

# THE MARK

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## ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- March 03: Club Work Day  
Board Meeting  
Membership Meeting
- March 10: PHRF #1
- March 17: Spring Opening/  
Brunch
- March 24: PHRF #2
- March 31: Dinghy Races  
CIA

**Come and Enjoy the Fun!!**

## Commodore's Comments

*Ivor Groves*

This is the month that our spring usually begins. However, this year most of winter has felt like spring and so the fishing and sailing should start early. PHRF races are scheduled to begin on March 10th. Welcome to the Sailing Club at FSU members who are planning on sailing with us this year. Come on out and enjoy the sailing.

It has been great to see such good turnouts at club events. We had 49 members and guests at the Commodores' Ball and have had large crowds at program nights and CIAs. Participation is the key to

getting the maximum out of the club and to keeping the club strong and vital. The more we participate the more we create a positive spiral that makes us even more attractive to new members.

Thanks to Lynn Groves, Laura Groves and her friend Dan Cleveland for helping make the Commodores' ball a success. Also thanks to Pat Hankins for the appetizer and rice dish and Joan Turner and Darlene Oosterhof for the great appetizers. Tony Risso assisted with the service while Joeann Vesecky and Gordon Renovitch were the bartenders, and Suzie Risso helped in the kitchen. A special thanks to Steve Augustine for preparing and cooking the tenderloin.

Buenos Dias,  
Monteverde, Costa Rica

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## Club Work Day - March 3rd

The Work Day to fix up the Clubhouse and grounds has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 3rd. Come down and help fix things up.

## Vice Commodore's Corner

*Scott Robinson*

Well, I thought spring had already sprung, but then the cold weather made a comeback. First, I would like to thank John Hamilton and others who assisted him in putting on what turned out to be a very interesting racing clinic on February 12th. What was billed as an Introduction to Racing quickly turned into a lively discussion of rules, tactics and strategies amongst seasoned racers when only a few newbies (including me) showed up. We had 15 participants and I'm sure everyone learned something.

This was an excellent refresher for many as we get ready for the Spring PHRF Series. Unfortunately, the workday planned to follow the clinic had to be canceled due to some pretty chilly weather that had moved in for the weekend. Thanks to Frank Hankins for offering to sand and paint the racing marks. They are now ready to go back in the water.

Please mark your calendar for the PHRF Series which starts on March 10 and continues into May.

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## MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, March 03, 2012
- 1800 - Social
- 1900 - Potluck Dinner
- 1945 - Business Meeting
- 2000 - Program - Ivor & Lynn
- Tall Ship Sailing

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(*more information on p. 4*) I hope you will join us for the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta, April 27-29, 2012. Please participate - volunteer, race, donate items for and buy items from the auction. It's all for a good cause - the American Cancer Society.

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**Purser's Report**

*Maxine Glenn*

If you have any questions or comments concerning your monthly bill, please contact me at: [mbg1215@netzero.net](mailto:mbg1215@netzero.net).

Speaking of costs, if anyone wants to save a stamp, I have an ABYC mailbox in my carport by the workshop door. You are welcome to drop off any correspondence there; just be sure to raise the flag, so I'll know something has been left.

Also, I put a copy of the monthly financial statements in a notebook on the shelving behind the front door of the clubhouse. Please feel free to review the numbers and email me with any questions.

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

*C. Henry Depew*

The February program by Scott Nelson on the operations of the Wakulla County Division of Emergency Management was very informative.

The March program will be by Ivor and Lynn Groves on their

sailing trip in European waters aboard a "tall ship".

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**Rear Commodore's Corner**

*Marc Lipsius*

Had another run-in with the rodent that ate the phone wires for the second time, but now it's repaired with a new cable located inside a length of PVC pipe for protection, so unless he/they like to eat through heavy plastic and metal, we should be OK again for a long while.

The AC filters in the clubroom have been replaced and from now on, maybe they will be replaced on a schedule of every 2-3 months, depending on the use of the club. I'm surprised that any air at all got through the one in the main room.

