



THE MARK

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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- March 07: Boat Orientation
Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
- March 13: Movie Night
- March 14: PHRF #1 of 6
- March 21: Spring Opening
Big Boat Cruise
- March 28: PHRF #2 of 6
Changes In Attitude
- March 29: Dinghy Races

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Steve LaRosa

As we head into Spring, activities are picking up at ABYC. Spring PHRF Series racing is set to begin. Thanks go out to Cam Whitlock and Don Reeder for getting the series organized. Two ABYC Optimist Prams ("Optis") have been constructed and another purchased and are ready for summer youth sailing classes. Thanks to everyone who helped construct them and finance them (Dee and Glen and children, John Meerman, Frank Hankins, Mike Ganey, Al Fletcher, Henry Depew).

The recent Work Days at the

clubhouse have the club looking great. Thanks Jerry Wells for organizing the merry work crew.

The Commodores Ball was tremendously fun. Thank you to all that attended and helped Katherine and me make it a special evening (especially Mickie Cooksey for decorating and Martha Robinson for her sage party advice).

ABYC would like to welcome our newest member Dotty McPherson. Dotty loves to cook and makes a great gumbo so look for that special dish at our Pot Luck Dinners. She is also an avid sailor. Welcome to the club, Dotty.

Finally, the Spring Opening on March 21 is an event not to miss, with a surprise special presentation. Plan to attend. My message for March for our members is simple "Let's get outdoors and have some fun".

Spring Opening

Saturday, March 21

Social: 1000.

Ceremony at 1030

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Vice Commodore's Corner

Cam Whitlock

March brings with it the promise of spring and a host of boating opportunities for ABYC members. First up is our new boat orientation program on March 7. If you have an interest in using either *Kestrel* or *Maxie I* and are not up to speed on them, this is your opportunity to learn the basic safety and operation procedures for each vessel. Advanced registration is required, call or email Cam Whitlock (850-228-3542 or ccwhitlock@gmail.com).

A spring cruise is planned for the afternoon of the Spring Opening on March 21. Member yachts will be leaving the dock around 3 pm; many will be welcoming guest crew to enjoy what will undoubtedly be an outstanding afternoon on the water.

Calling all cruising yacht owners and beginner race crew! PHRF No. 1 is scheduled for March 14 and PHRF No. 2 is March 28. Race instructions will be distributed at the skippers meeting is @ 10:30 at the clubhouse prior to each race. We need cruising yachts to come out for as many of the

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MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, March 07, 2015

1800 - Social

1900 - Potluck Dinner

1945 - Meeting

2000 - Program

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PHRF races as you can make to build a viable cruising fleet. Prizes will be awarded in both the Harmony and Cruising race fleets! If you are interested in racing but don't have any experience, come out and participate in a beginner friendly crew lead by an experienced skipper on the *Maxie I*.

Following each race, plan meet up at the clubhouse to participate in the post race analysis and enjoy your favorite beer from our newly expanded options. Bring your hamburgers/hot dogs to throw on the barbecue following the March 14 race. Buns, chips and condiments will be provided.

Rear Commodore's Corner

Jerry Wells

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

Sue and Kingsley Ross joined us February 7th to update us on their travels aboard their 40' catamaran *Ostinato*. They have successfully transited Europe via canals and rivers and made it to the Black Sea in November. The boat soon was in the Med and is now berthed in southern Turkey. If you have not done so yet, please see the blog Sue maintains at <http://svostinato.blogspot.com/> as you track the adventure that they continue to share with many Club members.

The program for March 7 will be a presentation on Apalachee Bay Community Sailing. The Community Sailing program is an effective way to share our passion for sailing with others and serves as a powerful recruiting tool for finding new members.

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.

Jr. Board Member Report - Social Report and Plans

Martha Robinson

Many thanks to Ivor and Lynn Groves for hosting the January Changes in Attitude social. About 45 people stopped by to enjoy tasty treats, drinks and good times with other club members.

February was a busy month for ABYC. Ralph Billings and Mickie Cooksey hosted a nice Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 2 with wings, chili and a variety of football-related games.

Kingsley and Sue Ross were the stars of the monthly membership meeting with their stories of adventure on the rivers of Europe. They were "surprised" with the presentation of the Kokopeli Achievement Award for Reaching the Med.

Scott and Martha Robinson hosted Movie Night on February 13. On February 15, forty members and guests went on a field trip to St. Marks to see the reproductions of the *Nina* and the *Pinta* tall ships. Commodore Steve LaRosa hosted the Commodores' Ball on Saturday, Feb. 21.

