



# THE MARK

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## IN MEMORIAM

Jean Parker

On behalf of ABYC members, I would like to express our sorrow and sympathy to Bob Parker, family and friends with the passing of Bob's wife, Jean on Wednesday, April 15th. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jean was a long time ABYC member, a person with a caring loving heart. She was a dear friend to those who knew and loved her. She will be greatly missed.

Lorna Tweedie, Commodore

*in the Willows*, "There is nothing--absolutely nothing---half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats." I'm guessing that most of you have the same enthusiasm!

Let it also be noted however, that boating has its responsibilities. National Safe Boating Week occurs from May 22 through May 28. Now, though, is truly the time to brush up on boating safety for you and your crew or passengers. Safety should always be first and foremost in any activity and should be an ongoing concern. Boating definitely fits into that scenario. Skipper and crew always need to work together and review necessary rules for a fun and safe voyage. In docking, for instance, be sure to discourage Olympian leaps from boat to dock! Another concern at this time is for all folks to review tropical storm and hurricane plans as summer is fast approaching.

May is providing a number of great ABYC activities. Among them, youth sailing, PHRF races, a return of Dinghy/Puffin races and the ever enthusiastic Mullet Cup Race! The monthly social will be the pre-Mullet Cup Race dinner

held Friday eve, May 21st. Plan to engage in and enjoy any of ABYC's happenings, as a participant, helper, or onlooker. ABYC with its many choices is THE place to be!

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## ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- 01: PHRF
  - Adult Sailing
  - Board Meeting
  - Membership Meeting
- 08: Canoe/Kayak Activity
- 15: PHRF
  - Adult Sailing
- 21-23 Mullet Cup Races & Socials
- 22-28 National Safe Boating Week
- 29: Dinghy/Puffin Races - Changes in Attitude Social

**Come and Enjoy the Fun!!**

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## Commodore's Comments

*Lorna Tweedie*

The Smith Regatta, ABYC's focal endeavor for April, is over once again. The profits from the regatta will be used locally in the quest for fighting cancer, a worthy cause. April provided some great boating weather for the regatta, other sailing races as well as recreational boating.

As we move into May, boating activities will naturally increase. As so aptly proclaimed by boastful Toad, in Kenneth Grahame's, *Wind*

## MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, May 1, 2010

1800 - Social Hour

1900 - Covered Dish

1945 - Meeting

2000 - Program - Fishing In The Panhandle

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## Vice Commodore's Corner

*Ivor Groves*

The PHRF and Puffin/Dinghy racing reports are elsewhere in this issue. The Annual Mullet Cup Regatta will be a fun-filled event for those who stay on the shore as well as for those who make the trip. We also hope to get in a canoe/kayak trip this month.

For more information on the scheduled activities in May, read herein and/or look at our web site.

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## Rear Commodore's Corner

*Bob Sherrod*

As always, if you notice something that needs repair, please let me know by calling 556-9108 or emailing

sherrod01@comcast.net.

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## Sr. Board Member Report - Program Information

*Gene Nicoloso*

A very informative program was presented by Liz Sparks on the paddling trails in the Panhandle and along the Gulf coast.

The program for the May 1st meeting will be presented by Dave Lear on "Fishing in the Panhandle".

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## Membership Applications

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

## Jr. Board Member Report - Social Events Information

*Darlene Oosterhof*

Spring and the beginning of summer brings a variety of social activities to ABYC.

The weekend of May 21 to 23 are the dates for this year's adventurous Mullet Cup Race. For the more adventurous among us, the regatta involves a Saturday morning race from Shell Point to Dog Island, a raft-up that evening off the beach, and a return race back home Sunday morning.

Through the gracious efforts of Frank Hankins, the regatta racers and all ABYC members are invited to Friday's kickoff dinner and social at the clubhouse on May 21. What's on the menu? Well, mullet, of course. Only the freshest and best prepared fried mullet available anywhere in Florida south of US-98. (North of 98, it might not be as fresh.)

More than mullet on the menu? Absolutely. Lot's of great food and lots of not so crazy fun! For more information on this event, see Frank's article on page 5.

