

# THE MARK

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## ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- Sat. 06 PHRF "Tune-Up Race" - Clubhouse - 1030  
Board Meeting  
Monthly Membership Meeting
- Sat. 13 Valentine's Day Regatta Social - (see page 7)
- Sat. 20 PHRF "Tune-Up Race" - Clubhouse - 1030
- Sat. 27 Dinghy/Puffin Races  
CIA - 1800-1730

**Come and Enjoy the Fun!!**

## Commodore's Comments

*Lorna Tweedie*

It is with great expectation that I view this year of 2010 at the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club. The fine turnout at our first membership meeting of the year, held at West Marine, was so encouraging. And, what a good turnout of folks for the work day at the Club the next day! Though dealing with rainy and windy weather outside, much was accomplished inside. It is gratifying to see such participation.

February is now upon us and more interesting and inviting

events await. The various Board members are planning some terrific socials, races, programs, etc., that I'm sure members will welcome. Do not hesitate to join the fun. By the way, mark your calendar for the Commodore's Ball on March 13th!

Note, be sure to "get with" the proper terminology- - - - - the bow - - versus - - "the pointy end" the stern - - versus- - - "the end that goes putt, putt, putt"

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## Rear Commodore's Corner

*Bob Sherrod*

Kindly note that the "dish-washer" in the kitchen is not a dishwasher. It is a sanitizer. Dishes and utensils have to be washed (soap, hot water, etc.) and rinsed before they are put in the sanitizer.

If you see something that needs to be done, please let me know by contacting me at 556-9108 or sherrod01@comcast.net.

## Jr. Board Member Report - Social Events Information

*Darlene Oosterhof*

The next ABYC social on Feb. 13, the day before Valentines, is a very special Tapas and Wine event. The bar will be closed and cost includes the sit-down dinner and wine. More details on page 7 of this issue.

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## 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

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## WISHING YOU A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

### MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010
- 1800 - Social Hour
- 1900 - Covered Dish
- 1945 - Meeting
- 2000 - Program - International Cruising

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## Vice Commodore's Corner

*Ivor Groves*

Ahoy all sailors and landlubbers too. The cold will soon be retreating and the sailing and racing season will begin March 6<sup>th</sup>. That is two weeks before the Shell Point Sailboard Club's Wind Ceremony on March 20<sup>th</sup>, but hopefully, we will still be favored with fair winds. If you haven't joined in the Wind Ceremony, it is great fun with music and dancing and a bonfire on the beach.

There is a planning meeting for all racing events this year on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 A.M. at the clubhouse. I will let you know next month the results of that meeting and the participation level.

I just recently learned that the Royal British Virgin Island Yacht Club invites all the yacht clubs of the world to participate in a spring regatta every year in the BVIs. "In the centuries old tradition, the Commodore of the Royal British Virgin Islands Yacht Club is inviting other yacht clubs from around the world to send teams to compete in the inaugural International Yacht Club Challenge. The IYCC will be part of the 2010 BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival, March 29 – April 4.

To sweeten the pot, Sunsail Yacht Charters is providing up to a 10% discount for all those booking for the IYCC, a free charter to the winning team and a perpetual trophy.

"Racing Sunsail's Beneteau 39, this sleek high performance, fully equipped race boat, offers spacious accommodations as well as superior race quality. In addition to up to a 10% discount on the charter, the winning Yacht Club team will take home a full week charter from Sunsail, along with the honors of

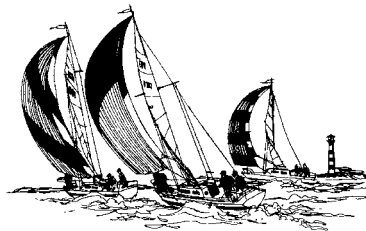
winning the inaugural International Yacht Club Challenge."

We, Lynn and I, are going to be in the BVI during the regatta this year and will check it out. It would be great fun if next year we could put together a team to represent ABYC in the regatta. The Beneteau 39 has great accommodations and is a fun boat to sail. Anyone interested in joining in such an adventure please let me know and I will begin planning for next year.

Finally, check out the schedule of events for March and April on the ABYC web site. Let me know if you have questions, observations or would like to suggest other on the water activities for the future. There are several of us who also like to fish the Apalachee Bay waters. If you are interested in learning more about the fishing, let me know and we can plan a fishing outing and probably a program on fishing the Bay waters.

