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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- June 06: Boat Orientation
Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
- June 8-12: Sailing Camp For Kids
- June 15-19: Sailing Camp For Kids
- June 20: Games Night
- June 20: Summer Sailstice
- June 26-27: Community Sailing
Race Under the
Moon
- June 27: Hands Helping
Anglers
Dinghy race

Commodore's Comments

Steve LaRosa

May was the usually active month for the Club. Special thanks to Martha and Scott for hosting a great BBQ social, and to John McBride for organizing the cruise to Dog Island (AKA the Mullet Cup Cruise). May also marked the end of the PHRF series and I should compliment Cam for reinvigorating the cruising fleet racing. As a reminder, if you have a cruiser, please bring it out for rac-

ing. It is very fun, low key, and a good excuse to get out on the water with some other like minded friends.

On a more "business of the Club note", we continue to try to finalize our refinancing plans. Things did not work out well with the rates offered by Centennial Bank. We are currently in touch with Envision Credit Union to refinance a \$200,000 loan at 5% for 10 years. If this comes to fruition, it will allow us to pay off our current 7% loans, have the same total monthly payments and with the extra available funds, we can reinforce the deteriorating seawall, start renovations to enclose the porch, upgrade the kitchen and bathrooms, repaint the clubhouse and replace the dated flooring. Let's hope our loan application is approved. Next month's newsletter will have additional details on this. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding this, please call or pull me aside at the club.

See you on the water or at the club

Vice Commodore's Corner

Cam Whitlock

June promises to be another banner month for boating based activities for ABYC! First, we kick off the month with the second installment of our Sail Orientation program on June 6. If you are not checked out on *Kestrel* or *Maxie I*, please come down and get familiar with the boats as well as our new online reservation system.

Youth sailing camps are scheduled June 8-12, and June 15-19. For more information see page 4 or the ABYC web site.

Summer Sailstice is a worldwide celebration of sailing on the weekend closest to the summer solstice; this year the solstice falls on Sunday June 21, 2015. Stay tuned for further details.

The Race Under the Moon takes place June 26 and 27. This promises to be a fun filled weekend of sailing to benefit Apalachee Bay Community Sail. Be on the lookout for the official event announcement.

MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, June 06, 2015
- 1800 - Social
- 1900 - Potluck Dinner
- 1945 - Meeting
- 2000 - Program

ABVFD E-Mail Address Notice

For e-mails to the ABVFD use the address below in the "To:" line. They have changed the e-mail address to

4abvfd@gmail.com

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Women On The Water Report

Denise Whitlock

On May 9th, Sondra Lee, Martha Robinson and Denise Whitlock took to the seas of the Shell Point west canal and “donut” to gain some valuable knowledge and experience sailing Puffins, under the expert tutelage of Marcia Bjerregaard and Scott Robinson. It was a great morning on the water and while we may need to log a few more hours in the Puffins, three sailors might be joining the dinghy race series in the near future. Special thanks to Carl Bjerregaard and Kris Hebert for use of their Puffins.

Stay tuned for future dinghy learning events and if you are interested in participating, contact Denise Whitlock at:

neicie@gmail.com
or 850-509-4320.

Rear Commodore's Corner

Jerry Wells

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

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.

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

John McBride

The May program featured Jeff Cybulski, the Chief at the Apalachee Bay Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Cybulski spoke and answered questions about how we can best work with Shell Point's first responders.

The June 6th program will be Huub Weijers' presentation on “Humpback Whale watching on the Silver Bank”, so plan on joining us.

Date Change...Hands Helping Anglers has been moved to June 27th to avoid Fathers' Day weekend and the big fishing tournament.

Jr. Board Member Report - Social Report and Plans

Martha Robinson

Many thanks to all who helped with the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta, which benefits the American Cancer Society. The Club supports this event and the volunteers are too many to list. However, Joanne Vesesky, Ann Getman, and Angel Ganey did a fabulous job with registration.

Scott and I hosted a successful BBQ and Bingo dinner in May. Hamaknockers always does a good job with the food. Scott found "fabulous" prizes for the Bingo games and Sophia Parker (daughter of Glen and Lisa) and her friend Patty did a great job calling the numbers.

Be sure to attend the CIA on Saturday, May 30. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. with cocktails and appetizers will be served until 7:30 p.m. or the food runs out. Hosts

are Dillon and Sydney Cummings.

The membership meeting will be held Saturday, June 6. American Pharoah will race in the Belmont Stakes for a shot at the Triple Crown. Come early to watch on the big screen TV. Bring a dish to share. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., potluck dinner at 7 p.m. A business meeting and program will follow.

Celebrate Memorial Day with an informal pool party 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 later.

