

# THE MARK

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## ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- May 02: Work Day on ABYC Boats  
Board Meeting  
Membership Meeting
- May 03: PHRF #4
- May 09: Women's Dinghy Outing
- May 16: PHRF #5  
Social
- May 23-25: Mullet Cup
- May 25: Memorial Day Pool Party
- May 30: PHRF (Alt. Date)  
CIA Social
- May 31: Dinghy Races

**Come and Enjoy the Fun!!**

## Commodore's Comments

*Steve LaRosa*

The month of May promises to be busy as usual at the Club. May 2, we are having an impromptu Work Day to focus on maintenance of the Holders and the other boats we use. Painting, rigging, cleaning and straightening up the sailing storage trailer are all on the agenda. The Work Day will be or-

ganized by our youth and adult sailing leaders Kris Hebert, Michael Getman and Mike Ganey. Plan to be there at 10 AM to pitch in. We hope to get a lot done as the Youth Sailing classes are coming up soon in June. May also marks the last few PHRF races and the Mullet Cup. So watch the website calendars and look for announcements with details coming up soon.

Of course, the Smith Regatta in April is behind us. Thanks for all the hard work of all the Club members who volunteer for this event and make it such a success. Especially Don Reeder as the event chair. And also in April we had Adult Sailing classes organized by Kris Hebert. It was a small, but very good sailing class for those who attended.

See you on the water or at the Club

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## Vice Commodore's Corner

*Cam Whitlock*

April turned out to not be so friendly for PHRF racing with Race No. 3 being called due to threatening weather. The good news is that we have two more regular season races (May 3rd and May 16) and an alternate race (May 30) to look forward to. There is a Women Only Dinghy race on May 9th in honor of Mother's day. To end the month,

the Mullet Cup is scheduled for weekend of May 23. For more information on the Mullet Cup, contact myself or John McBride.

Apalachee Bay Community Sailing (ABCS) is a not for profit sister entity of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club (ABYC). The mission of ABCS is to own and maintain the Club boats and serve as the educational outreach arm of ABYC. The ABCS board with the help of several ABYC volunteers have been busy this spring repairing the ABYC fleet of Hobie Holders as well as the keelboats (*Maxie I* and *Kestrel*). Both keelboats are now ready to sail.

New reservation and check out procedures have been put in place for those who wish to check out any of the Club boats. These procedures will also help keep up with the use and maintenance of these boats. Contact Mike Ganey at:

Michael.ganey@comcast.net for the link to the reservation calendar. New members, who wish to reserve and sail these boats, need to contact Michael Ganey or Cam Whitlock for keel boat orientation.

The project to repair the Hobie Holders is still underway with a goal of having enough ready for the Youth Sailing camp in June.

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## MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, May 02, 2015
- 1800 - Social
- 1900 - Potluck Dinner
- 1945 - Meeting
- 2000 - Program

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**(VC Report - continued)**

Once Youth Camp is over, the holders will be available for dinghy races by members. Contact Kris Hebert, if you would like to participate in the workday or to get involved in dinghy racing. We need more participants in the dinghy racing series, so come on out and race!

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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.

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

*John McBride*

Roger Pinholster and Jim Wetherton presented the program at the April meeting about the Optimist Club and the Big Bend Maritime Center in Panacea. Their enthusiasm and commitment to making sailing more accessible in the community is contagious. Their initiative at building prams (along with ABYC) will continue to pay dividends for the next generation of sailors.

(The next program was not settled at press time.)

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**Rear Commodore's Corner**

*Jerry Wells*

Our second workday was successful in getting most of the white painted on the street side and clearing out the weed garden on the west end of the parking lot. Thanks to all who helped. Ed Fries finished installing the supplemental water heater and disposal (allows just rinsing and no longer requires scraping of dishes before they go through the sanitizer) for the new (to us) dishwasher & sanitizer. The supplemental water heater, which will only be on during meal functions, allows us to supply 140-150 degree water to the sanitizer which is required to really sanitize dishes. We also fabricated slide rails to support dish racks over the sink for pre-rinsing, so our kitchen should function more like a commercial kitchen. The kitchen also got a new fluorescent fixture to replace the middle one which was no longer functional.

The Board authorized hiring a

casual laborer to assist me with replacing the missing rub rails on the docks. My injured wing prevented my getting that chore finished under my own power. That task was completed on April 18. A dock light was added next to the Getmans' slip, so all our slips now have some level of lighting. Michael Getman installed strings of LED lights for the water side stairs which improves both safety and appearance for anyone using the Club after dark.