Be sure to join us on Saturday, Feb. 28 for the Changes in Attitudes (CIA) Social hosted by John and Susan Meerman. Always held the last Saturday of the month, the event begins at 6 pm with cocktails and appetizers and ends at 7:30 pm. It's always fun and provides an opportunity for members to visit with each other.

March will be another busy month for members of ABYC.

The membership meeting will be held Saturday, March 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

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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 meeting was called to order by Commodore Steve LaRosa at the clubhouse at 1500: In attendance: John McBride, Steve LaRosa, Scott Robinson, Martha Robinson, Maxie Glenn, Cam Whitlock, Jerry Wells
Guests: Kris Hebert, Michael Getman

Commodore's Report

Steve LaRosa began a discussion of prams being built. Big Bend Maritime Center (BBMC) is building 3 prams with ABYC funding 2.

Kris Hebert discussed Summer Sailing Classes. She suggested 2 one week camps the second or third week of June 2015. Each class would have 10 kids because ABYC insurance is limited to 10 kids/class. Kris suggested raising the price to \$300/week/kid and we could have a \$25.00 discount for ABYC members' kids. It was suggested that she contact FSU Sailing to recruit teachers. There should be a consideration of additional hours for the kids to stay before and after class at additional cost. The classes will have access to 3-6 prams plus the Holders.

Cam asked about Adult Sailing Classes and Michael replied that there would be 2 sets of classes. Kris said that an Adult Sailing class might be available April 18-19, but we need captains. We also need to ask our insurer how many people would be allowed/class. She also suggested the current price of \$125 be raised to \$150/person. There was a brief discussion of a Fall Big Boat Adult Class. Cam said that

he and Michael are looking at the Community Sailing Bylaws. Community Sailing has a balance of \$1570.00 and they were working on a budget for maintaining the Capri, Kestrel, and Maxie I. Frank noted that ABYC owns a MiniFish that is currently stored at his house. Community Sailing has bi-monthly meetings the second Tuesday of the month. Cam and Michael are working on policies and procedures for boat check out.

The March 7 boat familiarization class needs help. The Club boat registration needs to be paid up. Martha suggested that the Club offer to buy a pram from Frank and Frank offered a price of \$400-500. Michael began a discussion of long term goals of Community Sailing including the prams, Holders, a Laser, and maybe other types.

Vice Commodore's Report

Cam noted that GYA no longer requires a Flying Scott to be owned by participating clubs, but they would probably require a different boat. As the Flying Scott is ABYC owned and is rarely used, it was agreed to sell it. There was a discussion of whether the Club should continue being in GYA and that the new required boat would be somewhere in the range of \$20,000. One reason to stay in is "reciprocity".

Cam gave a report on VC duties. PHRF Race 1 will be March 14 and there will be a sign up sheet for the committee boat. He needs volunteers for the Boat Orientation of March 7. There will be a dinghy race on Feb. 29 and March 29.

Scott said that ABYC will not be participating in Springtime Tallahassee, because the Community Sailing non-profit status is not current, but we can probably do it next year.

Jerry reported that the work day

the previous week was a successful work day with decks being cleaned. We need to have the parking lot cleaned and re-arranged to make more parking spaces. He will discuss the cleaning with Promise Land Ministries, who charges \$50/month for lawn maintenance.

Purser's Report

Maxie gave her financial report. She had also met with Centennial Bank to discuss financing the upgrades on the clubhouse. We will need 2 appraisals. She estimated we might have about \$60,000 for expansion.

She had met with Al & Darlene Oosterhof and Bob Parker for ideas to reduce her workload. One idea is a "Token System" with each token being worth \$2.00. Two tokens would be required for a drink. Tokens would be sold to members in packages of 10. A motion was made and accepted to initially buy 1,000 tokens. An advantage of the use of tokens is that it requires no money on the premises.

Maxie discussed using Adobe to "secure" the membership list. A motion was made and passed to buy Adobe for \$100. E-mail billing had been suggested to help Maxie's work load and to save postage. A motion was made and passed to require this except for several ABYC members who do not have computers. There was a discussion that at some time in the future, we should revisit electronic payment of members' accounts. It was suggested that the e-mail list be used to remind people when they need to upgrade from Associate Membership to Regular Membership. A motion was made and accepted to accept the final budget.

