

THE MARK

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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- 03: Shell Point Activities & ABYC Party
- 10: Youth Sailing Board Meeting Membership Meeting
- 17: Youth Sailing
- 24: Scalloping Fling
- 31: Changes in Attitude

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Lorna Tweedie

Judging by outdoor temperatures, there is no doubt that we are into summer. It is confirmed, of course, by the summer solstice occurring June 21st. And, referring to the summer solstice, June saw ABYC folks participating in the Summer Sailstice Event the weekend of the 19th. This global event was created to help sailors connect with the water on the summer solstice, the longest day in the sailing calendar. Obviously, June 19th, so close to the 21st, was a more convenient and logical day for ABYC's event, a sunset sail.

The Caribbean Evening at the

ABYC clubhouse was another example of summer fun. It was a time of relaxing and enjoying the great food and comfortable tropical attire.

Many thanks go to Bob Sherrod for organizing ABYC's Summer Sailstice and many thanks go to Jackie Werndli, as well, for organizing the Caribbean Evening at ABYC!

July bestows upon us a great sense of patriotism, as we move forward to celebrate our nation's Independence Day, the Fourth of July! Most of America celebrates with parades, backyard barbecues, picnics and fireworks. ABYC and the Shell Point community are no exception. The celebrating will actually occur on Saturday, July 3rd.

A golf cart parade will again be the focus of attention at Shell Point and ABYC will participate with at least one entry, perhaps more. The competition categories for trophies are, 1. most fun 2. most original 3. most patriotic 4. most eco friendly (sponsored by ABYC).

Once again, the Coast Guard Auxiliary is serving a pancake breakfast at their building beginning at 8 AM, Saturday, July 3rd. They will also be serving ice

cream throughout the day. The Apalachee Bay Volunteer Fire Department will be selling hot dogs and hamburgers later in the day. Both organizations events are fundraisers and it is hoped that folks will be very supportive of their efforts. They are there to serve the community, including ABYC.

A cookout at ABYC will precede folks boarding their boats for viewing fireworks on the bay.

Other July events include ABYC's membership meeting on July 10th. A covered dish dinner precedes the meeting and program. Come and enjoy!

Some young folks are excited about the July youth sailing classes coming up and, how about the Scalloping Fling! Much is happening at Apalachee Bay Yacht Club, so keep watch and check the calendar!



MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, July 10, 2010
- 1800 - Social Hour
- 1900 - Covered Dish
- 1945 - Meeting
- 2000 - Program -

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Vice Commodore's Corner

Ivor Groves

June is a great month for cruising. Frank, Pat and Ed are off cruising in the Bahamas and the Groves and the Hamiltons are spending two weeks cruising in St Vincent and the Grenadines. We are currently off Union Island, but we have another week of sailing and will likely spend more time in the Tobago Keys.

We visited here with King and Sue Ross, when they were cruising about 12 years ago. It has not changed a lot, but several aspects are different. There is internet access in virtually all the harbors. The boat boys have organized and there is now a fee to stay overnight in the Tobago Keys. They have been very polite and will provide you with ice, fish, bread and probably anything else you ask for. The snorkeling is fantastic and the turtles are everywhere. It appears the keys are being protected fairly well.

We have had 15 to 20 mph of wind most of the time. We also had a couple of days of unsettled weather as a tropical wave went through. Gust to 35! We are sailing a 38 Lagoon catamaran which has sailed better than I expected and is very comfortable. It handled 35 knots of wind with ease. This is a great cruising ground and I highly recommend it, if you are looking for a place to charter a boat.

Club racing is over until this fall. Now is the time to get boats ready for the next racing season. I believe Don is working with *Allegro* to get it in shape for racing this fall, but we are still looking for a dedicated skipper and crew. Please let me know if you are interested.

Fair winds.

Rear Commodore's Corner

Bob Sherrod

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

sherrod01@comcast.net.

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

Sr. Board Member Report - Program Information

Gene Nicoloso

Ed Wiser gave an informative and entertaining presentation on clipper ships at the June Meeting. The program at the July meeting will on sustainable gardening for Florida by Ginny Stilbolt.

