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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Dec. 14: PHRF #6
Membership Meeting
Christmas Party
- Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Party

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Scott Robinson

Welcome to new members Ralph Billings and Mickey Cocksey, Louis and Jane Driber and returning member Beth Novinger and Don Beeckler. ABYC has grown by 16 families in 2014. If you see someone you don't know, please introduce yourself and welcome them to the Club.

I look forward to serving as your Commodore again in 2014. I'd like to express my gratitude to all members of the Board who have served this past year, but especially to two Club members who are leaving the Board of Directors. Many thanks to Tony Cleveland who served this past year as the Vice Commodore. Also, many thanks to Mary VanSciver who served for two years as the Junior

Board Member. Mary and the members of the social committee have done a tremendous job working with members to provide tasty and entertaining events. Please also say "thank you" to these members.

Please help me welcome Steve La Rosa to the Board as the Vice Commodore for 2014. His enthusiasm and leadership will keep us on the water for the new year.

The Senior Board member position is vacant for 2014. Please let me know, if you are interested in serving. This person arranges for the monthly programs at the membership meetings and is very important to the success of ABYC. See you on the water,

Vice Commodore's Corner

Tony Cleveland

On November 9, 2013, Race 4 of the Fall 2013 PHRF series was held. Corrected times were not used since all boats racing rated the same or were very close. The race order of finish was: *Harmony*,

Wiki Wiki, *Adios*, and *Allegro*. The last race of the season is scheduled for December 14, 2013. The November 30, 2013 race, however, has been cancelled because of a football conflict (the FSU-UF game!).

Since the last *Mark* went to press the Mullet Cup Regatta, was held October 18 through 20, 2013. The Regatta was hosted by Huub Weijers, John McBride, and Frank Hankins. After a mullet dinner Friday, racing began on Saturday. Weather conditions for the Saturday race and anchorage at the Ochlockonee Shoals were described by Huub as "challenging." Six boats started the race and four boats anchored at the shoals on Saturday night, returning on Sunday.



Wishing You A Merry Christmas!

MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING & CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Saturday, December 14, 2013
1800 - Social
1900 - Dinner
1945 - Meeting
2000 - Festivities

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ABYC Social Report and Plans

Mary VanSciver

December is the holiday season, and brings ABYC to what has become a social highlight of the year - our annual Christmas Party. Lee Chubb has agreed to host the party with help from Darlene Osterhof, Moses and Joan Turner. This year's party will be held Saturday, December 14. The clubhouse bar opens at 6 pm, dinner is served about 7, and activities follow. **Dinner reservations are a must.** The deadline is Tuesday, December 10. For reservations, contact Lee Chubb by email (lalachubb@hotmail.com) or by phone (229-221-4561).

The Yankee Swap, a tradition at ABYC, continues at the Christmas Party this year. The rules will be explained at the party. For those who wish to participate, bring a wrapped gift (in the \$20 range) and place it under the Christmas tree. Each participant selects one of the gifts or takes away one of the previously opened gifts. All participants leave with a gift, but not necessarily the one they first selected.

Another tradition at ABYC is a community outreach to Wakulla County Refuge House. This organization serves abused families in our community. We collect money or gift cards (Publix, WinnDixie, Walmart) for the group and they are distributed to those in need throughout the year. Bring donations to the party or mail to Lee Chubb at P.O.Box 1036, Thomasville, GA 31799. Any checks should be written to Lee Chubb with "For Refuge House" in the memo line.

Two Opportunities To Greet 2014 at ABYC

It's become a pleasant New Year's Eve tradition. Members bring finger foods (the only entry fee), Maxie brings her Sirius radio for mood music and dancing, and everyone enjoys an evening together. Folks usually start gathering about 2030 and the Club serves a free glass of champagne for the toast to the New Year at 'midnight.'

After the Glenn Dinghy Regatta on New Year's Day, sailors, members, and spectators are invited to the clubhouse for a taste of southern good luck food for the new year. Again this year, the Groves are providing greens, Steve Augustine and Bob Parker will see to it that we don't run out of cornbread, and Hoppin' John gets made at the Bjs'. Last year a new tradition was added: Past Commodore Lorna Tweedie provided a northern new year custom and will again bring her Wisconsin sauerkraut and pulled pork.



Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

Martha Robinson

Many thanks to Steve and Mary VanSciver for sharing the details of their shakedown cruise with members at the November meeting. Buying a new boat and sailing/living aboard for the summer presented some challenges.

The December membership meeting and Holiday Party have been combined and will be held December 14 at the clubhouse.

This is not a potluck dinner. This party provides a great opportunity to offer best wishes to Phil and Jackie Werndli as they soon will be retiring to Apollo Beach.

See you at the clubhouse.

Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

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

mbg1215@netzero.net

There is a copy of the monthly financial statement in a notebook on the shelving in the clubhouse that members are encouraged to review.

Sea Scout Ship 1 Needs Help

Sea Scout Ship One is back! We are up and running again and having bimonthly meetings as well as having a few monthly meeting activities. Our current skipper is extremely busy and cannot make it to our meetings. It was the consensus of the ship that we search for a new Skipper.

