

THE MARK

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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Sept. 04: Labor Day Activities
- Sept. 11: Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
- Sept. 18: PHRF -
- Sept. 25: Dinghy/Puffin Races -
Oktoberfest Social

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Lorna Tweedie

At the time of writing this ABYC article (in Aug.) for September, it seems to me that "the dog days of summer" are truly still with us! Remember the days in the winter when we complained about the frigid, below freezing temperatures? Our complaints are for naught; what will be, will be! August did find ABYC still active despite the heat and humidity. What great attendance we have had for club events! It is so gratifying to see. We had good things going like the membership meeting and the "cooling" Ice Cream Social! The dinghy races re-appeared and another CIA was held. Let's keep the interest and enthusiasm going!

September is here and with it comes the Labor Day "week-end" of September 4,5 and 6. For some, it is the last hurrah of summer, with time off and special events planned. Thus, ABYC's membership meeting, usually held on the first Saturday, will be Saturday, September 11th, an unforgettable day in our nation's past, instead of the usual first Saturday of the month. It will include an hour of conversation and cocktails, followed by dinner, a membership meeting and a program.

Our monthly ABYC social event in September will be the Oktoberfest on September 25th, planned by Sue and Kingsley Ross. It takes me back (I refuse to say how far), to the days I attended the fest in Munich, Germany. It was great fun! I am certain this Oktoberfest will also be great fun. Will we be having weis or rotwein, bier, kase, bratwurst or schnitzel? We shall see!

And yes, it is time for nominations for the ABYC Board for the year 2011 to take place. Consider being a candidate for an office or position on the ABYC Board. It is so informative and rewarding. Lastly, please welcome new mem-

bers, Jim and Marian Lambeth to the club. They are eager and happy to participate. Another, soon to be voted on and welcomed, is Alice Lindquist. Her application is posted. She comes to us with quite an extensive nautical background.

Vice Commodore's Corner

Ivor Groves

All right everyone, the dog days of August will be over soon, let the racing begin! There is a puffin race August 28th; thank you Beth Hamilton and race committee.

The first fall PHRF Race will be September 18th with a skippers meeting at the clubhouse at 10:30. We are going to have an expanded racing fleet with the most boats we have had racing in a number of years. Thank you Don, Frank and John for getting Allegro in the water and ready to race.

The Vice Commodore's Regatta will be the weekend of October 16th. We are hoping to get in at

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MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, September 11, 2010
1800 - Social Hour
1900 - Covered Dish
1945 - Meeting
2000 - Program - Cave Diving

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(VC Article - continued)

least two, if not three races. We are going to do short windward leeward courses for the Regatta. There will be a seafood dinner at the club Saturday night. Let's hope we have good weather karma for that weekend.

I find in reading back over my comments in *The Mark* this past year that I end up thanking the same people over and over again for their contributions of time and energy. Let me encourage more of our members to get a little more actively engaged in these fun activities.

John and Nell Johnston have been serving as committee boat and I have not yet discussed their availability for the fall. Henry and Judy Depew help on occasion as does Frank Hankins. It would really be helpful if some other members would be willing to learn to participate in the race committee. We will be glad to teach anyone who has an interest. Let me know if you are interested!

The VC regatta could be fairly large this year, we could use some volunteers to help with dinner. Oyster shuckers, Shrimp boilers and grillers and hopefully some stone crab crackers will be needed. Step right up and join in the fun. I haven't yet decided on what music to have. I am leaning toward something lively, rock and roll. Parrot heads, anybody know of a great local band we could get reasonably? If so please let me know.

One of the secrets of having a happy life is to stay fully engaged. ABYC activities are a great place to form deeper friendships and to find flow and engagement. With the additional racers we have this year, there should be plenty of crew opportunities. When you race you definitely become engaged. Let me know if you would

like a crew experience or come to the skippers meeting on September 18th.

Fair winds and see you on the water soon.

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Information

Gene Nicoloso

The program at the September Meeting will be on cave diving presented by John Kimberl.

Jr. Board Member Report - Social Events Information

Darlene Oosterhof

In October 1810, Crown Prince Ludwig married Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen in Bavaria, Germany and their wedding celebration became the first Oktoberfest.

