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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Jan. 01 Will Glenn Memorial Frost Bite Regatta
- Jan. 05 Membership Meeting
- Jan. 06 Joint Board Meeting
- Jan. 27 Dinghy Race CIA

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Jimmy Lee

Happy New Year! I'm honored and a little overwhelmed to be serving as your Commodore for 2018 and will do my best at working with the new Board and members to get activities underway again in the coming year. A big ABYC welcome goes out to our new Board members; Vice Commodore Eric Olsen and Junior Board Member Sondra Lee. Also, a big thank you to our new Past Commodore Cam Whitlock for doing all the heavy lifting as Commodore, so I do not need to worry about club renovations!

Now that the renovations are complete, we can shift focus and get back to the easy stuff. That was a little tongue and cheek, but seriously, my general goal as Commodore is to work with the Board to

reinforce the importance of committees and to reach out to the membership to participate in helping facilitate activities at Club. In my opinion, new members are served well in getting to know the Club by helping orchestrate an activity, whether it be a CIA, helping on a committee boat or assisting in the planning of one of our many social functions. I am going to stress to the Board to ask for help where needed and I will ask that the membership participate in a committee as opportunity arises.

This being ABYC's 50th Anniversary, we hope to plan some special activities throughout the year with a gold theme being dotted throughout. There will probably be a lot of gold this year so stay tuned! Also, you might hear me talk about the Yacht Club's mission and vision this year. It's always a good thing to look back and see where you came from, where you are, and envision where you are going. With that in mind, we have scheduled an ABYC Town Hall meeting on Feb. 17 (see calendar). As your Commodore, I am interested in people's opinions, expectations, and desires of the direction of ABYC. Bring your questions and ideas and let's make a road map for the future.

As many of you know, I have been helping Michael Ganey tend the bar over the past year. Since I won't have that opportunity as much being the Commodore, I have decided to do a monthly Commodore's Happy Hour. They

will be on a Friday after work for a couple of hours. The first one will be Friday Jan. 19th from 5:45-7:45 pm. My plan is to do these monthly on weekends without another function. Come out and let the Commodore pour you a drink.

In other news, I am pleased to announce that construction of the seawall should proceed in earnest in January. Thanks to Dan on all the hard work on getting this underway.

In closing, I'm looking forward to having a lot of fun this year, while continuing to make progress on future projects. The Joint Board Meeting is scheduled for Jan. 6. At this meeting, we will be laying out the many events and activities for the next year, that we have all come to enjoy. If you have any ideas for new events, or areas where you would like to get involved, please reach out to a Board member and let them know your thoughts. ABYC is a volunteer organization, and, as stated above, relies on the efforts of all of our fellow members to plan and organize events. I look forward to seeing you at the membership meeting on Friday January 5, at West Marine. Bring a friend and introduce them to the Club.

MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 5, 2018
West Marine
6:30 PM

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Vice Commodore's Corner

Eric Olsen

We begin a new year that will be filled with exciting on the water activities for ABYC! These will include events throughout the year such as the spring and fall PHRF racing series, the Smith Regatta, the Mullet Cup, the VC Regatta, dinghy races, the rescheduled associate member sail day, and some Beer Can Races thrown in for fun. Also planned will be a few raft-up events open to both sailing and power boats to socialize and enjoy Apalachee Bay.

The spring PHRF race series will begin in March. Race dates will be released in the February newsletter. As before, there will be Harmony 22 (A) and everyone else (B) fleets. The more boats participating, the greater the fun! We will also schedule crew-boat matchups, so come out to the pre-race skippers meeting if you have a boat and need crew or would like to crew and are looking for a boat.

Membership Report

Cam Whitlock

I am pleased to announce we have three membership applications posted at the Yacht Club. Ted Schweitzer, George and Sheila and Gill (who are Shell Point neighbors on Royster), and Ray Spudeck (who is looking to bring his sailboat from Pebble Court to the club docks in January). Their applications will be voted on by the Board of Directors the first week of January. Please introduce yourselves when you see them at the Club.

Steve LaRosa for Cam.

Jr. Board Member Report Social Report and Plans

Sondra Lee

Hello fellow members! I am honored to be taking over from Angel Ganey as the Junior Board Member. She has done a wonderful job the past two years in the planning and execution of Club functions. In order to keep up the level of service we have become used to, a small social committee is being formed to help spread the load. Beth Hamilton, Susie Wilhelm, Teri Watkins, and Angel Ganey have agreed to help me out although I was very, very vague as to what we will be doing as a committee. With their help, I will try to keep things moving along as smoothly as possible as we move into 2018.

Speaking of the New Year, here is a peek at things to come in the near future.

Join some of your fellow members to ring in the New Year at the ABYC Clubhouse after 9:00 pm. A champagne and non-alcoholic beverage toast will be provided by ABYC at midnight.

Bring an appetizer to share and enjoy an evening with fellow members. The bar will be open with bar manager Michael and the 2018 Commodore, Jimmy, serving your drinks.

