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Commodore's Comments

Carl Bjerregaard

Welcome to another year at ABYC.

I begin my second year as Commodore by looking in the rear view mirror. First, I offer my thanks and appreciation to outgoing Board member Marc Lipsius for two years of outstanding programs for members of all ages and interests. As he leaves the Board, we welcome Henry Depew as Scribe. He has agreed to also continue as Parliamentarian. David O'Hara will be in charge of programs for the coming year and welcomes your input for ideas. Lorna has agreed to arrange the social events again this year. Do make a resolution to arrange a party. Phil, Frank, Ed, and Maxie will continue on the Board, working long hours for all of us during the next year.

2008 began with the clubhouse opening – the hole in the wall that makes the clubhouse seem larger. 2008 closed with the carpeted porch that allowed folks to stay warm at the Christmas party without having to repair the porch roof the next day.

During the intervening months,

there have been several boating related improvements: Members worked together to get three of the club boats in good sailing condition, the Drascombe, the Hunter 23, and the Flying Scot. The board is considering buying new sails for the four Hobies that are otherwise in good condition and they would then be available for folks to sail. Along that train of thought, some of Kate's close friends are thinking about making the dinghy races a more formal part of the ABYC sailing scene, adding a second division of dinghies, which would include those four Hobies, and having a memorial series for dinghies.

Remember, any member can sign up to go sailing on any one of these boats by going sailing with someone who knows the waters to get checked out, then signing up for a time. Call or talk to Ray Keaton for details.

Another important facet of the racing scene is the Stephen C. Smith Regatta. As chair for the 2009 regatta, Lynn Groves has formed a multi-group committee and they've already met.

Also on the water during the

past year, no one took any long cruises, but our local cruising program expanded to several canoe and kayak trips in the area. Our racing fleets continued apace, but the PHRF (big boat) racing was hampered by low tides and storms.

Vice Commodore's Corner

Frank Hankins

Members who made it to the Christmas party got a special treat, aside from the always excellent meal put on by Lee Chubb, the goofiness of the swap, and the appearance of the (6'2" ?) "Jolly Old Elf" who wandered in; they got to hear the crooning of Frank Hanna and Moses Turner and we hadn't had that pleasure recently. It takes a kind of courage I don't have (nor ability) to stand up in front of one's peers and sing. It got the season off to a spirited start and once again, the event was so successful because of those willing to give their time and talent to the rest of us. The next event needing volunteer help of a different sort will be the New Year's Eve Party (with

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MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday, Jan.. 10, 2009
1800 - Social
1900 - Pot Luck
1945 - Meeting
2000 - Trip to Croatia

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band). If you want to come, but don't want to drive back to TLH, check with (e-mail) Maxi Glenn about members willing to host out-of-Shell-Pt.ers. If you have a spare room, berth, etc., let Maxi know about that, too. You can also call her after the 26th. After a suitable recovery from New Year's Eve, get ready for the Will Glenn Frostbite Regatta, on the 3rd. We hope to get lots of boats (and spectators) out for that, as it will be the last one-day trophy race before we start a "spring series" for dinghies, based sort of like our PHRF series, with monthly races held to determine a series winner. That series will be dedicated to Kate Morgan. Details will be worked out in January. If you have suggestions for events you'd like to see next year, let any board member know so that we can discuss it at our January calendar planning meeting. We will be making up a schedule for events, races, regattas, work days, etc., etc. on January 10th.

Have a fun holiday season!

Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

If you have any questions concerning your monthly bill, please contact me at:

mbg1215@netzero.net

The Club's monthly financial report is in a notebook in the Clubhouse.

DUES ARE DUE!

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Information

David O'Hara

The December program on the work of the Organization for Artificial Reefs was most informative. They just do not "dump" things to make the reef. It is a scientific project with specialized equipment and objects. The group also goes back and checks on how the reef is doing in terms of stability and habitat improvement.

The January program will be at the clubhouse on 10 January. At that time, the Groveses and Hankinses will tell us about their trip to Croatia.

Rear Commodore's Corner

Ed Fries

Something needs fixed? Dock/slip questions? Want to help maintain the Clubhouse/grounds? Give me a call - 591-4620

Editor's Note

C. Henry Depew

Please remember if you are reporting on an activity or supplying a notice of an activity, the "who, when, & where" rule.

For a report, who came (how many), who helped, when did the activity take place, and where did it happen.

For a planned activity, who is the host (contact and cost), when is the activity occurring (date & time, reservation deadline, if there is one), and where will the activity be held.

Jr. Board Member Report - Social Information

Lorna Tweedie

Welcome to the 2009 ABYC year of social activities. Having ended 2008 with a grand Christmas party, (see article by Lee Chubb), and a rousing New Year's Eve party, we move along into this new year with cheerful anticipation.

