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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Feb..01: Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
- Feb. 02 Super Bowl Party
- Feb. 07: Opening Winter Olympics
- Feb. 15: Commodores' Ball
- Feb. 22 CIA

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Scott Robinson

We are off to an excellent start in 2014. All our Board members and committees are working hard to host on-the-water and social activities for members.

ABYC continues to grow. New Club applicants are Melanie Simmons and Jason Hight with two children and Sarah and Richard Langford. As always, if you see someone you don't know at the clubhouse, please introduce yourself.

Please join me for the Commodores' Ball on Saturday, February 15. We'll have an Italian feast, live music and an evening of fun, dancing and singing along to songs you know. All previous Commodores will be recognized.

I look forward to seeing you at the membership meeting on February 1. Bring a boating friend and introduce them to the Club.

See you on the water.

Vice Commodore's Corner

Steve LaRosa

SCHEDULING ABYC BOATS KETREL, ALLEGRO, AND CINDERELLA

Did you know that ABYC and Community Sailing have boats available for members to use? There are 3 boats available for members to use.

1. *Kestrel* is a 22 foot Hunter available for day use. It is the simplest of the 3 boats and is very basic and easy to use.
2. *Allegro* is a 22 foot Harmony and is a racing boat. It is not as simple to use, but is rewarding to sail due to its speed and agility.
3. *Cinderella* (the Flying Scot) is a mysterious wooden racing boat on a trailer in front of the Yacht Club. I have never seen it on the water, but perhaps there is someone in the Club that can solve the

mysteries of this beautiful vessel.

To reserve one of the boats, you must first be checked out to be sure you can operate the boat, engine and radio safely.

The Vice Commodore (Steve LaRosa) will arrange for members to be checked out to use the boats and keeps the reservation calendar for the boats.

Text or call Steve at 850-264-2892 or email:
stevelarosa54@yahoo.com.

Officers & Board Members for 2014

- Commodore: Scott Robinson
- Vice Commodore: Steve LaRosa
- Rear Commodore: Ed Fries
- Purser: Maxine Glenn
- Scribe: Dede Wells
- Sr. Board Member: vacant
- Jr. Board Member:
Martha Robinson
- Past Commodore: Ivor Groves

MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, Feb. 01, 2014
- 1800 - Social
- 1900 - Dinner
- 1945 - Meeting
- 2000 - Program

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ABYC Social Report and Plans

Martha Robinson

2014 started with a champagne toast, dingy racing and a good-luck dinner with friends and chilly weather. Many thanks to Marcia and Carl Bjerregaard for hosting the New Year's Eve party and the New Year's Day Hoppin Johns dinner. Lorna Tweedie provided pork and sauerkraut, the Groves cooked greens, and many people provided cornbread and other treats.

Joeann Vesecky provided the movie for Movie Night. There is a new schedule for these events. The bar opens at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7 p.m.

Kris Hebert hosted a successful Soups, Stews and Chili Sampler dinner on Saturday, January 18. Many people provided their tasty favorites. Kris served appetizers, salad, breads and dessert.

Pat and Gordon Renovitch will host the Changes in Attitude (CIA) social on Saturday, January 25.

The February membership meeting will be held February 1. Bring a dish to share for the pot-luck supper. Cocktails begin at 1800; dinner is served buffet-style at 1900; the membership meeting begins at 1945 followed by a program at 2000. That is 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. for landlubbers.

Be sure to join us for a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 2. Bring a dish to share and we will watch on the big screen TV. The bar will be open at 6 p.m. and the kick-off is 6:25 p.m. (eastern time) We will watch the opening ceremonies for the Winter Olympics on Friday, February 7. The ceremonies begin at 7:30 p.m. The bar will be open at 7:00 p.m.

Don't miss the Commodores' Ball on Saturday, February 15.

