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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- May 05: PHRF #5
Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
- May 12: PHRF #6
- May 19: Social
- May 26: Dinghy Races
CIA Social

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Ivor Groves

It's hot and time to be on the water. Whether you are a racer, cruiser, beginning sailor or just love the water and the outdoors, now is a great time to participate in ABYC events. Several years ago Carl Bjerregaard wrote a column about the value of being an ABYC member. I am repeating the majority of that column here as I think we need to let even more people know of the value of ABYC.

A regular membership is \$50 per month. What do you get for that money?

- * use of the clubhouse for your private party,
- * use of any of the Club's sail-

boats: any of the 4 Holders for a dinghy race or sunset sail, use of *Allegro*, the Club's 22 foot Harmony sailboat, or the Hunter 23 for a leisurely off shore sail

- * use of the swimming pool
- * rental of boat slips at the club house and the use of all facilities including showers and kitchen
- * short term boat storage in the parking lot
- * monthly social events
- * interesting monthly programs on topics of interest to sailors
- * regularly scheduled dinghy races
- * regularly scheduled PHRF races
- * a racing course with marks in Apalachee Bay
- * free ice from the club's ice machine
- * organized kayak/canoe outings
- * sailing lessons for adults
- * monthly news letter
- * ABYC website with archives of Club documents, *The Mark*, as well as current weather at Shell Point and links to other useful sites.

If you use just some of the opportunities that ABYC offers, it still is an amazing bargain. Few other clubs offer more opportunities, but I know of no other club

that does so at our amazingly low dues.

I would like to challenge all the members to look for forums, bulletin boards, events, internet, and local publications to promote this list of information. The Membership Committee is working on developing a one page handout that we can use to let people know about the amazing value that ABYC offers.

Thank you Frank, Marc, Scott, David and Steve for putting on the adult sailing class for the Spring.

Vice Commodore's Corner

Scott Robinson

Are you ready for some.... Sailing? There are lots of sailing opportunities in the coming weeks.

The PHRF Spring Series is in full swing with three races completed. As we began the skippers' meeting the winds were gusty, but the forecast was for lighter winds by the start. We had the good fortune of having several crew-

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MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, May 5, 2012
- 1800 - Social
- 1900 - Potluck Dinner
- 1945 - Business Meeting
- 2000 - Program -

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members from the FSU Sailing Club. Thanks again to John Hamilton for running the series. So far we have a very competitive series with Carl Bjerregaard in the lead, but only nine points separating the top four boats. The next scheduled races are May 5 and 12. The skipper's meetings will take place at 10:30 on Saturday morning. Come on out if you would like to crew or go out on the committee boat.

Unfortunately the dinghy races scheduled for March 31 were cancelled due to high winds that just wouldn't let up. The next race is scheduled for May 26.

Thanks to the FSU Sailing Club and Michael Getman, the Holders are on the dinghy dock and are available for members to use for the dinghy races. Come out and race or join us to cheer on the fleet. And don't forget about the Mullet Cup Regatta which will take place on June 1-3. I hope you can join us for this fantastic race to Dog Island. The event begins Friday night with a great mullet dinner at the clubhouse. The race starts Saturday morning; we will enjoy a great raft-up Saturday night at Dog Island and then race back to Shell Point on Sunday. The awards ceremony and BBQ will follow. Stay tuned and watch you e-mail for more information about the Mullet Cup.

I want to thank Frank Hankins and a host of members who helped put together the Adult Sailing Class on April 14 and 15. Without their help, this class could not have been accomplished.

Adult Sailing Class Report

Frank Hankins

The sailing class went well considering the strong winds we had for both days. We had only six learners, but enough volunteer instructors to have a one to one ratio on the water. Many thanks to Steve LaRosa, Marc Lipsius, Scott Robinson, David Meade, John Meerman, and Don Willis who took time to introduce our guests to Shell Point sailing in beautiful, but windy conditions. All were enthusiastic and eager for more experience in sailboats. The program is a valuable asset to introducing adults to sailing, Shell Pt. and our Club, so if you meet people who would like to learn please refer them to any officer or to me so that we might sign them up for a fall or spring event.

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 Ensign & the Club burgee should be taken down at the end of an event and put away in the ice house.

Sailing Instructor Needed

ABYC is looking for one (or more) adults to head the youth sailing program this summer. Those in charge need to be a licensed instructor who will volun-

teer their time to teach sailing using the Club's boats. If you are interested in being the instructor (or helping with the program), please contact Phil Werndli at:

pwerndli@embarqmail.com

Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

If you have any questions or comments concerning your monthly bill, please contact me at: mbg1215@netzero.net.

At the end of May, I will be heading north to Long Island, NY for the summer. I remove the ABYC mailbox while I'm gone. If you have any plans to be in or around New York City, please get in touch. I'd love to have visitors!

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.

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

C. Henry Depew

Mr. Franklin Price gave a very interesting presentation on the various aspects of nautical archaeology. If you want to read more about his work and Florida's underwater archaeological preserves, take a look at pages 36-38 in Spring issue of *Sea History*.

The May program is not confirmed at press time.

Membership Application Forms

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

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.

