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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Jan. 01: Will Glenn Memorial Frostbite Regatta
- Jan. 03: Board Retreat/Combined Meeting
- Jan. 09: Membership Meeting West Marine
- Jan. 17: Soups, Stews, & Chili Dinner
- Jan. 31: Changes In Attitude

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

NOTE MEETING

DATE
TIME
LOCATION
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Commodore's Comments

Steve LaRosa

It's going to be a busy year, based on plans being finalized by the incoming and outgoing Board of Directors. Thanks to Scott Robinson, our outgoing Commodore, and Ivor Groves, our outgoing Past Commodore, for all they have done to move us forward these last 2 years. Scott will be our new Past Commodore and I hope to lean on him heavily during 2015. And I hope Ivor will continue to spearhead our efforts to make changes to the Club to accommodate our members' needs.

Some of the plans being considered are new tables and chairs for our meeting room, new flooring for the clubhouse meeting room and kitchen, a kitchen redesign to compliment our new dishwasher, repairs and upgrades to our docks with possible Wi-Fi connectivity and new dock power pedestals, new pool deck, and seawall repairs. That is quite a list for 2015 and is just a start. Perhaps in 2016 we will be able to redesign and upgrade our downstairs area including a new outdoor poolside bar and perhaps a Seminole style chickee hut with a fireplace and outdoor

grill for outside parties.

I think the next two years of change can open several doors for continued fun for our current members and also attract new members for our continued modest growth.

I could go on with other themes brought forward by the BOD, but will save this for future articles.

I look forward to helping the Club through these transitions and please call, text or email me if you have comments or questions.

Vice Commodore's Corner

Cam Whitlock

As new 2015 Vice Commodore, I am looking forward to a great year full of exciting on the water activities for ABYC! Upcoming events throughout the year include the PHRF Series (spring and fall), the Smith Regatta, the Rum Run Regatta (likely to be renamed), the Mullet Cup, and the VC Regatta. In addition to race opportunities, I'm looking into some

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MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday, January 09, 2015
1830 - Meeting Program
West Marine
2110 Apalachee Parkway

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(VC Report - continued)
possibilities to get beginner sailors on the water in some non-race events.

The spring PHRF race series will begin in March; race dates will be released in the February newsletter. We would like to see a larger variety of boats participating in the series this year. If you have access to a boat, come out and race!

Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

If you have any questions or comments concerning your monthly bill, please contact me by email:

mbg1215@netzero.net

Also, anyone who would prefer to have their invoice sent via email, please let me know.

There is a copy of the monthly financial statement in a notebook on the shelving in the clubhouse that members are encouraged to review.

ABYC Social Report and Plans

Martha Robinson

The social calendar is busy this time of year. Close out 2014 with a champagne toast at midnight on Wednesday, December 31. The New Year's Eve party begins at 9 p.m. Bring an appetizer to share. The bar will be open, enjoy music and dancing and the midnight toast will be provided by ABYC. This event will be hosted by Marcia and Carl Bjerregaard.

Start the new year off right with the Will Glenn Memorial Frostbite Regatta (dinghy sailing) followed by traditional Hoppins Johns at the clubhouse at 6 pm. Black-eyed peas are a good-luck tradition in the South. This event is also hosted by Marcia and Carl Bjerregaard. The bar will be open for those who'd like to watch FSU take on the Oregon Ducks in the Rose Bowl at 5 pm. Bring a snack to share (if you'd like).

The January membership meeting will be held on the second **Friday** of the month, instead of the first Saturday. We are meeting at the new **West Marine** location (2210 Apalachee Parkway). Plan to arrive by 6:30 pm. A short program is planned after the membership meeting. We intend to be out by 8:00 pm.

Kris Hebert will host a Soups, Stews and Chili dinner on Saturday, January 17. Sign up with Kris to bring a pot of soup, stew, or chili to share. Kris will serve salad, breads and dessert. \$5 per person. RSVP to Kris at

krist29@comcast.net

or

850/508-7293

by January 16.

