



THE MARK

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Commodore's Comments

Carl Bjerregaard

ABYC made several changes and additions to the physical plant last year. All were done economically and without outside labor costs, thanks to member talent and unselfish labor.

A fine example of member participation keeping expenditures down was just two weeks ago, when at least 17 members showed up on our subfreezing workday morning to work on the docks, the porch carpeting, and several inside chores. Hot chocolate and coffee helped get the workers started and the homemade soup break was just what they needed to rejuvenate the dockworkers for the afternoon.

Just when we thought there was no big purchase in our near future, creatures from the marsh invaded the Holder sail tubes and trailer, causing considerable damage to sails and equipment. That made the purchase of a enclosed second hand trailer seem necessary and one was found for a reasonable price.

Another reason to keep expenditures low is the economic outlook for at least the next year or two. Presently, we are one of the

few clubs that are in the black. Your board will do their best to keep it that way by keeping spending to a minimum.

Instead, we can all spend this year appreciating what we have and concentrate on greater participation and camaraderie in our activities.

Vice Commodore's Corner

Frank Hankins

A very good start to the sailing year was made by the foggy, calm, but well attended (14 boats) Will Glenn Frostbite Regatta on Jan 3rd. It was good, not only for the sailing, laughs, and banter, but because I met new friends, who handed me a check for their application fee to join the club as I was introduced. This, I thought, is going to be a good year. Then the dinghy sailors got together and formed a plan for an annual racing series...real progress towards a good, small boat program. On the 10th, we, the Board, hashed out an ambitious sail, social, and educational schedule (draft) for the year. With member support, this sched-

ule should make for a banner year. Get that? Member support! Anyway, February, ordinarily one of my least favorite months, has some events that will make it better. Be sure to come to the Valentine's Day race (special "rules" in play) followed by a romantic dinner, and dancing with a band. Kayaking the next weekend, and the following, the second dinghy race of the annual series. We hope to have an additional class in those races, our Holder 12's, for which we have ordered 4 new sails (paid for by fees from the Community Youth Sailing program). These boats are available to members who may not own a Puffin. We are in the process of upgrading these fun boats, with volunteers "adopting" a boat for the re-do. We have also acquired a 2006 enclosed trailer to better protect sails and equipment for these and other club boats. We are now looking for a donation (to youth sailing) of a pontoon boat, which could also be used as party/committee boat for races. If you know of anyone trying to get rid of one, let us know. Come on out to ABYC events and bring your friends

MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009

Clubhouse

1800 - Social

1900 - Dinner

1945 - Meeting

2000 - Program

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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.

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Information*David O'Hara*

The February membership meeting will be at the clubhouse on Saturday, Feb. 7, instead of at West Marine.

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

As noted throughout this issue, there are jobs available for those who want to help ABYC provide programs and activities for everyone.

Frank Hankins can always use some additional committee boat volunteers for the PHRF races as well as the Smith Regatta on-the-water activities. There is also a need for a committee boat for some of the Puffin/Dinghy races.

Ed Fries can use help around the clubhouse and not just on designated "Work Days".

David O'Hara is looking for program ideas. Or people who will volunteer to present a program.

Loran Tweedie would welcome members to host a CIA or help at one of the social events.

As a volunteer organization, ABYC depends on YOU to provide the involvement to make things happen.

Jr. Board Member Report - Social Information*Lorna Tweedie*

Oh, that heartwarming rich tasting delicious soup. How good it was! And what fun all had at the "Sailor Soup Sampling" on the evening of January 24th. Much credit and thanks go to Al and Darlene Oosterhof who did a great job organizing this social event. (Al's report on this event follows).

Our next social will be a "Valentine Surprise", held actually on Valentine's Day evening, February 14th, after the scheduled regatta races of the day.

Rumors are that Teriyaki Steak will be the main course for the February 14th dinner at ABYC. Be sure to reserve your place promptly!

Dinner and a band for about \$20/person. What a bargain!

Make your reservations early to attend this special evening. Call (you guessed) Lorna at 926-8309 by Wed., Feb. 11!

C.I.A., Changes in Attitude, will be held on February 28th from 6 to 7:30, following Puffin races in the afternoon.

Keep your ABYC calendar in full view as many more exciting events are coming along soon.

And, **SOS, HOSTS ARE NEEDED** for upcoming CIA gatherings and monthly social events!

Soup Sampler a Success*Al Oosterhof*

When making reservations for the Soup Sampler, everyone signed up as tasters, and eight members also offered to create a special soup; the main course of Saturday evening's event.