Oktoberfest has evolved into a huge event now involving over six-million visitors, runs 16 days from late September to early October, and is always associated with good food and good beer.

This year, Oktoberfest celebrates its 200 anniversary, begins in Munich, September 18, and is also celebrated around the world. September 18 is also the date ABYC has selected for its own observance of Oktoberfest. Seating is limited, so make plans accordingly.

ABYC's Beer Meister, John Hamilton, will lead us as we explore ales, lagers and stouts. Not only will you be sampling some great beers but you'll also enjoy an Oktoberfest Dinner from ABYC chefs, Beth Hamilton and Sue Ross. Beth and Sue have pulled together their culinary talents to bring the tastes of Germany to Shell Point. German beers will compliment each course, including

a dessert beer!

Dinner is served at 7:00 PM; no pre-dinner bar service at this event.

Reservations close Monday September 13, or when no openings remain. Call Sue Ross (926-8962 or 850/284-8385) for information or reservations.

And do not forget the CIA on September 25. Depending how quickly you are reading this month's MARK, you can still make our August 28 CIA hosted by Martha and Scott Robinson. You never need reservations to attend a CIA. The bar is open and goodies available from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Florida's weather cooperated fully with ABYC's first ice cream social, providing wonderfully hot temperatures for some of the coolest and devilishly delicious ice cream. For those who planned accordingly, a full meal devoted to dessert! Nell Johnston produced (like in homemade) all of the ice cream. Thank you, Nell! Many of the participants brought fantastic toppings to share. Dee Shiver's pear mince-meat took home the prize for the *Most Unusual* topping and Cindy Harkins' Beaver Island raspberry won *Favorite*.

Lot's happening at ABYC. See you at the coast!



Oktoberfest September 18

ABYC BOARD MEETING**Summary Minutes**

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

Board of Director's Meeting

Members of the Board met at the ABYC clubhouse on Aug. 7th at 1940. Present were:
Lorna Tweedie, Darlene Oosterhof, & Henry Depew

A quorum not being present, no business was conducted.
Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

August Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Lorna Tweedie at 2000 on Aug. 7th at the ABYC clubhouse.

Henry Depew, Parliamentarian, requested those present to come to the Annual Meeting and vote on the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Darlene Oosterhof reviewed the Ice Cream Social event on Aug. 21st and reminded those present of the Oktoberfest Social on

Sept. 25th.

Beth Hamilton invited all to come to the Puffin/Dinghy Race on Aug. 28th.

There being no further announcements or business, the meeting was adjourned at 2004.
Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

Constitution and By-Law Amendments

C. Henry Depew, Parliamentarian

Most of the proposed changes would provide more options for the membership to allow the Club flexibility in operation. A change proposed last year which elicited a good deal of discussion was the decrease in the size of a quorum to conduct the Annual Business Meeting. If the quorum is not met, no business can be conducted (like election of officers). The electronic (or paper) absentee ballots will provide all interested voting members with a voice in any decision, but without the "warm" bodies, the business cannot be conducted. A change being suggested by the committee is the percent of regular voting members present

needed to conduct the Annual Business Meeting (from 25% to 15% of the voting membership). The reduction in the size of the quorum does not change the requirement of a "two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of the regular voting membership shall be required to sustain an amendment" to the Constitution.

Because some of the proposed changes to the Constitution directly affect the By-Laws, the noted changes thereto are also included in the proposed amendments. Thus, if a proposed change in the Constitution is adopted, the relevant changes in the By-Laws would also be adopted by the same vote. To do otherwise could result in major administrative problems.

A brief summary of the areas of proposed changes are listed on page 5. A copy of the amendments are on the web site.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, you can send them to me or any member of the committee. The proposed changes and the committee members are listed on the ABYC web site.