This is a "fancy" occasion with a Valentine's theme. We'll enjoy live music and an Italian dinner with appetizers, lasagna and dessert. Cost is \$25 per person. RSVP by February 12 to:

mjrob101@yahoo.com.

We'll enjoy a Changes in Attitude (CIA) social on Saturday, February 22. 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. It is always fun and provides an opportunity for members to visit with each other.

March plans include a visit and program by Kingsley and Sue Ross on March 1 and the Spring Opening on March 8. 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.

Christmas Party Report

Lee Chubb

The annual Christmas party was held Dec. 14th with over 50 in attendance. Our dinner was prepared by caterer Micky West of Thomasville and enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Joan, Mary, Martha, Darlene, Pat and Gordon who came to the rescue and made the party happen. Moses and Frank outdid themselves with the entertainment and Joeann and Ed kept the spirits flowing. Many many thanks to all. Our much appreciated community outreach to refuge house raised over \$1,700. Thanks to all who made the evening a huge success.

Rear Commodore's Corner

Ed Fries

If you see something that needs done/fixed at the clubhouse or floats, let me know - 591-4620

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.

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.

Membership

Ivor Groves

As per the *By-laws*, the name of the proposed member shall be published in the next ABYC newsletter, *THE MARK*, after the application was received. The following have been posted at the clubhouse, Melanie Simmons & Jason Hight Sarah & Richard Langford

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.

The Joint Board Meeting was held on December 28, 2013 at 1000 at the home of Scott and Martha Robinson.

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

Commodore Scott Robinson called the meeting to order with an overview of accomplishments for 2013, asked for the Board members to collaborate in developing goals or projects for calendar year 2014. Specific projects discussed for 2014 include (1) continue ABYC craft maintenance, (2) address current space needs for social events, (3) plan for wider membership involvement in the planning and execution of activities, (4) plan for additional events that appeal to small groups such as sunset cruises and sailing instruction, (5) schedule periodic checkout opportunities for using ABYC craft, (6) increase the number of dinghy races, and (7) survey the total membership for additional priorities.

Purser-Maxie Glenn

Maxie is working with the Club's accountant to develop a reporting system that will reduce the annual cost for accounting services; therefore, the current financial report will be delayed until the next meeting. The new lift has been paid for and the Board will need to establish procedures for use of the equipment.

Past Commodore-Ivor Groves

Ivor suggested that we examine which Club activities are more likely to attract new members, and

focus on scheduling these events. This year the sailing classes appeared to generate interest from potential members.

Senior Board Member/Junior Board Member-Martha Robinson

Until a Senior Board Member is appointed, Martha will assist in planning programs for membership meetings. Social events were added to the 2014 Planning Calendar, which will be displayed on the ABYC website, and updated during the year as needed. Martha suggested that we plan some events for new members during the year. In order to provide support to social events, the Board voted to approve an increase of \$.50 for alcoholic drinks. This increase will allow for the Board to hire a kitchen helper as needed for social events. This increase will begin in February with the Commodore's Ball.

Rear Commodore-Ed Fries

Maintenance priorities for the coming months include work on the sliding doors, installation of gutters over the lift, painting of the pool deck, and upgrade of light fixtures at the clubhouse. The air conditioning system has had several problems this year, and a replacement of the system may be necessary if problems persist. Members are encouraged to contact Ed Fries by phone or email with all maintenance issues.

Vice Commodore-Steve LaRosa

Steve presented a tentative racing schedule for 2014, along with procedures for participants to sign up for these events. He will be working on a new mark placement system for races. Steve proposed and the Board approved an annual budget for

regular maintenance of ABYC craft. Expenditures of \$100.00 or under do not require board approval.

New Business

Ivor Groves recommended that the Board make a \$100 donation to the Apalachee Bay Volunteer Fire Department. The Board approved the donation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1400.

Respectfully submitted,
Dede Wells, Scribe

Membership Meeting Minutes

The January 11, 2014 membership meeting was called to order by Commodore Scott Robinson at 2000 hours. The initiative to attract new members continues, and members who know of potential candidates for membership should contact the Commodore.