All the soups were wonderful, and it was obvious that the chefs had put considerable effort into their creations. However, there was one exception – a soup designed to show what can be done in a moment's notice with ingredients immediately at hand. This soup too was very popular.

Participants rated each soup. Votes were averaged with prizes given to the three highest ratings: 1st place to Sue Ross (Seafood Stew), 2nd to Darlene Oosterhof (Crab, Red Potato, Corn Chowder), and 3rd to Lorna Tweedie (Shrimp Vegetable Chowder). But the ratings of all soups were close and very high. The overall impression? "A lot of exceptionally good soup!"

Time

Most ABYC events have a traditional time frame -

PHRF - Skippers' - 10:30 AM

Puffin/Dinghy - 1:00 PM-

Board - 3:30-5:30 PM

Membership -

6:00 PM Social

7:00 PM Meal

7:45 PM Meeting

8:00 PM Program

General Socials -

6:00 PM Social

7:00 PM Meal

CIA - 6:00-7:30 PM

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 at the Clubhouse at 1303 on Saturday, January 10, 2009. Present were:

Commodore – Carl Bjerregaard
 VC – Frank Hankins
 RC – Ed Fries
 Purser – Maxine Glenn
 Scribe – Henry Depew
 Sr. Board – Lorna Tweedie
 Jr. Board – David O'Hara
 PC – Phil Werndli
 Marc Lipsius – Club Member

The minutes of the previous meeting as printed were approved

Purser – Maxine Glenn

The Nov. 30th statement was distributed and questions answered. A motion was made by Phil Werndli, seconded by Frank Hankins, and passed that the Purser is authorized to pay all “standard” bills as they are received. Maxine plans to pay Apalachee Mariners, LLC for the dock loan at the current level even though the interest rate has dropped to pay down the principle owed and thus decrease future interest costs to ABYC.

There was a question as to the value of an Equity Certificate in terms of those on the waiting list. It is the Board's position that the “current” value of a certificate is that value at the time the money becomes available to redeem the certificate, not when the request to redeem was made, and the Purser was directed to act accordingly on redemptions.

VC – Frank Hankins

We have a proposed new membership and the application has been posted. He also noted that ABYC should plan a “New Member” party for all who have joined the last couple of years. The Board agreed and will look for an available date (one of the socials?).

There was a short discussion concerning the role of the Membership Committee as being under the VC. Those present agreed that the membership information flow would be coordinated by the Purser. Phil agreed to chair the Membership Committee for 2009.

Requested authorization to pay for the trailer to store (and move) sailing gear for the boats that belong to ABYC. Phil made a motion, seconded by Maxie to pay for the trailer. The motion passed.

Last year the Board discussed a “cost recovery” mechanism to cover repairs to the Club boats. At present, those who are using the boats are doing the maintenance at little to no cost to the Club. Frank's recommendation was that we leave things as they are. The Board agreed. The Club owns the Flying Scott, Kestrel, and Driscombe. The Holders are owned by the Apalachee Bay Community Sailing group (which is a sub-part of ABYC) which is a IRS 501-C3 corporation. During the discussion on the various boats in the “fleet” it was suggested that members “Adopt A Boat” to help keep them maintained. Carl will bring this up at the monthly meeting.

The sign needs to be kept current. All Board members are authorized to up-date the sign as needed.

Rear Commodore – Ed Fries

Next Saturday is a planned work day on the docks, landscape, and club house.

Jr. Board – David O'Hara

The February meeting will be West Marine on Friday, Feb. 6th from 1800-1930.

Sr. Board – Lorna Tweedie

At present, we plan to have the following socials –
 Jan. 24 – Soup Sampling hosted by the Oosterhofs
 Feb. 14 – St. Valentines Race Social
 Mar. 14 – Murphy Regatta Social – Cook-out at Club, BYOE

Scribe – Henry Depew

Reminded those present of the need to get their material to him by the 15th of each month so he can get the newsletter published before the beginning of the next month.

Henry raised the question of going to electronic distribution of *The Mark* and sending printed copies only to those requesting hard copy. The Board requested that he survey the membership and see what type of response he gets to the idea as any reduction in postage will save the Club money.

Henry suggested that the Directory Committee be moved to the Purser's operation to reduce those involved in tracking membership status, changes in address, and the like. The Constitution/By-Laws Committee will consider the idea.

As the ABYC Webmaster, Henry requested new digital photos for the web site. The Board requested that he send them a list of those pictures that need to be up-dated.

New Business

After a discussion of the current status, a motion was made by Frank, seconded by David, and passed to increase the dock
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rent to \$225.00/month starting April 1st. Those renting dock spaces will be informed of the change as soon as possible along with the revised dock rental agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 1448.

