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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Jan. 01: Will Glenn Frostbite Regatta - Social - 5:00 pm
- Jan. 07: Combined Board Meeting
- Jan. 13: Membership Meeting - West Marine - 6:30 pm
- Jan. 28: Chili Sampler

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Ivor Groves

Happy New Year everyone!
 First let me thank Lorna Tweedie for serving as Commodore during the past two years. She did a great job and the Club enters 2012 in sound shape. We have been maintaining our membership level and the Club continues to operate in the black. We also continue to benefit from the contributions of time and energy from members Lorna Tweedie, Marc Lipsius, Henry Depew, Maxie Glenn, Mary VanSciver and Martha and Scott Robinson. They will be serving on the Board of Directors this coming year. Thank you all.

We are looking forward to the

coming year of sailing and social activity with ABYC. Henry Depew, our historian, can tell us exactly but I believe that ABYC has now been a functioning organization for over 40 years. It is hard to believe, but it will soon be time to starting planning our 50th anniversary!

As the new year is the time for renewal and growth, it would be great if folks would take time to talk with Board members about any suggestions they may have for enhancing the Club's activities or support for members. It would also be great if there is an area of boating or social activity that interests you, if you would volunteer some time to focus on developing that area further. There are lots of great ideas for making improvements, but it has become very clear to me that most require either money (in short supply) or someone's time and energy to serve as point person to support further development of an idea.

We are going to try to offer an adult sailing class this spring and possibly again in the fall, if there is enough interest. A youth sailing class will again be offered this summer and we hope to provide

some additional sailing activities for the youth who participate in the class. We hope to have the dates for the classes nailed down in the next month and it would help if everyone would help promote the classes. If you know someone who is interested please have them let Scott Robinson, Frank Hankins or Phil Werndli know so we can begin to build a waiting list.

One last item, we will get an announcement out shortly but the Commodores' Ball will be held February 11th this year. The band has been retained and the feast is being planned; please mark your calendar.

Vice Commodore's Corner

Scott Robinson

Happy New Year, lets go sailing!!!!

Help!!! I have been elected to serve as your Vice Commodore this year and I'm going to need your help. The Vice Commodore oversees and promotes the activities of the various fleets. This in

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MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

West Marine

Friday, January 13, 2012

1830 - Meeting

1845 - Program - FLIR

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(VC Report - continued)

cludes the PHRF and Puffin racing as well as other water-based activities. Well guess what, since I have never raced, I am going to need some help.

Beth Hamilton is doing a great job of supporting the dinghy racing but I'm sure she could use some help. The first dinghy race of the year is the Will Glenn Memorial Frostbite Regatta on New Year's Day. Racers are to report to the Bjerregaard's at 1:00. Come on out and race or cheer your favorite on to victory. Hoppin Johns (black eyed peas) will follow the races at the clubhouse.

Ivor Groves and Don Reeder have been organizing the PHRF Fall Series and doing a fine job. As Ivor becomes our new Commodore, we will need some other members to step up and assist in putting on the races. More information on the PHRF series will come in following issues of *The Mark*.

My wishes for the coming year include a fun-filled year of activities, youth and adult sailing classes, fleet work days, great racing and YOUR participation.

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@netzero.net

Rear Commodore's Corner

Marc Lipsius

The light underneath the porch, which has been out, will be back on ASAP. It seems that the electronic module that controls the photocell has pooped out and I will have to replace the fixture.

The projection screen donated to the Club by the VanScivers will be mounted on the west wall between the TV and the window, for use during meetings. I think this is a better location than along the north wall, less interference with the lights shining down, and no pictures in the way. Any comments would be welcome.

The video surveillance system needs to be tweaked, as we need to discover who is in the clubhouse at odd hours and keeps messing with the heat and AC controls. Please, when you leave the club, turn down the heat to the low 50's and remember to check if the doors are both locked. I was in there today (12/16) and again the porch door was not latched closed. This door must be actively pushed closed until the door lock latch clicks, not just swung closed; it will not lock if you do that because of the weather stripping preventing full closure.