The Ship is looking for a knowledgeable adult from the Club who has experience in sailing and boating activities and who is good with working with teenagers.

If interested please contact Ship Committee Chair Pam Harrell (abycscouts@shellpointbeach.net) or Ship Boatswain Padraic Elliott (padraicelliott@yahoo.com)

Anchors Away

Padraic Elliott
Ship 1 Boatswain

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, November 2, 2013 at the ABYC Clubhouse.

Present: Scott Robinson, Ivor Groves, Martha Robinson, Mary VanSciver, Maxie Glenn, Dede Wells, Tony Cleveland, Ed Fries
Vice Commodore-Tony Cleveland

Once the current racing season closes, a skipper's meeting will be held to discuss the upcoming season and to explore options for replacing racing markers in time for the opening of the spring season.

Rear Commodore-Ed Fries

The lift will be installed during November, and the Board approved an increase in the maximum expenditure from \$13,500 to \$15,000. Members will be reminded to remove items stored outside of the main clubhouse, and a workday announced for November 17th. Members may contact Ed Fries via email to alert him of any maintenance needs on ABYC property. The new media cabinet is in place at the clubhouse, and a blu-ray/dvd player will be purchased and installed.

Purser-Maxie Glenn

The monthly financial report was reviewed and approved by the Board, and a copy filed at the ABYC clubhouse for review by members. New membership applications approved include Ralph Billings and Mickie Cocksey. Members Beth Novinger and Don Beeckler have renewed their membership.

Scribe-Dede Wells

The Board approved the minutes of the October 5, 2013 Board of Directors meeting.

Junior Board Member-Mary VanSciver

November social events include the Awards Banquet on November 16th, and a Thanksgiving Potluck dinner on November 29th.

Senior Board Member- Martha Robinson

The VanSciver's will present the program for the membership meeting, sharing their experiences on the shake-down cruise of their new sailing craft. The January Board and membership meetings are scheduled for January 11, 2014. Members are encouraged to contact Martha Robinson with any suggestions for program topics and presenters.

New Business

The procedures for checking out boats will be reviewed and refined as needed. The email communication system currently used to send out announcements will also be reviewed.

The Board will not meet in December.

Old Business

The Board reviewed the voting process for the 2014 Board of Directors slate of officers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1750.

Respectfully submitted,
Dede Wells, Scribe

October Membership meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Commodore Scott Robinson at the clubhouse.

There being 18 regular, voting members present, a quorum

was declared by the Parliamentarian.

It was moved by Henry Depew and seconded by Bill Wilhelm to wave the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes from the 2012 Annual Meeting as printed in the December 2012 issue of *The Mark*. The motion carried.

Brief reports were given by all Board members present. It was noted that a workday will be held Sunday, November 17. All items below the clubhouse should be claimed by their owners or they will be discarded. The installation of the lift is scheduled to begin next week.

There was no old business.

Past Commodore Ivor Groves presented the 2014 slate of officers.

Commodore – Scott Robinson
Vice Commodore – Steve LaRosa
Rear Commodore – Ed Fries
Past Commodore – Ivor Groves
Purser – Maxine Glenn
Scribe – Dede Wells
Junior Board Member – Martha Robinson
Senior Board Member – Vacant

It was moved by Henry Depew and seconded by Pat Hankins that the slate be elected. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Scribe Dede Wells

Program: Senior Board Member Martha Robinson introduced the program for the evening. Steve and Mary VanSciver presented the Shakedown Cruise of the Northeast.

Awards Banquet Report Dinner

Bill and Claire Harris

Forty-one (41) members and guests attended the awards banquet including Ivor and Denise Durrant from Ipswich, England, guests of Marcia and Carl Bjerregaard. Mineral Springs Seafood of Panama provided an excellent dinner with their new catering service.

Many thanks to Joanne Vesecky, Helen Stewart, and Ed Fries, for helping with setting up and in the kitchen.

Awards

Henry Depew

Following the excellent meal, introduction of our guests and a short commentary by Ivor Durrant on their yacht club in the United Kingdom (he presented the Club with a burgee and necktie from their yacht club), the program was started by Beth Hamilton announcing the first three positions for the annual Kate C. Morgan Memorial Puffin Series trophy. They were:
1st John Hamilton
2nd Marcia Bjerregaard
3rd Scott Robinson

The "Alert Award" was presented to Frank Hankins for a memorable event during the Mullet Cup.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Martha Robinson announced that the Silent Sailor Award for service to ABYC over the past year went to Alice Lindquist

The Bjerregards presented the Homer Denius Trophy to *Banana Wind* (the Werndl's).

After a brief discussion, Frank Hankins challenged Al Oosterhof (current Cock-of-the-Walk) holder to a race using Windriders. Date and time to be announced.

Ivor Groves then announced the membership's choice for the Winterle Sportsmanship Award as Scott Robinson.

