

# THE MARK

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## Commodore's Comments

*Carl Bjerregaard*

Some years ago, Marcia & I learned about a 'club' within our club and as Marcia met the membership qualification (She has an April birthday), we asked to join. It used to be a small group, but has grown considerably as more April birthdays are discovered. Last year, fourteen folks enjoyed the Ross' view, but as April approached this year, we had to admit it was a tight fit, even around their sizable table. Besides, who wants to prepare food for their own birthday party? No one that I know of, especially not when Ann Lotterhos is at Shell Point. So, using four tables, the white tablecloths, and the good tableware, we enjoyed Ann's Spanish tapas & paella. Then came the Tres Leches birthday cake which we'll long remember and John Hamilton's leadership in singing Happy Birthday to ourselves to the tune of the Hallelujah Chorus.

And what does all this have to do with ABYC? Simply, that you can do it, too. For another example, the Broadways decorated under the clubhouse and had a birthday pool party for their daughter

and her friends last year.

All it takes is a phone call to the rear commodore - this year, it's Ed Fries - to make sure there is no club or other activity already scheduled, and the clubhouse is yours to use. Of course, you are expected to leave the clubhouse clean and tidy.

There's another club privilege that's available for members. In addition to the three larger club owned sailboats, the Holders that were bought primarily for sailing instruction, are all ready and waiting for folks to take out for a sail. They make a second division in the dinghy races. The recently purchased storage trailer will keep their new sails and gear in good condition. The newly renovated boats are ready for you to reserve and enjoy a day on the water. The trailer will also allow sailing class sessions to operate more effectively from the beach.

Speaking of the summer sailing class, let's all get behind the sailing school this year by encouraging friends, neighbors, students, relatives, anyone who has shown an interest in the water and learning to sail, to join our experienced teacher, Phil Werndli and his class

which will meet June 12-14 and 19-21. Call him at 519-8398 or drop him a note at [werndli@embarqmail.com](mailto:werndli@embarqmail.com).

It is to ABYC's advantage and indeed, our responsibility to the future, to encourage sailing and all water related activities to the next generation.

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## Vice Commodore's Corner

*Frank Hankins*

At the Stephen C. Smith Regatta, we had five Windrider 17's with nearly perfect racing conditions on both Saturday and Sunday. The class was dominated by former Windrider 17 National Champion Don Wigston, closely followed by Frank Hankins, with Bob Roller in third. All had a great time, and provided entertainment for spectators on the beach.

This year's (the 4th) Mullet Cup Race/Cruise to Dog Island also benefited from almost ideal weather. Sailors, guests and ABYC members had plenty to

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### MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, 06, June 2009  
Clubhouse  
1800 - Social  
1900 - Dinner  
1945 - Meeting  
2000 - Program

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feast on Friday evening, with appetizers, fish, burgers, many sides, and fresh strawberries, ice cream and brownies for dessert. Saturday morning dawned with good breezes, which held throughout the day. Seven boats started, and six made it comfortably to the westernmost cove at Dog Island by early afternoon. After swimming, exploring the beaches, or just kicking back, crews rafted up the six boats for libations, shared food goodies and general post race exaggerations.

Sunday morning promised more of the same nice weather, but part way into the race back to Shell Point the wind died, so to get everyone back for the evening cook-out, the race was called off, and most motored all or part way back (of course, the wind came back and provided some fun sailing). Back at the club, the Harrises had made ready for the tired crews, and we had a re-play of Friday's meal with more fish (perfectly cooked by Ed Fries), burgers, and more of the dishes and desserts from Friday. A short awards ceremony capped the evening, with the Mullet Cup for cruising going to Phil and Jackie Werndli (their first overnight excursion on their new boat), the PHRF cup and overall winner (with winch handle) to Ed Fries, and the Multihull cup to Frank Hankins. Proceeds from the event will go to the Youth Sailing program. That event will be held in June and run by Phil Werndli this year, so get out the word and sign up your kids and grandchildren.

We have refurbished the Holders, have four new sails, a nice trailer to protect all the sailing gear and expect to have the best program to date. Concurrent with the Youth Camp, we are having the

second adult weekend sailing school (June 20-21st), so if you know of anyone interested, please have them call or e-mail me to sign up. June should be a great time to be on the water. Don't forget PHRF racing on June 6th.

