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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Feb. 04: Board Meeting
Membership Meeting
- Feb. 11: Commodores' Ball
- Feb. 12: Intro to Sailing/Boat
Work Day
- Feb. 18: Work Day
- Feb. 25: Dinghy Races
CIA

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Ivor Groves

Old Man Winter has finally shown up at the coast. It is cold these few days but we are lucky because we know it will be back to 70 soon.

Everybody mark your calendar for the **Commodores' Ball on February 11**. Bring your sweetheart and ask her for a dance. We are looking for a fun evening of socializing, dancing, good food and celebrating our past ABYC Commodores. We would love to see some of our past members who have served as Commodore and whom we don't get to see very often.

Check out the annual calendar on the ABYC web site. The first part of the year, in addition to our usual activities, we will have a workday at the club and a workday for boats. We would appreciate everyone helping out to keep the club and boats in good condition.

Recently someone asked me about the new regular members in the Club. I reviewed new members since January 2006 and found that in the last 6 years we have had 19 new regular members for an average of 3.1 per year. We have also had a number of associate members who have enjoyed the Club for a year, and some have gone on to become regular members and some have just moved on. Given the economic times and the lack of growth at the coast, that is a great result. It is about the number of new members we need to sustain the current level of club operations. Hopefully as the economy improves, we will see a return to faster growth and the potential to grow our sailing fleets and the variety of social activities. In the mean time be sure and make our new members feel welcome and let's all make sure we invite them to participate in all our activities.

Happy Valentine's Day! Guys don't forget the roses and chocolates.

Vice Commodore's Corner

Scott Robinson

We had a great start to the New Year with an excellent turnout for the Will Glenn Memorial Frostbite Regatta. The weather was warm and the winds were light and variable. It was great to see a lot of new faces in the crowd. Three races were enjoyed and the trophy went to John Hamilton who edged out Michael Getman for the win. John Meerman joined them on the podium with a third place finish. Congratulations to all of the racers for getting in the first sail of the year.

The joint meeting of the Board took place on the Jan. 7 and dates were set for many of the year's water-based activities. Dinghy races are planned for the last Saturday of the month starting on Feb. 25. Come on out and race. The Spring PHRF Series will start on March 10 and continue into June,
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MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, February 04, 2012
- 1800 - Social
- 1900 - Potluck Dinner
- 1945 - Business Meeting
- 2000 - Program - Wakulla's Emergency
Management Operations

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so shake out those sails and get ready to race. An Intro to PHRF Racing is planned for February 12. The morning will be spent reviewing race instructions and rules, current ratings and tactics. The afternoon will be spent getting the marks ready for the season and working on the Club boats to get them ready to sail. I hope that all racing skippers (and crews) will attend the meeting. This will also be a great opportunity for those of you who would like to start racing but may not know how, to get started.

Frank Hankins, Carl Bjerregaard, Phil Werndli, Marc Lipsius and I have been asked to continue the work to update the process for checking out members to use the Club boats and create a maintenance schedule for each vessel. I mentioned this at this month's meeting and one of our newest members, John Newton volunteered to join the group. Way to jump in, John. If you have any input on this project please talk with anyone on the committee.

Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

I want to let the membership know that I have decided sending out bills that have less than a \$10 balance is not worth the costs incurred in the billing or payment process. For those members that get snail mail bills, I'll enclose the prior statements when the member's balance is greater than \$10. For those who get email billing, I am going to send the bill, but please don't waste your time paying it until the balance increases to above \$10. If you have any questions or comments concerning your monthly bill, please contact me at:

mbg1215@netzero.net.

Speaking of costs, if anyone wants to save a stamp, I have an ABYC mailbox in my carport by the workshop door. You are welcome to drop off any correspondence there, but just be sure to raise the flag so I'll know something has been left. And, just as a reminder, I can send out email bills, so if you are traveling or in more than one location in the course of the year you might find this a better option.

Also, I put a copy of the monthly financial statements in a notebook on the shelving behind the front door of the clubhouse. Please feel free to review the numbers and email me with any questions.

**ABYC Social Report and Plans**

Mary VanSciver

The social calendar for February features a potluck on the 4th, the **Commodores' Ball on the 11th**, and a CIA on the 25th.

The special event for February is the Commodores' Ball. Think about celebrating your Valentine's Day early with fine dining, music, and dancing at ABYC. While details are being finalized, Ivor is planning on offering salmon or beef filet, a gourmet rice dish, vegetable and possibly shrimp cocktail. More to come about the yummy dessert. Dress is formal or semi-formal. **The cost of the event is \$28 pp, with reservations required by February 6, 2012.** Ivor Groves, Commodore,

can be contacted at: ivorgroves@mac.com or by phone at (850) 524-5683.