Looking ahead, June brings the return of a wonderful social event that has been on the shelf a few years: Dinner on the Docks! This social involves gourmet dinners served onboard some of the nicest boats at Shell Point. The evening begins with hors d'oeuvres and ends with desserts, both at the clubhouse.

Summer is not summer without the Fourth of July. At ABYC, this year's celebration includes a poolside cookout at the clubhouse followed by several boat owners offering rides just offshore at sunset to watch Shell Point's annual fireworks competition.

Our CIA returns May 29. As usual, great finger food and avail-

able drinks from the bar. Time is 6 pm to 7:30. Reservations are not needed for this end of the month event. Hosting a CIA is both quite easy and enjoyable, and provides a great opportunity for informally bringing together ABYC folks at the clubhouse. Email or phone me for information or ideas related to hosting one of our later CIAs. (phone 850/926-8962 or e-mail at darlene.oosterhof@gmail.com).

Lots of ABYC folks participated in the numerous events at this year's Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta in a variety of roles. A special "thank you" to Lynn and Ivor Groves and Jackie and Phil Werndli for handling the Smith Regatta Friday evening barbecue at our clubhouse. Jackie was also ABYC's official representative at this year's regatta.

The level of participation at ABYC socials and the Club's many other events has been really great. The value of your membership increases substantially through involvement. In addition to great attendance, our Club has greatly benefited from the additional contributions members have made through hosting events, serving on planning committees, informally sharing ideas, and providing ongoing support and encouragement to each other.

Spring is getting ready to transition to summertime. See you at the coast!

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## Marine Flea Market Cancelled

There will not be a Marine Flea Market in May. The Village Homeowners Association decided not to host the event.

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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.*

The ABYC Board Meeting held on Saturday, April 3, 2010 at Maxie Glenn's residence was called to order by Commodore Lorna Tweedie at 1535. Present were: Lorna Tweedie; Maxie Glenn; Darlene Oosterhof; Henry Depew; and, Carl Bjerregaard

### Scribe – Henry Depew

Henry requested that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as printed. The request was moved, seconded, and passed.

As Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, he reported that the Committee would be meeting this Tuesday and the Committee plans to have proposed revisions of the By-Laws available to the membership by May or June.

### Vice-Commodore – Ivor Groves (on vacation)

It was reported for Ivor that there would be PHRF races on the April 10, 17, & 24.

### Rear Commodore – Bob Sherrod (not present)

Maxie reported that the steps are almost finished and the pool problem is being assessed. Present for the Work Day were: Maxie Glenn; Lorna Tweedie; Phil & Jackie Werndli; Don Reeder; Peter Jorgensen; Bob Sherrod; and, Al Oosterhof

### Purser – Maxie Glenn

Reported for Lynn Groves that the 2010 Directory/Handbook is ready for printing. There was some discussion about printing and distribution of the material. The decision was made by those pre-

sent to print the name/address portion of the Directory and make copies available for distribution at the Clubhouse. The non-name/non-address portion of the material will be posted at the ABYC web site. This approach will save a good deal of money and still provide everyone with access to the information.

Maxie is to talk with Promise Land about lawn maintenance options.

### Sr. Board – Gene Nicoloso (not present)

Al Oosterhof will take care of the introduction of the speaker at tonight's program.

### Jr. Board – Darlene Oosterhof

Darlene reported that the Commodores' Ball and the Spring Opening were both successful and enjoyed by those attending. The Friday afternoon/evening activities at the start of the Smith Regatta will be handled by Frank Hankins and Ivor Groves. The next "social" is the Mullet Cup which will be hosted by Frank Hankins.

### Past Commodore – Carl Bjerregaard

Carl reported that no action has been taken by the committee looking into the future activities of the Club.

### Old Business – New Business –

Maxie plans to look into one of the on-line accounting options and stop using the current on-line accounting site. She wants an on-line site to protect the information from computer crashes (hers) and provide the Club with access to the information if necessary.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1635.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

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## Membership Meeting Minutes

The April monthly meeting of ABYC was called to order by Commodore Lorna Tweedie at 1950 at the Clubhouse.

Following short reports by the officers present, the meeting was adjourned at 2000.

