



THE MARK

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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- July 04 - Independence Day
Activities at Club
- July 12 - Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
- July 19 - Social
- July 26 - Dinghy Races
- July 26 - CIA

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Scott Robinson

It was great to see two full weeks of sailing lessons for Apalachee Bay Community Sailing. Many thanks for Kris Hebert, Michael Getman and the team who worked to help these children learn to sail. I look forward to seeing them on the water in the future.

I'd like to remind members that the Hobie Holders are available for the monthly dinghy races. We have another dinghy race coming up on June 28. I'd like to see two fleets – one for Puffins and one for Holders. Summer time is perfect for dinghy sailing, since the PHRF series is complete until the end of August.

ABYC continues to grow, Mark and Maria Yealdhall have submitted their application, which is posted in the clubhouse. As always, if you see someone you don't know at the clubhouse, please introduce yourself.

Bring a boating friend to any Club activity and introduce them to the group.

See you on the water.

Vice Commodore's Corner

Steve LaRosa

So far summer has started really well. Just enough rain to keep the temperatures tolerable. And there have been good sea breezes to keep the afternoon sailing enjoyable.

Since the last *Mark*, adult sailing classes have been completed on two separate Sundays. This venue worked well. The first Sunday, the sailors took out the small boats (the Hobie Holders and the Puffins). The second Sunday, there were 3 boats to take out the stu-

dents including *Staccato*, *Kestrel*, and *Capri*. It was a fun day, although the seas were 4 feet with a short chop. This caused some seasickness among the crew and the sailing had to be cut short. Thanks to all that helped out to make this a successful class.

Looking forward into the end of June and the month of July, there were Youth Sailing classes in June (two five day sessions), and just about every weekend there is something fun to do at ABYC. So check the ABYC calendar and please drop by. Feel free to call, text or email me, if you have any questions.



Happy July 4th

MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, 12 July, 2014
- 1800 - Social
- 1900 - Dinner
- 1945 - Meeting
- 2000 - Program

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ABYC Social Report and Plans

Martha Robinson

Join us for the membership meeting on Saturday, July 12. 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.

That's 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. for landlubbers.

A social is planned for Saturday, July 19. Watch your email for details.

Plan to join us for cocktails and appetizers at the Changes in Attitude (CIA) social on Saturday, July 26. The bar will open at 6 p.m. and we'll enjoy appetizers until 7:30 p.m.

June was very busy. We had a good turn out to hear Henry Depew talk about windy weather in Shell Point and preparing the club-



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.

house and boats on the dock during a hurricane watch or warning.

Scott and Martha Robinson hosted movie night on Friday, June 13 and the Summer Sailstice social on the first day of summer. Michael and Angel Ganey hosted a successful CIA on Saturday, May 31.

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/>.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Apalachee-Bay-Yacht-Club. See you at the club.

Dinghy Race Report

Martha Robinson

Four sailors met in the basin with good winds on Saturday, May 31 to race Puffins. After five races, Kris Hebert placed first, Jim McGill placed second and Marcia Bjerregaard placed third. Scott Robinson also raced.

Many thanks to Carl Bjerregaard and Martha Robinson serving as the race committee. Jim McGill's pontoon boat served as the committee boat.

Dinghy races are held the last Saturday of each month. The next race will be held Saturday, July 26. Fair winds

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

Camden Whitlock

Henry Depew gave a short presentation on tropical storm/hurricane considerations for those living at Shell Point along with a quick review of ABYC's Storm Plan.

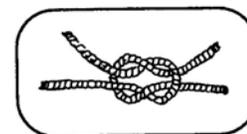
For July meeting, Whitney Gray will speak about: "the potential effects of sea level rise on coastal ecosystems in the Big Bend and Panhandle with an emphasis on the local and relevant topics. Discussion will provide basic background on the science behind sea level rise."

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 has been posted at the clubhouse:

Mark and Maria Yealdhall



Reef Knot: (Square Knot)

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

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, June 7, 2014 at the ABYC clubhouse.

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

Absent: Ivor Groves, Steve LaRosa, Cam Whitlock

Commodore-Scott Robinson

Scott shared a letter from the Harbor Dr. neighborhood homeowners association, regarding the 15 mile per hour speed limit. There is some concern about the need for some signage to remind drivers about the need for adhering to the speed limit.

