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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

April 04: Work Day
April 11: PHRF #3 of 6
Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
April 18-19 Adult Keel Boat
sailing class
April 24: Puffin/Dinghy Races
April 25-26: Smith Regatta

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Steve LaRosa

As promised, things have picked up at ABYC as Spring has arrived in full bloom. The clubhouse and grounds are looking good, thanks to all that help out on Jerry's Merry Crew. The Spring Racing season saw 11 boats out on the water for the first race. That is a lot more than in recent past years! Thanks Cam and Don for all your planning to make it a success.

On the business front, our loan application process has started at Centennial Bank. We hope to refinance our debt and reduce our annual APR, so that we can take an equity loan to make needed im-

provements and repairs at the club. One recent setback is the Club seawall is rotting at the base and will need repairs. We have budgeted this into our loan and hope that it can be repaired and not need to be replaced. Replacing the seawall would be an expense that would be hard to absorb.

On another topic, Apalachee Bay Community Sailing continues to plan and get ready for future activities. The Adult Sailing Classes will be coming up in April. This is your opportunity to get sailing, so if you are a novice, be sure to join the sailing class.

See you on the water or at the club

Vice Commodore's Corner

Cam Whitlock

Our first boat orientation of the year was a great success. Special thanks to Mike Ganey, Kris Hebert, and Mike Getman for all of their effort. Topics of discussion included local navigation, boat safety and introductory information on *Kestrel* and *Maxie I* to five ABYC members on March 7th. A new online reservation system was unveiled during the orientation session and can now be used by all members. If you have experience on *Kestrel* or are interested in checking out one of the Club's Hobie Holders, *Kestrel* or *Maxie I*, please contact me

(ccwhitlock@gmail.com) or Mike Ganey (michael.ganey@comcast.net) by email for reservation details.

The PHRF series commenced with two fleets racing. On March 14th, five Harmony entries in Fleet A, and five cruising boats in Fleet B. The choppy conditions and long winter took their toll on three boats in Fleet A; only two boats completing an extended course, with *WikiWiki* taking line honors. The B Fleet took a foggy beam reach course east to the Saint Marks channel marker. There were several lead changes along the way with *WaterGeus* taking line honors after a close battle with *Maxie I*. A good time was enjoyed by racers and members at the post-race barbecue. A barbecue and beer/wine bar will be available following future races unless otherwise posted.

April looks to be an exciting month with PHRF No. 3 being held on April 11th, dinghy race on April 24th, and the Smith Regatta on April 25th. I hope that we can continue the great momentum in participation of the first PHRF race and continue to get more members and boats out in April!

MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, April 11, 2015
1800 - Social
1900 - Potluck Dinner
1945 - Meeting
2000 - Program

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Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

Everyone should have received the 2015 membership directory. Since the directory will be sent out quarterly with membership changes, don't hesitate to send an email to:

membership.abyc@gmail.com for any changes in your listing.

Another change has been in email billing which was instituted with the March invoice. If you prefer the bill goes to a different address let me know at:

purser.abyc@gmail.com.

The last item of change is the use of tokens for buying drinks. We started this at the March CIA and feel it is going to make a big difference in efficiency. Mike Ganey designed a really attractive token- thank him for his efforts next time you are getting a drink.

As always, if you have any suggestions for streamlining our processes, please let any of your Board members know.

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

John McBride

On March, 7th Apalachee Bay Community Sailing presented us with an overview and future plans for this organization. Michael Getman, Michael Ganey and Kris Hebert, the officers of the organization, gave an informative presentation on the program (including a video relating sailing classes to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and how it might be applied to sailing). Apalachee Bay Community Sailing is a not for profit association within ABYC whose primary focus is education. Please get in touch

with the officers if you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time. (*more information on page 4*)

On April 11th, we will be joined by members of the Optimist Club and the Big Bend Marine Maritime Center for a presentation about the community's efforts to expand sailing and teaching opportunities for young people.

Jr. Board Member Report - Social Report and Plans

Martha Robinson

Many thanks to Beth and John Hamilton for hosting movie night on March 13. "Riddle of the Sands" was a good choice. After the racing on March 14, Cam and Denise Whitlock hosted a bbq for the racers. The highlight was apple and cherry pie with ice cream in honor of pi day. 2015 marked a special date for pi. 3.1415 only happen once a century (twice if you go the next three digits of 926). Math geeks rejoice. Many thank to Pat and Gordon Renovitch for hosting the Spring Opening. Nearly 50 people attended. Many also enjoyed the big boat cruise that afternoon.

Don't miss the Changes in Attitudes social on March 28. Moses and Joan Turner will host. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. with cocktails and appetizers will be served until 7:30 p.m. or the food runs out.

With Easter occurring April 5, we have moved the membership meeting to the second Saturday, April 11. Bring a dish to share. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., potluck dinner at 7 p.m. A business meeting and program will follow.