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**Don't Forget Youth Summer Sailing**

June 12-14 and 19-21  
(details on page 4)

**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.

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

*Lorna Tweedie*

From ABYC's May Fish Fry Social (delicious mullet and other good foods), to CIA's May 30th good snacks, June comes to us with more tempting activities to explore. The Beachton-ABYC Regatta, however, previously scheduled and announced for June 27th has been put on hold. The ABYC Social that was supposed to have been that day has been changed back to the third Saturday of the month, June 20th, our usual time.

On June 20th let's gather at the Club House around 6 PM to relax, usher in summer and help ward off highly objectionable storms such as were Katrina and Dennis. From this time on and at any time now on, disturbances may begin to lurk

**Sr. Board Member Report - Program Information**

*David O'Hara*

The June program will be presented by Dr. Dan Marelli who will talk about scallops.

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**Rear Commodore's Corner**

*Ed Fries*

It seems that some people are mixing garbage with the re-cycle items. This means that the recycled items become garbage. Kindly make sure that you do not put garbage in the re-cycle container.

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

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in the Atlantic. The Social will be a casual and relaxing gathering with a buffet dinner in the Creole/Cajun style prepared by Chef Ann Lotterhos. Be sure to make your reservations ASAP, so the planning may begin. E-mail Lorna or call 926-8309. The cost will be around \$18 to \$20 per person. The more that attend, the less the cost!

SOS to ABYC members: July will soon be upon us and folks are wanted and needed to plan the July 18th ABYC Social!



## 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 VC Frank Hankins at Maxie Glenn's residence on Saturday, 02 May at 1547. Present were:

VC Frank Hankins  
RC Phil Werndli  
Purser Maxie Glenn  
Jr. Board Lorna Tweedie  
Scribe Henry Depew

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in *The Mark*.

### VC - Frank Hankins

Much was accomplished at the work day with the screens stored away, the gap under the pool bench closed, the monthly sign created, and weed killer sprayed in the parking lot. The dock repair needs some additional research as to the best method to fix the current problem without creating new problems.

The Holders are all operational and numbered. Those adopting a Holder will get one assigned to them for their future care.

The status of the current grill was discussed. A motion was made by Maxie and seconded by Phil to authorize RC Ed Fries to purchase a four-burner stainless steel grill and repair the existing grill at a total cost not to exceed \$400.00. The motion passed.

The Friday night activities at the Smith Regatta were a success. Bill and Claire Harris are commended for their work that helped make the occasion successful. The Sunday morning races were also well attended and a lot of fun.

The Adult Sailing class was a success (6 students), although the Sunday sailing was restricted be-

cause of the winds.

Planning for the Mullet Cup continues with reservations for the Friday night fish-fry/social to be made by noon Wednesday, 13 May to Ed Fries (591-4620).

The non-working refrigerator should be removed. There was some discussion as to a replacement, if one is needed.

The Puffin fleet would like a "permanent" committee boat. It was noted that the Club has a powerboat on a trailer that is available. Maxie said that her powerboat could also be available if needed.

### Purser – Maxie Glenn

The Purser's report was accepted as distributed.

The Friday night activities with the Smith Regatta presented an accounting problem as some people registered for that part of the event as part of their regatta registration while others simply came to the Friday night meal and racing. Rather than request a \$27.00 reimbursement from the Regatta committee, a motion was made by Phil and seconded by Lorna to cover the cost difference from that night's bar income. The motion passed.

The application by Ted & Brandy Cowley-Gilbert was reviewed and Maxie will post it at the Clubhouse.

After some discussion, Maxie was authorized to shift the book keeping activities to an on-line accounting system run by Shepards in Crawfordville. The need for an Assistant Purser was also discussed. Maxie will contact members with an accounting background to see if they would be interested in the position.

