

Annual Events Calendar

PHRF Racing Series (Spring and Fall)

ABYC offers a Spring and Fall sailboat racing series each year using the PHRF handicapping system. Each series is comprised of five to seven races which are conducted in Apalachee Bay using the club racing buoys and other charted navigational marks. The Spring series is typically March through June and the Fall series September through December. The racing series is open to member and non-member sailboats with a PHRF rating. Ratings can be obtained from the club. Contact the Vice Commodore

Dinghy Racing (Monthly)

This sailing series is comprised mostly of Puffin sailing dinghies purchased by club members. These races are conducted monthly and are held in various venues around the Shell Point area. All member and non-member sailing dinghies 14 feet or under are encouraged to participate. For those without a dinghy, arrangements can be made to have one made available. Contact the Vice Commodore

Commodore's Ball (Winter)

The Commodore's Ball is typically held in late February or early March, and is the one formal club event during the year. Hosted by the Commodore, this event includes a formal sit-down dinner, followed by dancing to a live band or other entertainment provided at the pleasure of the Commodore. Past club commodores are invited and presented to the members. Contact the Commodore

Valentine's Day Race (Winter)

This is a race with a secret twist, designed to get couples out on the water for a fun day of sailing or motoring. Held the Saturday closest to Valentine's Day, it is usually followed by an informal dinner or social event. Contact the Vice Commodore.

Spring Yacht Club Opening (Spring)

The Yacht Club traditionally holds opening ceremonies each year in the latter part of March in conjunction with the Spring Equinox. This ceremony features opening remarks by the Commodore, an introduction of the new Board of Directors, a color guard, cannon firings and brunch. Many members come decked out in their yachting finery. Contact the Social Chairperson.

Awards Night (Summer)

Held in July, this event is designed to recognize the contributions and achievements of club members and non-club members alike, who have participated in ABYC-sponsored events. The program includes an informal dinner and award presentations that are both serious and lighthearted.

Vice Commodore's Regatta (Fall)

Hosted by the Vice Commodore, this event, held in late October or early November and includes a race and dinner. Contact the Vice Commodore.

Christmas Party (Winter)

The Christmas party is really a series of events scheduled for one or two days on a weekend in December. The events include a Christmas party for the children, with a visit from Santa, usually arriving by boat, a boat parade around the Shell Point canals with caroling to the residents, a special sit down dinner and entertainment. There is also an opportunity to donate clothing or make monetary contributions to the Refuge House. Contact the Social Chairperson.