



THE MARK

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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Sept. 09 Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
- Sept. 10 PHRF #2
- Sept. 17 PHRF #3
- Sept. 23 PHRF #4
- Sept. 30 Private Event
Dinghy Races
CIA

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Cam Whitlock

Fall is around the corner, which for ABYC members means football, racing, and lots of other fun events! By the time you read this article, the first race of the Fall PHRF Series will be in the books. Upcoming events this fall include the Vice Commodore's Regatta in October, the Gobbler Regatta in November, and the Holiday Party in December; mark your calendars!

The Nominating Committee for the 2018 Board has been formed. If you have any interest in participating on the Board, please contact Past Commodore Steve LaRosa. If

someone approaches you about participating on the Board, please keep an open mind. This is a volunteer organization, which means we need volunteers!

The bathroom renovations are underway. We are still accepting donations for the project, currently we have met about 3/4 of our \$4,000 fundraising goal. Also, financing for the seawall and dock projects has been secured. We expect the seawall project to start in late fall.

Please join me in welcoming new associate members, Jennifer and Will Harms. As always, if you see someone at the clubhouse that you don't know, please introduce yourself.

Fairwinds and following seas!

Vice Commodore's Corner

Jimmy Lee

The long hot rainy summer is (hopefully) ending soon and beautiful fall weather will be arriving and the Autumn PHRF race series begins. That pesky West mark has gone missing, but John Hamilton and Don Reeder are helping getting it replaced before the races start. If it doesn't make it out for the first race, we can make do with the other four marks.

Our first PHRF race day is August 27th and the September races will be the 10th (2nd PHRF), 17th (3rd PHRF) and the 23rd (4th PHRF). Please plan to show up at the 10:30 skipper's meeting and

either race your own boat or get on another boat as crew. This season the tides might be a little challenging, so we might have a couple of later starts, but it should all work out. As usual we will have a get together after the race for socializing and grilling. Also, we are always on the lookout for a committee boat, so if you are up for it and don't want to race, please let me know.

As of now we have Dinghy Races scheduled for September 30th, so stay tuned via email.

Apalachee Community Sailing put on an Adult Sailing Class the weekends of July 30th and August 6th. We had a full class both weeks and many of the students came to the CIA and the membership meeting. Thanks to the efforts of Kris Herbert, Michael Ganey, Angel Ganey, Denise Imbler, Sondra Lee, Jimmy Lee and all other volunteers that made these classes a success. Since this class was so popular, I am sure we will hold another class in the not too distant future.

See you on the water!

MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 09, 2017

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

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Jr. Board Member Report Social Report and Plans

Angel Ganey

Get your game faces on and your dancing shoes ready for a fun-filled month of activities! You may have noticed on the ABYC calendar that local events are now being included to keep you up-to-date on social gatherings in and around the Shell Point area.

Sept. kicks off with the Labor Day holiday weekend, which means the regularly scheduled Membership meeting will be held the following weekend (details below).

On Saturday, Sept.2, the Ganey's will host a college football watching party at the ABYC Clubhouse. Come watch the Seminoles of Florida State University take on the Crimson Tide of Alabama on the 70" inch TV. Bar opens at 7:00 pm and kick-off is at 8:00 pm. Bring your bar tokens and a snack or treat to share.

If enough folks are interested, a raft-up with either big (sail/power) or smaller (dinghy) boats may take place on either Sunday, Sept.3 or Monday, Sept. 4. More information will be provided as details unfold. If you're interested in participating, please let me or Jimmy Lee know.

On Monday, Sept. 4, if there isn't a raft-up, folks are welcome to celebrate Labor Day at the Club's swimming pool. Bring your own food and beverages. A barbecue grill is available.

ABYC's monthly membership meeting and potluck takes place on Saturday, Sept.9, due to the Labor Day holiday. This event is a great way to meet Club members and to learn about all that is going on with the Club, as well as a nice way to introduce guests to ABYC. 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.

Sarah Mac is back at ABYC on Friday, Sept.22! ABYC welcomes back the group, as they make their rounds on their farewell tour, ending later this year. A \$15 dollar cover charge will be collected at the door; all proceeds go directly to the band. Please bring remember to bring cash, as this is not an ABYC billable event. Bar opens at 6:30 pm and the show starts at 7:00 pm.

