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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Feb. 01: Super Bowl Party
- Feb. 07: Meetings
- Feb. 13: Movie Night
- Feb. 21: Commodores' Ball
- Feb. 28: Puffin/Dinghy Race
Changes In Attitude

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Steve LaRosa

January has come and gone with a great start to the year. Thanks to everyone who helped plan the Frostbite Regatta, the Hoppin' Johns, the very fun Soups, Stews and Chili social, the Work Day and the CIA. That is a fun and busy month. We also want to welcome our new members Jimmy and Sondra Lee to the Club; they are also our neighbors at Shell Point on Royster Dr. Welcome to the Club Jimmy and Sondra.

February will be busy, also. Keep an eye on the schedule of events. I hope to see you at the Commodores' Ball.

Vice Commodore's Corner

Cam Whitlock

As we look from the depths of winter towards spring and the promise of warmer weather and fair winds, we can start planning some on the water activities. The dates for the spring PHRF series are set, as are the dates for a new Club program - "ABYC Boat Orientation Days". This new program is designed to introduce new Club members to the Apalachee Bay Community Sail boats that are available for ABYC member use, *Kestrel* and *Maxie I*.

One of my charges as Vice Commodore this year is to increase participation in the PHRF Series. To this end, *Maxie* will be entered in each race with a beginner's only crew, under the leadership of an experienced ABYC skipper.

Through the visioning sessions held in December, we learned that many of us want to see more boats on the water during the race series. If you own a seaworthy sailboat and like to sail, talk to me or one of the many other experienced sailors in the Club about getting your vessel's PHRF rating and coming

out for as many of the races as you can. We hope to have two fleets this year, a Harmony fleet and a beginner/cruiser fleet for each race.

The schedule for the spring PHRF series:

- Race 1 - March 14
- Race 2 - March 28
- Race 3 - April 11
- Race 4 - May 3
- Race 5 - May 16
- Race 6 - May 30 Alternate

The schedule for the "ABYC Boat Orientation Days":

- Orientation 1 - March 7 (10am)
- Orientation 2 - June 6 (10am)
- Orientation 3 - August 22 (10am)

If you have any questions, contact me:

phone / text: (850)228-3542
email: ccwhitlock@gmail.com



MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, February 07, 2015
1800 - Social
1900 - Potluck 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. Many thanks to Marcia and Carl Bjerregaard for hosting the New Year's Eve party and the New Year's Day Hoppin' Johns dinner. Beth Hamilton cooked the Hoppin' Johns, Lynn Groves cooked greens, and many others provided cornbread and other treats. Delish!

Kris Hebert hosted a successful Soups, Stews and Chili Sampler dinner on Saturday, January 17. With 18 pots of soup, there was something for everyone. Kris and others served appetizers, salad and breads. Marcia Bjerregaard provided a tasty dessert.

Following the workday on January 24, many Club members enjoyed pizza and beer around the bonfire.

Be sure to join us for the Changes In Attitude social on Saturday, January 31. Ivor and Lynn Groves will host and provide appetizers between 6 pm and 7:30 pm. An RSVP is not necessary. The only cost is your drinks at the bar.

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Rear Commodore's Corner

Jerry Wells

New codes were set for clubhouse doors, pool access and the ice machine. The new combination has been e-mailed to the membership. Light bulbs were replaced for the fixture between the lower steps and the lift, so that area is now lighted after dark. The fixture has an infrared sensor and should turn on when you walk under it.

The seawall repairs were completed this week, pleasantly under budget.

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



Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

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

I hope everyone has received the request to review your membership listing. Also, if you would like your children listed, please let me know. We are including the child's year of birth, since this seemed the most efficient way to keep the information up to date.

The Board is looking at a variety of ways to increase youth participation in Club activities and we thought this would be a good way to allow parents to network with each other.

All members can now have their Club bills sent via email, just by letting me know. I can be contacted by email at:

mbg1215@netzero.net.

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

John McBride

The first meeting of 2015 was held at the new West Marine store in Tallahassee. The Yacht Club had not met at the store in a couple of years so it was nice to resume the practice while giving many of our members a chance to see the new, larger store on Apalachee Parkway. Club favorite, Jim, is back working for WM and he is always a friendly and helpful person beloved by many in the Yacht Club.

