



THE MARK

September 2014

Vol. XLVI, No. 9

ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Sept. 01: Labor Day Pool Party
- Sept. 06: Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
- Sept. 07: PHRF Race #1 of 6
- Sept. 12: Movie Night
- Sept. 20: Social
- Sept. 21: PHRF Race #2 of 6
- Sept. 27: PHRF Race #3 of 6
CIA

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Scott Robinson

It was great to see so many faces at the clubhouse for the presentation on history and future of the St. Marks lighthouse. It was nicely done.

At the September membership meeting, I will announce the members of the Nominating Committee, which will be led by Past Commodore Ivor Groves. This Committee has the honor of working with the Club's members to select the Board of Directors for next year. If you are interested in a position, please contact Ivor and

let him know. If someone on the Nominating Committee asks you to serve, please ask questions and consider the possibilities. As a member-run club, everyone has to do their part.

Racing starts again this month for the bigger boats. Please keep in mind that *Allegro*, a Harmony 22, 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. That means that some races will take place on Sunday, instead of Saturday. 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 and watch.

ABYC continues to grow. Please welcome new members, Glenn and Lisa Parker and Dee Pace and Glenn Broga. We are currently considering applications from Dave and Deborah Simpson and Randy and Mimi Lewis, 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

The Saga of the Race Marks

OMG, summer is ending. Hurray! And beautiful fall weather is arriving soon. With the arrival of fall, the PHRF race series begins. But we could not call it a race series without our well worn race marks hauled out, refurbished, and redeployed. I want to thank Scott Robinson and John Hamilton for hauling them out of the water using John's venerable *Big Ugly*.

Thanks again to John for donating a race mark to the Club to replace the missing south mark. The marks were cleaned, prepped and repainted. Thanks to Roy Rhodes and David Meade for doing this behind the scenes but important work. Thanks to Ed Fries for purchasing the hardware, chain and preparing the rigging rope to get

(continued on next page)

MEETING NOTICE

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, September 06, 2014

1800 - Social

1900 - Dinner

1945 - Meeting

2000 - Program

This issue:

Reports	1 & 2
Meeting Minutes	3
Activities	4 & 5
Fall PHRF Schedule	5
Calendar	6

(VC Report - continued)

them ready for redeployment into the great blue sea. Our plan is to leave them out until the end of the Spring Series, then bring them back in for repairs in May. Hopefully all 5 will weather the storms and seas to be refurbished again at that time.

Racing dates in September are September 7 (Sunday), September 21 (Sunday), and September 27 (Saturday with a late start 2 PM). Dates and start times are in deference to FSU home football games and tides. Skippers' meetings are at the clubhouse at 1030 on race days.

Kestrel has had some TLC thanks to Mike Ganey and David Meade and is ready for use. The new *Capri 22* is still not available for general use, due to engine problems that Michael Getman is sorting out.

Dinghy races were cancelled in July, August and September but hopefully will resume in October.

Looking forward to a fun Fall season and seeing everyone soon.

ABYC Social Report and Plans

Martha Robinson

Many thanks to Lindsey McIntire and Michael Getman for hosting a delicious Low Country Boil in August. The fresh shrimp, Bradley's sausage, potatoes and corn were delicious. The meal was topped with Lindsey's banana pudding and Ann Getman's brownies for dessert. Yummy!

Plan to join us for cocktails and appetizers at the Changes in Attitude (CIA) social on Saturday, Au-

gust 30. The bar will open at 6 p.m. and we'll enjoy appetizers until 7:30 p.m. New members Ken and Donna Harthausen will be the host and hostess. FSU will play Oklahoma State at 8 p.m. We'll watch on the 70" TV. The bar will be open.

On Monday, September 1, we'll celebrate Labor Day around the Club's swimming pool beginning at 1 p.m. Bring your own food and beverages. A barbecue grill is available. Enjoy the holiday at the clubhouse. Weather permitting.

Join us for the membership meeting on Saturday, September 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 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. for landlubbers.

On Friday, September 12, the Commodore will host movie night, starting at 6:30 p.m. Watch your email for the name of the movie or feel free to suggest one that you own. The bar will be open and popcorn will be provided.

Brian and Christine Walsh will host a Mexican feast catered by Chipotle's on Saturday, September 20. Watch your email for details.

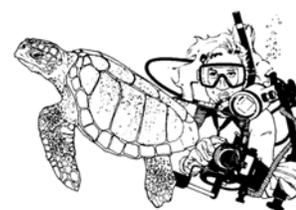
Plan to join us for cocktails and appetizers at the Changes in Attitude (CIA) social on Saturday, September 27. The bar will open at 6 p.m. and we'll enjoy appetizers until 7:30 p.m. Our host and hostess will be Al and Darlene Oosterhof.