Remaining tasks for the near future include painting the "blue" tables and benches downstairs and finishing painting and installing the ABYC sign for the water side landing.

Glenn Parker will fill our last vacant slip next week with a planned arrival from Port Canaveral.

Your Rear Commodore suffers from the normal husband's malady of sometimes not noticing things that obviously need attention, so let us know if you see something that we obviously missed.

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

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**Members - Please Note**

Due to Waste Pro requirements, the Club trash can has been moved to the east side of the parking lot.

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

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## **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.*

Meeting began at 4:00 pm at the clubhouse on April 11th.

Present: Steve LaRosa, Jerry Wells, Maxie Glenn, John McBride and Cam Whitlock by conference call

Michael Getman from Apalachee Bay Community Sailing was in attendance for discussions.

### **Commodores Report (Steve LaRosa)**

Re-instating the \$40.00 racing fee for PHRF races for members and \$50.00 for non-member skippers was approved. The money will primarily be used to purchase missing race marks, maintain race marks, purchase trophies and other related race series items. There is no entry fee for dinghy racing because they do not lose their marks.

### **Vice Commodores Report (Cam Whitlock)**

Replacement of the missing West Mark was approved and the cost is expected to be about \$200 for the mark plus the rigging. Cam Whitlock will organize this. John Hamilton has purchased marks in the past and can purchase and submit the bill for reimbursement.

### **Rear Commodore's Report (Jerry Wells)**

There was a discussion of the status of seawall repairs. Jerry Wells has been in touch with Jamie Crum at Ben Withers Construction and they will be discussing various methods of repairs. The BOD will be updated at future meetings regarding the action plan for the anticipated repairs which may run in the range of \$150-\$200/foot and the Club has 150

feet of seawall. If this can be done by tying the vinyl wall into the pilings and not digging back to the concrete deadman, the Club can save a lot.

Up to \$200 was approved for re-installation of the dock rub rails that were stored under the stairs but found to be in serviceable condition. This cost also includes painting the outdoor blue tables and chairs.

### **Pursers Report (Maxie Glenn)**

Maxie presented the March 31 financial sheet and it was approved.

### **Junior Board Member Report (Martha Robinson)**

Martha Robinson forwarded activities for May and they were accepted by the board.

### **Senior Board Member Report (John McBride)**

Discussed upcoming presentations.

### **Old Business**

Refinancing the Club's loan was discussed. The loan financing offered to us by Centennial Bank is not exactly what we wanted (20 year loan, first 5 years fixed at 5%, then final 15 years ARM max change 1% per year), Commodore Steve LaRosa and Ivor Groves will contact Capital City Bank in Crawfordville to inquire if they can offer us a better loan. Until then we will put the appraisal needed by Centennial Bank on hold.

Issues involving Apalachee Bay Community Sailing were discussed with Michael Getman. They will be having an ABCS BOD meeting 4/13/15. One item for discussion is selling Kestrel and just keeping one keel boat (Maxie 1). This will reduce anticipated maintenance costs. The use of club boats by members is not sufficient to justify the costs of maintaining 2 boats. Flying Scot is still for sale.

### **New Business**

Hal and Elizabeth Fravel were approved as new members.

The Board approved having an extra liquor closet key for Maxie Glenn to use, so she may access the tokens to count and reorganize them for functions.

The Board approved an Insurance Endorsement to allow up to 20 students on the water for sailing classes (Currently capped at 10). This will cost an additional \$315 per year, but the extra students will more than make up for the additional cost. John McBride will contact our insurance carrier to make this effective immediately.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
David O'Hara, Scribe

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### **April Membership Meeting**

The April 11th meeting was called to order by Commodore LaRosa at 1945. After reports by officers present and an announcement about missing sunglasses there was a presentation on the Big Bend Maritime Center and their activities by Roger Pinholster with the Big Bend Maritime Center in Panacea and Jim Wetherton representing the Optimist Club of Wakulla County

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### **Garbage Reminder**

If you are throwing trash away downstairs, please make sure there is a garbage bag in the can. Extra bags are in the ice room. Thanks.

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**SCUTTLEBUTT***Marcia Bjerregaard*

The Apalachee Bay Volunteer Fire Department is holding the "Big Sale" on May 9th and you can either donate your treasures to the yard sale or purchase a table for \$10.00 and have your own sale right at the fire station.

On April 24th, for several ABYCers, was the start of a three day two night scramble for honors in the race from Tampa Bay to Isla Mujeres. Aboard *Zephyros* will be Pat and Frank Hankins, of course, joined by Lynn & Ivor Groves and Ed Fries. After the race, Pat and Frank will continue south and cruise the beautiful waters and harbors of Belize and Guatemala, while Ivor and Lynn plan to jump on their own boat and cruise, perhaps as far as the transparent waters of the Bahamas.

