



THE MARK

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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Aug. 6 Board Meeting
- Membership Meeting
- Aug. 13 Dive-in Movie Night
- Aug. 20 PHRF Summer Race
- Aug. 27 Dinghy Racing
- Changes in Attitude
- Aug. 28 PHRF #1

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Cam Whitlock

It's great to see so much member activity around the Club with members taking advantage of the afternoon sea-breeze to sail, while others lounge in the pool to stay cool in these 'dog days' of summer. In preparation for this article, I wanted find out when the 'dog days' officially occur. I was surprised to learn that the 'dog days' have nothing to do with the heat of the summer making dogs so hot, all they want to do is lie around in the shade panting. In fact, the phrase originates in Greek and Roman antiquity around the day when Sirius, the dog star, appeared to rise just before the sun in late July. They referred to these days

as the hottest time of the year, a period that could bring fever or even catastrophe. Given these possibilities, I think we should stick with the concept that it's just too hot for our four legged friends to be active!

Fall PHRF racing starts at the end of the month. Vice Commodore Huub Weijers has worked hard to put together a schedule that minimizes conflicts with football and low tides, so that we can get as many boats out on the water as possible. So consider this fair warning to all racers and cruisers to get your projects completed for racing at the end of the month.

Please join me in welcoming new members, Chris and Margit Miller to ABYC.

Clubhouse update: Our contractor, Mike Johnson is working on his final pricing for the construction project. With any luck, construction activity will start in August.

Vice Commodore's Corner

Huub Weijers

July brought the usual mix of hot, sunny days and a couple of thunderstorms with heavy rains each week.

On the sunny days there will often be a good sea breeze in the afternoon and I got several requests to organize something to take advantage of that. And so two PHRF Summer races were added to the agenda. The first one

was Saturday July 23rd. Sunny, but the heat was moderated by a decent southerly sea breeze. Skippers meeting was 4:45 PM at the North Mark, where five boats showed up and a N-C-N course was set.

Amongst the Harmonys, *Wiki Wiki* came in ahead of *Staccato*. *Kestrel* came in before *Mary Hargot*, a beautiful yawl, after a close crossing on the upwind leg. *Baileywick* completed the race course shortly thereafter. The bar was open and the grill was hot after the race for a pleasant conclusion of the evening.

Next race is Saturday, August 20 with again a 4:45 skippers meeting for a 5 PM start at the N-mark.

We will then move straight on into the Fall PHRF series. Because of tides and football games, all races are on Sundays, except for PHRF #6 which will be part of the Vice-Commodore Regatta on Saturday, October 26. The schedule is posted on page 4 of this issue.

All sailing vessels are invited to join for the series or one or more individual races. See you on the water

MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, August 06, 2016

- Social - 1800
- Pot Luck - 1900
- Meeting - 1945
- Program - 2000

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Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

If there is a change in your directory information, don't hesitate to send an email to:

membership.abyc@gmail.com

If you prefer the bill goes to a different address, let me know at:

purser.abyc@gmail.com.

As always, if you have any suggestions for streamlining our processes, please let any of your Board members know.

Membership Report

Steve LaRosa

I would like to welcome new member, Kurt Krier, to ABYC. He is joining as a young professional member and is looking to expanding his sailing experiences. If you need crew on the water please contact Kurt. As always if you see a new member at the Club, please welcome them warmly.

Also, I am reaching out to any new members that would like more experience sailing on the Club boats. If you want to go out on a Saturday or Sunday, I am available to go with you most weekends. Just call or text to arrange a time.

stvelarosa54@yahoo.com

Rear Commodore's Corner

Jerry Wells

A workday is planned for Saturday, August 13th. More information later.



Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

John McBride

In July we had Jessi Halligan enthusiastically present information about her groundbreaking artifacts discovered in our local Aucilla River. Jessi is an assistant professor in FSU's Anthropology Department whose findings set back the date of people in the Southeastern USA by 1,000 years.

On August 6th, Ryan Finn of New Orleans is giving a presentation at the Club as he prepares for a first ever solo record, sailing his 36' proa from NYC to San Francisco. Finn campaigned a Mini Class boat and has extensive solo racing experience. The Mini Class is a box rule development class where things like water ballast, canting keels and articulating bows were first tried out on 21' boats raced single handed across the Atlantic. Ryan is the rare American sailor who has participated in this race, where mainly French sailors rule the roost. Ryan is selling shirts and requesting donations for his record attempt. Donations are welcomed, but he also wants to build awareness in the sailing community. Please plan on joining us!

