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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- March 01: PHRF #1 of 6
Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
- March 08: Spring Opening
Dinghy Races
- March 15: PHRF #2 of 6
- March 22: Rum Run Regatta
- March 29: PHRF #3 of 6
Changes in Attitude

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Scott Robinson

It was great to see all of you who attended the Commodores' Ball. It's a privilege to serve among such a dedicated group of past commodores and sailors.

ABYC continues to grow. Please join me in welcoming new Club members Melanie Simmons and Jason Height and Sarah and Todd Langford. As always, if you see someone you don't know at the clubhouse, please introduce yourself.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear about the sailing adventures and tales of Kingsley and Sue Ross

from across the pond on March 1. The membership meeting is sure to be a hit.

Be sure to join us for the PHRF racing. You can skipper, crew or join us as a spectator.

The Spring Opening will be followed by dinghy races on March 8. This brunch is always fun and blue blazers are the "uniform" of choice.

I look forward to seeing you at Movie Night and the CIA. Bring a boating friend and introduce them to the Club.

See you on the water.

Rear Commodore's Corner

Ed Fries

If you see something that needs to be done or needs doing at the clubhouse or floats, let me know - 591-4620

Vice Commodore's Corner

Steve LaRosa

March is a busy month on the water for ABYC members. Here is a review of on the water activities. DINGHY RACE! Saturday March 8. THANKS TO BETH HAMILTON for organizing a very popular racing series for these past many years. Your experience and dedication do not go unnoticed.

PHRF RACES! Saturdays - March 1, 15 and 29. Skippers' Meeting will be at the clubhouse at 10:30 AM and race details will be distributed at the meeting. Thanks to Don Reeder and the committee boat members for all their help.

RUM RUN REGATTA! Weekend of March 21, 22, 23. Say no more. Michael Getman is organizing a fun weekend. Registration details will be coming out very soon so keep a sharp eye out and register for this regatta. There will be plenty of water and land activities, so even if you don't plan to be boating, you should consider registering for this event which benefits Community Sail.

MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

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ABYC Social Report and Plans

Martha Robinson

Sue and Kingsley Ross will be the featured speakers at the membership meeting on March 1. They will be home from Europe for a visit, so they'll talk with us about their travels over the past year and their tales of living aboard. Bring a dish to share for the potluck supper. Cocktails begin at 6:00 pm; dinner is served buffet-style at 7:00; the membership meeting begins at 7:45 followed by Ross' program at 8:00.

Pat and Gordon Renovitch will host the Spring Opening on Saturday, March 8. We'll gather at 10 am for the ceremony and a delicious brunch. We'll follow this with dinghy races in the afternoon. See a separate article in *The Mark* for all the details (page 5).

On Friday, March 14, the Commodore will host movie night, starting at 6:30 p.m. The movie will be Captain Phillips, a new release starring Tom Hanks about pirates along the coast of Somalia. The bar will be open and popcorn will be provided.

Michael Getman will host the Rum Run Regatta on Saturday, March 22. See a separate article about this event in *The Mark* (page 5).

We will enjoy a Changes in Attitude (CIA) social on Saturday, March 29. 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. This is always fun and provides an opportunity for members to visit with each other.

The Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta will be held in April. Mark your calendar now for April 26 and 27.

Contact me at
mjrob101@yahoo.com or

850/544-6619 if you would like to host a social or CIA. You can also sign up to host a CIA at <https://ldm05d.wufoo.com/forms/cia-event-signup/>. Thanks a million to Lindsey McIntire for setting this up for us.

See you at the Club.

Commodores' Ball Report

Ten Commodores were recognized at the 2014 Commodores' Ball on Saturday, February 15 at the clubhouse. It's a Club tradition to recognize the leaders of ABYC over the years and to inspire other members to consider serving in the future. The lasagna was prepared by Panhandle Pizzeria in Crawfordville. Paul Harbin provided live music until the wee hours of the morning.

Many thanks to the members who assisted with the event. Ann Getman and Michael Getman helped with setup. Jerry and Dede Wells and Michael Getman tended the bar and Maxie Glenn tended the wine bar. The delicious desserts were found and delivered by Pat Renovitch. The cleanup crew was Michael Getman and Lindsey McIntire.

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

Camden Whitlock

There was no program planned for the February meeting. In March, Kingsley and Sue Ross are going to talk about their recent adventures on their boat in Europe.

Our April meeting will be a presentation from Operation Migration on the adventures of the ultralight-led migration technique.

The Whooping Crane is the most famous endangered bird in North America, in part because it is large, distinctive and photogenic. It is believed that approximately 1,400 whooping cranes existed in 1860. The Whooping Crane Recovery Team efforts to establish a non-migratory Whooping crane flock began in Florida in 1993, using cranes hatched in captivity. In September, 1999, a migration route was identified which began with central Wisconsin as the northern terminus and the west coast of Florida as the new wintering location.

Tentatively scheduled for May, Huub Weijers is going to talk about sailing in the Netherlands.