### New Business

The GYA Challenge Cup at the Gulfport Yacht Club on 18-21 June was discussed. Since most ABYC races are not GYA PHRF

sponsored events, none of our boats are likely to have sailed the required 50 miles to be eligible for entry.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

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### May Membership Meeting Minutes

The monthly membership meeting was called to order by VC Frank Hankins at 2004 at the Clubhouse with 18 members or guests present.

Reports were made on the Adult Sailing class held in April and the planned class in June was announced, the over-all activities at the Smith Regatta, and the planned Mullet Cup was reviewed (0830 start off the Tripod). The work day efforts were reviewed.

It was reported that something is eating at the cardboard box, paper towels, and a couple of shirts in the store room. Thus far, the liquor supplies have not been gnawed.

The Purser reported that ABYC is switching accounting services and she is looking for an Assistant Purser. She also noted that the Woodmen of the World will properly dispose of worn-out US Flags and she has a container for same next to the TV set in the Clubhouse.

Lorna noted that the Friday night Mullet Cup dinner/social is the Social for ABYC for May. Reservations for the meal are due to Ed Fries by noon on Wednesday, 13 May.

Joeann reported that the accounting for the Smith Regatta is not complete but they sold 234 dinners, only 9 t-shirts are left, and

the auction raised over \$7,000.

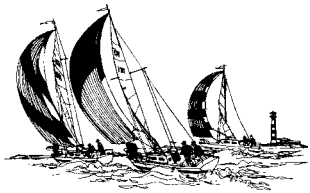
The meeting adjourned at 2020.  
Respectfully submitted,  
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

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## Youth Summer Sailing

Summer sailing classes lead by Phil Werndli will be held over two weekend sessions June 12-14 and 19-21. This is open to beginner and advanced students. Classes will be held on dingies or large boats depending on water quality. For more information check the registration material on the ABYC web site or contact Phil Werndli at pwerndli@embarqmail.com or 850 386-7646.

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## Constitution & By-Laws Revision Report

*C. Henry Depew  
Parliamentarian*

The Constitution and By-Laws Revision Committee met on 19 May to consider changes to propose to the membership. If you have changes you would like considered, please send your proposed changes, additions, or deletions to me at sisu26@nettally.com or contact a member of the committee:  
Maxine Glenn  
Phil Werndli  
Tony Cleveland

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## Scuttlebutt

*Marcia Bjerregaard*

Yvette Graham's retirement apartment became available so instead of returning this year, she'll be moving to Solomon's Island, Maryland.

The blue life jacket loaned out still has not surfaced at the Bjerregaards. It has ribbed flotation pockets and bends at the waist.

The Hamiltons have a Harmony 22 floating in their Royster dock.

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## PHRF Results

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.

There were two races for the PHRF boats during the Smith Regatta. The combined results were:

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Harmony      | 1st |
| Haiyako      | 2nd |
| Sigismunda   | 3rd |
| Beloved      | 4th |
| Staccato     | 5th |
| Oasis        | 6th |
| Freelance    | 7th |
| Anticipation | 8th |

The race on May 9th saw three competitors at the start line with a constant (10-12 mph) breeze from a southerly direction. For the first time since, June, 2000, the Depews were out on HIRADO to fly the flags for the start of a race. The results for the day were:

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Haiyako   | 1st |
| Freelance | 2nd |
| Staccatto | 3rd |

The last two races for the series are June 6 and June 20.

Come out and enjoy a day on the Bay.

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**Please put only re-cycle material in the re-cycle container!  
Garbage goes in the garbage container.**

**There is a difference!!**

## 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.

Comments were heard concerning one item in last month's column concerning the use of whisker poles on non-spinnaker boats. The concern is changing the "J" measurement by the use of the pole when sailing downwind. Most PHRF fleets allow the use of a whisker pole attached to the mast without a penalty. As one PHRF respondent to the question put it:

*A whisker pole beyond J violates the intent of the PHRF Rule and its associated regulations; should be penalized. The amount of the penalty varies, but is usually -3 sec/nm for every 5-6% the pole can exceed the length of the J measurement.*

Thus, for ABYC's PHRF fleet a formal determination needs to be made as to how the whisker pole will be considered for local races.