The Will Glenn Memorial Frost Bite Regatta will take place on New Year's Day. If you don't plan to race a Puffin or other dinghy, come on out to watch. The races will start at 1:00 pm at the Bjerregaard's home in Island Club, east of the clubhouse. After the races stop by the clubhouse for a Traditional Southern New Year's Day dinner, or a drink, or both (the bar will be open). See Marcia's article for more details on the dinner (page 5).

Just like in past years, our

January membership meeting will take place at West Marine in Tallahassee (2110 Apalachee Pkwy, in front of Target). This non-potluck membership meeting will be on Friday, January 5, starting at 6:30 pm. Then feel free to meet up for dinner after the meeting at Cabo's Island Grill & Bar (1221 Apalachee Pkwy). See John Newton's Senior Board Member report for more details about the program.

Monthly Commodore Happy Hours will begin in January! Stop by the Club between 5:40 & 7:45 pm on Friday, Jan. 19 and have your drink served by the Commodore. Ring the bell and he will have to prepare your drink donning a commodore cap. Plastic glassware will be used. Members are encouraged to bring their own glasses and cups to reduce plastic waste at the Commodore's' Happy Hours.

January also brings the return of the monthly Changes in Attitude (CIA) on Saturday the 27th. CIA is a casual social, typically held the last Saturday of each month, starting at 6 pm. Appetizers are provided and the bar is open for libations. CIA hosts are needed for most months in 2018 to provide appetizers for the evening. We are encouraging hosts to aim for a happy hour format at CIA, so if members wish to host sit down dinners, please contact me and I will be more than glad to schedule a dinner event outside of CIA. Your Social Committee will host the Jan. CIA. Other events on the horizon include a Soups & Stews Dinner, Commodore Happy Hours, Commodores' Ball, as well as the normal February membership meeting and CIA/Marti Gras Party (hosted by Dee Pace and Glen Broga. The Commodores' Ball
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will be on February 17 and reservations will be required. Details about cost, dinner, and entertainment will be forthcoming. You can always find club activities listed on the ABYC website calendar

(abyconline.org).

We will also post updates by email list and on the Facebook page.

Happy New Year and I hope to see you at these events!

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.

December 2, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm in the clubhouse.
2. Motion to approve minutes – motion approved

A. Commodore Report

- a. Date for a ‘townhall’ meeting – February 10 @ am
- b. Commodores’ Ball on February 17, needs to be added to the schedule
- c. Orphan Dock update: Brian Plant to get quit claim deed to Jim Wadsworth. Jim Wadsworth has contact with Mobile Home Industries to sign off on quit claim deed.
- d. Dock power reported out today. Dock electrical upgrades need to be a priority after seawall. Power outages cause damage to batteries on slip renters’ boats. Several slip renters have complained about out-

ages.

B. VC Report

- a. Trish Boyd volunteered to run swag committee

C. PC Report

- a. New members report:
 - i. Laura Rush and Mike Twomey
 - ii. Ken and Mary Zimmer
- b. New application: Ted Schweitzer
- c. Landscaping: Ted and Brandi Gilbert proposed landscaping area in front of sign was approved at a cost of \$175.

D. RC Report

- a. Dan gave a report of the final financials on the bathroom renovations. The final tally came in \$2,600 beyond the amount of funds raised. Fundraising efforts will continue. The Board voted to revisit the reimbursement to Dan once the seawall project is complete.

E. Purser Report

- A. Purser’s November Financial report approved.
- b. Maxie reviewed status of several members that are behind on their dues.

F. JBM Report

- a. No report

G. SBM Report

- a. No report

H. Scribe

- a. No report

I. Joint board meeting: Jan 6, 1 to 3 pm

Motion to adjourn: 4:35 pm
Motion passed.

Cam Whitlock for
Scribe, Glenn Parker

Rear Commodore’s Corner

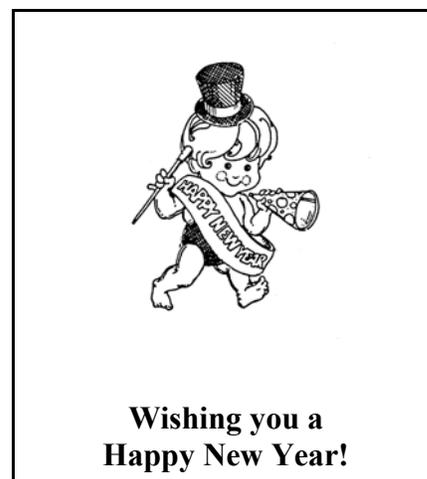
Dan Rocawich

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

December Membership Meeting Report

The meeting was called to order. After reports by the officers present, the meeting was adjourned.

A program about the work of the Northwest Florida Water Management District presented by Jerick Saquibal was enjoyed by those present.



**Wishing you a
Happy New Year!**

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.

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.