Boating Emergency Numbers

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

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.

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.

Commodore Scott Robinson called the Board Meeting of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club to order at 1530 on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at the ABYC Clubhouse.

Present: Scott Robinson, Martha Robinson, Maxie Glenn, Dede Wells, Ed Fries, Cam Whitlock, and Steve LaRosa

Vice Commodore-Steve LaRosa

Steve reviewed the details of the spring racing calendar, including activities scheduled in conjunction with the Stephen C. Smith Regatta. The FSU fall football schedule was shared to coordinate the Club events scheduled for later in the year. Race marks will be ready and in place in time for the spring series. *Kestrel* has been returned to one of the ABYC slips and Steve will begin offering checkouts for members who wish to use the vessel. The Flying Scot is undergoing repairs. The Board approved a motion to donate Rum Regatta proceeds to the Community Sailing organization.

Rear Commodore-Ed Fries

Ed will be installing some dimmer switches in the clubhouse, and will be providing a protective barrier to the lift in the parking lot.

Purser-Maxie Glenn

Maxie briefed the Board members on the Year End Financial Report. She suggested that the Board review long term membership trends to assist in future financial planning. The Board approved a motion to eliminate fees for dinghys that are kept at docks by the owners of vessels.

Scribe-Dede Wells

The Board approved a motion

to approve the January minutes as reported in *The MARK*.

Junior Board Member-Martha Robinson

Martha reviewed social events scheduled for February and March. Joann Vesecky is retiring from her bar management duties and a new manager will be selected. Martha is developing a team of members to provide bartending support at social activities. She is interviewing potential candidates for providing kitchen support for social events.

Senior Board Member-Cam Whitlock

Cam discussed currently scheduled programs for membership meetings and potential presenters for the future.

Old Business

Scott Robinson requested that a workday be scheduled prior to the Spring Opening events, that the current American flag be replaced, and that dock lights be checked to assure that all are working.

New Business

The Board discussed the pros and cons of offering credit card/Paypal payment for membership fees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1700.

Respectfully submitted,
Dede Wells, Scribe

Membership Meeting

The February 1, 2014 membership meeting was called to order by Commodore Scott Robinson at 2000.

Scott thanked Joann Vesecky for her years of service to the Club, and presented her with a gift in recognition of her sup-

port.

Vice Commodore Steve LaRosa reviewed the calendar of spring racing events, and encouraged interested members to register for the Rum Regatta on its website, www.rumrunregatta.com.

Purser Maxie Glenn reminded members that a current financial report is located at the clubhouse, that the membership numbers increased from 2012 to 2013, and that members, who wish emailed billing notices, may contact her.

Scribe Dede Wells reported that the minutes from December and January as published in *The MARK* were approved by the Board.

Junior Board Member Martha Robinson announced social events scheduled for February and March. Michael Getman presented information related to the April Smith Regatta, and reminded members that donations are needed for the Regatta auction event.

The membership meeting was adjourned at 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Dede Wells, Scribe

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.

Non PHRF Races

Rum Run Regatta - March 22
contact - Michael Getman

Stephen C. Smith Regatta -
April 26-27

contact - Don Reeder

Puffin Racing: Part 1 The Kate Morgan Memorial Puffin Series

Beth Hamilton

ABYC offers the opportunity to sail and race small dinghies, with a special emphasis on Puffins. Puffins are 10-foot dinghies that Club members selected to use so that there would be a one-design class for racing. The original fleet of Puffins was purchased in 1997. While there are several members who have participated since that time, I want to encourage others to come out and join the fun!

There are many ways that ABYC members can experience Puffin racing. They include the annual Kate Morgan Memorial Puffin Series, fun racing at the Gobbler Regatta and Will Glenn Memorial/Frostbite Regatta as well as the occasional dinghy cruise or fun event such as a rubber ducky race.

This article is the first in a short series on racing dinghies at ABYC and will feature the annual Kate Morgan Memorial Puffin Series. Each year, the Club schedules races for the year that are counted for the Series. Trophies for the Series are presented in November at the Club's Annual Awards Banquet.

Notification of races is provided in several ways. The schedule is provided in *The MARK* and on the extended calendar on the Club website. In addition, emails are sent to all Club members to remind them of the races.

Series races are typically held on Saturday afternoons. A time and location is announced in advance and racers meet on the water with their boats for instructions from the race committee. The basin has been the most frequent location as tides off the beach often create too much of an obstacle for

the boats. Races are always contingent on wind and weather. If the winds are 12 knots or higher, races are cancelled. We try to hold 3 races on each race day.

The course for the race is a triangle, windward/leeward course, or a combination, with temporary buoys used to mark the start/finish line and rounding marks. The race committee will announce the course and related instructions.

We use the U.S. Sailing Racing Rules for Puffin races, with a few minor changes. These rules can be found on the Internet and a good summary can be found on Wikipedia.

