



# THE MARK

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## ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- March 02: Work day  
Board Meeting  
Membership Meeting/Program
- March 09: PHRF Race
- March 16: Spring Opening
- March 23: Rum-Run Regatta
- March 30: Dinghy Races  
CIA

**Come and Enjoy the Fun!!**

## Commodore's Comments

*Scott Robinson*

It was great to see so many members at the Commodore's Ball enjoying tasty food, live music and dancing, and each other's company. Thanks to all who helped, but special thanks to Kris Hebert and Earl Guenther for bringing their guests (and prospective new members) and introducing them to the Club.

Thanks to Rear Commodore Ed Fries. The Board has approved the purchase of a large screen TV for the clubhouse and Ed is spearheading the project. We are planning to add more activities to the Club's schedule, like game nights and watching sporting events. If you

have ideas for new activities, please talk with someone on the Board to let us know.

We currently have slips available on the dock for members, who are looking for space for their boats. These slips are also a good incentive for new members, who are looking to join and already own boats. If you know if anyone interested in slip rental, have them give me a call.

I'm excited about the Spring Opening on March 16 and the Rum Run Regatta on March 23. Both events will help kick off the sailing season. The Board is working diligently to bring you many wonderful events throughout the year. Please make plans to attend as many as you can. We look forward to seeing you there. See you on the water.

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## Directory Reminder

The 2013 Membership Directory is at the clubhouse. Please pick up your copy and check your name off the list.

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## Vice Commodore's Corner

*Tony Cleveland*

At the last Board meeting, a schedule for the spring 2013 PHRF racing schedule was discussed and has since been finalized. Here's what we came up with:

- March 9, PHRF
- March 23, Rum Run/PHRF
- April 20, PHRF
- April 27, Smith Regatta/PHRF
- May 18, PHRF.

It's also suggested that June 1 be kept in reserve as an alternative PHRF race date, in case one of the scheduled races is cancelled because of bad weather.

In addition to the PHRF racing schedule, the Dog Island Cruise will take place, as always, over the May 25 Memorial Day weekend. Also, the non-PHRF Mullet Cup will be scheduled shortly and is expected to take place in May. If anyone has any questions about the schedule or any suggestions generally about on the water activities, please let me know.

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## MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

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## ABYC Social Report and Plans

*Mary VanSciver*

The social calendar for March brings two major events. Saturday, March 16 is the **Spring Opening Ceremony** along with a brunch prepared by Pat and Gordon Renovitch. Come enjoy a wee bit of the Irish cheer and good food. The bar will open at 10:30 with Irish Coffee and Bloody Marys. Regular coffee, juice and bottled water also will be available. The ceremony begins at 11:00 with cannon firing accompanying the raising of Old Glory and the ABYC burgee followed by a brief ceremony inducting the ABYC Board. Brunch will be served about 11:30. The menu includes a grits and sausage casserole, a vegetarian casserole, fresh fruit cup, and bakery sweets and breads. Cost is \$10 per person. Reservations required. To make yours, call or email Pat Renovitch at (850) 284-4049 or patrenovitch@gmail.com. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, March 12.

Our second event for the month is a **Rum-Run Regatta** and Dinner on Saturday, March 23. This is a new event to include PHRF races and a non PHRF race for power boats ending with a catered dinner and awards. Details about this event can be found at [www.rumrunregatta.com](http://www.rumrunregatta.com). There will be an early registration with a discount by March 15, but people can register to race up to the day of the event. For registration by phone, contact Michael Getman at 850-408-9339.

The Commodore's Ball was held on Saturday, February 16. Commodore Scott Robinson and his wife, Martha were pleased to host fifty people including 12 past Commodores. A special thank you to Scott and Martha for a fun filled

evening that included gourmet food, live music and dancing. Many thanks to Steve and Mary VanSciver for the flowers, Michael Getman, Lindsey McIntire, Phil and Jackie Wendli for decorating and Steve and Katherine LaRosa for help with cleanup. As usual, many thanks to Joeann Vesesky for tending bar and Phil for being the wine steward.

February events end with a special introduction of our new ABYC members at the CIA on Saturday, February 23. The new members are encouraged to participate that evening and enjoy a free drink on the club! A 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 6pm to 7:30.

Don't forget to sign up to host a CIA this year. Lindsey McIntire created a clever means to do it all online! Learn more and sign up here:

<http://ldm05d.wufoo.com/forms/cia-event-signup/>

Choose your favorite date now before it's gone. At this time, Dustin Kanagy and Lauren Vann will be doing the March CIA.

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

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

*Martha Robinson*

Kingsley and Sue Ross will be the featured speakers at the March membership meeting. They will talk about crossing the Atlantic, skirting a hurricane and their adventures in the United Kingdom.

Dana Bryan, local birder and Audubon member was the speaker at the February meeting. He showed photos of many birds seen in the winter in Shell Point and challenged each member to develop a "yard list" and a "boat list."

If you have an area of expertise that you would like to share, please let me know. I'm also open to suggestions for local presenters.