Time

Most ABYC events have a traditional time frame -
 PHRF - Skippers' Meeting -
 1030 (10:30 AM)
 Puffin/Dinghy - Start
 1300 (1:00 PM)
 Board - Meeting
 1530-1730 (3:00-5:00 PM)
 Membership - Meeting
 1800 (6:00 PM) Social
 1900 (7:00 PM) Meal
 1945 (7:45 PM) Meeting
 2000 (8:00 PM) Program
 General Socials -
 1800 (6:00 PM) Happy Hour
 1900 (7:00 PM) Meal
 CIA
 1800-1930 (6:00-7:30 PM)
 Exceptions to the above will be so noted in the announcement.

For Sale

Harmony 22, *Staccato*, includes full compliment 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

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.

Editor's Notes

C. Henry Depew

The plan is to get each issue of *The Mark* to the membership in the last week of each month. To accomplish this, article/column submission are requested by the 15th of the preceding month. The material is put together, duplications removed, and questions resolved so that a draft copy can go to the Board of Directors for review by the 20th. Any changes, additions, or deletions are requested to be back to the Editor by the 23rd or 24th (depending on weekends or holidays) and the finished material is sent to the printers and to the membership by the 25th or 26th (if all goes well).

Members are invited to send in material that they think might be of interest to other members. Such material will be edited and included, if space permits.

It will help your Editor considerably, if you save your material as a Rich Text Format (rtf) or a Word doc file. These are the format options offered by most document processing programs. If the material comes in docx (or other such extensions), conversion may become a problem at my end.



Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

John Newton

As has become traditional, the January membership meeting (Friday the 5th) is at West Marine, thanks to the hospitality of manager, Jim Clark. Come early and get in a little shopping. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm. So does the program. Come to the meeting and increase your electronics quotient. Garmin representative, Dowe Thorton, will speak about helping your instruments and devices talk to each other, how to maximize use of your instruments, finding fish, cool stuff coming out, and services available from Garmin. When the meeting is over your EQ should be at least ten points higher. Bring your questions too. Mr. Dowe will finish with a question and answer period.

After the meeting, join fellow Club members at Cabo's for supper. Mike and Bobby will have tables set aside for ABYC members. Cabo's is providing free chips and salsa and other specials for ABYC members.

Please e-mail me, call, or text if

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.

you are likely to join us at Cabo's for supper so I can give Cabo's a possible head count.
Johndnewton@embarqmail.com
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New Years' 2018

Marcia Bjerregaard

The ABYC New Years' celebration begins on New Years' Eve. It's one of our free events. Just bring a plate of finger food and you'll be welcome to attend. The bar will be open and the Club will provide a glass of champagne at midnight. Folks usually start arriving just after 2000.

The Will Glenn Dinghy Regatta begins at 1300 on New Years' Day. Park before the bridge and bring your beverages and cheers for the participants. After the Regatta, we have a bit of a respite, then meet again at the Club for the Southern Good Luck Tasting Event.

You don't need to make a reservation for this event either. Just bring a mess of greens (greens for monetary good luck), black eyed peas (for good health), or corn bread for dipping (an ABYC innovation). Rice to turn the black eyed peas into Hoppin' John will be provided. The bar will open at 1800 for the tasting.

Scuttlebutt

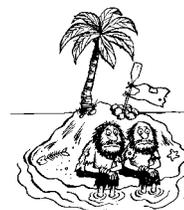
Marcia Bjerregaard

I realized I'd forgotten my Refugee House Donation. Have you made yours? If not, you could send it to Maxie with your monthly bill payment

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

Two key connection points between your electrical devices and the Web are the modem and if you have more than one device connected, a router. If either fails, your connection to your Internet Service Provider (ISP) may be lost. If the modem fails, your connection is definitely lost. If the router fails, you can usually by pass it and get the connection back. Over Thanksgiving, a "denial of service" attack was launched on a certain make and model of modem. All connections through that make/model modem to the ISP and thus to the Web stopped working. In some manner, the firmware was modified to disable the modem. For those of us on land, it was a very inconvenient situation. Everyone affected had to get the modem repaired/replaced before they could get back on the Web. If you were on a boat off-shore, your connection was down until you could get back to shore and the modem repaired/replaced. This event suggests that this is of those things it might be a good idea to have a backup means of continuing operations.



Changes In Attitude Social

Date: Jan. 27, 2018

Time: 6 - 7:30 pm

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2018

January

- Jan. 01 Will Glenn Memorial Frost Bite Regatta - Bjerregaards - 1:00 pm
Post regatta social - clubhouse - 6:00-
Jan. 05 Membership Meeting - West Marine - 6:30 pm
Jan. 06 Joint Board Meeting - clubhouse - 1:00-3:00 pm
Jan. 19 Commodore's Happy Hour - clubhouse - 5:45-7:45 pm
Jan. 27 Dinghy Race - 1:00 pm -
CIA - clubhouse - 6:00-7:30 pm

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. 17 Town Hall Meeting - clubhouse - 11:00 am -12:00 pm
Commodores' Ball - clubhouse - 6:00 - 10:00 pm
Feb. 24 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 (ABYConline.org).

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