



# THE MARK

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## ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Dec. 03 - Board Meeting  
Membership Meeting -  
ABVFD Building
- Dec. 10 Holiday Party and  
Yankee Swap - Tallahassee
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party -  
Michael Getman's, end of  
Royster Drive

**Come and Enjoy the Fun!!**

## Commodore's Comments

*Cam Whitlock*

The holiday season is upon us! We have many things to be thankful for, and I for one am thankful that the clubhouse renovation is almost complete. Work efforts are turning to paint and flooring. Mark your calendars for the Awards Banquet, scheduled for January 21, which will be our first official event in the new expanded space. Many thanks to all those that have participated in the recent work days.

November saw the passing of two of our dear friends and fellow ABYC members. Phil Werndli and

Mimi Lewis will both be missed.

I look forward to serving as your Commodore again in 2017. I'd like to express my gratitude to all Board members serving over the past year, but especially three outgoing Board members, who have served in their roles for two consecutive years. Many thanks to Jerry Wells who has served as Rear Commodore. Jerry has done a tremendous job in maintenance of the facilities and assisting with the planning and coordination of the renovation project. Also, many thanks to John McBride, who has served as Senior Board member, doing an excellent job arranging a wide variety of interesting programs, in addition to working with others on the Community Sailing Board to maintain the Club boats. And lastly, a big thank you to Huub Weijers for serving as Vice Commodore over the past year, making sure the race series ran smoothly, assisting with club boat maintenance, and filling in for me where needed.

Please help me welcome Dan Rocawich as our new Rear Commodore and John Newton as Senior Board Member for 2017. I'm sure both will continue the good work of their predecessors.

This month we welcome new associate members JT Shaffer and Lauren Stenz. Please join me in welcoming JT and Lauren to ABYC!

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## Vice Commodore's Corner

*Huub Weijers*

The 2016 PHRF Fall racing season on Apalachee Bay was completed by the Vice Commodore regatta on October 22nd and the PHRF make-up race on October 30th.

But there is always dinghy racing to tide you over until the 2017 PHRF racing starts up again under our Vice Commodore-elect Jimmy Lee.

The usual "Last Saturday of the Month" dinghy racing schedule is supplemented by the day-after-Thanksgiving and New Year's Frostbite events.

PHRF #6 of the Fall season did double-duty as Race 1 of the VC-Regatta. A dry front had passed through the day before, leaving beautiful blue skies and a stiff North wind in its wake. The wind did not blow out too much water so the fin-keelers had no problem getting in and out of Shell Point. Your Vice Commodore manned the committee boat.

*Staccato* withdrew a day before the event, leaving *Wiki Wiki* to represent the Harmonys. Three more monohulls, but with fixed keels, and a cruising catamaran completed the fleet.

Reefing the main on *Kestrel* is a bit of a challenge, causing *Kestrel* to miss the first race. The first race saw *Wiki Wiki* (Don Reeder) chased by the *Sabre 30 Fellowship* with Carl Bjerregaard at the helm, the *SeaWind 1000 Zephyros* with

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## MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 03, 2016

**ABVFD Building**

Pot Luck - 1800

Meeting - 1845

Program - 1900

**(VC Report - continued)**

Frank Hankins and a Hunter 28 with John McBride.

The boats also finished in that order, except that the Hunter had to withdraw for the day after one main slide after another failed. *Zephyros* broke the bowsprit line, losing the use of the screecher but not all of her competitive ability.

The second race saw *Fellowship* over the line early by two seconds, eventually ceding the win and line honors to *Wiki Wiki* again, but still managing to finish ahead of *Zephyros* and *Kestrel*. *Kestrel* sailed back to port after that race.

For the third race the course was changed from the previous 2-mile Center-North-Center upwind-downwind to a 5.41 mile Center-North-Center-North-West-Center. Right after crossing the starting line, *Zephyros* came from behind and passed just upwind of *Wiki-Wiki*. *Fellowship* also got ahead of *Wiki Wiki* and rounded the Center mark some boat lengths ahead. However, *Wiki Wiki* was ahead of *Fellowship* again the second time they rounded the North mark, after *Fellowship* found an unexpected patch of light winds. *Zephyros* kept extending on *Wiki Wiki* and got line honors, but not quite by a large enough margin to win on handicap.

So after three races the ranking was *WikiWiki*, *Zephyros*, *Fellowship* with just one more point, then *Kestrel* and the Hunter 28. Drinks, dinner, music, and dancing under the clubhouse completed the day.

Dinghy racing on Oct 29 was cancelled for lack of people that could make it.

As PHRF#2 was not sailed due to lack of wind, a make-up race was held on October 30. High pressure dominated the area with a light easterly forecast. A light sea breeze sprung up right before start-

ing time, tempering the unseasonal heat, and at least half a dozen dolphins were cruising around the race course.

*WikiWiki* needed a win to get equal points as *Adios*. But *Adios* won the day, thereby avoiding a need to figure out a tie-breaker. FSU students sailed *Maxie I*, but could not get to the starting line in time without motoring and opted to just sail around.

