

THE MARK

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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Dec. 01: Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
- Dec. 08: Christmas Party
- Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Party -

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Ivor Groves

The events of the past month with the loss of the *HMS Bounty* have made me think a lot about safety at sea. We are grateful that our daughter Laura and 13 of her fellow crewmembers were saved. We deeply mourn the loss of Robin Walbridge, Claudine Christian and the *HMS Bounty*. Thank you, young men of the Coast Guard who did such professional work under extremely dangerous conditions and brought 14 of the crew to safety.

The sinking of the *HMS Bounty* is being investigated by the United States Coast Guard and a hearing will be held after the first of the year. It will be useful to review the findings for what we can all learn about how to ensure that

crew and vessel are protected while at sea.

It is comforting to know that if you have an EPIRB, the Coast Guard will get to you and likely be able to assist in your rescue certainly within several hundred miles of the US and its territories.

Worldwide if you have a known position, other boats will be directed to you for assistance such as recently happened in the Pacific when a Beneteau 393 was rolled 360 degrees by 30 foot seas and high winds. In light of such, I would recommend that there be personal EPIRBs attached to each harness/flotation device for the number of persons on the boat as well as the boat EPIRB, in case crewmembers get separated from the boat or fellow crewmembers.

After the findings of the investigation are released, I think it would be useful to have a safety at sea discussion as one of our programs, so we can all spend a little time thinking about how to be safer boaters both in and off shore.

On a lighter note, we had a great Awards Banquet this month and the award recipients are reported elsewhere in this issue. Thank you, Steve Augustine for

the great Cuban dinner and for your hard work on the Club's behalf.

Please be sure to sign up for the upcoming Christmas party on December 8 and let's also continue to support the Wakulla County Refuge House with donations that will be collected and given to the Refuge House by Lee Chub.

Board Members - 2013

Commodore - Scott Robinson
Vice Commodore -

Tony Cleveland

Rear Commodore - Ed Fries
Scribe - Dede Wells
Purser - Maxie Glenn
Sr. Board - Martha Robinson
Jr. Board - Mary VanSciver
Past Commodore -

Ivor Groves

MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, Dec. 01, 2012
- 1800 - Social
- 1900 - Potluck Dinner
- 1945 - Business Meeting
- 2000 - Program

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Vice Commodore's Corner

Scott Robinson

As I write this, the Fall PHRF Series is wrapping up. On November 3rd the racers enjoyed excellent weather for race number five and although the forecast was for very light winds, the sea breeze filled in nicely and built to about 14 knots. With three Harmonies racing, you knew it was going to be a tight race. Don Reeder took this race with a narrow margin and all three Harmonies finished within 15 seconds of each other. John Hamilton finished second and Carl Bjerregaard crossed the line third. Michael Getman and Matt Pulsha rounded out the field. Unfortunately the race scheduled for November 10th did not happen as Carl was the only skipper ready to go. The standings are very close and the last race scheduled for the 17th will decide the winner of the series. The winner was announced at the Awards Banquet.

By all accounts, the Veterans Day Cruise for Freedom which took place on November 10-12 was a great success. Early in the week, the forecast threatened to put an end to the event, but by Saturday the weather looked good enough to put out to sea. Originally planned for a cruise to Dog Island, with five boats leaving from Shell Point (Phil and Jackie Werdli, Michael Getman and Lindsey McIntire, Dustin Kanagy and Lauren Vann, Matt Pulsha and three crew from the FSU Sailing Club (Marina, Rob and Carlos), and Martha and I decided that the more prudent course was a trip up the St. Marks River, as the weather prediction was still for significant winds on Monday during the return leg of the cruise. With light winds out of the East we set off. Unfortunately, Jackie and Phil had

to pull out of the cruise with transmission problems, but made it safely back to the dock at ABYC.

We were joined near the St. Marks Lighthouse by John Newton, as we motored up the river. The five vessels rafted up in the river and enjoyed a great weekend of boating and camaraderie. On Sunday we took dinghies further up the river and enjoyed seeing the undeveloped river and even saw two manatees on the trip. David and Kathy O'Hara motored up late in the afternoon and visited. On Monday, with the trip coming to an end, we made our way down the river only to find that the forecast had been wrong and ended up with a nice motor back to Shell Point. We had a great time and are looking forward to more cruising opportunities. Who knows, one of these days, we may even make it to Dog Island.

See you on the water...

Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

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

Also, there is a copy of the monthly financial statement in a notebook on the shelving behind the front door of the clubhouse that members are encouraged to review.

