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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

Fri., Jan. 1

Will Glenn Memorial Regatta
1300 - Bjerregaards
Social afterwards at Clubhouse

Fri. Jan. 15

Meeting at West Marine - 7:00 PM

Sat. Jan. 16

Work Day at Clubhouse

Sat. Jan. 23

PHRF Tune-up Race
Social

Sat. Jan. 30

Changes In Attitude (CIA)
1800-1930 - Clubhouse

Frostbite Regatta - Party After

As noted elsewhere in this issue, the Frostbite Regatta will be held on Jan. 1, 2010.

Marcia and Carl are going to tape the game and it may be available later to watch at the traditional New Year's Day good luck meal after the race. This time, bring your favorite New Year's tidbit. Joeann has agreed to open the bar around 5:30 PM - you don't have to race to attend.

Commodore's Comments

Lorna Tweedie

After the reveling of the busy holiday season, folks all around are proceeding forward into the new year of 2010. And so it is with ABYC! Having had the past and present boards meeting and conferring together, the new group of directors is on board and ready to go. We set sail into this new year with confidence and enthusi-

asm!

The hope is that this year will be a year of increasing participation by all members. We welcome and need you to offer your time, talents and suggestions. Together we can have a most exciting and enjoyable ABYC year!

Rear Commodore's Corner

Bob Sherrod

As newly minted Rear Commodore I know I have much to learn. Though I am certainly much less skilled than Ed, I will do my best to fill his very large shoes, and I hope you all will support me by helping in as many workdays as possible. If you see anything that needs to be repaired, please let me know by contacting me at 556-9108 or sherrod01@comcast.net.

Kindly remember that our next work day is Sat., Jan. 16, from 0930-1400 (or when the work gets done).

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Information

Gene Nicoloso

The January Program will be a presentation at West Marine on Friday, January 15. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM with the program by Ed Wiser on Civil War torpedo boats to follow.



MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday, Jan. 15, 2010
1900 - Meeting & Program
West Marine
4248 West Tennessee Street

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Vice Commodore's Corner

Ivor Groves

Hello all sailors, 2010 is here and we are planning another great year of sailboat racing. Shout out a great "thank you" to Frank Hankins, who has spent the last two years as vice commodore. Frank worked extremely hard to promote more sailing and racing in the club. As a result of his and many other people's efforts there is renewed interest in racing in Wind Riders, Puffin dinghies and in the PHRF fleet.

Thank you also to Beth Hamilton, who has organized and chaired the dinghy racing planning and regattas. The Puffin fleet is growing and we have great participation in both the racing series and the special event regattas. They have been a great success.

In 2009, ABYC completed the first year of the Kate Morgan Dinghy Racing Series and strong competitive racing in the Turkey and Frost Bite regattas. John Hamilton was the first winner of the Kate Morgan Dinghy Racing Series perpetual trophy that was donated to the club by Steve Augustine. Check out the new trophy in the trophy case. Thank you also goes to Jane Fletcher and Lorna Tweedie who serve on the dinghy racing committee along with Beth. Let's see this year if we can interest even more young folks in dinghy racing.

The PHRF fleet is also changing and growing. We currently have four Harmony sailboats that are going to be raced in the series, and the Club is in the process of acquiring two more Harmony boats, one that was donated to the club and one that is being purchased by a member. As soon as these boats can be collected, it will

immediately result in one more Harmony racing in the fleet. With some elbow grease and a new mast the 2nd boat could be made race ready as well.

Thank you also goes to John and Nell Johnston for providing the committee boat for most of the PHRF races.

I am truly looking forward to working with everyone this year. If you have ideas or suggestions for how to improve the sailing and racing aspects of ABYC, please let me know. Some possibilities include: getting more young folks involved in dinghy racing, maybe including a youth dinghy regatta; a presentation on racing basics for persons interested in getting into racing; and, getting more Harmony boats racing at Shell Point.

The new racing schedule for this year will be out in the next Mark. We would love to have everyone participate in the racing activities. Please volunteer to learn more about the functions of the racing committee. We can always use more options for committee boats. If you want to go out and race let me know, we always have crew opportunities available.

Fair winds and great sailing!

Purser's Report

Maxine Glenn

A copy of the monthly financial statement is in the notebook in the Clubhouse. If you have any questions concerning your monthly bill, please contact me at:

mbg1215@netzero.net

Jr. Board Member Report - Social Information

Darlene Oosterhof

Chili Sampler January 23

The January forecast is for below normal temperatures. This is one more reason to attend ABYC's Chili Sampler, Saturday 23. Details coming soon. Call Darlene Oosterhof (926-8962) by January 20 for your reservations.

Winter Tune-Up Series

Don Reeder

A "Winter Tune-Up Series" for the PHRF sailors is planned. The dates are:

January 23

February 6

February 20

The races will be subject to favorable weather conditions. Skippers' meeting at 10:30 at the clubhouse.



