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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

May 04: Board Meeting
 Membership Meeting
 May 11: PHRF
 May 25: Dinghy Races
 CIA
Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Scott Robinson

Welcome to new members, Brian Walsh and Eric Olsen. Brian has an interest in getting the Flying Scot back in the water and Eric is interested in bringing his boat to the club dock. If you see either of them at the Club, be sure to say hello and welcome them.

Congratulations to Michael Getman on the success of the Rum Run Regatta. Despite the weather and cancelled race, the dinner was delicious and the music had folks dancing, singing along and having fun. It was a great party. Many thanks to his "posse" of friends who helped with set up, clean up, serving and more.

Congratulations also to Lindsey McIntire on the success of the Low

Country Boil. This event was well planned and the food delicious. Lindsey's friends were on-hand to help with all the details.

ABYC continues to support the fundraising efforts of the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta. I appreciate all the Club members who volunteer, race their boats, buy cards for the Parrothead Poker Run or participate in the auction. The American Cancer Society is a great cause and our support is important.

See you on the water...

Vice Commodore's Corner

Tony Cleveland

This summer's adult sailing class will take place the weekend of June 22-23 (both Sat. & Sun.). Kris Hebert will be teaching the course. If you think you know someone who may be interested in attending, please get the word out. Please note that the PHRF race has been moved to May 11, 2013 and the Mullet Cup has been postponed to a later date. The remainder of

the spring 2013 PHRF racing schedule is:

April 27, Smith Regatta/PHRF
 May 11, PHRF

Last and not least, the Rum Run/PHRF, organized by Michael Getman, was a fantastic success in every respect except the weather, the one thing Michael could not control. We want to thank Michael for the incredible amount of work he did in organizing the Rum Run and making everything that he COULD control the great success it was. Thanks also go out to Lindsey McIntire, Dustin Kanagy and Loren Vann, who worked tirelessly with Michael on the Rum Run.

Rear Commodore's Corner

Ed Fries

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

MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, May 04, 2013
 1800 - Social
 1900 - Pot Luck Dinner
 1945 - Meeting
 2000 - Program:

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ABYC Social Report and Plans

Mary VanSciver

The social calendar for May features a potluck on the 4th and a CIA on the 25th.

This year's Mullet Cup Regatta will not be held in May as originally scheduled. A notice will be sent out when the new date is finalized.

A very special thank you to a special couple for hosting two social events this spring. Of course, you all know who I am referring to, Michael Getman and Lindsey McIntire! In March, they organized the Rum Run with plans for a regatta and more. The weather got in the way of the sailing, but it gave the huge crowd an opportunity to start partying sooner. With a Reggae band, plenty of "awards", rum, and great barbeque, it turned out to be a wildly successful party.

Then in April, Lindsey organized the Low Country Fish Boil. Lindsey and Michael spent the whole day decorating and preparing the dinner meal. What a feast it was! Over thirty people helped themselves to a huge table full of fresh boiled shrimp, Bradley's country sausage, red potatoes, and corn on the cob. A variety of condiments, French bread and salad added to the meal. Strawberry shortcake with fresh whipped cream was the perfect ending to the dinner.

For both events, Michael and Lindsey wish to express their thanks to all who helped with these events; especially Dustin Kanagy, Lauren Vann, Scott and Martha Robinson, Phil Werndli, Nell Johnston, and Cam Whitlock. A special thank you to them and to Joeann for tending the bar all afternoon and evening.

March ended with another fun

event when John Newton hosted the CIA as reported below.

Our usual end-of-the-month Changes in Attitude for May will be hosted by Darlene and Al Oosterhof. That means it's sure to be good! As always, the CIA requires no reservations, costs nothing except what you buy at the bar, brings together lots of ABYC folks for a good time, and runs from 6 to 7:30 PM.

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

CIA Report

John Newton

Changes in Attitude on Easter Saturday welcomed a good ABYC turnout of 25 to 30 folks to enjoy a slightly different CIA. Singer/songwriter/guitarist Bill McGuire entertained everyone with music from the 60s to 2013. Of course, he included a few Jimmy Buffet songs.

Everyone enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, hot and cold. Colleen Newton and Isabella Hefren kept busy in the kitchen and made sure plates never went empty. As always, Joeann kept the glasses chill and full.

Thanks to the support from member Mignon Deshaies and her shop Sweet Patina (2030-5 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee), the March CIA included door prizes. The prizes included a silver fish, nautical matches, and a solid brass anchor hook. Winners included Maxie Glenn, Bob Parker, Steve LaRosa, Maxie Glenn, and Katherine LaRosa.

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

Martha Robinson

Many thanks to Darlene and Al Oosterhof with Bob Parker for presenting "Destination Cape Horn" at the April meeting. 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. I appreciate Al, Darlene and Bob for sharing their recent trip to Patagonia with us.