Many little problems with the Kestral are being addressed, mostly broken electrical switches and a dead battery, but the boat is sailable as is. The solar panel was not putting out enough juice to charge the battery with it lying flat on the top of the cabin, as in the winter with the sun's elevation lower, it does not get enough direct light. Placing the panel vertical against the cabin bulkhead solves this problem, so those of you that use this boat, set it up like that for the next several months. I will recheck on the battery in several

days to see if it is fully charged. One of these days the boat will have to have the bottom cleaned and maybe hauled out for repainting.

We will be scheduling a work day for the Club after the new year.

Anything needing attention or repair, let me know.

ABYC Social Report and Plans

Mary VanSciver

It's time to celebrate the New Year with the next two social events at ABYC. Marcia and Carl Bjerregaard are hosting both events. Do you think Marcia will bury a dime in the Hoppin' John to bring the finder good luck?

New Year's Eve Party

9:00 to ?

Bring an appetizer

New Year's Day

Hoppin' John, Collard Greens and Cornbread

5:00 – after the races

Chili Sampler—January 28 th

On Saturday, January 28th, we have our Chili Sampler. Bring your favorite pot of chili to share. Or, come without chili and pay a little more. Let's see who has the most unusual, the hottest, the mildest or perhaps everyone's favorite. In addition to multiple chilis, dinner will include appetizers, coleslaw, cornbread, and dessert. Only \$6 per person if you bring chili to share; otherwise \$12.

To make a **reservation**, contact Mary VanSciver at maryvansciver1@gmail.com or call 264-9510 **by January 24th**. Details to be emailed shortly.

Very special thanks to Lee Chubb for once again hosting an
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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.

Commodore Lorna Tweedie called the Board meeting of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club to order at 1540 on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at the home of Maxine Glenn.

Present: Lorna Tweedie, Ivor Groves, Marc Lipsius, Martha Robinson, Maxie Glenn, Scott Robinson, Darlene Oosterhof and Carl Bjerregaard. Incoming Jr. Board member Mary VanSciver joined the group.

Vice Commodore – Ivor Groves

The Vice Commodore had no report.

Rear Commodore - Marc Lipsius

The Rear Commodore reported that he has repaired two minor issues with Allegro. He has also discovered several issues with the Kestral. The Board members agreed to form a subcommittee to develop a checklist for use of each vessel owned by the Club, to create a process for members to use in getting authorization to use a Club-owned vessel and set a regular maintenance and inspection schedule. It was agreed that the subcommittee would report back within two months (February 2012). Subcommittee members are Marc Lipsius, Ivor Groves, Scott Robinson, Frank Hankins and Carl Bjerregaard.

The Rear Commodore reported that the flood lights are not working in front of the clubhouse.

Maxie Glenn reported that she received an inspection report for the swimming pool in the mail. It was noted that the inspector did not have access to inspect the rest-

rooms and that the "Pool Rules" sign was not posted. Mark reported that the pool is closed for the season and he will put up the "Closed" sign on the gate. He will insure that the timer is changed so the pool runs for approximately five hours at night to keep the pipes from freezing.

Scribe – Martha Robinson

The minutes of the November 2011 Board Meeting and the Annual Meeting were approved as printed in *The Mark*.

Purser - Maxie Glenn

The November financial statements were distributed and approved. Maxie reported that the property taxes and insurance have been paid so the available funds in the checking account are low until dues collections begin in January.

Maxie agreed to look at the Waste Pro pick up of garbage and recycling to ensure that services are delivered appropriately.

John and Susan Meerman have submitted an application for membership. Their application will be posted at the clubhouse.

Senior Board Member – Scott Robinson

Ed Wiser will present tonight on James H. Tomb, Torpedo Boat Captain of the Confederacy.

The January meeting is on the 13th at West Marine. The program will be about infrared technology.

The screen donated by the van Scivers will be mounted parallel to the west wall.

Junior Board Member – Darlene Oosterhof

Darlene reported that the Christmas Party hosted by Lee Chubb went very well. A new Christmas tree was purchased.?? Marcia Bjerregaard will host a New Years Eve Party at the club on December 31 that will begin at 9 p.m.