Fair winds and great sailing.

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## Marine Flea Market Coming

Got new stuff for the boat? Don't throw the old stuff out yet. A marine flea market is planned on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. More information later.

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## Sr. Board Member Report - Program Information

*Gene Nicoloso*

The January program was a very interesting presentation by Dr. Ed Wiser at West Marine on Civil War torpedo boats.

The program on Feb. 6th will be by Robin and Rodney Hilton on international cruising. They have been live a boards for 27 years and are circum-navigators.

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## 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 satisfied 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.

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## 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.*

### COMBINED ABYC BOARD MEETING

The combined Board met on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010 at the ABYC Clubhouse at 0930. Present were:

Lorna Tweedie  
Carl Bjerregaard  
Ivor Groves  
Frank Hankins  
Bob Sherrod  
Ed Fries

Maxie Glenn  
Henry Depew  
Gene Nicoloso  
Darlene Oosterhof  
Phil Werndli

### Event Calendar

The first item of business was a review of the proposed Event Calendar for 2010 (see abyconline.org).

Following a break at 1110, the formal meeting was called to order by Commodore Lorna Tweedie at 1124.

### Scribe – Henry Depew

Henry noted the time frame for the publication of the newsletter and asked about any changes. After a brief discussion, it was decided to leave the due date for articles at the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### Vice-Commodore – Ivor Groves

Ivor hopes to get a maintenance committee for the club boats to make sure that they are kept up. He is going to talk to Don Reeder and Beth Hamilton about continuing as the Fleet Captains for the PHRF and Puffin/Dinghy fleets respectively. He was given some suggestions as to members to coor-

dinate the Canoe/Kayak events. There was some discussion about expanding the RC boat/crew lists. One idea is that each PHRF boat can be required to furnish the RC boat/crew for a PHRF race.

### Rear Commodore – Bob Sherrod

Bob was interested in what needed work should be the focus of the Work Day later this month. While finding and fixing the pool leak was a high priority, the work day priority would be repair of the front steps (including an inside hand rail). Other items on the “fix” list included (in no particular order):

- Pool chairs (new fabric)
- Bathroom renovations
- Finish dock repairs
- Kitchen items
- Interior audio/video up-grade

It was noted that the “dishwasher” in the kitchen is not a dishwasher, it is a sanitizer. All items still need to be washed before being put in to the sanitizer.

The Harmony 22 project is being revised. A club member is arranging to get the boat in Oklahoma. The boat in Rhode Island will be a donation to ABYC.

The Drascombe is worth between \$6,000 and \$12,000. The plan is to sell the boat and use the money toward maintenance and the like for the existing Club boats.

### Purser – Maxine Glenn

Maxie reviewed the year-end status of ABYC. She discussed the problem with the tax bill logic on the part of Wakulla County and is looking for someone knowledgeable in the area to sit down with them and discuss what is going on. At present, the Equity Share value for 2010 is set at \$470.00. Her report and recommendations were accepted by the Board.

Following a break at 1236 for an excellent lunch, the meeting was called back to order at 1310.

### Senior Board – Gene Nicoloso

Gene is open to all suggestions for programs. He was provided with a number of ideas by those present. It was agreed that if a speaker had time constraints, we could re-arrange the club meeting agenda to have the program early and eat afterwards; we could have a “social hour” with “finger food” and then the program with no “dinner”; or, we could start the evening at an earlier time.

Although the speaker (and spouse if along) are “guests” of ABYC for the dinner, there was a discussion of how drinks would be handled. It was decided as a guest of the Club, the speaker has his/her food and beverage without charge.

### Junior Board –

#### Darlene Oosterhof

Darlene will be meeting with her social committee after this meeting. At this time, the members of the committee are Darlene Oosterhof, Jackie Werndli, Sue Ross, and Pat Renovitch.

### Old Business:

A discussion of when to fly the US Ensign and the ABYC Burgee and who was responsible did not end in a formal resolution. It was agreed that the flags should not be flying all the time. The suggestion, at present, is that the flags be flown when there is an event at the Clubhouse and the “chairperson” of the event would be responsible for the raising of the flags prior and lowering afterwards.