For a more casual event, we will be having our potluck dinner on February 4. Drinks and appetizers begin at 6:00 followed by dinner at 7:00. After a short membership meeting, stay and enjoy a special presentation from 8 to 9:00.

The last weekend of the month brings the Changes in Attitude (CIA) hosted by one of our members. No reservations are required, costs nothing except what you buy at the bar, brings together lots of ABYC folks for a good time, and runs from 6:00 to 7:30.

The New Year's Eve and New Year's Day events were a great success thanks to all the work by Marcia Bjerregaard with help from Lynn Groves and Bob Parker. We enjoyed great food and partying to the wee hours of the night.

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

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

C. Henry Depew

Ed Wisner gave a very informative presentation on "Introduction to Marine Electronics" at West Marine on Friday, Jan. 13th.

The February program will be by Scott Nelson, Director, Wakulla County Emergency Management, on the work of the agency when a hurricane is not headed our way.

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.

Commodore Ivor Groves called the combined Board meeting of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club to order at 0940 on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at the ABYC Clubhouse.

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

Absent: Scott Robinson.

Purser - Maxie Glenn

Maxie reported on the net income and expenses of the club in 2011 and concluded that the Club met its immediate obligations and earned a little more than \$1000. The reserve funds hold approximately \$30,000 for dock and maintenance needs.

Two members resigned their membership. A new Membership Application Form for 2012 has been posted to the website.

Schedule for the Year

The group reviewed and proposed the calendar of activities for the year that includes the monthly membership meetings, socials, Changes in Attitudes socials, dinghy races and PHRF races. Other activities may be added throughout the year. The calendar will be posted on the website.

Junior Board Member – Mary VanSciver

Mary distributed copies of proposed guidelines to help the hosts of social events with the necessary tasks for hosting successful events. Board members were asked to review and comment.

Ideas include a fundraiser for the Boy Scout Troop, a Seafood

Dinner, Casino Night, Safari or Dinner on the Docks, New Member Cocktail Party hosted by the Young Professionals.

Mary will distribute a sign up sheet at the next meeting to solicit hosts/hostesses for social events throughout the year.

Senior Board Member – Henry Depew

Henry reported that he has the first three programs worked out. Suggestions for future programs included Cooking on Board, Preparing to Cruise, Red Cross First Aid.

Changes for the website should be sent to Henry. He also requested that board members send articles for the February issue of The Mark before January 15.

Lynn Groves and Maxie Glenn are working on the 2012 Member Handbook and Membership Roster.

Martha and Henry will report back on a recommendation to provide backup support for the website and newsletter.

Rear Commodore – Marc Lipsius

Ivor asked Marc to inspect the Club's first aid kit and ensure that its contents are complete and up-to-date.

Marc reported the following maintenance needs:

The phone line is repaired. A mouse had chewed through the wire.

Waste Pro is not collecting recyclable materials except for residential properties.

The surveillance equipment is not operating properly. Marc will ask Ed Fries to help.

The VanScivers donated a projector screen to the Club, but Marc is asking if it's the right size and the best place to mount.

A workday is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 18. Marc will complete a list

of the necessary tasks and gather materials. Maxie volunteered to provide gumbo and biscuits.

Scott is leading a committee to develop a process for checking out members to use the Club boats. The committee will also develop a maintenance schedule for each vessel. The committee members are Scott Robinson, Marc Lipsius, Frank Hankins, Carl Bjerregaard and Phil Werndli.

The swimming pool is closed for the winter. Marc will check to ensure that the timer has been adjusted.

Marc asked if it was appropriate to change the combination on the clubhouse/pool/ice machine locks. It was decided to monitor the clubhouse for a short time before making a decision.

Martha reported that the cleaning crew reported needed repairs to the plumbing in the men's room.

The Flying Scott needs a mast repair at a weld shop. The Kestrel needs bottom paint and possibly a new battery. It was agreed that Scott would schedule a boat workday before the PHRF Series begins. It was asked if the Youth Sailing Foundation had any funds to help.

The air filter needs to be changed on the air conditioner.

Capital Outlay – Ivor Groves

The group discussed four possible capital improvement projects and if funds might be available. More investigation is required before a decision can be made.

Projects:

Kitchen renovation and floor tiles

Elevator (Ivor will research)

LCD Projector/Screen/ Large Screen TV/Audio System (Marc will research)

Board members agreed to inform-

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mally poll the membership to determine which projects are wanted/needed.