Susan and Tony Rizzo helped

with serving and cleanup after the Christmas party. Maxie will examine the payment and adjust if needed.

January dates:

Sunday, January 1 – Will Glenn Frostbite Regatta, 1 p.m.

Sunday, January 1 – Hoppin Johns at the clubhouse, following the race

Saturday, January 7 – Joint Board Retreat, 9:30 a.m. at the clubhouse

Friday, January 13 - Membership Meeting at West Marine

Saturday, January 28 – Social at the clubhouse

Past Commodore – Carl Bjerregaard

Member applicants John and Susan Meerman will attend tonight.

Mentors should be assigned to other new members: Landon Allen and John Newman to get them involved in sailing and social activities. Carl recommended scheduling an Adult Sailing Class for the spring and following up with the youth sailors from last summer with a regatta in June. The Board discussed developing a year-round program for youth sailing.

New Business

Ivor reported that he would conduct some research on a possible elevator lift for the clubhouse.

Lorna shared her "thanks" for the support other Board members have provided over the last two years.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1708.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha J. Robinson
Apalachee Bay Yacht Club Scribe

2011 - ABYC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The December 2011 meeting, held at the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club on Saturday, December 10, 2011, was called to order by Commodore Lorna Tweedie at 1955.

Announcements:

Marcia Bjerrgaard will host the New Year's Eve Party starting at 9 p.m. on December 31. Bring an appetizer to share.

Beth Hamilton announced the Will Glenn Frostbite Regatta will be held January 1. Meet at the Bjerregaard's at 1 p.m. Hoppin Johns will follow at the clubhouse.

Welcome to prospective new members John and Susan Meerman.

Henry Depew reported that the January meeting will be held on Friday the 13th at West Marine at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be infrared technologies.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2130.

Senior Board member Scott Robinson introduced Ed Wiser, who spoke on James H. Tomb: Torpedo Boat Captain of the Confederacy.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha J. Robinson
Scribe, Apalachee Bay Yacht Club



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Used Nylon Three-Strand Rope Faces The Ultimate Endurance Test

Frank Hankins

(Practical Sailor published this item and I thought you might find it of interest).

Nylon three-strand dock lines, anchor rodes, and mooring pendants are the sailor's safety net, so to speak, and have been for nearly a century. But as often happens with gear that has stood the test of time, the reliability of this cordage has to some degree given way to a false sense of security. Sun, sea, and salt rob rope of its tenacity, but just how much has never been accurately quantified.

Being skeptics at heart, *Practical Sailor* testers suspected our old nylon lines were a lot weaker than we thought, and decided to see just how much original oomph an old set of dock lines actually retained over time. In order to take a closer look at this issue of line longevity, we rounded up a set of in-service dock lines with a known history, and enlisted the patient help of Steve Parola and his quality-control team in the lab at New England Ropes.

Our approach was to take the weathered 10- to 12-year-old nylon three-strand line, cordage that for half of its life had been used as part-time dock line, and for the other half, enlisted as full-time (24/7) dock line, tethering a 41-foot sloop to a fixed pier in a very protected cove on the Chesapeake Bay. The nylon had weathered significantly, and chafed noticeably where the lines exited chocks and made contact with cleats. Our plan was to put these lines under increasing tension in laboratory conditions and test them to.

Our test shows that even when you eliminate the effects of chafe,

up to 75-percent of the original tensile strength in our sample ropes was lost. Although experts tell us that nylon has great ultra-violet damage resistance and chemical stability, our testing revealed a worrisome trend.

Check your boat's nylon lines before the next storm season, and even if they look OK, consider our test results and decide how secure your boat will be with 25- to 50-percent of your line's original breaking strength remaining. Remember that we tested dry nylon lines and that wet nylon loses even more strength. These lab findings reminded us that a new set of dock lines is cheap insurance, and money well spent.

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Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

C. Henry Depew

Ed Wiser presented an very interesting and informative program on "James H. Tomb, Torpedo Boat Skipper of the Confederacy."