Rear Commodore Ed Fries reported that the recent freezing weather had not damaged the water system for the clubhouse.

Vice Commodore Steve LaRosa reviewed the spring calendar of racing activities. *Kestral* is ready to be used and will be docked at the ABYC facility. The Flying Scot needs some repair and maintenance work in order to be used in competition; volunteers for the work should contact members Dylan and Sydney Cummings.

Purser Maxie Glenn reported that the ABYC Directory is being updated, and members are encouraged to review their listing information for accuracy and email any changes to her.

Scribe Dede Wells requested that the November Board of Directors meeting minutes be approved,

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and the membership voted approval.

Junior Board Member Martha Robinson reviewed social events planned for January and February.

Commodore Scott Robinson asked for members interested in filling the Board vacancy for Senior Board Member contact him. He also announced the pending \$.50 increase in bar charges for alcoholic beverages, which will begin in February with the Commodore's Ball. This increase will allow for hiring assistance in the kitchen for future social events.

Movie nights will begin again in January. The bar will open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2030.

Respectfully submitted,
Dede Wells, Scribe

ABYC Weather Station

As we go to press, the ABYC weather station is offline because of a technical problem affecting its temperature and humidity readings. We hope to have the problem fixed shortly.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S
DAY

**SPRING PHRF RACING
SERIES DATES SET**

ABYC is a yacht club, and as such has an active racing series each Spring and Fall. The dates for the 2014 Spring Racing Series has been approved by the Board of Director and is on the ABYC website and in *The Mark*. Please consider entering your sailboat for a few races or the entire series (six races). If you have not raced before, this is a casual racing series and is meant to be fun. The races for the Spring Series will be upwind - downwind (4 legs of 1 mile each). The committee boat will set the starting line and start the race. Participants race upwind to the mark, back to the committee boat, then a second upwind - downwind lap around the course. The skippers' meeting will be at 10:30 in the clubhouse before each race. You must attend the meeting to register your boat for the race and then get out to the course for a 12:30 start. The race is usually over by 2 then back to the clubhouse for Buck a Beer and everyone talks about the race. Protests are allowed, but discouraged [I think it is \$100 to lodge a written protest :-)]. There are some basic

racing rules to be learned, but this can be easily taught. One basic rule is "do not collide with another boat". There are some other basic rules, but we can discuss those at the skippers' meeting. So please join the racing fun and consider entering your boat!

1 - March 1 LT 0838 -0.60
2 - March 15 LT 0858 +0.02
3 - March 29 LT 0832 +0.05
4 - April 12 LT 07:45 +0.60
5 - May 10 LT 0606 +1.09
6 - May 17 LT 1039 +1.52
Alternate date June 7 HT 1033

Any questions contact the Vice Commodore, Steve LaRosa -
Cell number 850-264-2892 call or text:

stevelarosa54@yahoo.com

Non PHRF Races

Rum Run Regatta - March 22
contact - Michael Getman

Stephen C. Smith Regatta -
April 26
contact - Don Reeder

Have you checked the expiration date on your boat's flares lately?

BOAT US Membership

ABYC is a current 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.)

MARK Advertising

Business card size ads are available at a cost of \$20 per ad, per issue. Camera-ready copy for the ads should be e-mailed to

sisu26@nettally.com

or mailed to

C. Henry Depew
3316 Lakeshore Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32312

SCUTTLEBUTT*Marcia Bjerregaard*

Free to a good home. A genoa and a spinnaker for a mast head Harmony 22. Both heavily used, but still functional. Contact Don Reeder, 850-933-0886.

Anyone wanting a 6-pound CQR anchor or a 10-pound Navy style rock anchor should contact Henry Depew 850-386-1665.

Kestral is smiling. Franz and Steve La Rosa have been scrubbing, repairing, and trying their best to make her sail faster.