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.

Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

If you have any questions or comments concerning your monthly bill, please contact me at home or by email.

Also, there is a copy of the monthly financial statement in a notebook on the shelving behind the front door of the clubhouse that members are encouraged to review.

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, April 6, 2013 at the ABYC clubhouse.

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

Not present: Ivor Groves

Vice Commodore-Tony Cleveland

Tony is reviewing our insurance coverage to assure that ABYC is covered for Adult and Youth sailing classes. If the Sea Scouts continue to be sponsored by ABYC, we will want to make sure that these activities are also covered by our insurance.

The adult sailing classes will be scheduled in two-day blocks, and we may need two leaders to share the instructor position.

The Mullet Cup is scheduled for May 18th and the May PHRF for May 11th. An announcement will be prepared for the next issue of *The Mark*.

Rear Commodore-Ed Fries

A door in the women's restroom will be repaired. A boat workday is needed, and Ed will contact some volunteers and set a date for the work.

Past Commodore-Ivor Groves

Scott Robinson reported for Ivor regarding his research for an outside lift. Ivor has begun the process and plans to contact the county building department to initiate any permit process needed.

Purser-Maxie Glenn

Maxie reviewed the monthly financial statement, and the Board

approved the report. Scott Robinson approved an invoice from Promise Land for debris removal resulting from the workday in March. New membership applications are posted for review and the Board agreed to handle the approvals through email in order to expedite the process.

Scribe-Dede Wells

The March Board meeting minutes were approved as printed in *The Mark*.

Senior Board Member-Martha Robinson

The Oosterhof's and Bob Parker will share information on their trip to Patagonia at the April membership meeting.

Junior Board Member-Mary VanSciver

Mary suggested that we consider using the Junior Board Member position to allow new or younger members to become active on the Board of Directors. Social events would then be handled by another member or committee. Tony Cleveland will review the by-laws and constitution to develop options for implementing this suggestion. The Board will discuss and consider at a later date.

The photo gallery posted on the ABYC website could use some new photographs. Any members wishing to submit photos for consideration should send them to Henry Depew, our webmaster.

The website link to rules for facility use is not working and Henry Depew has been alerted.

Lindsey McIntire will be heading up the social planning activities in Mary's absence (May-August) and will represent Mary at Board meetings.

The July cook-out social will be moved from July 20th to July 13th, to allow for a private party reservation.

Mary offered some suggestions

for adding variety to social activities, including door prizes. Friday movie nights are being handled by volunteer hosts. Any members wishing to host a movie night should contact Mary to find an open date.

Old Business

Senior Board Member Martha Robinson has located a potential business to produce a sign for the pool area, and will contact a second, local sign business before a final decision is made. The Board approved a budget of \$200.00, so that Martha can move ahead with the process.

The Sea Scout program that is sponsored by the ABYC is looking for volunteers, who can assist the current leaders. Anyone who is interested should contact Martha for more information.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dede Wells, Scribe

April Membership Meeting

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

Vice Commodore Tony Cleveland announced that revisions to the racing schedule will be included in the next issue of *The Mark*, along with information about the adult sailing classes. Rear Commodore Ed Fries asked for volunteers to participate in a workday to clean and prepare the ABYC boats for the season. Past Commodore Ivor Groves reviewed plans to purchase and install a lift as an alternative to an elevator.

Purser Maxie Glenn reminded
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members that the financial statement is available at the clubhouse for review.

Scribe Dede Wells announced that the minutes from the March meetings as published in *The Mark* were approved by the Board of Directors.

Mary VanSciver reminded members that the Low Country Boil is scheduled for April 13th. The April 19th movie night will be hosted by Scott and Martha Robinson.

Commodore Scott Robinson reminded members of the Smith Regatta weekend, April 26-28th. This annual event was initiated by the ABYC to raise funds for the American Cancer Society, and JoAnn Vesecky will provide a headquarters base at her home.

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

Senior Member Martha Robinson introduced Al and Darlene Oosterhof and Bob Parker who provided the program reviewing their trip to Patagonia. Respectfully submitted, Dede Wells, Scribe
Apalachee Bay Yacht Club

PHRF RACING NEWS

The race on 20 April saw five (5) boats on the water with a wind in the 12-18 knot range and seas 1-2 feet.. The results were:

- 1 - *Wiki Wiki* - Reeder/Carrigan
- 2 - *Harmony* - Bjerregaard
- 3 - *Freelance* - Getman
- 4 - *Allegro* - Hebert
- 5 - *WaterGeus* - Weijers

After the race, a collision occurred in the channel around the doughnut when *Harmony* ran aground and *Freelance* was right behind with no where to go while towing *Wiki Wiki*.