In addition to providing a technical presentation on marine electronics, West Marine held a drawing for a gift card. Sue and Kingsley Ross won the prize so will be treating *Ostinado* to some needed goodies. Speaking of Sue and King, they will be giving a presentation on February 7th about their continuing adventures. It is tempting to say their "adventures in Europe", but knowing they have sailed the Bosphorus, that descriptive is probably obsolete. Susie & Bill Wilhelm also won a prize, a Tilley hat.

I am looking for a couple more people to serve, on occasion, on the Program Committee. Melanie Simmons has already agreed to help, but I would like to add some volunteers.

Remember -

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

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.

Combined ABYC Board of Directors Meeting

Commodore Steve LaRosa called the Board meeting of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club to order at 10:00 a.m. on January 3, 2015, at the ABYC clubhouse.

Present: Steve LaRosa, Cam Whitlock, Jerry Wells, Maxie Glenn, David O'Hara, John McBride, Martha Robinson, Dede Wells, Ivor Groves, Scott Robinson

Guests: Kingsley Ross, Katherine LaRosa, Denise Whitlock, Mike Getman, Mike Ganey

Absent: Ed Fries

Commodore-Steve LaRosa

A Community Sailing update was provided by Mike Getman, who reviewed the recent organizational changes to the Community Sailing Board of Directors. The boats are being repainted and repaired in preparation for use later in the year. *Kestrel* is owned by the Boy Scouts of America, and the Board may want to pursue a clear agreement with the Boy Scouts of America regarding the use of the vessel. Mike is exploring the possibility of building up a pram fleet through donations from other yacht clubs, that may be turning over older stock. It was suggested that we invite a representative from the Community Sailing organization to present a program to a future ABYC membership meeting.

Past Commodore-Scott Robinson

Scott updated the Board regarding ABYC's properties, including the docks, and Kingsley Ross re-

viewed the history of property ownership as it relates to the purchase several years ago of the property adjoining the current ABYC clubhouse. Scott is interested in pursuing ABYC involvement in local events such as Springtime Tallahassee and the Tallahassee Boat Show. Scott presented a Commodore's flag and gavel to Steve LaRosa for use during his tenure.

Vice Commodore-Cam Whitlock

Cam presented the idea of using experienced skippers to sail with novice sailors during PHRF season, as a way of helping new members to develop confidence on the water. He is planning a committee to assist him in following up on suggestions which were made during the December visioning meetings.

Purser-Maxie Glenn

Maxie presented the December, 2014 financial summary, and answered questions about which reserve funds would be available for future projects brought up in recent visionary planning meetings with the membership. The Board approved the report.

Junior Board Member-Martha Robinson

Martha led a discussion regarding the need to provide consistent support in the kitchen for ABYC social events. The Board agreed that it would be useful to have more than one individual to call for these events in order to assure the availability of assistance in the kitchen when needed.

Rear Commodore-Jerry Wells

Steve LaRosa provided a list of maintenance and repair items that need attention and suggested that the Board needs to set priorities for the more immediate items. The Board reviewed the listed items and asked Jerry Wells to provide cost estimates for the February

meeting. Mike Ganey presented a cost estimate for providing WiFi service to the clubhouse and to the docks. The Board approved the proposal, which includes dropping the landline currently located at the ABYC clubhouse. Mike also brought up some fresh ideas about how to maximize our Facebook page usage and will work with Martha Robinson to implement some new ideas.

Former Past Commodore-Ivor Groves

Ivor summarized the outcomes of the December, 2014 visioning meetings provided for the membership. He will discuss this summary with the membership at a future monthly meeting. Ivor will provide the summary for publication in *The Mark*. The Board agreed that we will develop a list of recurring tasks for which Board members need volunteers. John McBride suggested that the Board review strategies for moving Associate Members into Regular Member status. Ivor made a motion that each Board member create subcommittees. Martha suggested an amendment that Board members bring a committee sign-up sheet to every function. Amendment and original motion were adopted.

Past Scribe-Dede Wells

Dede requested and received Board approval of the December meeting minutes as published in *The Mark*.

New Business

Martha led a calendar planning session to start the new year. She will send the Board members a list of officer's duties for review and planning purposes. Steve asked for assistance to update the awards plaques; Maxie offered to help.

Cam Whitlock suggested "Learning Days" for the club boats

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for new members. He also suggested that new members be invited to race on club boats in all races.

John McBride suggested a Beer Can Series type of event for cruising boats to take place during the week after work.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David O'Hara, Scribe

Membership Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2015 ABYC membership meeting at West Marine in Tallahassee was called to order at 1830.

