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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- May 06 Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
 - May 07 PHRF #5
 - May 20 PHRF #6
 - May 21 Dinghy Race
 - May 27-29 Memorial Day Week-
end Sail to Dog Island
Pool Party
- Come and Enjoy the Fun!!**

Commodore's Comments

Cam Whitlock

May looks to be another busy month on the water with two PHRF races, dinghy racing, and the annual Dog Island Cruise. See Jimmy Lee's column for more information on these boating opportunities.

I am pleased to announce this month that we have six new associate membership applications posted at the clubhouse, thanks in part to the great success of the Spring Open House and Nautical & Knot Flea Market held on March 25. Visitors to this event were able shop for local art, jelly, and used treasures from about a dozen Club members and neighbors.

Additionally, Community Sail had one of the Club Prams on display and information about the Community Sail Youth Camp, and John Newton led tours of member's boats.

ABYC continues to support the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta. I appreciate all the Club members who volunteer, race, and participate in the auction annually to help make this event a success. The American Cancer Society is a great cause and our support is necessary to help make this fundraiser a success every year

Please remember that ABYC is a licensed bar. No alcoholic beverages can be brought into the clubhouse or under the clubhouse when the bar is open. As always, if you see someone at the Club that you don't recognize, stop by and introduce yourself and welcome them to ABYC!

Fair winds and following seas!

Vice Commodore's Corner

Jimmy Lee

April provided great sailing at ABYC. PHRF race # 3 on the 8th was a light wind affair with *Harmony* coming in first in the A fleet and *Oasis* coming in first in the B fleet. Thanks again to Michael Getman for being the committee.

The results of both PHRF #3 and PHRF #4 can be found summarized later in the newsletter. The final races in the series are May 7th and May 20th and it is shaping up to be quite competitive.

Dinghy races were held on

March 26th (three races) with Kris Hebert taking the day, with Jim McGill a close 2nd. Hopefully, we will have some races out in the basin on the Friday evening of the Stephen Smith Regatta. Keep an eye out on the calendar and the message board in front of the Club.

April 15th was our first annual Tax Day Raft up with a few boats coming out to join in on the fun. It was windy, but we found a nice spot to tuck into near the entrance channel to Panacea.

Memorial Day Weekend will be our annual trip to Dog Island. The plan is to sail out of Shell Point (or wherever your starting point is) and sail to Dog Island on Saturday, May 27th and spend the weekend anchored and relaxing at the Island. The return will be on Monday, May 29th and will consist of a casual cruise/race back (i.e. Mullet Cup). If the race becomes more formal, additional information will be distributed as the time approaches. Also, additional information will go out regarding the anchoring spots and whether we will be in Tyson's Harbor (East side) or Shipping Cove (West side).

If you have any questions, give Jimmy Lee a call.

Apalachee Bay Community Sail
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MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- May 06, 2017
- Social - 1800
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- Meeting - 1945
- Program - 2000

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(VC Report - continued)

ing hopes to get a lot done as the Youth Sailing classes are coming up soon in June. Session 1 will be June 5-9 and Session 2 will be June 12-16. Also, if we have a large demand, there is the possibility of a Session 3 the following week. A big thanks go out to Michael Ganey, Denise Imbler, David Hatos, Sondra Lee and Angel Ganey for pulling this together and for Kris Hebert for teaching.

If you don't already know, 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. So if you are new to ABYC or just want to know how to reserve the Keel Boats or the Hobie Holders, give me or Michael Ganey a buzz.

If all goes as planned, you will receive this newsletter just prior to the Smith Regatta at the end of April. Help is needed to operate the activities involved. Thanks to all the Club members who volunteer for this event and work to make it a success.

I have the Fall PHRF series dates almost finalized. Hopefully, you will see an email in the next few weeks with the final dates. Also, we might have a casual beer can race or two in the late afternoon during the summer with maybe a sunset sail after the race. Keep an eye on the Event Calendar on the web site.

**Jr. Board Member Report
Social Report and Plans**

Angel Ganey

The month of April winds down with the final pieces of the 44th Annual Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta all coming together. This event would not happen without the support from volunteers, and I am grateful for each and every ABYC member who offers to lend a hand. From donating auction items, to helping out at registration, and offering to be the committee boat, your contributions make a difference and are greatly appreciated. Thank you so very much!