Junior Board Member

Martha reported that 42 people
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have signed up to visit the *Nina* and *Pinta* the following weekend. People should meet at the club house at 1230.

Martha reviewed the social activities planned for March.

The of January minutes were approved as printed in *The Mark*. Respectfully submitted,
David O'Hara, Scribe

Membership Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting was called to order by Commodore Steve LaRosa. After reports by the officers present, a request by Cam Whitlock to sign up for various activities and his wife (Denise) to promote women sailing, and a reminder of the visit to see the ships at St. Marks the meeting was adjourned,

A very interesting program was presented by Kingsley and Sue Ross on their trip through Europe to the Black Sea and Turkey. Respectfully submitted,
David O'Hara, Scribe

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

The US Coast Guard is now charging \$26.00 renewal fee for documented vessels. I found this out when my renewal form came in the mail.

Pi Day

March 14 is *Pi* day (031415)

Puffin/Dinghy Race Report

Kris Hebert

The ABYC Kate C. Morgan Memorial Puffin Series began on January 31, with 6 Puffins racing in the basin.

Thank you to Ivor Groves for the use of his boat and Maxie Glenn, Martha Robinson, and Jim Bailey for being the race committee.

We had a beautiful day and finished 4 races.

Kris Hebert	1st
Scott Robinson	2nd
Marcia Bjerregaard	3rd

We plan on racing all year, mostly the last Saturday of the month at 1 pm in the Basin, unless otherwise noted (*see schedule on page 5*).

Please contact Kris if you are interested in racing; we can find you a boat to borrow!

Please email me if you'd like to be on the email list for updates on Dingy racing. All boats in the 10-12 ft range are welcome. We would love to have 2 fleets!

The Hobie Holders will be available for use after the kids sailing camp in June. They are getting a major overhaul and paint by the Apalachee Bay Community Sailing (a not for profit entity of the ABYC) board members.

We so appreciate the fans watching and encouraging us!

Again, if you are interested in sailing, we can find you a boat to borrow!

Please also let me know if any children are interested in racing. I'd love to get a youth race schedule going too!

I look forward to an awesome sailing year!

SCUTTLEBUTT

Marcia Bjerregaard

The 'for sale' inflatable is still next door ...

Keep a lookout for a 35' Island Packet. Glenn Parker will sail *Wanderer* around Florida and while in the planning stages, anticipates arriving Shell Point sometime in April.

Want an ABYC logo on your new shirt? vest? Kris Hebert can provide it at a most reasonable cost.

ABYC Annual Spring Opening Brunch

Plan to join us Saturday, March 21 for the Annual Spring Opening. The bar will open at 10 am with Irish coffee, Bloody Marys, Mimosa, Painkillers and fruit juices. One drink is included with the event and others will be for sale.

The opening ceremony with cannon and flag raising will begin at 10:30 am. Brunch will be served at 11 am. The menu is parfaits, fresh fruit cups and breakfast pastries with coffee and tea.

\$15 per person.

RSVP by **Wednesday, March 18** to Pat Renovitch at patrenovitch@gmail.com

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.

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2000. The program topic is Community Sailing.

Pat and Gordon Renovitch will host the Spring Opening on Saturday, March 21. We'll gather at 10 a.m. for the ceremony at 10:30 followed by a delicious brunch. If weather permits, we'll sail in the afternoon. See a separate article in *The Mark* for all the details.

Moses and Joan Turner will host a CIA social on Saturday, March 28.

Mark your calendar now for the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta to be held at Shell Point Beach April 24-26. Please contact any member of the Board if you'd like to contribute auction items or be a sponsor. Watch your email for registration information.

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

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

It is that time of the year to keep track of what is going on in the Florida Legislature that may have an effect on our boating. Sometimes, items are buried in what are noted as "Committee Bills". In the meantime:

HB 241 - Personal Flotation Devices - General Bill by Trumbull
HB 381 - Towing of Vehicles & Vessels - General Bill by Wood

To find more information on these and other bills, go to:

leg.state.fl.us/

APRIL SAILING CLASSES

Kris Hebert is a US Sailing certified small sail boat instructor.

Adult Keel Boat sailing class
 April 18-19 (9 am to 4 pm both days).

Cost is \$150.

There will be classroom and on the water instruction, facilitated by Kris Hebert.

Emphasis will be on basic wind theory, parts of the boat and hands on rigging, sailing and maneuvering the boats out the channels.

