



# THE MARK

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## ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- April 07: PHRF #3  
Board Meeting - 1600
- April 14: Adult Sailing Class  
Membership Meeting
- April 15: Adult Sailing Class
- April 21: PHRF #4
- April 27-29: Smith Regatta

**Come and Enjoy the Fun!!**

## Commodore's Comments

*Ivor Groves*

Spring began with a bang this month! Literally, John Hamilton fired the cannon at the Spring Opening after the American flag and the ABYC Club Burgee were raised and the Club's officers were introduced. The ceremonies were followed by a lovely brunch. Thank you, Pat and Gordon Renovitch! PHRF racing began this month with two races being held and dinghy races were scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup>.

An impromptu work day was held the Friday before the Spring Opening. Thanks to John Meerman, Marc Lipsius, Mike Getman, Mary VanSciver, Moses Turner, Maxie Glenn and Marsha Bjerre-

gaard; much was accomplished. Thanks to those who were able to participate, the club looks much better and the pool is open for swimming.

It was also great to have the FSU sailors come down and get the Holders ready for dinghy racing. They were also invited to come and participate as crew in the PHRF racing.

As I have worked with the ABYC Board over the last three years, I have been deeply impressed with how much is accomplished by the Club through the volunteer contributions of time and energy and frequently some amount of funds. The Club is as strong and as fun as we make it. The Club and its activities represent our collective efforts and is a manifestation of each of our contributions. There is much to be done to help the Club continue to grow and evolve. Volunteers are always welcome and always needed. So come on down!

It has been stimulating to see more young folks using the facilities, the docks and the pool. We are hopeful that the growth in young professionals and the deeper involvement with the FSU students

will lead to a growing group of young sailors who are welcome and participate in all our activities.

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## Vice Commodore's Corner

*Scott Robinson*

At the Board meeting on March 4 we finalized the dates for the Mullet Cup which will be held on the weekend of June 2 and 3. There has been talk by some members who would like to have a three-day Mullet Cup experience. It is possible that we could arrange a Friday morning start for those who are interested and Saturday morning start for the rest. We would all race back to Shell Point for the festivities on Sunday, June 3. If you are interested in a Friday morning start, please let me know so that I can gauge the interest.

PHRF racing started out with a challenge as racing was set to begin on March 10 but the race marks had yet to be finished. Frank Hankins had started the work but they still needed to be painted and

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## MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, April 14, 2012
- 1800 - Social
- 1900 - Potluck Dinner
- 1945 - Business Meeting
- 2000 - Program - Nautical Archaeology

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placed on the race course. Unfortunately, many of the potential helpers were unavailable. Many thanks go to Michael Getman who was able to finish up the painting and put the race marks out in time for the first race. The Spring PHRF Series got off to a great start with excellent weather. Eight boats registered, seven started and six finished the race. Mike Redig had some mechanical troubles and did not make the start and Bill Benton had some challenges on the course and was not able to finish. Congratulations to John Hamilton who claimed first place with a corrected time of 01:24:22. Thanks also go to the excellent race committee of Martha Robinson, Lindsey McIntire and Meagan Murdock.

The Adult Sailing Class is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15. If you know of anyone interested in taking the class, please have them email me at [sdrob101@gmail.com](mailto:sdrob101@gmail.com) or call me at 850-544-6636.

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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 statement 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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**Rear Commodore's Corner**

*Marc Lipsius*

Thanks to all those who showed up for the workday on Friday. Lawn, shrub, and pool area cleanup was done, the chairs and tables below the club were painted as well as the stairway handrails, and the vinyl windows around the porch were taken down, washed and stored away 'till the Fall. The club and grounds looked nice and clean for the opening ceremony on Saturday.

A new DVR security system has been purchased and now we have to obtain a suitable LCD or LED monitor, replacing the old CRT display which is not compatible with the new system. That will be done soon and it will be up and running again.

The door jamb over the porch door has been repaired. Please be careful when opening that door not to jerk it open or open it to its extreme (banging into the counter top) so the door jamb doesn't rip off again.

The pool is available for use and I think we will have to cut back a few of the large oak tree branches on the deep end side because of all the leaves and debris that fall into the pool.

Any other problems or concerns, let me know.

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**ABYC Social Report and Plans**

*Mary VanSciver*

April brings some changes to our usual pattern of social events. The second weekend (April 14<sup>th</sup>) will be our potluck dinner and program. Drinks and appetizers begin at 6:00 followed by dinner at 7:00. Come share and enjoy the great culinary treats of our members. After dinner, there is a short membership meeting and then a special presentation from 8 to 9:00.

