall Meeting - clubhouse - 11:00 am -
- Feb. 17 Commodores' Ball - clubhouse - 6:00 - 11:00 pm
- Feb. 24 Dinghy Race - 1:00 pm -
CIA - clubhouse - 6:00-7:30 pm

March

- Mar. 03 Board Meeting - clubhouse - 3:00-4:30 pm
Membership Meeting - clubhouse - social 6-7:00 pm - potluck dinner
7:00-7:45 pm - business meeting 7:45 pm
- Mar. 09 Commodore's Happy Hour - clubhouse - 5:45-7:45 pm
- Mar. 10 Spring Opening - clubhouse - TBA
- Mar. 11 PHRF #1 - clubhouse skippers' meeting - 10:30 am
- Mar. 24 PHRF #2 - clubhouse skippers' meeting - 10:30 am
CIA - clubhouse - 6:00-7:30 pm
- Mar. 31 Dinghy Race - 1:00 pm -



NOTE: The above calendar is valid as of the date of printing. For updates/changes consult the Expanded Calendar at ABYC's web site (ABYConline.org).

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