The issue of ABYC becoming involved in the lack of a public boat ramp at Shell Point was discussed. Carl is to check with Ron Piasecki on the status of the current efforts and find out what ABYC (and its members) can do

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to help. Carl will report back to the Board.

Henry reported on the status of the By-Laws revision. He hopes to meet with the committee members this month and get a revised set of the changes to the membership in February or March.

Maxie proposed changing the Membership Application form to reflect the Student/Professional Category with a request that those applying under this category supply their birth date. The Board agreed.

Jackie Werndli is ABYC's representative to the Smith Regatta Organization. Phil reported that he or Jackie had been asked to be the Chair for the 2010 event. However, ABYC was the Chair for the 2009 event. If ABYC is to provide the chairperson again for 2010, the question will be re-visited.

The Club has a contract for use of the facility by members or non-members. At present, the scheduling of the facility is the responsibility of the Rear Commodore. To avoid possible scheduling conflicts, it was suggested that the scheduling be handled by the Junior Board Member (who has the social scheduling responsibility). A motion was made by Bob Sherrod, seconded by Maxie Glenn, and passed that "the scheduling of the ABYC Clubhouse use be moved from the Rear Commodore to the Junior Board Member".

**New Business:**

The refrigerator is full of unidentified food. A notice will be put on the frig with a remove by date. Unless arrangements have been made otherwise, all items left after that point will be discarded.

New Board members need to be finger printed. Maxie will send out the information.

It was suggested that at the An-

nual Meeting, the bar would stay closed until after the business meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1505.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Henry Depew  
Scribe

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**MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The January meeting, held at West Marine on Jan. 15, was called to order by Commodore Lorna Tweedie at 1917. Reports of the officers followed the announcement that the Commodores' Ball date is March 13. A sign-up sheet for the Chili Sampler Social was circulated. There will be a "buck a beer" after the PHRF races. A "Work Day" is planned for this Saturday, weather permitting. The February program will be on cruising.

Following the Officers' reports, the program on Civil War Torpedo Boats was presented by Ed Wiser. Respectfully submitted,  
C. Henry Depew  
Scribe

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

**GYA Reciprocal Agreement**

All ABYC members are welcome at the docks and/or landside facilities of Gulf Yachting Association clubs. A list can be found at [www.gya.org](http://www.gya.org). We can pay cash for food and services at all of them and some have already extended reciprocal charging privileges: Fairhope Yacht Club (Fairhope, Alabama)  
Fort Walton Yacht Club  
Gulfport Yacht Club  
Houston Yacht Club  
Mobile Yacht Club  
Pontchartrain Yacht Club (Mandeville, Louisiana)  
Singing River Yacht Club (Pascagoula, Mississippi)  
Pass Christian Yacht Club (Pass Christian, Mississippi)  
Southern Yacht Club (New Orleans).

You will need your membership card and account number to have your expenses billed through ABYC. Or, simply pay the bill then.

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**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](mailto:jamesf@awards4u.com).

You can find more information at:

[www.awards4u.com](http://www.awards4u.com)

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## Scuttlebutt

*Marcia Bjerregaard*

Found: two flags or pennants in kitchen. One has acorn and pin, other looks to be a burgee, maybe English. Please identify so we can hang them properly.

Thanks to Pat & Gordon who donated both hardware and new lines for the ABYC boats.

If you use the garbage area, please follow the signs that make it easy for everyone, including Dana. It was horrid after a recent weekend.

Attention all photographers! There's been a request for 8 x 10 (read large) photographs of the three ABYC boats to display in the clubhouse so all members can identify them, and feel part of this project.

## Kid's Column

Need someone to mow your Shell Point or Oyster Bay property???

!!!Call Ben Remke at 926-5187!!!

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## Notes And Hints From Near And Far

*C. Henry Depew*

If you have radar on your boat and use it in foggy conditions, you might want to review U.S. Coast Guard's Navigation Rule 19 concerning "Rules of the Road" in such conditions.

In some of the PHRF races crossing between the RC boat and the start/finish mark during the race (e.g., you have started the race but are not finishing yet) is prohibited. That is the "line/gate is closed". When the question came up about hitting the mark at that end of the line during a race. Mr Ross, a member of the US SAILING Racing Rules Committee

noted that it was a "mark to be passed on the outside or be disqualified" (*Sailing World*, Jan/Feb '10, p. 8).