Respectfully submitted, C. Henry Depew, Scribe

ABYC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The January Membership Meeting was called to order by Commodore Carl Bjerregaard at 2000 on Saturday, Jan. 10th at the ABYC Clubhouse.

Our latest applicants for membership (Bill & Carol Kesciclnick) were introduced. Carl noted that the 17th was a work day and those coming were asked to bring their own tools for the work they expected to do. B donated a projector screen and it will be used tonight.

VC Frank Hankins reviewed the trailer purchase (from Craig's List) and its planned use. He requested ideas as to how to store the boating gear in the trailer to make the best use of the trailer while still letting people get to the material easily.

Purser Maxie Glenn reminded everyone of the need to get any changes in the Directory to the Scribe as soon as possible.

Announcements included a reminder from Lorna Tweedie of the Soup Sampling Social on the 24. An e-mail with more details will be sent to the membership. Lynn Groves requested ABYC members start gathering items for the Smith auction and/or consider possible sponsors. Moses Turner is the ABYC contact for fund raising. Chris McLendon is looking for a

Puffin. Also, the Taoist Tai Chi Society is having a dinner on the 24th and anyone interested can see Steve Augustine after the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and some 40 people enjoyed the program on "Sailing in Croatia" presented by Ivor Groves (with Lynn, Pat, and Frank adding details).

Notes And Hints From Near And Far

C. Henry Depew

Working Replica of Noah's Ark opened in SCHAGEN, Netherlands. The massive central door in the side of Noah's Ark was opened the first crowd of curious town-folk to behold the wonder. Of course, it's only a replica of the biblical Ark, built by Dutch Creationist Johan Huibers as a testament to his faith in the literal truth of the Bible.

The ark is 150 cubits long, 30 cubits high and 20 cubits wide. That's two-thirds the length of a football field and as high as a three-story house. For more information, take a look at:

<http://www.arkvannoach.com/>

It has been reported that the Coast Guard now classifies stand-up paddleboards used beyond certain areas as a vessel. If you use a stand-up paddleboard outside the approved zones, you need to carry a sound producing device, visual distress signals, and proper navigation lights (probably an anchor and suitable rode also). And, don't forget your PFD!

Toward the end of December

we had some light to thin fog from time to time during the day. You can estimate the amount of fog if you have a distant object to look for. According to the meteorological optical range calculations based on visibility -
 Dense fog—less than 50 yards
 Thick fog—50-200 yards
 Moderate—200-500 yards
 Light fog—500-1,000 yards
 Thin Fog—1/2-1 nautical mile
 Haze— 1-2 nautical miles
 Light Haze—2-5.5 n. miles
 Clear—5.5-11 nautical miles
 Very Clear—11-27 n. miles

While sorting a pile of boating magazines, I came across an unopened (still in the plastic wrapper) *WoodenBoat*, May/June '89. One of the articles was on a boat powered by a windmill that had been developed by Havilah Hawkins (pp. 66-69). With today's fuel considerations, his ideas may yet see commercial development.

If you race your sailboat, you need to get a copy of the new 2009-2012 racing rules as there has been a number of changes. Some of the changes govern the boat's actions near marks and obstructions. Also, there is no restriction on sailing below your "proper course" to the next mark as long as your boat is clear ahead of the boat behind. Get a copy of the new rules and start reading!

Also available is a "Handy Guide to the Racing Rules 2009-2012" from U.S. Sailing at a cost of \$5.95 for members (\$7.95 - non-members) + shipping. This publication shows the racing rules visually displayed in a 15-page pocket size format.

The 2009 Edition of Managing the Waterway: Electronic Charts
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Will Glenn Memorial Annual Frostbite Regatta for Small Boats

Beth Hamilton

Race day, Saturday, January 3, 2009, found dense fog and light winds at Shell Point. This did not stop a crowd of spectators, 13 determined Puffin sailors and one intrepid Trinka sailor from turning out for this annual event honoring Will Glenn.

First place winner was Will Glenn, Jr. and his name will be engraved on the perpetual trophy for this event. Will is an exceptionally talented sailor and he really made the other racers work hard to keep up with him. Second place went to Ivor Groves, maintaining his place for the second major dinghy regatta in a row. We will see if he can keep this up! Third place went to John Hamilton. He beat out Don Reeder by the skin of his teeth – or was that a pipe adding to the fog!

As usual, the race committee presented a few special awards. Scott Augustine won the slow, but steady turtle award for his last place finish. Don Reeder won the flamingo award for being the most

fun to watch. And Sue Ross, who gritted her teeth and passed Lynn Groves and Marcia Bjerregaard in the final yards of the race, won the gator – most aggressive – award.