Schedule:

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 perk. If you are not a member, or want an electronic version try:

www.sailing.org

or

www.ussailing.org

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

The editors of *Boating* published their *2013 Guide to Towing* recently. Page 50 of the publication has a summary of state towing laws. Of possible interest to those of us in Florida is that, according to the summary, the max towing width in Florida is 8.5 feet while the max width in Georgia and Alabama is 8.0 feet. Thus your tow can be legal in Florida and subject to legal action in the neighboring states. You can download the guide at boatingmag.com/ford.

The editors of *Good Old Boat* (<http://www.goodoldboat.com/>) have put out a series of PDF files on a variety of subjects. If you are interested, they are called "Archive eXtractions". So far they have five Archive eXtractions ready to go:

- Review Boats: 25- to 27-Footers
- The Good Old Boat Galley Book
- Sailboats 101
- Boatbuilders
- Boat Designers

Each one is \$25 and available from their download site:

www.AudioSeaStories.com.

From 1913 until 1993, Guinness Brewery shipped their products in their own ships. In 1971 the main holds for one of their ships was converted into true refrigerated tanks, making the ship the world's first beer tanker.

(for more information see the article by Dennis Bryant of April 09 on the Maritime Professional web page)

The Stephen C. Smith Regatta that we know today came from the earlier ABYC Hobie-Fireball Invitational Regatta held in 1971 off Shell Point with ABYC providing the RC, stake and crash boats. The second annual invitational regatta, called the Annual Hobie-

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Kate C. Morgan Memorial Puffin Series

Beth Hamilton

The first Puffin race of 2013 was held March 30 in the Basin. Racing was highly competitive between the four racers, with the following results:

- 1 - John Hamilton
- 2 - Kris Hebert
- 3 - Jim McGill
- 4 - Marcia Bjerregaard

Thanks to Jim for providing the committee boat and to Lynn Groves for helping me with race committee work.

The next race will be on May 25th starting around 1300.

(Hints & Notes - continued)

Fireball Regatta, saw winds light and the Fireballs passing the Hobie 16's (who had a five minute head start). The Third Annual Hobie-Fireball Regatta was held on June 9 & 10, 1973. Following Stephen's death in 1974, the regatta was renamed in his honor with the "profit" being donated to the American Cancer Society.

I was installing strips of wood on the re-built ramp at our dock when a couple of the galvanized nails went "overboard" in about 3 feet of water. I could see them laying on the silt that is the top of the muck of our canal bottom. Rather than leave them there to slowly sink out of sight, I went and got my magnet with its 6-foot line out of the car. The magnet picked up the nails quite nicely.

My magnet is from a radio speaker and is the permanent magnet part of the speaker with a hole in the middle that gives me a place to attach the cord to let me lower it into the water or drag it across the grass to retrieve metallic objects lost along the way (like a drill bit that fell out of the drill because the chuck was not tight). You can spend a good deal of money for a magnet or you can salvage some from discarded speakers. I have three of them. Each is a different size which lets me retrieve things that would not otherwise be recoverable.

Of possible interest is a summary of the Macono Spill Trial (BP's well in the Gulf) in the April issue of *Marine News* by Susan Buchanan (pp. 26-30). It seems that rig maintenance was behind schedule, the current project was over budget and behind schedule, and everyone was in a hurry to close up the project. Phase one of the trial should be over shortly.

Phase two will deal with spill-response and oil loss. If it happens, Phase three will consider environmental and economic damages. Find a copy and read the details.

**SCUTTLEBUTT**

Marcia Bjerregaard

The public meeting regarding the spending of BP money coming into Wakulla County will be held at the Shell Point firehouse on April 23 at 1800 (6:00 pm). If you want to see a ramp, etc, make sure you're voice is heard that evening.

The Rosses aren't the only ones cruising. Pat & Frank Hankins, with Ed Fries aboard, have left for their Bahamian adventure. It'll include racing, of course, and there's a rumor that Rhonda & David Saint will also be at the starting line.

New member Brian Walsh was spotted scrubbing and polishing the Flying Scot! Wouldn't it be great to get *Cinderella* sailing and racing. Visit (www.fssa.com).

Do you have a question or comment for Club members for inclusion in *The Mark*? Send it to cbjereg@fsu.edu with 'Scuttlebutt' on the subject line.

Webmaster's Cubicle

C. Henry Depew

The ABYC "Yacht Directory" has been up-dated. Please look at it on the web site under "Member Information" (left scroll bar) and send me any changes or corrections.

Membership

Ivor Groves

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.

**Changes in Attitude Social**

Date: May 25, 2013

Time: 1800 - 1930

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

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2013

May

- May 04: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - 1800- social, 1900-potluck, 1945 meeting
- May 11: PHRF - Clubhouse 1030 -
- May 17-19: Mullet Cup - **postponed to later date**
- 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

June

- June 01: PHRF Alternate
Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
- June 15: Social
- June 29: 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).

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