May kicks off with a membership meeting on Saturday, May 6. Bring a dish to share for the potluck supper. Cocktails begin at 6:00 pm; dinner is served buffet-style at 7:00 pm; the membership meeting begins at 7:45 pm, followed by a program at 8:00 pm.

Make plans to join the crew sailing to Dog Island this Memorial Day Weekend; see detailed coverage in the Vice Commodore's notes.

Celebrate Memorial Day with an informal pool party on Monday, May 29. Bring your own food and drinks and enjoy time at the pool with other ABYC members. The cruisers will be returning from Dog Island later that day, so the pool might get busy in the late afternoon.

Save the date for a special event on Friday, June 2 - An Evening with the Sarah Mac Band, hosted by Jim Bailey and Kris Hebert. A \$15 cover charge will be collected at the door; all proceeds go directly to the band. Please remember to bring cash, as this is not an ABYC billable event.

Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

When you receive an email with the subject "Invoice from Apalachee Bay Yacht Club", the balance due is ONLY the amount for your current Club activity. To see if there is also an outstanding balance you need to click on "View Invoice", which will include any balance due.

I could not find any way to have the email reflect the total due to the Club. This is an ongoing learning process, so if you have any concerns about your bill, please contact me as noted below or if you have any solutions, I would love to know what they are! Also, I just want to remind you that I no longer have a box at the Club, but there is an ABYC mailbox in my carport, if you want to drop anything off. Please put the flag up, so I know to check it.

If you have any questions, you can email me at mbg1215@netzero.net or call me at 850-926-5024.

Rear Commodore's Corner

Dan Rocawich

If you see something that needs replaced or repaired, please let me know.

Boating Emergency Numbers

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

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 Board met 4-1-2017 at the Clubhouse.

Present

Cam Whitlock, Commodore
Jimmy Lee, Vice Commodore
Steve LaRosa, Past Commodore
Maxie Glenn, Purser
John Newton, Sr. Board Member
Angel Ganey, Jr Board Member
Glenn Parker, Scribe

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM by Cam Whitlock.

Steve LaRosa moved to approve the prior month's minutes. The motion was seconded by Maxie Glenn. The motion was passed.

Commodore's Report -

Cam Whitlock reported that the survey for the orphan docks had been performed and sent to the title company. It is anticipated that the transaction will be closed in two to three months with financing provided by a loan from Jerry Wells (discussed in a previous Board Meeting in Fall 2016) Regarding the seawall and dock projects, Cam reported that Dan Rocawich is still in the process of obtaining bids.

The docks are in need of general repair including new flotation on several finger piers, new power pedestals, and re-fastening of planks. Steve LaRosa reviewed several possible scenarios for financing these projects.

Lounge tables and chairs acquisition was discussed, with the possibility of members sponsoring the purchase.

Vice Commodore's Report -

Jimmy Lee reviewed the fall PHRF racing schedule with preliminary dates between August 27 and October 29. Additionally, the possibility of summer racing was mentioned.

The Dog Island Cruise has been scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. There will be a raft up on April 15, with the destination to be determined on that day based upon weather conditions. Youth sailing classes are scheduled for June 5-9 and June 12-16. The cost is expected to be \$275 per participant.

Past Commodore's Report -

Steve LaRosa reported that the Open House and Nautical Yard Sale was well attended and a big success. Four new member applications were submitted, with several more anticipated as a result of this event. Steve will host a new member orientation on April 8th. The applications for Kyle Killian and Jessica Clark has been approved by the membership committee and Board of Directors

Rear Commodore's Report -

This report was delivered by Cam Whitlock and Steve LaRosa as Dan Rocawich was absent. A dock work day was discussed to perform routine maintenance. Steve will provide some grass seed and possibly a pallet of sod to renew the lawn, if the seed does not take hold. A sign for emergency contacts will be posted on the clubhouse door. The removal of the oak tree was discussed due to the debris that falls into the pool causing pump and cleaning issues. Bids will be obtained for review. Guidelines for private functions held at the clubhouse was discussed.

Purser's Report -

Maxie Glenn reviewed current financials. Steve LaRosa moved to approve the prior month's finan-

cial report and John Newton seconded. The motion was passed.

Jr. Board Member's Report -

Angel Ganey discussed the Dinner at the Docks event, with a tentative date of May 20th (event later postponed). Angel also mentioned that the clubhouse may be booked for an upcoming private wedding reception.

