



THE MARK

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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Aug. 02: Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
- Aug. 09: Social
- Aug. 30: Dinghy Races
CIA Social

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Scott Robinson

It was great to see so many faces at the clubhouse for the Climate Change presentation. Ms. Gray was very informative.

Climate change is obvious at the clubhouse without the AC operating properly. The Board hopes to have it replaced shortly. We are currently getting bids and working to get the best deal for our members.

Racing starts again in September for the bigger boats. Please keep in mind that *Allegro*, a Harmony, is available for racing. Please talk with Steve LaRosa if you'd like to reserve that boat. Steve has worked hard to schedule the series around FSU football so that more people can participate. Skippers meet at 10:30 a.m. at the

clubhouse on race day. If you don't want to race, you are welcome to be on the committee boat or to take your personal boat out to be spectators.

ABYC continues to grow. Mark and Maria Yealdhall are new members. We are currently considering applications for Dee Pace and Glenn Broga and for Glenn and Lisa Parker, which are posted at the club. 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 Club.

See you on the water.

Vice Commodore's Corner

Steve LaRosa

Summer is flying by. With all the heat and rain, I can report that on the water, things have been slow. But the club boat named *Kestrel* (which is a Hunter 23) is being used more, which is great to see. Also, the Club now has access

to a new boat which is a Capri 22 (named *Maxie I*). It is currently being worked on and should be ready for use soon. Thanks to everyone that helps out on these boats with needed repairs as they occur. We need volunteers to keep these boats in sailing condition, so please let me know if you can pitch in and help.

Speaking of needed repairs, the racing marks were pulled out of the bay by Scott Robinson and John Hamilton and are in the process of being repainted and rigged to reset back out in the bay. This is no small task and again, thanks to those who help with these needed repairs (Ed Fries, John Hamilton, Scott Robinson, Michael Getman and Mike Ganey). The race dates for the Fall PHRF series are listed on page 5. Be sure to note the several Sunday dates and the several later than usual start times on the calendar. Finally we continue to look for committee boat volunteers for racing days, so if you have an interest in this let me know. It is a good excuse to spend a few hours on the water. Finally, dinghy racing continues to be a popular event, so look for the races on

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MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, August 02, 2014
- 1800 - Social
- 1900 - Dinner
- 1945 - Meeting
- 2000 - Program

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your calendar and plan to attend if you can. In closing, if you have any on the water question please call, text or email me.

ABYC Social Report and Plans

Martha Robinson

Join us for the membership meeting on Saturday, August 2. 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.

Lindsey McIntire and Michael Getman will host a Low County Boil on Saturday, August 9. Watch your email for details.

Plan to join us for cocktails and appetizers at the Changes in Attitude (CIA) social on Saturday, August 30. The bar will open at 6 p.m. and we'll enjoy appetizers until 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in hosting, please let me know.

July was very busy. Several members met at the pool before watching the fireworks on July 4. It's always nice when you can just hang out at the clubhouse. Whitney Gray presented on Climate Change at the July membership meeting. The food is always tasty. Please remember to take your dishes home with you.

Pat and Gordon Renovitch hosted a very nice BBQ with catering by Hammaknockers. Ann Getman was in charge of the dessert (yummy!) and the decorating. Pat's report is on page 5.

Many thanks to Bill and Susie Wilhelm for hosting the CIA.

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.

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

Camden Whitlock

The July program was presented by Whitney Gray from the Tallahassee UF/IFAS extension and the Florida SeaGrant. She provided an entertaining and informative talk on sea level rise and some of its potential effects to the ecology of North Florida.

For the August meeting, Craig Kittendorf from the St. Marks National Refuge will give a presentation on the St. Marks Light Station: Past, Present, and Future.



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.

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:

Glenn and Lisa Parker
Dee Pace and Glenn Broga

Welcome to Mark and Maria Yealdhall who are our newest members.

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, July 12, 2014 at the ABYC Clubhouse.

