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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

Sat. 06 - Meetings

Sat. 13 - PHRF

Commodores' Ball

Sat. 20 - Murphy Regatta

Sat. 27 - Spring Opening/Brunch
Dinghy/Puffin Races

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Lorna Tweedie

While February comes to a close for 2010, you as I, awake to yet more mornings of white and tan; a snowy white layer of frost covering the dried and faded grass. As is often said, this too shall pass!

As we enter the month of March, we note that nationwide, folks celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the First Day of Spring. March is also National Women's History Month. What is intriguing is the special day themes such as March 1, Peanut Butter Lover's Day, March 3, I Want You to Be Happy Day, March 7, National Crown Roast of Pork Day and March 22, National Goof Off Day!!! I could go on!

However, March for ABYC, has its own special days. Your calendar should be pretty well marked with the month's activities and events.

Uppermost for March, is the 2010 COMMODORES' BALL on the 13th day. It is a fine evening of dinner and music to enjoy in a more "dressed up" fashion. This event recognizes Apalachee Bay Yacht Club commodores, past and present. Don't be intimidated by "semi-formal attire". Your presence is most important. However, your friends may be un-recognizable! Be sure to return your reply cards soon, and definitely by Friday, March 5.

March at ABYC also includes PHRF and Dinghy races, the Murphy Regatta and also the ever significant Spring Opening Ceremony and Brunch. The Spring Opening officially opens the more active spring and summer boating season.

Let's continue the already notable participation in ABYC activities for 2010! As we participate, ABYC Board Members are also looking at where we are as a Club and where we may go in terms of goals and ambitions for the future, while keeping our financial means

in mind. Your ideas and input are welcome!

Vice Commodore's Corner

Ivor Groves

Spring is coming. Everyone interested in racing big boats or dinghies, crewing or participating in any way is invited to the skipper's meeting at 10 a.m. on March 6th. At that meeting we will cover the overall series, hand out the racing rules, and have some discussion of safety issues. The first PHRF series race will be that afternoon.

On another topic, I have been talking with David O'Hara about all the options and opportunities for canoeing and kayaking trips. David, along with John Hamilton and Mark Lipsius, has agreed to plan and lead some events. We need feedback from everyone about who is interested in participating and would you be interested in ranging as far a field as near Panama City or Steinhatchee. There

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MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, March 6, 2010

1800 - Social Hour

1900 - Covered Dish

1945 - Meeting

2000 - Program - Clean Marina Program

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are many options and some trips would be all day trips and others can be closer to home

Some of the possibilities include Econfina Creek near Panama City (A very worthwhile trip in spring). There is the new canoe trail on Lake Lafayette east of Tallahassee. There is the Lake Bradford chain of lakes that is not well known at all, but is an easy trip. The upper Sopchoppy River is a good trip. We could also canoe up the spring run to Sheperd Spring in the Refuge between Shell Point and St Marks but it is tidal dependent.

Please send me input to my email address ivorgroves@me.com. Let me know if you are interested in participating and how far afield you think we should go. I will share your input with our canoeing and kayaking leaders.

Fair winds and safe sailing.

**Rear Commodore's Corner**

Bob Sherrod

The outdoor work planned for the January work day was rained out, although we did get a lot accomplished inside. The steps will be replaced at a later date. Anyone wishing to help, please let me know.

If you are looking for a place to keep your boat, the club now has two slips available.

The recent freezing weather burst the water lines on the club docks. Thanks to Phil Werndli for repairing them.

If you see something that needs repair, you don't have to do like Phil and fix it yourself. Just let me know at sherrod01@comcast.net or 556-9108.

For those of you who are not aware of the fact, Dana Taff is employed by ABYC to clean the clubhouse bi-monthly and also assist with occasional events. She was there for the Tapas & Wines and helped with serving and clean-up.