Sr. Board Member's Report -

John Newton discussed the need to provide ABYC logo items such as shirts, mugs, and license plate frames to the members for purchase. He is planning on inviting a local reporter to serve as a crew member at a race. A possible talent show was mentioned. The editor of the Tallahassee Democrat will be the speaker at the May membership meeting.

Scribe's Report -

Glenn Parker suggested that a section of the newsletter be devoted to For Sale or Trade items by members. John Newton moved that this section be incorporated and Steve LaRosa seconded. The motion was passed.

With nothing further to discuss, Steve LaRosa moved to adjourn the meeting and Glenn Parker seconded. The motion was passed.

Membership Meeting

Members and guests met at the clubhouse for the pot-luck, meeting and program (talk by Armand Cogna, M.D. on skin cancer). After introduction of guests, reports of the officers present, and announcements, the meeting was adjourned, and the program followed.

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

If you have a documented vessel, you will need to pay a renewal fee the next time renewal is due. The fee is \$26 and you can do the forms and payment online. For more information, visit:

uscg.mil/nvdc

Do not respond to the letter from a company called 'US Vessel Documentation' as they want \$75 for the same results.

Although every day is a safe boating day and every week is a safe boating week, the official **Safe Boating Week** is May 20-26, 2017. The Coast Guard statistics for 2015 (last available) noted that most deaths occurred from drowning with the victim not wearing a life jacket (PFD). Two contributing causes to most accidents were alcohol/drug use and/or operator inattention.

Interested in something different? Take a look at:

www.duckworksbbbs.com

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

John Newton

Armand Cognetta, M.D. gave members at the April meeting a crash course on the incredible technology, such as Mohs surgery and medicines available to help patients and physicians responding to scars, skin cancers and other maladies of the skin. Before and after images that he shared demonstrated remarkable improvements for people. Members had plenty of questions.

At the May meeting, we will hear from the newish editor of tallahassee.com and the Tallahassee

Democrat, William Hatfield. Born in Illinois and educated at Southern Illinois University and the University of Illinois-Springfield, this journalist, his wife, and three children moved to Tallahassee in 2015. They have enthusiastically taken to the Big Bend's abundant nature and culture. In his brief tenure at the paper he likes to call the Crat, Mr. Hatfield has beefed up the reporting staff and infused the Democrat with a refreshing and definitely less staid view of events around here. His view of the paper's responsibility is that the Democrat is a "community newspaper with big city responsibilities. In addition to covering local schools and businesses, we'll also strive to be a paper of record and watchdog for the capital of the third largest state in the United States."

I can't say what Mr. Hatfield's subject will be. He will likely talk about fake news -- and real news, too. Events, whether they be the loosing of a prime number of missiles, the state of the state workforce, storms, forest fires, or water management, will affect that. You can safely bet he will be informative, entertaining, challenging -- and questioning, as he is still working on learning how to speak in public and prefers honest to goodness discussion over speechifying.

In June we will hear from Sondra Winter and Angel Ganey about what they endured staying at the Bitter End and crewing in the Pro/Am Regatta.



Membership Report

Steve LaRosa

The ABYC Open House event was a grand success. We received 8 applications after the open house. I am very happy to announce our newest members Kevin and Patty McAlpine. Kevin is a loan officer with Envision Credit Union and Patty is a Psychologist.

Applications for membership are: Donny Ryals is a Shell Point resident and has a new power boat for fishing; Randy and Georgia Wilcox are also SP residents and are also power boaters; Rob and Laurie Beaton are our across the canal neighbors. Rob is a Major at FWC and Laurie is a school guidance counselor; Karen Veal and Neil Branch also live at SP just down the street on Harbour Point Dr. and are power boaters; John Tenewitz and Marilyn Rosetti also live at SP and are also power boaters; and Leslie Sousa works in investment banking at Capital City Banc. She has previous sailing experience and is looking to improve her sailing skills.

I am reaching out to any new members who would like more experience sailing on the Club boats. If you want to go out on a Saturday or Sunday, I am available to go with you most weekends. Just call or text to arrange a time.

stevelarosa54@yahoo.com

Remember -

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

Youth Sailing Camp

Apalachee Bay Community Sailing is excited to announce the dates for the 2017 Youth Sail Camp:

Session 1 - June 5-9

Session 2 - June 12-16

Session 3 - June 19-23

(TENTATIVE)

Each session is Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Apalachee Bay Community Sailing's 2017 Youth Sail Camp is offered to youths ages 8-16 and is open to the public.