Rear Commodore's Corner

Marc Lipsius

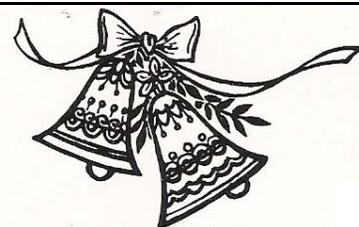
Not much news for this month for the club except that the HVAC filters have been replaced and are good for another 3 months. Boy are you guys dusty!

Repairs are apparently completed to *Allegro* from the unintentional rock strike in the channel after last month's PHRF race, and all is apparently better than what was there before. We look forward to getting it back in the water.

Please remember that if you plan to take out one of the boats, go to the Yahoo website and sign it out on the calendar.

Sometime in the next month, we will need a small work party to put up the porch vinyl windows, because of the cooler weather coming.

And pretty soon, the pool will be closed for the winter, not many warm days left for swimming.



**Wishing You and Yours
A
Merry Christmas**

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- November 3, 2012

Present: Ivor Groves, Scott Robinson, Marc Lipsius, Martha Robinson, Maxie Glenn, Henry Depew, Mary VanSciver and Lorna Tweedie.

Vice Commodore Scott Robinson called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. at the clubhouse of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club while awaiting the arrival of Commodore Ivor Groves.

Rear Commodore Report – Marc Lipsius

Marc reported that Michael Getman's boat is unable to be moved from the parking lot at this time. Maxie Glenn confirmed that Michael is being billed \$100 per month, as per club rules.

Kestral has a new battery.

The board discussed pool rules relating to food and alcohol in the pool enclosure. Maxie agreed to research the Dept. of Health's pool rules. We will then look at our rules, change as needed, and post on the website and on a sign in the pool area.

Marc reported that the electric outlets are not working on the wall under the serving bar. Mary agreed to call the electrician.

Lorna shared a list of needed clubhouse repairs from Susie and Tony. The list was discussed.

The VHF radio needs to be re-attached to the antennae on *Kestral*. John Newton has purchased needed supplies. A group is needed to complete this project.

Membership Report – Maxie Glenn

Maxie reported that several members are due in the couple of months to move from Associate Membership to Regular Membership. The dock space is fully rented but a spot will become available in January.

Maxie volunteered to create the Membership Directory for 2013. She recommended reviewing the contents and asking for updates from members.

Purser Report - Maxie Glenn

The financial statements dated October 31, 2012 were approved as distributed.

Junior Member Report – Mary VanSciverr

Mary reported that the Awards Banquet will be held Nov. 17. Steve Augustine will be the host. Ivor will serve as emcee. Joanne will hold the buck-a-beer downstairs and Steve has reserved the clubhouse for Friday and Saturday. Susie will clean on Thursday, if possible.

Members are invited to share their Thanksgiving leftovers at the clubhouse on Nov. 22 following the Gobbler Regatta.

Dec. 1 is a potluck and membership meeting. The Board meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. Lee Chubb will host the Holiday Party on Dec. 8. Members will have an opportunity to participate in a Yankee Swap.

The Board agreed to hire a plumber to replace the shower handles in both bathrooms and authorized up to \$500. Maxie and Marc will coordinate.

The Board retreat will be held Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013. We will review the calendar for the year and hold the first Board meeting of the year with the old and new Board members. We will discuss some new activities, electronics,

capital improvements and more.
Vice Commodore Report – Scott Robinson

Scott reported that eight boats racing the VC Regatta and 47 people attended the dinner, include 17 students from the FSU Sailing Club.

Five boats raced in the PHRF race today. There are two more races in the series, Nov. 10 and Nov. 17. Five of seven races will be counted.

The first Cruise to Freedom to Dog Island will be held the week-end of Nov. 10, weather permitting.

The October dinghy race was not held because of weather. Saturday was too much wind and Sunday was cold.

Scribe Report – Martha Robinson

The minutes of the October 2012 minutes were approved as printed in the November 2012 issue of *The Mark*.

The Twitter account has been cancelled. The Scribe hopes to do better with the Facebook account.

Senior Member Report – Henry Depew

Henry Depew reported that tonight's speaker has cancelled. We will have a member sharing opportunity. December's meeting will be a specialist in historic, nautical and coastal development.

Henry requested that we seek a back up for his newsletter and website work. The purser also needs an assistant.

Martha reported that the January membership meeting will be held at West Marine on Friday, January 18, 2013. The speaker will be a representative from Garmin.
Membership – Lorna Tweedie

Henry suggested that we look at a new membership category for retired members. Ivor asked that all Board members think about it,

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(Minutes - continued)

talk to Club members and prepare to discuss at a later time.

New Business

Ivor led the board in a discussion of the Silent Sailor Award and the agenda for the Awards Banquet.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Commodore Ivor Groves called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. at the clubhouse of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club.

Ivor introduced his guests, daughter Laura Groves, her boyfriend Dan Cleveland and Dan's mother, Jackie.

