

THE MARK

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Commodore's Comments

Carl Bjerregaard

Several months ago the Board received a request for a pontoon boat to serve as committee boat, principally for dinghy races. After conversations with several pontoon boat owners, it was learned that only the more expensive aluminum boats could withstand any appreciable time in salt water. The project was put on hold, as the board is making every effort to keep our finances in order during these troubled times.

Then a few weeks ago, John McBride suggested that the 19' power boat, that Jan & Holli Brandt donated some years ago, might be put into workable condition for as little as a thousand dollars and would be most useful for the upcoming sailing classes. He checked out the boat and motor and found that the boat could indeed be brought into good condition and for far less an investment. Frank, John, & Phil repaired the motor themselves, Carl made new hatch covers, and John made new cushions. Phil used sailing school funds to buy a cushioned ice chest which serves as the steering station and the back can flip to afford rear

view seating.

Though she can fit behind the club dock for the short term, they're looking for a better trailer for the boat. Phil is also looking for a bimini, so the boat could be used for RC work. It wouldn't be as comfortable as Quintessence, of course, but the boat has a seaworthy v-shaped hull and could also be used as a PHRF committee boat as well as for sailing instruction. She'll do well as a regatta chase or committee boat, and coming full circle, can also serve as a dinghy race committee boat.

Many thanks to all who thought up this new project and made it happen.



Vice Commodore's Corner

Frank Hankins

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. It was a dark and stormy night. Actually, it was hot and sunny, and sort of in between great and boring, for me, so far this summer (closer to great, I admit). After a best of times trip to the B.V.I sailing for ten days with Lynn and Ivor Groves (Captain Ivor) I came back to the long, unmowed grass, broken pipes, etc. (worst of times). But then, back to Shell Pt. and the June edition of the adult sailing classes (back to best of times). What a pleasure it is being a missionary for sailing. We had 7 (the max) with two club members and 5 maybes, and good winds and three boats to put the class through the drills, tacking, gybing, going after the "man-overboard" life jacket, and the post mortem (nobody died) buck-a-beer debrief. (Thanks to John McBride and David Meade for their time). And in the middle of it all, a great dinner at the club cooked by Ann Lotterhos. I marvel at what a deal this club is. And I'm always saddened when we get
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MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, 11, July 2009

Clubhouse

1800 - Social

1900 - Dinner - **Catered - see page 2**

1945 - Meeting

2000 - Program

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resignations, and heartened when we get new members. I'm told, having only been a member for a few years, that this is always the way the club has been; we get about as many as leave. Maybe this is not a bad thing. People's needs and time constraints change, and let's face it, unless we become so popular, that we have to turn prospective members away in droves, we don't have the space or resources to handle many more folks. But I have a suspicion that Shell Pt., after this current financial squeeze is over, might become THE place to be for boating on the Forgotten Coast. The fishing is great, and you don't have to motor for miles to get out in a sail boat. We have a jewel, and we need to

show it off. When I walk into a C.I.A., or dinner, or meeting night, and see so many people that I really like, my heart soars like an eagle (OK, enough plagiarized platitudes). My point...we have a wonderful place at Shell Pt. and a vibrant group of people to make it fun and exciting. Be a part of it, come to the many events we stage, and bring your friends. While summer is usually the slow time for the ABYC, July is promising: too much going on the 4th to do everything, scalloping in the middle of the month, CIA, etc. It can be the best of times.

Jr. Board Member Report - Social Information

Lorna Tweedie

Hosts of the May 30th CIA were the Shrivvers, Sam and Dee. Thank yous go to them and to the Oosterhofs for hosting the June 27th CIA. It is great to have folks happily volunteer their time and talents! A reminder to newer members is that CIA stands for Changes In Attitude. It is scheduled for the last Saturday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the Club House. It is a time for folks to get together and relax, with refreshments and snacks.