Vice Commodore Scott Robinson called the board meeting of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club to order at 1600 on Saturday, April 7, 2012 at the ABYC Clubhouse.

Present: Ivor Groves (on the phone), Scott Robinson, Marc Lipsius, Maxie Glenn, Martha Robinson, Mary VanSciver, Henry Depew and Lorna Tweedie.

Vice Commodore - Scott Robinson

Today was the third race in the PHRF series with seven boats racing. An adult sailing class will be offered next weekend (April 14 and 15). Frank Hankins will be the instructor. Volunteer skippers are needed with their vessels for afternoon on-the-water instruction. So far, there are possibly four to six students. Cost is \$50 per student.

The Mullet Cup Regatta to Dog Island and back will be the weekend of June 2. There will be a mullet dinner on June 1, the races June 2-3 and an awards ceremony back at the clubhouse on Sunday afternoon.

Senior Board Member – Henry Depew

Henry reported that the speaker next week (April 14) will be Mr. Price from the Dept. of State's Division of Historic Resources. He will talk about nautical archaeology. Ideas are welcome for future programs.

Scribe - Martha Robinson

The Board approved the minutes of the March minutes as printed in the April issue of *The Mark*.

Junior Board Member - Mary VanSciver

April 14 – Membership meeting and program, Bon Voyage dessert for Kingsley and Sue Ross

April 27-29 – Smith Memorial Regatta

May 19 – Social hosted by Moses and Joan Turner. Theme undecided.

May 26 – Dee Shriver will host the CIA.

June 1 – Mullet Dinner before Mullet Cup Race to Dog Island

June 30 – Don Willis will host the CIA

Mary reported on the kitchen renovation. A drawing was distributed via email. She and Al Oosterhof met with carpenter Eric Beam. Mary will work with the same carpenter to get a bid for the electric work. ABYC will attempt to use the stovetop/oven that we currently own for a while longer and perhaps replace the burners. ABYC will purchase all appliances. The range hood needs to be repaired or replaced. The Board approved up to \$6,000 for the kitchen renovation, with work to begin after the June membership meeting.

Rear Commodore – Marc Lipsius

Marc reported that John Newton is trying to gather help to wax the *Kestral*. It still needs to be painted so it is unlikely it will be available for the adult sailing class. Ivor agreed to donate a gallon of bottom paint. Marc also reported that a monitor is needed to accompany the new security system. It was discussed that Goodwill on West Tennessee Street has a good assortment of used ones.

Past Commodore – Lorna Tweedie

Lorna reported that she is working to develop the requested list of Club benefits.

Purser - Maxie Glenn

Maxie reported on the net income and expenses of the club for

March. Financial statements are available in the clubhouse for anyone who wants to look them over.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the report of the Purser.

The budget for hosting the monthly CIA was discussed and it was determined that members may use their own discretion to estimate attendance and determine the menu of appetizers. They may submit the receipts for reimbursement. Many members donate the food.

Membership

Scott and Jane Gordon have submitted an application for membership. They are being sponsored by Marcia Bjerregaard.

Hannah Garland has decided to postpone her membership. Brooks Johnson has not responded to questions about his membership.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted to not approve the membership application for Michael and Nicole Koski. The Scribe will send them a letter.

Action Items: Marc, Henry and Maxie have been asked to work on specific language for a bylaws change that changes associate membership to provisional membership so that members are approved after a one year trial period.

New Business

Frank Hankins has asked that we send out a request to members for updated audio equipment for the clubhouse.

On the policy for reserving the clubhouse, our rules state that only members may use the clubhouse and that they will not be charged a fee. Yet, we have a fee schedule and contract form posted on the Website. It was agreed to remove the fee schedule and contract from the Website. There is no public use of the facilities.

Phil Werndli will not be
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available to teach or operate the summer sailing program this year. A certified sailing instructor is needed and the program needs to break even or make a profit. The Board agreed to place a notice in *The Mark* looking for an instructor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1805.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha J. Robinson
Scribe

ABYC Membership Meeting – April 2012

ABYC member and Sea Scout parent Pam Harrell spoke about the Sea Scout program and the success of the young men who participate in the program along with their passion for boating. The Sea Scouts are chartered by ABYC and supported by the Suwannee River Area Council of Boy Scouts of America. The area council requested that members support the Sea Scouts with a financial donation to the area council.

Pam also invited members to RSVP for the Sea Scout Festa Italiana, a fund raiser, to be held at the ABYC Clubhouse on Saturday, June 16 at 6 p.m. \$15 per person. All proceeds benefit the Sea Scouts.

After dinner, Kingsley and Sue Ross talked about the upcoming five year cruise to Europe on their sailboat. ABYC members wished them a fond farewell and a happy voyage. Members can follow along on the Ross.blog at <http://svostinato.blogspot.com/>

Vice Commodore Scott Robinson called the membership meeting of the Apalachee Bay Yacht

Club to order at 2005 on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the ABYC Clubhouse.