*Kestrel* has been hauled out, the mast and rigging taken down, and pounds and pounds of barnacles and grass pressure washed and scraped from the hull. Thanks to Frank, Steve, and Carl for all the work. The boat will be waxed by those members using it. And, after that is completed, it will be bottom painted, the mast re-stepped and launched back into service for all to use. We had to use the ramp at Oyster Bay, there is no other available ramp in Shell Point.

The threatening weather cancelled the planned work day on Feb. 18th. The rescheduled day is March 3rd. Come down and help fix things up, wax *Kestrel*, and spruce up the grounds.

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**ABYC Social Report and Plans**

*Mary VanSciver*

The social calendar for March features a potluck on the 3rd, Spring Open Brunch on the 17th, and a CIA on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

The special event for March is the Spring Opening Brunch, hosted by Pat and Gordon Renovitch.

For a more casual event, we will be having our potluck dinner on March 3rd. Drinks and appetizers begin at 6:00 followed by dinner at 7:00. After a short membership meeting, stay and enjoy a special presentation from 8 to 9:00. Please offer a word of thanks to our new Potluck Coordinator, Alice Lindquist, who offered to help with this year's potlucks. Thank you, Alice!

The last weekend of the month brings the Changes in Attitude (CIA) hosted by Scott and Martha Robinson. A special thank you to our Vice Commodore and Scribe for helping the club in one more way. For the CIA, no reservations are required, 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.

The January 28th Chili Sampler was a lively event with over 40 members and guests attending. It was a limitless supply of chili, coleslaw, cornbread and chocolate cake. With too many to mention, here are a few of the chilis we sampled: venison, Kentucky, beanless, vegetarian and white chilis. A special thanks goes to the families who brought chili: Dunham, Augustine, Bjerregaard, Greenfield, Meerman, Chafe, Harris, Johnston, Fletcher, Hankins, Getman, Parker, VanSciver and Kanagy. I heard that Steve VanSciver and Bob Parker decided to

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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.*

Commodore Ivor Groves board meeting of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club to order at 01530 on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at the ABYC clubhouse.

**Present:** Ivor Groves, Scott Robinson, Marc Lipsius, Maxie Glenn, Martha Robinson, Mary VanSciver, Henry Depew and Lorna Tweedie.

### Possible Kitchen Renovation Project

Darlene Oosterhof, a member and guest at the meeting, attended to present a proposal for renovations to the clubhouse kitchen. The board discussed and determined that more information was needed before a decision could be made.

### Vice Commodore - Scott Robinson

Scott reported that John Hamilton is working on the PHRF series. Don Reeder will continue to help. There will be an Introduction to Racing discussion on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. followed by a boat workday to the paint the marks and look at the boats for maintenance needed. Two students from the Sailing Club at FSU will join us tonight to learn more about the club and sailing opportunities. The date for the Mullet Cup race to Dog Island has not finalized. Scott will report back to the Board.

A committee is working to determine the check out procedures for using the club's boats. A maintenance checklist and schedule will also be developed. The committee is Scott Robinson, Marc Lipsius, Frank Hankins, Ivor Groves and Carl Bjerregaard.

### Junior Board Member - Mary

### VanSciver

Mary reported that Alice Lindquist has agreed to help with the potlucks each month. Mary will also work to be sure that there is a vegetarian offering at each potluck. There is a sign up sheet for volunteers for the monthly CIAs. Mary has developed a checklist to help members plan and host a successful social.

Feb. 11: Commodores Ball

Feb. 18: Workday – Maxie will serve gumbo and biscuits. Feb. 25: CIA – Robinson's are hosting.

Mar. 17: Spring Opening – Gordon and Pat Renovitch are hosting.

Mar. 25: CIA – Getman is hosting

### Scribe - Martha Robinson

The board approved the minutes of the January minutes as printed in the February issue of The Mark.

### Senior Board Member – Henry Depew

Henry reported that the speaker tonight is Scott Nelson, Director of the Wakulla County Emergency Management office. The March speaker will be Ivor Groves, who will talk about sailing big ships and his time last summer on the Bounty.