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.
- Steve Augustine, assisted by son Scott, for taking care of the race marks.
- Lorna Tweedie and Jane Fletcher for joining me in serving as the race committee.
- The Groves and Hamiltons for providing the oysters and the bean bag toss game.

A schedule for upcoming dinghy races should be available by the end of the month. We are deferring to the PHRF fleet for first choice of dates, so that they can accommodate the tides at Shell Point and get as many of the larger boats as possible out racing. So, stay tuned and see you on the water.

2009 Stephen C. Smith Regatta April 24, 25, 26, 2009

Lynn Groves

It is not too early to help make the 2009 Smith Regatta a success. We need donations for the auction on Sunday, race committee members and race committee boats for the races. “Go-fors” are always in demand to run all the little errands that crop up at one of these activities.

Last year, the race committee boat became a major problems as the initial boat became unavailable and there was no back-up boat. If nothing else, volunteer your boat as the race committee’s back-up boat. You will probably not be needed, but if so, your boat will be vital to the success of the racing on the water. You do not have to be the race committee, just provide and operate the boat for the race committee to be upon.

Mark Your Calendars and Save the Date!!

Scuttlebutt

Marcia Bjerregaard

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

Steve Dunham’s recovery from surgery has taken longer than he and his family hoped. Though he’s still at Shands, you can send a card to his home and Ann will deliver it.

Steve Augustine has donated a zillion cruising and ‘how to’ videos and books for boaters to ABYC. Thanks, Steve. They were stored on the workday and are ready for member use.

Thanks also to B Zimmerman

who has donated to the club the screen that we used for the Croatia program.

Several of our library’s Practical Sailor copies are missing. If you take them from the clubhouse, please remember to return them in a week or two.

You don’t need to return the several small garbage pails (complete with covers) that are stacked in the garbage bin, however. They are free for the taking. Do leave the spare large one, though. We’ll use that for under the clubhouse parties.

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Changes in Attitude Social

Date: 28 Feb., 2009

Time: 1800 - 1930

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



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will soon be released. The new information includes updated NOAA and USACE raster and vector charts as well as the government publications, reference texts, and nautical calculators. For more information, visit - www.managingthewaterway.com/electronic-charts

If you are interested in the future of **LORAN-C**, you can download the current draft proposal at:
<http://loranpeis.uscg.e2m-inc.com>
or
<http://www.regulations.gov>
You are looking for Docket Number USCG-2007-28460.

You can also get a paper copy by contacting LCDR Robert J. Manning, Technical Program Manger via e-mail - Robert.J.Manning@uscg.mil

If you want to attend on of the meetings be prepared to travel to Washington, D.C. or New Orleans, LA. The Washington meeting is Feb. 18 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center and the New Orleans meeting is on March 3 at Riverside Hil-

ton. The informational open house will start at 4:30 PM and the public heading will begin at 6:00 PM.

If anyone goes to either meeting, kindly send a report to your editor.

(Scuttlebutt - continued)

The Bjs are threatening to auction off that nice foul weather jacket left at their house two dinghy races ago.

Because of unexpected circumstances, the cost per-member for the New Year's Eve Party was less than expected.



February 7, 2009
at the ABYC Clubhouse

121 MHz EPIRB Coverage Ends February 1st

Marc Lipsius

It's time to make the switch to 406 MHz EPIRBs (Emergency Positioning Indicating Radio Beacon)! Satellite processing of distress signals by the U.S. Coast Guard on the 121 and 243 MHz bands will cease on February 1. Due to numerous false alerts and poor accuracy which degraded the reliability of lifesaving services, the decision was made by the international satellite-based search and rescue organization, COSPAS/SARSAT, nearly nine years ago to

discontinue satellite coverage on these bands. With 406 MHz EPIRBs operating on a more reliable frequency, along with the required registration process, search and rescue agencies are able to respond quicker using the proper equipment, and pinpoint offshore boaters in distress. You can purchase a 406 MHz EPIRB for \$700 retail or for short offshore trips, rent from the BoatUS Foundation for only \$40 a week. Contact them for further information on the rental program

Editor's Note

C. Henry Depew

After the January issue was printed and been mailed, it came to the Editor's attention that the meeting day on page 1 of the January issue was in error. I could say it was done on purpose to see if anyone reads *THE MARK*, but such was not the case. Sorry about that!

With this issue you will note a change in format. The back side of the calendar was for over-flow and late news items. It seems that the Club generates a lot of news about planned events and what happened in the last month. Hence, the calendar is now inside the last page, the overflow page is not part of the newsletter, and everything is stapled to insure that it all gets to you, the reader.