Al Oosterhof introduced Liz Sparks, who gave an informative and interesting program on paddling trails including the Lafayette Passage ([www.talgov.com/parks/Lafayette.cfm](http://www.talgov.com/parks/Lafayette.cfm)), numerous trails on Apalachicola Bay, and the Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Trail ([http://www.myfwc.com/RECREATION/WMA-Sites\\_BigBend\\_paddling\\_updates.htm](http://www.myfwc.com/RECREATION/WMA-Sites_BigBend_paddling_updates.htm)).  
Respectfully submitted,  
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

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## Editor's Note

*C. Henry Depew*

Each issue of *THE MARK* is a summary of the history of the activities of ABYC for that month. Every so often, this history is needed to answer a question about the past. The question of the moment, that could not be answered because the information was not found, was who designed the ABYC burgee? Thus, sometimes what you see herein is for the future.

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## Notes And Hints From Near And Far

*C. Henry Depew*

The LORAN stations have been shut down and, at the moment, we are dependent on the GPS satellite system. There is some discussion about what is called the e-LORAN system that may become active. Of course, you can purchase a dual receiver system that brings in both the US and the various European systems. Or, you can purchase a receiver that will bring you the current GPS signals and be ready for the e-LORAN signals when that system become active (visit [crossrate.com](http://crossrate.com)).

One of the reasons both powerboats (35%) and sailboats (33%) sink is a leaking stuffing box according to an item in *Seaworthy* (7/09, p. 13). A short item in *Seaworthy* (4/10, p. 15) noted that more than 3/4 of reported sailing fatalities are boom related. I have sailed boats with no stuffing boxes (outboards are nice in that regard) and another boat rigged with a loose-footed main. Of course, the boat did not point that high going to weather, but we did not have to duck the boom with tacking or jibing. Thus, for most of us, check the stuffing box (you can get to it, can't you?) and stay aware, if the mainsail is up.

*Sailing World* had a column by Dick Rose in the April 2010 issue on defining the start/finish line as an "obstruction" and suggested wording for the Race Instructions that you might want to read.

Ever wondered what all the other channels on your VHF radio are for? Most of us monitor Channel 16 and some use it for the calling channel because everyone is listening. The actual calling channel is Channel 9. For a list of all the frequencies and their use, go

to:  
[www.navcen.uscg.gov/marcomms/vhf.htm](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/marcomms/vhf.htm)

Some of the newer boats are being offered with joy-stick steering. The safety question is one of how to steer the boat, if something goes wrong with the electronics. This was brought to mind in an article in *Professional Mariner* (May '10, p. 26) where:

"A switching circuitry problem may have caused a 615-foot bulk carrier to lose steering and ram into the shoreline along a British Columbia Island."

It seems that there was a gyro input failure that lead to a steering compass failure and other problems. Thus, if your boat uses electronics for steering, how fast can you go to manual if something goes wrong? Can you go to manual at all?

Want to see who is going where? Take a look at:

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

According to an article in the May issue of *Soundings*, the Saffir-Simpson scale is being revised. For more information, go to:

[www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)

And click on Saffir-Simpson Scale on the left side of the home page.

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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](mailto:mbg1215@netzero.net)

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## Amendments

*C. Henry Depew, Parliamentarian*

### By-Law Amendments

The Committee met on 6 April to review the proposed changes to the By-Laws. A new draft set of amendments is attached and a copy of the proposed amendments are posted on the ABYC web site. The vote will be at the June meeting.

Every voting membership will receive another electronic ballot that can be cast, if they will be unable to attend the June monthly membership meeting. If you have proposed amendments to the proposed amendments, kindly give them to me in writing prior to the June meeting.

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## Scuttlebutt

*Marcia Bjerregaard*

Please call Scuttlebutt at 926-7835 if you are willing to take down flags at end of weekends or change the sign monthly.

If you need to borrow the club high chair, it's in the women's bathroom.

If you need to borrow 1 or 2 small life jackets, they can be found in the closet on the Bjerregaard mezzanine.

