



THE MARK

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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Aug. 03: Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
- Aug. 17: Social
- Aug. 31: Changes In Attitude

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Scott Robinson

Ok now it's Hot, Hot, Hot and Wet.

We have had so much rain, I'm sure it has cut into everyone's sailing plans, just like it has impacted our club functions. Both the Fourth of July pool party and Raft-Up at Ocklockonee Shoal were rained out. Let's hope for better weather for the rest of the summer and into the fall.

Please join me in welcoming Todd and Carrie Thompson, Rob and Sherri Kasper, David and Stephanie Spitzer and Kurt Bowman as new members to the ABYC.

Congratulations to Cam and Denise Whitlock. The standing rigging on *Mine ... All Mine* was damaged during the Smith Regatta.

They have successfully made the repairs and their mast is now upright. Welcome to Bill and Susie Wilhelm at the dock. *Manaña* fits nicely in her slip at the Club.

Many thanks to Jerry and Dede Wells for offering their dock as a temporary home for *Allegro*.

Thanks, also, to Steve and Katherine LaRosa for allowing *Kestral* to dock at their dock temporarily. Both are located on Royster Drive, a gated street. Members who want to use those boats are welcome to cast off from and return to those docks. Please contact me if you have questions about how to access the boats.

See you on the water.

Vice Commodore's Corner

Tony Cleveland

Following the successful adult sailing class, Kris Hebert is working on dates for another basic sailing class and an intermediate class as well. Also, regarding dates, po-

tential racing weekends, based on tides and, crucially, home football games, are being reviewed. The intent is to try and schedule seven races during the remainder of the year. Speaking of races, in the very near future, the racing marks should be retrieved, refurbished, and put out again. Finally, if anyone has any suggestions for canoe or kayak cruises in the coming weeks, please let us know, assuming the rain finally stops!

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, there is a copy of the monthly financial statement in a notebook on the shelving behind the front door of the clubhouse that members are encouraged to review.

MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, August 03, 2013
- 1800 - Social
- 1900 - Pot Luck Dinner
- 1945 - Meeting
- 2000 - Program

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ABYC Social Report and Plans

*Lindsey McIntire for
Mary VanSciver*

The social calendar for August includes another exciting summer social on the 17th and a Changes in Attitude social at the end of the month. As always, the CIA requires no reservations and costs nothing except what you buy at the bar. The monthly CIA events run from 6:00-7:30 pm.

July started with a very rainy July 4th. Although it was less than ideal pool party weather, several stir crazy members (including some new faces!) socialized on the back deck and enjoyed the rain.

The membership meeting featured Hanna Garland as the guest speaker. Hanna presented her extensive oyster research at the Marine Lab and fielded numerous questions afterward. Hanna was even able to add some questions to her agenda for future research. July 13th featured a Bring Your Own Meat cookout hosted by Phil and Jackie Werndli. Fresh salad and cheesy potatoes were provided, and members grilled a variety of fish, burgers, pork chops, steak, and chicken. Dinner was finished with a sinful brownie dessert and vanilla ice cream. After dinner, members played bingo for several hours and enjoyed some great prizes, including drink mixes and a beach mat! Thanks to Joeann for tending the bar the whole night. On the 19th, Scott and Martha Robinson hosted another successful movie night. Many thanks to Joeann for tending the bar.

Unfortunately, the July 20th raft up at the Ochlockonee Shoal was rained out.

Our CIA socials have been a huge success each month with lots

of creative ideas. If you are interested in hosting a CIA this fall or want more information, please email Lindsey McIntire at:

lindsey.mcintire@yahoo.com.

As always, a lot is happening at the ABYC. See you at the coast!

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

Martha Robinson

Many thanks to Hannah Garland with the FSU Coastal and Marine Laboratory. She spoke on current oyster research in Apalachee Bay and St. Augustine. Water quality is key to the recovery of oysters and many other species.

The program for the August meeting has not been confirmed at press time.

Rear Commodore's Corner

Ed Fries

If you see something that needs done/fixed at the clubhouse or floats, let me know - 591-4620

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.)

Membership

Ivor Groves

Please take a moment to make welcome those who have joined/re-joined ABYC thus far this year:

Kurt Bowman
Guy and Ann Getman
Robert Henderson
Robert and Sherri Kasper
Michael and Nicole Koski
Eric Olsen
Kristina Peoples
David and Stephanie Spitzer
Todd and Carrie Thompson
Brian Walsh
Bill and Susie Wilhelm

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,

Brian & Jill Gaupp
Son - Bradley
Tom & Cynthia Perny

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 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.

