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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Aug. 05 Adult Sailing Course
Board Meeting
Membership Meeting -
 - Aug. 06 Adult Sailing Course
 - Aug. 26 Dinghy Racing
CIA
 - Aug. 27 PHRF #1
- Come and Enjoy the Fun!!**

Commodore's Comments

Cam Whitlock

It was great to see such a good turn out for the July potluck meeting and presentation on unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) by Steve Hogan. Steve's presentation was interesting and sparked a lot of good conversation.

Maxie Glenn notified the Board of her intention to step down as Purser after serving in this position for over 11 years. This is one of the most important and challenging positions on the Board and she has done a fantastic job. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank Maxie for all that she has done for ABYC. We are actively looking for someone with an accounting background to fill this crucial position. If you are interested or know

someone that is, please let one of the Board members know.

The next time you're at the clubhouse, you'll notice that the new chairs are in! The old chairs are for sale for \$10 each. If you're interested in purchasing chairs, let one of the Board members know. The purchase of the chairs can be billed directly to your account. We are still trying to raise money to fund the bathroom renovations with donations of \$100 for 2 chairs. If you haven't already done so, please consider donating to this effort.

The Board has voted to move forward to secure financing for seawall replacement, dock electrical replacement, and dock repairs. The seawall project repairs are expected to begin in the fall, with the dock repairs to follow. Please contact me if you have any questions.

ABYC continues to grow, this month we welcome new associate members, John Bell and Alex Csinos. As always if you see someone at the clubhouse you don't know, please introduce yourself.

Fair winds and following seas!

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.

Vice Commodore's Corner

Jimmy Lee

July has brought with it the usual mix of hot humid and sunny days and a bunch of rain in general. Since summer also tends to kick up the sea breezes in the afternoon, we had two fun Beer Can Races (summarized in a separate column).

As the summer moves into fall, all eyes turn to foot...I mean Fall PHRF racing. The tides may be a bit tricky this season with races either on Saturday or Sunday. Please note PHRF #6 will be part of the Vice-Commodore Regatta on Saturday, October 21. The schedule is posted near the end of the newsletter. All sailing vessels are invited to join for the series or one or more individual races. See you on the water and at the clubhouse after the races.

Due to a packed schedule and vacations dinghy racing has missed a few months; having said this, we should get back on track with some racing fun in the basin. Keep an eye peeled on the ABYC calendar and on the message board at the Club.

Once the sailing camp was done in June, we had a fun filled Youth Sail Camp Regatta and BBQ on June 24th. The Regatta

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MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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consisted of two fleets of Hobie Holders and we had several exciting races. Congratulations to Andrew Bennett and Brandon Howell for the winning the A fleet and Sophia Parker and Joey Coetzee for the winning the B Fleet. Also, great job to all the participants and thanks to all the volunteers that made this Regatta a success!

Just as a reminder, all Club members have access to Club boats which include the Hunter 23, Capri 22 and a variety of Hobie Holders and prams (if you are tiny). For the Hunter and the Capri, you will need a check out ride. Give Mike Ganey or me a call, if you have any questions regarding this or the check out procedures for any of the boats.

Another big item for the end of July and August is the weekends of July 29-30 and August 5-6, Apalachee Bay Community Sailing is putting on two day sailing courses. If you need any information, contact Mike Ganey or any other ABCS Board member (this includes me).

Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

When you receive an email with the subject "Invoice from Apalachee Bay Yacht Club", the balance due is ONLY the amount for your current Club activity. To see if there is also an outstanding balance, you need to click on "View Invoice", which will include any balance due.

I have gone to Long Island for the summer. If you have any questions, you can email me at

mbg1215@netzero.net

or call me at

516-695-0332.

Rear Commodore's Corner

Dan Rocawich

Thanks to all of the members, who donated monies to help in allowing us to get new chairs, cocktail tables and future bathrooms remodeling. It is not too late to donate, if you would like to do so.

Hopefully the seawall and dock repairs project will start in November.

The Health Department requires that the pool water is tested on a daily basis. Luckily we have seven great volunteers, who have chosen one day each week to do the test. I thank them for helping us out!

We have a new fire extinguisher, donated by Steve LaRosa, located in the grilling area for those of us who cannot operate a grill! Remember the PASS strategy: Pull, Aim, Squeeze and Sweep.