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## March Dinghy Regatta

*Beth Hamilton*

Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, found nine sailors racing in the basin for the first race of the 2010 Kate Morgan Memorial Puffin Series. It was (finally) perfect weather and wind for a race day. We were pleased to have two FSU students join the fleet for racing.

Puffin Fleet Results:

David Lasky  
 Marcia Bjerregaard  
 John Hamilton  
 Jim McGill  
 Al Fletcher  
 Carl Bjerregaard  
 Sue Ross  
 Chris Rajan  
 John Meerman

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

- Jim McGill for providing the committee boat.
  - Maxi Glenn and B Zimmerman for picking up the race marks.
  - Jane Fletcher for serving with me as race committee.
- See you on the water!

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## MULLET CUP: GENERAL INFORMATION

*Frank Hankins*

### What Is The Mullet Cup?

The Mullet Cup is an annual fun race/cruise to Dog Island and is hosted again this year by the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club. The race is open to any sailor who cares to compete on a boat of their choice. Typically there are three fleets; Multi Hull, PHRF monohull, and Cruiser. PHRF ratings will be assigned at registration or at the skippers' meeting on Friday evening Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. Race instructions, courses with GPS coordinates will be provided at the skippers' meeting.

### When Does It Start?

A mullet (or hamburger) dinner will be the kick-off on Friday evening, with the race/cruise starting at 0830 on Saturday morning off of the tripod at Shell Pt. The race course to Dog Island requires that, at a minimum, you keep Marker 26 to starboard, to a finish line *to be determined* on the north side of Dog Island.

### What Do We Do At Dog Island?

At Dog Island, crews will congregate, raft up if desired, and enjoy an on board BBQ (BYO). The race back on Sunday will also start at 0830, with the course around 26, and back to Shell Pt.

### Food & Trophies!

Burgers, \$1 beers and awards will be provided at the Yacht Club on Sunday afternoon. Trophies (The Mullet Cups) awarded are perpetual (kept for one year by winners). Sponsors include Harken, Sailinganarchy.com and others who have provided additional prizes. Your registration fee of \$40 includes race fees (for prizes) one mullet dinner, one T-shirt, and burgers on Sunday afternoon. Additional dinners (\$12) and shirts (\$15) are available for crew or guests.

### Hurry Up, Sign Up Now!

The deadline to reserve a mullet dinner is May 19th in order to have time to catch the fish! (No cut off time for burgers). This event is a good opportunity for sailors who would like to have company when sailing "offshore" to a fun destination.

### How To Sign Up?

Go to [www.abyonline.org](http://www.abyonline.org) and get the registration package or call John McBride at 850/570-3467 for more information.

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## PHRF Report

*Don Reeder*

Race results for the light and shifty winds on April 10 were:

Hiayako	DNS
Harmony	3
Freelance	DNF
Staccatto	DNS
Adios	1
Wakin S29	DNS
Beloved	DNS
Wiki Wiki	2

The race on April 17 was also held in light and shifting winds with the lead changing from time to time. The results were:

Hiayako	3
Harmony	1
Freelance	6
Staccatto	4
Adios	DNS
Wakin S29	DNS
Beloved	5
Wiki Wiki	2

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

*Jackie Wernkli*

Report on the activities will be in the next issue of *THE MARK*.

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### Changes in Attitude Social

Date: May 29, 2010

Time: 1800 - 1930

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

## ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2010

### May

- May 01: PHRF - Skippers' Meeting - 10:30 am - Clubhouse  
Adult Sailing  
Board Meeting - 3:30 to 5:30 pm  
Membership Meeting - Social - 6:00 pm
- May 08: Canoe/Kayak Activity
- May 15: PHRF - Skippers' Meeting - 10:30 am - Clubhouse  
Adult Sailing
- May 21-23 Mullet Cup Races & Socials
- May 22-28 National Safe Boating Week
- May 29: Dinghy/Puffin Races - 1:00 pm  
Changes in Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm

### June

- June 05: Board Meeting - Maxie Glenn's - 3:30 to 5:30 pm  
Membership Meeting - Social - 6:00 pm-
- June 26: PHRF (alt. day)  
Dinner-on-the-Docks Social - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm-  
**No Changes in Attitude Social**



**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** May 2010

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