*Kestrel*, representing the B-fleet, sported a brand-new 150% genoa that could be set very nicely with temporary blocks and a barber-hauler. Meanwhile, permanently mounted new blocks have been installed for the new genoa, in addition to the existing blocks that still serve to run sheets for the smaller jib. After use, please fold the new jib in half or thirds vertically and then flake it. Only part of the sail will fit in the bag that way, but that will keep the sail crisp much longer compared to just stuffing it.

*Maxie I's* foresail was repaired in October and it can stay on the forestay thanks to the roller furler.

Normally we'd have the awards ceremony in late November, but that will take place in January this time when the clubhouse is in full use again.

The main thing left for me as Vice Commodore at this point is to thank my fellow Board members at ABYC and Community Sailing, and all others that made the sailing events successful and enjoyable by supporting the running of the events in many different ways and by coming out to sail and socialize.

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

*Angel Ganey*

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to have served as ABYC's Jr. Board Member/Social Director for the past year. I appreciate each of you who took the time to say that you liked the new event calendar, to say that I was doing a good job and to say that you would volunteer to host an event. Through your support and encouragement, my job was made so much easier. I am excited about the events we will have in the new clubhouse in the New Year and I look forward even more to serving as your Social Director for another 12 months. I would also like to express my gratitude to my fellow Board Members for their support throughout the year. Together we accomplished many things.

ABYC's Gobbler Regatta and Leftover Feast took place at the home of Marcia and Carl Bjerregaard with dingy racing early in the afternoon and the feast of leftovers later in the day.

Save the date! **ABYC's Annual Awards Banquet** will be held Saturday, **Jan. 21, 2017**. Mark your calendars because this, if all goes as planned, will be our first event in the beautifully renovated clubhouse!

Saturday, **Dec. 3** will be a fun day for the community, starting with the Shell Point Golf Cart Parade and Art Bazaar. The community golf cart parade will start at 10:00 AM. Following the parade, participants and the entire community are invited to the Apalachee Bay Volunteer Fire Department for food/drinks and awards. The arts and crafts bazaar will be open until 1:00 PM.

Later that evening, beginning at **6:00 PM**, make plans to return to  
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**(Jr. Board Report - continued)  
the Fire Department for ABYC's  
monthly membership meeting,  
program and potluck dinner.**

Please remember to bring a dish to share (appetizer, main dish or dessert) and also your non-alcoholic beverage of choice, as alcohol is not allowed in the fire station.

**ABYC's annual holiday party and Yankee gift swap** is scheduled for **Dec. 10**. A huge thank you to John McBride for generously offering the use of his father's home for the event, located at **609 Piedmont Drive, in Tallahassee**. Stay tuned for additional details regarding dinner and RSVP, but please know that dinner will be followed by the traditional, but optional, Yankee Swap. If you want to participate, bring a wrapped gift (suggested value of about \$20.00) to put under the tree. You will go home with a gift, but maybe not the one you originally selected. If you are not familiar with a Yankee Swap, this is your chance to learn how it works.

Ring in the New Year with your ABYC friends! On **Dec. 31**, the **New Year's Eve** party is being hosted at the home of Michael Getman, located at **the end of Royster Drive** (the pelican house). The party starts at **9 PM**; bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. Champagne toast at midnight!

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**ABYC Board Meeting**

Draft Minutes - November, 2016

*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 Board did not meet in November. No minutes to report.

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**November Membership Meeting**

A quorum being present, Vice Commodore Huub Weijers called the November Annual Membership Meeting to order at 6:35 pm at the Seinyard Restaurant.

Because of the location and other factors, no officers' reports were given. There being no guests to introduce and no old business, Huub reviewed the recommendations of the Nominations Committee and then asked for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee. A move was made, seconded, and passed to accept the nominations. There being no further business, the meeting as adjourned at 6:45 pm.

The officers and board members for 2017 are:

Commodore	Cam Whitlock
V/C	Jimmy Lee
R/C	Dan Rocawich
P/C	Steve LaRosa
Purser	Maxie Glenn
Scribe	Mickie Cooksey
Sr. Board	John Newton
Jr. Board	Angel Ganey

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**Membership Report**

*Steve LaRosa*

I would like to welcome our newest member, JT Shaffer. JT is a sailor, but has not been sailing for the last several years. He is looking forward to getting back on the water with new friends and getting checked out on the club boats. He is sponsored by Bob Parker. He has been a big help with the deconstruction of the clubhouse interior and is a good carpenter. We look forward to seeing him frequently at the Club. Please be sure to say hello if you see him.

I am reaching out to any new members that would like more experience sailing on the Club boats. If you want to go out on a Saturday or Sunday I am available to go with you most weekends. Just call or text to arrange a time.

stevelarosa54@yahoo.com

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

*John McBride*

Join us December 3<sup>rd</sup> for a presentation by Linda Hill, who will speak on the subject of native plant species and related topics.