Our usual end-of-the-month Changes in Attitude will not occur in April. The Smith Regatta is scheduled for that weekend at the ABYC.

If you attended the February CIA then you know that Martha and Scott Robinson hosted a very successful event. It's possible that it was our biggest CIA with over 50 people there. A variety of food including fresh shrimp was enjoyed by many.

March 17<sup>th</sup> was St. Patrick's Day and Spring Opening at the Yacht Club. A very special thank you to Pat and Gordon Renovitch for hosting a festive and delicious brunch to celebrate both occasions. The event began with Joeann Vesecky serving a very special treat: Bloody Mary's and Irish Coffee. Glorious weather surrounded us as Ivor Groves and Marc Lipsius raised the flags and John Hamilton fired his cannon for the opening celebration. Good cheer continued as we enjoyed fresh fruit, muffins, salad and egg casserole 'til well past noon. So to Renovitchs, thank you for a jolly good time.

Thanks to Michael Getman and Lindsey McIntire for hosing the March CIA.

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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 called the Board meeting of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club to order at 1530 on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at the ABYC Clubhouse.

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

### Kitchen Renovation Project

It was moved and seconded that ABYC would undertake a renovation project in the kitchen. Discussion followed concerning design work, bids and demolition. ABYC will purchase the needed appliances. Work should not start until after the June meeting. A contractor will be expected to secure all necessary permits, electrical and otherwise. Ivor asked Marc to work with Mary, Al and Darlene Oosterhof on the plans and exact measurements required. It was agreed that Marc would work with an electrician on an estimate and that Mary would get estimates from a carpenter. The renovation was approved, without a budget.

### Vice Commodore - Scott Robinson

The first race in the PHRF series is next Saturday, March 10. The Mullet Cup to Dog Island will be the weekend of June 2. New schedule for the month: June 1 is Friday Night mullet dinner/social, June 2-3 is Mullet Cup and June 16 is monthly meeting.

The committee to look at the check out procedures for using the club's boats has not yet met. A maintenance checklist and schedule will also be developed. The

committee is Scott Robinson, Marc Lipsius, Frank Hankins, Ivor Groves and Carl Bjerregaard. An adult sailing class will be offered April 14 and 15. Frank Hankins will be the instructor. Volunteer skippers are needed with their vessels for afternoon on-the-water instruction.

Ivor asked Scott to work on a written description for a pilot program where the student will get the instruction book and materials plus on-the-water sail time along with temporary club privileges for the low cost of \$50 per person.

The next Board meeting will be April 7 at 4 p.m. after the PHRF race.

### Senior Board Member – Henry Depew

Henry reported that the speaker tonight is Ivor Groves, who will talk about sailing big ships and his time last summer on the Bounty. The speaker on April 14 is Mr. Price from the Dept. of State's Division of Historic Resources. He will talk about Nautical Archaeology. Ideas are welcome for future programs. Henry asked that Board members submit their articles by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and verify the spelling, especially for names.

### Scribe - Martha Robinson

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

### Junior Board Member - Mary VanSciver

Mary reported that social committee will be Pat Renovitch, Alice Lindquist and Darlene Oosterhof. The social committee asks that members wear their nametags during functions to help members get to know each other. It was noted that there was not enough food at the last potluck. Each member should bring enough food to cover

themselves and their guests. It was also suggested that we start offering mineral water or a bottle of water at functions.

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

Mar. 25: CIA – Michael Getman and Lindsey McIntire are hosting

April 7 – Board meeting

April 14 – Membership meeting

April 27-29 – Smith Memorial

Regatta

### Rear Commodore – Marc Lipsius

Marc reported the workday was not well attended but those who came cleaned out the storage room and enjoyed Maxie's gumbo and biscuits. Ivor asked Marc to draft a list of needs and schedule another work day. Ivor volunteered to pressure wash the underside of the clubhouse and fix the barbecue grill. The board approved Marc to purchase a new DVR for the security system, up to \$350. Marc reported that the *Kestral* has been hauled and cleaned and needs waxing before the bottom can be painted. Volunteers needed.

### Past Commodore – Lorna Tweedie

Lorna and Carl Bjerregaard are serving on the membership and marketing committee. They are developing a list of our "wonderfulness" and coming up with a plan to encourage members to participate in more activities. They will look for opportunities to publish news about the club in local newspapers and magazines.

### Purser - Maxie Glenn

Hannah Garland was approved as a new young professional member.