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

With the help of a number of ABYC members, Shell Point Sailboard Club members, American Cancer Society members, sponsors, and other interested people, the 36th Annual Stephen C. Smith Regatta was considered a success. This year, we had sailboat races on Friday afternoon and Sunday morning as well as the PHRF/Cruiser races on Saturday afternoon.

The Windrider 17 report is in Frank Hankins' column, the PHRF report is in the PHRF column, and here is the Cruiser Fleet report:

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Howard/Fries | 1st |
| Wright       | 2nd |
| Le Mend      | 3rd |
| McLendon     | 4th |

### Notes And Hints From Near And Far

*C. Henry Depew*

One of the "fun" things about boating is that sailors know that a time designation means time. The word "hours" is not used in the U. S. Navy or the U.S. Marine Corps. The word "hours" is used by the Army and Air Force (I guess to remind them we are telling the time). This came to mind when I was reading a race notice (obviously not written by a naval person) with all of the 24-hour times followed by the word "hours".

Kite aerial photography (KAP) is a growing area of interest. The idea is to suspend a camera on a kite and take pictures (of your boat, the surrounding area, etc.). You can "Google" the subject and get a number of sites to review or you can go to:

Amanda Nalley wrote a nice article about the event that was published in the April 27th issue of the *Tallahassee Democrat* (p. 4A) and there is additional information at the Regatta web site at:  
[www.smithregatta.com/](http://www.smithregatta.com/)

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### Tropical Storm/Hurricane Plan

It is that time of year when a tropical storm or hurricane can become a concern. ABYC has a "Storm Plan", do you? Preparation of your boat includes extra (and chafe protected) mooring lines, tie down (removal) of sails, biminis, and stowed on deck gear, and removal of items that can be damaged if the boat sinks.

Waiting until the storm is 100 miles out is not a good idea.  
PLAN AHEAD - BE PREPARED

[erichaberfellner.com/](http://erichaberfellner.com/)  
and see what he presented at the annual meeting of the Catboat Association.

The United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued on May 7 an alarming report on the future of GPS, characterizing ongoing modernization efforts as shaky. For more information, go to:

<http://siddt.gpsworld.com/gpssiddt/article/articleDetail.jsp?id=597841>

The *Pocket Rules of the Road* (2nd ed.) costs \$12.95 (+ s/h) from Ocean Navigator. You can get a copy of this excellent rules referral publication (with color illustrations of the light regulations) from the "Ship Store" at:

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

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## FLYING SCOT NEWS

*Marcia Bjerregaard*

### 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:  
[cbjereg@mailier.fsu.edu](mailto:cbjereg@mailier.fsu.edu)

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### GYA CHALLENGE CUP

The Gulf Yachting Association will be holding a series of PHRF races 19-21 June hosted by the Gulfport Yacht Club. To be eligible, the skipper, the helmsman, and at least one-half of the crew must be members of the yacht club represented by the boat (one boat per club) for at least six months prior to this event. It sounds like fun since the Protest Box is next to the Tiki Bar. If you are interested, contact the Scribe who has the "Notice of Race".

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### Changes in Attitude Social

Date: 27 June, 2009

Time: 1800 - 1930

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



# ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2009

## 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  
Monthly Social: Creole/Cajun Buffet - 1800
- Sat-Sun 20-21 Youth & Adult Sailing Classes
- Sat. 27 CIA - 1800-1930

## July

- Sat. 4 Coast Guard Auxiliary Fund Raiser  
ABYC Cruise/Party  
GYA @ Ft. Walton Beach YC
- Sat. 11 Board Meeting - 1530-1730  
Monthly Meeting - Clubhouse
- Sat. 18 Monthly Social
- Sat. 25 CIA - 1800-1930



**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 June, 2009

### Apalachee Bay Yacht Club

|                   |                  |          |
|-------------------|------------------|----------|
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| Rear Commodore:   | Ed Fries         | 591-4620 |
| Purser:           | Maxine Glenn     | 926-5024 |
| Scribe:           | C Henry Depew    | 386-1665 |
| Sr. Board Member: | David O'Hara     | 668-7810 |
| Jr. Board Member: | Lorna Tweedie    | 926-8309 |
| Past Commodore:   | Phil Wernkli     | 386-7646 |

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