Jr. Board Member Report - Social Events Information

Darlene Oosterhof

The highlight in July, of course, is the Fourth of July, along with picnics and fireworks. At ABYC we will do it in style. A cookout poolside at the clubhouse, followed by a short trip offshore to watch the sunset and fireworks over the water.

Various Fourth of July activities around Shell Point are being scheduled for Saturday, July 3, so we are going with the flow. Satur-

day's activities at the clubhouse begin at 6 pm with bar service and appetizers and the picnic cookout at 7. You need to bring nothing, but you do need to **make your reservations by Wednesday, June 30**. Call or email Darlene/Al Oosterhof (926-8962; darlene.oosterhof@gmail.com).

You may know that Shell Point traditionally has a July Fourth fireworks competition each year. It is not a professional operation, but it tends to be elaborate. It is unpredictable, and it always is fun.

All those who are willing and interested, following the picnic at 8 pm will board boats and head just off Shell Point's beach for the best seats for the show. The sun sets at 8:43 pm and fireworks begin a bit after that.

Thanks to very special efforts by Jackie and Phil Werndli, June 26 is the Caribbean Evening at ABYC. At press time, the reservation deadline is at hand. Depending on how fast a reader you are, should you not already have reservations in hand, Jackie and Phil are the only source of information about options you may still have.

No end-of-the-month CIA in June because of Saturday's Caribbean Evening. Beth and John Hamilton are hosting our next CIA July 31 with great finger food and drinks available from the bar. Time is 6 pm to 7:30. Reservations are not needed. Thanks to Nell and John Johnston for hosting our most recent (and well attended) CIA!

See you at the coast!

Youth Sailing This Summer

Youth sailing will be offered July 10-11 and 17-18.

Contact Phil Werndli for details. 850-3867646 or pwerndli@embarqmail.com

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 Lorna Tweedie at 1535 at the Oosterhofs' residence. Present were: Lorna Tweedie, Bob Sherrod, Henry Depew, Gene Nicoloso, Darlene Oosterhof, and Carl Bjerregaard.

Scribe – C. Henry Depew

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

Parliamentarian – C. Henry Depew

Noted that the Board needs to authorize someone to act for the Board in approving any application for Temporary Non-Resident membership status as per the By-Laws (Section 2 - Qualifications). After some discussion as to alternatives, a motion was made, seconded, and passed that, "The Commodore is authorized to act for the Board in such circumstances and if the Commodore is not present, another Board member can do so."

The proposed amendment to the By-Laws defining the age range for Student and Professional membership was discussed briefly concerning bar rights. No resolution at this time.

Vice-Commodore – Ivor Groves (absent)

The Spring Series is over, but there is a problem of collecting some race fees from non-members participating in the series. To avoid such problems in the future, it was suggested that the race organizer(s) collect the fees at the skippers' meeting, if the fee is not paid for the series at the start of that series.

Rear Commodore – Bob Sherrod

The pool has been fixed and filled to test the repairs. If the repairs hold, the pool will be cleaned and the County Health Department contacted about an inspection. He has not received a bill for the work.

The June 19th Sailstice is planned as a sail in the Bay to watch the sunset and then come back in.

Purser – Maxie Glenn (absent)

The Purser's printed report was accepted as distributed.

There are two applications for Associate Member at this time. However, the Board believes that ABYC has reached the maximum for this category. However, Jim Lambeth's application was tentatively accepted pending a check with the Purser as to the count of Associate Memberships as a couple of members may have resigned and/or moved up to Regular Member status. The second application (Gabrielle Reed) is "on hold" pending clarification of the type of membership requested.

Senior Board – Gene Nicoloso

Reported that programs are set for the rest of the year.

Junior Board – Darlene Oosterhof

The "Dinner on the Docks" has been moved to the clubhouse with a tropical theme. Revised information will be sent to the membership

Past Commodore – Carl Bjerregaard

Requested information on the status of resolution of Smith Regatta problems. The Scribe is to consult with Jackie Werndli and report back to the Board.