Friday, Sept. 29 - COABI goes Caribbean at Shell Point Beach! King Konch food truck will be at the beach beginning at 5:30 pm, serving all things conch (fritters, salad), along with shrimp and fish. Reggae band, Just Chameleons will perform from 6:30 to 10:00 pm. There will be hair braiding for kids and adults. Bring your chairs, golf carts, appetites and Caribbean flair and join your neighbors for a good time!

Mark your calendars to attend the Sept. CIA on Saturday, the 30th. There will be a very special treat by hostess Kristina Peeples as she brings salsa dancing and delicious Latin food to ABYC!

Another local event taking place throughout the weekend of Sept. 29 - October 1, is the 30th Annual Endless Summer Sailboard Classic. Check the Shell Point Sailboard Club's website for more information: 20knotsnob.com.

A big shout-out to Teri Watkins and Rear Commodore Dan Rowcawich for hosting ABYC's August social, Changes in Attitudes (CIA). The Abacos/Caribbean island theme is great! Thanks, Dan and Terri!

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

Although written for the aviation community, the web site below has a variety of data useful to sailors, as it shows current and projected wind speed and direction at the surface. Use the date drop-box menu (upper right) to see projections:

<https://aviationweather.gov/windtemp/plot>

Angel Ganey brought to my attention that the new Weather-STEM at Shell Point is also available. It went up in late July and has some pretty impressive data.

First link is to the general site and second link is specifically for Wakulla County:

<https://www.weatherstem.com/>
<https://wakulla.weatherstem.com/>

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.

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.

The August board meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

Membership Meeting

Members and guests met on August 5th at the clubhouse for the pot-luck, meeting and program

After introduction of guests, reports of the officers present, and announcements, the meeting was adjourned, and the program followed.



Membership Report

Steve LaRosa

I'm happy to announce our new members Will and Jennifer Harms. They live on the main road on the basin. Perfect spot for watching dinghy races. Also we have three new member applications posted at the clubhouse for Andre Vieira, Max and Dominique Kobelski, and Johnnie and Cassandra Shepherd. The applications are posted on the bulletin board the Club. Please say hello to them and send in any application comments to me.

stevelarosa54@yahoo.com

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

John Newton

By word and image Sondra Winter Lee, Angel Ganey, Jimmy Lee, and Michael Ganey helped the members attending the August meeting vicariously live a week spent sailing and partying in the British Virgin Islands at the Bitter End Pro/Am Regatta. Thanks to all four.

Andrea Marotta Rhodes grew up spending summers on a remote Great Lakes island. Water and wind imprinted themselves on her soul. Andrea has raced sailboats big and small, taught sailing classes, and reveled in the full-throated roar of an outboard flattening waves before it. She has also learned the pleasures and treasures of the shores of the Great Lakes that boats can deliver to you. Andrea will speak to the members at our September 9 meeting about boating in a different environment. It is an environment she reports, having just returned, that is much cooler in July than the Gulf shores.

Robert Olen Butler will speak to us at the October meeting. Bob earned a Pulitzer Prize for his book of short stories, *A Good Scent From a Strange Mountain*. He has received many other honors including a Guggenheim Fellowship and a National Fiction Award. Bob's most recent book is *Perfume River*. Time spent listening to Bob read from his writings or talking about writing always goes quickly and is enjoyable. You will see why many describe him as "one of America's most important writers"

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.

Webmaster's Cubicle



C. Henry Depew

Starting September 1st, the web site will be under new management. It has been very interesting being your web master over the past years working with older software and equipment. The new site has a different format, but the focus is still to bring you information on the Club's activities.



Changes In Attitude Social

Date: Sept. 30, 2017

Time: 6 - 7:30 pm

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

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2017

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

October

- Oct. 01 Sailboard Club's "Endless Summer" Classic
- Oct. 07 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
- Oct. 14 PHRF #5 - Clubhouse - 10:30 am Skippers' Meeting
- Oct. 21 Vice-Commodore's Regatta and PHRF #6
Clubhouse - 10:30 am Skippers' Meeting
- Oct. 28 Dinghy Races - 1:00-3:00 pm
CIA - Clubhouse - 6:00-7:30 pm
Dinner on the Docks
- Oct. 29 PHRF makeup race day



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).

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