

THE MARK

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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Oct. 07 Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
- Oct. 14 PHRF #5
- Oct. 21 Vice-Commodore's
Regatta and PHRF #6
- Oct. 28 Dinghy Races
CIA - Dinner on the
Docks
- Oct. 29 PHRF makeup race day

Commodore's Comments

Cam Whitlock

September was one for the record books! Hurricane Irma swept through the Caribbean and South Florida, destroying many of our beloved sailing destinations and the lives of those that live in those areas. When she was finished battering our friends to the south, Irma set her sites on the Big Bend of North Florida causing everyone in our area to prepare for the worst. Fortunately in the end we were spared, but it did force us to batten down the hatches and prepare for the storm. ABYC members responded enthusiastically to the call for assistance in preparing the clubhouse and club docks.

MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 7, 2017
 Social - 1800
 Program - 1900
 Pot Luck - 1930
 Meeting - 1945

About a dozen members turned out on September 9th to put away loose furnishings, install the new hurricane shutters, and secure boats. Unfortunately, Hurricane Irma forced the cancellation of both the September Board and Pot-Luck Meetings, as well as PHRF No. 2. I am hopeful that we can get back on track in October with a whole host of on and off the water activities.

You'll want to make sure to attend the October meeting where we will be announcing the slate of 2018 Board officers for the November election, proposed changes to the ABYC By-Laws, and be treated to a presentation from Pulitzer prize winning author Robert Olen Butler (see Sr. Board Member John Newton's article for more information).

Both the bathroom fundraiser and seawall project are still moving forward. The bathroom progress has been impacted by Hurricane Irma, but we're planning to get back to work over the next several weeks. We are busy finalizing bids on the seawall and securing a permit. Construction of the seawall is expected before year's end.

Please join me in welcoming new associate members Andre Viera, and Max and Dominique Kobelski. As always, if you see someone at the clubhouse that you don't know, please introduce yourself.

Fair winds and following seas!

Vice Commodore's Corner

Jimmy Lee

Even with the disruption of Irma we did get a little racing done over the past month.

On August 26th we had dingy racing with two classes (Puffin and Hobie Holders) with seven boats on the water. Congratulations to Kris Herbert for winning the day in the Puffins and Ted Cowley-Gilbert for the Holders. It was a great day with a good spectator turn out.

August 27th brought PHRF #1 (report on page 4). Unfortunately Irma put a damper on PHRF #2 and PHRF #3 was a bust due to lack of wind. Having said that, we are on track for PHRF #4 on September 23rd and the rest of the season. Due to the cancellations we will be having the make-up race on October 29th.

October 21st will bring the annual **Vice Commodore's Regatta and dinner**. One of the races in the Regatta will serve as PHRF #6.

Our theme for this year will be "On the Seas!" Feel free to come dressed up in a theme costume. Whether you come as a Sea Admiral of the US Navy, the guy who swabs the decks, a traditional pirate, or a modern pirate (please leave your real semi-automatics at **(continued on next page)**)

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(VC Report - continued)

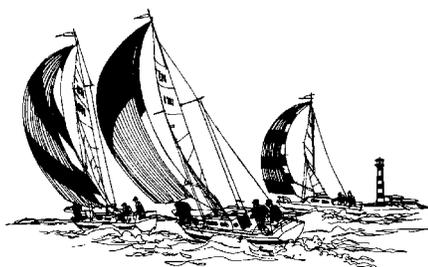
home though), a salt wife, a mermaid (proper coverage, please), dolphin, kraken, parrot, albatross, or just as yourself, perhaps wearing your ABYC gear, you are welcome to come and join your Vice Commodore for a night of gourmet tacos!

An official announcement will go out shortly for RSVP information. As normal please plan to show up at the 10:30 skipper's meeting for all PHRF races 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 October 29th, so stay tuned via email.

One last item, but it's important. A big thank you needs to go out to Don Reeder, Michael Getman and John Tenewitz for painting, rigging and deploying the new West Mark (in addition to John Hamilton for procuring it). Without their help we would not have a total course for the rest of the Fall PHRF Series.

See you on the water!

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

Angel Ganey

September was one busy month! Labor Day, football, concerts, hurricanes and more! ABYC was fortunate enough to book one last date with the Sarah Mac Band on their farewell tour. We wish the Band members well on their future projects.

We round out September with a jam-packed weekend of events including Communities of Apalachee Bay Incorporated's (COABI) goes Caribbean, the 30th Annual Endless Summer Sailboard Classic and a Changes in Attitudes social, hosted by Kristina Peebles.

While many of us took heed to the warnings, spent many hours making necessary preparations and planned for evacuations, we are so grateful to have escaped the vicious path of Hurricane Irma. Our hearts and thoughts remain with family, friends and sailors in Florida, Puerto Rico, and both the U.S. and British Virgin Islands as they recover from both Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria.

Please note the new sequence of events for the October 7 membership meeting and potluck.