There is a College Football Championship game on ESPN on Monday, Jan. 12. A host is needed for that game.

Join us for the Changes in Attitude (CIA) social on Saturday, January 31, hosted by Ivor and Lynn Groves. Always held the last Saturday of the month, the event begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails and appetizers and ends at 7:30 p.m.

Mickey Cooksey has agreed to host the Super Bowl Party on Feb. 1, starting at 5:00 pm.

Plans are underway for the Commodores' Ball. Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 21.

Stay tuned for the details.

Contact me at
mjrob101@yahoo.com

or

850/544-6619

if you would like to host a social or CIA.

See you at the club

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

John McBride

Don Reeder took us on a sail from Newport to Bermuda. Actually, it was a race, but it looked like they had a good time along the way. Don reviewed all the "parts and pieces" that goes into a long-distance race. It is a quite involved undertaking.

The January meeting will be on **Friday, Jan. 9th at West Marine** with a short, vendor provided program.

As your Senior Board Member, I will be responsible for finding interesting speakers and activities for the coming year. I have several speakers in mind thus far, but I am open to additional ideas. Please call me at 850-570-3467, if there is a speaker, event or presentation you care to discuss with me. Thanks.

Rear Commodore's Corner

Jerry Wells

If you see something that needs to be done or needs doing at the clubhouse or floats, let me know.

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.

Commodore Scott Robinson called the Board Meeting of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club to order at 1530 on Sunday, November 30, 2014 at the ABYC clubhouse.

Present: Scott Robinson, Steve LaRosa, Maxie Glenn, Dede Wells, Ed Fries, Martha Robinson, Cam Whitlock, Ivor Groves

Commodore-Scott Robinson

Scott thanked Ed Fries for organizing the recent work day. He reported on questions raised regarding the dock ownership and property lines. The Board will locate and examine information related to these questions.

Vice Commodore-Steve LaRosa

Steve provided an update on the Panacea Optimist Club's project to involve young people in building prams. The Optimist Club hopes to involve the local community, including Community Sailing, in an effort to raise funds for this project. Dylan and Sydney Cummings are interested in purchasing the *Allegro*. Steve is working to complete the updating of all ABYC awards that require engraving. The new dishwasher is cleaned and ready for installation. The seawall is in need of repair, and some initial quotes for the work have been obtained. This project will be combined with plans to repairs to the pool decking, once the details for both projects are completed.

Purser-Maxie Glenn

The financial report for November will be available after the end of month data is available. Adequate funds are available for the Club's operating expenses.

Scribe-Dede Wells

The Board approved a motion to approve the October minutes as reported in *The Mark*.

Junior Board Member-Martha Robinson

Martha reviewed social events scheduled for December and January. Details for these events will be included in the monthly issue of *The Mark*. The Board, including retiring and new members, will meet on January 3, 2014. The membership meeting is calendared for January 10th.

New Business

Henry Depew has an 8 x 12 ft. floating dock available to any ABYC member who is interested.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1630.

Respectfully submitted,
Dede Wells, Scribe

Membership Meeting

The December, 2014 membership meeting was called to order by Vice Commodore Steve LaRosa at 2000. He reviewed highlights from the Board meeting held on November 30th. Past Commodore Ivor Groves announced that the Board is sponsoring two planning meetings in December to address short and long term goals for the ABYC. Members are encouraged to attend the sessions. The new dishwasher will be installed prior to the annual Christmas party. Dede Wells, Scribe reported that the September minutes as published in *The Mark* were approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 2015.

Respectfully submitted, Dede Wells, Scribe

Panacea Optimist Club sponsors Youth Pram Racing

Steve LaRosa

Our Shell Point Beach friend Dr. Quill Turk DDS (who has his "Dentistry By the Sea" office in Panacea), is organizing an Optimist Pram Fleet with the Panacea Optimist Club. The goal is to organize and promote youth sailing in Wakulla County.