Local College Football Schedules - 2010

FSU

Date	Opponent
09/04/10	vs. Samford .
09/11/10	at Oklahoma
09/18/10	vs. BYU
09/25/10	vs. Wake Forest
10/02/10	at Virginia
10/09/10	at Miami .
10/16/10	vs. Boston College .
10/28/10	at N Carolina State
11/06/10	vs. North Carolina .
11/13/10	vs. Clemson .
11/20/10	at Maryland

Univ. of Florida

Date	Opponent
09/04/10	vs Miami (OH)
09/11/10	vs USF
09/18/10	at Tennessee
09/25/10	vs Kentucky
10/02/10	at Alabama
10/09/10	vs LSU
10/16/10	vs Mississippi State
10/30/10	at Georgia
11/06/10	at Vanderbilt
11/13/10	vs South Carolina
11/20/10	vs Appalachian State
11/27/10	at Florida State

Fla. A&M Univ.

Date	Opponent
09/02/10	at University of Miami
09/11/10	at Delaware State
09/18/10	at Howard.
09/25/10	at Tennessee State
10/02/10	vs SC STATE
10/16/10	vs SAVANNAH STATE
10/23/10	at Norfolk State
10/30/10	vs MORGAN STATE
11/06/10	at North Carolina A&T
11/13/10	vs HAMPTON
11/20/10	at Bethune-Cookman

Notes And Hints From Near And Far

C. Henry Depew

If you go cruising, you find a cruising guide a good source of general (and specific) information about a given waterway. One group has put out a new guide, *Cruising Guide to the Great Loop Inland Waterway*. For more information, go to:

www.managingthewaterway.com/

For those of you into the latest electronic gadget, US SAILING is proud to announce that the *Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012* application is now available for Android Phones. Search for "The Racing Rules of Sailing" in the Android Market from your Android Mobile Device

As a member of BoatU.S., I get the organization's magazine, *BoatU.S. Magazine*. The Aug./Sept. issue had some useful information starting on page 36 entitled "30 Ways To Save Big Time". If you are not a member of this group, you might find joining worthwhile. ABYC is a current group member of Boat US and as such, ABYC members receive a 50% discount on membership in BoatUS. Our group ID number is GA81150Y. This number should be given to customer service when you apply for membership. (Membership applications are available on the bookshelf in the clubhouse.)

According to reports, the Environmental Protection Agency's expected partial waiver to allow E15 for newer road vehicles will likely lead to boat owners mistakenly filling their tanks with a fuel that could damage their engines, according to the National Marine Manufacturers Association. Thus, if you fill up the outboard's tank at the local gas station, be careful.

Want to know the size winch

you need for your boat, anchor, cleats, speed to horsepower ratio? Take a look at *The Boat Data Book* by Ian Nicolson, 6th edition, 2009 published by Sheridan House

Officers & Structure of ABYC

The formal duties of each elected officer is set forth in Section 4 of the *By-Laws*. Not noted, directly, are the "other responsibilities". Although not listed as such, the Vice-Commodore is responsible for all "on the water activities" (including Club boat maintenance) while the Senior Board Member is responsible for all "on shore activities". In addition to the structure and grounds, the Rear Commodore is responsible for the docks. In the above cases, the responsibility is to get a member to coordinate a specific activity. In addition, it seems that the Scribe is responsible for the web site. The current structure of ABYC is:

Commodore

Meetings
Parliamentarian
Regatta
Protest
Storm Plan

Vice Commodore

Fleet Committee
PHRF
Puffin/Dinghy

Rear Commodore

Clubhouse & Grounds
Docs

Scribe

Newsletter
Directory/Handbook
Web Site

Purser

Financial Records

Senior Board Member

Program and Activity

Junior Board Member

Social
Monthly Social
CIA

Past Commodore

Membership

Please note that the "Regatta" activity listed above and in the By-Laws is not the Smith Regatta or the VC Regatta activities. The function was created to have a member designated to organize an ABYC regatta.