The St. Marks community is holding an outdoor marine market, art show and fish fry on June 21, 2014 between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A flyer listing the information will be posted on the announcement board at the ABYC clubhouse.

Rear Commodore-Ed Fries

The dish sanitizer is in need of repair or replacement; Ed will work on finding out whether a repair is possible. The Board approved a motion to spend up to \$200 to assess and or repair the dish sanitizer. He will report back to the Board with a recommendation. He will also explore the availability of a used sanitizer. He has also looked at kitchen disposal units for the kitchen. The air conditioner has been having problems, and after adding coolant, it appears to be working. Ed had gotten recommendations and a quote for a new system, and will obtain a sec-

ond quote for the Board. The Board authorized the expenditure of up to \$8,000.00 to replace the air conditioning system once quotes are reviewed and a decision made regarding the system to install. The combination to the clubhouse facilities will be changed in the near future, and an email notification will be sent out to the membership.

Purser-Maxie Glenn

Maxie provided the monthly financial update for June, 2014. Darlene Oosterhof will be handling some of the financial chores for Maxie this summer. Jerry Wells will coordinate getting the bar tab information to Maxie via email, and will also email invoices to her for payment. Club flags for members are being ordered.

Scribe-Dede Wells

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

Junior Board Member-Martha Robinson

Martha reviewed social events scheduled for June and July. Details for these events will be included in the monthly issue of *The Mark*.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dede Wells, Scribe

Membership Meeting

The June 7, 2014 membership meeting was called to order by Commodore Scott Robinson at 2000. Short reports were presented by Board members, reviewing spring activities, including scheduled races, and social events, and sailing classes. Scott reported that the PHRF schedule for the spring has been com-

pleted, and that some of the marks will need repair. Members willing to assist in the mark repair should contact Scott. Mike Getman provided an update on the Community Sailing program. A youth sailing class will be held during June. The program has a new sailing vessel, which was donated and is available for the program to use. Kris Hebert reported that eleven individuals completed the adult sailing program. Martha Robinson updated the membership on the social events scheduled for June. She is looking for a member who can sponsor a social event in July. Scott Robinson announced that the Smith Regatta raised \$18,00.00 for the American Cancer Society, and thanked the membership for their contributions to the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours, and followed by a program presented by Henry Depew on the history of hurricanes at Shell Point and ABYC's "Storm Plan".

Respectfully submitted, Dede Wells, Scribe

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.

NON BYOB

Just a reminder that ABYC is not a BYOB club. Members should refrain from bringing libations to the clubhouse, when the bar is open.

Ostinato Readies to Depart UK*Sue Ross*

With a bit of luck, *Ostinato* will depart England bright and early on the morning of May 31 for the 14 hour jump across to Belgium. We are currently sitting in Ipswich on the West Coast enjoying the best weather we have seen since we left Shell Point 2 years ago. I decided it's a trick to make us want to stay in the UK another year but we aren't falling for it. Assuming the weather cooperates; *Ostinato* will head across the North Sea to Nieuwpoort, Belgium and, following some land cruising, begin our cruise east into the Netherlands.

Belgium will officially begin our entry into Schengen visa free countries, which limits us to 90 days in any 180 day time period. While 90 days should be more than enough time to reach Bulgaria, the first non Schengen country on the Danube, we like to have a bit of leeway should we get delayed if something decides to fall off the boat.

Bill Harris joined *Ostinato* in London and cruised with us to Ipswich. While we didn't get to do much sailing, Bill kept the rails busy exploring the East Coast. He also came along for a quick return trip to Ireland by air/ferry/rail for a cruise on the *Delta Star*, the boat that hit us in Baltimore Harbour in 2012. While our stay was brief, it was long enough for Bill and me to pick up new matching Duberry



sailing boots in Skibbereen and cruise by the Fastnet Light to the beautiful anchorage at Glengarriff. We were treated to Irish Whiskies aboard and a quiet night at anchor under a full moon. Ask Bill about the crab sandwiches in Baltimore Harbour!

