



# THE MARK

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## ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- April 06: Board Meeting  
Membership Meeting
- April 13: Social - Low Country  
Boil
- April 20: PHRF Race
- April 26-28: Smith Regatta

**Come and Enjoy the Fun!!**

## Commodore's Comments

*Scott Robinson*

Spring has sprung! The Club's first movie night was a success. Fifteen people gathered to watch James Bond 007, "Skyfall". Some liked it, but others think the former James Bond characters were better. I think everyone enjoyed it. Thanks to Joeann Vesecky for tending the bar and Martha Robinson for popping the corn.

The Spring Opening held March 16 was very well attended. It was nice to see some members who we haven't seen in while, some new members, and even some former members. John Hamilton and Russell Chubb fired their cannons; Phil Werndli, Michael Getman and John and Pam Harrell

raised the club burgee and the flag. A lovely brunch was served by Pat Renovitch and her crew of volunteers. Overall, it was great day with lots of companionship.

Be sure to watch the PHRF and dinghy race schedules. Skippers, crew members, committee boat guests, and spectators on their own boats or land are always welcome. Get on the water and enjoy the sunshine, fresh air, and company of other boaters.

There are several boat slips available for rent at the Club if you are looking for a boat slip.

Be sure to invite a friend to our next social function. It's the best way to introduce someone new to the Club and the fun boating and social activities offered.

Mark your calendar for April 26-28 for the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta. Volunteers are needed for a great weekend. If you know of a business that wants to sponsor the event or donate items for the auction, please let the committee know. Otherwise, come to race and enjoy the festivities for a good cause.

See you on the water,

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## Vice Commodore's Corner

*Tony Cleveland*

At the last Board meeting, the date for the non-PHRF **Mullet Cup** was set for May 18, 2013. The spring PHRF schedule was announced in the last *Mark* and the first race took place on March 9. We're in the process of scheduling a day for an adult sailing class and will have the detailed information available soon. As always, if anyone has any thoughts or suggestions regarding on the water activities, please let me know.

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## Rear Commodore's Corner

*Ed Fries*

If you see something that needs done/fixed at the clubhouse or floats, let me know - 591-4620

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## MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, April 6, 2013
- 1800 - Social
- 1900 - Pot Luck Dinner
- 1945 - Meeting
- 2000 - Program:  
Destination Cape Horn

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## ABYC Social Report and Plans

*Mary VanSciver*

The social calendar for April features a potluck on the 6th, a Low Country Boil on the 13th, and the Smith Regatta on the 27th.

Join us for a boiling good time at a **Low Country Boil**. This event will be held at the ABYC on Saturday, April 13. The event begins with cocktails at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner at 7:00 pm. The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 and will include low country boil fare of shrimp, smoked sausage, potatoes, and corn. Bread, salad, and dessert will also be provided.

Reservations are required by April 6 to Lindsey McIntire at [ldm05d@gmail.com](mailto:ldm05d@gmail.com) or 728-3346.

On March 16, thirty three members celebrated the Spring Opening and 45 years as the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club. Once again, we thank Pat and Gordon Renovitch for hosting a festive and delicious home made brunch and Joeann Vesecky for serving the Bloody Marys and Irish Coffee. Additional thanks to Darlene Oosterhof and Marcia Bjerregaard for helping. I heard that Marcia's Swedish Coffee Cake was delicious!

Don't forget to sign up to host a CIA this year. Lindsey McIntire created a clever means to do it all online! Only months left are August, September and October. Learn more and sign up here: <http://ldm05d.wufoo.com/forms/cia-event-signup/>

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.

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

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

*Martha Robinson*

More than 60 people attended the March Membership Meeting to hear Kingsley and Sue Ross talk about crossing the Atlantic and cruising in the United Kingdom. Ed Fries and Ivor Groves were on hand to add details and "truth check" all the facts. It certainly sounds like an adventure.

The featured speakers at the April 6 program will be Darlene and Al Oosterhof with Bob Parker Presenting "Destination Cape Horn". The area around Cape Horn has become legend for its fierce storms, loss of hundreds of ships and thousands of sailors, famous expeditions including those of Magellan, Drake and Darwin, and as an extreme destination for modern yacht races and long-distance cruisers. Al, Darlene and Bob recently returned from a trip to Patagonia including Cape Horn. They will be sharing their experience and providing us first-hand context for some of the greatest sailing stories of all time.

As always, the first Saturday of each month is the membership meeting. Cocktails begin at 1800 hours, a potluck dinner is served at 1900, a brief meeting begins at 1945 and the program begins around 2000. For the landlubbers, that's 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 8 p.m.

If you have ideas for a program, please let me know.

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## Webmaster's Cubicle



*C. Henry Depew*

Thanks to an e-mail from a member, a problem on ABYC's web site was fixed. If you see something that looks wrong or a hyperlink does not connect, kindly let me know so I can see about fixing the problem. It may be your operating system, device, or a connection problem, but until I know something is wrong, there is little I can do to correct the problem.