Maxie reported on the net income and expenses of the club for February. Financial statements are available in the clubhouse for any

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one who wants to look them over.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1715.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha J. Robinson  
Scribe

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**ABYC Membership Meeting – March 2012**

Commodore Ivor Groves called the membership meeting of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club to order at 1950 on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at the ABYC Clubhouse. Board members reported on information discussed at the Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2000.

Henry Depew introduced the speaker for the evening: Ivor Groves who introduced *Bounty* crew members Bosun Laura and Third Mate Dan. Ivor showed photos from his and Lynn's sail on the *Bounty* last summer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha J. Robinson  
Scribe

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**Members - Please Note**

Due to Waste Pro requirements the club trash can has been moved to the east side of the parking lot. Also, they do not recycle for commercial establishments so please use this bin for all waste.

The club flags should be taken down at the end of an event and put away in the ice house.

**PHRF REPORT****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 first race of the Spring Series was held on March 10th with Scott & Martha Robinson, Lindsey McIntire, and Meagan Murdock serving as RC. The results were:

- 1st Adios
- 2nd Harmony
- 3rd Staccato
- 4th Wiki Wiki
- 5th Three Sheets to the Wind
- 6th Allegro
- DNF Sister Gail

Conditions were moderate at the start of the second PHRF race with winds around 10-12 knots and increasing to around 20 knots for the second half of the race. Things were interesting with an alleged collision on the start and an out of control Harmony in the second half almost resulting in a capsize. There are also several torn sails. Summary of the results is:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Harmony
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Adios
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wiki Wiki
- 4<sup>th</sup> Three Sheets to the Wind
- 5<sup>th</sup> Allegro
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sister Gail

**Racing Dates:**

Based on tide considerations, the schedule of races for the



Barque

Spring Series is:

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

Races start around 1200-1230.

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**HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR**

*C. Henry Depew*

If you are at all serious about sailboat racing, you should find a copy of the Jan/Feb issue of *Speed&Smarts* (Issue #120) and start reading. The entire issue is on the function of the race committee and how knowing what the RC does can help you as a race participant. The issue also provides a "short course" in the function of a RC.

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**Editor's Notes**

*C. Henry Depew*

Thanks to the generosity of *Sea History*, I will be including the shapes of the various types of Tall Ships that existed in the past (as noted at left). For more information, see issue 138, page 32.

*Sea History* is an excellent publication and worth the subscription/membership price. For more information, go to:

[www.seahistory.org](http://www.seahistory.org)

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

*C. Henry Depew*

The March program by Ivor Groves (with assistance from others) was on sailing in European waters aboard the *Bounty*. If you want to see this ship, it is supposed to be in St. Augustine, April 26-30.

The April program will be by Franklin Price on nautical archaeology.

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## SCUTTLEBUTT

*Marcia Bjerregaard*

*Ostinato* is getting ready. She'll be leaving Shell Point about the first of May with Sue, Kingsley, his brother Cliff and Ed Fries aboard. Their course is south to Key West, then northeast to the Bahamas, Bermuda, Azores, and Ireland, before wintering in London. When they're in a harbor, we'll be able to contact them at:

svostinato@gmail.com

Do you have a question or comment for Club members for inclusion in THE MARK? Send it to cbjerreg@fsu.edu with 'Scuttlebutt' on the subject line.

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**GYA Flying Scot Regattas**  
Let's get Cinderella sailing. Call 926-7835 for info..

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## April 27-29: Smith Regatta

The last weekend in April is the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta weekend with the purpose to have fun and raise money for the American Cancer Society. There will be sailboat racing on Saturday, a dinner Saturday night, and an auction on Sunday.

Members of ABYC are encouraged to help with the activities of the Regatta and/or participate in the events.

For more information, go to:  
[www.smithregatta.com/](http://www.smithregatta.com/)

## 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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## 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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## Membership Application Forms

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

## 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

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Biloxi	Navy
Birmingham	New Orleans
Buccaneer	Ocean Springs
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Fort Walton	Pensacola
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Grand Lagoon	Pontchartrain
Gulfport	St. Andrews Bay
Houston	St. Petersburg
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Lake Charles	South Shore
Lake Forest	Tammany
Long Beach	

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or mailed to

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## ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2012

### April

- April 07: PHRF #3  
Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 4:00 pm -
- April 08: Easter
- April 14: Adult Sailing Class  
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social  
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- April 15: Adult Sailing Class
- April 21: PHRF #4
- April 27-29: Smith Regatta

### May

- May 05: PHRF #5  
Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -  
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social  
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- May 12: PHRF #6
- May 19: Social
- May 26: Dinghy Races - 1:00 pm  
Changes in Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm



**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** April 2012

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