

THE MARK

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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Aug. 31-Sept. 02
Dog Island Cruise
- Sept. 03: Labor Day Activities
- Sept. 08: PHRF #1
Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
- Sept. 22: Dinghy Races
Safari Supper
- Sept. 29: PHRF #2
Changes In Attitude

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Ivor Groves

September is here and the beginning of the fall racing season. The first PHRF race is September 8th. We love to have lots of boats in the races so come out and give it a try. Dinghy races are scheduled for September 22nd.

The Nominating Committee for the 2013 Board has been appointed as specified in the bylaws. Lorna Tweedie, Carl Bjerregaard and Phil Werndli will be recruiting new Board members and soliciting ideas for new Board members. Please consider volunteering to be

on the Board. It is the best way to learn how ABYC works and to help shape the future of the Club. We have been in a largely maintenance mode since the economic downturn began in 2008. It seems that the economy is slowly getting better and there may be new opportunities coming our way. We have new associate and young professional members as well as some new regular members.

We are a volunteer member organization that is dependant on everyone to contribute. We also need everyone to help balance the overall needs of the Club with the preferences and perspectives of our varied membership. Please help us think about future development of the Club's programs and activities and volunteer for the Board to help us grow most effectively into the future.

Fair winds and I will see you at the races.

Vice Commodore's Corner

Scott Robinson

Calling all cruisers!!! The Robinsons and the Werndlis are planning a Labor Day Weekend cruise to Dog Island. Weather permitting, departure is scheduled for Friday morning, August 31 at 10:00 a.m. We plan to buddy boat from the ABYC to Dog Island, taking our sweet time and enjoying the sights along the way. While this is certainly not a race, they say that any two sailboats heading in the same direction are racing whether or not they admit it. We plan to raft up on Friday night at Dog Island, lounge around and/or sail on Saturday, raft up again on Saturday night and head for home on Sunday morning, September 2. All of you who are so inclined are invited to join in the fun. The schedule is totally flexible and you can meet up for any or all of the fun. Please call Scott at 850-544-6636, if you plan to join us.

Fall is just around the corner and the Fall PHRF Series will be starting before you know it. To try to attract as many racers as possible and to avoid as many home

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MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012
- 1800 - Social
- 1900 - Potluck Dinner
- 1945 - Business Meeting
- 2000 - Program

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(VC Column - continued)
 football games as possible, I propose to revise the race schedule as shown on page 4 ("Racing Information"). There will be a total of seven races, five of which would count towards the series. All racers please make plans now to attend the skippers' meeting at 10:30 am on Saturday, September 8 to sign up for the series.

The **Vice Commodore's Regatta** would take place on **October 20** with at least two short races, one of which would count towards the series.

Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

If you have any questions or comments concerning your monthly bill, please contact me at: mbg1215@netzero.net.

Also, I put a copy of the monthly financial statement in a notebook on the shelving behind the front door of the clubhouse. Please feel free to review the numbers and email me with any questions.

Enjoy your summer!

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.)

ABYC Social Report and Plans

Mary VanSciver

September will bring a repeat of our very successful Safari Supper from last year. A Safari Supper does involve some travel. It is a British approach to a fancy dining experience where parts of the meal are prepared and served by different hosts.

The **ABYC Safari Supper** takes place Saturday, **September 22**. Fancy hors d'oeuvres and a glass of white wine are served at the Oosterhof's home at 6 pm. We divide into more intimate groups for the dinner's main entree, prepared by and served at the homes of some of Shell Point's finest chefs. The main entree is served at 7:15. At 8:45, we convene at the clubhouse for assorted desserts. Drinks from the bar will also be available.

Reservations are essential and the number is limited. You are encouraged to contact Mary VanSciver promptly to make a reservation or to obtain more information: mary.vansciver@gmail.com or 850-264-9510. Cost is \$25.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the potluck on the 8th and the CIA on the 29th.

Ice Cream Topping Tasting Social

On Saturday eve, August 18, ABYC was the scene of happy participants at the Ice Cream Social Topping Tasting Party hosted by Lorna Tweedie! With some tasty appetizers early on, the group eagerly "dug in" to the ice cream, trying this topping and that. Toppings ranged from Southern Delight, (peaches and pecans), to rhu-barb and caramel sauces to amaretto and fresh pineapple. What

choices! Oh yes, we also had an "upside down" topping???, brownies, to add to everyone's delight! Folks eagerly returned for more ice cream and toppings, finally having to stop when filled to the brim!

Thanks to all for a very good time and thanks to Pat Renovitch for such gracious help setting up and cleaning up!



Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

C. Henry Depew

The August program was presented by Henry Depew on the development of the Shell Point area using air photos. If you are interested in air photos of any area in Florida, go to:

<http://ufdc.ufl.edu/aerials>

The Sept. program will be by Rosalyn F. Kilcollins on the work of the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Rear Commodore's Corner

Marc Lipsius

The AC problem has been fixed. Any problems, something need fixing - let me know.

ABYC BOARD MEETING Summary Minutes

Please be aware that the minutes upon which this summary is based have not been approved by the Board. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, but errors may inadvertently be present.

Board Meeting- August 4, 2012

Commodore Ivor Groves called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. at the clubhouse of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club.

Present: Ivor Groves, Scott Robinson, Martha Robinson, Lorna Tweedie and Henry Depew.

Absent: Marc Lipsius, Mary VanSciver and Maxie Glenn.

Vice Commodore Report

Scott Robinson reported that the Scallop Fling will take place on August 11. He will check the tides and an email announcement will be sent with the details of where to meet. This is a snorkeling activity and a fishing license is required. Henry reminded the group that a diver down flag is also required.

Dinghy racing will resume in September.

The PHRF racing series begins September 8.

Scott will continue studying the usage and maintenance of the clubhouse.

Senior Member Report

Henry Depew asked that all Board members submit their reports by August 15 for the next issue of *THE MARK*. He is working to update the website. Renewal of the URL will come due in the next couple of months.

Tonight's program speaker is Henry Depew. He will discuss and show aerial photos of Shell Point over the years.

The September program is not yet confirmed.

Scribe Report

The minutes of the July 2012 minutes were approved as printed

in the August 2012 issue of *THE MARK*.

Junior Member Report

In Mary's absence, Martha reported that Lorna Tweedie will host three events in August. She will serve as hostess for tonight's potluck dinner, for the Ice Cream Social on August 18 and for the CIA on August 25.

Rear Commodore Report – No report.

Ivor agreed to call the Building Department to confirm the status of the permit for the electrical work done in the kitchen.

Marketing Report

Past Commodore Lorna Tweedie reported that she had completed the list of Club benefits requested by Ivor. It was agreed that we would develop a package for responding to inquiries about membership. Ivor will continue to answer questions. Lorna will send them to him.

Purser Report - none

The financial statements dated June 5, 2012 were approved as distributed.

Membership Report

The Board approved the applications and membership for Lon Sweat and Matt Palsha.

Applications for Kris Hebert and Cam and Denise Whitlock have been posted in the clubhouse and will be considered at the September 2012 meeting.

New Business

Pool rules were discussed regarding music, food and beverages in the pool area. It was agreed that the Pool Rules should be posted on the wall inside the pool area.

Ivor will appoint a Nominating Committee that will consist of the two immediate past chairs (Lorna Tweedie and Carl Bjerregaard) and one member at large. The Committee will present a proposed slate of officers at the October meeting.

Elections will be held in November at the Annual Meeting.

Lorna reported that Carl's orchestra program will be broadcast live on August 18. We'd like to stream it live, if the technology will work properly.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Robinson, Scribe

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Commodore Ivor Groves called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. He introduced his guest Tom Rollin.

After brief reports from the officers present, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Robinson, Scribe

Guest speaker Henry Depew presented aerial slides and information about the development of Shell Point from 1950s to present.

Membership Application Forms

Applications for Club membership are now in the clubhouse and on the web site.

If you are recommending someone for membership, kindly tell them that there is a 30 day comment period between the receipt of the application and action by the Board at the next Board meeting.

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

According to a report in the Sept. issue of *National Fisherman*, one of the manufacturers of wet suits has come out with a version for use out of the water as foul weather gear. For more information on the Stormr product, take a look at:

www.stormrusa.com

The *Small Craft Advisor* is full of interesting articles and neat ideas related to boating. The Sept/Oct issue has an idea for those who like to paddle/row the local rivers, but do not like the logistics involved in getting back to the ground transportation (be met at the other end or paddle back). On pages 56 & 57 is an article about a couple who built light-weight boats that they can tow behind their bicycle and "cart" when not on the water. The bicycle and cart fit in the boat for the water portion of the outing.

www.angusrowboats.com.

According to a report on a study conducted by the American Boat & Yacht Council for the US Coast Guard on electrical shock in water:

"Depending upon several bodily factors, **a range of say 15 to 30 milliamps (mA) of AC current will create muscle paralysis, and the drowning of even good swimmers is the result.** An AC current flow of around 100 mA will put the heart into fibrillation, and death will likely follow within seconds. This is a very serious problem, but it is preventable."