7/6/2013 ABYC Board Meeting Minutes

There was no Board meeting in July. The next Board meeting will be August 3, 2013.

July Membership Meeting

The July 6, 2013 membership meeting was called to order by Commodore Scott Robinson at 1900. Scott asked members to let him know of any empty boat slips that could be used for the *Kestral*, ABYC's 22 ft. Hunter sailing craft.

A water excursion to Ochlocknee Shoal is planned July 20th, starting at noon, weather permitting.

Members are encouraged to contact Ed Fries of any maintenance needs at the clubhouse or docks.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1910.

Respectfully submitted,

Dede Wells, Scribe

Apalachee Bay Yacht Club

Program:

Senior Board Member Martha Robinson introduced the speaker, Hannah Garland, from the FSU Coastal and Marine Laboratory who reviewed research being conducted on oyster reef systems in the Panhandle as well as the Matanzas River near St. Augustine.

Adult Sailing Class Report

Kris Hebert

There were 27 participants in Adult Basic Sailing Class, June 22 and 23. We enjoyed fine sailing weather and were able to get everyone sailing. An Intermediate class will be scheduled soon as well as another Basic class. Those attending were:

Roy Rhoades
Mike Bellamy
Heidi & Reed Guhrt
Kwon-Li Ling
Laura Rush
Christine Simonetti
Brian Walsh
Karen Gordon
Sarah Moffatt
Raul Soria
Andrea & Jason Meadows
Linda Nelson
John & Jackie Beck
Matt & Dana Standridge
Kenneth Stager
Sherri Gaston
Micky Salcido
Michael J. & Angel Ganey
Bob O'Reilly
Cynthia Perny
Manny & Angel Tanglao

Many thanks to those who helped get this all together and go sailing!

Scott & Martha Robinson
David Meade
Phil & Jackie Werndli
Don Reeder
Tony Cleveland
Frank Hankins
David Damon
Guy Getman
Earl Guenther.

Beach Party Bingo

On the evening of July 13, members gathered for an old fashion Florida Saturday night. The grill was used by those so interested and all enjoyed the cheesy potatoes, salad, and dessert provided. After dinner, Bingo was enjoyed by all playing.

GYA Reciprocal Agreement

All ABYC members are welcome at the docks and/or landside facilities of Gulf Yachting Association clubs. More information can be found at www.gya.org. We can pay cash for food and services at all of them and some have already extended reciprocal charging privileges.

GYA YACHT CLUBS

Bay-Waveland	Mobile
Biloxi	Navy
Birmingham	New Orleans
Buccaneer	Ocean Springs
Cypremort	Pass Christian
Fairhope	Pelican
Fort Walton	Pensacola
Grande Mausemelle	Pensacola Beach Point
Grand Lagoon	Pontchartrain
Gulfport	St. Andrews Bay
Houston	St. Petersburg
Jackson	Singing River
Lake Arthur	Southern
Lake Charles	South Shore
Lake Forest	Tammany
Long Beach	

You will need your membership card and account number to have your expenses billed through ABYC. Or, simply pay the bill when there.

***Ostinato* Reporting in from the Orkneys**

Sue Ross

Cheers from Scotland! Home of fog, rain, every other day gales, temps continuously on the south side of 55, and midgets, Scotland's equivalent to Shell Point's no-seesums. In fact, it's been so miserable that we have asked ourselves just why we worked so darn hard to get here. But then the sun came out today.... Oh my, Scotland is no doubt one of the prettiest places on earth when the sun shines. Mountains covered in a green carpet right down to the sea that would make a golfer weep. The many islands off the coast provide extensive areas of "ballroom sailing" (wind with flat waters).

Ostinato has been busy since leaving St. Katherine Dock in April. She crawled her way up the east coast of the UK, stopping in Lowestoft, where we finally found a place that could haul the wide girl for a change of zincs and a fresh coat of bottom paint. Puffins came out to meet us off the Farne Islands and we became infamous during our trip through the Caledonian Canal as a result of our lost prop. Friends, that have followed after us, have shared that we are well known! I'm sure many asked themselves how these people ever made it across the Atlantic! Recently, we have been playing in Scotland's stunning west coast. Cruising in the well protected waters in the Sound of Mull. Throughout this time, the weather has been atrocious and we have, on a weekly basis, discussed why we are doing this, instead of heading south....but *Ostinato* does not just mean a reoccurring melody. Stubborn might come to mind. So, with every sliver of sun and promise of warmer temperatures to come, we have delayed our deci-

sion of "where to" next.