Line Load Calculation

Your sails are up and the wind is blowing. Just how much "pull" do the sails place on your lines and rigging? The load in pounds equals the sail area times the wind speed (squared) times 0.00431.

If the wind is at 15 mph and your main is 100 sq. ft. in size, the pull on the mainsheet is about 97 pounds.

PHRF RACE REPORT

Jimmy Lee

PHRF #3 was on April 8th and was a great light wind race. After some deliberation concerning the final course it was decided on a short course of Center to South to Center (2 nm). The winds were light and variable 3-10 knots out of the South. A big thank you to Michael Getman (and friend) for manning the committee boat. That makes three for three (Committee Boats that is)!

A FLEET

1 *Harmony* Hatos

2 *Wiki Wiki* Reeder/Carrigan

2 *Stacatto* LaRosa

B-Fleet

1 *Oasis* Bennett

2 *About Time* Lee

DNF *Manana* Wilhelm

PHRF #4 was on April 22nd and was a great light wind race. The winds were light at 5-10 knots out of the Southeast and the course was North-South-North around the marks.

A big thank you to Carl and Marcia Bjerregaard for having *Encore* out to provide the committee boat. That makes four for four (Committee Boats that is)! Unfortunately, only three boats showed up.

A FLEET

1 *Harmony* Hatos

2 *Wiki Wiki* Reeder/Carrigan

B Fleet

1 *Prone Ranger* Miller

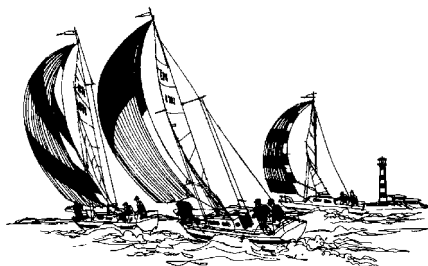
The schedule for the remaining Spring PHRF series:

Race 5 - May 7

Race 6 - May 20

Make up Race-June 4

Skippers' meetings will take place at 10:30 am the morning of each race at the clubhouse.



Radio-Controlled Sailboats Coming

Work is underway to establish a radio-controlled sailboat fleet within ABYC. This group is not just for ABYC members. So far there are six or eight boats including Michael Ganey, Jim McGill, Carl Bjerregaard, Don Reeder, and Neil Branch.

More information as it becomes available.

Scuttlebutt

Marcia Bjerregaard

Eric Olsen sailed his new boat, *Baringa*, a 36 foot Catalina, from Bradenton to its new home in Shell Point on Easter Sunday, accompanied by crew Michael Ganey and Cam Whitlock. The trip took approximately 31 hours. Eric's 28 foot Catalina, *Waterwise*, is looking for a new owner; perhaps someone within ABYC would be interested.

Bahamas - Did you know ABYC has a satellite club in the Bahamas? Not really, but there are currently four ABYC affiliated catamarans in the Abacos: *Zephyros* (Frank and Pat Hankins), *Island Time* (Scott and Martha Robinson), *Gratitude* (Ivor and Lynn Groves) and *Soliton* (former members Mary and Steve VanSciver). *Gratitude* had visitors Cam and Denise Whitlock in March and will welcome John and Beth Hamilton in late April. *Island Time* had guests Michael and Angel Ganey visit while in the Keys and will welcome them back in early May to explore the Abacos.

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2017

May

- May 06 Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3-5:00 pm
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - social 6-7:00 pm - potluck dinner
7:00-7:45 pm - business meeting 7:45-8:00 pm - program
- May 07 PHRF #5 - Clubhouse - 10:30 am
- May 20 PHRF #6 - Clubhouse - 10:30 am
- May 21 Dinghy Race - 1:00-3:00 pm
- May 27-29 Memorial Day Weekend Sail to Dog Island
- May 29 Pool Party

June

- June 02 Evening with Sara Mac Band - 6:00-10:00 pm
- June 03 Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3-5:00 pm
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - social 6-7:00 pm - potluck dinner
7:00-7:45 pm - business meeting 7:45-8:00 pm
- June 04 PHRF Make-up Race - Clubhouse - 10:30 am
- June 10 Clubhouse Reserved for a Private Event - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- June 24 Dinghy Race - 1:00-3:00 pm
Changes In Attitude - Clubhouse - 6:00-7:30 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, 2017

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