On the left-hand scroll bar are a number of links, including one to other boating groups/web sites. In some cases, these links work nicely. In other cases, SPAM sometimes gets there and has to be deleted before the actual site is reached. If you have a site you think others would like, send me the URL for posting. If some no longer seems to work, let me know that also.

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## 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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## 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, March 2, 2013 at the ABYC Clubhouse.

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

### Vice Commodore-Tony Cleveland

Tony is working on the skippers' meeting for the first race of the spring season. The spring calendar for events was discussed, and May dates for PHRF (May 11<sup>th</sup>) and the Mullet Cup (May 18<sup>th</sup>) will be posted in *THE MARK*.

The adult sailing classes are in the planning stage, and Kris Hebert has indicated an interest in assisting as an instructor. Tony will verify the liability coverage that we have for these classes with Phil Werndli. Maxie Glenn made a motion to reimburse Kris Hebert for the cost of obtaining USSA Certification. The motion passed.

The Board discussed options related to serving alcohol to members and guests during events that locate beer service outside the clubhouse. Scott Robinson has reviewed all of the pertinent statutes and regulations and feels that there are no barriers.

### Rear Commodore-Ed Fries

Ed reported that the workday was successful. Tree trimming and general maintenance chores were completed. The current electronics storage cabinet will be reconfigured to house accessories related to the new television. Ed will explore

options for our phone and cable service, looking for a package that might cost less than our current contracts. The Board approved a motion for the purchase of a DVD player. The old television has been donated to the local volunteer fire department.

### Past Commodore-Ivor Groves

Ivor would like to establish a recruitment/membership committee to assist him in efforts to reach out to potential members. He will be working on a Power Point presentation that could be used by any member. The possibility of submitting some ABYC events to the Tallahassee Democrat was discussed as another way of attracting new members. The distribution list for Google Groups has been aligned with the Purser's list.

### Purser-Maxie Glenn

Maxie reviewed the monthly financial statement, and updated the Board on the status of purchasing equity certificates that have been returned for redemption. The new television purchase included a 3-year service contract. Members who are not current will receive a reminder to submit dues at the end of the first quarter. Darlene Oosterhof will handle the Purser's duties while Maxie is traveling this spring. Fingerprinting applications for new Board members have been submitted to the appropriate state offices.

### Scribe-Dede Wells

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

The bulletin board has been cleaned up and reorganized, and will be checked periodically for maintenance.

### Senior Board Member-Martha Robinson

Martha Robinson reviewed the presentations scheduled for membership meetings this spring. Sue

and Kingsley Ross will present an update on their cruising adventures at the March membership meeting. The Oosterhofs and Bob Parker will share their experiences in South America at the April membership meeting.

### Junior Board Member-Mary VanSciver

Plans for the Spring Opening are complete, and the invitation will be sent out to all members. A low country boil is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>, and the Board discussed inviting those who have been participating in the adult sailing classes. We have hosts for the CIA events through July, and future events scheduled for the clubhouse include a potential dinner hosted by the Sea Scouts and an ice cream social in August.

Accessibility to the clubhouse was discussed: Ivor Groves volunteered to look at options that could be added to the property. An outside lift may be a solution that is less expensive than an enclosed elevator.

Creative ideas for future social events included the featuring of specialty cocktails and movie nights. Scott and Martha Robinson volunteered to sponsor the first movie night on March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 p.m.

### New Business

Martha Robinson reported that T-shirts are being placed out for purchase, and that Kris Hebert will help her to identify additional merchandise that can be made available to members.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Dede Wells, Scribe

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### March Membership Meeting

The February membership meeting was called to order by Commodore Scott Robinson at 2000. Guests were introduced by members.

Mike Getman announced that the Rum Run is scheduled for March 23, 2013 and will feature a BBQ dinner and music. Participant registration information is located on [www.rumrunregatta.com](http://www.rumrunregatta.com). Ivor Groves encouraged guests to consider ABYC membership. Maxie Glenn reminded members to pick up their directories.

Mary VanSciver announced the movie night event scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the social events calendar for the month.

Martha Robinson reported that T-shirts are for sale to members.

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

Kingsley and Sue Ross, provided a program detailing their sailing trip from Shell Point to the United Kingdom which began last summer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dede Wells, Scribe

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### Boating Emergency Numbers

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

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### PHRF RACE SCHEDULE

The first race of the Spring Series was held on March 9th. The results are:

- 1st Hamilton
- 2nd Huub
- 3rd Mike Getman

The second race was to be held on March 23rd as part of the Rum Run Regatta which was cancelled because of storms over Shell Point and Apalachee Bay.

#### Schedule:

- April 20, PHRF
- April 27, Smith Regatta/PHRF
- May 11, PHRF
- June 1 alt. race day

Skippers' meetings are at 1030 at the ABYC clubhouse.