6:00 pm Bar Opens
6:00 pm - 6:50 pm Social Time
and Appetizers
6:50 pm Welcome Guests and
Announce Speaker
7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Speaker
Presentation (Bar Closed)
7:30 pm Dinner (Bar Open)
7:45 pm/8:00 pm Business Meeting Begins

Announcement of 2018 Slate of Officers

Presentation of Amendments to By-Laws

Save the Date for October 21 and the Vice Commodore's Regatta. See details under Vice Commodore, Jimmy Lee's sections.

Please note that you do not have to race in the Regatta to participate in the festivities.

You won't want to miss the October 28th Changes in Attitudes (CIA) social, Dinner on the Docks. Hosted by Denise Imbler Whitlock, Lisa Parker and Trish Boyd, this is sure to be a spectacular event! Stay tuned for details to follow.

**ARTICLE IX - Amendments
to the By-Laws**

Any member may propose amendment(s) to the By-Laws and such action shall be initiated by submitting the proposed amendment(s) to the Board of Directors. The Board shall cause such proposed amendment(s) to be (1) read at the next general meeting of the membership; (2) published in the next edition of the newsletter; and, (3) voted upon by the membership at the next general meeting. A majority of members present and voting, provided a quorum of ten percent (10%) is present, shall be required for the adoption of proposed By-Law changes. Absentee, mailed or electronic, ballots shall be authorized.

History: Above amended 11/20/10

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.

ABYC Board Meeting Draft Minutes

The September Board meeting was cancelled because of Hurricane Irma.

Membership Meeting

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Membership Report

Steve LaRosa

Greetings ABYC members. I'm happy to announce our newest associate members Andre Vieira sponsored by Jim Bailey. And Max and Dominique Kobelski sponsored by Steve LaRosa. Also I would like to announce Johnny and Cassandra Shepherd as new members. Welcome aboard.

It's important for our new members to feel right at home at ABYC, so please welcome them and say hello when you see new faces at the club. As always, for new members, contact me if you have any questions.

Remember you can refer to our website under member information to catch up on member rules and regulations.

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Members - Please Note

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

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

John Newton

We had a fine program lined up for September. Guy Gowens, Chief of Staff for the Northwest Florida Water Management District, was going to speak. Irma had other ideas. The state Emergency Operations Center commandeered Mr. Gowens. Then Irma canceled our meeting. Mr. Gowens assures me that he will speak another day.

October we are lucky to have Robert Olen Butler, the man who according to Jeff Guinn of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* is America's best living author speak to the Club. A writer is the perfect speaker for sailors, who have a long literary tradition. Bob and his wife Kelly live in an old plantation house in Capps and are just back from book signings in Colorado. So I am glad they are willing to make the trek.

Bob has published 16 novels and six volumes of short fiction. *Good Scent From a Strange Mountain* won the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. The book reflects Bob's years in Vietnam during the war, his sharp observation, and his empathy. His newest book, *Perfume River*, examines the war's impact on relationships. I like his series of Christopher Marlowe Cobb books, about a journalist turned spy in World War I.

Bob's awards include the F. Scott Fitzgerald Award from the American Academy of Arts, and two National Magazine Awards. Bob is a Francis Eppes Distinguished Professor holding the Michael Shaara Chair in Creative Writing at Florida State University. I promise you the time goes too quickly. Y'all come.

This is the *Washington Post's* review of Bob's latest work: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/>

entertainment/books/robert-olen-butlers-perfume-river-is-haunted-by-the-vietnam-war/2016/10/16/bc918832-93a3-11e6-bb29-bf2701dbe0a3_story.html?utm_term=.1c074f9726bd

Here is the FSU webpage about him: <https://www.fsu.edu/profiles/butler/>

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

Large, plastic trash bags are good for a lot of things besides trash. They can be used to help a person get warm (climb inside but leave the head out for breathing), cover electrical equipment from rain or spray (great to protect microcomputers and printers if a hole appears in the roof during a storm), and make a great, emergency poncho (cut hole for head and put over the body).

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.)

Remember -

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

PHRF RACE REPORT*Jimmy Lee*

Fall PHRF #1 was on August 27th and we had plenty of wind out of the northeast. Using a GPS start, we did a long course starting at temporary buoys at the location of the West Mark and went clockwise from west-north-east-south and back to west with a grand total of 5.6 nautical miles covered. The winds were shifty out of the north-east from 12-15 knots.

Congratulations on *Wiki-Wiki* for winning the A fleet race and *Maxie I* for winning of the B fleet race!

The next two races were not held. The race on September 10th was cancelled due to Irma and the race on Sept. 17th was cancelled for lack of wind.

Aug. 27 Results**A-Fleet**

- 1 *Wiki Wiki* Reeder/Carrigan
- 2 *Harmony* Whitlock
- 3 *Fringe Element* Saint

B-Fleet

Maxie I M. Ganey

PHRF #4 was on September 23rd and we had a nice race with wind out of the east. We did a single race starting at the new West Mark and went west-east-north-west with a grand total of 4.8 nautical miles covered. It was a challenging race with a very long windward mark that made strategy key. It was a single design race with all Harmony's.

