



THE MARK

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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- May 03: Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
- May 09: Movie Night
- May 10: PHRF #5 of 6
- May 17: PHRF #6 of 6
- May 18: Adult Sailing Class
- May 23-26: Memorial Day Cruise
- May 25: Pool Party & BBQ
- May 31: Dinghy Races
CIA Social

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Scott Robinson

Since deadline for *THE MARK* precedes the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta, I am hoping all of you who volunteered or participated have a great weekend. This fund raiser for the American Cancer Society is sponsored by the Club along with Regatta Foundation and the Shell Point Sailboard Club. I appreciate those ABYC Club members serving on the Regatta Committee, Don Reeder serving as the committee chairman this past year, Joann Vesesky, Ann Getman, Michael Getman and Martha Robinson serving in other roles and others have done a great

job helping organize the event.

ABYC continues to grow.

Please welcome new members Kathryn Wolter and Scott Burgess and Ken and Donna Harthausen. Also, please note, applicants Matt and Barbara Eckel are posted on the bulletin board. As always, if you see someone you don't know at the clubhouse, please introduce yourself.

Be sure to join us for the PHRF racing. We still have two races in the six-race series. The skippers' meeting starts at 10:30 am at the clubhouse. You can skipper, crew or join us as a spectator.

Weather permitting, we are planning a cruise to Dog Island for Memorial Day weekend. Some will sail over on Friday, May 23 and others will sail over on Saturday. We'll all sail back on Memorial Day. In the meantime, there will be a pool party at the clubhouse for the holiday. Stay tuned for details.

I look forward to seeing you at Movie Night and the CIA. Bring a boating friend and introduce them to the club.

See you on the water.

Vice Commodore's Corner

Steve LaRosa

April is almost gone. What a great month it was. It is truly the best month to be on the water with warming temperatures and nice breezes. April was active on the water for ABYC members. We were still enjoying the warm afterglow of the Rum Run Regatta, and then had to cancel the next PHRF Race #3 due to inclement weather. But the next race weekend saw fair weather and a great PHRF #4 race with a strong racing fleet. "Special Thanks" go out to the FSU Sailing Club for volunteering to be committee boat for this race. We hope they will continue to help out in the Fall Racing Series. And later in the month, there was a fun dinghy race on the Friday of the Smith Regatta. Dinghy racing has become more popular and now some Holders are joining the Puffins on the race course, so please come and race a dingy if you have a chance.

Also in April is the Multi Club Stephen C. Smith Regatta. This fund raiser is always a special event. It combines the efforts of the Shell Point Sailboard Club,

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MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, May 03, 2014
- 1800 - Social
- 1900 - Dinner
- 1945 - Meeting
- 2000 - Program

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(VC Report - continued)

ABYC, and the American Cancer Society. “More Special Thanks” are to be extended to all the ABYC volunteers who help make this wonderful regatta happen (again).

May on the water sees PHRF racing on May 10 and 17. These are the last 2 races for the Spring Series, so be sure to get your boats out on race day. And then on Memorial Day weekend members are invited to overnight cruise to Dog Island. Details for this holiday weekend cruise will be following soon.

As always, if you have any on the water questions please don't hesitate to email, text or call me.

ABYC Social Report and Plans

Martha Robinson

Huib Weijers will talk about sailing in the Netherlands at the membership meeting on May 3. Bring a dish to share for the potluck supper. Cocktails begin at 1800; dinner is served buffet-style at 1900; the membership meeting begins at 1945 followed by the program at 2000.

We'll watch the movie “Wind” with Jennifer Gray (PG-13) on Friday, May 9. The bar will open at 6:30 and the movie will start at 7 p.m. We'll bring the popcorn and the bar will be open.

There will be a pool party on Monday, May 26 to celebrate Memorial Day. Details to follow.

Plan to join us for cocktails and appetizers at the Changes in Attitude (CIA) social on Saturday, May 31.

Many thanks to Steve and Katherine LaRosa for hosting the

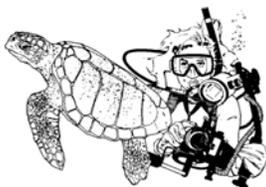
April movie. We watched “All is Lost” with Robert Redford. This movie sparked a lot of conversation about sailing and safety on the water.

Many thanks to all who participate in the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta and/or volunteer to help make it a success. Don Reeder was the committee chairman this year. Joanne Vesesky and Ann Getman organized registration, Michael Getman chaired the race committee and the Robinsons represented ABYC at the planning meetings.

