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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Dec. 02 Board Meeting
- Membership Meeting
- Dec. 08 Lighted Boat Parade
- Dec. 09 Holiday Party
- Dec. 31 New Year's Party

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Cam Whitlock

Its been a great ride serving as Commodore for the past two years. The experience has proven to be both rewarding and fun. I have enjoyed taking on the renovations, negotiating the many challenges of running the Club, and getting to know many of you better. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

Over the past year we've had 18 new Associate Members join ABYC! In February, we'll be holding a Town Hall meeting to discuss the growing membership and ways to make the next several years fun and rewarding for everyone. Be on the lookout for more details on the meeting and plan to attend and contribute to the conversation.

MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- December 02, 2017
- Social - 1800
- Pot Luck - 1900
- Business Meeting - 1945

I look forward to working with incoming Commodore Jimmy Lee. I have confidence that our success as a club will continue under his leadership. I also look forward to my new role as Past Commodore, leading membership growth.

ABYC continues to grow. This month, please join me in welcoming new associate members Mike Twomey and Laura Rush, and Dorothy LaSeur. As always, if you see someone at the Club that you don't know, please strike up a conversation.

Fair winds and following seas!

Vice Commodore's Corner

Jimmy Lee

This has been a fantastic fall at ABYC. Lots of great activities and beautiful boating weather. The PHRF Fall Series has ended with Don Reeder and crew winning the Fall A Fleet aboard *Wiki-Wiki*. Second place was Cam Whitlock and crew on *Harmony* and third place to John Hamilton and crew on *Adios*.

Although we did not have a lot of B Fleet participation, Michael Ganey and crew managed to get first place with *Maxie I*. We actually had a small multi-hull fleet with Michael Getman and crew getting first place aboard *The Lost Boys*. Second place went to David Saint and crew aboard *Fringe Element*. (full report on page 4)

Now with the cold weather months ahead, it is time get our vessels cleaned and to tackle all

that deferred maintenance, we all put off for the beautiful spring weather around the corner.

As this is my last Vice Commodore's report, I am honored to have had an opportunity to help out the Club, and am looking forward to 2018 as your Commodore.

Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

When you receive an email with the subject "Invoice from Apalachee Bay Yacht Club", the balance due is ONLY the amount for your current Club activity. To see if there is also an outstanding balance, you need to click on "View Invoice", which will include any balance due.

If you have any questions, you can email me at
mbg1215@netzero.net
or call me at
926-5024.



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Jr. Board Member Report Social Report and Plans

Angel Ganey

'Tis the final social report for 2017 and alas, my final report as your Social Director. In reflecting on the past two years, it is amazing to see how much the Club has grown in both physical size with the renovations, and in overall membership. Bringing people together for ABYC events has been a rewarding experience and I am glad to have had the opportunity to serve with ABYC's Board of Directors. Thank you to all who have volunteered to host events and who have helped when called upon. I sincerely appreciate each and every one of you!

The parties are getting started in December to kick off the holiday season!

Join us for ABYC's monthly membership meeting on Saturday, December 2. Bring a dish to share for the pot-luck supper. Cocktails begin at 1800; dinner is served buffet-style at 1900; the membership meeting begins at 1945 followed by the program at 2000.

The weekend of December 8 & 9 will be full of fun for the community, starting with the lighted boat parade on Friday and continuing with Saturday activities to include the Shell Point Golf Cart Parade, Market Days at the fire station and ABYC's annual holiday party.

Light up the waterways on Friday, December 8th! ABYC is coordinating the 2017 Lighted Boat Parade held at Shell Point Beach. This event is open to the public and all boats (large or small, monohull or multihull, power or sail) are welcome to participate. Boats will rendezvous at 6:30 pm on the water in front of the Sea Chapel (old Coast Guard Auxiliary station). The parade route will take

the boats in front of the beach, down into the basin at the boat ramp, and if smaller boats are willing, up and down the canals.

Please contact Susie Wilhelm to sign up!