Maybe one should stick a finger in the water. If it "tingles", do not go in as there is a short feeding into the water from some AC source.

Race Information:

The PHRF races are held offshore with the skippers' meeting held at the clubhouse at 10:30 am. All skippers are encourage to come to the skippers' meeting on September 8th to sign up for the series. The proposed race dates are:

September 8	November 3
September 29	November 10
October 6	November 17
October 20	

The dinghy races are held in varying locations at Shell Point. They are usually on the last Saturday of the month and usually start at 1:00 pm and a notice is sent out the membership as to where the racing will be held.

Dinghy racing resumes in September..

SCUTTLEBUTT

Marcia Bjerregaard

For Sale: Two Puffin dinghy sailboats. If interested, contact Lynn or Ivor Groves.

Full-rigged Ship



Web Sites For ABYC Boats

If you want to reserve one of the three ABYC boats, there is a web site for each.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Allegro>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FlyingScott>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ABYCKestrel/>

Please remember that you need to have been "checked out" by one of the authorized ABYC members before you can schedule the boat.

If you are not a member of the Yahoo Group, you need to join before you can schedule one of the boats. Go to the site of your choice and click on "Join". You will get a confirmation e-mail back when your application has been approved.

For more information, contact our Rear Commodore Marc Lipsius

MARK Advertising

Business card size ads are available at a cost of \$20 per ad, per issue.

Also, free listing of personal items from the membership that are for sale is available.

Camera-ready copy for the ads should be e-mailed to

sisu26@nettally.com

or mailed to

C. Henry Depew
3316 Lakeshore Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32312



Report from Ostinato

Sue Ross

Wahoo! Ostinato reporting in from the Isles of Scilly. The final jump from Ireland was as different from the jump from the Azores as were the jumps from Bermuda and the Bahamas. One lumpy seas, one too much wind, one light winds from the wrong direction and the last one was big seas in moderate wind. Its sailing, what else is new. All, except for the last, which was a merciful 24 hrs, had one thing in common, they were each about 2 days too long. Being trapped in a floating matchbox gets to be a bit of a bore after a week. There are just so many scrabble games you can play against "Norm" and books you can read before you start dreaming about air transport.

Beam me up, Scotty. Saying that, we are pleased to report that Ostinato has performed well. She did well in 30-35 knots but also moves quite respectable in light air. The broken steering chair

(sorry, Ivor) and boom, while not expected, were not unusual. It appeared that everyone in Horta was repairing something.

We have been cruising the southern coast of Ireland almost a month and were captured by its beauty, the friendliness of its people and how they embrace the sea, in spite of their lousy weather. Head to toe foul weather gear and life jackets are a fashion statement here. If looking for a different kind of chartering experience, Ireland should be high on your lists. Just don't forget your long underwear and rain gear!

Rumor is the boat show in Southampton in mid September is the best in Europe, so you know we have to go! After some warming up in the Scillies we will begin our trek east.

Sue & King on SV Ostinato

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.

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

GYA YACHT CLUBS

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| Bay-Waveland | Mobile |
| Biloxi | Navy |
| Birmingham | New Orleans |
| Buccaneer | Ocean Springs |
| Cypremort | Pass Christian |
| Fairhope | Pelican |
| Fort Walton | Pensacola |
| Grande Mau- | Pensacola Beach |
| melle | 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 | |

Members - Please Note

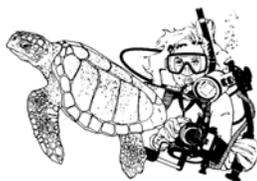
Due to Waste Pro requirements, the club trash can has been moved to the east side of the parking lot. Also, they do not recycle for commercial establishments so please use this bin for all waste.

The Ensign & the Club burgee should be taken down at the end of an event and put away in the ice house.



NON BYOB

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



Remember -

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



Changes in Attitude Social
Date: Sept. 29, 2012
Time: 1800 - 1930
Light appetizers will be served and the bar will be open.

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2012

September

- Aug. 31- Sept. 02: Dog Island Cruise
Sept. 03: Labor Day Activities
Sept. 08: PHRF #1 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse - 10:30 am
Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
Sept. 22: Dinghy Races - 1:00 pm
Social - Safari Supper - 6:00 pm
Sept. 29: PHRF #2 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse - 10:30 am
Changes In Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm

October

- Oct. 06: No Board Meeting
PHRF #3 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse - 10:30 am
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
Oct. 20: VC Regatta/Social - PHRF #4 - Skippers' Meeting -
Clubhouse - 10:30 am
Oct. 27: 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 up-dates/changes consult the Expanded Calendar at ABYC's web site (ABYConline.org).

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