What a good time all had who attended the June 20th Social at the Club House. Many thanks to Chef Ann who served up some fine food that would rival many in the Big Easy! How fortunate we are to have Ann's culinary expertise.

With so many activities in the works for July, the ABYC Board decided to scratch the July 18th date for the monthly social and

move it up to be included with the Membership Meeting night on July 11th. The Renovitchs, Gordon and Pat, will be the hosts and are providing food from Hamacknockers Restaurant. **Reservations** are needed and need to be made ---NO LATER THAN 6PM, TUESDAY, JULY 7. Please call 850-284-4049. Leave a voicemail message if Pat does not answer. See menu and reservation information below.

**NO COVERED DISH
on July 11th!****Dinner and Social July 11th.**

Pulled Pork, Smoked Chicken
Sauces, Beans, Slaw and Rolls

**Call for reservations by 6PM
Tuesday, July 7th!
850-284-4049**

Cost for dinner \$10 to \$12 per person

Independence Day

Shell Point is going to be the place to be July 4. Bring some finger food, camp out by the pool and enjoy. There also will be croquet, horseshoes, badminton, board games and cards at the clubhouse. The bar will open at noon. A short walk to the basin and the nearby chapel/auxiliary building, will get you to any or all of the following activities:

8-10AM - pancake breakfast fundraiser at the Coast Guard Auxiliary – pancakes, sausage, coffee or juice for \$5

noon -1PM golf cart parade. registration for awards & line up at 1130 at Pebble Court. The parade will pass ABYC and folks at the club will decide which float gets the ABYC Award. The club is also going to enter a golf cart in the parade.

2-4 – ice cream social fundraiser, also for the auxiliary, AND dinghy races in the basin. For the latter, spectators often bring a lawn chair and cool drinks.

4 – parade awards presentation

4:30 – 7 hot dogs and hamburgers at the auxiliary but prepared by and fundraiser for the firehouse.

Dark thirty – fireworks on the beach or arrange a boat viewing with friends. The reflections on the water are beautiful.

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Information

David O'Hara

Dr. Dan Marelli gave an excellent presentation on scallops and were to find them. .

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 Commodore Carl Bjerregaard at 1535 at his home at Shell Point. Present were Carl Bjerregaard, Henry Depew, Lorna Tweedie, and Phil Werndli. David O'Hara arrived a few minutes later.

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were approved as printed.

Reports: VC

The Club's powerboat is ready to be used as needed.

The Youth Sailing Class will be using the Flying Scott and/or the Drascombe because of the water quality concerns off Shell Point.

The Adult Sailing Class will be using the larger boats.

The Beachton Yacht Club Regatta is planned for September.

RC

The ice machine is not working. All ABYC boat slips are now rented.

Purser

The Purser's report was accepted as distributed.

Ted & Brandy Cowley-Gilbert were approved as new members.

Ann Gilhooly & Michael Bishop have been proposed for membership and the notice will be posted at the Yacht Club.

Senior Board – David O'Hara

We have a program for tonight if a digital projector can be located. He will check with the C.G. Auxiliary about the availability of their machine. The July 11th program will be Gary Blankenship who will speak on small boats. A canoe/kayak trip to the springs

around Spring Creek is planned for 21 June and a scallop event is planned for July.

Jr. Board – Lorna Tweedie

There will be a social on June 20th as noted in the June issue of *THE MARK*. At present, a July 4th picnic is planned to be coordinated with the other events scheduled at Shell Point for that day. The meeting on July 11th may (or may not) include a social in place of the usual activity on the third Saturday of the month. The August social will be hosted by the Scouts.

There was some discussion about a rotating meal activity with the monthly meeting. The idea would be to have a covered dish one month, a KISS dinner the next month, and then a catered meal the third month. The cycle would then be repeated. Those not interested in the "meal of the month" would come for the meeting and program. No decision was reached.

Old Business:

Henry reported that the Constitution/By-Laws Revision Committee had met and is working on proposed amendments to the documents. He hopes to have the proposed revisions distributed to the membership by August for their review and comments.