Nominations Committee Is Looking For You

If you are interested in any of the elective positions and have not been contacted about serving, the Nomination's Committee is:

Carl Bjerregaard
Phil Werndli
Pat Renovitch

Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

A copy of the monthly financial statement is in the notebook in the Clubhouse. If you have any questions concerning your monthly bill, please contact me at:

mbg1215(at)netzero.net

Webmaster's Cubicle

C. Henry Depew

Needed! Back-up Webmaster to insure continuity of the web site. If interested, please contact me at - sisu26(at)nettalk.com

**CONSTITUTION OF THE APALACHEE BAY YACHT CLUB
2009-10 Revisions**

No proposed changes to Article I or Article II

Proposed change to Article III to move membership types to the By-Laws

Proposed change in Article III to move dues payment dates to the By-Laws
Proposed changes to Article IV to state more clearly Equity Units purchase and redemption

Proposed change to Article IV to move the Reserve Funds to the By-Laws

Proposed change to Article V to move terms of office to the By-Laws

Proposed change to Article VI to re-define the number to constitute a Quorum

No proposed change to Article VII

Proposed change to Article VIII authorize electronic voting

Proposed change to Article IX reducing the size of the Quorum necessary to Amend the By-Laws

The above is a summary list of proposed changes to the Constitution. A full copy is attached and is available on our web site (abyconline.org). Unless someone has a concern about procedure, a vote for the proposed change in the Constitution that moves operations to the By-Laws will be considered a vote to amend the By-Laws accordingly. This approach is to preclude making a change in one document and not in the other.

Your participation in the discussion of these changes and voting thereon at the Annual Meeting in November is encouraged.

Scuttlebutt

Marcia Bjerregaard

A six gallon portable air compressor is in the ice room, to be used by any club member needing one. Please empty it when done, so it doesn't rust.

And from a member: Why are Vanderbilt University teams known as the Commodores, given their location in Tennessee? (Clue - Vanderbilt University)

Gulf Yachting Association

Race the Flying Scot or your PHRF boat.

Pick your date from gya.org.
Let's participate!

Remember -

ABYC's mailing address is:
P.O. BOX 1830
Crawfordville, FL 32326

**BECOME INVOLVED IN
YOUR YACHT CLUB
VOLUNTEER TO SERVE
ON A COMMITTEE
NOW**

PHRF Report

Don Reeder

The Fall Series will get underway on Sept. 18th. All Skippers' Meetings will be at the Clubhouse at 1030.

September 18

October 02:

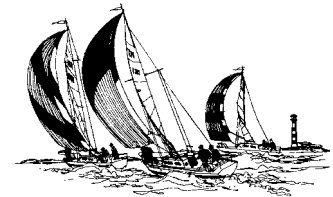
October 16:

October 23:

November 06:

November 20:

Come out and enjoy the fun!



Rear Commodore's Corner

Bob Sherrod

As always, if you notice something that needs repair, please let me know by calling 556-9108 or e-mailing

[sherrod01\(at\)comcast.net](mailto:sherrod01(at)comcast.net).



Changes in Attitude Social

Date: August 28, 2010

Time: 1800 - 1930

Light appetizers will be served and the bar will be open.

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2010

September

- Sept. 04: Labor Day Activities
Sept. 11: Board Meeting - 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Membership Meeting - Social - 6:00 pm -
Sept. 13 Oktoberfest Social Reservations Deadline
Sept. 18: PHRF - Skippers' Meeting - 10:30 am - Clubhouse
Sept. 25: Coastal Cleanup Day
Dinghy/Puffin Races - 1:00 pm
Oktoberfest Social - 1800 - social starts 1900

October

- Oct. 02: PHRF Race - Skippers' Meeting -10:30 am - Clubhouse
Board Meeting - 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Membership Meeting - Social - 6:00 pm -
Oct. 09: Canoe/Kayak Activity
Oct. 16: VC Regatta & Social/PHRF Race
Oct. 23: PHRF Race - Skippers' Meeting - 10:30 am - Clubhouse
Oct. 30: Dinghy/Puffin Races - 1:00 pm
Changes In Attitude Social , 6 to 7:30 pm - Clubhouse



**ABYC PHONE NUMBER
850/926-7775**

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

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Scribe:	C Henry Depew	386-1665
Sr. Board Member:	Gene Nicoloso	894-2783
Jr. Board Member:	Darlene Oosterhof	926-8962
Past Commodore:	Carl Bjerregaard	926-7835

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