On June 20, we'll gather at 7 p.m. for a game night. Eat dinner early and bring your own drinks. Bring a game to share or plan to play Dominoes (Mexican Train) or Bridge. Marcia Bjerregaard has agreed to teach and has promised that score will not be taken.

Community Sailing will put on the Race Under the Moon regatta on Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27. Watch your email for details.

See you at the club.

Remember -

ABYC's mailing address is:

P.O. BOX 1830
Crawfordville, FL 32326



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 on May 2 at 3:38 pm at the clubhouse.

Present: Steve LaRosa, Jerry Wells, Maxie Glenn, John McBride, Cam Whitlock, Scott Robinson, Martha Robinson, David O'Hara

Apalachee Bay Community Sailing was in attendance (Mike Ganey and Michael Getman) for discussions.

Commodore's Report (Steve LaRosa)

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes of the April meeting as published in *The Mark*.

There was a lengthy discussion of liability insurance for Apalachee Bay Community Sailing, as it isn't clear if they are covered by ABYC's policy. ABYC does have liability coverage. Kris Hebert, sailing instructor for ABCS, has coverage for herself.

The insurance agent suggested that an endorsement could be added to the ABYC policy to cover ABCS for liability, if the ABYC and ABCS Boards of Directors "blended and co-exist". Further discussion was tabled pending another discussion with the insurance agent.

Vice Commodore's Report (Cam Whitlock)

PHRF #4 will be on May 3 and #5 will be on May 16. There will be a Mothers Day dinghy event on May 9th (the day before Mothers Day).

An alternate PHRF is scheduled for May 30 and a dinghy race on May 31

Large Boat Orientation will be

held on June 6.

Past Commodore's Report (Scott Robinson)

There is a pending application for membership from Hugh and Carol McMillan.

Rear Commodore's Report (Jerry Wells)

The dishwasher, water heater, garbage disposal and dock rub rails were fixed.

Purser's Report (Maxie Glenn)

A balance sheet for March 2015 was presented.

Junior Board Member's Report (Martha Robinson)

There will be a barbeque dinner on May 16th and CIA on May 30. The June meetings will be on June 6, a Social on June 20 and on the 26th and 27th will be The Race Under the Moon. This race pre-empts the CIA.

Summer Sailstice is on June 21.

Senior Board Member's Report (John McBride)

The Mullet Cup will be held over Memorial Day Weekend and is to be called the Mullet Cruise this year. There will be a skippers' meeting on Friday night and boats will leave on Saturday for Dog Island. Plans are to anchor in Shipping Cove, weather permitting, otherwise to anchor in the harbor at the ferry landing. There may be a race back to Shell Point.

Old Business

Refinancing the Club's loan was discussed. The loan financing offered to us by Centennial Bank is not exactly what we wanted, as many think we should be able to get a low fixed rate for 10 years. A motion was passed for Cam Whitlock to look into another financing option.

New Business

Steve LaRosa pointed out that some form of pest control may be needed and Jerry Wells suggested ways this could be done ourselves

to save money.

Mike Ganey and Michael Getman from ABCS were present to discuss issues with Apalachee Bay Community Sailing. They now have an estimate for maintenance costs for the ABCS boats consisting of \$1600/boat to maintain *Kestrel* and *Maxie* and \$750 for each of the Holders. The Board approved up to \$2000/yr for maintenance for *Kestrel* and *Maxie*

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted
David O'Hara, Scribe

Minutes of the Members Meeting on May 2, 2015.

Jeff Cybulski, Chief of the Shell Point Volunteer Fire Department gave a talk and there was a discussion of ways to help first responders do their jobs better in the Shell Point community.

Following the presentation, the monthly business meeting was called to order. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the March meeting. A motion was also made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the April meeting.

After reports by the officers present and a proposal to develop a class on basic boat handling for the "passengers", a motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
David O'Hara, Scribe

SCUTTLEBUTT*Marcia Bjerregaard*

Please don't overload the garbage cans. Open covers are a welcome invitation to raccoons. An ABYCer picked up the street and parking lot last month, but certainly was not happy it was necessary.

Just in case his motor acted like ours, John McBride popped in to advise he was zipping out to the sand bar for a swim and go fishing. Just got the call I'm off watch duty. Smart move, John. We should all remember to do that when we go to sea alone.

Zephros and crew Ed Fries arrived home in plenty of time to play Bingo. The Groves sailed their boat up from St. Pete a day later. The Whitlocks missed the May social, but cruising the gorgeous waters of St. Joe Bay is a great alternative. The VanScivers and their boat are home after months of cruising. For their boat, it's the first time at ABYC.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT*Scott Robinson*

ABYC continues to grow. Welcome to Hugh and Carol Macmillan

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.