On April 18 & 19, Apalachee Community Sailing will conduct an Adult Sailing class. Students,

skippers and volunteers needed. Contact Kris Hebert or Michael Getman. On April 18, there are plans to tour the Panacea Maritime Center. Stay tuned for more details.

Don't forget to register for the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta on March 25 & 26. Racing both days, dinner at the clubhouse on Saturday night and auction on Sunday. Sponsorships, auction items and volunteers needed. Register at www.smithregatta.com and follow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/smithregatta1.



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.

SMITH REGATTA April 25-26

If you can help, contact
Don Reeder -
floridasailor@comcast.net

More information?
<http://www.smithregatta.com/>

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 on March 7 at 3:30 pm at the Clubhouse.

Present: Steve LaRosa, Ivor Groves, Martha Robinson, Scott Robinson, David O'Hara, Jerry Wells, John McBride Cam Whitlock, and guest, Mike Ganey.

Commodore's Report

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

There was a discussion of the refinance/appraisal of the Club's assets in lieu of the planned clubhouse expansion. Steve and Ivor met with Lou Moore from the bank who said that ABYC needs a Board of Directors Resolution to move forward to refinance. For this refinance, the bank needs an appraisal and they will put out bids and the ABYC chooses from the bids. The last appraisal was years ago and the slips themselves were appraised at \$20,000 each. Lou thinks an appraisal for the building will come near \$100,000. It was noted that this may affect our property taxes, but it has to be done. The Board approved moving forward with up to \$180,000 refinancing. It was noted that a survey and a ritle search would be a separate costs from the appraisal but were also needed.

Jerry showed low tide pictures of the seawall that has rotted in places and asked if the refinancing might include seawall repairs. An inexpensive (relatively) repair method was discussed and it was recommended that refinance be raised to \$200,000 to include seawall repairs.

Vice Commodore's Report

Cam said that there was a good turnout for the boat orientation with 5 attendees learning about using the Club's "large" boats. A new online Boat Reservation System is in progress, that will include separate sections for the various boats where an individual may or may not be qualified to use a given type of boat and there will be a "proficiency checklist". It was discussed that we may need a "Release of Liability" form; it was suggested that he talk with Tony Cleveland about this. There will be another orientation in June. Mike Ganey got *Kestrel* and *Maxi I* (Hunter and Capri respectively) registered and noted that *Kestrel* is currently titled to the Sea Scouts.

There was a discussion that Community Sailing should be responsible for sailing camps, but Community Sailing needs an appropriation from ABYC to maintain boats and this should be greater than previous years. Community Sailing will come up with an estimate next month. The goal is that Community Sailing should eventually be self sufficient financially through the sailing camps. The 501(c)(3) status of Apalachee Bay Community Sailing should be resolved by June 1.

There will be a PHRF race and cookout afterwards next Saturday March 14; people should bring their own meat to grill.

Past Commodore's Report

We have a new membership applications for joining the Club posted in the Clubhouse.

Rear Commodore's Report

The water heater in the men's room shorted, spilling water, but it has been fixed by installing a new heater element. It was noted that we may need to replace elements on the one in the women's room. The shower valve in the men's room was replaced.

There will be a workday on either the 4th of April or the 12th depending on weather. Some things that need doing are:

Painting the siding on the street side of the clubhouse

Pack the wheel bearings on the boat trailers

Cut brush in the parking lot. Some discussion was done about upgrading the bathrooms but was shelved for later. It was further suggested that we might consider on-demand water heaters for the bathrooms to save space.

A suggestion was made for a small under-bar water heater and the Board approved this purchase.

Pursers Report

Maxie was not here, but had given a copy of the financials to Steve. The financial report was approved by the Board.

Junior Board Member Report

Beth and John Hamilton will host Movie Night on the 13th. Spring Opening will be on March 21, 2015.

On March 28, Moses and Joan will host the CIA.

Community Sailing Adult Sailing classes will be on the 18th and 19th.

The Smith Regatta is on the 25 and 26th of April.

Senior Board Member Report

Apalachee Bay Community Sailing will give a presentation after the members meeting tonight.

New Business

ABYC has an opportunity to purchase a Pram from Frank Hankins for \$450. David noted that there is a 2010 Pram on e-Bay for sale for \$3000. The Board approved the purchase of Frank's pram.

A Club member wants to buy the Flying Scott and the Board approved the sale.

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It was noted that ABYC has storage at Stow-Away and someone needs to see what is stored there.

A suggestion was made for a comprehensive insurance review due to Club changes.

The Rum Run will be June 26-27th.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted

David O'Hara, Scribe

Minutes of the March 7, 2015 ABYC Members Meeting

There was a short business meeting in which new members were introduced. It was noted that applications for new members are posted in the clubhouse before Board approval. Guests were introduced.