As a member-run club, we are dependent upon members volunteering to organize an event or help someone else. Please contact me at mjrob101@yahoo.com or 850/544-6619 if you would like to host a social, movie night or CIA. Ideas for new events are welcome.

You can also sign up to host a CIA at:
<https://ldm05d.wufoo.com/forms/cia-event-signup/>.

See you at the club.

**Rear Commodore's Corner**

Ed Fries

If you see something that needs to be done or needs doing at the clubhouse or floats, let me know - 591-4620

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

Camden Whitlock

The April meeting featured Terry Peacock, manager of the St. Marks' Refuge who provided a lively and informative overview of Operation Migration and its efforts to re-establish an independent, migratory whooping crane population right in our back yard.

Our May presentation will feature our very own Huib Weijers and his experience sailing in his native country, the Netherlands.

No program is currently scheduled for June at this time, but we are actively pursuing leads.

**Purser's Report**

Maxine Glenn

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

mbg1215@netzero.net

Also, anyone who would prefer to have their invoice sent via email, please let me know.

There is a copy of the monthly financial statement in a notebook on the shelving in the clubhouse that members are encouraged to review.

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.

Commodore Scott Robinson called the Board meeting of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club to order at 1530 on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at the ABYC clubhouse.

Present: Scott Robinson, Martha Robinson, Maxie Glenn, Dede Wells, Ed Fries, Steve LaRosa

Absent: Ivor Groves, Cam Whitlock

Commodore-Scott Robinson

Scott announced that Jerry Wells would help manage the bar, and that Martha Robinson, Maxie Glenn and Jerry Wells will meet to plan for implementing new management strategies.

Vice Commodore-Steve LaRosa

Steve reviewed plans for future PHRF events. The Rum Regatta was a success in March and mugs from the event will be sold at the clubhouse. *Kestral* needs a new mainsail, and Steve will shop for a used sail. The Flying Scot is ready for use after undergoing some repairs.

Rear Commodore-Ed Fries

The March workday was canceled due to weather, and another date will be set and announced. The clubhouse exterior is in need of a spring pressure wash.

Purser-Maxie Glenn

Maxie provided the monthly financial update for March, 2014. She has sent out reminders to members who have not paid annual dues.

Scribe-Dede Wells

The Board approved a motion to approve the March minutes as reported in *THE MARK*.

Junior Board Member-Martha Robinson

Martha reviewed social events scheduled for April.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dede Wells, Scribe

Membership Meeting

The April 5, 2014 membership meeting was called to order by Commodore Scott Robinson at 2000 hours. Short reports were presented by Board members, reviewing spring activities, including scheduled races, social events, and activities during the Smith Regatta weekend. The meeting was adjourned at 1015, and followed by a program on the Whooping Crane Migration Project, presented by Terry Peacock, Refuge Manager, St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge. Respectfully submitted,
Dede Wells, Scribe

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.

Time

Most ABYC events have a traditional time frame -

PHRF - Skippers' Meeting -
1030 (10:30 AM)

Puffin/Dinghy - Start
1300 (1:00 PM)

Board - Meeting
1530-1730 (3:30-5:30 PM)

Membership - Meeting
1800 (6:00 PM) Social

1900 (7:00 PM) Meal

1945 (7:45 PM) Meeting

2000 (8:00 PM) Program

General Socials -

1800 (6:00 PM) Happy Hour

1900 (7:00 PM) Meal

CIA

1800-1930 (6:00-7:30 PM)

Exceptions to the above will be so noted in the announcement.

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 Weather Station

As we go to press, the ABYC weather station is still offline because of a technical problem affecting its temperature and humidity readings. Replacement parts should be coming and we hope to have the problem fixed.

Community Sailing Lessons

Adult Sailing will be held on Sundays, May 18 and June 1, 9:00 am-5:00 pm. The class is both days. A fee of \$125 will include the text book from US Sailing.

For any participants who join ABYC, Community Sailing will cover the application fee.

This is an awesome opportunity to recruit new members and teach the joy of sailing!

We need help with the adult sailing lessons on May 18 and June 1. The plan is to sail the Holders on May 18, in shifts. I'll need a motor boat to tow the boats to the basin, as well as teaching, and assistance on the water. I would also like 1 -2 people to teach in the classroom so I can be on the water in the afternoon one day.

June 1 will be on the water in larger boats. I'll need Skippers for *Allegro*, *Kestral*, and 1 more member boat, we are allowed 10 students on the water at a time.

Please let me know how you can help.

Sailing Camp is June 9-13 - time is 9:00 am -3:30 pm \$200 Ages 9-15.

Lessons will be offered in a one week sailing program at Shell Point. Lessons will consist of classes Monday through Friday starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. each day.