**Come and Enjoy the Annual
Christmas Party - Dec. 14
New Year's Party - Dec. 31**

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

While many of us rarely go cruising for any distance and our usual problem is a summer squall line, the ability (and knowledge of how) to "heave to" could be of use. One of the best discussions of the options available can be found in *Storm Tactics Handbook* (3rd edition) by Lin & Larry Pardey.

If you have a smart phone, you might want to look at an app that gives you AIS receiving capability called "Boat Beacon-AIS Navigation" from Electric Pocket for a reported price of \$10.00.

Phil Werndli told me about a navigation program that fits on his lap top and uses the free NOAA charts. OpenCPN is a free chart plotter and GPS navigation software program (GPLv2) project to create a concise chart plotter and navigation software, for use underway or as a planning tool.

OpenCPN was developed by a team of active sailors using real world conditions for program testing and refinement. The most recent stable version, OpenCPN 3.2.2, was published on May 8th 2013. For more information, go to:

opencpn.org/

Fall PHRF Race Report

Don Reeder

The race on November 9 was held on a beautiful day with light winds. The results were:

<i>Harmony</i>	Bjerregaard	1
<i>Wiki Wiki</i>	Reeder/Carrigan	2
<i>Adios</i>	Hamilton	3
<i>Allegro</i>	Hebert	4

The November 30 race was cancelled. The next race will be on:

December 14

Skippers' meetings at 1030 at the ABYC clubhouse.

Membership

Ivor Groves

Welcome to new members Ralph Billings and Mickey Cocksey, Louis and Jane Driber and returning member Beth Novinger and Don Beeckler.

SCUTTLEBUTT

Marcia Bjerregaard

Cinderella seems to have forgotten her shoes. They and all other personal items need to disappear from the clubhouse before the dragon does her annual house-cleaning. With several large gatherings imminent, hooks are needed for coats, and Mickey always uses the kitchen shelf for Christmas dinner.

What fun it was to drive past the Club and see it getting decorated Jimmy Buffett style for the Werndli's graduation' party.

We are sorry that the Brits have gone, but they left the warning that all of us except for Sue and Kingsley are CLODS: Cruisers Living On Dirt.

Officers & Structure of ABYC

The formal duties of each elected officer is set forth in Section 4 of the *By-Laws*. Not noted, directly, are the "other responsibilities". Although not listed as such, the Vice-Commodore is responsible for all "on the water activities", while the Senior Board Member is responsible for all "on shore activities" and programs. In addition to the structure and grounds, the Rear Commodore is responsible for the docks. In the above cases, the responsibility is to get a member to coordinate a specific activity. In addition, it seems that the Scribe is responsible for the Web site. The current structure of ABYC is:

Commodore

Meetings
Parliamentarian
Storm Plan

Vice Commodore

Fleet Committee
PHRF
Puffin/Dinghy

Regatta
Protest

Rear Commodore

Clubhouse & Grounds
Docks

Scribe

Newsletter
Directory/Handbook
History
Web Site

Purser

Financial Records

Senior Board Member

Programs and Activities

Junior Board Member

Socials, Dinners, CIA,
TV nights, etc.

Past Commodore

Membership

Please note that the "Regatta" activity listed above and in the *By-Laws* is not the Smith Regatta or

the VC Regatta. The function was created to have a member designated to organize any ABYC regatta.

The next step is to fill out the chart with members willing to help get things done. If you see an aspect of the operation of interest to you, kindly contact the relevant officer and volunteer!

**Kate C. Morgan Memorial
Puffin Series**

Beth Hamilton

The final race of the season found six Puffins on the course. It was a beautiful sunny day with light winds. After 3 races, the results were:

1. Scott Robinson
2. Ivor Groves
3. Marcia Bjerregaard
4. John Hamilton
5. Lynn Groves
6. Jim McGill

Thanks to Martha Robinson for helping me with the race committee and to Jim McGill for providing the committee boat.

**Officers & Board Members for
2014**

Commodore: Scott Robinson
Vice Commodore: Steve LaRosa
Rear Commodore: Ed Fries
Purser: Maxine Glenn
Scribe: Dede Wells
Sr. Board Member: vacant
Jr. Board Member:
Martha Robinson
Past Commodore: Ivor Groves

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	

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 UPCOMING EVENTS - 2013

December

- Dec. 14: PHRF #6 - Clubhouse - 10:30 am
Membership Meeting
Christmas Party
- Dec. 28 Board of Directors Retreat
- Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Party - Clubhouse

January, 2014

- Jan. 01: Frostbite Regatta
- Jan. 04: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- Jan. 11 Joint Board Meeting



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).

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Apalachee Bay Yacht Club

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Vice Commodore:	Tony Cleveland	668-0524
Rear Commodore:	Ed Fries	591-4620
Purser:	Maxine Glenn	926-5024
Scribe:	Dede Wells	926-7275
Sr. Board Member:	Martha Robinson	544-6619
Jr. Board Member:	Mary VanSciver	893-0353
Past Commodore:	Ivor Groves	524-5683

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