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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT***Scott Robinson*

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:

Hugh and Carol Macmillan

Welcome to Bob and Rebekka Roller; their boat is now at the ABYC dock. Welcome also to Mike and Jamie Bellamy and Hal and Elizabeth Fravel.

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.

sdrob101@gmail.com  
850-544-6636

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**HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR***C. Henry Depew*

We were talking with a new member at the March CIA about getting his boat into Shell Point. The NOAA chart for Apalachee Bay does not detail the Shell Point entrance at a readable scale. One suggestion was to up-load the chart and then expand the area showing the Shell Point channel as much as possible before printing out a copy.

The NOAA chart for Apalachee Bay can be downloaded from our web site by going down the left scroll bar to the entry for "Nautical Sites" and then down the list to "Other Selected Sites" where the URL for the "Apalachee Bay Nautical Chart" can be located. Click on that entry and you will get the NOAA chart for Apalachee Bay.

Although designed for commercial fishing operations, there is a rather extensive check list of required equipment for a given boat length and propulsion method at:

[www.fishsafe.info](http://www.fishsafe.info)

Fill out the form and you will get a list of required equipment if this was a commercial vessel. We do not need 3 parachute flares or three smoke signals, but we do need three hand-held flares to be legal. You can look at the list and see if your boat carries the minimum.

May 16-24 is National Safe Boating Week. The emphasis this year is "Wear Your PFD!". And, the idea is to wear it all the time you are on the water.

**Remember -**

ABYC's mailing address is:  
P.O. BOX 1830  
Crawfordville, FL 32326

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**Jr. Board Member Report - Social Report and Plans***Martha Robinson*

The social calendar was quiet in April. Scott and I hosted movie night on April 10. "The Big Miracle" was a good show for folks of all ages. Stories about saving whales are always popular.

Many club members braved the weather to enjoy the festivities of the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta, which benefits the American Cancer Society.

May will busy with social activities. The membership meeting will be held Saturday, May 2. Bring a dish to share. Cocktails begin at 6 pm, potluck dinner at 7 pm. A business meeting and program will follow.

Stay tuned for details for a din-

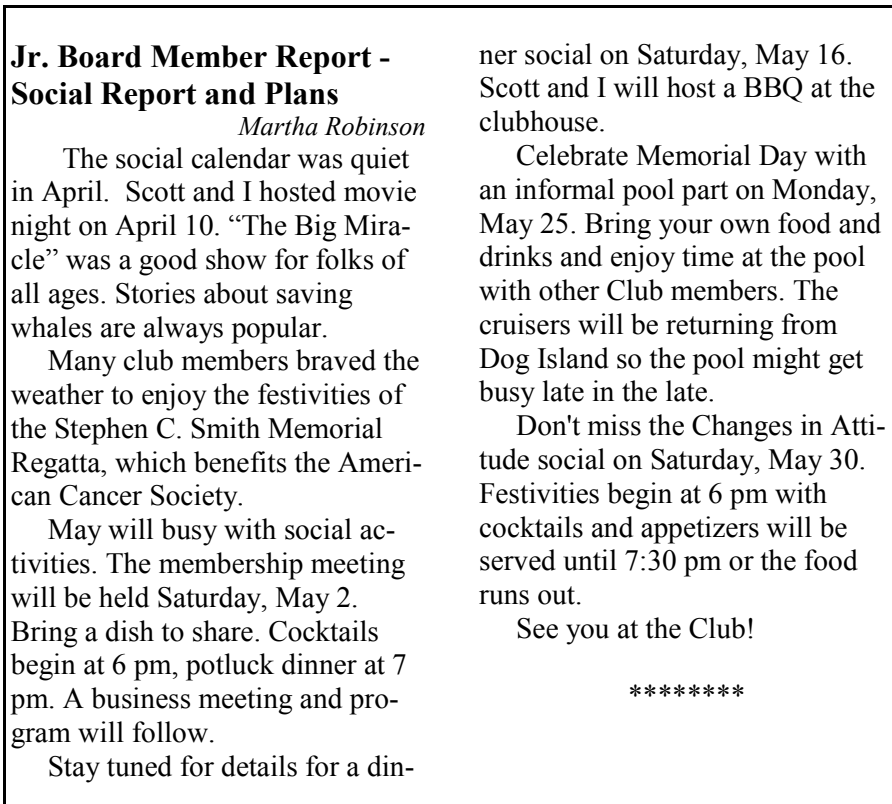
ner social on Saturday, May 16. Scott and I will host a BBQ at the clubhouse.

