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Commodore's Comments

Carl Bjerregaard

Before I once again commend the hard work provided by some of our members on the Club boats, I do want to thank all the folks who helped make the Commodores' Ball a success. We can't report that we made a profit on the evening, but we didn't lose a great amount of money, either. The changes made to the porch in the past year have made the Club a pleasant site for a formal evening as well as our more informal events. Thanks to our members

who pitched in, and to two of the exercise class members who stayed afterwards to vacuum and set up tables.

They didn't iron the napkins for the Ball, but members Ray Keaton and Gene Nicoloso are just the finest. Not only are they spending many hours on the club boats, especially the Hunter 23, but during their lunch break a week or so ago, they unloaded a pallet of sod for the Commodore. (Of course, we must admit they wanted to use the empty truck.)

The Hunter needed to have

work done and her bottom refinished before the April's adult sailing class. These two members drove down on several occasions to get the work done in a timely manner.

Then there's Vice Commodore Frank Hankins who drove down all the way from mid-Georgia with his truck to take the Hunter out of the water. He also worked many hours on the boat. He will teach the class with the help of super sailor John McBride.

Vice Commodore's Corner

Frank Hankins

With the sailing season in full swing, we are anticipating another successful Smith Regatta, and look forward to a busy May schedule. After several false starts, we finally have the PHRF spring series under way, and hope to complete all races by mid-June. Thanks to John Hamilton and Ivor Groves who found the escaped east racing mark while out fishing, all marks are back where they should be.

Just in time for our spring adult

sailing classes, the "Kestrel," our Hunter 23 has been hauled, repainted (bottom) and waxed, relaunched, and ready for several more seasons. Ray Keaton, Gene Nicoloso, Carl Bjerregard, and Ed Fries were responsible for that work, which couldn't have been done as quickly without Marc Lipsius and his great boat lift. There is lots of work that still needs to be done, both on the club property, and to the Holder 12's, our sailing school boats, so please, please come out for the scheduled work day on Saturday, May 2nd.

We have PHRF races on the 9th, then the spring-scheduled "Mullet Cup" weekend from Friday, May 15th (Mullet Fry dinner) to Sunday, the 17th (Saturday race to Dog Island, raft-up, race back to Shell Pt. on Sunday, and burgers and beer awards that late afternoon). For Memorial Day weekend, we are planning a boat cruise, destination to be determined later. It's a full month, so come out and play.

MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, 02, May 2009

Clubhouse

1800 - Social

1900 - Dinner

1945 - Meeting

2000 - Program

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Sr. Board Member Report - Program Information

David O'Hara

Members and guests gathered for the monthly pot luck dinner. Following a short business meeting, Terry Peacock, Manager of the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge gave an excellent presentation on the work of the refuge and the crane project. With luck, some of the cranes will be back next winter.

Unfortunately, it was reported that one of the cranes suffered a broken leg on the return to Wis. and died during surgery to repair it. The other cranes arrived safely at Necedah, Wis.



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.

Scribe's Corner

C. Henry Depew

The Member's Directory/ Handbook is available. Copies are at the clubhouse. Please check off your name when you take one from the box.

Jr. Board Member Report - Social Information

Lorna Tweedie

My, how fast the days and even months pass by! The April Smith Regatta is over. Thank you and kudos to Bill and Claire Harris for their "well done" (pun intended) Friday evening cookout.

Another sailing event is in the planning for May 16th and 17th, the Mullet Cup Race to Dog Island and back. And, to start it off properly, a fish cookout is planned for Friday eve, May 15th under the Club House. This is ABYC's fun and informal social for May. See more details in this *MARK*.

June brings to us more sailing races with the ABYC--Beachton Yacht Club Regatta on the 27th. Racing in this regatta will be a mix of small craft, Sunfish, Puffins, etc. on that day. Watch for news of a special dining experience at ABYC that evening, comprising the social of the month.

Please note that your participation and help in all these happenings at ABYC are genuinely welcomed.

