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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- July 04: Social/Pool Party
- July 07: Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
- July 21: BYO Cookout
- July 28: CIA Social

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Ivor Groves

Great News!! The kitchen will be renovated the second week of July. The plans include a new double oven next to the pass-through, a new range and exhaust fan, as well as a new refrigerator. We are looking forward to having the increased capacity to cook for larger groups and more efficient appliances. Please note that the kitchen will be closed from July 9 to 13th, so all personal food items need to be removed from the refrigerator by the 7th. If you have any questions about the project, contact Mary VanSciver.

ABYC has a storm plan on the Web. You should also have a storm plan for your boat. Just be-

fore landfall is not the time to be at the coast! Remember that Dennis did not even get "close" to us.



Celebrate July 4th

Vice Commodore's Corner

Scott Robinson

The weather is hot in July. Aim to get on the water. If you can't sail, then go fishing. If that doesn't work, then use the swimming pool. Bay scallop season starts on July 1 and extends to September 10. Check out complete information at <http://myfwc.com/research/saltwater/mollusc/bay-scallops/season/>. Be sure to pay attention to bag limits. This is an excellent excuse to get on the water.

Six boats participated in the Mullet Cup. Due to limited winds

the boats headed to Ochlockonee Shoals for an afternoon and evening of fun on the water. Five boats sailed home Sunday morning. Many thanks to Frank Hankins and John McBride for organizing the Friday night dinner, arranging for sponsors, putting on the delicious lunch back at the clubhouse and conducting the awards ceremony, complete with mullet wigs. As always, lots of people helped with the details – Bill and Clare Harris cooked burgers and Patty Hankins was the gracious hostess at the raft up.

Beth Hamilton has announced that the dinghy racing series is suspended until the fall. Stay tuned for details. The PHRF series will also resume in the fall. Be thinking about your plans to be skipper, crew, or race committee.

If you have a boat at the ABYC dock, please pay close attention to the weather. Be familiar with the Storm Plan posted on the website. If you are available to help secure the clubhouse during inclement weather, please let Marc Lipsius know.

John and Pam Harrell and the Scouts hosted a very nice spaghetti
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MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, July 7, 2012
- 1800 - Social
- 1900 - Potluck Dinner
- 1945 - Business Meeting
- 2000 - Program

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(VC-report - continued)
dinner. Help is needed to teach water-based merit badge skills to area Scouts (*report on page 4, Ed.*). If you have a passion or certain skills that you'd like to share, please contact the Harrells. Astronomy, small boat sailing and more are available topics.

Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

I arrived safely in NY and have been in jeans and long sleeved shirts ever since! If you have any expense receipts you can either scan and email them or mail them to the ABYC PO Box. Lorna picks up the Club mail and sends it on to me.

If you have any questions or comments concerning your monthly bill, please contact me at: mbg1215@netzero.net.

Also, I put a copy of the monthly financial statement in a notebook on the shelving behind the front door of the clubhouse. Please feel free to review the numbers and email me with any questions.

Enjoy your summer!

ABYC Social Report and Plans

Mary VanSciver

Our July 21st Social will be poolside with a BYO cookout. Bring your own meat or veggie burgers to grill and Oosterhof's will provide side dishes and dessert. Drinks become available from the bar at 6 pm along with appetizers. The cost is \$6.00 per person

and reservations are necessary. Watch for a special announcement with more details.

Other events include the potluck and membership meeting on July 7th and the CIA on July 28th. This CIA is hosted by John and Beth Hamilton from 6 to 7:30. Be sure to come, you will enjoy!

Then on August 18th, we will have our annual Ice Cream Social. This is the time to indulge in lots of ice cream with many delicious and interesting toppings. It's always fun to see what creative combinations become our favorites. A special thank you to Lorna Tweedie for hosting this event and the CIA the following Saturday.

A special thanks also goes to Frank and Pat Hankins for organizing and preparing the food for the Mullet Cup dinner on Friday evening. A good size crowd enjoyed perfectly made mullet and hamburgers along with coleslaw, baked beans, and cheese grits. But, you couldn't stop there, because the desserts were too good to resist.

Summertime at Shell Point is a good place to be. Lot's happening at ABYC. See you at the coast!

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

C. Henry Depew

After a slide show of activities over the past year as the backdrop to the dinner, Pam Harrell gave a short presentation on possible ABYC support activities related to the scouting merit badge program (see article on page 4). The July program was not confirmed at publication time.

Rear Commodore's Corner

Marc Lipsius

The kitchen renovation plans are complete and have been approved by the Board, the appliances have been ordered, and hopefully construction will begin the second week of July, after all the holiday celebrations are over. The whole renovation should take less than a week, maybe only a few days, but we have to wait until electrical inspections are complete and the paint dries before we can use it again.