If you see something that needs replaced or repaired, please let me know.

See you at the Club!

For Sale or Trade

Effective immediately, members may advertise items in *The Mark* for sale, trade, or giveaway. There is no charge for this service. Ads should include a description of the item, asking price, and contact information of the seller. The items may be nautical or otherwise, but advertising of a commercial nature is not permitted in this section.

Please send info on items for sale or trade to Glenn Parker
glennp53@comcast.net
or call 407-312-2202 if you have any questions.

**Jr. Board Member Report
Social Report and Plans**

Angel Ganey

In the heat of the summer, what better way to cool off than by enjoying some delicious homemade ice cream? Many thanks to Nell and John Johnston for cooling us all off at the July Changes In Attitudes. It is an event we look forward to each and every year.

ABYC's monthly membership meeting and potluck takes place on Saturday, August 5th. This event is a great way to meet Club members and to learn about all that is going on with the Club. Bring a dish to share for the potluck supper. Cocktails begin at 6:00 pm; dinner is served buffet-style at 7:00 pm; the membership meeting begins at 7:45 pm, followed by a program at 8:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you!

The always fun Changes In Attitudes (CIA) social takes place the evening of August 26, and is being hosted by Teri Watkins and Dan Rocawich. You won't want to miss it!

If you would like to host an event (movie night?) or have an idea for something social (host a dinner?) to do at the Club, please let me know and we will get it scheduled.

Scuttlebutt

Marcia Bjerregaard

Former member Bill Luger has died. He and Kay gave us a magnificent show of ballroom dancing at Commodore's Balls and even gave lessons before the event one year. He cheerily served on the Board. He also traveled south with Carl and came home dragging all those Holders.

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.

ABYC Board Meeting 7/8/2017

Present

Cam Whitlock, Commodore
Jimmy Lee, Vice Commodore
Dan Rocawich, Rear Commodore
Steve LaRosa, Past Commodore
Glenn Parker, Scribe
John Newton, Sr. Board Member
Angel Ganey, Jr. Board Member

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Cam Whitlock at 3:08 PM.

Glenn Parker moved to approve the minutes from the May meeting and Steve LaRosa seconded. The motion was passed.

Commodore's Report

Cam Whitlock provided an update on the purchase of the orphan slips. Steve LaRosa informed the Board that the canal bottom needs to be released by Quitclaim deed, which is taking more time than anticipated. The project remains in process. Cam Whitlock updated the Board on the seawall and dock repair projects. The latest appraisal of ABYC property came in at approximately \$500,000, providing a source of financing for these projects via a loan modification, which has already been approved by the bank. Dan Rocawich is attempting to obtain another quote for the seawall repair.

The lounge area cocktail tables are being constructed and should be completed in 30 to 60 days. New clubhouse chairs have been purchased and should be delivered within two weeks. The new chairs will be more comfortable and store more easily than the present ones. Eight to ten of the old chairs will

be retained for Club use, with the remainder offered for sale to members. Cam reported that the Board is in need of a new Webmaster and a new Purser. Any members who are interested should contact a Board member. Michael and Angel Ganey are in the process of building the new website in the meantime. The Board discussed the fact that state law does not allow members or guests to bring personal alcohol into the clubhouse when the bar is open.

Steve LaRosa moved that the Board approve the loan modification for the seawall and dock repair projects. Specifically, that Cam Whitlock and Steve LaRosa be given authority to sign on behalf of the Board. John Newton seconded and the motion was approved by a majority of Board members.

Vice Commodore's Report

Jimmy Lee discussed making some changes to the daily race fees currently charged for PHRF races by increasing the fee to \$10 (from \$8) for members, and to \$12 (from \$10) for non-members. In lieu of paying daily fees, racers may still pay series fee to include all races in that series, which will remain unchanged at \$40 for members and \$48 for non-members. Jimmy reported that last weekend's beer can race was a success and that the west race mark is missing and needs to be replaced. Steve LaRosa moved that the PHRF fee changes be approved and Glenn Parker seconded. The motion was passed.

Past Commodore's Report

Steve LaRosa reported that John Bell and Alex Csinos have been approved as new associate members. The by-laws subcommittee is currently working on by-law changes regarding the membership structure for Board review.