Rear Commodore's Corner

Ed Fries

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

Saturday, May 2 is a scheduled "work day". There are a number of things that need attention and the more hands, the quicker the jobs will be accomplished.

Commodores' Ball Report

Forty-nine (49) members and guests enjoyed a lovely evening of good food, good music, and good fellowship. The meal was prepared by Chef Lotterhos assisted by Dana Taff and Jese Stringer. The band was Coates & Co.

Set up and tear downers included Marianne Tillman, Dede & Jerry Wells, Claire Harris, Marcia Clements from the exercise class, and Ed Fries. Pat Hankins arranged the flowers as well as helped with the cleanup. Joeann Vesecky provided bar service, counted out and washed wine glasses. The wine was compliments of the Hankins and Bjerregaards.

It seems that once the reservations pass 45, the TV storage case needs to be rolled into men's bathroom to make a large enough dance floor.

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)

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.

Prior to the meeting, those present discussed the idea of reviving the "Captain's Table" with Ann Lotterhos as the cook. Based on past experience, the idea was not considered workable at this time.

The meeting was called to order on 04 April by Commodore Carl Bjerregaard at 1550. Present were: Carl Bjerregaard Phil Werndli Ed Fries Lorna Tweedie Henry Depew Maxine Glenn Jackie Werndli

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

Parliamentarian – Henry Depew

By-Laws revisions are under consideration. A definition of a "student" is being developed to create a student membership description that reflects the local campus environment. The age range would be from 21 to 30 years of age. Phil is working on the language and the committee hopes to report with a recommendation at the next Board meeting. The question of Associate members becoming Non-Resident members will be reviewed.

Smith Regatta

The meeting was recessed at 1615 for a report by Lynn Groves on the status of ABYC's participation in the 2009 Smith Regatta and her resignation as Chairperson of the Regatta.

Following Lynn's report and some discussion of the current regatta operations the meeting was reconvened at 1643.

Commodore Carl Bjerregaard appointed Jackie Werndli as ABYC's formal representative for the 2009 Smith Regatta.

Membership

The idea of a summer membership was discussed. If we have a summer membership, do we have a winter membership also? It was the Board's conclusion that a summer membership was not possible at this time. Carl is to write a letter to Mr. Damon (who raised the question) on this matter.

In addition, removing the one-year limitation for an Associate member was considered and rejected.

Adult Sailing

Frank Hankins will be the instructor. Carl volunteered their boat, if a second boat is needed due to the size of the class.

Rear Commodore – Ed Fries

It is reported that one of the urinals in the men's room is leaking. He may have to replace a seal.

The ice machine is now working properly and at a lesser cost than originally estimated.

The finger piers on the docks still need work. One finger pier may have to be completely rebuilt.

Purser – Maxine Glenn

The Purser's report was accepted as printed.

Martin Jonas has been proposed for membership. The Board voted to accept the application.

The new ABYC dock contracts with the approved dock rental increases have been sent out, but not all have been signed and returned. Ed will look into this for Maxie.

Maxie raised some questions concerning the calendar. At this time, the Board/Membership meeting is on Sept. 12 because of the Labor Day weekend, October 10th is a Work Day, and the November 14th PHRF and Dinghy race conflict is to be resolved. (*Editor's note: Dinghy Races are scheduled for 11/7 and PHRF for 11/14.*)

Jr. Board – Lorna Tweedie

The April Social and CIA will be the activities of the Smith Regatta. The May social will be on Friday, May 15th as part of the Mullet Cup activities.

Lorna also noted that there needs to be a distinction between ABYC's various activities. It was agreed that:

"Cocktail Hour" will be used for that which precedes the potluck meal prior to a meeting.

"Social" will be used for the third Saturday evening activity.

"CIA" will be used for the get together on the last Saturday evening of each month.