Rear Commodore Marc Lipsius reminded members that pots and pans used by members should be washed and put away. These should not be put in the sanitizer (it is not a dishwasher). Also, many thanks to John Newton. He organized a team to wax *Kestral*. She has now been painted and ready to go back in the water. Volunteers needed for Saturday, April 21 around 4 PM.

Vice Commodore Scott Robinson reported that the fourth PHRF race is scheduled for next Saturday, April 21; the Stephen C. Smith Regatta is coming up the last weekend in April; and the Mullet Cup Regatta to Dog Island and back is the first weekend in June.

Frank and Patti Hankins introduced their guests, Harold and Carol, who are taking the Adult Sailing Class and visiting from Atlanta.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2015.

Senior Board Member Henry Depew introduced the speaker for the evening: Mr. Franklin H. Price, Senior Archaeologist for the Florida Department of State's Division of Historic Resources. He spoke on nautical archaeology. Respectfully submitted,
Martha J. Robinson
Scribe

**PHRF REPORT**

Don Reeder

With strong winds at the start that died off as the day progressed, seven (7) boats went out on April 7th. The committee was the Robinsons on their catamaran. The results were:

1st - Harmony - Bjerregaard
2nd - Fahrregrnugen - Gazioch
3rd - Wiki Wiki - Reeder
4th - Adios - Hamilton
5th - 3 Sheets - Getman
6th - Freelance - Redig
DNF - Sister Gail - Bentton

Racing Dates:

Based on tide considerations, the schedule of remainder of the races for the Spring Series are:

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

Races start around 1200-1230.

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

While we know our area pretty well, if you are going elsewhere you might want to check this source out:

argus.survice.com/argus_shallowwater.asp

Want to know what the wind will be like before you go sailing?

Take a look at:

<http://aviationweather.gov/adds/>
Click on "Winds/Temps" (light blue bar). The "Radar" option will give you the entire US, an area, or a region.

National Safe Boating Week
May 19 - May 25, 2012

ABYC Social Report and Plans

Mary VanSciver

Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo at our May 5th potluck night. Those interested in making this a festive event should consider bringing enchiladas, chapulas, mole poblano or other Mexican dishes. We'll take care of the Margaritas, decorations and Spanish music at the Club.

The main social event of the month is on May 19th. Moses and Joan Turner will be providing the food and activities. More details to follow. Please look for a separate announcement on this event. If you have joined the ABYC-Activities group then you should be receiving these announcements. If you are not, then please send an email to mary.vansciver@gmail.com to let me know.

Our end-of-the-month Changes in Attitude is Saturday, May 26. It will be hosted by Dee Shriver. As always, May's CIA requires no reservations, costs nothing except what you buy at the bar, and brings together lots of ABYC folks for a good time from 6 to 7:30 PM.

A special thank you to Michael Getman and Lindsey McIntire for hosting our March CIA. Home-made tacos were the highlight of the evening.

In June, ABYC will have its annual Mullet Cup Regatta from Friday evening, June 1, through Sunday, June 3. Whether or not you join the sail to Dog Island, everyone is welcome at the traditional mullet dinner on Friday night. You can expect the freshest mullet and gourmet hamburgers as well as other good things that go well with fish and burgers. Bar service will be available at 6:00 and dinner is served at 7pm. Cost is \$12.00.

Frank Hankins and John McBride are organizing the Mullet Cup Regatta including the Friday night kickoff dinner. Contact Frank at (678) 438-6375 or fphankins@earthlink.net. Contact John at (850) 570-3467 or johnjennifer.mcbride@gmail.com.

Frank needs your **reservations for dinner by Tuesday, May 29**.

Rear Commodore's Corner

Marc Lipsius

Much work this past month has been done on the Kestrel, and hopefully by the time this is published, the boat will be back in the water for use. The boat was hauled out, demasted and un-rigged, picked up on a boat lift under my house, and then -- the hull was cleaned and waxed. the bottom was thoroughly cleaned of barnacles and grass, the keel was sanded and all the rust ground off and coated with epoxy to try and protect it, the delaminated tiller was epoxied back together, sanded clean, coated with epoxy and revarnished.

Many thanks to Frank, John Newton and friends, Carl, me, and whoever else we can get to raise the mast and re-rig the boat on the last week of April (to soon for this publication to get all the names, but we'll acknowledge them next

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.

time).

A reminder from Granma Joeann about the kitchen use - That machine to the left of the sink is a "sanitizer". It is NOT a dishwasher. Dishes and pots are supposed to be thoroughly rinsed and cleaned off of any food debris before putting them into that machine. Please do not put dirty dishes and pots in there, especially leaving them in there for someone else to find and clean up. She gets very upset finding dirty pots in there and we really don't want her to get upset.

There has been a discrepancy between the Rules for Use of the Facility between what's printed in the yearly handbook and what is on the ABYC website. This will be corrected soon to make them both comply with each other, so look for that in the near future.

Any problems, something need fixing - let me know.



Changes in Attitude Social

Date: May 26, 2012

Time: 1800 - 1930

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

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2012

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

June

- June 01-03: Mullet Cup
- June 16: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- June 23: Summer Sailstice
- June 30: Dinghy Races - 1:00 pm
Changes in Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm



**ABYC PHONE NUMBER
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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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