After the meeting, Apalachee Bay Community Sailing gave a presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

David O'Hara, Scribe



Remember -

ABYC's mailing address is:

P.O. BOX 1830

Crawfordville, FL 32326

Membership Report

ABYC continues to grow. As per the *By Laws*, the name of the proposed member shall be published in the next ABYC newsletter, *The Mark*, after the application was received. The following have been posted at the clubhouse:

Bob and Rebekka Roller

Mike Bellamy

Hal and Elizabeth Fravel

Welcome to Christopher Mougey, new member. He is also the Commodore of the FSU Sailing Club.

Invite your family, friends and co-workers who might be prospective 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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HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

Although it may never get down to our recreational boating craft, "Intersleek 425", "700", and "900" series coatings are designed to deliver a slippery covering that prevents organisms from attaching (if the vessel is sailing faster than 10 knots). Then, there is the "Sigmaglides 1290" product designed to prevent fouling at lower speeds.

Apalachee Bay Community Sailing

As noted in the presentation at the ABYC meeting on March 7, on Apalachee Bay Community Sailing's by Michael Getman, Michael Ganey and Kris Hebert (the current officers of Apalachee Bay Community Sailing)/ Apalachee Bay Community Sailing is a not for profit association within ABYC. It's primary focus is education. The association also accepts boat donations of any kind, with the intention of using any income or funds to build the education program and the Abyc fleet.

Community sailings future plans include adding boats to the Abyc fleet, mostly small boats for education and for opportunities to race in other more competitive sailing regattas.

We were given an overview of future plans to reach out into the community thru schools and possible grants thru the USSailing Association.

Also discussed were future plans for adding more advanced classes to the program. Adult classes and youth camp dates were also discussed.

The community sailing program is a vital part of our ABYC organization. It is being revitalized and is looking forward to increasing education and our fleet.

Please get in touch with the officers if you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time.



PUFFIN/DINGHY RACE REPORT

Kris Hebert

February 28th, brought nasty, cold weather for dingy racing. It was rescheduled for Sunday, March 1st.

Marcia Bjerregaard and I were ready to sail. Martha Robinson and Maxie Glenn were ready as the race committee. With very little wind and very few boats, we adjourned to Marcia's for hot chocolate. Only women were willing to brave the February chill and lack of wind? Aren't we the go getters!

Please feel free to call me if you are unsure of whether we are racing or not. I don't always know who's planning to sail, so my efforts of calling all sailors may fail. The next race is scheduled for Sunday, March 29, 1 pm, in the basin.

I need to know if scheduling on Sundays, when there is a PHRF on Saturday will work for us. I am thinking we may need to race later in the day for those of us who attend church services...maybe 2 pm? Please let me know. I'd like to at least get 1 race scheduled each month.

SCUTTLEBUTT

Marcia Bjerregaard

John Harrell has fixed her up and she's now for sale: 1972 Vikingsund 27' motor sailor. Perkins 49 HP 4.108 diesel engine with BW Velvet Drive trans. New aluminum fuel tanks. New twin station steering system along with rudder tiller. Sleeps 6. Cushions, stove, and sink. Room for small refer. Separate toilet with pump closet and washbasin. Needs new owner to finish. Asking \$5000, but open to offers. 850 556-6046.

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!

Boating Emergency Numbers

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

PHRF RACE REPORT

Don Reeder

We had eleven boats register for the March 14 race, most in a long time! There were two fleets, nonspinnaker and cruising. It was a nice day for sailing, even though it was somewhat gloomy with fog and limited visibility. The results were:

Non-Spinnaker

<i>Adios</i>	Hamilton	DNF
<i>Allegro</i>	Hebert	DNF
<i>Harmony</i>	Bjerregaard	2
<i>Stacatto</i>	LaRosa	DNF
<i>Wiki Wiki</i>	Reeder/Carrigan	1

Cruising

<i>Gratitude</i>	Groves	5
<i>Legato</i>	Whitlock	3
<i>Limitless</i>	Getman	DNS
<i>Island Time</i>	Robinson	4
<i>Maxie I</i>	McBride	2
<i>Watergeus</i>	Weijers	1

The March 28 and April 11 races results will be in the next issue.

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.)

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2014-15

April

- April 04: Work Day - Clubhouse - 9:00 am -
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 12: Alternate Work Day
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

May

- May 02: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
May 03: PHRF #4 of 6 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse 10:30 am
May 09: Women's Dinghy Outing - 1:00 pm -
May 16: PHRF #5 of 6 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse 10:30 am
Social - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm -
May 22: Movie Night
May 23-25: Mullet Cup to Dog Island & Back
May 25: Memorial Day Pool Party
May 30: PHRF #6 of 6 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse 10:30 am
Dinghy Races - 1:00 pm
Changes in Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm



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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Apalachee Bay Yacht Club

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