On another note, a major expense with the newsletter distribution is the postage. Under serious consideration is changing the distribution to electronic (e-mail with attachment) format. Hard copy would be sent only to those requesting the newsletter in that form. Of course, there is an electronic copy (available for download) on the web site (www.abyonline.org) at the present time.

DO NOT FORGET THE FEB. 14TH SOCIAL. Get your reservation to Lorna by the 11th.

Remember -

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

2009 PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**January**

- 3 Frostbite Regatta
- 10 Retreat – 0900- Clubhouse
Monthly Meeting - Clubhouse
- 17 Work Day 0900-1400
- 24 Social – Soup Sampling
- 31 Dinghy Race – 1300
CIA – 1800-1930

February

- 7 Board Meeting – 1530- 1730 Clubhouse
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse
- 14 Valentine Regatta/Social
- 21 Kayak/Canoe Activity
- 28 Dinghy Race – 1300
CIA – 1800-1930

March

- 7 PHRF Race – 1030 - Clubhouse
Board Meeting – 1530-1730
Monthly Meeting – Clubhouse
- 14 Murphy Regatta – PHRF Race
Cook-out, BYOE
- 21 Spring Opening - 1000
PHRF Race
- 28 Commodores' Ball - Clubhouse

April

- 4 PHRF Race – 1030 – Clubhouse
Board Meeting – 1530-1730
Monthly Meeting - Clubhouse
- 11 Dinghy Race - 1300
- 18 PHRF Race – 1030 - Clubhouse
- 18-19 Adult Sailing Class
- 24-26 Smith Regatta - PHRF Races

May

- 2 Work Day – 0900-1400
Board Meeting – 1530-1730
Monthly Meeting – Clubhouse
- 9 PHRF Race – 1030 - Clubhouse
- 15-17 Mullet Cup
- 23-25 Memorial Day Cruise to St. Marks
- 30 Dinghy Race – 1300
CIA – 1800-1930

June

- 6 PHRF Race – 1030 - Clubhouse
Board Meeting – 1530-1730
Monthly Meeting – Clubhouse
- 13-14 Youth Sailing Class
- 20 PHRF Race – 1030 - Clubhouse
- 20-21 Youth & Adult Sailing Classes
- 27 Beachton Yacht Club Regatta/CIA

July

- 4 ABYC Cruise/Party
- 11 Board Meeting – 1530-1730 -
Monthly Meeting – Clubhouse
- 18 Social
- 25 CIA

August

- 1 Board Meeting – 1530-1730
Monthly Meeting – Clubhouse
- 8 Scallop Fling
- 15 Social
- 29 Dinghy Race – 1300
CIA – 1800-1930

September

- 5-7 ABYC Cruise
- 12 Board Meeting – 1530-1730
Monthly Meeting – Clubhouse
- 19 PHRF Race - 1030 - Clubhouse
Social
- 26 Dinghy Race – 1300
CIA – 1800-1930

October

- 3 PHRF Race - 1030 - Clubhouse
Board Meeting
Monthly Meeting – Nominations
- 10 Work Day – 0900-1400 - Clubhouse
- 17-18 VC Regatta/Social
- 31 Dinghy Race – 1300
CIA – 1800-1930

November

- 1 PHRF Race - 1030 - Clubhouse
- 7 Board Meeting – 1530-1730
Annual Business Meeting/Game Night
- 14 PHRF Race - 1030 - Clubhouse
Dinghy Race - 1300
- 21 Annual Awards Banquet
- 27 Gobbler Regatta

December

- 5 Board Meeting
Monthly Meeting
- 12 Christmas Party
- 31 New Year's Eve Party

January - 2010

- 2 Will Glenn Memorial Regatta
- 8 Monthly Meeting – West Marine
- 9 Board Meeting
- 16 Work Day
- 23 Social
- 30 CIA

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2009

February

- Sat. 7 Board Meeting - 1530-1730 - Bjerregaard's
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse
Sat. 14 Valentine Regatta/Social
Sat. 21 Kayak/Canoe Activity
Sat. 28 Dinghy Race - 1300-
CIA - 1800-1930 - Clubhouse

March

- Sat. 7 PHRF Race - 1030 - Clubhouse
Board Meeting - 1530-1730
Monthly Meeting - Clubhouse
Sat. 14 Murphy Regatta/Social
Sat. 21 Spring Opening
PHRF Race - 1030 - Clubhouse
Sat. 28 Commodores' Ball - Clubhouse



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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 (ABYOnline.org).

The MARK February, 2009

Apalachee Bay Yacht Club

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