Past Commodore – Carl Bjerregaard and Lorna Tweedie

The contact name on the website has been changed from Carl to Lorna. Carl reported that he answered questions, referred Adult Sailing Class inquiries to Frank Hankins, took people sailing and showed them around the clubhouse.

The group discussed advertising in Wakulla County newspapers and news websites, the Tallahassee Democrat and putting flyers at West Marine and other businesses. It was discussed that we should distribute flyers about sailing at the Smith Regatta in April.

Ivor suggested that Lorna recruit three or four more members to help with membership and marketing.

The Adult Sailing Classes were discussed. It's possible that we could offer a class in March or April. Scott has been asked to present a full proposal on the temporary access to the Club granted to these students.

It was discussed that we finish up the Youth Sailing Summer Camps with a dinghy race and BBQ/Pool Party the last weekend of the camps.

New Member

Board members voted to accept the membership application for John and Susan Meerman. Their membership privileges will begin immediately.

Equity Shares

Maxie will draft a letter to all members and former members who have requested to redeem their equity shares explaining the Club's constitution and the process for the Club to redeem them. All Board members have been asked

to review.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1415.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha J. Robinson
Scribe

ABYC Membership Meeting – January 2012

Vice Commodore Scott Robinson called the membership meeting of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club to order at 1841 on Friday, January 13, 2012 at the West Marine, 4248 West Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, Florida.

On behalf of Commodore Ivor Groves, the VC thanked Jim Clark, Manager of West Marine, for hosting the meeting. He introduced new board members Henry Depew and Mary VanSciver and thanked outgoing board members Carl Bjerregaard and Darlene Oosterhof for their service. The joint Boards met on January 7 and have filled the calendar for 2012 with lots of social activities and water activities. New members were also introduced. The Commodores' Ball will be held February 11. RSVPs will be collected soon.

Vice Commodore Robinson reported that the first PHRF race is scheduled for March 10. John Hamilton has agreed to assist with the racing series. Dinghy races have also been scheduled for the year, mostly on the last Saturday of each month. Beth Hamilton has agreed to lead that series again this year. The committee to look at procedures for checking out Club boats is updating procedures.

Scribe Martha Robinson reported that minutes can be found in The Mark. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Purser Maxie Glenn reported that financial statements can be found in the notebook at the club.

Past Commodore Lorna Tweedie reported that she is looking for volunteers to help with the marketing and membership committee.

Jr. Board Member Mary VanSciver reported there will be a Chili Sampler at the club on January 28. She will send around a sign-up sheet at the next meeting to recruit hosts for the various socials throughout the year.

Sr. Board Member Henry Depew introduced the speaker for the evening. Ed Wisner spoke about Marine Electronics for Small Crafts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1957.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha J. Robinson
Scribe

Time

Most ABYC events have a traditional time frame -
PHRF - Skippers' Meeting -
1030 (10:30 AM)
Puffin/Dinghy -
1300 (1:00 PM)
Board -
1530-1730 (3:30-5:30 PM)
Membership -
1800 (6:00 PM) Cocktails
1900 (7:00 PM) Meal
1945 (7:45 PM) Meeting
2000 (8:00 PM) Program
General Socials -
1800 (6:00 PM) Happy Hour
1900 (7:00 PM) Meal
CIA
1800-1930 (6:00-7:30 PM)
Exceptions to the above will be so noted in the announcement.

PHRF SCHEDULE

Based on tide considerations, the schedule of races for the Spring Series is:

March 10
March 24
April 07
April 21
May 05
May 12
June 02 (Alt. Day)

Skippers' meeting at 1030 at the clubhouse. Races start around 1200-1230.

**Will Glenn Memorial Frostbite Regatta Report**

Beth Hamilton

Race day, Sunday, January 1, 2012, brought dinghy sailors to the regatta at Shell Point along with a crowd of spectators. The 10 determined Puffin sailors and one intrepid Trinkia sailor turning out for this annual event honoring Will Glenn. The racing was very competitive, with many close calls including at least one "over early" for each of the three races.

First place winner was John Hamilton and his name will be engraved on the perpetual trophy for this event. Complete results for Puffins were as follows:

Place Racer

1. John Hamilton
2. Michael Getman
3. John Meerman
4. Carl Bjerregaard
5. Ivor Groves
6. Marcia Bjerregaard
7. Jim McGill

8. Lynn Groves
9. Ted Gilbert
10. Jeff and Shirley Witherington

Al Oosterhof, accompanied by his sister, raced his Trinkia. They dominated the "Open Dinghy" Fleet. It would be great to see more participants in this class for 2012 to race with the Trinkia, whether in the ABYC Holders or other dinghies!

Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success, including but not limited to:

Carl and Marcia Bjerregaard for the use of their waterfront and dock as the race site.

Ivor and Lynn Groves for taking care of the race marks.

Puffin owners who shared their boats for the day with other racers.

Lorna Tweedie and Martha Robinson for joining me in serving as the race committee.

A schedule for upcoming dinghy races should be available by the end of the month. So, stay tuned and see you on the water.
Beth Hamilton

COMMODORES' BALL

February 11, 2012

Social: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm
Introductions: 8:00 pm
Dancing: 8:30 pm-

Cost - \$28 pp
reservations required by
February 6, 2012.

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Rear Commodore's Corner

Marc Lipsius

As per the discussion at the Board retreat last week, I will be investigating the innumerable LED projectors and screens available that are suitable for the size of our room, for the Powerpoint presentations we have at the monthly meetings. If anyone has a particular suggestion and if the price is right we will get one.

The AC filters will be replaced sometime this month, when I can bring over a tall enough ladder to get up there to reach them on the ceiling.

The only real maintenance issue for the club in the last month was losing our phone service for a few days when a mouse ate through a few of the phone cable wires, but all is well now as I rewired it, with the help of my able assistant Maxie.

We will be scheduling a workday February 18. Aside from painting handrails, cleaning up the yard and pool area, let me know other suggestions.

**Changes in Attitude Social**

Date: Feb. 25, 2012

Time: 1800 - 1930

Light appetizers will be served and the bar will be open.

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

While it may not have much impact to you now, the change in the "average adult" weight from 160 to 185 by the Coast Guard for the number of persons on a boat calculation may have an effect later. Some boats' capacity plates state the number of pounds permitted before the boat is considered "overloaded" (weight includes people, gear, motor, fuel, etc.) while others have a weight and/or number of persons. When in doubt, it is the total weight (carrying capacity) that should be important.

Another web site for boat gear has appeared. Take a look at:

usedboatequipment.com

Although not inexpensive, the "Mast Mate" might be your way to the top. For more information, go to:

mastmate.com

Want to undo that 5200 seal?

Take a look at:

un-hesive.com

A new bilge pump on the market is considered "eco-friendly". In that the pump's water sensor has a unique field effect technology that will only recognize water. If motor oil is present in the bilge, the sensor will not turn the pump on.

In other words, your boat may sink, but you will not be polluting the environment with "dirty" bilge water until the boat is under water and the fuel and oil onboard starts flowing out of the fuel tank vent and engine breather openings.

Important Note Regarding Emails Concerning ABYC Social Activities

To continue receiving emailed invitations and information to ABYC social events, be sure to follow directions provided in the January 22 email from Al Oosterhof via Henry Depew regarding the new ABYC Activities Google Group.

Need further information?

Contact Mary VanSciver
(850) 893-0353
mary.vansciver@gmail.com



A Thought

Once upon a time, there were four people; their names were Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody.

Whenever there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

When Nobody did it, Everybody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Somebody would do it, but Nobody realized that Nobody would do it.

So consequently Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the first place.

Webmaster's Cubicle

C. Henry Depew

In case you are wondering about the announcement in the center column and its importance to you, Gmail no longer allows large BCC (Blind Carbon Copies) which is how previous messages to ABYC members were sent. The "work around:" is the Google Group approach.

Yes, it is a bother to have to register with the group to receive future announcements of planned ABYC social events. But, this is the only option that seems workable at this time.

Please take the time to follow the directions and become part of ABYC's Google Group.

2012 Membership Directory

The current ABYC Directory will be available at the clubhouse in a box by the model ships.

Please check off by your name when you pick up your copy.

We only printed the membership information. Clubhouse rules, the By-Laws, Constitution, and other such information can be read/retrieve on-line at our web site (abyconline.org) using the "Member Information" hyper-link in the left scroll bar.

Remember -

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

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2012

February

- February 04: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- February 06: Reservation Deadline for Commodores' Ball
- February 11: Commodores' Ball
- February 12: Intro to Sailing/Boat Work Day
- February 18: Work Day at Clubhouse
- February 25: Dinghy Races - 1:00 pm
Changes in Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm

March

- March 03: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- March 10: PHRF #1 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse - 10:30 am
- March 17: Spring Opening/Brunch
- March 24: PHRF #2
- March 31: Dinghy Races - 1:00 pm
Changes in Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm



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

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).

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