The January meeting will be at West Marine on Friday, 13 January starting at 1800 (6:30 PM). The program will be presented by a representative of FLIR on the latest technology for "seeing in the dark". Jim Clark (West Marine) says he has room for 40 people, so come out and learn about some new technology.

Third Annual Kate C. Morgan Memorial Puffin Series - 2011

Beth Hamilton

Puffin Fleet Race Chairman 2011

This series was established to honor Kate and her extraordinary contribution to our Club and the sailing community. Her desire to live every moment to the fullest, find and share the joy in life – and sailing was a large part of this, including encouraging new sailors and competing to the utmost in every race, - these are the reasons this award has been established. Her husband, Steve Augustine, has donated a perpetual trophy to the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club to be presented annually to the winner of the Puffin Series.

The race series in review:

Four race days were successfully completed, with all of them held in the basin this year. Three races were held each day.

During the season, we had 9 different skippers participate in the Puffin Series.

Steve Augustine
Marcia Bjerregaard
Carl Bjerregaard
Ivor Groves
Lynn Groves
John Hamilton
Jim McGill
John Meerman
Sue Ross

We tried to schedule a race day with graduates of the dinghy sailing classes, but the weather and timing did not work out this year. We hope to make this happen next year as another way to encourage the sport of sailing!

Now to the results of this year's races:

Third place, Jim McGill
Second place, Marcia Bjerregaard
First place, and winner of the perpetual trophy for 2011 – John

Hamilton

Congratulations to each of you and see you on the water!

Puffin/Dinghy Frostbite

Beth Hamilton

Plan now to participate (or watch) the annual Will Glenn Memorial Frostbite Regatta held on New Year's Day at Shell Point.

Skippers' meeting at 1300 at Bjerregaard's. Regatta social starting around 1700 at the clubhouse.

Come and race or be a spectator. And/or come to the social afterwards hosted by the Bjerregaards.

Gobbler Regatta Report

Beth Hamilton

Eleven sailors in Puffins hit the start line for the three race Gobbler Regatta on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The weather was beautiful: sunny, mild temperature and moderate breezes at the start. And a full gallery of spectators were there to enjoy the day. While there were some lively discussions on the course, no protests were filed with the race committee. As the wind lightened in the afternoon and after two races around the doughnut - local knowledge helps here - the racers were begging for a shorter final race. As racers returned to the dock for the awards presentation, Will Glenn provided a demonstration on how to clean your boat inside and out. Regrettably, he forgot that Puffins do not have a self-bailing cockpit!

It was a clean sweep for the Glenns, with all three winning "golden" orbs. Final results as fol-

lows:

- 1 Will Glenn
- 2 Claire Glenn
- 3 Jack Glenn
- 4 Carl Bjerregaard
- 5 Marcia Bjerregaard
- 6 Sue Ross
- 7 Ivor Groves
- 8 John Hamilton
- 9 Lynn Groves
- 10 Steve Augustine
- 11 Jim McGill

Christmas Party Report

Lee Chubb

The annual Christmas party at ABYC was held on Sat. Dec 3. The hosts had a good time and hope that everyone else did too. Many thanks to all those that came and to those that helped. Darlene, once again, kept us focused and reminded with her great invites and emails. Joeann held court at the bar. Moses organized and led the music. Robert Parker and John Hamilton rounded out a great trio. How lucky we are to have such great "in house" talent. Talent continued to be evident as Sue Ross as the "elfette" made the Yankee Swap happen. And finally the Harrises and Renovitches who moved tables and chairs, hung garlands, set tables and helped with all the "little things". Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

See you at ABYC.



Editor's Notes



C. Henry Depew

If you are promoting an event, kindly make sure that you include information for the reader on:

Date of Event

Time Event Starts - Ends

Location of Event

Cost/Person (if any)

Reservation Deadline (if any)

Reservation Contact

If you are reporting on an event, it is nice if you include what activity took place, how many attended, and a thank you list of those who helped make the event possible.

If you see a date/activity that does not seem to match what you know about the event, kindly let your editor know so necessary corrections can be made.