When is a "tow" a "salvage"? Better read the articles in the January issue of *Seaworthy*.

If interested in MOB resolutions, you might want to look at John Rousmaniere's final report from the 2005 symposium on this subject: <http://www.ussailing.org/safety/Studies/COB.pdf>

Darlene Oosterhof sent me an interesting URL on accuracy of hurricane forecasting. If you are interested, take a look at Jeff Masters' blog at <http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/comment.html?entrynum=1408>

You would be ahead to copy and paste this into your browser rather than trying to re-type the whole thing.

As noted in an e-mail to the membership, the LORAN-C system will be shut down (except for those stations under international treaty) shortly. At that point, you will have only GPS for navigational purposes and the United States' GPS system is in need of major up-grade. Thus, it may be time to take the Coast Guard Auxiliary's public course on charts and navigation the next time it is held.

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## Coffee Filters - Other Uses

In addition to brewing coffee, a coffee filter can have a number of other uses. These include:

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. Coffee filters make excellent covers.
2. Clean windows, mirrors, and chrome... Coffee filters are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.
3. Protect china by separating your good dishes with a coffee filter between each dish.
4. Filter broken cork from wine. If you break the cork when opening a wine bottle, filter the wine through a coffee filter..
5. Protect a cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.
6. Apply shoe polish. Ball up a lint-free coffee filter.
7. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.
8. Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.
9. Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.
10. Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot. Line a plant pot with a coffee filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes....
11. Prevent a Popsicle from dripping. Poke one or two holes as needed in a coffee filter.
12. Do you think we used expensive strips to wax eyebrows? Use strips of coffee filters..

More ideas in the next issue.

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## J24 For Sale

The J24 "Haiyako" is for sale. Without motor. Sails are about 5 years old, main, 150% Genoa, 100% jib, spinnaker. Won the VC regatta this past October. Can be raced tomorrow.

\$3,500 OBO.

If interested, contact Don Reeder. cell phone 850-933-0886 or e-mail him at: [floridasailor@comcast.net](mailto:floridasailor@comcast.net)

## Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta - April 23-25, 2010

It may still be chilly outside, but it's time to think Spring and focus on the beginning of our racing season, most especially the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta (SCSMR). The SCSMR is a fundraising event to benefit the American Cancer Society in memory of Stephen Smith, a local sailor who died from a rare form of leukemia at the age of 29. The 2010 event organizers are the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club, the Shell Point Sailboard Club, and the American Cancer Society.

I think most of us have been touched by cancer in some way, whether personally, or through family or friends who have fought the disease. The SCSMR is a great opportunity for you to show your support in the fight against cancer. I would like to challenge every member of ABYC to commit some level of support to the 2010 SCSMR. Your participation opportunities are endless: on the water racing, assisting with registration or the race committee, auction donation or purchase, dinners at the yacht club, decorating a boat for the Parrothead parade, spending time at the beer truck, or dancing barefoot in the sand on the beach Saturday night. The philosophy of the SCSMR Foundation is to sponsor and promote a sailing and yacht racing event in keeping with standard practices of good seamanship and in an atmosphere of camaraderie and friendly competition. I guarantee a good time will be had by all!

General information about the regatta is available at [www.smithregatta.com](http://www.smithregatta.com). More specific details will follow within the next month or two. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me

at [jwerndli@embarqmail.com](mailto:jwerndli@embarqmail.com) or 850.528.3689.

So, mark April 23-25 on your calendar and plan to spend the weekend at Shell Point - on the water and/or on the beach - doing what we love - for those we love and those we've loved and lost.

Jackie Werndli  
ABYC Representative, SCSMR  
Foundation Board  
Race Committee Chair, 2010  
SCSMR Regatta

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## Puffin /Dinghy Racing

The racing series got off to a slow start with the postponement of the Will Glenn Memorial Regatta due to strong winds, low water, and cold weather. It seems that ABYC members are not into real "frost bite" sailing. Oh well, there is a race day scheduled for the end of the month. Perhaps wind, water, and weather will be more inviting?

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## 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

## GYA SCHEDULE

*Marcia Bjerregaard*

As a member of GYA, we can participate in all of their various races. For a complete schedule of GYA regattas, take a look at: [gya.org/schedule/schedule2010](http://gya.org/schedule/schedule2010).