It's hurricane season again and I would advise all the members to review the Storm Plan posted on the ABYC web site, especially those with boats at our docks, as you have certain responsibilities to insure the safety of your vessel as well as our docks and other boats around you. We will need a list of volunteers to be called to help secure the club in case of a major storm - the pool, pool furniture, tables and chairs under and on the deck, electric and water service to the dock, are some of the things that need to be put away or tied down. Please let me know if you will be available to help in an emergency with your contact info. Remember, this is your club and all of us must pitch in to maintain it and its safety.

We also need a number of people to get the hurricane shutters installed before the storm and removed after the event.

Any problems, something need fixing - let me know.



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.

Board Meeting- June 9, 2012
Present: Scott Robinson, Marc Lipsius, Martha Robinson, Mary VanSciver, Lorna Tweedie, Henry Depew.
Absent: Ivor Groves and Maxie Glenn.

Vice Commodore Scott Robinson called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. at the clubhouse of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club.

Junior Board Member

Mary VanSciver reported on the details of the kitchen renovation. The Board approved up to \$5,000.00 for Mary to arrange for the project, which includes 1) purchase of range, exhaust hood, double oven and refrigerator; 2) hiring a carpenter and 3) hiring a licensed electrician. Work will be scheduled after July 9, pending delivery of the appliances, scheduling the professional help and obtaining the permits and inspections. Marc agreed to be available during and after the work to approve the project components and collect the invoices.

Mary reported the following social schedule for coming months:

June 16 – Sea Scouts dinner and program

June 30 – CIA hosted by Don Willis

July 4 – Informal pool party

July 7 – Monthly membership meeting and potluck

July 21 – Bring your own meat to grill social hosted by Al and Darlene Oosterhof

July 28 – CIA hosted by John and Beth Hamilton.

A discussion was had about hir-

ing more help for cleaning the kitchen after social functions.

Rear Commodore

Marc reported the front door seal needs repair. We need to closely monitor the air conditioner after the clubhouse is used.

It was requested that Marc look at the tilt of the bar sink, adding silicone to separate the kitchen sinks, fixing or replacing the shower handles and purchasing and using some insecticide to deal with bugs. The lights on the docks are not working.

Scribe

The minutes of the April 2012 minutes were approved as printed in the May 2012 issue of *The Mark*.

Vice Commodore

Scott Robinson reported that six vessels participated in the Mullet Cup, which was a race to Ochlockonee Shoals instead of Dog Island because of wind conditions. Five boats spent the night and raced back the following day.

June 23 will be the Summer Sailstice and will be celebrated with a raft up at Ochlockonee Shoals at 2 p.m. This celebrates the beginning of summer.

Senior Member

Henry Depew asked that all Board Members submit their reports ASAP for the next issue of *The Mark*.

A program for July has not been confirmed and the Scouts will provide the program for June at the dinner and membership meeting on June 16.

Membership

Maxie Glenn agreed (via email) to send an acknowledgement for each application received to share information about the timeline and process for becoming a member.

The Board approved the application and membership of Gene and Valerie Taylor.

Lorna distributed a list of Club perks for consideration and asked that Board members let her know if they wanted changes.

Purser

The financial statements were approved as distributed.

New Business

The storm plan for the Club was discussed. It was noted that a copy of the plan is posted online and all members should be familiar with the contents. Marc agreed to create a list of the required duties and seek volunteers to cover them. The Board will establish a phone tree for contacting boat owners and other volunteers. Henry will include information in *The Mark*.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Scouts served a lovely spaghetti dinner to attendees. Pam Harrell, Scout leader, talked with the attendees about Scout activities and the possibility of club members supporting local Scouts by signing up to serve as merit badge counselors. She believes that ABYC members have talents and knowledge to share. If interested, call her for more details.

Vice Commodore Scott Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:03 p.m.

After brief reports from the officers in attendance, it was announced that Gene and Valerie Taylor had been voted in as new members. Beth Hamilton announced that dinghy races were cancelled for June and most likely July, too.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

SCUTTLEBUTT

Marcia Bjerregaard

ABYC has a bunch of garbage cans not being used because of the new Waste Pro service. If anyone has a use for them, please come and help yourself. They are in the enclosed area under the clubhouse near the grill.

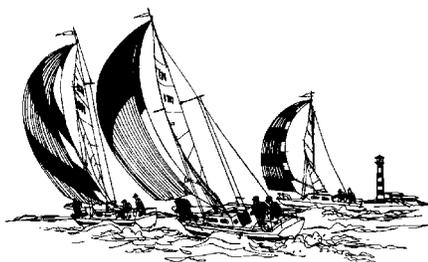
Someone's beautiful white napkin was left at the clubhouse. However, it can be retrieved at 171 Harbour Point, not 69. Just picked up another, a teal colored one. Help Wanted: Someone to keep the sign outside the clubhouse current through September - or longer.

The American flag is tattered again. If you put flag and burgee up, please take them down at the end of the weekend, or find your replacement.

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

GYA Flying Scot

We missed the June regatta at St. Andrews in Panama City, but the one at Fort Walton on July 7 & 8 will be great fun. Let's knock them down in amazement when we show up and get Cinderella sailing. Visit (info@fssa.com).