Present: Scott Robinson, Martha Robinson, Dede Wells, Cam Whitlock, Steve LaRosa

Absent: Ivor Groves, Maxie Glenn, Ed Fries

Commodore-Scott Robinson

Scott reviewed the status of pending membership applications which will need Board action in the near future. He has met with a second contractor to discuss options for replacing the current air conditioning system, and will contact a third contractor before making a commitment for replacement. The sanitizer used in the kitchen has been repaired; however, the Board will explore the feasibility of replacing the sanitizer with a commercial dishwasher in the future. The ice machine has been repaired and is operating again.

Steve LaRosa

Race season has ended, and fall races are calendared. *Kestral* is being used regularly by members. The racing marks are in working condition and will be checked out prior to the fall season.

Maxie Glenn

Maxie mailed copies of the monthly financial report to the Board, and a copy is available at the clubhouse.

Scribe-Dede Wells

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

Junior Board Member-Martha Robinson

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1630.

Respectfully submitted,
Dede Wells, Scribe

Membership Meeting

The July 12, 2014 membership meeting was called to order by Commodore Scott Robinson at 2000 hours. He introduced and welcomed several guests and membership applicants. He then reported on the air conditioning system replacement and other maintenance issues. Summer social events were reviewed by Martha Robinson. Dede Wells reported that the June minutes were approved by the Board. An error in the June minutes was discovered, and amended minutes will be presented to the Board. Dede reminded members of the exercise class which is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. at the clubhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours, followed by a program about rising sea levels and the projected impact on coastal regions of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,
Dede Wells, Scribe

Editor's Notes



C. Henry Depew

While things do not always work out as planned, *The Mark* has a production schedule.

15th of month - material due
20th of month - draft to Board
25th of month - newsletter sent

If you want to send something for printing in the next issue, it needs to get to your Editor by the 15th even though all the material does not arrive until the 19th or 20th.

It would be helpful if your material is in Rich Text Format (rft) which is a "Save as" option in most word processing programs. An alternate approach is to highlight the text, copy it, and then paste the material in the body of an e-mail to me. Either approach works and insures that my conversion program does not mess things up as it might if you send the material in docx or one of the newer word procession software versions.

All members are invited to send material, which may be edited for space and other reasons. If you have a favorite book, a book report would be nice.

Oh yes, if you want to contribute to the Club and do not have a lot of time, you can become the Assistant Editor. Just let me know.



2014 Memorial Day Pool Party Report

Hearty smoked sausage and juicy grilled shrimp shish-kabobs, sweet summer corn and creamy red potato salad, zesty key lime pie cheesecake bars, and gooey chocolate fudge brownies - sounds pretty tasty, right? Well, after mixed with a few ice cold beers, some pool-side swimming, and an obligatory array of Jimmy Buffett tunes to set the mood, you have yourself one heck of a Memorial Day weekend celebration, one that Old Glory herself would be proud to fly over. Yes, our very own ABYC headquarters was decked out in red, white, and blue, ready to be filled with good food, tropical tunes, and of course, what gives our Club its 5-star status...our marvelous members!

Among new and existing ABYC members alike, 22 in all, everyone sure did enjoy mingling with each other and laughing over a few cold ones, not to mention having a pretty darn good excuse to spend the day basking in that beautiful Florida sunshine.

The Gaupp Family, hosts of the Memorial Day Pool Party, would like to thank everyone who came out for the celebration and hope everyone had a wonderful time!

Jill & Brian
Eric, Bonnie & Bradley

Remember -

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

Past Commodore's Report

Ivor Groves

Hello, from the absent Past Commodore. Please forgive me for being so absent this year. We spent all winter on *S/V Gratitude* in St Pete and points south and most of spring and summer in Hayesville NC. As a result, Lynn and I have not been around the club much and we have not had the opportunity to meet many of the new members. We are looking forward to doing so this fall.

However, in observing from afar, it looks like ABYC has recovered nicely from the 2008 downturn and slightly shrinking membership. Significantly we have been growing in membership very nicely the last couple of years. Scott Robinson and many others have done a great job finding, supporting and welcoming new members. Also thanks to Maxie Glenn's excellent guidance and diligence with fiscal matters ABYC has weathered tight times and kept the budget in the black. In the last few years ABYC has made some upgrades to the facilities and replaced some items that needed fixing. Thank you Board members for all of the work that you have done to help ABYC get to the current excellent status.