Rear Commodore's Report

Dan Rocawich discussed the need for the current hurricane plan to include storm shutters for the clubhouse. Dan will provide a proposal at a later date. Volunteers have been secured to assist with the pool water testing. Dan will obtain one or two fire extinguishers for the downstairs area, due to the possible fire hazard posed by use of the barbecue grills.

Jr. Board Member's Report

Angel Ganey discussed upcoming social events including a CIA scheduled for July 29 and a movie night to be held on the 12th or 19th of August. A Karaoke night is also being planned.

Sr. Board Member's Report

John Newton reported that Trish Boyd will assist in selecting ABYC logo items that will for sale to the membership. The July speaker will discuss drones. The Lees and Ganey's will speak at the August membership meeting about the Pro Am races they attended.

Scribe's Report

Glenn Parker proposed that the attendance fee for certain events be reduced to 50% for children 12 and younger in order to encourage attendance at these events for those members with young children or grandchildren. Steve LaRosa moved to adopt this practice going forward and Jimmy Lee seconded. The motion was passed.

With no more business to discuss, Steve LaRosa moved for adjournment and Jimmy Lee seconded. The motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Membership Meeting

Members and guests met on July 8th at the clubhouse for the pot-luck, meeting and program
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After introduction of guests, reports of the officers present, and announcements, the meeting was adjourned, and the program followed.

Boating Emergency Numbers

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

Membership Report

Steve LaRosa

We have a membership application posted at the clubhouse for Willard ("Will") and Jennifer Harms. Will and Jennifer have house on the basin on Shell Point Beach Road near the beach. Please review the membership and pass on any comments to myself or any other Board member. And also our newest members John Bell and Alex Csinos (pronounced casinos) should be spotted occasionally at the clubhouse. Please welcome them, when you see them.

stevelarosa54@yahoo.com

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.

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

John Newton

In July we heard from Steve Hogan of the Ausley McMullen law firm about the Wild West of drone law, which is just now developing. We learned that the privacy issues have barely hit the courts. In other words, your anti-aircraft rights when the neighbor's drone is hovering over your pool are unclear. About the only clear thing is that the FAA says drones are aircraft. Another clear thing is that if Steve tires of the law, Second City would welcome him. Members did not want Steve to stop talking. For more information on drone regulations, take a look at the *State Drone Law Book*

www.dronelawyers.com/book

The August meeting will feature tales and photos of the Bitter End ProAm Regatta in the British Virgin Islands and the privations of bunking at the Bitter End. Angel Ganey (winner of the Spirit of the ProAm Award and a free return trip), Sondra Winter Lee, Michael Ganey, and Jimmy Lee will report on how they spent their Fall vacation. Here is a link to an article. <http://sailingmagazine.net/article-1893-racing-for-fun-with-the-pros.html> Think of it as camp for grownups, sorta grownups.

Pulitzer Prize winning author Robert Olen Butler will speak at the October meeting.

Suggestions for September are needed.

Fall PHRF Schedule:

Race 1 - Sunday Aug. 27th
Race 2 - Sunday Sept. 10th
Race 3 - Sunday Sept. 17th
Race 4 - Saturday Sept. 23rd
Race 5 - Saturday Oct. 14th
Race 6/Vice Commodore's Regatta - Saturday Oct. 21st
Makeup Race (if needed) - Sunday Oct. 29th

Skippers' meeting at 1030 at the Clubhouse.

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

"All I could see from where I stood was marsh grass and a piney wood. I turned and looked the other way, and saw three island in the bay."

The above was the introduction to a "Treasure Hunt" held one year for ABYC members and family. Additional bad poetry provided clues as to where the treasure was buried. We used to hold one of these events each year along with the Rubber Ducky Race.

The Rubber Ducky Race had all kinds of strange rules for the event with the winner getting a rubber duck and last place getting a plastic turtle.

Directory Up-Date Process

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 the Purser

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.

The Reader's Berth

C. Henry Depew

After Sputnik started circling Earth, some scientists listening to the signal and using ground stations to track its progress considered about using satellites sending down signals to provide a means to find an location on Earth with the triangulation of the signals. From this beginning, today's GPS was created.

Other scientists were looking at ways to provide effective computer communication in the event of a nuclear war. From their work, ARPANET was created and from this start, we have today's Internet.