Email Kris at

Krist29@comcast.net
 for registration, limited spaces available.

Sailing Camp for kids 8-16

June 8-12 and June 15-19 (9 am-3:30 pm each day).

Cost \$300 /wk. discount for club members and siblings registration (\$275 each)

Emphasis will be on basic wind theory, parts of the boat and hands on rigging, sailing and fun!
 We will be using the Hobie Holders and Optimist prams.

Email Kris at

Krist29@comcast.net
 for registration, limited spaces available.

Volunteers are needed for all sessions, please contact Kris!

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.

PHRF RACE DATES

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

Skippers' meeting at 10:30 am at the Clubhouse on the morning of the race.

PUFFIN/DINGHY RACE DATES

Sat February 28

Sunday March 29

Friday April 24, 6 pm

Sunday May 31

Saturday June 27

Saturday July 25

Saturday August 29

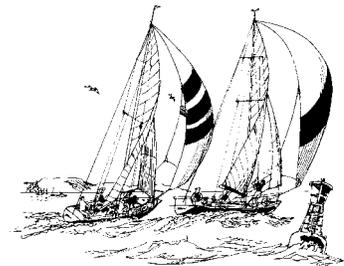
Saturday September 26

Saturday October 31

Friday November 27, Gobbler Regatta from Bjerregaard's dock

Friday January 1, Will Glenn Memorial Regatta, Bjerregaard's dock

Races start around 1:00 pm in the Basin, unless otherwise noted.



Touring the Columbus Ships – *Nina and Pinta*

On February 15, forty members and guests went on a field trip to St. Marks to see the replicas of Columbus' ships, the caravels *Nina* and *Pinta*. The ships were docked at Riverside Café.

The *Nina* was built completely by hand and without the use of power tools. Archaeology magazine called the ship "the most historically correct Columbus replica ever built." The *Pinta* was recently built in Brazil to accompany the *Nina* on all of her travels. She is a larger version of the archetypal caravel. Historians consider the caravel the Space Shuttle of the 15th century.

Both ships tour together as a new and enhanced 'sailing museum' to educate the public and school children on the 'caravel', a Portuguese ship used by Columbus and many early explorers to discover the world.

For more information, visit
www.thenina.com.

Thanks to Dee Pace for making the reservations for the group tour.

Membership Report

ABYC continues to grow.

As per the By-laws, the names of proposed members shall be published in the next ABYC newsletter, The Mark, after the application is received. The following application is posted at the clubhouse:

Dottie McPherson

Christopher Mougey

Welcome to new members Jimmy and Sonda Lee, new residents of Shell Point.

Invite your family, friends and co-workers who might be prospec-

tive 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.

Scott Robinson

Past Commodore and Membership Chair

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Webmaster's Cubicle



C. Henry Depew

Now and then, I get a phone call or e-mail that one of the files on the web site will only download the first page of the document. The reason usually resides in the operating system of the device being used to download the file. For some reason, some of the newer devices only "see" the first screen. In such cases, if you will use a browser on a desk or tower machine, the browser associated with that operating system will download the entire file.

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sisu26@nettally.com

or mailed to

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Commodores' Ball

Katherine LaRosa

Commodore Steve LaRosa hosted the Commodores' Ball on Saturday, February 21. Catered by Fran Doxie, the menu included appetizers, Chicken Marbella with kale salad and dessert. The event was attended by 52 people, well dressed for the occasion.

Members Mickie Cooksey, Angel Ganey and Katherine LaRosa, decorated the clubhouse, highlighted by Mickie's stunning floral designs. The bartenders were the LaRosa's daughter, Caroline and her fiancé, Graham Duffy. Paul Harbin provided live music with guest singers Moses Turner and Ralph Billings. Joan Turner and Jackie Werndli led dancers in the Electric Slide/Hustle line dance. Past Commodores were recognized. Commodore LaRosa, along with Ivor Groves and Maxie Glenn, presented immediate past Commodore, Scott Robinson, with a past Commodore's flag, a plaque and gifts.



Changes in Attitude Social

Date: Mar. 28, 2015

Time: 1800 - 1930

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

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2014-15

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
- March 29: Puffin/Dinghy Races - 1:00 pm

April

- April 11: PHRF #3 of 6 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse 10:30 am
Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 4:00 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- April 18-19 Adult Keel Boat sailing class (9 am to 4 pm both days).
- April 24: Puffin/Dinghy Races - 6:00 pm -
- April 25-26: Smith Regatta

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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