New Business:

A bike rack at the club house has been proposed. The Board agreed that interested members should proceed with the project.

June Membership Meeting Minutes

Commodore Carl Bjerregaard called the meeting to order at 2003. Ted & Brandy Cowley-Gilbert were introduced as our newest members. Henry Depew reported on the Board Meeting and the work of the Constitution/By-

Laws Revision Committee. Lorna Tweedie reported on the planned June 20th social and circulated a sign-up sheet. Phil reported on the sailing classes and that the power boat was operational. David O'Hara reported on plans for a canoe/kayak trip to the "Cold Hold" on June 21st. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. An application for membership was handed to the Commodore following the meeting by Chris McLendon. The application was posted with the previous application by Ann Gilhooly and Michael Bishop

An excellent program by Dr. Dan Marelli on the life cycle of scallops, where to look for them, and what affects them was presented following the membership meeting. Those who attended now know where to look for scallops in the coastal waters.



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

Race Results

The 30 May Puffin/Dinghy and the 6 June PHRF race were both cancelled because of the lack of participants. It was a beautiful sailing day on both dates, but most of those who race were not at Shell Point. The race on June 20th was not held. Thus, even though ten (10) race days were scheduled, only four (4) races were held.

PHRF Spring Race Series

April 4

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

April 18

1s Harmony
2nd Haiyako
3rd Stacatto
4th Sigismunda
5th Freelance

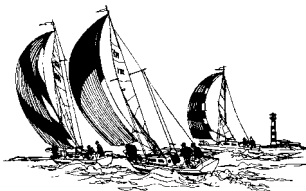
April 25/26

1st Harmony
2nd Haiyako
3rd Sigismunda
5th Staccato
7th Freelance

May 9

1st Haiyako
2nd Freelance
3rd Staccatto

Perhaps we will have been wind, tides, and participation for the Fall Series?



Remember -

ABYC's mailing address is:
P.O. BOX 1830
Crawfordville, FL 32326

Youth Sailing Report

Phil Werndli

The weekends of June 12 and 19, Apalachee Bay Community Sailing hosted seven enthusiastic youth at the annual youth sailing camp. Due to the water quality advisories on the beach, it was decided to conduct the camp using the Flying Scot and the Drascombe. This was the first time that the larger boats were used for the camp. The students were rotated through every position and both boats during the program. The weather was hot, but it sure was nice offshore in the breeze rather than on land with the stifling heat.

There was light wind in the morning and strong sea breeze in the afternoon. Thanks to Carl Bjerregaard who assisted with handling the Flying Scot on Friday the 12th while I ran the Drascombe. The universal opinion of the students was that the fast Flying Scot was much more fun than the Drascombe (like Scotch, it's an acquired taste). I also want to thank Kat Christopher and Daniel Harrell for assisting with the class; Christine Small, a sailor friend of mine, who helped handle the Flying Scot on the weekend days; Frank Hankins for the use of his outboard and dock; Sam and Dee Shriver for the use of their dock during the camp, and Scott Robinson, Marsha Bjerregaard and Jackie Werndli for their help in launching and loading the boats.

A great time was had by all and plans are to try to schedule a dingy class in the fall when the water quality improves.

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

BOAT US Membership

ABYC is a current member of Boat US and as such, ABYC members receive a 50% discount on membership in BoatUS. Our group ID number is GA81150Y. This number should be given to customer service when you apply for membership. (Membership applications are available on the bookshelf in the clubhouse.) As a member of ABYC, you will get a discount on BoatUS membership cost.