As a member-run club, we are dependent upon members volunteering to organize an event or helping someone else. There is still time to sign up to host a CIA this year or to organize a dinner. Please contact me at mjrob101@yahoo.com or

850/544-6619 if you are interested. 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.

**Purser's Report**

Maxine Glenn

If you have any questions or comments concerning your monthly bill, please contact me by email:

mbgl215@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.

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, August 2, 2014 at the ABYC clubhouse.

Present: Scott Robinson, Ivor Groves, Martha Robinson, Dede Wells, Ed Fries

Absent: Cam Whitlock, Maxie Glenn, Steve LaRosa

Commodore-Scott Robinson

Scott updated the Board members on the recent installation of the new air conditioning system. Bill and Claire Harris pressure washed the entrance to the clubhouse recently. Steve LaRosa is coordinating work on the race marks in preparation for the fall racing season. The Board approved the membership application of Glenn and Lisa Parker, and in July the Board approved the membership application of Mark and Maria Yealdhall.

Rear Commodore-Ed Fries

Ed will begin to search for a commercial dishwasher to replace the sterilizer currently used in the kitchen. He will also schedule a future workday to take care of several maintenance needs at the clubhouse.

Scribe-Dede Wells

The Board approved a motion to approve the July minutes as reported in *The Mark*.

Junior Board Member-Martha Robinson

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

New Business

The Board discussed potential strategies for addressing the long term future needs of the organization, based on a growing membership.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dede Wells, Scribe

Membership Meeting

The August 2, 2014 membership meeting was called to order by Commodore Scott Robinson at 2000. He introduced and welcomed several guests. He then reported on the air conditioning system replacement and other maintenance issues. He recognized and thanked Bill and Claire Harris for pressure washing the entrance to the clubhouse.

Summer social events were reviewed by Martha Robinson. Dede Wells reported that the July minutes published in *The Mark* were approved by the Board. An error in the June minutes was discovered, and amended minutes will be presented to the Board for approval.

The membership had a short discussion about the need to attract the youth population with appropriate activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 2015, and followed by a program about the history and future of the St. Marks Lighthouse.

Respectfully submitted, Dede Wells, Scribe

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 have been posted at the clubhouse:
Dave and Deborah Simpson
Randy and Mimi Lewis

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

Camden Whitlock

Mr. Craig Kittendorf's presentation on history and future of the St. Marks Lighthouse was very interesting and informative. The structure became part of the U.S Coast Guard in 1939. On March 28, 2014, the official "Change of Command" ceremony was held and the St. Marks Light Station was officially transferred from the U. S. Coast Guard to the U.S. Department of Interior, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, St. Marks NWR.

For the September meeting, Denise and Cam Whitlock will talk about their experience buying a charter boat and share some of their summer adventures that followed.

Ostinato Report

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

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

Low Country Boil Report

Lindsey McIntire

On August 9th, over 45 members and guests enjoyed the Second Annual Low Country Boil. This year, the event was held upstairs to enjoy the new air conditioning and wide selections at the bar. Around 6:30, we discovered technical difficulties with the propane on the tailgate trailer. Ralph and Mickie came to the rescue and brought over their boiler. We would have had an even later dinner, had they not kindly offered to help. While dinner was finally cooking, Guy Getman made an epic return to the bar and served many thirsty (and hungry) attendees. Many thanks to Guy for bartending and Pat Renovitch for assisting.

A steaming mound of fresh shrimp, Bradley's sausage, corn, and potatoes was served around 8, with salad, bread, brownies, and banana pudding.

Thanks to Susie Wilhelm for providing her famous homemade fish stock to the boil, and Ann Getman for making the brownies for dessert.

Additional thanks to Ann for her help decorating, Ann and Phyllis Sheets for their help cleaning up, Martha Robinson for her help with the banana pudding, and Angel and Mike Ganey.

The party continued well into the evening and everyone enjoyed music, pretend karaoke, and drinks.

Remember -

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

SCUTTLEBUTT

Marcia Bjerregaard

Remember, last person out at the end of a weekend takes the burgee and flag down. Both are pricy and we might get a storm any day of the year.

Ostinato has a crew change. Bill Harris has replaced Pat & Frank Hankins for run down the Danube.

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.)

Rule of 12ths

12TH RULE of Tides (Not for Navigation) 1:2:3:3:2:1

The height of the tide will change approximately at the following rates between HW-LW and LW-HW in a six hour period :

- Hour 1: One Twelfth of the tidal range.(= 1/12)
 - Hour 2: Two Twelfths of the tidal range.(= 3/12)
 - Hour 3: Three Twelfths of the tidal range.(= 6/12)
 - Hour 4: Three Twelfths of the tidal range.(= 9/12)
 - Hour 5: Two Twelfths of the tidal range.(= 11/12)
 - Hour 6: One Twelfth of the tidal range.(= 12/12)
-and then six hours of the reverse as the tide turns.