Our first big social event will be on Saturday, January 24. A "Sailors Soup Sampling" is being planned whereby those who wish prepare a pot of their favorite homemade soup. Attendees then sample all and mark their choices. Prizes will be awarded to the winners! So, put this on your calendar, get your recipe ready and join the competition. **Call Lorna at 926 - 8309 by January 21 for reservations.** Preparing a pot of soup is encouraged but not a requirement. A small fee will be assessed.

CIA, Changes In Attitude, will again be a part of 2009 social events at ABYC. CIA is held usually the last Saturday evening of each month at the Clubhouse from 6 to 7:30. The bar is open and snacks are prepared and served by a member or members. A list to sign for your turn to provide food snacks is at the Club, or call Lorna to volunteer, again 926 - 8309.

Fun and exciting social events are in the making such as the upcoming Commodore's Ball, Spring Opening, etc. Please volunteer your services to help with these or others throughout the year. Your ideas and help are truly appreciated. Not only helping, but attending the functions is a great way to meet people and get involved in the APALACHEE BAY YACHT CLUB!

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.

The monthly meeting of the ABYC Board of Directors was held at the Bjerregaards' on 6 December. The meeting was called to order by Commodore Carl Bjerregaard at 1540. Present were: Carl Bjerregaard
Frank Hankins
Maxine Glenn
David O'Hara
Marc Lipsius
Lorna Tweedie
Ed Fries
Henry Depew

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

Vice Commodore - Frank Hankins

Reviewed the status of the Club's boats.

We have two potential members and one membership for a vote. Steve & Mary vanScriver's application was approved.

Lee Chapin will be in charge of the Smith Regatta on-the-water activities and Frank will work with him concerning the racing.

Rear Commodore - Ed Fries

The electrical portion of the docks have been repaired. We need to finish the decking upgrades and tie the fingers to the new pilings.

For the Christmas Party the porch will be carpeted with a roll up carpet that can be stored when not needed.

The special screens on the porch need a special cleaner that

has been stored in a "safe place" (no one can find it at the moment). Do not use regular cleaner on the "plastic" screens.

A work day on 17 January is planned.

Purser - Maxie Glenn

Reviewed the financial statement. The statement (a copy is in the clubhouse) was accepted.

Sr. Board - Marc Lipsius

Volunteered to head the ABYC Adult Sailing Program. The Board agreed that rather than advertising the "we are here", one or more scheduled class be advertised for those interested to attend.

There was a discussion as to whether or not our Club programs should be open to the public. It was decided to keep the general programs "closed" and hold special "open" programs when desirable.

The January meeting will be held at West Marine from 1700-2030 (**editor's note** - meeting rescheduled and moved to Clubhouse to be held on 10 January).

Following Marc's report a motion was made, seconded, and passed commending him on two years of excellent programs.

Jr. Board - Lorna Tweedie

Reviewed plans for the New Year's Eve party at the Clubhouse. The 24 January social will be the "annual soup contest".

Old Business

New Business

January Board workshop will be on 10 January from 0900 until the work is completed.

Minutes of the ABYC December Meeting

The meeting was called to order following the potluck meal by Commodore Bjerregaard. Reports by the various officers present reminded members of the Remembrance for Kate Morgan, the Christmas Party, and the New Year's Eve Party. Following the reports, the meeting was adjourned and those present listened and watched a very informative program on OAR's work in various parts of the Gulf of Mexico and Apalachee Bay.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

As a member of ABYC, you have a chance to both benefit from the membership and contribute to the work of the Club. If you like to race, there are races for large and small vessels. We have parties and socials for those so inclined. If you do not own a boat, you can be checked out on the three the Club has and go sailing.

You can also contribute to the Club's operation by becoming an active member of one of the various committees or simply get together with friends and host a social or CIA function. And, when a workday is planned, your assistance in the various jobs needed to be done will be appreciated.



Notes And Hints From Near And Far

C. Henry Depew

Getting insurance on older boats is starting to be a problem. In some cases you can get liability but not hull. One company recommended on an e-mail list I belong to is Heritage Marine Insurance in Mystic CT. If your current company is giving problems about your older boat, you might want to look this firm up and see what they have to offer.

Electronic charts are nice as long as the batteries are charged or the connection to the boat's electrical system works. Otherwise, a paper chart is sort of nice. In the electronic area, take a look at these two sites for on-line chart information:

theboaters.com/explore
and
[oscddata.ncd.noaa.gov/
onlineviewer](http://oscddata.ncd.noaa.gov/onlineviewer)

The first site is a commercial boat sales group that has a chart in the upper right corner. The chart is not "user friendly" but has a lot of good information. To go "in and out" you use the scale on the right. To "pan" the chart to get to your location, hold down the left mouse button and move the mouse.