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Information

Gene Nicoloso

The program on Feb. 6th was presented by Robin and Rodney Hilton with a video of places visited during their international cruising. A "question and answer" session followed the video. A big applause goes out to Kingsley Ross for the use of his projector so we could have a nice large picture to view.

The program for the March 6 meeting will be presented by Brenda Meonard on the Florida Clean Marina Program. Come and learn something new.

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

2010 Commodores' Ball

Saturday, March 13 at 1800 hours

ABYC Clubhouse

Dinner along with Live Music by the Gary Coates Quartet

ABYC's Social Highlight of the Year!

Reservation Deadline is March 5 - \$38/Person

For additional information, contact Lorna at (850) 926-8309

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.

Members of the ABYC Board met at Maxie Glenn's residence on Feb. 6th. The meeting was called to order by Commodore Lorna Tweedie at 1534. Present were: Lorna Tweedie, Robert Sherrod, Ivor Groves, Gene Nicoloso, Maxie Glenn, Darlene Oosterhof and Henry Depew

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the previous Board meetings as printed.

Scribe – Henry Depew

Henry reviewed the e-mail list of members and received some updates from those present. He thanked Gene for scheduling programs in advance so proper notice could be made in *THE MARK*.

Vice Commodore – Ivor Groves

Ivor reported that there will be a second PHRF organizational meeting on March 6th. He has contacted some club members about organizing the canoe/kayak activities and he hopes to have more to report at the next meeting.

Rear Commodore – Bob Sherrod

The planned Work Day was pretty much rained out but a good deal of work was accomplished on the "inside" projects. The pipes on the dock that were damaged in the freeze have been repaired by Phil Werndli. Bob hopes to get a crew together to repair the front steps later this month.

Purser – Maxie Glenn

Maxie presented the year-end report that compared 2008 with 2009. At present, the Club has a positive cash flow. Much will depend on renewals. We have one

empty slip at the ABYC docks.

She plans to have copies of the financial statement available for members at tonight's meeting.

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

Maxie reviewed the current renewal status and known resignations from ABYC. There was some discussion about advertising ABYC more widely. Phil Werndli had volunteered to see what could be done. He is to be contacted for a status report.

Senior Board Member – Gene Nicoloso

Gene reviewed the program status for the rest of the year. At present, he has commitments for programs for all the months except July, August, and December.

Junior Board Member – Darlene Oosterhof

Darlene reported that over 30 people attended the January CIA and the Chili Cook-off was a success. The Tapas & Wines Social has full booking and a waiting list.

While the Social Committee will take care of the Spring Opening Brunch, she was wondering who was responsible for the flag ceremony aspect. Lorna is to contact the Bjerregaards for assistance.

There was some discussion about options to both physically expand the bar and to expand the wine, beer, and liquor menu. A report from Darlene will be made at the next Board meeting.

The Social Committee is planning a July 4th "cookout" at ABYC that evening with fire works display watching (either from land or bay) thereafter. The Board suggested that Darlene check with what is being planned by the Auxiliary and Fire Department so that our activities do not conflict with theirs. It was noted that on occa-

sions in the past ABYC members had obtained food from the other organizations and then met at the clubhouse to partake of the food and the social gathering.

Old Business:

Ivor Groves will head up a group to pick up the Harmony from Nebraska in St. Louis. The boat will cost \$1,700.00 (plus travel expenses). After some discussion, the Board voted that Ivor's purchase costs will be refunded from the sale of the Drascombe unless another party wishes to purchase the Harmony once it is at Shell Point.

The Board decided that ABYC will assist with the Nautical Flea Market planned for Shell Point Memorial Day weekend, but the Club will not be a formal part of the operation.

New Business:

Ivor Groves reported that Moses Turner will lead a sub-committee to look at both new member and current member engagement and to consider what some of the goals and priorities of the club will be over the next several years. The Board recommended that Carl Bjerregaard be asked to be part of the group.

The Board discussed involvement in the July 4th golf cart parade. Those members who have golf carts at Shell Point will be contacted about participating for ABYC or loaning their golf cart for ABYC to decorate and use in the parade.