Hobie Holder Work Day, Sunday May 4, 2 pm at ABYC

We need help with rigging, rudder and tiller repair, painting masts and fiber glassing.

Please RSVP to Kris. Please let me know if you can help with the fiber glassing

Volunteers please!

Kris T Hebert

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Membership

Ivor Groves

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, Matt and Barbara Eckel

Also, please welcome new members Kathryn Wolter and Scott Burgess and Ken and Donna Harthausen.

MARK Advertising

Business card size ads are available at a cost of \$20 per ad, per issue. Camera-ready copy for the ads should be e-mailed to sisu26@nettally.com

or mailed to

C. Henry Depew
3316 Lakeshore Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Ostinato Report

If you want to follow the adventures of Kingsley and Sue Ross, go to their blog at:

<http://svostinato.blogspot.com/>

Remember -

ABYC's mailing address is:

P.O. BOX 1830
Crawfordville, FL 32326

Stephen C Smith Regatta

Before the Stephen C. Smith Regatta was named in Steve's honor, it was the Hobie-Fireball Regatta and was a regional points regatta for the Hobie sailors in the southeast. The originator of the Hobie catamaran (Hobart Alter Jr.) died on March 29, 2014. He was a pioneer in the surfboard shaping industry, creator of the Hobie Cat catamarans, and founder of the Hobie company. A lot of the sailors over the years in ABYC started with a Hobie catamaran as their first sailboat.

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

On a rather high-tech note, you may soon have cell phone coverage wherever you go with no "dead zones" thanks to the work of Titan Aerospace, who will be testing a solar powered drone aircraft that will fly at around 65,000 feet and provide tracking, GPS, and communications capability. With a 50-meter wingspan, I am not sure how they will get the craft aloft. For more information on this concept/device, use your computer's search engine and the search parameter of:

solar powered drone aircraft
or
Solara 50

We no longer see fuel barges coming to St. Marks, but barge traffic is one of the most economical means for transporting bulk goods. In terms of a gallon of fuel per tons per mile, inland towing is 616 tons, railroads is 478, and trucking is 150.

Webmaster's Cubicle

C. Henry Depew

Our web site had a problem in that users were asked for a user name and password for access. Such should never happen on our web site. I contacted our service provider's support staff. The same request happened to the support person. He started looking into the problem. While they did not send me a message as to what caused the problem, the next time I went on to the site, the site loaded properly. If something looks strange on our web site, please send me an e-mail or call and leave a message on our answering machine.

SCUTTLEBUTT

Marcia Bjerregaard

ABYC weather guru Al Oosterhof correctly forecast clearing skies for PHRF # 3, but too few boats showed up for the skippers' meeting.

John McBride tells us that Odis and John have sold *Argo Navis*. Closing is imminent. Pat & Gordon are celebrating their 50th.

If you don't want speed bumps on Harbour Point Drive, you may want to drive with a lighter foot.

NON 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.

PHRF REPORT

Don Reeder

The March 29th race was not sailed due to winds and weather.

The race on April 12th with members of the FSU sailing club using *Kestral* as Race Committee, saw good winds and a sunny day. The results were:

<i>Adios</i>	Hamilton	1
<i>Harmony</i>	Bjerregaard	2
<i>Stacatto</i>	Whitlock	3
<i>Allegro</i>	Hebert	4
<i>Watergeus</i>	Weijers	5

SPRING PHRF RACING SERIES DATES

5 - May 10 LT 0606 +1.09

6 - May 17 LT 1039 + 1.52

Alternate date June 7 HT 1033

Any questions contact the Vice Commodore, Steve LaRosa - Cell number 850-264-2892, call or text:

stevelarosa54@yahoo.com

**Changes in Attitude Social**

Date: May 31, 2014

Time: 1800 - 1930

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

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2014

May

- May 03: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- May 09: Movie Night
- May 10: PHRF #5 of 6 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse 10:30 am
- May 17: PHRF #6 of 6 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse 10:30 am
- May 18: Adult Sailing Class - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- May 23-25: Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to Dog Island
- May 26: Pool Party & BBQ
- May 31: Dinghy Races – 1:00 pm
Changes in Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm
No reservations required

June

- June 01: Adult Sailing Class - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- June 07: PHRF Alternate Race Day
Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm – potluck dinner
- June 09-13: Basic Sailing (Ages 9-15)
- June 14: Social
- June 21: Summer Sailstice/New Member Sunset Sail & Raft Up
- June 28: 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).



**ABYC PHONE NUMBER
850/926-7775**

The MARK May 2014

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