The NOAA site is more user friendly and more official.

Under the heading of "Things You May Not Want To Know" is the meaning of a radio message on Channel 16 that starts with **Merwarn**. This warning would preface a message advising you of the presence of nuclear fallout in the area. The warning message is designed to warn merchant shipping but you might be in the same area.

Although few of our members

go sailing to Mexico or the Caribbean these days, if you plan to do so, remember the new passport rules. At the minimum you need a passport card to get back into the US. If you plan to stop along the way, you need the traditional US passport book. Check on the requirements before you leave the dock. The new rules take effect June 1, 2009.

If you have not noticed, there are some changes in the Shell Point Channel. A new "tripod" has been installed bayward from the "old" tripod. It is reported that the new structure is west of the channel (Green Daymark) and should be left to port when coming into Shell Point.

Interested in historical aerial photos? Take a look at:
<http://historicalaerialsofflorida.com/>

Scuttlebutt

Marcia Bjerregaard

1. A cask or butt with an opening for a dipper (often tied to the mainmast) 2. rumor or gossip

Ted Gaupin announces that his Marsh Harbor Marina now offers pumpout services. Call the marina office at Century 21 to make an appointment.

Remember another advantage of ABYC membership. You may use the building for parties, card games, or simply reading on the porch by yourself.

Someone left a very nice foul weather jacket at the last dinghy race.

Someone else borrowed a blue life jacket from the Bjs and the real owner wants it back.

LOCKER SALE

Tools, Deck Chairs, Folding Bikes, Gas Grill
Dock Steps, Signal Flags, Power Oil Changer
Anchors, Rode, Chain, Line, Towing Gear
Boat or Golf Cart Heavy Duty Battery Charger
LOTS OF OTHER STUFF

**Make Offers
EVERYTHING MUST GO !**

**ABYC Clubhouse
Sunday, Jan. 11
10:00 to 2:00**

Larry Fuchs
668-9830

ABYC TRADITIONS**tradition** *noun*

1) an inherited or established way of thinking, feeling, or doing
(*Editor's Note: This column will address various ABYC traditions as space permits.*)

The Rubber Ducky Race was initiated by Jay Mitchell and Ernie Jones as a "fun race". The rules were strange and the prizes similar. First place was a Rubber Ducky and last place was a Turtle.

Under the general rules was the requirement of no motor (electric or internal combustion) allowed and the boat must have a "working sail". Paddles, swimming, etc. were encouraged. The additional rule was that it would be a "Le Mans" start with the sails down and keel boats at anchor off the beach. At the start of the race, the small boats rigged on the beach before launching and the skippers of the larger boats had to swim out to their boats while the crews hoisted the sails and raised anchor.

The race course varied with the whim of the RC and all kinds of wrinkles were included in the event. After the race a party was held and the awards distributed.

Gobbler Regatta

Jane Fletcher

This annual event was held on 28 Nov. off the Bjerregaards' dock. In spite of the rain, flaky winds, and such, a good time was had by those racing and watching. On the water were:

Carl & Marcia Bjerregaard
Al Fletcher (& Paul Zaeychta)
Ivor & Lynn Groves
Jim McGill
Al Oosterhof
Don Reeder
Sue Ross

The RC was Lorna Tweedie, Darlene Oosterhof, and Jane Fletcher. Three races were held:

Al Oosterhof	1st
Ivor Groves	2nd
Sue Ross	3rd

Jim McGill was awarded a special prize for consistency of finishes.

By winning the gobbler Regatta, Al Oosterhof is now the holder of the Cock-of-the-Walk trophy and is accepting challenges.

2009 Stephen C. Smith Regatta

April 24, 25, 26, 2009

Lynn Groves

ABYC is gearing up for the regatta with a work group that includes Frank Hankins, John McBride, John Bennett, Lee Chapin, Mike Redig and Carl Bjerregaard. Plans are in the making for a race on Friday afternoon with an evening cookout at ABYC. A packed racing schedule on Saturday will be followed by the Parrot Parade and auction on Sunday.

Moses Turner is chairing the sponsorship committee this year. He will be the point person for sponsorships including recruiting new sponsors. If your business would like to be a Regatta sponsor, please contact Moses.

If you have items for the auction, please let Leah Chapin know.

If you want to get involved in the racing plans, contact a member of the ABYC committee.

Mark Your Calendars and Save the Date!!