While waiting in Ipswich, we have enjoyed the camaraderie of the Orwell Yacht Club. Thanks to ABYC UK visitors Ivor and Denise, the Commodore invited us to dry out again this year. Denise even walked a new spot to ensure we would not sink into the mud up to our arm pits like we did last year. All went well and we have matching props once again. King is now busy doing his never ending list of repairs and upgrades for the trip up the Rhine and down the Danube to the Black Sea and eventually Finike, Turkey where we will spend next winter. We learned on the way down the Thames, we had fried one of the alternators on the North Sea trip last fall so that is currently being attacked. Other small jobs like repairing the entry way door, cleaning the fuel tanks and acquiring two additional batteries to reduce our recharging needs, have been checked off this list.

The trip on the Rhine, Main and Danube will require transiting over 60 locks some of which will take us over the mountains reaching an altitude of 1,600 feet. By the time we reach Finike, Turkey, we will have traveled over 2,800 miles..

We are looking forward to ABYC members Pat and Frank

Hankins joining us in the Netherlands in early July to help *Ostinato* navigate through the big boy locks safely with her 55 ft. mast aboard. In August, Bill Harris will bring his new boots back to *Ostinato* near Prague for the last leg of the trip.

Wishing all a great sailing season!

MARK Advertising

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sisu26@nettally.com

or mailed to

C. Henry Depew
3316 Lakeshore Drive
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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.

Ostinato Report

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

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

PHRF RACE COMMITTEE*C. Henry Depew*

The racing fleets of ABYC operate under the current *Racing Rules of Sailing: 2013-2016* promulgated by the International Sailing Federation <sailing.org> and US Sailing <ussailing.org>. These rules presume that there is a RC on station at the start & finish lines to conduct the race. In the Rules, "Part 3 - Conduct of a Race" notes: **27.3** *Before the starting signal, the race committee may for any reason postpone (display flag AP, AP over H, or AP over A, with two sounds) or abandon the race (display flag N over H, or N over A, with three sounds).*

As noted in the above, the Rules do not account for the lack of a RC on the water. While the "Sailing Instructions" can address what to do if there is no RC, a boat and committee on the water is desirable.

For many years, Judy and I were the RC for ABYC's off-shore races. When we had to give up the job, John and Nell Johnston (with the help of Sandra Emmerson) took of the activity. At the moment, ABYC does not have a permanent RC boat or crew to conduct operations. Except for the start sequence and taking finish times, this is a relaxing time on the water for the committee.

The RC can be a couple and their boat or it can be the RC and another's boat (with skipper along to operate the boat). Judy and I borrowed boats from time to time and while we made it back to shore, it was not always an uneventful occasion.

You go out, set the start line, start the race, and take finish times. It can be quite complicated or quite simple in operation. Interested? Contact Steve LaRosa.

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

It seems that "what goes around, comes around" is some times a reality. In the June/July, 2014 issue of *Professional Mariner* starting on page 45 the article on maritime cyber security noted that legislation was passed to "preserve infrastructure for a Positioning, Navigation and Timing (PNT) system which could supplement GPS through powerful land based signals". Sounds like LORAN C or the newer eLORAN system to me. Remember just a while back when the entire LORAN system was judged to be obsolete and was shut down? I wonder if my old LORAN C (in storage) still works?

**Dog Island Cruise Report***Martha Robinson*

Five sailboats made their way to Dog Island for Memorial Day weekend. The Kaspers brought their family with two guests on *Invincible Me*, the Robinsons brought the Ganey's and Kris Hebert and Jim Bailey on *Island Time*, Michael Getman and Lindsey McIntire came on *Freelance*, the Cummings sailed *Kestral*, and Maxie Glenn and Bill sailed his 25 Catalina.

The Thompsons, the Langfords and other brought their power boats for beach time, games and camping on the beach.