### Rear Commodore – Marc Lipsius

Marc reported the air conditioning filters have been changed, the mast has been welded on the Flying Scot and the club has a new first aid kit. A mouse has eaten through the phone wires again. That has been repaired.

It was asked that we include information in The Mark about the Yahoo group for reserving the Kestral. Each boat should have a similar sign up procedure. The board approved the mounting of a fish cleaning table on the dock.

Ivor Groves agreed to permanently

loan ABYC his projector. Marc will work on the video monitoring system.

### Past Commodore – Lorna Tweedie

Lorna is looking for two or three people to serve on the membership and marketing committee.

### Purser - Maxie Glenn

Meagan Murdock was approved as a new young professional member. Her ABYC privileges start immediately. Hannah Garland has applied as a new young professional member. Her application is posted in the clubhouse and the board will vote in March. Four members have resigned from the club.

Maxie is starting to email members and invite them to racing and other social events. Phone calls are good, too.

Maxie reported on the net income and expenses of the club in 2011. She indicated she would prefer to keep the reserve funds as they are and use current funds for any kitchen renovation project.

### New Business – Ivor Groves

A letter has been sent to each previous member who owns equity shares and have applied for redemption. The letter explained the process for redemption.

Scott will prepare a proposal for a membership program for sailing students.

Martha reported that she and Scott attended the Smith Regatta meeting last week. Their committee is trying to recruit the Wind Riders group to participate. If they agree, they will come from around the south. The ABYC board agreed to let them tent camp on the side yard and use the shower and restroom facilities in the clubhouse.

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The Adult Sailing Classes were discussed, but have not been scheduled.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1735.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha J. Robinson  
Scribe

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**ABYC Membership Meeting – February 2012**

Commodore Ivor Grooves called the membership meeting of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club to order at 2000 on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at the ABYC Clubhouse.

Guests were introduced. Matthew Palsha and another student from the Sailing Club at FSU attended.

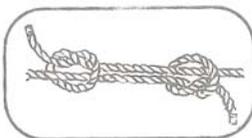
Board members reported on information discussed at the Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2010.

Henry Depew introduced the speaker for the evening: Scott Nelson, Director of the Wakulla County Emergency Management office. He discussed preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha J. Robinson  
Scribe

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*Fisherman's Knot:* The fisherman's knot is probably the strongest known method of joining line lines, such as fishing line.

**PHRF INFORMATION**

**Racing Information:**

The skippers' meeting will be held at 10:30 am, at the Clubhouse, on the race day unless otherwise noted on the chalkboard at the club.

The race fee for the series is \$40 for ABYC members and \$50 for non-members. The race fee for day racers is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. The full racing schedule is on the ABYC website's expanded calendar.

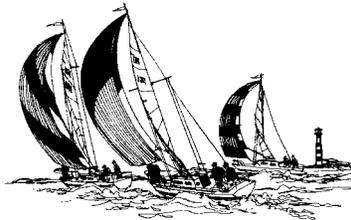
**Racing Dates:**

Based on tide considerations, the schedule of races for the Spring Series is:

- March 10
- March 24
- April 07
- April 21
- May 05
- May 12
- June 02 (Alt. Day)

Races start around 1200-1230.

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**Boating Emergency Numbers**

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

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**HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR**

*C. Henry Depew*

ABYC has its Mullet Cup to Dog Island, a successor to the Around Dog Island Race. Well, if you are really adventurous there is the annual Everglades Challenge (300 miles) from St. Pete to Key Largo starting on March 5th. For last minute information, go to:

[www.watertribe.com](http://www.watertribe.com)

For those who want to make their own sails, there is an interesting article on building sails from "polytarp" in the Mar/Apr 2012 issue of *Small Craft Advisor* starting on page 38 or take a look at:

[www.polysail.com](http://www.polysail.com)

LightSquared's proposal to overlap the current GPS frequencies has hit a snag according to an article written by Glen Gibbons..

It seems that those testing the possible problems with LightSquared's proposal decided that what was proposed would not work. The result is that the FCC stated that it would move to vacate its conditional permission for LightSquared to roll out an all-terrestrial wireless broadband system. The agency said it will begin a public process to discuss the NTIA's conclusions and its intention to prevent LightSquared from proceeding with its plan.