Celebrate Memorial Day with an informal pool part on Monday, May 25. Bring your own food and drinks and enjoy time at the pool with other Club members. The cruisers will be returning from Dog Island so the pool might get busy late in the late.

Don't miss the Changes in Attitude social on Saturday, May 30. Festivities begin at 6 pm with cocktails and appetizers will be served until 7:30 pm or the food runs out.

See you at the Club!

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**PUFFIN/DINGHY RACE REPORT***Kris Hebert*

On Sunday, March 29, the dingy races saw Scott Robinson and Marcia Bjerregaard match race. Scott 1st and Marcia 2nd. Thank you, Martha Robinson, Frank and Pat Hankins for being the race committee and Maxie Glenn for her boat for the committee to use. Thank you also to the spectators!

The next race was scheduled for Friday, April 24, at 6 pm in the basin. A great way to kick off the Stephen C. Smith regatta weekend. Kris Hebert, Dingy coordinator

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**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.)

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**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

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**APRIL SAILING CLASSES***Kris Hebert*

The ABCS Adult Sailing Class had 5 participants, 4 of whom are ABYC members:

Hal and Elizabeth Fravel, Jimmy Lee, Russ Miller, and Dan Roberts

I was assisted by Mike Ganey, Saturday and Steve LaRosa on Sunday.

We were able to do classroom work Saturday morning then went sailing. We used *Maxie I* and *Kestrel*.

We had a great 4 hour sail. Sunday kept us indoors most of the morning but we did manage about 1 hour on the lawn learning how to rig a Hobie Holder.

We adjourned at 1 pm. I hope we will have a makeup sail date soon.

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Kris Hebert is a US Sailing certified small sail boat instructor.

**Sailing Camp for kids 8-16**

We now have room for 20 kids in each session!

1st session - June 8-12

and

2nd session - 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!

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**PHRF RACE REPORT***Don Reeder*

The March 28 race was held in strong wind and sunshine. Winds were around 12 knots to begin the races but increased near the end of the races to 20 to 25 knots with gusts to 30, the exact opposite of what the weather forecast said. There were some equipment failures but everyone survived

**Non-Spinnaker**

<i>Adios</i>	Hamilton	2
<i>Allegro</i>	Cummings	DNS
<i>Harmony</i>	Bjerregaard	3
<i>Stacatto</i>	LaRosa	4
<i>Wiki Wiki</i>	Reeder/Carrigan	1

**Cruising**

<i>Gratitude</i>	Groves	DNR
<i>Legato</i>	Whitlock	DNS
<i>Limitless</i>	Getman	DNS
<i>Island Time</i>	Robinson	DNS
<i>Maxie I</i>	McBride	DNF
<i>Watergeus</i>	Weijers	1

The remaining race dates are:

May 03

May 16

The race scheduled for April 11 was cancelled due to weather. The race will be made up on the alternate race day, May 30th.

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**Smith Regatta Summary****Spinnaker Fleet:**

1st Don Reeder in *Wiki Wiki*

2nd Huub Weijers in *Watergeus*

**Non-Spinnaker Fleet:**

1st John Hamilton in *Adios*

2nd John Meerman in *Mollie Rose*

**Cruising Fleet:**

1st Mike Getman in *Limitless*

2nd Mickie Cooksie in *LeNateau*

No one in the multihull fleet finished. Conditions were rough, winds 15 to 20 knots with higher gusts.

## ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2014-15

### May

- May 02: Work Day on ABYC Boats - Clubhouse - 10 am - 3 pm  
Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -  
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social  
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- May 03: PHRF #4 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse 10:30 am
- May 09: Women's Dinghy Outing - 1:00 pm -
- May 16: PHRF #5 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse 10:30 am  
Social - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm -
- May 23-25: Mullet Cup to Dog Island & Back
- May 25: Memorial Day Pool Party
- May 30: PHRF #6 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse 10:30 am  
Changes in Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm
- May 31: Dinghy Races – 1:00 pm

### June

- June 06: Boat Orientation - 10:00 am  
Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -  
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social  
7:00 pm – potluck dinner
- June 8-12: Sailing Camp For Kids 8-16
- June 15-19: Sailing Camp For Kids 8-16
- June 20: Summer Sailstice Social
- June 26-27: Community Sailing Race Under the Moon
- June 27: Dinghy Races - 1:00 pm  
CIA Social - 6-7:30 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).**



### The MARK May 2015

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