ABYC Christmas Party Report

Lee Chubb

About 50 people attended the party and were entertained by Moses and his friend Trish Backer during the social hour. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the music. After dinner, the Yankee Swap went into full swing with Elf Phil and Elfette Jackie keeping things going.

ABYC continued its generous outreach with over a thousand dollars collected for Refuge House.

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 meeting was called to order by Commodore Carl Bjerregaard on Dec. 5th at 1547 at his residence. Present were:

Carl Bjerregaard
Lorna Tweedie
Frank Hankins
Ed Fries
Maxie Glenn
Henry Depew

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as printed.

Carl reported that all was set for the January meeting at West Marine on the 15th. It was decided to start the meeting at 1900 (7:00 PM) to give those attending a chance for supper.

Scribe –

Henry reported that he sent a letter to Ted Gaupin concerning Ted's offer to ABYC asking for more information.

The By-Laws are on hold while the committee reviews the proposed changes in terms of not conflicting with the existing Constitution. He hopes that the committee will be able to report to the membership in the next couple of months.

Vice-Commodore –

Frank reported that there is interest in the Adult Sailing class, but he does not have the time to conduct the class.

Racing is over for this year and all seem to work out well.

In the absence of active use of the boat, Frank recommends selling the Drascombe and purchasing a boat more suitable for our area. There was discussion about purchasing the two Harmony 22's

known to be on the market and creating one, working Harmony 22 for use by club members. Frank was authorized to get firm prices on the two boats and look into the logistics of obtaining the boats and bringing them to Shell Point.

There may be a Winter Series. Dates and interest among the members is being determined.

Rear Commodore –

Ed reported that the new security system is being installed. One camera is operational at this time. When the system is operational, the system (and activity) can be checked via the Internet.

One dock problem has been fixed, but there is some more work needed, including two sections that need replacement.

The street side steps need repair/replacement. He will look into getting suitable material for the project and hopes for help on the workday on the 16th to make those repairs.

There are also some bathroom repairs needed that he hopes to get done at the same time as the stair repairs.

Purser –

Maxie reported that Patrick Milas will be a "Young Professional" member starting in 2010.

She is talking to the Property Appraiser's office about the valuation of the ABYC property. She has two figures and neither seem to reflect what is actually the case. She will report at the next Board meeting what she has learned.

The Club's utility bill suddenly went up when Talquin discovered that the meter was not working properly and replaced it. The water consumption data shows that we have a major water use and need to find the leak.

Without any more major expenses, ABYC should be a couple of thousand in the black at the end

of the year.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the Purser's report.

Senior Board Member –

No report.

Junior Board Member –

Lorna reported that all was set for the Christmas and New Year's Eve parties. Moses Turner will be providing the music for the Christmas party.

Old Business:

The price of large-screen TVs is still decreasing and with the new security system it might be time to re-visit the issue.

New Business:

No new business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1700.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Henry Depew

Scribe

MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Dec. 5, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Carl Bjerregaard at 1958 at the ABYC clubhouse with 26 members and guests present.

Scribe –

Henry reported on the By-Laws status. A question was raised about putting back issues of *The Mark* on the ABYC web site. Henry will look into any additional cost to add more storage space to the web site.

As web master, Henry requested that anyone finding a problem with the web site to please be specific as to the location thereon. He noted that he can run IE, Netscape, and Firefox and that each platform displays the information slightly differently.

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(Minutes - continued)**Vice-Commodore –**

Frank reported on the idea of selling the Drascombe and using the money to purchase the Harmony 22s for club boats. There was mixed response from those members present to the idea. It was noted that there are improvements to the clubhouse that could be accomplished with the money spent on the boats. The idea of charging members who use the club boats was also raised. It was suggested that the Board needs to propose some priorities and/or survey the membership as to what needs to be done and what the priorities should be. When the question of what does the existing boats cost ABYC thus far, Frank noted that those using the boats are doing most of the needed maintenance.

In terms of priorities and long-range planning, a request was made that an agenda of the Board meeting, listing major items to be discussed, should be sent to the membership in advance so those interested in a given item could attend that meeting.

Rear Commodore –

Ed reported on the new security system being installed and requested assistance from the membership for the January workday to repair the stairs and docks. There is also some landscaping work that needs to be accomplished. The “leak” in the plumbing has been found and repairs will be made as soon as the pool maintenance people can come.

Purser –

Maxie reported on the questions with the Property Appraiser’s office and other such matters. There was a discussion of sending a copy of the financial report as an Excel file to the membership.

Announcements:

Will Glenn Memorial Frostbite Regatta is Friday, Jan. 1st.

The Joint Board Meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, Jan. 9 starting at 9:30 AM.

