



# THE MARK

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## ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Feb. 02: Board Meeting
- Membership Meeting
- Feb. 16: Commodore's Ball
- Feb. 23: CIA - 1800-1930

**Come and Enjoy the Fun!!**

## Commodore's Comments

*Scott Robinson*

Many thanks to the Board members and those leaving the Board for a successful planning retreat on Saturday, Jan. 12. I'd like to thank Henry Depew, Marc Lipsius and Lorna Tweedie for their service to the Club. Thanks also to Tony Cleveland, Ed Fries and Dede Wells for joining for board. I appreciate Maxie Glenn, Ivor Groves, Martha Robinson and Mary VanSciver, who continue to serve.

I look forward to working with this new group of Board members and believe that we have an exciting year of programs, boating activities and social activities planned so that all members can

participate and be involved. We have set some important goals for 2013 and I look forward to sharing them with you as our plans become solid.

We hope to add some more social activities to the calendar. Game nights and movie nights with popcorn are just two of the ideas being bounced around.

As a member-driven club, I hope you'll take an active interest in the Club and participate in the activities.

On a really positive note, keep a look out for your invitation to the Commodore's Ball. You can mark your calendar for Saturday, Feb. 16.

See you on the water,

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## Attention All Members

Please review your membership directory listing and email Maxie at:

[mbg1215@netzero.net](mailto:mbg1215@netzero.net)

to report any changes for 2013.

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## Vice Commodore's Corner

*Tony Cleveland*

At the meeting of last year's Board and the incoming Board on January 12, we discussed not only the upcoming PHRF and dinghy racing, but also some specific ideas for other activities. I'd like to get a canoe/kayak event scheduled. If you've participated in that sort of activity in the past, please contact me with your thoughts on what worked best and was the most fun.

I can be reached at

[CleveTony@hotmail.com](mailto:CleveTony@hotmail.com)

It was suggested at the Board meeting that when this kind of on the water activity is scheduled, we schedule an alternative date at the same time in case of bad weather. I'm also looking into the possibility of offering adult sailing classes twice in the upcoming year. If anyone would like to volunteer as an instructor, please contact me.

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## MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, Feb. 02, 2013
- 1800 - Social
- 1900 - Pot Luck Dinner
- 1945 - Meeting
- 2000 - Program

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## ABYC Social Report and Plans

*Mary VanSciver*

We are very busy planning for the social activities at ABYC. This year I am looking forward to working with Pat Renovitch again as well as Susan Meerman, Katherine LaRosa, and Lindsey McIntire, who will be joining the social planning committee. We are also fortunate to have Alice Lindquist offer to organize the monthly potlucks again this year. If there is a particular event you would like to have this year, please let one of us know. We know that it takes many people to provide all the special events and CIA's throughout the year. It's great fun, but it's also very important that you let us know how you would like to participate. You will have a chance to sign up for a CIA through an email announcement this month. Just select the month you would like and hit reply.

Now look at what February brings! Scott and Martha Robinson are organizing the Commodore's Ball for Saturday, February 16. Details are being finalized as *THE MARK* goes to press, but you can expect fine dining, music and dancing. Dress is formal or semi-formal. Reservations will be required. An invitation with details and the date for reservations (also the date for cancellations) will be mailed soon. Scott can be contacted at [mjrob101@yahoo.com](mailto:mjrob101@yahoo.com) or by cell phone at 544-6636 or home phone at 926-8226.

Our end-of-the-month Changes In Attitude is Saturday, February 23. As always, the CIA requires no reservations, costs nothing except what you buy at the bar, brings together lots of ABYC folks for a good time, and runs from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Once again, a lot is happening at ABYC. See you at the coast!

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## Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

*Martha Robinson*

Many thanks to Jim Clark, manager at West Marine, for hosting the January meeting of ABYC. Members and guests learned a lot about electronic navigation equipment from Garmin representative Dowe Thornton on Friday, Jan. 18.

Winter Birding will be the topic at the meeting on Saturday, Feb. 2. Long-time Tallahassee resident and birding expert Dana Bryan will talk about species likely to be seen and heard in Shell Point during the winter months. He will also talk about species that can found if you look in the right places and look for right signs.

Members will gather at the clubhouse at 6 p.m. for cocktails, a potluck dinner will be served at 7 p.m., there will be a short meeting at 7:45 p.m. and the program will begin at 8 p.m.

In 2013, I will apply a new approach to scheduling programs. Every month following the membership meeting, we'll have a program that will either feature a speaker from another organization or a club member with expertise, travel experience, helpful boating tips or all three. If you would like to share your expertise or know of a potential speaker, please let me know.