The Twelfths Rule is an approximate rule of thumb for calculating the height of the tide, and the flow of the tide, between low and high water, when you know the tidal range.

Football Schedules			
FSU	U of Florida	Miami	FAMU
09/01		at Louisville	
09/06 The Citadel	E. Michigan	FAMU	at Miami
09/13 open	Kentucky	Arkansas St.	
09/20 Clemson	at Alabama	at Nebraska	C. Carolina
09/27 at NC State	open	Duke	at Tenn. St.
10/04 Wake Forest	at Tennessee	at Georgia Tech.	Morgan State
10/11 at Syracuse	LSU	Cincinnati	Savannah State
10/18 Notre Dame	Missouri	open	at Howard
10/23		at Virginia Tech.	at NC A&T
10/25 open	open		
10/30 at Louisville			
11/01	vs Georgia	UNC (NC)	Norfolk State
11/08 Virginia	at Vanderbilt	open	SC State
11/15 at Miami (FL)	USC (SC)	FSU	at Del. State
11/22 Boston College	E. Kentucky	at Virginia	B-C at Orlando
11/29 U. of Florida	at FSU	Pittsburg	

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)

Skippers' Meeting will be at 1030 at the clubhouse on each race day..

Puffin/Dinghy Race Report

Beth Hamilton

The race in July was cancelled due to weather. The August race was cancelled and the race scheduled for September has been cancelled.

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

There has been quite a bit written about a boat that went out of control and hit a couple of other boats before an individual was able to board the out of control boat (from another boat running alongside) and take control of it. It all started when the person at the helm went overboard. If that person had a "kill switch" connected to him, the engine would have shut off, when he was thrown overboard. The "kill switch" lanyard is a pain, if you want to move around the boat, but in this case, it would

have been very useful.

At one point, we had a whale boat converted for sailing with a fiberglass "sheath" over the wood hull. Over time, the glass separated from the wood, but mostly stayed in place. The problem was that the wood "worked" at a different rhythm than the fiberglass and the two parted over time. Recently, I read about an alternative to putting fiberglass over wood. You use cement with galvanized chicken wire, hog wire, or the like stapled in place to hold the cement. There are commercial fishing boats with such a covering on the west coast according to an article in the September issue of *National Fisherman*.

If you subscribe to *Cruising World* (Sept. issue) then you have already seen the side-bar on web sites for cruising and weather information in the Caribbean. If not, you might want to find a copy and start reading on page 63.

There is an article in the Sept/Oct. issue of *Good Old Boat* starting on page 16 concerning lightning protection and various approaches to preventing a lightning strike on your boat. Of interest is that two national authorities on the subject have different approaches.

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.

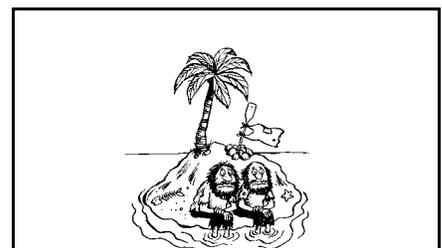
GYA Reciprocal Agreement

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

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



Changes in Attitude Social

Date: September 27, 2014
Time: 1800 - 1930
Light appetizers will be served and the bar will be open.

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2014

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. 12: Movie Night
Sept. 20: Social - Mexican Dinner
Sept. 21: PHRF Race #2 of 6
Sept. 27: PHRF Race #3 of 6
Changes In Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm

October

- Oct. 04-5 Mullet Cup (tentative)
Board Meeting
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
Oct. 11: PHRF Race #4 of 6
Oct. 19: PHRF Race #5 of 6
Oct. 25: VC Regatta
Oct. 31: Halloween Party



**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 September 2014

Apalachee Bay Yacht Club

Commodore:	Scott Robinson	544-6636
Vice Commodore:	Steve LaRosa	264-2892
Rear Commodore:	Ed Fries	591-4620
Purser:	Maxine Glenn	926-5024
Scribe:	Dede Wells	926-7275
Sr. Board Member:	Camden Whitlock	942.2110
Jr. Board Member:	Martha Robinson	544-6619
Past Commodore:	Ivor Groves	524-5683

Web:

<http://ABYConline.org>

Mark Email and Address:

sisu26@nettally.com or

3316 Lakeshore Dr.
Tallahassee, FL 32312

BOATU.S. group number:
GA81150Y

FIRST CLASS MAIL