The monthly meeting will be at West Marine on Jan. 15 at West Marine starting at 7:00 PM.

A social is planned for Jan. 23rd.

The CIA will be held on Jan. 30th (need a host/hostess)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2035.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew
Scribe

YOU Are Invited!

ABYC is a volunteer organization in terms of holding socials, fixing that which breaks, and generally keeping the operation running. There are numerous “jobs” that take a little effort from time to time that are still important. Then, there are the jobs that happen every month and require the effort of a number of people working together (like *The Mark*).

As a member of ABYC, you can be part of the process. Listed below are the committees that need members to make them work. Volunteer to join one (or more) of them during 2010 and get involved in your Club.

Membership
Clubhouse/Grounds
Regatta
Protest
Fleet

In addition, there are some additional areas that can use help:

Race Committee
Asst. Editor - *The Mark*
Handbook/Directory

Web Site
Social
Programs

The formal committees of ABYC are described in the Handbook/Directory issued to each member. The other activities are not that complicated:

Race Committee is comprised of those who volunteer their boats (and themselves) to go out and run and of the races. Help is needed to fly the flags, take the finish times, and generally run a good race.

Assistant Editor is the back-up position and the helper for the Editor. More than once, your Editor has had his machine go down and needed another to finish an issue. And, your editor (and his wife) could use some assistance.

Handbook/Directory given to each member is put together once and year and then up-dated as needed.

Web Site is not that involved but a person familiar with HTML to run the operation would be nice.

Socials are part of ABYC. There is a need for a host/hostess for each monthly social and for the monthly CIA. The one time effort is appreciated by all who attend the function.

Programs help make meetings interesting and informative. The Sr. Board Member could use your help.

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



Amendments

C. Henry Depew, Parliamentarian

By-Law Amendments

Because a number of the proposed amendments to the By-Laws were tied to changes in the Constitution, any action on the By-Laws was postponed while the committee reviewed the By-Laws amendments to make sure they could be addressed by the membership as soon as practical without any conflict with non-changes in the Constitution.

Once the language has been reviewed and the committee is satis-

fied that there are no conflicts with the Constitution, a copy of the proposed amendments will be posted on the ABYC web site and a copy included with the next issue of *THE MARK*.

Every voting membership will receive another electronic ballot that can be cast if they will be unable to attend the scheduled monthly membership meeting once the By-Laws amendments are finalized.

Membership Accounting Number

A number has been assigned to each membership. This number will appear on the charge sheet and your invoices. Learn to use this number when purchasing food and drinks. It will become a good habit and we all appreciate an accurate bill. Thanks for your cooperation.

Become involved in your yacht club this year!

Editor's Note

C. Henry Depew

For all of 2009 I used the wrong Roman Numeral for the volume number. I used four "X"s instead of "XL". This volume has the proper notation for 41 (XLI) which is 50 minus 10 plus 1.

Event Information

If you are hosting an event for ABYC and want a notice published, please make sure you send me the following information:

Date

Location

Starting time

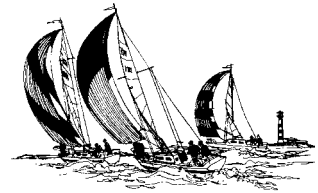
Price per person

Reservation due date

What attendees are to bring (if anything)

The information can be within the body of an e-mail or as an attachment. If it is sent as an attachment, please use the "Save As" option in your document preparation program to save the material as a Rich Text Format (rft) file.

Thank you, your Editor



Good Old Boat Regatta

If you want to make the trip south, the St. Petersburg Sailing Association will host its first-ever Good Old Boat Regatta the weekend of January 23, 2010, with an informal social event beginning on the evening of Friday, January 22, before the race. By race day on Saturday, the club expects to generate fond memories and wild exaggerations.

A Notice of Race is posted at www.spsa.us. Check that site for more information.

Interested? Send an email message to Steve Lang at -

bay_woof@yahoo.com with questions and to get on the "who's coming" list.

Scuttlebutt

Marcia Bjerregaard

Thanks to Harry Dennard and the Woodmen of America, the American flag is flying proudly at ABYC.

Rear Commodore Ed Fries has the security system completely installed. Ray Keaton provided extra hands one day, and Carl Bj. another.

Jim McGill made and dis-

tributed CDs of the Gobbler Regatta to the participants and the Oosterhofs made one of the last Beachton Regatta. Hope Santa brings us a player that can project these gifts...

THE MARK Mail-out Option*C. Henry Depew, Editor*

When the membership approved the change from hard-copy to electronic distribution of *The Mark*, the average annual price was estimated at \$1,050/year (postage, labels, and printing).