My two year stint as your Senior Board member is coming to a close, so effective January 1 you will have someone else finding presenters for the monthly meetings. Before I step away, I want to thank everyone that made suggestions for programs and for those who so graciously embraced our guest speakers, who made time for the Club.

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**Scuttlebutt***Marcia Bjerregaard*

The Robinsons, Rosses, Groves, Renovitches, Bjerregaards and Brian Curry represented ABYC at Past Commodore Phil Werndl's Memorial Service in Sun City. The celebration of his life included his children, grandchildren, fond memories, and a roomful of former co-workers, many in Florida Park Service uniforms. We were able to talk to Jackie, daughter Melissa, and son Stephen both before the service and later at the reception.

Phil was Commodore of the Club in 2007 and 2008 in addition to other offices. He was also instrumental in getting the Apalachee Bay Community Sailing program started.

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**Purser's Report***Maxine Glenn*

If there is a change in your directory information, don't hesitate to send an email to:

membership.abyc@gmail.com

If you prefer the bill goes to a different address, let me know at:

purser.abyc@gmail.com.

As always, if you have any suggestions for streamlining our processes, please let any of your Board members know.

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**Rear Commodore's Corner***Jerry Wells*

If you see something that needs replaced or repaired, please let me know.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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](http://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

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*Wishing You a Merry  
Christmas & a Happy  
New Year*

**ABYC NEEDS YOU!**

ABYC is a volunteer organization and needs as many contributing members as possible. Listed in the next column are some of the activities that make the Club successful. If you find one of interest, contact the officer in charge and volunteer. If you are asked, please agree to help if you possibly can.

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**Structure of ABYC**

The formal duties of each elected officer is set forth in section 4 of the *By-Laws*. The current structure of ABYC is:

**Commodore** - Cam Whitlock

Meetings  
Parliamentarian  
Storm Plan

**Vice Commodore** - Jimmy Lee

Fleet Committee  
PHRF  
Puffin/Dinghy  
Regatta - (non-Smith)  
Protest

**Rear Commodore** -

Dan Rocawich

Clubhouse & Grounds  
Docks

**Scribe** - Mickie Cooksey

Newsletter  
Directory/Handbook  
History  
Web Site

**Purser** - Maxie Glenn

Financial Records

**Senior Board Member** -

John Newton

Programs and Activities

**Junior Board Member** -

Angel Ganey

Socials, Dinners, CIA,  
TV nights, etc.

**Past Commodore** - Steve LaRosa

Membership

The next step is to fill out the

chart with the names 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!

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**HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR**

*C. Henry Depew*

According to an article in the December issue of *BoatU.S. Magazine* (pp 36-39), where you can anchor while cruising along Florida's coast will be a legislative item.

Awhile back, I suggested using dog training pads as a place to put oily/greasy engine items. The absorbent part of the pad would hold the oil/grease and you could wrap it all up when finished because the plastic backing would hold everything nicely. Those pads are a bit expensive and not that large. In the supermarket the other day I came across an alternative that might be a better choice in some cases as it is less expensive as dog training pads and it is much larger. The item is a plastic backed, absorbent table cloth. Food and drink spills are absorbed and when the meal is over, you wrap it all up in the plastic for disposal. What works for food and drink should also work for oil and grease.

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**Editor's Notes**

*C. Henry Depew*

While things do not always work out as planned, *The Mark* has a production schedule.

15th of month - material due

20th of month - draft to Board

members

25th of month - newsletter sent

If you want to send something for printing in the next issue, it should to get to your Editor by the 15th even though all the material does not arrive until the 19th or 20th.

It would be helpful if your material is in Rich Text Format (rft) which is a "Save as" option in most word processing programs. An alternate approach is to highlight the text, copy it, and then paste the material in the body of an e-mail to me. Either approach works and insures that my conversion program does not mess things up as it might, if you send the material in docx or one of the newer word processing software versions.

All members are invited to send material, which may be edited for space and other reasons. If you have a favorite book, a book report would be nice.

Oh yes, if you want to contribute to the Club but do not have a lot of time, you can become the Assistant Editor. Just let me know.

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# ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2016-17

## December

- Dec. 03 - Board Meeting - TBA - 3-4:30 pm  
Membership Meeting - ABVFD Building - potluck dinner  
6:00-6:45 pm, business meeting - 6:45-7:00 pm, program - 7:00 pm
- Dec. 10 Holiday Party and Yankee Swap - John McBride, 609 Piedmont Drive,  
Tallahassee
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party - Michael Getman, end of Royster Drive  
9:00 pm

## January, 2017

- Jan. 07 Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3-4:30 pm  
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - social 6 - 7:00 pm - potluck dinner  
7:00-7:45 pm, business meeting - 7:45-8:00 pm
- Jan. 21 Awards Banquet - Clubhouse
- Jan. 28 Dinghy Races - 1:00-3:00 pm  
Changes In Attitude - Clubhouse - 6-7:30 pm



**NOTE: The above calendar is valid as of the date of printing. For updates/changes consult the Expanded Calendar at ABYC's web site (ABYOnline.org).**

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