We use a 3-minute start sequence with horns blowing to mark each minute and the start of the race. Also, local sailing conditions resulted in what is known as the "soft bump rule". In case there are two or more Puffins in close proximity and there is not room to "stay clear", a soft bump will not result in a penalty to the racer as long as all parties agree.

Our first series race day was February 22 and the second will be March 8. Any dinghy 14 feet or under is welcome to participate, but will be scored separately from the Puffins. The Club owns several Holder dinghies which can be checked out by members for these races.

So ... basic rules are not too complicated and the racing is great fun and competition is fierce but friendly. We would love to see more folks involved as racers, race committee members, and spectators. If you have questions, you can contact Steve LaRosa, Vice Commodore, at 264-2892 or Beth Hamilton, dinghy race chairman at 933-2268.

Chili, Stew and Soup Social

Kris T Hebert

Held on January 18, 2014 from 6-10pm at the clubhouse, this social was a success.

Everyone RSVP'd, some discussing what they would bring, we tried to get more soups, and it worked. Thanks for the help from Martha Robinson, Jill Gaupp, and others.

Hors d'oeuvres were humus with crackers and vegetables with dip. We served 3 loaves of bread, one being French and 2 crusty types with butter. There were leftovers of bread. We had 2 salads, one was a Caesar and the other was a spinach, both were devoured; may need more next time. Two bags each of lettuce/ and spinach each were consumed.

We had 15 different soups and chili, with about 33 people attending

Everyone enjoyed the meal and camaraderie.

Note to next year's host, most soups came in a crock pot; we needed extension cords.

SPRING PHRF RACING SERIES DATES

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 0745 +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

Spring Opening Activities

The annual Spring Opening brunch will be held Saturday morning, March 8, at 10 a.m. This is a celebration during which ABYC's 2014 officers are installed. Usually a canon shot closes the ceremony.

Drinks (Irish coffee, Bloody Mary's, and juice) will be available at the bar at 10:00. The opening ceremony at the flagpole starts at 10:30. Brunch will be served at 11:00.

The brunch menu will include egg casseroles (sausage/cheese/grits and vegetarian), fresh fruit cups, breakfast pastries from Karen's Kitchen Bakery, coffee and tea.

The brunch charge is \$10.00 per person. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, March 4, by emailing Pat Renovitch at: patrenovitch@gmail.com.

Rum Run Regatta March 22 Weekend

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 race 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.

Puffin/Dinghy Race Report

Beth Hamilton

The first race of the 2014 Kate Morgan Memorial Puffin Series was held Saturday, February 22. The weather was sunny and warm with just enough wind to make it fun for the eight racers.

The racing was close and competitive with a couple of technical problems playing a factor in the results. Sue Ross hooked the anchor line and Marcia Bjerregaard hooked one of the race marks. This especially affected Marcia, ending her dominance that day, having a 1st place for the first two races. This let Kris Hebert win the day with her strong and consistent finishes.

After three races, the results were as follows:

1. Kris Hebert
2. Jim McGill
3. Marcia Bjerregaard
4. Sue Ross (all the way from England!)
5. John Meerman
6. Scott Robinson
7. John Hamilton
8. Christine Small (guest of the Robinsons)

Thanks to Martha Robinson and Maxi Glenn for helping me with the race committee work and thanks to Jim McGill for providing the committee boat.

SCUTTLEBUTT

Marcia Bjerregaard

It is reported that Ivor Groves' Harmony 22, *Staccato*, has been purchased by Steve LaRosa, and Camden Whitlock.

Kestrel Reservation Update

Steve LaRosa

The sailboat *Kestrel* is becoming more popular with ABYC members. It is nice for a day sail in the bay. I have started a new Yahoo User Group that can be used to reserve the boat. Remember you must be an approved Kestrel user and be checked out by the Vice Commodore before using the boat.

To join the user group, go to Yahoo.com, on the left side of the Yahoo home page, you will see the word Groups. Tap on that word to open the Groups site. At the top of the Groups site you will see a search bar. Type in

abycsailboatkestrel

and you will be taken to the group site. Once in the group site you will need to ask permission to join the group. Once you are approved by the group moderator (the ABYC Vice Commodore), you can access the Yahoo calendar to check availability of the boat, and if it is available, you can reserve it. I hope this is a helpful tool for members, but you can always call me to check availability at: 850-264-2892



Changes in Attitude Social

Date: March 29, 2014

Time: 1800 - 1930

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

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2014

March

- March 01: PHRF #1 of 6 - Clubhouse - 10:30 am -
Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- March 08: Spring Opening Ceremony – Clubhouse - 10:00 am -
Dinghy Races – 1:00 pm
- March 09: Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 15: PHRF #2 of 6 - Clubhouse - 10:30 am -
- March 21-22 Rum Run Regatta
- March 29: PHRF #3 of 6 - Clubhouse - 10:30 am -
Changes in Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm
No reservations required

April

- April 05: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 4:00 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- April 12: PHRF #4 of 6 - Clubhouse - 10:30 am -
- April 25: Evening Dinghy Races & Cookout
- April 26-27: Smith Regatta



**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).

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