Old Business

After some consideration as to additional costs for an Internet connection via Comcast, the Board decided to decline Ray Keaton's generous offer of a computer for the clubhouse for members to use.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1747.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

April Membership Meeting Minutes

Commodore Carl Bjerregaard called the meeting to order at 1954.

The Scribe requested those present to make sure he had their current e-mail address so the May issue of *THE MARK* would get to them in a timely manner.

Joeann reminded those present of the need for volunteers for the Smith Regatta. Jackie noted that she was on the auction committee and is looking for donations. You can contact Jackie or leave them with Joeann

The Adult Sailing Class will be
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held April 18-19 with Frank Hankins as the instructor. Carl is the backup instructor and is supplying the backup boat, if needed.

Copies of the handbook are available. Please check your name when you take one out of the box.

April 11th is the next Dinghy Race which will be held in the Bay off the Coast Guard Auxiliary Station.

There being no further business, the meet was adjourned at 2004.

The program was presented by Terry Peacock, Manager of the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge. Respectfully submitted, C. Henry Depew, Scribe



Notes And Hints From Near And Far

C. Henry Depew

A small container of cat litter is handy to have on a boat. An open container of scented litter will absorb moisture and some odors. Cat litter (scented or non-scented) is also very good for absorbing liquid spills (oil, water, etc.). Even if you do not have a cat, you might want to invest in a small container of cat litter to take with you on the boat.

You may never need the Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue System (AMVER), but it has saved lives. For more information, take a look at:

www.amver.com

Scuttlebutt

Marcia Bjerregaard

Buttons – Two small pink ones found on the floor after the ball. Call 926-7835 to retrieve.

Want to dance at the club? There's a Coates & Co. CD there, left by the Commodores' Ball band.

Good news: Steve Dunham's caregiver drove him down to the clubhouse two weeks ago for a dose of sea air.

REVISED RACING RULES

C. Henry Depew

The *Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012* holds a number of interesting changes (challenges?) for those of us who race sailboats.

The rules regarding rounding a mark have changed a bit. The *zone* around a mark for the purposes of the relevant rules is three hull lengths of the boat nearer the mark. Thus, the size of the zone varies with the length of the closest boat.

Another rule, firmly stated, and often ignored, deals with the spinnaker or whisker pole (Rule 50.2). "Only one spinnaker pole or whisker pole shall be used at a time except when gybing. When in use, it shall be attached to the foremost mast."

Thus, no sitting on the foredeck with the boathook holding out the clew of the jib on a non-spinnaker rated boat. And, nothing attached to the mast and going out to the jib for a non-spinnaker rated boat either.

PHRF Results

Even with the East Mark missing, the PHRF fleet rounded the GPS coordinate for the "mark" and had a great race. Darlene Oosterhof was the race committee since Al joined Carl for the race.

Results of the day were:

Harmony	1st
Stacatto	2nd
Sigismunda	3rd
Hiayako	4th
Freelance	5th

Saturday, 18 April was a beautiful day. With Quintessence on station, those involved sailed a 4.8 mile course and were back to the docks before low tide. The results were:

Harmony	1st
Hiayako	2th
Stacatto	3nd
Sigismunda	4th

The PHRF races are open to any boat with a PHRF rating. If your boat does not have a rating, contact Carl Bjerregaard. Skipper's meetings are at the clubhouse at 10:30 AM.

May 9	June 20
June 6	

Come out and enjoy a day on the Bay.



Saturday, 02, May 2009

2009 Stephen C. Smith Regatta

April 24, 25, 26, 2009

A report on the activities associated with the Regatta will be in the June issue. In the meantime, you can review some of the events on the Regatta web site at:

www.smithregatta.com/

Mullet Cup

Fri-Sun 15-17

Starting with a party Friday evening, the Annual Mullet Cup race to Dog Island and back promises to be a lot of sailing and fun for those who participate. The participants will start the race on Saturday morning, raft up at Dog Island for the night, and race back to Shell Point on Sunday.