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## Rear Commodore's Corner

*Ed Fries*

### Work Day - March 2

Time: 9:30 to noon

Projects

Wash building

Trim tree by pool

Trim bushes

Please bring any tools that you think that might be needed – clippers, saws, brushes, muscle, etc.

Hot dogs, etc will be will be served for all the hard workers.

Come one, come all and see the new presentation unit that has been installed in the clubhouse.

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.*

Commodore Scott Robinson called the Board Meeting of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club to order at 1530 on Saturday, February 2, 2013 at the ABYC Clubhouse.

**Present:** Scott Robinson, Ivor Groves, Martha Robinson, Mary VanSciver, Dede Wells, Maxie Glenn, Ed Fries, Tony Cleveland

### Purser-Maxie Glenn

Maxie reported on the net income and expenses of the Club in 2012. The Club met all obligations and ended the year with a positive balance. She projected that small projects could probably be handled by the cash flow resulting from dues and events. The reserve fund in savings would be used for larger projects approved by the Board. Certificate of Deposit funds provide a reserve fund for dock and maintenance needs.

The membership directory is ready for printing and distribution, and new application forms have been placed at the clubhouse.

### Commodore-Scott Robinson

Plans for the Commodore's Ball are underway with the assistance of Martha Robinson and Mary VanSciver. The invitations have been mailed out to members.

### Vice Commodore-Tony Cleveland

The first PHRF regatta, Rum Run, has been scheduled for March 23, 2013. The board discussed the possibility of scheduling around the annual Wind Ceremony taking place at Shell Point Beach. The board also explored

the possibility of providing beer to participants at regatta events in the future. Tony and Scott will work together to explore licensing and insurance issues.

Tony will complete the process of setting calendar dates for the remaining Spring races, and will coordinate with Mary VanSciver regarding social events linked to the races.

### Rear Commodore-Ed Fries

Ed reported that the air conditioning has been repaired. He presented information to the Board regarding the potential purchase of a large screen television to be placed at the clubhouse. The Board approved a maximum expenditure of \$2,500.00 for a 70-inch flat screen television and associated equipment needed for installation.

The first workday is scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will be used to pressure wash the clubhouse, and prune trees and shrubs. In the near future, the sliding glass doors will be repaired, and Ed proposed installing a ceiling access to the attic in the kitchen.

### Past Commodore-Ivor Groves

Members are encouraged to email Ivor with ideas for recruiting new members. The Board discussed possibilities for recognizing and introducing new members at social events this year. The two ideas considered included sending individual invitations to new members to attend the February 23<sup>rd</sup> CIA social or to the March 13<sup>th</sup> Spring Opening.

### Scribe-Dede Wells

Dede reported that she and Martha Robinson worked together to provide her access to manage the ABYC Facebook page. Anyone with photos of ABYC events is encouraged to post them on Facebook, or send them to Dede to post. The announcement board used for posting events, announce-

ments, services available, and other information will be given a facelift and outdated items will be removed to provide space for current information.

The January Board meeting minutes were approved as printed in *THE MARK*.

### Senior Board Member-Martha Robinson

Martha Robinson reviewed the presentations scheduled for membership meetings this spring. Dana Bryan will provide a birding program for the February membership meeting and Sue and Kingsley Ross will present an update on their cruising adventures at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> membership meeting.

### Junior Board Member-Mary VanSciver

The social committee has met to plan the social calendar for this year. An email invitation will go out to all ABYC members in order to find volunteers to host the monthly CIA events. The Board voted to approve a \$50 reimbursement for CIA hosts.

The social committee will continue to brainstorm events that attract new members from the local community. Mary recommended that the Nextdoor Apalachee Bay website provides a good social network for the local community and should be considered for posting ABYC events.

### New Business

Martha Robinson provided an update on plans for the April 27<sup>th</sup> Smith Regatta. The search is on for items to be donated for the silent auction.

Scott Robinson suggested that we need a clear understanding of how individuals will be checked out before using ABYC boats. Ed Fries will look at how and when these check-out procedures can be made available to club members.

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**(Minutes - continued)**

Merchandise available for sale to ABYC members is stored at the clubhouse and needs to be inventoried, priced and then displayed in the clubhouse. This could be the focus of a workday this spring. Martha Robinson volunteered to find a sign that lists pool rules. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1700.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dede Wells, Scribe

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**February Membership Meeting**

The February membership meeting was called to order by Commodore Scott Robinson at 1945.

Purser Maxie Glenn reported that ABYC finished the 2012 fiscal year in the black, and that a copy of the membership directory was available for anyone to check their listing for accuracy. Members are encouraged to submit photographs of club events to the ABYC Facebook page. Mary VanSciver reminded members to RSVP for the February 16<sup>th</sup> Commodore's Ball by February 12, 2013. This month's CIA is February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Martha Robinson introduced the speaker, Dana Bryan, who is an avid birder and past president of the local Audubon Society Chapter. His slide presentation focused on the birds that mariners might see on or near the coastal waterways. Following the presentation,

**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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the meeting was adjourned at 2100.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dede Wells, Scribe

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**Spring Opening Ceremony  
March 16**

The ceremony begins at 11:00. Brunch will be served about 11:30. The menu includes a grits and sausage casserole, a vegetarian casserole, fresh fruit cup, and bakery sweets and breads. Cost is **\$10 per person. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, March 12.**

Reservations required. To make yours, call or email Pat Renovitch at (850) 284-4049 or

patrenovitch@gmail.com

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**Rum-Run Regatta and Dinner  
March 23**

. Details about this event can be found at **www.rumrunregatta.com**. There will be an **early registration with a discount by March 15**, but people can register to race up to the day of the event. For registration by phone, contact Michael Getman at 850-408-9339.