Guests present included Jim and Sondra Lee, Carol & Hugh McMillan, Roy Rhodes, and a two students from the FSU Sailing Club, Ricardo and Simone.

Scott Boyd talked briefly about the Naval Sea Cadet Corps cooperating with Youth Sailing.

The Soups and Stews and Chili get Sampler at the clubhouse is on Saturday January 17.

Scott Robinson discussed participation in Springtime Tallahassee (March 28)

We now have WiFi at the clubhouse

The meeting adjourned at 1900.
Respectfully submitted,
David O'Hara, Scribe

Members - Please Note!

ABYC no longer has a landline. The number that was listed on the back cover of the newsletter is no longer in service.

(Social Report - continued)

Ralph Billings and Mickie Cooksie will host a **Super Bowl Party** on Sunday, February 1. We'll watch the game (and the commercials) on the big screen TV. We'll start to gather for pre-game activities around 4:30 pm and kick off is 6:30 pm. Mickie will provide wings, chili and a variety of other foods. Bring something to share, if you'd like.
RSVP by Thursday, January 29. \$5 per person plus drinks at the bar.

Kingsley and Sue Ross are home (temporarily!) from Turkey. They will talk about their journey at the February membership meeting on Saturday, February 7. Bring a dish to share for the potluck supper. Cocktails begin at 1800; dinner is served buffet-style at 1900; the membership meeting begins at 1945, followed by a program at 2000.

Scott and Martha Robinson will host **Movie Night on Friday, February 13.** We'll watch *White Squall* with Jeff Bridges. The film is about an adventure on the high seas that turns into a challenge for survival. There's a new schedule for these events. The bar opens at 6:30 pm and the movie starts at 7 pm. Rated PG-13.

Don't miss the **Commodores' Ball on Saturday, February 21.** This is a "fancy" occasion. Wear your formal attire, but black-tie is optional. We'll enjoy live music and Chicken Marabella, catered by Fran Doxie. Cost is \$35 per person. **RSVP to Steve La Rosa by Tuesday, February 17 to:**

Steve.LaRosa54@yahoo.com or call/text 850-264-2892.

Limited to 50 people.

John and Susan Meerman will host a CIA social on Saturday, February 28. Always held the last Saturday of the month, the event

begins at 6 pm 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.

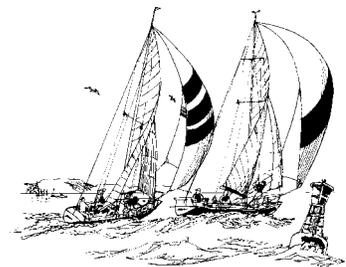
Please let me know if you'd like to host a social or CIA. The events are fun and it is good way to meet other members.
See you at the club.

SCUTTLEBUTT

Marcia Bjerregaard

Want an easy task at ABYC so you don't get asked to do a big job? How about raising and lowering the flags on weekends? Volunteer quick before this easy job disappears!

Scuttlebutter's neighbors have leaked info that they have inflatable and motor for sale (926-8962).

**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.)

Youth Activities Committee to Form

Steve LaRosa

I am trying to arrange a committee to organize, plan and arrange youth activities at ABYC. This is in keeping with the overall goal of our Board of Directors to broaden our youth involvement with sailing and other activities. As a first step, we have added Wi-Fi to the club house and ABYC docks. We realize that if young families with children will be at the club, Wi-Fi connectivity is essential. Also we continue to maintain the pool and are upgrading the pool deck to make it nicer. We will be adding boat raft up days at the beach this summer.

We are also constructing prams to promote novice youth sailing. The venerable Hobie Holders are being repaired and will be used for more intermediate youth sailing.

We have plans to remodel the downstairs area to make it more user friendly as a space for youth to use. And if all goes well, we will be possibly be adding an outdoor seating area with a grill and a bonfire pit to keep our young and young at heart members active and involved.

We will need some volunteers to help with planning and arranging youth activities. Can I count on you to help? I know I can. So if you would like to volunteer please let me know. I plan to organize the committee soon.



Membership

Scott Robinson

ABYC continues to grow. 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:

Jimmy and Sonda Lee

Invite your family, friends and co-workers who might be prospective members to join you for a boating or social activity at the club. I'll be happy to talk with them about the benefits of membership.

If you'd like to join me on the Membership Committee, let me know.

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.