He is looking for funding to build a fleet of 4 prams at the Maritime Center in Panacea. The cost of each pram kit is \$1000, and comes complete with all rigging and ready to build. The Optimist Club and various volunteers will build the prams. They will be stored at the Maritime Center, but there would be an option to keep them at ABYC, if we can arrange storage here.

Please consider a donation to this worthy cause. The idea is to have ABYC and the Optimist Club jointly encourage youth sailing and youth racing. I think this can be done but will take some time to build the pram fleet and work out the details of how the two clubs can do this together.

Certainly this is a good starting point. If you have an interest in youth sailing, or have children that would be interested, let me know and I will get you in touch with Quill. If you have a donation to consider, please contact me.

Remember -

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

SCUTTLEBUTT

Marcia Bjerregaard

Remember to thank the Apalachee Bay Volunteer Fire Department that is always on call for us. A good way to say thank you would be to purchase one or more of their current raffle tickets. Call 926-7835 if you need help in finding one of those tickets. Who knows - you may even become one of the \$50 winners.

Mickie Cooksey has a resumed her career as a floral designer. She specializes in event planning and decorating, including weddings. A fine example of her work was our elegant traditional Christmas party decorations.

Sydney and Dylan Cummings have bought *Allegro*, the Club's Harmony 22. She'll come out of the water soon and get refurbished, just in time for the spring series, we hope.

Steve Dunham has also bought a boat, a C & C 32. The former owners will help deliver it to Panama City, where Steve will keep it. The sad news is that he will probably be leaving ABYC.

Egads, still another new boat joins ABYC. Ralph Billings and Mickie Cooksey have bought a Hunter 28.5. She'll be moving to a club slip on Jan 1. Her 'new name' list is currently at 25, but they're open to other names, if you have a suggestion, the list could expand.



Editor's Notes



C. Henry Depew

You are invited to submit material for publication in this newsletter. We have had accounts of voyages, ideas that others might be able to use, and a variety of other commendary. As always, the editor reserves the right to edit. If you wish to send something it can be in the body of an e-mail or as an attachment. If it is an attachment, please "save as" a Rich Text Format (rtf) file. It is one of the options in your word processing program.

New Year's Events @ ABYC

Celebrate New Year's Eve at the clubhouse with other ABYCers. The only fee is the wonderful finger food prepared by y'all. There will be music to fit the occasion, and a taste of champagne at midnight, courtesy of ABYC. Folks start gathering at 2030 or 2100 (8:30 or 9:00). We'll have a bartender, but no help in the kitchen, so remember to bring finger food only.

After the dinghy races the next day, racers and spectators will return to the clubhouse for a taste of Southern good luck: greens for prosperity, Hoppin' John for good health, and corn bread because we like it and it's good for dippin'. These treats will be made by members at no cost to participants. The bar will be open

Holiday Party Report

Both the giving and partying spirits shone at the club's Holiday Party on December 13. Mickie Cooksey magically transformed the clubhouse into a traditional banquet hall, with the tables adorned in natural greenery and red berries and ribbons. Michael and Angel Ganey at the bar and Maxie Glenn at the wine bar dispensed a record amount of holiday spirits for our enjoyment. Hors d'oeuvres from Bob Parker and Darlene Oosterhof sustained us until Frank and Pat Hankins' magnificent holiday salads were placed before us on candle-lit tables. The main and dessert courses provided by Valhalla Grill (New Leaf Catering--not affiliated with the coop market) seemed to satisfy most diners' needs to survive the rigors of our Yankee Swap, deftly presided over by our new "Elfette," Lindsey McIntire. New rules were introduced that both expedited and prolonged the exchange process, all in good fun. Moses Turner and Frank Hankins provided inspirational and energizing holiday music that was joined in by everyone who likes to sing, and the partying continued.