We try to get the Flying Scot to some of the races. If you are interested, call 926-7835 and join the fun.

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## Winter Tune-Up Series

*Don Reeder*

A "Winter Tune-Up Series" for the PHRF sailors is underway.

The February dates are:

February 6

February 20

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

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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.

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# tapas and wine

samplings of several fine foods paired with several fine wines

February 13 at 7pm

reservations required by February 10

darlene.oosterhof@comcast.net or (850) 926-8962

## Upcoming ABYC Social Events

*Darlene Oosterhof*

This year's social committee has a nice variety of events in the works. Committee members joining me are Pat Renovitch, Sue Ross, and Jackie Wernkli.

January's Chili Sampler is being followed by February's Tapas and Wines, with samplings of several fine foods paired with several fine wines. Time and date are 7 pm on February 13 (not that far from Valentines Day). Full table service will be provided at this special event. Cost and other additional information will be included in an e-mailed invitation, which is to be distributed shortly. Reservations are due February 10 (Darlene Oosterhof, 926-8962).

Last month's Chili Sampler could not have come at a better time, with January's freezing temperatures. Chilies were brought by Maxie Glenn, Don Hanson, Dee Shriver, Bill Harris, Jane Fletcher, Marcia Bjerregaard, Lorna Tweedie, and Darlene Oosterhof. Turnout was excellent, recipes were even better, and no one left hungry.

Looking ahead, **Lorna's Commodores' Ball is scheduled for March 13** and the Spring Opening Ceremony with Brunch on March 27. Socials for April and May compliment the Smith Regatta and our Mullet Regatta re-

spectively. *Dinner on the Docks*, which includes dinner served on selected boats is set for June. July 4<sup>th</sup> brings a magnificent cookout followed by watching fireworks near shore from boats. It is anticipated that August will bring a multi-club dinghy regatta including a special Shell Point beach picnic. September ends with Oktoberfest with good German food and special beers, October begins with the VC Regatta and Social, November is the Awards Banquet, and of course December is highlighted with the Christmas Party.

One New Year's resolution that's easy to keep is to socialize early, and socialize often. Come and enjoy ABYC!

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### Membership Applications

The 2010 applications for membership are now at the club and on the web site

### MARK Advertising

Business Card size ads are available at a cost of \$20 per ad, per issue. Camera-ready copy for the ads should be e-mailed to [sisu26@nettally.com](mailto:sisu26@nettally.com)

or mailed to

C. Henry Depew  
3312 West Lake Shore Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32312

### Couple's Race

The annual Valentine's Day - Couples Race has been an event filled with a variety of race courses, "couples", and a lot of fun. At one point, the term "couple" was restricted to one male and one female participant. A member came with his dog, she always went to the high side of the boat when he tacked. Over the years, couple has become a very fluid term and it is up to the Race Committee to determine eligibility for the event.

Come out and enjoy the event on the water and the social afterwards.

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Bowline

### Changes in Attitude Social

Date: Feb. 27, 2010

Time: 1800 - 1930

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



# ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2010

## February

- Sat. 06 Racing Meeting - Clubhouse - 1000  
PHRF "Tune-Up Race" - Clubhouse - 1030  
Board Meeting - Maxie's - 1530-1730  
Monthly Membership Meeting - 1800-
- Wed. 10 Reservations for Social Due
- Sat. 13 Valentine's Day Regatta  
Tapas & Wine Social - 1900-
- Sat. 20 PHRF "Tune-Up Race" - Clubhouse - 1030  
Canoe/Kayak Activity - TBA
- Sat. 27 Dinghy/Puffin Races - 1300-  
CIA - 1800-1730

## March

- Sat. 06 PHRF Race - Clubhouse - 1030  
Board Meeting - 1530-1730  
Monthly Membership Meeting - 1800-
- Sat. 13 PHRF - Clubhouse - 1030  
Commodores' Ball - Clubhouse - 1830-
- Sat. 20 Murphy Regatta - PHRF - Clubhouse - 1030  
Sailboarders' Wind Ceremony
- Sat. 27 Spring Opening Ceremony & Brunch - Clubhouse - 0930-  
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 Cal-**

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### Apalachee Bay Yacht Club

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Sr. Board Member:	Gene Nicoloso	894-2783
Jr. Board Member:	Darlene Oosterhof	926-8962
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