We have a number of yacht club burgees over the bar. The question of whose burgee is what yacht club was raised. Can a history of those flags be developed? Henry is to put the question in the next newsletter.

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The March Board meeting will be at Darlene's at 1530.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1715.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew
Scribe

Membership Meeting Minutes

Following an excellent pot-luck meal, Commodore Lorna Tweedie called the February Monthly Meeting to order at 1005.

Ivor Groves and Beth Hamilton reported on the lack of sailboat racing for both the PHRF and Puffin/Dinghy fleets due to unfavorable conditions. It was suggested that some of the members get involved in the Puffin/Dinghy races with the Club's Holders.

Maxie Glenn gave a brief financial report and noted that copies of the end of the year report were available for members to take with them and review.

Gene Nicoloso reported on the planned programs for March, April, and May.

Lorna Tweedie reminded everyone present of the Commodores' Ball scheduled for March.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2015 and a roomful of people stayed for a most interesting program.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew
Scribe

All ABYC members are invited to the opening of an exhibit of photographs by Larry Fuchs at the Gadsden Art Center in Quincy the evening of March 26. The display will run through the end of May.

ABYC's March Social Events

Darlene Oosterhof

Planned social events for March include the Commodores' Ball, the Spring Opening Ceremony and Brunch, as well as the potluck meal prior to our monthly program meeting.

As you know from the invitations personally mailed by Lorna, the evening of March 13 is the annual **Commodores' Ball**. This is unquestionably ABYC's social highlight of the year. The dinner's entrées include: Grilled Mahi Mahi with Artichoke Basil Crème Sauce, Rosemary Grilled Chicken, Sautéed garlic green beans, brown rice pilaf, and Greek salad. Dessert is too special to describe here.

Live music will be provided by the Gary Coates Quartet. Dancing is optional, but a good time is not! Return your reservation card immediately, if you have not done so already!

It is Brunch at the Clubhouse the morning of March 27, hosted by Pat and Gordon Renovitch. This is our annual **Spring Opening** celebration, where we recognize the arrival of spring and the lowered trepidation of enjoying on-the-water and other outdoor activities. After a very brief ceremony, and as soon as the cannon fires successfully, a delightful brunch will be served. The event starts at 10AM, although the bar opens at 9:30 serving special drinks appropriate for a Saturday morning brunch. Reservations for the brunch are required by March 23rd. Either phone Pat at (850) 284-4049 or email her your reservation request at prenovitch@embarqmail.com. Additional details will be emailed soon.

Coming to the March 6 program meeting? Then come to the 7PM pre-meeting potluck dinner, bringing one dish to share. The bar

opens at six.

There is no end-of-the-month Changes in Attitude (CIA) in March because of the Spring Opening brunch earlier in the day. The February 27 CIA, depending when you are reading this, will be or was very nicely hosted by Jane and Al Fletcher. All CIA's are on the last Saturday evening of the month from 6 to 7:30 and require no reservation. Thank you Jane and Al for hosting the February 27 event!

February was also the month of ABYC's very successful Tapas & Wines social. Vintage wines from Argentina, South Africa, Washington State, Australia, and Italy accompanied the five tapas. Email me if you would like a list of those wines. The tapas included a shrimp appetizer, a Spanakopita, also a fresh vegetable spring roll, basil pesto & gorgonzola in a pastry, and finally a cannoli for dessert. I would like to express a personal appreciation for the considerable assistance provided with this event by husband Al, Maxie Glenn, and B Zimmerman.

With spring on the way, I hope to see you at our very special March social events!

Spring Opening Ceremony &

Brunch
March 27
0930-1030

Reservations by March 23
To Pat Renovitch
Prenovitch@embarqmail.com
850/284-4049

Scuttlebutt

Marcia Bjerregaard

Thanks to Jackie W and B Z, the folks at the workday enjoyed donuts for snacks and chicken sandwiches for lunch.