PHRF Fall 2014 Race Dates (TENTATIVE)

Note Some Sundays, Note Some Late Start Times

Sunday Sept. 7 PHRF #1
 Sunday Sept. 21 PHRF #2
 Saturday Sept. 27 PHRF #3
 (Late start 2 PM)
 Saturday Oct. 11 PHRF #4
 (Late start 2 PM)
 Sunday Oct. 19 PHRF #5
 Saturday Nov. 1 PHRF #6
 Sunday Nov. 9 PHRF Alt.
 (Late start 2 PM)

Sailstice Report

Three boats with 12 sailors went for a nice sail for the summer Sailstice. New member Matt Eckel and family took their McGregor, John Newton skippered *Kestral* with a friend and Brian Gaupp, and Scott and Martha Robinson sailed their catamaran with Jill, Bonnie and Bradley Gaupp and Michael Ganey.

About 40 people came to the cocktail party with delicious snacks to share. Many thanks to Martha Robinson for organizing the event and for Steve LaRosa for tending bar.

**Changes in Attitude Social**

Date: July 26, 2014

Time: 1800 - 1930

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

Sail Classes Report

On May 18, The Apalachee Bay Community Sailing (part of ABYC) had 14 adult students in Day 1 of an all day sailing class. See last month's *The Mark* for information. Class 2 was held on June 1 at ABYC; 11 students returned and were all able to go out on the larger boats. It was a bit windy with 2-3 foot seas. Some of us got a little queezy.

A big thank you to Steve LaRosa, Michael Getman, and Michael Ganey for your all day commitment to ABYC and Community Sailing. At the end of the day, we had 11 sailors finish the 2 day course.

On June 9-13 and 16-20, Kids Sailing Camp was visible sailing off Shell Point beach, being towed in or out, or swimming in the ABYC pool in the afternoons. We had a very successful 2 weeks! We had 10 students a session, and paired them up in the Hobie Holders. Twenty (20) children, ages 8-15 learned how to sail! The first week saw a lot of weather; we dodged thunderstorms twice, one time having to beach the boats all along Shell Point, near the channel, not quite on the official beach!

A huge thank you to Will Glenn and Frank Hankins for volunteering their time and expertise. The 1st Friday, the Hankins treated us to a hotdog lunch on board their catamaran. The second week was a bit less windy, nil at times, so we went swimming or practiced capsizing.

Thank you to Rob and Shari Kasper for their assistance and use of their Optimist Pram. A huge Thank You to Maxie Glenn and Michael Getman for the use of their motor boats for chase boats. We could not have done it without them! The Holders need a little

repair, avoiding crashes is not always an option with beginners!

Community Sailing will be having a board meeting soon. With such a successful teaching season, we are looking forward to increasing the dates and activities for next year. We will keep you posted for opportunities to help support us. We are a not for profit organization through ABYC. If you have a boat for donation, or know of someone who might, please let us know. We are looking to increase the dingy fleet for lessons as well as the larger boats. We are also hoping to own our own chase boats soon too!

Kestral, *Allegro*, and our newest donation, *Maxie 1*, were acquired through this process.

A huge Thank You to Mr. McClellan, for donating *Maxie 1*, a 22 foot Capri. The boat is in great shape and almost ready for sailing. Kris Hebert
Sailing Instructor, Treasurer
Michael Getman
Assistant Instructor, President

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.)

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.

ABYC Weather Station

As we go to press, the ABYC weather station is back on-line providing live and historical information about conditions at Shell Point. Summary information from the weather station is provided on the ABYC website homepage at :

<http://ABYCOnline.org>.

Clicking on our homepage link to the ABYC Weather Page provides related links, including Shell Point Weather History and also a graphic that displays Current Coastal Area Weather from Panama City to Perry. Be sure to share the ABYC website link with others, including the availability of the coastal weather information.

The ABYC weather station was established in 2009 through contributions by several ABYC members and friends. Earlier this year it went offline when some of its sensors failed and flying birds also made unwanted contributions to its rain bucket. All has been repaired, thanks to some ladder climbing and repair work provided by Bob Parker and Al Oosterhof accompanied with shore side support by Darlene.

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2014

July

- July 04: Social/Pool Party/Cookout – Clubhouse - Fireworks Raft Up
July 12: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
July 19: Social
July 26: Dinghy Races – 1:00 pm
Changes in Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm

August

- August 02: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
August 16: Social - Low Country Boil
August 30: Dinghy Races – 1:00 pm
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 updates/changes consult the Expanded Calendar at ABYC's web site (ABYConline.org).

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