The community golf cart parade will start at 10:00 AM from Pebble Court. Following the parade, participants and the entire community are invited to the Apalachee Bay Volunteer Fire Department for Shell Point Market Days, music and more!

Later that evening, beginning at 6:00 PM, ABYC's annual holiday party and Yankee gift swap will get underway with ABYC's own Moses Turner providing music in the form of holiday carols and additional musical offerings. Dinner will be catered by Chef Drew (details to follow). The Yankee Swap, a tradition at ABYC, continues this year. Those who choose to participate bring a wrapped gift and place it under the tree. All participants leave with a gift, but not necessarily the one they first selected. Rules are explained at the party. Individuals who wish to participate in the Yankee Swap are asked to bring a wrapped gift in the \$20.00 range.

Another tradition at ABYC is a community outreach to Wakulla County Refuge House. This organization serves abused families in our community. We collect money or gift cards (Publix, WinnDixie, Walmart, etc.) for the group and they are distributed to those in need throughout the year. Bring donations to the holiday party to be delivered to Wakulla County Refuge House.

Ring in the New Year with your ABYC friends! On December 31, the New Year's Eve party will take place at the ABYC Clubhouse starting at 9:00 PM. Champagne

toast at midnight! (Non-alcoholic options will also be available.) The cost of admittance is an appetizer to share.

On New Year's Day, we'll race Puffins and dinghies and Holders (oh my!) in the Will Glenn Memorial Frost Bite Regatta. After the Regatta, sailors, members, and spectators are invited to the clubhouse for a taste of southern good luck food for the New Year: Hoppin' John, collard greens, black-eyed peas, cornbread, and more!

Membership Report

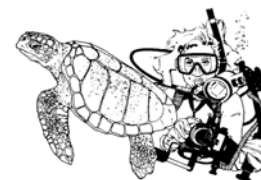
Steve LaRosa

I have the pleasure of introducing our newest members Laura Rush and Mike Twomey. They have a Catalina sailboat and hope to be active sailing in our local coastal waters. Please welcome them when you see them at an upcoming event.

Remember you can refer to our website under member information to catch up on member rules and regulations.

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.



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.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Cam Whitlock at 3:05 PM.

A motion to approve last month's minutes was made by Jimmy Lee and seconded by Dan Rocawich. The motion passed.

Commodore's Report

Cam Whitlock announced that the proposed By-Law changes and the 2018 slate of Club officers would be voted on at the membership meeting. A discussion was held regarding holding town hall type meetings on a quarterly basis in an effort to keep the membership better informed concerning Club business. Plans for the upcoming Awards Banquet were discussed. Cam reported that the orphan dock purchase is still proceeding. The date for the joint board meeting was set for January 6, 2018 and the Commodore's Ball for February 17, 2018.

Vice Commodore's Report

Jimmy Lee reported that racing fees collected from participants do not cover expenses incurred, particularly the cost of replacing and maintaining the course marks. It was agreed that further discussions will be held on whether or not it is feasible to either retrieve the marks when not in use, or use portable inflatable marks.

Past Commodore's Report

Since Steve LaRosa was not present, Cam Whitlock reported that Dorothy LaSeur has been accepted for associate membership, and new member applications have been received for Ken and Mary Zimmer, Laura Rush, and Mike

Twomey. Steve had requested permission to inspect the storage room at Stow Away to determine if there is another way to store old financial records without incurring the \$50 per month storage fee.

Rear Commodore's Report

Dan Rocawich discussed the status of the seawall repairs and distributed engineering drawings to the board members. Timing for the removal of the tree near the pool was discussed, as well as long term landscaping plans. Bathroom renovations are planned to be completed before the end of the year.

Purser's Report

As Maxie Glenn was not present, Cam Whitlock discussed the September and October financials. A discussion was held regarding paying the difference between interest due on the new mortgage and the amount of the larger former mortgage in order to reduce principal. A motion was made by Jimmy Lee to pay the difference and it was seconded by Glenn Parker. The motion passed. A motion was made by John Newton to approve the previous months' financials and seconded by Dan Rocawich. The motion passed.