Sincerely,  
Martha Robinson  
Senior Board Member

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## Members - Please Note

Due to Waste Pro requirements, the club trash can has been moved to the east side of the parking lot. Also, they do not recycle for commercial establishments so please use this bin for all waste.

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

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## Purser's Report

*Maxine Glenn*

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

Also, there is a copy of the monthly financial statement in a notebook on the shelving behind the front door of the clubhouse that members are encouraged to review.

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## Rear Commodore's Corner

*Ed Fries*

A work day is planned for March 2nd with the emphasis on landscape and grounds. In the meantime, if you see something that needs done/fixed at the clubhouse or floats, let me know - 591-4620

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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.*

**Combined Board Meeting**

The combined Board met on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 0930 at the ABYC clubhouse.

**Present:** Scott Robinson, Lorna Tweedie, Henry Depew, Mary VanSciver, Martha Robinson, Ivor Groves, Ed Fries, Tony Cleveland, Dede Wells

**Absent:** Maxie Glenn, Marc Lipsius (resigned)

Scott Robinson welcomed the new Board members and led an orientation review of current responsibilities assigned to each Board member. Following the orientation, the Board conducted an open discussion to identify goals and to begin the event calendar planning process for meetings and events for this year.

**Overview and Goals**

Scott Robinson recommended that we work to maximize membership involvement in both standing and ad hoc committees activities this year and that we develop events that will attract a diversity of participants and potential members.

**Membership and Marketing**

Ivor Groves recommended that we develop additional opportunities to distribute the current informational brochure. He will develop a Power Point presentation that can be used for presentations to other groups. He stressed the need to keep the FSU sailing club involved with ABYC as one strategy to attract younger members. Maxie Glenn is working on the membership directory and Dede Wells will contact her to offer as-

sistance.

**Revenue Generation and Budget**

The discussion related to maintaining and increasing revenues included the scheduling of additional events during the year, perhaps movie nights or opportunities to view televised special events. Ed Fries will put together a cost estimate for purchasing and installing a larger television that would allow for such events, as well as Wifi access by boat owners renting ABYC docks.

**Facilities and Docks**

Ed Fries will handle the repairs needed on the clubhouse sliding doors and one of the finger docks. Some discussion focused on the need to update the bathrooms in the future.

We will schedule at least two general workdays this year for the clubhouse and grounds.

**Club Boats**

Separate workdays should be scheduled for the Club boats, perhaps recruiting the members who are using the boats to assist in the maintenance and repair work.

**On-the-Water Activities**

Tony Cleveland will work on canoe/kayak trips with other members who have helped to organize them in the past. Scheduling an alternate date in case of weather will be considered.

**Adult Sailing Classes**

Tony Cleveland will explore the possibility of offering these classes twice during the year, and to find additional volunteers to assist with the classes.

**Calendar Planning**

A draft events and meeting calendar was developed. Mary VanSciver proposed the monthly social events and invited suggestions for additional activities. Henry Depew will prepare a draft for review by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1330.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dede Wells  
Scribe, Apalachee Bay Yacht Club

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**Membership Meeting**

The January 2013 meeting held at Tallahassee West Marine on January 18, was called to order by Commodore Scott Robinson at 1830. Due to the nature of the presentation, the regular business meeting was not conducted. Mary VanSciver reminded attendees of the social activities scheduled for January.

Dowe Thornton, representing Garmin, was introduced. He reviewed the navigation products currently available from Garmin and highlighted new features that have been incorporated into these products. In depth information regarding specific products is available on the Garmin website, [www.garmin.com](http://www.garmin.com).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1945.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dede Wells  
Scribe, Apalachee Bay Yacht Club

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**NON BYOB**

Just a reminder that ABYC is not a BYOB club. Members should refrain from bringing libations to the Club when the bar is open.

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## Will Glenn Memorial Frostbite Regatta

*Beth Hamilton*

Eight Puffins participated in the annual Will Glenn Memorial Frostbite Regatta for 2013. The weather was pleasant, the winds were light and we had a large crowd of spectators to enjoy the afternoon. The first place winner was Marcia Bjerregaard and her name will be engraved on the perpetual trophy for this event. Complete results after three races were as follows:

1. Marcia Bjerregaard
2. Michael Getman
3. John Meerman
4. John Hamilton
5. Scott Robinson
6. Lynn Groves
7. Ivor Groves
8. Ted Gilbert

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## SCUTTLEBUTT

*Marcia Bjerregaard*

Looking for a few good male voices, particularly a tenor, to join an ABYC barbershop quartet. If interested please email Al Fletcher (seaweedal@aol.com), Bob Parker (sytenantlady@gmail.com), Al Oosterhof (albert.oosterhof@mac.com) or Carl Bjerregaard (cbjereg@mailier.fsu.edu).