At present, ABYC has 75 memberships (55 regular, 11 associates, 6 non-resident, and 3 honorary) If we print 100 copies and send only to the membership, the estimated cost would be about \$45/month or \$540/year. The actual cost would depend on mailing label reproduction, seals for the folded newsletter, etc. But, at least we can give you the minimum price to revert to hard-copy distribution.

\$21 + tax for printing
\$33 for postage (75*.44)
\$45 per month
\$540 for year

For ABYC, it is less expensive if you print your own copy from your micro upon receipt. However, this is a membership decision as money from the dues pays for the cost.

ABYC APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES

The sail logo for ABYC has been digitized for embroidery at AWARDS4U on Lafayette Street in Tallahassee (1387 E. Lafayette Street). They will sell the shirts and other items to our members. Mr. James Faulk is the sales associate who will handle orders. You can reach him at 878-7187 or by e-mail at: jamesf@awards4u.com.

You can find more information at:

www.awards4u.com

Notes And Hints From Near And Far*C. Henry Depew*

When I gave my short presentation on navigating without electronics, I neglected to show a book that explains how to use only sun sights. *Sun Sight Sailing* by S.L. Seaton (David McKay Co., 1980) gives the basics for finding your position with a sextant, accurate watch, and HO 211. Of course, you need to know how to plot and do a running fix. But, the book is quite nice. On this point, find a copy of Dec. '09 issue of *Sail Magazine* and read about the people who lost all electronics because of a lightning strike and how they got home (pp. 29-31).

Cannon Ball Storage

It was necessary to keep a good supply of cannon balls near the cannon on old war ships. But how to prevent them from rolling about the deck was the problem. The storage method devised was to stack them as a square based pyramid, with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which rested on sixteen.

Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem -- how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding/rolling from under the others.

The solution was a metal plate with 16 round indentations, called, for reasons unknown, a Monkey. But if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make them of brass - hence, Brass Monkeys. Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled.

Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass

indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey.

Thus, it was quite literally, cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey. And all this time, folks thought that was just a vulgar expression?

For one view of what the future may bring those of us who "mess about in boats", take a look at the web site - www.shipais.com

**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.

November Gobbler Regatta - 2009

Beth Hamilton

Friday, November 27th, found twelve sailors racing in the Gobbler Regatta. The start-finish line was at the Bjerregaard's dock. The course wound its way up and down canals and around the "doughnut". With a north wind, the racers faced a difficult downwind start. Oh, the challenges of these "special event" races!!

Puffin Fleet Results:

1. Marcia Bjerregaard
2. Carl Bjerregaard
3. John Hamilton
4. Al Fletcher
5. Ivor Groves
6. Matt Branam
7. Lynn Groves
8. Jim McGill
9. Kat McLendon
10. Steve Augustine
11. Sue Ross

Non-Puffin Fleet

1. Al Oosterhof - Trink

Special Awards:

· Sue Ross received rose petals for being a sweetie and reporting her "on the water" faults and lack of penalties to clear them.

· Al Oosterhof received the most aggressive award for his speedy race times and failure to wait for the other racers before crossing the finish line.

· Marcia Bjerregaard received the turban squash for being the exalted leader of the Puffins.

Thanks to all those who helped make this a great event!

· Carl and Marcia Bjerregaard for hosting the race at their house and dock.

· Jim McGill and his nephew Matt for recording the races on a mast-mounted camera and sharing copies with the racers.

· Ivor and Lynn Groves for setting out the race marks.

· Chris McLendon for providing chase-boat / rescue service.

· Jane Fletcher and Lorna Tweedie for serving with me as race committee.

The next dinghy race is Friday January 1, 2010 - the Annual Will Glenn Frostbite Regatta. The skipper's meeting will be at 1PM at the Bjerregaard's house.

See you on the water!



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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.)

Webmaster's Cubicle

C. Henry Depew

As the ABYC webmaster, I try to keep the web site current. If something needs to be updated or changed, e-mail me with the update or changed information.

My e-mail is:

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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)

Changes in Attitude Social

Date: Jan. 30, 2010

Time: 1800 - 1930

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



ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2010

January

- Fri. 01 Will Glenn Memorial Regatta - 1300
- Sat. 09 Joint Board Workshop - 0930-
- Fri. 15 Monthly Meeting - West Marine - 1900-
- Sat. 16 Work Day - 0930-1400
- Sat. 23 PHRF "Tune-Up Race" - Clubhouse - 1030
Chili Sampler Social - 1800-
- Sat. 30 CIA - 1800-1730

February

- Sat. 06 PHRF "Tune-Up Race" - Clubhouse - 1030
Board Meeting
Monthly Membership Meeting - 1800-
- Sat. 13 Valentine's Day Regatta
- Sat. 20 PHRF "Tune-Up Race" - Clubhouse - 1030
Social - 1800-
- Sat. 27 Dinghy/Puffin Races
CIA - 1800-1730



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

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).

The MARK January, 2010

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