Garbage Reminder

If you are throwing trash away downstairs, please make sure there is a garbage bag in the can. Extra bags are in the ice room. Thanks.



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

Garmin Product Training

Garmin Rep Dowe Thornton will be holding a Garmin Products class in the Tally West Marine store on **Thurs night Feb 26** starting at 6:30pm. This will be an interactive class and everyone is welcome. Dowe will help people become more comfortable with specific units if needed and will also educate the group on current and future systems. **It's FREE**, just show up!

Will Glenn Memorial Frostbite Dinghy Regatta Report

The annual Will Glenn Memorial Frostbite Dinghy Regatta was held January 1, 2015. Spectators gathered at the Bjerregaard's house to watch the races. Eight Puffins and one Laser competed for the honor of adding their name to the silver trophy cup.

Light winds resulted in only two races for the day, and finishing positions were very close. Final results were as follows:

Puffin Fleet

1. John Hamilton
2. Marcia Bjerregaard
3. John Meerman
4. Ivor Groves
5. Scott Robinson
6. Sue Ross
7. Michael Ganey
8. Jim McGill

General Dinghy Fleet

1. Mike Thomas

Thanks to the Bjerregaards for providing the race site and the Groves for providing the committee boat. Thanks to Bob Parker and Darlene Oosterhof and guest Dotty McPherson for serving as race committee.

Beth Hamilton
Dinghy Race Consultant

Commodores' Ball
Saturday February 21
Cost is \$35 per person

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HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

One of the 2.5-pound dry-chemical fire extinguishers on the boat had its needle in the "recharge" sector of the gauge. The extinguisher had a 1986 date on it. Since the boat was built in 1985, this extinguisher probably came with the boat when I purchased it. I called a local commercial fire extinguisher outlet about recharging the extinguisher. The response was to replace it, as it was "over-age". Since I did not know that fire extinguishers had an expiration date, I found the response interesting. After some research, I found that most extinguishers should work up to 15 years, as long as the needle is in the "green" sector, but unless there is an expiration date (like on flares) or a manufacturer's date (like on mine), you might not know the age of the device. One source concerning fire extinguishers noted that they should be checked once a year and there is a problem of the dry chemical part "caking" on the bottom of the extinguisher, if it is stored vertically all the time. There is also the point made in my phone conversation that the cost to recharge the extinguisher may exceed the cost of replacement.

Oh yes, the bottom of the aluminum cylinder was corroded.

NON BYOB

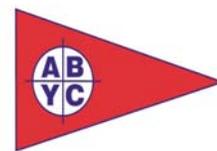
Just a reminder that ABYC is not a BYOB club. Members should refrain from bringing libations to the clubhouse, when the bar is open.

Update on Pram Construction

Steve LaRosa

A group of ABYC members is busy constructing a small pram fleet for novice sailors at the Big Bend Maritime Center in Panacea. Volunteers have included Dee Pace and Glenn Broga plus children, Mike Ganey, Frank Hankins, John Merrman, myself, plus volunteers from the Optimist Club in Panacea. The prams should be finished by the end of February and we plan to have a social event (think field trip) at the Big Bend Maritime Center in April to see the finished prams.

The Maritime Center is a very interesting place in our back yard, so to speak, but unknown to most of us. The facility director, Roger Pinholster, will give us a program and introduction to the facility. So it will be interesting to see the finished prams and tour the property. More on this program will follow as plans progress.



Changes in Attitude Social

Date: Feb. 28, 2015

Time: 1800 - 1930

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

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2014-15

February

- Feb. 01: Super Bowl Party - Clubhouse - 4:30 pm - social
Feb. 07: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
Feb. 13: Movie Night - Clubhouse - 6:30 pm - social - 7:00 pm Movie
Feb. 17: Commodores' Ball Reservations Due
Feb. 21: Commodores' Ball - Clubhouse
Feb. 28: Puffin/Dinghy Race - 1:00 pm
Changes In Attitude - Clubhouse - 6:00-7:30 pm

March

- March 07: Boat Orientation - Clubhouse - 10:00 am
Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
March 13: Movie Night - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social - 7:00 pm Movie
March 14: PHRF #1 of 6 - Clubhouse - Skippers' Meeting - 10:30 am
March 21: Spring Opening - Clubhouse - 10:00 am -
Big Boat Cruise - 3:00 pm -
March 28: PHRF #2 of 6 - Clubhouse - Skippers' Meeting - 10:30 am
Changes In Attitude - 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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