**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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**Time**

Most ABYC events have a traditional time frame -  
PHRF - Skippers' Meeting -  
1030 (10:30 AM)  
Puffin/Dinghy -  
1300 (1:00 PM)  
Board -  
1530-1730 (3:30-5:30 PM)  
Membership -  
1800 (6:00 PM) Cocktails  
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.

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**Remember -**

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

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**Time is Relative**

To realize the value of one year: Ask a student who has failed a final exam.

To realize the value of one minute: Ask a person who has missed the bus or plane.

To realize the value of a second: Ask a person who has survived an accident.

To realize the value of a millisecond: Ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have.

Author unknown.

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### GYA Reciprocal Agreement

All ABYC members are welcome at the docks and/or landside facilities of Gulf Yachting Association clubs. More information can be found at [www.gya.org](http://www.gya.org). We can pay cash for food and services at all of them and some have already extended reciprocal charging privileges.

You will need your membership card and account number to have your expenses billed through ABYC. Or, simply pay the bill when there.

### GYA YACHT CLUBS

Bay-Waveland	Mobile
Biloxi	Navy
Birmingham	New Orleans
Buccaneer	Ocean Springs
Cypremort	Pass Christian
Fairhope	Pelican
Fort Walton	Pensacola
Grande Mau- melle	Pensacola Beach Point
Grand Lagoon	Pontchartrain
Gulfport	St. Andrews Bay
Houston	St. Petersburg
Jackson	Singing River
Lake Arthur	Southern
Lake Charles	South Shore
Lake Forest	Tammany
Long Beach	

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### 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.)

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### HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

*C. Henry Depew*

One of the publications of the American Boat & Yacht Council is *Reference Point*. In the Winter, 2013 issue was an informative article by Dave Gerr on aspects of hull and wave speed.

Most of us know that the max hull speed (kts.) of a displacement hull is calculated by 1.34 times the sq. root of water line length (ft.). Another way to look at the subject is the speed-length (SL) ratio which is calculated boat speed (kts.) divided by the square root of the waterline length (ft.).

What I found of particular interest was a means to calculate wave speed by the wave length or wave period. The math to find the length of a wave is 5.12 times the wave period squared. The wave period is the time it takes for two wave crests to pass the same point.

Thus if you know the time between crests, you can calculate the wave's length. Once you know the wave's period (or calculated length), you can calculate the speed of the wave at that time using either the hull speed formula of 1.34 times the sq. root of the wave length. Or, you can use the length of the period in minutes using the formula 3.03 times the period.

For example:

If the wave period is 2 minutes the calculated wave length is 20.48 feet and wave speed is 6.06 knots.

#### Using the wave period approach -

The speed of the wave crests is 3.03 times the period  
Hence the wave speed is 6.06 knots.

#### Using the wave length approach -

Or, you can use the hull speed formula to get the same results (speed

of wave is 1.34 x sq. root of wave length).

Try both approaches with your own numbers. The information might be useful some day.

The source of this extracted material was written by Dave Gerr, director of the Westlawn Institute of Marine Technology, the oldest and only distance-learning school of boat design in the U.S. - [www.westlawn.edu](http://www.westlawn.edu).

For more information on this, find a copy of the article.

Want to know the level of a liquid in a tank without drilling holes and installing a sending unit? Take look at Gobius. It sets on the outside of the tank and tells you if the liquid inside is above or below its location. For more information, contact Marine Sanitation at 800-624-9111.

How about a drill bit designed to drill a hole inside the hull so the water will flow out but not in? It was a tongue in cheek letter to the editor in a boating magazine. I doubt if one will be created any time soon.

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### Changes in Attitude Social

Date: March 30, 2013

Time: 1800 - 1930

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

# ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2013

## March

- March 02: Work day - Clubhouse grounds - 0930 -  
Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 1530-  
Membership Meeting - 1800-social, 1900-potluck, 1945 meeting,  
2000-program
- March 09: PHRF Race - Clubhouse - 1030
- March 10: Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 16: Spring Opening
- March 23: Rum Run Regatta - Clubhouse - 1030
- March 30: Dinghy Races - 1300  
CIA - 1800-1930

## April

- April 06: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 1530 -  
Membership Meeting - 1800-social, 1900-potluck, 1945 meeting,  
2000-program
- April 13: Social
- April 13/14: Adult Sailing Class
- April 20: PHRF Race - Clubhouse - 1030 -
- April 26-28: 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 2013

### **Apalachee Bay Yacht Club**

Commodore:	Scott Robinson	544-6636
Vice Commodore:	Tony Cleveland	668-0524
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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