- ! *Wiki Wike* Don Reeder
 2 *Harmony* John McBride
 3 *Adios* John Hamilton

The next race will be October 14th so show up to sail or enter your boat to sail the season.

Remaining Fall Schedule

Race 5 - Saturday Oct. 14th
 Race 6/Vice Commodore's Regatta - Saturday Oct. 21st
 Makeup Race - Sunday Oct. 29th
 Skippers' meeting at 1030 at the Clubhouse.

Scuttlebutt

A cask or butt with an opening for a dipper (often tied to the mainmast) 2. rumor or gossip.

Marcia Bjerregaard

Seems that the cruising season has ended for so many of our members. Even the Rosses have arrived in Cartagena, Spain for the winter.

Russell Johnsen's library of several hundred fiction and non-fiction books about the sea, sailors, and nautical exploration has been donated to the Apalachicola Maritime Museum's library. His books about the Arctic and Antarctic explorations, however, have been saved for family.

Puffin/Dinghy Race Report*Kris Hebert*

We had a great day of dinghy racing on Saturday August 26th. We had a well represented Holder and Puffin Class and we had a total of 4 races. Congratulations to Ted for winning the day in the Holders and for Kris winning the day in the Puffins.

Thanks all for your participation and volunteering for the shuttling of the Holder's between the club and the basin.

The next dinghy race day is scheduled to be on September 30th so stay tuned for follow up emails.

Below is the summary of the results:

Puffin Class

Kris Hebert	1
Marcia Bjerregaard	2
Sondra Lee	2

Holder Class

Ted Cowley-Gilbert	1
Max Kobelski	2
Will Harms	3
Lisa Parker	4

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.

For Sale

Harmony 22, Stacatto, includes full compliment of sails (main, 150% & 100% genoa, spinnaker), 2.5 hp motor. Condition - fair. . Comes with 2 rudders. \$3,500 or best offer. Contact Cam Whitlock (850)228-3542 or Steve Larosa (850)264-2892

Annual Awards - Nov. 18

The ABYC Awards Banquet is scheduled for Nov. 18th. Along with other annual awards, a major

one is noted below. This is advanced notice of the award so you can consider who meets the qualifications over the last year.

Winterle Sportsmanship Trophy

At this time of year, ABYC regular members are invited to cast their vote for the Club member to receive the Winterle Sportsmanship Trophy. Regular members should e-mail their choice to Cam Whitlock at <ccwhitlock@gmail.com> by **November 09, 2017** to be counted. Put “**Winterle Vote**” in the subject line of the e-mail and the name of the person you are voting for in the body of the message. The votes are secret.

The Trophy is intended to recognize the member who best displays the qualities of “Good Sportsmanship”. Criteria of good sportsmanship shall include, but not limited to: honesty, respect for rules, respect for others, fair play, cooperation, competitive spirit, sacrifice for the benefit of the Club or members, and winning without boasting and losing without excuses. The Trophy is not intended to be a popularity contest, though this does not preclude popular members. Title to the Trophy remains in the name of the donor, Joe Winterle or his heirs. It will be displayed in the clubhouse, if practical. If not, it may be kept in the possession of the awardee until awarded again.

PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS

71 Fred Vidzes	88 Larry Fuchs	04 Jackie Werndli
72 C. Henry Depew	89 Mark Luther	05 Marcia Bjerregaard
73 Stephen C. Smith	90 Lee Chapin	06 John Hamilton
74 Scott D. Clarke, III	91 Michelle Hackmeyer	07 Frank Hankins
75 Joe Winterle	92 Dan Harbolt	08 Kate Morgan
76 Randy Armstrong	93 Jerry Chestnut	09 Frank Hankins
77 Gordon Renovitch	94 Joeann Vesecky	10 Beth Hamilton
78 Raoul Clarke	95 Don Reeder	11 Maxie Glenn
79 Mark Johnson	96 Al Oosterhof	12 Ivor Groves
80 Bob Marshall	97 Carl Bjerregaard	13 Scott Robinson
81 Phil Novinger	98 Jack Ridner	14 Steve LaRosa
82 David Rollins	99 John McBride	15 Martha Robinson
83 Dick Sinclair	00 Darrell Zabaldo	16 Cam Whitlock
84 Guy Getman	01 Kate Morgan	
85 Barbara Cox	02 Steve Augustine & Phil Werndli	
86 John Cox	03 Michael Getman	
87 Stan Derzypolski		

Other Awards

For a list of other awards and notices of recognition, see our web site under “Member Information” => “Perpetual Trophies and Awards”

If you have one of the awards and want to give it to someone else, now is the time. “Gag” awards have also been presented at the Awards Banquet. One racer

was given a concrete block to tow behind his boat to make the boat’s rating “more accurate”.

**Changes In Attitude Social**

Date: Oct. 28, 2017

Time: 6 - 7:30 pm

Dinner on the Docks

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2017

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 -Program
7:00-7:30 pm - Potluck Dinner - 7:30-8:00 pm - Business meeting
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

November

- Nov. 04 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
Nov. 18 ABYC Awards Banquet
Nov. 24 Gobbler Regatta

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 October, 2017

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