So, you've agreed to host an ABYC social event. One next step is shopping for decorations. The locked storeroom is full of nice, free ideas. From candles to napkin rings, you can do one stop shopping.

The kitchen is once again stuffed with forgotten plates, bowls, and cookware. Please pick up any, you have left behind.

**Rum Run Regatta
March 22 Weekend
Save the Date**

The March 22 weekend will be the date for the Second Rum Run Regatta hosted by ABYC. Event Chairman Michael Getman and his committee members Kris Hebert and Steve LaRosa are finalizing plans. There will be a pre party Friday evening March 21 with snacks and beverages, racing on Saturday, and a dinner party Saturday night. Costs and registration details are being finalized; T Shirt designs are being completed. It should be a fun weekend for all that attend. Be sure to save the date and look for more details soon.

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

An interesting item in the Feb. issue of *Sail*, p. 64, on portable power packs for electronics might be of use to some of you. It is a portable lithium iron phosphate battery pack. For more information, go to: daysaver.com

While many people utilize Weather Underground for their weather information <<http://www.wunderground.com/>>, I have found two other web sites of use. Both are designed for the aviation community, but both have use for those on the water. The first one <<http://aviationweather.gov/adds/>>, gives you a variety of displays of weather information. One of those most useful to the non-aviator is a display of the United States showing the weather pattern in terms of highs, lows, wind line and wind direction/strength. This display can be changed to show temperature. What you get is the current information and then you can go forward for the forecast for over 24 hours. The second display is for local and regional Doppler radar. You can see what is around you as well as what may be coming your way. Of course, in both the weather and temperature fore-

cast, the information is the "best guess" at the time.

For relatively current (the time of the information is shown in the top bar) weather information and the local forecast for a given location take a look at:

<<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/zoa/mwmap3.php?map=usa>>

Annual Will Glenn Memorial Frostbite Regatta

Beth Hamilton

The annual Will Glenn Memorial Frostbite Regatta was held on January 1, 2014. There were six racers willing to brave the cold and misty rain that day. After three races, the final results were as follows:

1. Michael Getman
2. John Meerman
3. Scott Robinson
4. Ivor Groves
5. Marcia Bjerregaard
6. Lynn Groves

Thanks to all who helped with the event: the Bjerregaards for providing the host site and Martha Robinson and Maxie Glenn for helping me with the race committee.

Commodores' Ball

Saturday, **Feb. 15**
1800 - Happy Hour
1900 - Dinner
Dancing to Follow
Appetizers, Lasagna, & Dessert

\$25/per person
RSVP by Feb. 12
mjrob101@yahoo.com

**Changes in Attitude Social**

Date: Feb. 22, 2014
Time: 1800 - 1930
Light appetizers will be served and the bar will be open.

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2014

February

- Feb.01: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- Feb. 02: Super Bowl Party - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm -
- Feb. 07: Opening Ceremonies - Winter Olympics - Clubhouse - 7:00 pm-
- Feb. 12: Reservations due for Commodore's Ball
- Feb. 15: Commodores' Ball
- Feb. 22: CIA - Clubhouse - 6:00-7:30 pm

March

- March 01: PHRF #1 of 6
Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- March 08: Spring Opening Ceremony – Clubhouse
Dinghy Races – 1:00 pm
- March 09: Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 15: PHRF #2 of 6
- March 22: Rum Run Regatta
- March 29: PHRF #3 of 6
Changes in Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm
No reservations required



**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).

The MARK February 2014

Apalachee Bay Yacht Club

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Vice Commodore:	Steve LaRosa	385-8959
Rear Commodore:	Ed Fries	591-4620
Purser:	Maxine Glenn	926-5024
Scribe:	Dede Wells	926-7275
Sr. Board Member:		
Jr. Board Member:	Martha Robinson	544-6619
Past Commodore:	Ivor Groves	524-5683

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