As we all know, ABYC is a fully voluntary club where all the work is done by dedicated volunteers. We have been extremely fortunate over the years to have volunteers help by serving on the Board and as officers of the Club. We also have members who bartend, cook, help with cleanup, plan and organize racing and other boating events, publish a monthly Club newsletter, and take care of the many details it takes to keep the facilities and organization in good shape.

In August, the Nominating

Committee will be named by the Commodore to develop the recommendations for Board membership and slate of officers for next year.

These recommendations will be presented to the membership in October and voted on at the November Annual membership meeting. Serving on the Board is a rich experience that helps one develop a deeper understanding of the workings of the Club and also develop deeper ties to all the members. All full members in good standing are eligible to be considered. If you are interested in finding out more about what is involved in serving on the Board as an officer or wish to volunteer your time in other ways, please let me, Scott or other members of the Board know of your interest, so that we can have a great group of volunteers for next year's officers, Board and Club activities.

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.

PHRF Fall 2014 Race Dates

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)

SCUTTLEBUTT

Marcia Bjerregaard

Remember the black jacket I tried to get rid of? Our daughter asked if we'd found one on the boat. Whew! Glad, no one claimed it.

The big ABYC pot donated by Lee Chubb is missing from the clubhouse. It's often used for Club events, so hope it finds its way home promptly.

Don Reeder has two gallons of Trinidad SR Black bottom paint that he doesn't need. He bought it from West Marine in February for \$279 per gallon plus tax. He will sell both gallons for a total of \$300, if anyone has a bottom job coming up. The cans have never been opened and have been stored inside.

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

Can you get back in your boat if you fall overboard? The Canadians decided to take care of the problem by requiring: "When the freeboard exceeds 0.5 metres (approximately 20 inches) you will

need a re-boarding device. However, your vessel already meets this requirement if it has transom ladders or swim platform ladders. An outboard engine may not be used as a re-boarding device." For more information take a look at:

<http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/tp-tp15111-4282.htm>

When flying, you know your radio works because you have to talk to Ground Control before the plane moves very far. One means to check on your boat's VHF is to call an automated radio check station provided by Sea Tow. In our area, you can contact:

Shields Marina
 VHF Channel: 27
 Wakulla Diving Center
 VHF Channel: 26
 Carrabelle Marina
 VHF Channel: 27

To use this service, tune your radio to the proper channel for your community.

Conduct a radio check as you normally would.

Upon releasing the mike, the system will replay your transmission, letting you hear how you sound.

Sea Tow is located at:
 Panacea, FL
 (850) 984-3456

The other towing service in our area is:
 TowBoatUS St. Marks
 St. Marks, FL
 (850) 697-8909

BBQ Social Report

Pat Renovitch

On a cool evening, 22 party-goers enjoyed a BBQ dinner at the Club on Saturday, July 19. Festive red, white and blue decorations adorned inside and outside tables.

Thanks go to Ann Getman for decorating and making brownies and iced tea. Gordon Renovitch tended bar. The Club has a great selection of wines, beer and mixed drinks and Gordon served quite a few.

Hammaknockers in Crawfordville prepared the dinner, and there was plenty to eat. Saturday was that restaurant's 10th anniversary. There was a band and ongoing singing when Gordon and Pat picked up the food. Unfortunately it was raining all afternoon, but as luck would have it, all was dry by 5 pm.

Most everyone stayed at the Club until 10 pm. Conversations included discussions about ideas for future Club socials, like dancing instructions (maybe line dancing, polka - you get the idea) using the music available on the Club's TV. Another idea tossed around was having jam sessions, with members teaching others how to play. (Reggae music played in the background during these lively discussions.)

As for the social, a great time was enjoyed by all.

**Changes in Attitude Social**

Date: August 30, 2014

Time: 1800 - 1930

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

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2014

August

- August 02: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- August 09: Social - Low Country Boil - Clubhouse
7:00 pm - dinner
- August 30: Dinghy Races – 1:00 pm
Changes In Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm

September

- Sept. 01: Labor Day Pool Party
- Sept. 06: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- Sept. 07: PHRF Race #1 of 6
- Sept. 13: Social
- Sept. 21: PHRF Race #2 of 6
- Sept. 27: PHRF Race #3 of 6
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).

The MARK August 2014

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