Commodore – Lorna Tweedie

Noted that the Wilhelms, Marc Lipsius, and the Johnstons have offered their vehicles for the July

4th Golf Cart parade. Those present agreed that one vehicle should be picked and decorated. If there is enough material left, we could enter a second vehicle. There was also some discussion about a Dinghy/Puffin race in the basin that day.

Old Business:

The Mullet Cup was enjoyed by all (even though most had to motor back to Shell Point). One suggestion was to make it a three-day event during another time of the year (when there might be more wind).

New Business:

No new business.
Meeting adjourned at 1700.
Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

May Monthly Meeting

With a voting quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Commodore Lorna Tweedie at 1952. Reports were presented by the Rear Commodore on the status of the pool repair (almost done), the Senior Board member on the June 19 Sailstice (evening cruise) and some July 4th activities, Junior Board Member on the shift of the June social to the clubhouse with a tropical theme.

Following the reports, Parliamentarian Henry Depew reviewed the proposed By-Law amendments, section-by-section and requested a vote on each section. All proposed amendments passed as written but two. One amendment was amended and passed as amended and one amendment was tabled until the Annual Business Meeting. The proposed amendment that was amended was the section on **Elections** (Section 4 – Officers and Directors).

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(Minutes - continued)

This section now reads -

“The term of service of the Board of Directors is consistent with Section 5 of the ABYC Constitution. However, should a scheduled election by the membership be delayed for legitimate causes, a board member(s) may continue to serve pending future elections.”

The proposed amendment that was postponed until the Annual Business Meeting was the inclusion of new language concerning the **Maintenance Reserve Fund**.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2035. The program by Ed Wiser on clipper ships was excellent, despite projection problems.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

Notes And Hints From Near And Far

C. Henry Depew

Even if you are not into serious sailboat racing, you might want to get a copy of the March/April issue of *Speed&Smarts* (Issue #111). The issue is on protesting and it covers what you need to protest, to respond to a protest, and might help if you end up on a protest committee. If you do not subscribe to this publication (it is well worth the subscription cost, \$45/year), you can order a copy for \$7.00 (+ shipping, etc.) from their web site:

www.speedandsmarts.com
I left a copy of the issue on the rack by the door.

Another publication that is worth its subscription cost is *Messing About In Boats* (\$32/year). In the June issue is an interesting item on why not to wear an auto-

inflatable PFD while canoeing or kayaking. Aside from inflating when you do not what it to, these type of PFDs have storage problems, maintenance concerns, and the like. If you are interested, find a copy of the June issue and read the full article on page 50.

How about an axle-free inline thruster for your boat? For more information, take a look at:

www.voithturbo.com/marine

Scuttlebutt

Marcia Bjerregaard

Remember the great dinners Ann Lotterhos prepared for us? She and husband Ken have just opened their new French Quarter restaurant at 2245 Nursery Road in Clearwater, 33764, phone 727-538-2245.

A six gallon portable air compressor is in the ice room, to be used by any club member needing one. Please empty it when done, so it doesn't rust.

And from a member: Why are Vanderbilt University teams known as the Commodores, given their location in Tennessee?

Quick answer - who was Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt?

Gulf Yachting Association News**Flying Scot regatta schedule**

Fort Walton YC - July 10-11
Mobile YC - July 17-18
Gulfport YC - July 24-25
Panama City YC - Aug 7-8

GYA also has PHRF regattas. Go to gya.org to pick a date for you to take your boat.

Let's participate!

Amendments

C. Henry Depew, Parliamentarian

By-Law Amendments

The recommendations of the Committee were voted on at the June meeting. One proposal was amended, one tabled, and the rest passed. The revised copy of the By-Laws is posted on our web site.

Constitution Amendments

The next item is the Committee's recommendations for changes in the Constitution. The proposed amendments, for the most part, move operational definitions from the Constitution to the By-Laws. These changes, such as membership categories, will allow the Club to respond to perceived membership needs more effectively (like defining a Student or a Professional Member). The proposed amendments will be discussed here in future issues of *The Mark* and a copy will be posted on the web site.