The Scribe indicated that a quorum was present (more than 11.5 memberships represented).

It was moved and second that the group forego the reading of the minutes from the last Annual Meeting.

Board members shared reports. Mary VanSciver reminded everyone about the Awards Banquet on Nov. 17 and the Holiday Party on Dec. 8.

David O'Hara announced that he is looking for a boater to test a radar reflector that he has invented.

Ivor reminded everyone to submit nominations for the Winterle Award.

The following slate was elected for 2013:

- Scott Robinson - Commodore
- Tony Cleveland - Vice Commodore
- Ed Fries - Rear Commodore
- Maxie Glenn - Purser
- Dede Wells - Scribe
- Martha Robinson - Senior Board

Member

- Mary VanSciver – Junior Board Member

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Henry Depew presented the program with members sharing their boating innovations, discoveries and best practices.

**Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans**

C. Henry Depew

The November program, following the Annual Meeting, was a "show and tell" with club members participating. Among the items shown and use discussed was two types of portable dock cleats (look for portable dock ring in the catalogs for the "real" one), a fender board, using a line as a necklace to hold snap clothes pins, boarding ladders, and cook books for the cruiser.

The Boat Galley Cookbook by Carolyn Shearlock and Jan Irons.

K.I.S.S. by Corrine Kanter.

Feasts Afloat by Thompson.

Ship to Shore I and II

(compilations) by Jan Robinson & Leann Cline

The December program will be presented by Paul Hamilton on climate change and shorelines.

SCUTTLEBUTT

Marcia Bjerregaard

ABYC CHRISTMAS GIFT

In the past, ABYC has participated in a community outreach by donating to Refuge House of Wakulla County. Refuge House helps women and children in need. At this time of year, a gift card to WalMart enables Moms to buy a Christmas gift for their children.

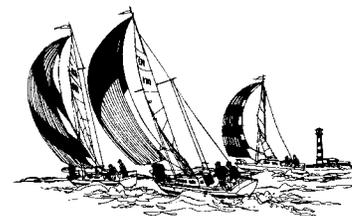
Please consider purchasing a gift card to Publix, Winn Dixie or Walmart or sending Lee Chubb a check and she will get the cards.

Lee Chubb
PO Box 1036
Thomasville Ga 31799.

Do you have a question or comment for Club members for inclusion in THE MARK? Send it to cbjereg@fsu.edu with 'Scuttlebutt' on the subject line.

GYA Flying Scot

Let's get Cinderella sailing and racing. Visit (info@fssa.com) for race schedule information.

**Boating Emergency Numbers**

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

ABYC Social Report and Plans

Mary VanSciver

It's December and that special time of year when we have our annual Christmas Party. Lee Chubb has agreed to host the party, so you can expect a delicious dinner and enjoyable evening for all. **This year's party will be held Saturday, December 8.** The clubhouse bar opens at 6 pm, dinner is served at 7:00, and activities follow.

The gourmet dinner will be catered by Lee's good friend, Mickey West, with entertainment coordinated by Moses Turner.

Dinner reservations are a must! The deadline is Wednesday, December 5. For reservations, contact Lee Chubb by email -

<lalachubb@hotmail.com>
or by phone (229-221-4561).

The Yankee Swap, a tradition at ABYC, returns to the Christmas Party this year. Those who choose to participate bring a wrapped gift and place it under the tree. Then the fun begins as each participant selects one of the remaining wrapped gifts, or takes away one of the previously opened gifts. All participants leave with a gift, but not necessarily the one they first selected. Rules are explained at the party.

Individuals who wish to participate in the Yankee Swap are asked to bring a wrapped gift in the \$20.00 range.

Additional details related to the Christmas Party will be emailed shortly, as will an announcement concerning our New Year's Eve Party. Just bring an appetizer when you come to the New Year's Eve party.

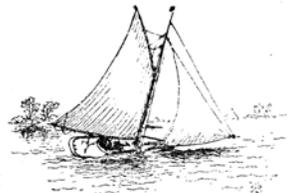
I would like to give a very special thank you to Pat Renovitch and Alice Lindquist who joined me on the ABYC's social committee.

In addition to her committee help, Alice also coordinated and served every potluck dinner this past year. Their hard work and dedication to ABYC social events went a long way towards making this a great year for social activities.

There are many others whose willingness to help made the social events at ABYC very special. For hosting our special events, I would like to thank Marcia and Carl Bjerregaard, Lynn and Ivor Groves, Joan and Moses Turner, Frank and Pat Hankins, Darlene and Al Oosterhof, Lorna Tweedie, Scott and Martha Robinson, Steve Augustine, Bob Parker, Claire and Bill Harris, and Lee and Russell Chubb.