If you have not received the a copy of *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016*, you should do so! There have been a number of changes. In fact, *Speed&Smarts* devoted their entire Jan/Feb issue to the changes. If you are a member of US Sailing, you get a paper copy as a member's perk. If you are not, or want an electronic version try:

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

or

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

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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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### HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

*C. Henry Depew*

The April issue of *Boating* has a collection of suggestions starting on page 50 of "50 Top Tips". While you may know about using white vinegar in a spray bottle to kill mold or using a dark towel or shirt under the windshield to reduce glare, have you considered tip #50 - "A great skipper always uses his excellent judgment so as not to be forced to show his amazing skill"? Find a copy and take a look.

While you probably have a firewall of some sort to protect your microcomputer from virus attacks and a SPAM filter, do you have the same protection for any remote access to your boat's electronics? In some cases, the remote access to your boat (or home for that matter) can be hacked because most remote systems do not have built-in protection beyond a simple password. The major concern at this time is protecting medical implants from being "adjusted" by those other than the medical staff who is supposed to monitor things. If you spend the money for remote access to your boat's electronics, you might want to look into what protection is in place (or can be added) to keep unwanted visitors out.

While not directly related to boating, there is an old scam going on again where people are texted/ called and left messages to call an overseas pay-to-call number, which can be direct dialed from the US or Canada. The telephone company will put your call through, and charge you \$\$\$ for the call. Much of the money goes to the owner of the number, who simply abandons it after a few

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months when too many complaints get back to the telephone company about the billing. The scammer has their money already, and the telephone company doesn't want to refund your money or cancel the charges, because you did, in fact, make the call.

809 is Dominican Republic

876 is Jamaica

284 is British Virgin Islands

If you are a member of BoatUS, you have received the April/May issue of the *BoatU.S. Magazine*. Starting on page 30 of that issue is an excellent article on rebuilding storm damaged boats and a listing of web sites that are sources of such boats. If you are not a member of this fine organization you can join through ABYC which is a current member of BoatUS 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 also available on the bookshelf in the clubhouse.)

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**Event Notice/Report Request**

If you are promoting an event, kindly make sure that you include information for the reader on:

Date of Event

Time Event Starts - Ends

Location of Event

Cost/Person (if any)

Reservation Deadline (if any)

Reservation Contact

If you are reporting on an event, it is nice if you include what activity took place, how many attended, and a thank you list of those who helped make the event

**Web Sites For ABYC Boats**

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

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

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

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

(Note the " / " at the end of each URL - it will not go through and connect without that.)

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.

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possible.

If you see a date/activity that does not seem to match what you know about the event, kindly let your editor know so necessary corrections can be made.

Thank you

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**SCUTTLEBUTT**

*Marcia Bjerregaard*

The Resort at Shell Point property is listed at \$2.1 million. The BP money coming to the county is \$14 million, we've been told. Now, wouldn't that land be great for a real ramp, a marine store, maybe fuel and pump-out, and a larger public beach? If you agree, talk it up to your friends and maybe a county commissioner or two.

Don Reeder has found a Harmony for sale in south Florida – <http://fortmyers.craigslist.org/lee/boa/3599413314.html>. The Club owned one is also available.

Waste Pro said 'no' to giving us recycling without charge, so the Bjs are bringing it home each week. Please use the large green bin under the bar.

If you take out a large number of folks on a Club boat, make sure you have all the safety gear and appropriate number of life jackets.

Do you have a question or comment for Club members for inclusion in *THE MARK*? Send it to [cbjereg@fsu.edu](mailto:cbjereg@fsu.edu) with 'Scuttlebutt' on the subject line.

**GYA Flying Scot**

Let's get Cinderella sailing and racing. Visit ([info@fssa.com](mailto:info@fssa.com)).

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**SUPPORT THE SMITH REGATTA**

It is that time of the year when members of ABYC do what they can to support the work of the Smith Regatta. For more information on this year's activities, go to there web site at:

<http://www.smithregatta.com/>

# ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2013

## April

- April 06: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 1530 -  
Membership Meeting - 1800-social, 1900-potluck, 1945 meeting,  
2000-program  
April 13: Low Country Shrimp Boil - 1800-social, 1900-meal  
April 20: PHRF Race - Clubhouse - 1030 -  
April 26-28: Smith Regatta

## May

- May 04: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -  
Membership Meeting - 1800- social, 1900-potluck, 1945 meeting  
May 11: PHRF - Clubhouse 1030 -  
Social  
May 18: Mullet Cup  
May 19-25: National Safe Boating Week  
May 25: Dinghy Races - 1:00 pm  
Changes in Attitude Social, 1800-1930  
No reservations required  
May 27: Memorial Day



**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).**

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### 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 |

Web:

<http://ABYConline.org>

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