Square or reef knot

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

Notes And Hints From Near And Far

C. Henry Depew

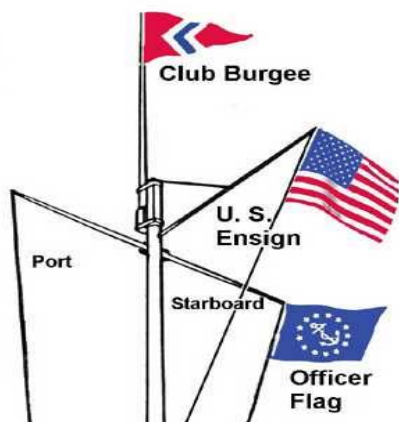
Gaff-Rigged Flag Poles

Every so often someone comments on the display of flags at the Clubhouse. Onshore, the "yacht club style flagpole" with a gaff represents the mast of a ship.

Many people are confused about the proper way to fly the national ensign from a gaff-rigged pole. The national ensign should be flown from the gaff and the club or organization burgee should be flown at the masthead.

The usual argument given by those that think it is wrong to fly the national ensign from the gaff is that the national ensign is flying below a club burgee or other flag contrary to the Flag Code. However, when the ensign is flown from a gaff-rigged pole, a flag flown at the top of the mast is not considered above the ensign because it is not being flown directly above the ensign on the same halyard.

The club burgee should be flown at the masthead and when you add additional flags, you start with the halyard on the right and move inward with flags of lower status.



The illustration above shows the proper flying the U.S. ensign from the peak of the gaff on the

flagpole. For an extensive explanation, go to:

<http://www.usps.org/national/fecom/faq/gaffpole.html>

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The Size Of The Flag

There are "rules of thumb" for the size of flags flown on shore based on the height of the flag pole. On a boat the "rule of thumb" for the ensign depends on its location. When the Ensign is flown at the stern the size is usually about one inch of the fly per foot of overall boat length. One source notes that the hoist is two-thirds of the fly. Oh yes, the "fly" is the horizontal length of the flag and the "hoist" is the vertical length (width). If you wish to fly the Ensign from your sailboat and do not have a gaff mainsail, the flag should be flown about 2/3rds up the leach of the mainsail on its own halyard.

Charts & Maps

Electronic mapping continues to improve. In addition to the charts you can now download from:

ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/onlineviewer/
you can download a booklet chart of Apalachee Bay in PDF format (NOAA Chart 11405) at:
www.nauticalsharts.noaa.gov
you can also download selected areas from the national mapping file. For more information on the national mapping file, take a look at:
http://nationalmap.gov/digital_map/

If the projected rise in sea level is of interest to you, you might want to check out:

www.cresis.ku.edu/research/data/sea_level_rise/h_southeast-usa.html

Scuttlebutt

Marcia Bjerregaard

Buttons – The two tiny pink silk ones found on the floor after the Commodores' Ball are now in the napkin container near the phone.

Wish the jealous stay-at-homer could write that the Groves and Hankins had a simply horrid time in the BVI, but they've yet to report in.

While on their cruise, the Chubbs saw the Pearl with her new owner at the wheel.

The Rosses cruise to the Dry Tortugas with children, spouses, and grandchildren went well. Everyone was still speaking and happy after eight days of togetherness. Now that was no mean feat!

Reminder

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Sauces, Beans, Slaw and Rolls

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Changes in Attitude Social

Date: 25 July, 2009

Time: 1800 - 1930

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



ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2009

July

- Sat. 4 Shell Point Activities (see page 2)
Puffin/Dinghy Race - 1300 (or so) - Basin
ABYC Cruise/Party
GYA @ Ft. Walton Beach YC
- Tue. 7 Reservations For Dinner Meeting Meal Due (see page 2)
- Sat. 11 Board Meeting – 1530-1730
Dinner - Catered Meal - MAKE RESERVATIONS
Monthly Meeting - Clubhouse
- Sat. 25 CIA - 1800-1930

August

- Sat. 1 Board Meeting – 1530-1730
Monthly Meeting – 1800 – Clubhouse
- Sat. 8 Scallop Fling
- Sat. 15 Social – Scout Event
- Sat. 29 Dinghy Race – 1300
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).

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