The Christmas spirit was evident not only at the party, but in the generosity of many of our members. Thanks to all of you who contributed gift cards or cash to purchase gift cards to meet the needs of residents of Wakulla County's Refuge House for abused women. Gift cards with a total value of over \$1,200 will be available for distribution over the holidays and throughout next year. Well done, ABYC! The worthwhile tradition begun by Lee Chubb lives on. Thanks Lee.

Bob Parker, 2014 Holiday Party Chair

Globber Regatta Report*Kris T Hebert & Marcia Bjerregaard*

The event it started with too much wind, no water, no race, but great supper. Of course, once the race was called, the wind went down (contrary to forecast), the water came in, and we could've, should've raced.

Oh well, Will Glenn and Michael Ganey were reported to have sailed up and down the channels anyway! They are awarded the honorary winners!

Dinghy/Puffin Status*Kris T Hebert*

Be on the lookout for the Spring schedule for dingy racing. Apalachee Bay Community Sailing volunteers will be fiber glassing and repairing the Hobie Holders soon, and they will be available for racing, stay tuned for info. We would like to see both adults and "juniors" using them! Juniors being those kids who would love to learn to race.

Also Community Sailing is happy to announce the sale of *Allegro* to Dylan and Sydney Cummings! look out PHRF! I've heard Sydney is an awesome helms woman!

Boating Emergency Numbers

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

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR*C. Henry Depew*

I would like to recommend an excellent primer and/or reference book to you. It is water resistant, folds flat for use, and covers the basics of power and sail handling.

TITLE: *Boat Maneuvers*
AUTHOR: Klas Klauberg & Bernhard Spörer
PUB: Schiffer Publishing, Ltd.
DATE: 2014
PRICE: \$12-20.00 (depending on source)
ISBN: 978-0-87033-632-4

Do you have a "plumber's helper" with a sink drain attachment? Such is very handy for cleaning out cockpit drains. Attach the sink drain plunger and you will have a working cockpit drain in no time. My neighbor used mine to clean out his boat's cockpit drains. The job took less than a minute per drain to remove the debris in the tubing that had clogged the cockpit drain

ABYC NEEDS YOU IN 2015*Steve LaRosa*

The Board of Directors needs your help to plan and arrange events at ABYC for 2015. The list is long, but we have the enthusiasm and the members to do it. I am confident that if you receive a tap on the shoulder to help out, you will be there for the Club.

To this end, our Junior and Senior Board members and other officers will be making contact with you soon to help organize the various parties and events for 2015. These include the Rum Run Regatta, the Stephen Smith Regatta, the Mullet Cup Regatta, the Vice

Commodore's Regatta, the monthly CIA socials, the special almost monthly events and dinner parties such as the Spring Opening, the Holiday Party, the Commodores Ball, and the list goes on.

We also need volunteers for Dinghy Racing, PHRF racing, and sailing classes. As you can see, it is more than 1 or 2 volunteers can handle. It takes all hands on deck to make this a successful year. So please chip in to lend a helping hand. Be thinking of what your special interests may be for helping out in 2015.

Membership Meeting
Friday, January 09, 2015
1830 - Meeting Starts
West Marine
2110 Apalachee Parkway

Members - Please Note

Due to Waste Pro requirements, the Club trash can has been moved to the east side of the parking lot.

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

**Changes in Attitude Social**

Date: Jan. 31, 2015
Time: 1800 - 1930
Light appetizers will be served and the bar will be open.

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2014-15

January

- Jan. 01 Will Glenn Memorial Frostbite Regatta
Jan. 03 Board Retreat/Combined Meeting - Clubhouse - 10:00 am -
2:00 pm
Friday, Jan. 09 Membership Meeting West Marine - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Jan. 17 Soups, Stews and Chili Dinner - Clubhouse
Jan. 31 Changes In Attitude - Clubhouse - 6:00-7:30 pm

February

- Feb. 07 Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
Feb. 14 Couples Race
Feb. 21: Commodores' Ball
Feb. 28 Changes In Attitude - Clubhouse - 6:00-7:30 pm



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

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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