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)

May Dinghy Regatta

Beth Hamilton

Saturday, May 29th, found five intrepid Puffin sailors ready to race in the bay. The weather was threatening as the racers gathered for the start and a water spout was spotted to the south. But luck was with us and we got in one race before the wind really picked up and we called it a day. Everyone made it safely back to their home docks and the committee boat did not have to tow anyone to shore.

Puffin Fleet Results:

John Hamilton
Carl Bjerregaard
Sue Ross
Jim McGill
Marcia Bjerregaard

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

Jim McGill for providing the committee boat.

Lorna Tweedie for serving with me as race committee.

See you on the water!

Summer Sailstice Event

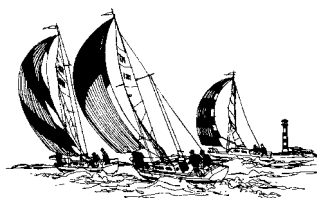
ABYC held a Sailstice event on Saturday, June 19. Fourteen (14) members and guests participated with two boats. Everyone met at the Clubhouse at 1800 for some snacks and refreshments, then headed to the boats at 1900. Carl and Marcia had five aboard *Harmony*, and Bob and Rita had nine aboard *Reckless Abandon*. There was a nice breeze from the west and partially sunny skies. We had a wonderful time on the water, but because of the deteriorating weather, we were unable to view the sunset as planned. All had a great time and everyone returned safely, even those caught in the storm.

Race Committee Musings

Henry & Judy Depew

One of the duties of a race committee is to insure that all the participants are accounted for at the end of the race/race day. To help with this effort, it is very nice if each participating boat sails by the RC boat before the start of the first race so they can be counted as present. It is also VERY nice if any participant that drops out of the race informs the RC of the fact. With these two simple actions, the RC knows how many boats, in each fleet, are on the water, who the boats are, and how many should finish. Sailing by the RC boat is not that difficult, informing the RC if you are withdrawing requires that either the boat comes back by the RC boat on the way in or the RC is informed by radio and the message is confirmed by the RC. In regards to VHF radios, it is helpful if all participants keep their radios on while involved in the event. That way, they will hear any communications from the RC.

Another helpful item is either valid sail numbers on the main sail (if the numbers match the registration form) or a readable name on the side or stern of the boat. You know who you are but, the RC may not. If your boat's main sail does not have numbers or there is no name on the side or transom, it might help if you noted something unique about the boat (i.e., AC on forward deck, radar mast aft, blue awning, etc.).



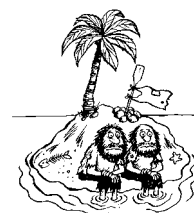
GYA Reciprocal Agreement

All ABYC members are welcome at the docks and/or landside facilities of Gulf Yachting Association clubs. A list can be found at www.gya.org. We can pay cash for food and services at all of them and some have already extended reciprocal charging privileges: Fairhope Yacht Club (Fairhope, Alabama)
Fort Walton Yacht Club
Gulfport Yacht Club
Houston Yacht Club
Mobile Yacht Club
Pontchartrain Yacht Club (Mandeville, Louisiana)
Singing River Yacht Club (Pascagoula, Mississippi)
Pass Christian Yacht Club (Pass Christian, Mississippi)
Southern Yacht Club (New Orleans).

You will need your membership card and account number to have your expenses billed through ABYC. Or, simply pay the bill then.

Remember -

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



Changes in Attitude Social

Date: July 31, 2010

Time: 1800 - 1930

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

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2010

July

- July 03: Shell Point Activities & ABYC Party
July 10: Youth Sailing
Board Meeting - 3:30 to 5:30 pm
Membership Meeting - Social - 6:00 pm -
July 17: Youth Sailing
July 24: Scalping Fling
July 31: Changes in Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm

August

- August 07: Board Meeting - 3:30 to 5:30 pm
Membership Meeting - Social Hour - 6:00 pm -
August 14: Beachton YC Regatta at Shell Point
August 21: Open
August 28: Dinghy/Puffin Races - 1:00 pm
Changes In Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm



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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