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

If you missed earlier notices, please be advised that the manufacturer of Kidde fire extinguishers has instituted a voluntary recall of some of their products. Items affected are Kidde brand, black plastic Zytel® nylon valve disposable extinguishers both ABC and BC rated models manufactured between July 23, 2013 and October 15, 2014 and sold between August 2013 and November 2014. The affected fire extinguishers are white or red in color and are either ABC or BC-rated

For more information, go to:
<http://www.kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/>

In addition to an electronic version of the chart for Apalachee Bay, there is an access point for the "Local Notice to Mariners" on the ABYC web site under "Nautical Sites" at the bottom of the scroll bar. If you want to access the site directly, go to:
<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=InmMain>

Remember that the St. Marks River is the dividing line between Coast Guard District 7 and District 8.

**Ostinato Report**

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

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

Editor's Notes*Henry Depew***Woman Overboard!**

Member Dorothy McPherson sent me a very nice personal article about going overboard before the start of a race, I had requested members send me material and she did so. While trying to figure out how to include her material in the newsletter, I found most of the information in her article on page 2-E in the May 21 issue of the *Tallahassee Democrat*. Go read and enjoy.

An interesting part of her story (not included in the newspaper article), was trying to get back in the boat using a rope boarding ladder. If you have a rope boarding ladder, give it a try (while the boat is tied to the float). Put on your usual sailing clothes and your PFD. After entering the water, try to climb back into the boat using the rope boarding ladder. Oh yes, have someone on the boat ready to help you get back aboard.

Now, consider using the same ladder out in open water with the boat bobbing up and down in the waves.

Boating Emergency Numbers

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

PUFFIN/DINGHY RACE REPORT

Kris Hebert

The Steven C. Smith regatta weekend saw dingies racing in the basin Friday evening. Beautiful evening to sail! Marcia Bjerregaard taught us how's it's done!

All are welcome to sail, we have boats that can be borrowed, so please let me know if you'd like to sail. Beginners are always welcome!

Our next race is on June 27 at 1 pm. See you in the basin!

Apalachee Bay Community Sailing is a not for profit entity of ABYC.

The Apalachee Bay Community Sailing Board has been busy this spring. The group focuses on education and the upkeep of the ABYC fleet of boats. *Maxie I* and *Kestral* are both keel boats that are available for Club members to use. Both boats have been serviced and are ready to sail. New reservation and check out procedures have been put in place so you can reserves them to sail. These procedures will also help us 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 and checkout procedures.

Apalachee Bay Community Sailing will be sponsoring a fund raiser to help build the ABCS fleet - The Run Under the Moon, June 26, a midnight sail, what an awesome way to experience Shell Point and sailing. Contact Mike

Getman, Mike Ganey or Kris Hebert for more information on Community Sailing.

We are also looking for donations of boats. We will refurbish them and resell them and use the monies to enlarge our education fleet.

JUNE SAILING CLASSES

Kris Hebert

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).

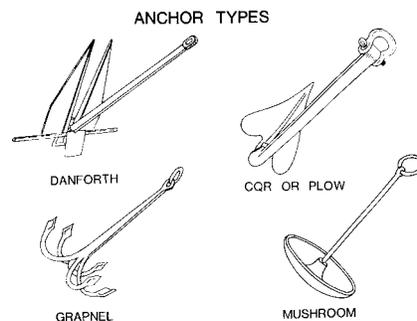
Cost \$300 /wk. discount for Club members and siblings registration (\$275 each)

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!



PHRF RACE REPORT

Don Reeder

The May 3rd race had southeast wind around 10 knots and a spread out fleet.

Non-Spinnaker

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

Cruising

<i>Gratitude</i>	Groves	DNS
<i>Legato</i>	Whitlock	1
<i>Limitless</i>	Getman	2
<i>Island Time</i>	Robinson	4
<i>Maxie I</i>	McBride	DNS
<i>LeNateau</i>	Billing	3
<i>Watergeus</i>	Weijers	DNS

The May 16th race had south-east wind around that built and then lessen..

Non-Spinnaker

Did not race.

Cruising

<i>Gratitude</i>	Groves	DNS
<i>Legato</i>	Whitlock	DNS
<i>Limitless</i>	Getman	2
<i>Island Time</i>	Robinson	DNS
<i>Maxie I</i>	McBride	DNS
<i>LeNateau</i>	Billing	3
<i>Watergeus</i>	Weijers	1

Next race day is May 30th.

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.

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2015

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: Games Night
Summer Sailstice Social
- June 26-27: Community Sailing Race Under the Moon
- June 27: Hands Helping Anglers
Dinghy Races - 1:00 pm



July

- July 04: Independence Day Social/Pool Party/Cookout – Clubhouse
Fireworks Raft Up
- July 11 Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- July 18: Private Party - Clubhouse - 4-9:00 pm
- July 25: Dinghy Races - 1:00 pm
CIA 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).

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