Those scientists (and engineers who made it happen) worked in a small, non-bureaucratic establishment called the Advanced Research Projects Agency. For a very readable and informative book on the agency and its work, find a copy of:

The Imagineers of War: the Untold Story of DARPA, the Pentagon Agency that Changed the World, by Sharon Weinberger (Alfred A. Knoff, New York, 2017) and start reading.

Beer Can Racing Report

The Beer Can racing in July (1st and 15th) was a rousing success with two fun filled and interesting races. The idea behind the racing is a (somewhat) low competitive, high fun races with a twist.

Race #1 had all participants picking a number out of a hat (at the skippers' meeting) and the low number was allowed to pick the first race mark 5 minutes before the start. Then the first one around

that mark got to pick the next mark. This continued on until everyone got tired, got hungry or ran out of beer. *Baringa* came in as a commanding first place for Race 1.

Race #2 added a little seamanship twist. All participants had to anchor behind the start line with their sails dropped. At the starting horn, all participants had to sail off their anchor and run the course as normal. Congratulations to *Watergeus* with a fantastic start and a good read to the windward mark.

Both races we were fortunate to have a nice sea breeze in the afternoon with both start times being at 5 pm. After the races we have a great time back at the Club for grilling and fellowship.

I would expect we will do this again next year!

Apalachee Bay Community Sailing Report

Angel Ganey

Apalachee Bay Community Sailing's 2017 Youth Summer camps were a great success. There were three weeks of sailing camp that included 24 youth sailors, all under the instruction of Kris Hebert, along with several volunteers.

While the primary objective of camp was to get the campers out on the water sailing, sometimes Mother Nature didn't cooperate the way we hoped. However, there were plenty of off-water activities to keep the campers busy. Applying their knot-tying skills, campers made survival bracelets out of paracord; they made customized burgees out of an old sail, but perhaps the most sought after activity was getting in the pool!

Out of the registered campers,

Alex Weber (grandson of members Pat and Frank Hankins) completed his fourth year, Andrew Bennett (son of members John and Susan Bennett) and Sophia Parker (daughter of members Glenn and Lisa Parker) completed their third year, and five youth sailors attended camp last year.

To round out the summer sail camp series, ABCS hosted a Youth Regatta with 18 sail camp participants and 2 helpers on the committee boat for a total of 20 out of 24 campers who participated. After the Regatta, everyone approximately 70 people) headed back to the ABYC clubhouse for a cookout, an awards ceremony and of course, more time in the pool.

Thank you to all of the volunteers and ABCS Board members who contributed time to sail camp, the Regatta and the cookout: Carl Bjerregaard, Jimmy and Sondra Lee, Denise Imbler Whitlock, Brandon Maykut, Bradley Hebert, Frank Hankins, Gordon and Pat Renovitch, Jerry Wells, Jim Bailey, Steve LaRosa and Michael and Angel Ganey.

A very special thank you to Joeann Vesecky for allowing ABCS to use the lot next to her house to keep the sailboats and the sail trailer all three weeks of sail camp! Joeann kept our boats secure and checked on them daily.

Save the Date! We are planning for the 2018 youth sail camp to take place June 4-8, with an advanced class happening June 11-15.



ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2017

August

- August 05 Adult Sailing Course (Part 1 of 2) - 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:00-4:30 pm
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - social 6-7:00 pm - potluck dinner
7:00-7:45 pm - business meeting 7:45-8:00 pm
- August 06 Adult Sailing Course (Part 2) - 9:00 am-4:00 pm
- August 26 Dinghy Racing
CIA - Clubhouse - 6:00-7:30 pm
- August 27 PHRF #1 - Clubhouse - 10:30 am Skippers' Meeting

September

- Sept. 09 Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:00-4:30 pm
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - social 6-7:00 pm - potluck dinner
7:00-7:45 pm - business meeting 7:45-8:00 pm
- Sept. 10 PHRF #2 - Clubhouse - 10:30 am Skippers' Meeting
- Sept. 17 PHRF #3 - Clubhouse - 10:30 am Skippers' Meeting
- Sept. 23 PHRF #4 - Clubhouse - 10:30 am Skippers' Meeting
- Sept. 30 Private Event - Clubhouse - 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Dinghy Races 1:00 pm
CIA - Clubhouse - 6:00-7:30 pm



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, 2017

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