Wanted: someone to take down flags at the end of weekends, if the flags are flying.

Notes And Hints From Near And Far

C. Henry Depew

“Three Bells and all is well!” declares the watch. OK, what time is it? The work day aboard a vessel is divided into six four-hour watches. The time sequence starts at midnight (0000) and each watch was 4 hours 0000-0400, 0400-0800, 0800-1200, 1200-1600, 1600-2000, 2000-2400. Each half-hour of a watch, the bell was rung during the four-hour watch with the number of rings of the bells increasing by one for each half-hour. That is, at 0030 the bell was rung once, at 0100 the bell was rung twice, at 0130 the bell was rung three times, etc. until the end of the watch which had eight rings of the bell. At the point a new crew came on watch and the cycle starts again.

So, what clock time is Three Bells?

With the New Year boat operators who were born on or after January 1st, 1988, must pass an approved boating-safety course and possess photographic identification and a boating-safety education identification card issued by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to legally operate any boat with a motor of 10 horsepower or more.

There are a few exceptions. For instance, those who possess a

current United States Coast Guard license are exempt. For more information, go to:

http://myfwc.com/Safety/Safety_Boat_Safety_index.htm

For something new in boat propulsion, take a look at the engineering report on the “ODP Multiple CMG Report” under Engineering Report at the Ares Propulsion Research Labs web site at www.aprlabs.com. This report shows thrust produced each time a CMG passes through its 270 degree point in its rotation around the vehicle body. This device utilizes the principles of centrifugal force and conservation of angular momentum to create forward thrust. A boat moving through the water without propeller or sail? We shall see what comes of this.

The latest in self-defense seems to be hornet/wasp spray. Reasons given is that it has more range, it is more potent, and it is not obvious. You spray towards the face of the attacker and they will have other concerns then attacking/robbing you.

Volunteer Fire Dept. Funding Reminder

Our volunteer fire department is on the job every minute of every day for us. They not only fight fires, but have emergency medical care available. All of this requires training and the state has recently mandated additional training for these folks. ABYC benefits from this not only with volunteers with higher skill levels, but we also obtain lower insurance rates when our volunteers have this training.

The mandate did not include funding for this training, and a

newly purchased truck has put a dent in their available funds, so please help send the trainees to the class. They will in turn train the remaining volunteers.

If you can help, make out your donation check to the Apalachee Bay Volunteer Fire Department (or ABVFD) and send it to: Trish Middleton, Treasurer, 1448 Shell Point Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327.

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

Mark your calendar!

Plan to participate in a fun-filled weekend - Friday & Saturday night dinners/boat races on the water/dancing on the beach/Parrothead golf cart parade/Sunday auction. Detailed information is available on the web at

www.smithregatta.com

Questions? Contact Jackie Werndli at jwerndli@embarqmail.com or 528-3689.

PHRF Report

Don Reeder

The tune-up race on Feb. 20th was in ideal conditions. Winds were from the south around 6 to 8 knots. The results were:

Wiki Wiki	1
Adios	2
Harmony	3
Haiyako	4
Beloved	5

Haiyako was sailed by Mike Getman, the new owner.

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2010

March

- Fri. 05 Commodores' Ball Reservations Due
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
Tue. 23 Spring Opening Reservations Due
Sat. 27 Spring Opening Ceremony & Brunch - Clubhouse - 0930-
Dinghy/Puffin Races

April

- April 03: Work Day - 9:30 am - 2:00 pm
Board Meeting - 3:30 to 5:30 pm
Membership Meeting - Social - 6:00 pm -
April 10: PHRF - Skippers' Meeting - 10:30 am - Clubhouse
Adult Sailing
April 17 PHRF - Skippers' Meeting - 10:30 am - Clubhouse
April 23-25: Smith Regatta - PHRF



**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).

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Jr. Board Member:	Darlene Oosterhof	926-8962
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