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**Remember -**

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

**(Social Report - continued)**

sample each one! The verdict was they were delicious with many interesting flavors...mole, chorizo, fresh cilantro, cashews. Additional thanks goes to Pat and Gordon Renovitch for setting up, Nell Johnston for cleaning up, and Joeann Vesecky for keeping our bar going throughout the evening.

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

Ivor Groves and family delivered on a first-class Commodores' Ball. The dinner including a perfectly cooked choice of beef filet or salmon—no small task with 50 guests. With Valentines Day three days away, tables were beautifully decorated with white linens, fresh red roses, red candles, and chocolates. And of course, a nice variety of live music during dinner and for listening or dancing later in the evening.

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**SCUTTLEBUTT**

*Marcia Bjerregaard*

Three members of Boy Scout Troop 7, sponsored by ABYC, received the rank of Eagle Scout. They are John Michael Harrell, Joseph Daniel Harrell, and James Phillip Harrell. Congratulations to them and their parents, John and Pamela Harrell!

Perhaps even more important, their father recently returned from Houston where he earned an 'all clear.'

Thanks to Bob Parker for donating chain for the racing marks.

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**GYA Flying Scot Regattas**

Let's get Cinderella sailing. Call 926-7835 for info..

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**Spring Opening Ceremony Brunch**

*Pat Renovitch*

Since March 17 is St. Patrick's Day, that is the "theme" for the brunch.

The bar will be open at 1030 for Irish coffee, Bloody Marys, and wine. The flag raising is at 1100, followed by the brief ceremony inducting the ABYC board.

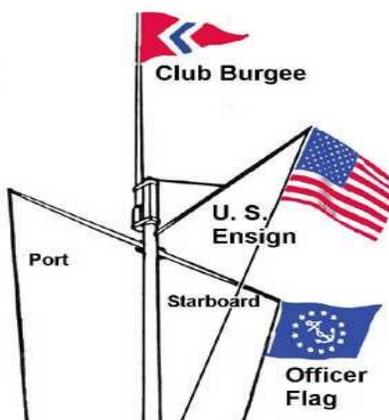
Brunch will be served about 1130. The menu includes fresh fruit, blueberry/cheese coffee cake, breakfast jambalaya, coffee and tea.

The caterer is Angelette's Cajun Kitchen.

Cost is \$15 per person.

Reservation deadline is Tuesday, March 13. Make reservations by emailing Pat Renovitch at [patrenovitch@gmail.com](mailto:patrenovitch@gmail.com).

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**Membership Application Forms**

Applications for membership are now at the clubhouse and on the web site

**Web Sites For ABYC Boats**

If you want to reserve one of the three ABYC boats, there is now a web site for each.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Allegro>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FlyingScott>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ABYCKestrel/>

Please remember that you need to have been "checked out" by one of the authorized ABYC members before you can schedule the boat.

If you are not a member of the Yahoo Group, you need to join before you can schedule one of the boats. Go to the site of your choice and click on "Join". You will get a confirmation e-mail back when your application has been approved.

For more information, contact our Rear Commodore Marc Lipsius

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**Directory Reminder**

The 2012 Membership Directory is at the club. Please pick up your copy and check your name off the list. Also if your personal information is incorrect please let Maxie know.

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**Changes in Attitude Social**

Date: March 31, 2012

Time: 1800 - 1930

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

# ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2012

## March

- March 03: Work Day - 9:30 am -  
Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -  
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social  
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- March 10: PHRF #1 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse - 10:30 am
- March 17: Spring Opening/Brunch
- March 24: PHRF #2
- March 31: Dinghy Races - 1:00 pm  
Changes in Attitude Social - Clubhouse - 6 to 7:30 pm

## April

- April 07: PHRF #3 - Clubhouse - 10:30 am
- April 08: Easter
- April 14: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -  
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social  
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- April 21: PHRF #4
- April 27-29: Smith Regatta



**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).**

## The MARK March 2012

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Sr. Board Member:	Henry Depew	386-1665
Jr. Board Member:	Mary VanSciver	893-0353
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