Our long awaited weather window finally opened. A high pressure system settled over the entire UK and Northern Scotland's temps have "soared" into the 60s for the first time this summer. While this has resulted in folks jumping into shorts and t-shirts, King and I have been a bit more restrained. However, we did sleep with the heat off one night. We took advantage of the good weather and made a three day passage to Portree on the Isle of Skye. Along the way we enjoyed castles, quiet anchorages and stopping by Great Britain's remotest pub for a pint. The scenery had us moving from one side of *Ostinato* to the other, trying to record its breath taking beauty as we moved through the Sound of Sleet.

Plans have always been fluid on how we would get back to the east coast for our trip across the North Sea to Norway. Skye was the last stop to make that decision. The options were: continue north east past Cape Wrath to the Orkneys, return south to Mull and move east back through the Caledonian Canal, or forget Norway and continue south to warmer weather, stopping in the Channel Islands to restart our EU clock (get out of the EU every 18 months or pay VAT on the boat!). I voted for the Channel Islands. It sounds warm and just the name "Cape Wrath" gave me pause. But then, King reminded me how cold the Scillies were last summer and how long the trip south would take and that we could be in the Orkney's in two days and Norway in one....and on and on. I hate it when he's right. So, we are headed north around Cape Wrath to Kirkwall in the Orkney Islands. After the Orkneys we will move on to the Shetlands which sets us up for an easy jump to Norway. THEN, we will go

south in search of warm weather!

Webmaster's Cubicle



C. Henry Depew

A number of years back, ABYC converted to electronic communications to save money in postage and to provide members with current information via notices and the web site. At present, ABYC has three electronic mailing lists:

- members who are on the Google group
- members who are not on the Google group
- members and those interested in receiving a copy of *The Mark*.

Each list is handled separately depending on the purpose of the mail out. In addition, we have a few members either without e-mail or who have not provided us with an e-mail address.

I try to keep the web site current so all can have access to the same information. Sometimes, such updating is not possible in a timely manner. As a member, if you are on the Google group, you have a better chance of being kept current as to what is going on at ABYC. If you are not on the Google group list, kindly take the time to join.

Visit

<http://abyconline.org/subscription2.htm>

Thank you.

SCUTTLEBUTT*Marcia Bjerregaard*

Someone made the raccoons happy when they left their garbage bags on the ground next to the Waste Pro container. The Club member who cleaned up the mess wasn't nearly as happy.

Former member Marianne Tillman is doing well with her experimental therapy and is spending a month at her Shell Point home.

Carl Bj's concert will be 8pm, August 17th at:

www.bluelake.org.

Some folks have complained that they can't find it on their TV. They're right. They won't.

GYA**Flying Scot**

Brian Walsh is still looking for the ABYCer interested in rejuvenating and sailing the Flying Scot.

PHRF

We have some pretty fine PHRF sailors here at ABYC. Why not put together a crew and race a GYA regatta or two?

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

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3316 Lakeshore Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32312

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

As most of you know, *Hirado* is for sale. Some people have come and looked at her over the last year or so. The reasons not to purchase the boat varied. But, the best one yet was the concern about patching the hull. The hull has an end-grain balsa wood core with fiberglass on both sides (thicker on the outer side). If a place gets damaged, the damage stays there and you have no migration of fluids to other parts like you may have if a plywood/fiberglass section is damaged (non-WEST System Epoxy style finish). You simply clean things out and install an appropriate fiberglass patch.

We are fortunate in our boating area that we have only the federal and one state's boating laws to follow. In some cases, a boat can move through a number of state and local jurisdictions with different laws/regulations in an afternoon. If you are planning to take your boat elsewhere to fish or pleasure cruise, you might want to look at the local regulations before you go.

There was an article in the August issue of *Soundings* on a case in Florida where a "garden type" solar light was used as an anchor light (p. 16) and whether or not such a light met the Coast Guard's visibility requirements. While looking into just what is "approved" by the Coast Guard, I found an interesting publication at:

http://www.uscgboating.org/assets/1/workflow_staging/Publications/420.PDF

The publication is titled *A Boater's Guide To Federal Regulations For Recreational Boats and Safety Tips*

One site for those interested in the New England area is:

workingwaterfront.com

If you go there, search for "National Fisherman Archives" and run the short 9 photo slide show.

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.

**Changes in Attitude Social**

Date: August 31, 2013

Time: 1800 - 1930

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

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2013

August

- Aug. 03: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- Aug. 17: Social
- Aug. 31: Changes In Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm

September

- Sept. 07: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- Sept. 14:
- Sept. 21: Social
- Sept. 28: Dinghy Races - 1:00 pm
Changes In Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm



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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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