Jr. Board Member Report Social Report and Plans

Angel Ganey

July was full of activity: pool party and cookout on the 4th, great program by Dr. Jessi Halligan on the 9th, beautiful music by Cierra Skye on the 16th, and a fun-filled baby shower on the 24th. Many, many thanks to Teri Watkins and Dan Rocawich for wrapping up the month by hosting the July CIA.

As we move into August, be sure to join us for the membership meeting on Saturday, August 6. 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 pm, 7:00 pm, 7:45 pm and 8:00 pm for landlubbers.

"Captain Ron" returns to ABYC for movie night on August 13th, but this isn't just a typical movie night. Wear your swimsuit and bring your towel because this is a "dive-in" movie that will be shown pool side...weather permitting, of course. Seating will also be available for those who prefer to watch the movie from outside the pool. Stay tuned for details as the event approaches.

Did you know? ABYC member, John Binns, plays lead guitar in the band RoadHouse! RoadHouse is a five piece band from Tallahassee that plays "Rockin' Rhythm & Blues" with a North Florida flavor. If you are looking for something to do on Sunday afternoon, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm (August 14), go see John and Road House at Ouzts Too Oyster Bar and Grill, located on U.S. HWY 98 at the St. Mark's River Bridge.

Plan to join us for cocktails and appetizers at the Changes in Attitude (CIA) social on Saturday, August 27th, hosted by Jimmy and Sondra Lee. The bar will open at 6 p m and we'll enjoy appetizers until 7:30 pm. If you are interested in hosting a CIA in September or October, please let me know.

See you at the Club!

ABYC Board Meeting

Draft Minutes - July 16, 2016

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.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cam Whitlock, Commodore
John McBride, Sr. Board Member
Maxie Glenn, Purser
Angel Ganey, Jr. Board Member
Mickie Cooksey, Scribe

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Vice Commodore, Huub Weijers
Past Commodore, Steve LaRosa
Rear Commodore, Jerry Wells

1. Meeting called to order at 3:10 pm by Commodore Cam Whitlock.

2. Motion to approve minutes, as printed, made by John McBride, seconded by Maxie Glenn, passed..

A. Commodore Report -

a. Website transition: Transition is ongoing. Deadline to move site is September.

Renovation update: Pricing from Mike Johnson for renovation expected by end of July. Construction expected to begin in August. Reservation procedures concerning private parties at the clubhouse discussed. It was noted that Jerry Wells is responsible for notifying Board members.

B. Vice Commodore Report -
(Huub Weijers not present)

a. Mini-summer PHRF race series announced for July 23rd and August 20th by Cam Whitlock.

C. Past Commodore Report -
(Steve LaRosa not present)

a. It was noted by Commodore Cam Whitlock that Steve LaRosa is to follow-up with The Gowrie Group and report findings.

D. Rear Commodore Report -
(Jerry Wells not present)

a. Boat Slip Activity: It was

stated by Commodore Cam Whitlock that there has been no further resolution of orphan dock purchase.

Seawall Repair Pricing: No repair costs presented.

It was noted by Cam Whitlock that all boat slips are full and there is a waiting list of one (1) currently.

b. Thermostat Instructions: Instructional signs for thermostat and dishwasher usage tabled until next meeting.

Sign Letters: Discussion noted there are some old letters being used on driveway sign as there are not enough new letters to make announcements. Motion to order two additional sign sets made by Mickie Cooksey, seconded by John McBride. Angel Ganey to order two additional sets of letters. Driveway sign to be refurbished was also discussed.

Upcoming workday discussed and scheduled for August 13th, 2016. Propane tank for grill discussed. Cam Whitlock to donate an additional tank for clubhouse usage.

E. Purser Report -

a. Maxie Glenn stated two (2) equity shares have been redeemed. Member photos for directory discussed and it was unanimous among Board members that task was too arduous to attempt.

John McBride made motion to approve previously distributed Purser's report, seconded by Mickie Cooksey, passed.

F. Jr. Board Member Report -

a. Upcoming events discussed. No update on use of paper goods and trash. Eleni King declined offer to stock paper goods, other than coming early prior to scheduled events to do so.