Will Glenn Memorial Annual Frostbite Regatta for Small Boats

Beth Hamilton

It's time to start another great year of Puffin and dinghy races with the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club! The Will Glenn Memorial Annual Frostbite Regatta for Small Boats will be held on SATURDAY, JANUARY 3th, 2009. Since 2004, the Regatta has been held in fond memory of Will Glenn, Sr., a primo small boat racer whose enthusiasm for racing was infectious

everywhere, including at Shell Point. Let's keep that enthusiasm going, get out on the water and have some fun!

Date: Saturday, January 3th, 2009
Time: 1300 Skippers Meeting
Eligibility: Any boat that is 14 feet or under.

Venue: Carl and Marcia Bjerregaard's dock

Registration Fee: \$8.00 for members of ABYC, \$10.00 for non-members. Please hand your money in to the Race Committee
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Changes in Attitude Social

Date: 31 Jan., 2009

Time: 1800 - 1930

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



ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2009

January

- Sat. 3 Will Glenn Memorial Regatta
Sat. 10 Board Meeting/Planning - 0900-
Monthly Meeting - Clubhouse - 1800-
Sat. 17 Work Day - 0900-
Sat. 24 Social - Soup Sampling
Sat. 31 CIA

February

- Sat. 7 Board Meeting - 1300-1730
Monthly Meeting - Clubhouse
Sat. 14 Valentine Regatta/Social
Sat. 28 CIA

**NOTE: The above calendar is valid as of the print date. For up-dates/
changes consult the Expanded Calendar at ABYC's web site (ABYConline.
org).**



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850/926-7775**

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Archivist's Note

C. Henry Depew

While working on a history of ABYC, I came across probably the shortest meeting in the Club's history. The Annual Business Meeting in December, 2005 did not have a quorum. The meeting was recessed to a later date. The later date was December 31. At that meeting, a quorum was present, the meeting reconvened, the proposed amendment to the Constitution passed, and the meeting adjourned. Total time of the meeting was three (3) minutes.

Christmas Party Report

Lee Chubb

The Christmas Party held on Sat Dec. 13 was the best in years!!!! I can say that because Russell and I have been the hosts for several of those years. What makes a great party? Food? Drink? Surroundings? Decorations? All of the above, BUT, mostly people. The members of ABYC are the best. All you have to do is ask and there will be someone to help or just do it. We had about 40 in attendance, sorry if you missed it, but that is a nice number.

I asked Beth Hamilton to decorate and she rounded up a group of elves and it was done! Carl and two Franks as well as Pat Renovitch were on hand to set up and "do" the tables. Joeann, as usual, did a great job bartending. My friend Micky West provided the excellent meal. Jese, her last night

at ABYC (after 13 years), was there to assist anyone and did her usual great job.

Thanks for all your help over the years Jese, and good luck in your new career. A very late appeal brought a very cheerful Santa to add to our celebration, thanks John. Finally, the stars of the evening, Frank Hankins, Frank Hanna and Moses Turner. These fellows did an awesome job providing fabulous entertainment. The Yankee swap was kicked off by auctioning Jane Fletcher's "Puffin" painting. The auction was to benefit our local Refuge House and added to the other generous donations will enable us to present them with \$1400 in gift cards. A truly fun evening. Thanks to everyone that made it possible.

Web Sites For ABYC Boats

Ray Keaton

If you want to reserve one of the three ABYC boats, there is now a web site for each.

- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SnowGoose>
- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FlyingScott>
- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ABYCKestrel/>

If you are not a member of the Yahoo Group, you need to join before you can schedule one of the boats. Go to the site of your choice and click on "Join". You will get a confirmation e-mail back when your application has been approved.

Please remember that you need to have been "checked out" by one of the authorized ABYC members before you can schedule the boat.

(Will Glenn Regatta - continued)
(Beth Hamilton, Lorna Tweedie, and Jane Fletcher) or ABYC members can opt to be billed thru the club.

Spectators: Great viewing!!!! Bring your lawn chairs and cheer for your favorite boat! You do not even need to know anything about sailing to enjoy watching these colorful boats fight it out.

Trophies: The Perpetual Will Glenn Trophy will be awarded for 1st place. In addition to prizes for finishing, there will be fun awards for:

- Most fun to watch
- Most aggressive
- Most improved
- Others to be announced on the day of the Regatta. Trophies will be awarded based upon the wis-

dom of the Race Committee, with assistance from the spectators.

If you have any questions, are available to assist with the Race Committee/Race Committee Boat work for future races, or want to be on the dinghy e-mail list, contact Beth Hamilton at 933-2268 or sigismunda@aol.com.

Spread the word!
See you on the starting line!

**BECOME INVOLVED IN
YOUR YACHT CLUB
VOLUNTEER TO SERVE
ON A COMMITTEE
NOW**