Waste Pro said 'no' to giving us recycling without charge, so the Bjs are bringing it home each week. Please use the large green bin under the bar.

If you take out a large number of folks on a club boat, make sure you have all the safety gear and appropriate number of life jackets.

Do you have a question or comment for club members for inclusion in THE MARK? Send it to cbjereg@fsu.edu with 'Scuttlebutt' on the subject line.

## Policy Regarding Making and Canceling Reservations to ABYC Events

ABYC has an event reservations and cancellation policy. That is explained on the Web site under Member Information - General Club Rules. The policy pertains to the deadline for making or canceling reservations to various ABYC social events. Reservations/cancellations for attending an event must be made before the announced deadline. Both reservations and cancellations must be made directly with the person hosting the event.

The rationale for the policy is that each ABYC event must be self-supporting and those making the event possible need to know how many persons are coming.

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## Greeting 2013 at ABYC

*Marcia Bjerregaard*

It's become a pleasant New Year's Eve tradition. Members bring fingerfoods, Maxie brings her Sirius radio for mood music and dancing, and everyone enjoys an evening together.

After the Will Glenn Regatta on New Year's Day, folks reconvened at the clubhouse for southern good luck treats: Lynn Groves' greens, Steve Augustine's cornbread, and Marcia Bjerregaard's Hoppin' John. For the first time, we enjoyed a northern good luck dish, Lorna Tweedie's pork and sauerkraut.

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## Remember -

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

## Webmaster's Cubicle



*C. Henry Depew*

Our Web site (abyconline.org) is designed to be as generic as possible, since our membership has a number of different "computer" devices that are used to access the site. In some cases, you may not be able to access the site, because the operating system on your device is limited (on purpose by the manufacturer?). In such cases, there is little I can do about the problem.

However, if it not a device/operating system problem (you get a 404 error message for instance), that means I need to see what went wrong on the site. Kindly send me an e-mail if you have an access problem to the site or any part thereof. I will try to determine what is going on, make a fix (if possible), and let you know the results.

Oh yes, if you are interested in helping ABYC in this area, YOU can become the webmaster! Just let me or the Scribe know of your interest.

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**HAPPY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY!**

## 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”, 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
- Storm Plan

### Vice Commodore

- Fleet Committee
- PHRF
- Puffin/Dinghy
- Regatta
- Protest

### Rear Commodore

- Clubhouse & Grounds
- Docks

### Scribe

- Newsletter
- Directory/Handbook
- History
- Web Site

### Purser

- Financial Records

### Senior Board Member

- Programs and Activities

### Junior Board Member

- 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. The function was created to have a member designated to organize an ABYC regatta.

The next step is to fill out the chart with members willing to help get things done. If you see an aspect of the operation of interest to you, kindly contact the relevant officer and volunteer!

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## HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

*C. Henry Depew*

I write a column in a boating publication, *Messing About In Boats*. In one column, I mention the need for a personal “overboard bag” that holds your ID, some money, and a credit card or two - something waterproof that would fit in a pocket of the clothes you are wearing while on the boat. As a result, I received from the editor a package with two Workout Wallets from the firm, StoreSmart (storesmart.com) that meet the requirement (it also has a lanyard that could be secured to your belt). You may want to look into the product. I will bring one of them to the January CIA.

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## Membership Application Forms

Applications for Club membership are now in the clubhouse and on the web site.

If you are recommending someone for membership, kindly tell them that there is a 30 day comment period between the receipt of the application and action by the Board at the next Board meeting.

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## 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.

Also, please send your notice or report as a Rich Text Format (rtf) file (use the “save as” option within your word processing program).

Thank you

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## Changes in Attitude Social

Date: Feb. 23, 2013

Time: 1800 - 1930

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

# ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2013

## February

- Feb. 02: Board Meeting - 1530-  
Membership Meeting - 1800-social, 1900-potluck. 1945-meeting,  
2000-program  
Feb. 16: Commodores' Ball  
Feb. 23: CIA - 1800-1930

## March

- March 02: Work day - clubhouse grounds - 0930 -  
Board Meeting - 1530-  
Membership Meeting - 1800-social, 1900-potluck, 1945 meeting,  
2000-program  
March 16: Spring Opening  
March 30: CIA - 1800-1930



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).**

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Rear Commodore:	Ed Fries	591-4620
Purser:	Maxine Glenn	926-5024
Scribe:	Dede Wells	926-7275
Sr. Board Member:	Martha Robinson	544-6619
Jr. Board Member:	Mary VanSciver	893-0353
Past Commodore:	Ivor Groves	524-5683

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