Thank you

(Social Report - continued)
 exceptional Christmas Party. Lee created the elegant appetizers and pulled her magic strings to get Thomasville's Micky West to prepare the dinner's entrées. Bar teamwork by Gordon Renovitch and Joeann Vesecky kept the wine and mix drinks flowing with style and efficiency. Moses Turner entertained all of us with keyboard and marvelous holiday songs. The lights were dim and Moses probably did not see the smiles on our faces. For the Yankee Swap Sue Ross brought the elf (ette)'s role to a new height wearing bright red high heels, high candy stripe socks, along with high spirits and crowd control as needed.



HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

Problem on/with the boat/equipment? Perhaps you consider contacting the Coast Guard before things get worse? There are three VHF radio calls that will get their attention ("Mayday", "Pan-Pan", and "Securité"). Of the three, the "Pan-Pan" sequence (repeat three times to get attention) can be used to inform the Coast Guard that there is a problem, but not yet an emergency situation. Once you have established communication with the Coast Guard, they will be listening for further reports (and/or a call for help). If the situation is stabilized, you call them back to report and then continue as the situation requires. It is far better for those who may be looking for you to know the information about the boat, the boat's location, and those on board before the battery power fails.

Some students in Maine built some small boats with a diamond-shaped sail, loaded in a GPS sender, and set them off in the Atlantic. To see where the boats have been, go to:

www.iboattrack.com

and search for the un-manned vessel section

GYA Reciprocal Agreement

All ABYC members are welcome at the docks and/or landside facilities of Gulf Yachting Association clubs. More information can be found at www.gya.org. We can pay cash for food and services at all of them and some have already extended reciprocal charging privileges.

You will need your membership card and account number to have your expenses billed through ABYC. Or, simply pay the bill then.

GYA YACHT CLUBS

Bay-Waveland	Mobile
Biloxi	Navy
Birmingham	New Orleans
Buccaneer	Ocean Springs
Cypremort	Pass Christian
Fairhope	Pelican
Fort Walton	Pensacola
Grande Maumelle	Pensacola Beach
Grand Lagoon	Point
Gulfport	Pontchartrain
Houston	St. Andrews Bay
Jackson	St. Petersburg
Lake Arthur	Singing River
Lake Charles	Southern
Lake Forest	South Shore
Long Beach	Tammany

Officers for 2012

Commodore: Ivor Groves
 Vice Commodore: Scott Robinson
 Rear Commodore: Marc Lipsius
 Scribe: Martha Robinson
 Purser: Maxie Glenn
 Senior Board Member:
 Henry Depew
 Junior Board Member:
 Mary VanSciver

ABYC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

ABYC is a volunteer operated organization. As such, those agreeing to serve on the Board of Directors need your help to keep things running properly. Please review the list of committees and find one you would like to be part of. Then, contact the officer listed and volunteer!

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 members to accomplish a specific activity. In addition, it seems that the Scribe is responsible for the web site.

Please note that the "Regatta" activity listed herein and in the *By-Laws* is not the Smith Regatta or the VC Regatta. The function was created to have a member designated to organize other ABYC regattas.

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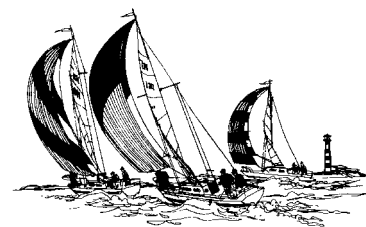
Membership Application Forms

Applications for membership are now at the clubhouse and on the web site

Remember -

ABYC's mailing address is:

P.O. BOX 1830
Crawfordville, FL 32326



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YOUR YACHT
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VOLUNTEER
TO SERVE
ON A
COMMITTEE
NOW**

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2012

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Post Regatta Social - Clubhouse - 5:00 pm -
Jan. 07: Combined Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 9:30 am
Jan. 13: Membership Meeting - West Marine - 6:30 pm
Jan. 24: Reservations for Chili Sampler Due
Jan. 28: Chili Sampler - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm -

February

- Feb. 04: Board/Membership Meetings
Feb. 11: Commodores' Ball
Feb. 25: CIA



ABYC PHONE NUMBER
850/926-7775

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

The MARK January 2012

Apalachee Bay Yacht Club

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