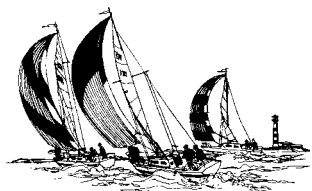
The race will start off Shell Point on Saturday, 16 May at 0830 for the PHRF, Multi-hull, and Cruiser fleets.

Raft-up at Dog Island on the 16th with a party on the beach (bring what you need for the party and pickup afterward to bring back to Shell Point).

Back to Shell Point on the 17th.

Cost: \$40.00/boat

Includes one fish fry Friday night, one T-shirt, and hamburgers on Sunday. Extra T-shirts and dinners will be available.



FLYING SCOT NEWS

Marcia Bjerregaard

Launching boats at Shell Point is nearly impossible these days, but folks can launch without having to drive too far. And launching and rigging the Flying Scot is part of the adventure. She's available for the Smith Regatta, of course

The closest GYA regatta of the year will be May 30 & 31 in Panama City, hosted by St. Andrews Yacht Club. It would be a shame to let this regatta pass by without our participation. When John McBride and David and Nick O'Hara sailed the regatta, the chase boats even delivered sandwiches and drinks between races. Now that's southern hospitality! If you are interested in sailing Cinderella just for a weekend, or want to practice for racing here or a GYA regatta, please call 926-7835 and we'll help make the arrangements.

Now that he's retired, Don Reeder has expressed interest in sailing her, training a crew, and going racing!

GYA Races Near ABYC

-May 30-31 GYA @

St Andrews YC

-Jul 4 GYA @ Ft Walton Beach YC

Then, we have a wait until the race on:

-Oct 17-18 GYA @ Pensacola YC

If interested, contact me at:

cbjerreg@mailier.fsu.edu

Boating Emergency Numbers

CG PC 850/234-4228

CG Yankeetown 352/447-6900

CGA St. Marks 850/906-0540

or 893-5137

CGA Shell Pt 850/926-2606

Puffin Race Results

Beth Hamilton

The second Puffin Race of the 2009 series was held Saturday April 11, 2009. Three races were held in the basin, with sunny skies and fair winds. Several of our regular racers were missing on the race course, including Sue Ross, Lynn Groves and John Hamilton who were assisting Kingsley Ross with transporting the big catamaran to Panama City. We hope to see everyone next time.

Thanks go to Darlene and Al Oosterhof for providing the committee boat and to Lorna Tweedie and Jane Fletcher, who joined me to work as race committee. Thanks also to Ivor Groves for getting the race marks out and Don Reeder for resetting the marks when the sea breeze came in.

Puffin Fleet

1st Ivor Groves

2nd Carl Bjerregaard

3rd Marcia Bjerregaard

4th Jim McGill

5th Paul Z. (Jane and Al Fletcher's grandson)

Open Dinghy Class

1st Al Oosterhof (Trinka)

Next race day is Saturday, May 30.

Changes in Attitude Social

Date: 30 May, 2009

Time: 1800 - 1930

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



ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2009

May

- Sat. 2 Work Day - 0900-1400
Board Meeting - 1530-1730
Monthly Meeting - Clubhouse
Sat. 9 PHRF Race - 1030 - Clubhouse
Fri. 15 Monthly Social - Fish Cookout
Fri-Sun 15-17 Mullet Cup
Sat.-Fri 16-22 National Safe Boating Week
Sat/Sun 23-25 Memorial Day Cruise
Sat. 30 Dinghy Race - 1300
CIA - 1800-1930 - Clubhouse

June

- Sat. 6 PHRF Race - 1030 - Clubhouse
Board Meeting - 1530-1730
Monthly Meeting - Clubhouse
Sat-Sun 13-14 Youth Sailing Classes
Sat. 20 PHRF Race - 1030 - Clubhouse
Sat-Sun 20-21 Youth & Adult Sailing Classes
Sat. 27 Beachton YC Regatta and
Monthly Social - Clubhouse



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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