Jr. Board Member's Report

With Angel Ganey not being present, no report was made.

Sr. Board Member's Report

John Newton discussed membership meeting programs, including topics and length of time for the speaker.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Glenn Parker and seconded by Jimmy Lee. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Parker, Scribe

November Annual Membership Meeting Report

A quorum present, the Annual Meeting was called to order by Commodore Cam Whitlock at 1745, Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived by a motion which was seconded, and passed.

Announcements:

Cam requested those voting for the Winterle Award recipient to please do so shortly.

A Club town hall meeting is planned to be held in Feb.

The Commodores' Ball is scheduled for Feb. 17.

Officers Reports:

V/C Jimmy Lee reported that the race scores have been tabulated and trophies will be given out at the Awards Banquet, Nov. 18th. There may be monohull and multi hull fleets in the Spring Series.

R/C Dan Rocawich reported on the status of the sea wall and bathroom repairs.

Jr. Board Angel Ganey reminded those present of the Awards Banquet and the Gobbler Regatta. Plans are in the works for a lighted boat parade on Dec. 8. The Holiday Party is set for Dec. 9 and the New Years Eve Party on Dec. 31.

Gift cards will be collected at the Holiday Party for the Refuge House in Wakulla County. ABYC has done this for a number of years as part of our civic involvement.

Sr. Board John Newton reported that there will be a program at the December meeting. Reporting for PC Steve LaRosa, Cam noted that three associate membership applications have been posted: Ken and Mary Zimmer, Laura Rush, and Mike Twomey.

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(Meeting Minutes - continued)**Old Business:**

The slate of Officers and Board Members was read by Cam. A motion was made to accept the slate, seconded, and passed. The leadership of ABYC for 2018 is:

Commodore	Jimmy Lee
V/C	Eric Olsen
R/C	Dan Rocawich
P/C	Cam Whitlock
Purser	Maxie Glenn
Scribe	Glenn Parker
Sr. Board	John Newton
Jr. Board	Sondra Lee

The proposed amendment to the By-Laws was discussed. At the request of Marcia Bjerregaard, John Newton reviewed the major changes proposed. After the review, Henry Depew made a motion to amend the proposed amendment to remove the requirement that a Temporary Non-resident Member pay the membership application fee. The motion was seconded and passed.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the amendment to the By-Laws as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew for
Glenn Parker, Scribe

Boating Emergency Numbers

CG PC	850/234-4228
CG Yankeetown	352/447-6900
CGA St. Marks	850/942-7500
or	850/284-1166

ABYC NEEDS YOU!

ABYC is a volunteer organization and needs as many contributing members as possible. Listed below are some of the activities that make the Club successful.

Structure of ABYC

The formal duties of each elected officer are set forth in section 4 of the *By-Laws*. The current structure of ABYC is:

Commodore - Jimmy Lee

Meetings
Parliamentarian
Storm Plan

Vice Commodore - Eric Olsen

Fleet Committee

PHRF
Puffin/Dinghy
Regatta - (non-Smith)
Protest

Rear Commodore -

Dan Rocawich

Clubhouse & Grounds
Docks

Scribe - Glenn Parker

Newsletter
Directory/Handbook
History
Web Site

Purser - Maxie Glenn

Financial Records

Senior Board Member -

John Newton

Programs and Activities

Junior Board Member -

Sondra Lee

Socials, Dinners, CIA,
TV nights, etc.

Past Commodore -

Cam Whitlock

Membership

If you find one of interest, contact the officer in charge and volunteer. If you are asked, please agree to help if you possibly can.