Our end-of-the-month Changes in Attitude proved very successful thanks to the efforts of Scott and Martha Robinson, Michael Getman and Lindsey McIntire, Dee Shriver, Don Willis, John and Beth Hamilton, Lorna Tweedie, Steve Durham, and Nell and John Johnson.

Once again, a lot is happening at ABYC. See you at the coast!



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.

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

Most of you know that the maximum speed of a displacement boat is $1.34 \times \text{sq. root of LWL}$. To know how far you can see to the horizon, the formula is to find the sq. root of you height of eye. That is the distance to the horizon at that location and the height of your eyes above the water.

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	Mobile
Biloxi	Navy
Birmingham	New Orleans
Buccaneer	Ocean Springs
Cypremort	Pass Christian
Fairhope	Pelican
Fort Walton	Pensacola
Grande Mausemelle	Pensacola Beach 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	

1012 Awards & Recognition

Winterle Sportsmanship -

Ivor Groves

Silent Sailor - Judy Depew

Dan Harbolt Trophy - (Smith Regatta Non-Spinnaker) -

Frank Gazioch

Ann Sherwood - (Smith Regatta Spinnaker) - No spinnaker fleet

Kokopelli Dream Achievement -

Ed Fries

Homer Denius -

Will Glenn Frostbite Regatta - Cancelled

Cock of the Walk - no challenger

Kate C. Morgan Memorial

Puffin Series - Marcia Bjerregaard

Mullet Cup - Huub Weijers

Kate C. Morgan Memorial Puffin Series Standings

Marcia Bjerregaard	1
John Hamilton	2
Ivor Groves	3
Carl Bjerregaard	4
Scott Robinson	5

PHRF Series

Carl Bjerregaard	1
Reeder/Carrigan	2
John Hamilton	3
Michael Getman	4
Hubb Weijers	5
William Bentlon	6

Other Awards/Recognitions

The Alert - Robinsons & Werndlis for a meeting on the bay with their boats.

Long Distance Sailing -

Sue & Kingsley Ross & Ed Fries for their trip across "The Pond"

Flowers Presented to:

Joeann Vesecky & Alice Lindquist in recognition of all their work on behalf of ABYC.

Awards Banquet Report

Thirty-seven (37) members and guests enjoyed the excellent food was prepared by Steve Augustine.

Those who helped are:

Hors d'oeuvres

Marcia Bjerregaard

Bob Parker

Set-up/Decorations

Mary VanSciver

Pat Renovitch

Gordon Renovitch

Lorna Tweedie

Meal Service

Maxie Glenn

Marcia Bjerregaard

Darlene Oosterhof

Mary VanSciver

Refreshments

Joeann Vesecky - Bartender

Gordon Renovitch - Wine Steward

Gobbler Regatta Report

Beth Hamilton

The annual ABYC Gobbler Regatta was held Friday, November 23, 2012. It was a glorious day with great weather, though light winds. Three races were held and fourteen dinghies participated. The out of towners dominated. Will Glenn repeated his first place finish from last year and trophies went to the top five racers.

First - Will Glenn

Second - Ted Bjerregaard

Third - Chris Bjerregaard

Fourth - Jack Glenn

Fifth - Kate Bjerregaard

Special awards were voted on by spectators, with Dan Cleveland winning the hanging in there and chillin' award and Kate Bjerregaard being recognized as most competitive.

Thanks to the Groves for bringing the oysters that we enjoyed between races and for putting out the race marks. Thanks to Steve Augustine for helping me with race committee work. And special thanks to Marcia and Carl Bjerregaard for hosting the race venue!

Next dinghy race is the Will Glenn Memorial Frostbite Regatta on New Year's day.

P.S. Watch for notice on the Cock of the Walk challenge. Rumor has it that Ivor Groves has challenged Al Oosterhof, long time holder of this award, for a race on December 8.

Remember -

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

ABYC CHRISTMAS PARTY Saturday, December 8, 2012

Social: 6-70 PM

Dinner: 7:00-

Yankee Swap after dinner

The gourmet dinner will be catered by Mickey West

Entertainment coordinated by Moses Turner.

Dinner reservations are a must!

Price: \$25/person

The deadline is Wednesday, December 5.

For reservations, contact Lee Chubb by email -

<lalachubb@hotmail.com>
or by phone (229-221-4561).

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2012

December

- Dec. 01: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- Dec. 05: Christmas Party Reservation Deadline
- Dec. 08: Christmas Party
- Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Party - Clubhouse

January, 2013

- Jan. 01: Will Glenn Memorial Frostbite Regatta
- Jan. 05: Combined Board Meeting
- Jan. 18: Membership Meeting - West Marine

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).



**ABYC PHONE NUMBER
850/926-7775**

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Jr. Board Member:	Mary VanSciver	893-0353
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