Sea Scout Dinner Report

Pam Harrell

The Sea Scout Festa Italiana was a great success! Twenty-one (21) ABYC members dined by candlelight on an Italian dinner prepared and served by members of Sea Scout Ship 1 and Boy Scout Troop 7.

Following the meal, a short program was presented on the work of the ABYC Scouts and the idea of getting club members involved as merit badge counselors for those badges well-suited to the Shell Point area (i.e. astronomy, canoeing, gardening, motor boating, rowing, small boat sailing, etc.) Quality merit badge programs are sought after by BSA troops & venture programs located throughout the Suwannee River Area Council. Offering these badges could provide a draw to ABYC from a large geographical area (North Florida & South Georgia.)

For more information on the merit badges offered by the BSA, go to <http://meritbadge.org/>.

If you are interested in serving as a counselor, please contact Pamela Harrell, ABYC Scout committee chair & charter organization representative at 850-556-6044.

Boating Emergency Numbers

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

Web Sites For ABYC Boats

If you want to reserve one of the three ABYC boats, there is a web site for each.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Allegro>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FlyingScot>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ABYCKestrel/>

Please remember that you need to have been "checked out" by one of the authorized ABYC members before you can schedule the boat.

If you are not a member of the Yahoo Group, you need to join before you can schedule one of the boats. Go to the site of your choice and click on "Join". You will get a confirmation e-mail back when your application has been approved.

For more information, contact our Rear Commodore Marc Lipsius

Remember -

ABYC's mailing address is:

P.O. BOX 1830

Crawfordville, FL 32326

Membership Application Forms

Applications for Club membership are now at 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.

Mullet Cup Report

Frank Hankins

The 7th annual Mullet Cup weekend was a little different this year. We didn't have Ed Fries to cook the fish, but we got around that, and had over 40 members and guests for more mullet and burgers, slaw, beans, cheese grits, ice cream with strawberries and chocolate sauce, and brownies, than we could eat. Then, the forecast was for lighter winds than we like, so we didn't make it to Dog Island, for the first time. We got around that, too.

Six boats raced from the west mark, back to the tripod, then 12 or so miles out to the finish line at marker 24. We then met at the beautiful adjacent Ochlochnee Shoals where we anchored, swam, rafted up and partied, the highlight being the delicious three foot long Cobia that was caught by the Damons, cleaned and sauted on board; enough for all! Sunday morning we raced back to the tripods for the afternoon awards BBQ.

Thanks to Bill Harris for tending the grill for beef and salmon burgers, and for other members who helped put out the left-overs from Friday evening. Former Mullet Cup winners donned their mullet wigs to present the trophies and awards to this years winners.

The cruising cup went to the Damons, who sailed the smallest boat in the fleet, a WindRider 17.

The multi-hull cup was won, handily, by David Saint on his brand new Corsair Sprint 750, a water-borne rocket.

The overall and PHRF winners are Huub and Annette Weijers on their AMF 21. They were presented with the Cup, and the Harken winch handle, and Huub was made to look as foolish as the rest of us by donning the blonde,

1st place, mullet wig (actually he looked sensational). We all had fun, and a memorable weekend!

The event made over \$500 for Community Sailing, including a \$150 donation from a couple who sailed with us, and had taken the spring adult sailing class

Dinghy Race Information

Dinghy racing will not be held in July or August. A race day may be held in September.

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

Interested in shallow water reports? Take a look at: argus.survice.com/argus_shallowwater.asp
For ICW cruising news try: cruisersnet.net/

Tracking *Ostinato III* will be a bit difficult. The SPOT system uses the Globalstar satellites and as such is limited to having only occasional/very sporadic coverage when further than a couple hundred miles offshore (and NO coverage at all in the middle of the ocean). The same goes for the AIS system. It continues to work very well for ship to ship but unless there is a transmitter available it will not show up on line. Thus, we will have to wait until they reach the Azores to be able to follow their progress. According to the last SPOT position report, they are averaging 160 miles a day on their voyage to the Azores.

Your editor does book reviews for a nautically orientated group. If you are considering cooking on-board, you might find this book ,

Cooking Aboard a Small Boat: Feeding the Small Boat Sailor, by Paul Esterle of interest. It is well written, well illustrated, and very informative.

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.

MARK Advertising

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or mailed to

C. Henry Depew
3316 Lakeshore Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32312



Changes in Attitude Social

Date: July 28, 2012

Time: 1800 - 1930

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

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2012

July

- July 04: Informal /Pool Party/Cookout - Clubhouse
July 07: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
July 21: BYO Cookout - 6:00 pm
July 28: Changes in Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm

August

- August 04: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
August 11: Scallop Fling
Private Party - 7-10 to 11 PM
August 18: Ice Cream Social
August 25: 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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Jr. Board Member:	Mary VanSciver	893-0353
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