Huub Weijers recently offered to host Movie Night featuring "Admiral".

John McBride to host movie night with "Dive-In" movie to be held

poolside evening of August 13th. Discussion was had regarding movie screen and use of projector, having pizza available for \$5 per person and movie ratings to be posted in announcement.

b. Next Board meeting to be held at 3:00 p.m.

G. Sr. Board Member Report -

a. Upcoming speakers not yet scheduled.

H. Scribe Report -

a. Handicapped sign donated by Mickie Cooksey for new parking lot per code requirements.

John McBride made motion to adjourn, seconded by Maxie Glenn at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Mickie Cooksey, Scribe

Regular Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Cam Whitlock. After introduction of guests, reports by the officers present, a short update on the clubhouse plans, the meeting was adjourned and the program was presented by Dr. Jessi Halligan.

Ostinato Report

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

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



FALL PHRF RACE SCHEDULE

Huib Weijers

The dates are as follows:

PHRF 1 Sun August 28
 PHRF 2 Sun September 11
 PHRF 3 Sun September 25
 PHRF 4 Sun October 2
 PHRF 5 Sun October 16
 PHRF 6/VC regatta Sat Octo-
 ber 22
 make up Sun October 30

Skippers' meeting is held at 1030 at the Clubhouse. All boats welcomed. If you do not have a PHRF number for your boat, contact me.



Webmaster's Cubicle



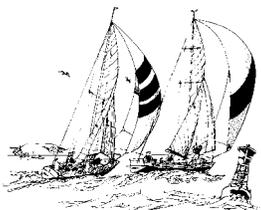
C. Henry Depew

The very old web program that I inherited from Al Oosterhof is no longer supported and is not compatible with the newer operating systems. Thus, the website is being up-graded using current software and should be compatible with the newer operating systems.

It has been an interesting time being the "webmaster" for ABYC and thanks to a lot of help, most of the time it has been a successful activity. Although a number of members expressed interest along the way to taking over the site, at the moment, along with all the other things they are doing to ABYC, Michael Ganey and Denise Imbler are working on the

hardware and software sides of the new site.

If all goes as planned, you will have a new web site on-line by September 1, 2016.



HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

Your GPS unit uses a projection and a datum source to display the latitude and longitude on the screen. The data's projection, datum, and scale determines the accuracy of the "dot" on your electronic chart. If you do not have the GPS connected to an electronic chart then the reading on the GPS could be in error. Of possible interest is that work is being finalized for a new datum for GPS units. Distortions from a poor map projection or positional inaccuracy from either poor transformations or improper scale selection can introduce problems in position location information. Boating magazines carry accident reports where the electronic chart was set to the wrong scale for use.

To improve the accuracy of GPS units, there was a move to NAD83 from NAD27. There is now a plan to use a new datum by 2022. While that date is a bit in the future, you may want to keep up with the proposed change and how it will affect your current GPS unit and electronic charts.

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.)

Web Calendar

If you go to the ABYC web site <abyconline.org> and click on the "Extended Calendar - click here" you will be taken to the on-line web calendar. Please check that site for current event information.

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.



Changes in Attitude Social

Date: August 27, 2016

Time: 6 - 7:30 pm

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

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2016

August

Sat. Aug. 6	3:30-5:00 pm	Board Meeting - Clubhouse
	6:00-8:00 pm	Membership Meeting and Potluck Dinner - Clubhouse
Sat. Aug. 13		Dive-in Movie Night
Sat. Aug. 20	4:45 pm	PHRF Summer Race - North Mark
Sat. Aug. 27	1:00-3:00 pm	Dinghy Racing
	6:00-7:30 pm	Changes in Attitude - Clubhouse
Sun. Aug. 28	10:30 am	PHRF #1 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse

September

Mon. Sept. 5		Labor Day
Sat. Sept. 10	3:30-5:00 pm	Board Meeting - Clubhouse
	6:00-8:00 pm	Membership Meeting and Potluck Dinner - Clubhouse
Sun. Sept. 11	10:30 am	PHRF #2 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse
Sat. Sept. 24	1:00-3:00 pm	Dinghy Racing
	6:00-7:30 pm	Changes in Attitude - Clubhouse
Sun. Sept. 25	10:30 am	PHRF #3 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse



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, 2016

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