Racing Series Report

Jimmy Lee

2017 Spring PHRF**A Fleet**

1st Place - *Harmony*
2nd Place - *Wiki-Wiki*
3rd Place - *Staccato*

2017 Spring PHRF**B Fleet**

1st Place - *About Time*
2nd Place - *Manana*
3rd Place - *Oasis*

2017 Fall PHRF**A Fleet**

1st Place - *Wiki-Wiki*
2nd Place - *Harmony*
3rd Place - *Adios*

2017 Fall PHRF**B Fleet**

1st Place - *Maxie I*

2017 Fall PHRF**Multi-Hull**

1st Place - *The Lost Boys*
2nd Place - *Fringe Element*

2017 Kate C. Morgan Puffin Series

1st Place - Kris Hebert
2nd Place - Marcia Bjerregaard
3rd Place - Jim McGill



**Wishing You A Merry
Christmas And A Happy New
Year!**

Annual Awards - Nov. 18

Kate Morgan Puffin Series:

Kris Hebert

Dan Harbolt Tr Trophy (Smith Regatta non-spinnaker):

Adios / Hamilton

Anne Sherwood Trophy (Smith Regatta Spinnaker):

WikiWiki / Reeder

Homer Denius:

WaterGeus / Weijers

Silent Sailor: Dan Rocawich

Bjerregaard Esprit De Corps

Award:

Michael and Angel Ganey

Henry Depew Legacy Award:

Joeann Vesecky

Alert Award: Glenn Parker

Winterle Award: Kris Hebert

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

John Newton

Barring another hurricane, we will learn about the Northwest Florida Water Management District's Bureau Chief of Hydrology and Engineering, Jerrick Saquibal, speaking to ABYC members at our December 2 meeting.

The District has the ever so simple mission of managing and protecting the water resources of the Florida panhandle. That covers the springs, rivers, lakes, and coasts of Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla, Walton, Washington, and western Jefferson counties.

The District and its employees are charged with everything from springs protection to disaster responses. Jerrick, among other things, oversees the District's efforts to work with FEMA to update flood-risk maps for coastal areas around northwest Florida.

Come to the December meeting and learn how the District protects the panhandle from floods and more about the District's work. Here is a link.

<http://www.nwfwater.com/>

Meeting Location Question

John Newton

In the past few years, the Club has held the January program at West Marine around 8:00 p.m. the Friday before the Saturday of the January meeting. Please call me at 850-339-6916 or email me at johndcnewton@embarqmail.com to let me know your thoughts on continuing this practice.

Rear Commodore's Corner

Dan Rocawich

If you see something that needs repair. Please let me know.

For Sale or Trade

Effective immediately, 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.

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

The July/Aug. edition of *Speed&Smarts* was about the new racing rules with 260 questions (with answers) on the current rules. Perhaps you should find a copy and take the test? You can go to their web site for more information. speedandsmarts.com

ABYC used to have its annual Business Meeting in December. In 2005, a quorum was not present to vote on a proposed Constitutional amendment and the meeting was recessed until the New Year's Party on the 31st. A quorum being present at that time, the meeting was reconvened at 1941, the motion to approve the proposed amendment was brought to a vote and passed. A motion was then made, seconded, and passed to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1944. It was probably the shortest ABYC business meeting thus far.

For Sale

Harmony 22, *Stacatto*, includes full compliment of sails (main, 150% & 100% genoa, spinnaker), 2.5 hp motor. Condition - fair. . Comes with 2 rudders. \$3,500 or best offer. Contact Cam Whitlock (850)228-3542 or Steve Larosa (850)264-2892

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2017-18

December

- Dec. 02 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 -
- Dec. 08 Lighted Boat Parade - 6:30 pm -
- Dec. 09 Holiday Party - Clubhouse
- Dec. 31 New Years Party - Clubhouse - 9:00 pm - 12:10 am

January, 2018

- Jan. 01 Will Glenn Memorial Frost Bite Regatta
- Jan. 05 Membership Meeting - West Marine ?
- Jan. 06 Joint Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 1:00-3:00 pm
- Jan. 27 Dinghy Race - 1:00 pm -
CIA - Clubhouse - 6:-00 - 7:30 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 (ABYOnline.org).

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Apalachee Bay Yacht Club

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Sr. Board Member:	John Newton	850/222-6801
Jr. Board Member:	Angel Ganey	850/212-5149
Past Commodore:	Steve LaRosa	850/264-2892

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