

# THE MARK

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## Commodore's Comments

*Carl Bjerregaard*

Since the first of June, there have been numerous theft, vandalism, and security problems in Shell Point. At ABYC, unaccompanied children were caught jumping into the pool from the porch, though we had taken precautions so that couldn't happen. However, a neighbor called us that this was happening and the parents were called. A few days later after the CIA, the pool was broken into again. This time a glass topped table and several chairs were thrown into the pool.

When unaccompanied children were found in the pool a year ago, the club spent \$500 to change the codes, locks, and add a video security system. That strategy was apparently unsuccessful and now we ask members to keep an eye open and immediately call any Board member or the Sheriff's office if you see anything amiss.

Law enforcement was called after the last incident and the deputy suggested we view the security tapes from the gate as well as ours. Several members and former members spent hours working on this and discovered that the gate's

tapes were inconclusive and that our security system was not working adequately. At their last meeting, your board voted to purchase and install a more modern product. The liability issues are too great for us to gamble. If we have any further problems of this sort, please know that the Sheriff will be called and further action taken.

Pool related, but much happier to report, when I went down to work on the security system, I found Brenda Remke scrubbing the swimming pool tiles. She explained that as the pool is their major use of the club amenities, they decided to care for the entire pool area. They mow, trim, and scrub. It looks great.

The Keatons take on one club project after another. Besides looking after the Hunter 23' sailboat, they are now also trying to replace the lounge chair covers that show serious signs of wear (one has collapsed).

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## Vice Commodore's Corner

*Frank Hankins*

The dog days are hard on us... and dog flies too, occasionally, so working outside on boats has been miserable lately; it's easy to go through several changes of sopping clothes in just a few hours. Enough complaining! The winds have been pretty good during the afternoons lately, and those fortunate enough to get on the water have had some really good sailing. The last dinghy race on the 4th of July was one of the best, recently, for winds. A couple of the Holder 12's were even in the races, and we hope to see more and more of them in races to come. We may try to put some of the boats on the beach, with the trailer close by to make it more attractive for members to sail these fun boats. We'll be putting a new combination lock on one of the trailer doors to make it more accessible. Give me or Phil Werndli a call for the numbers.

We're told that the launch ramp will soon be leased and opened by the County for public use and that will help all of us who have trailerable boats (including the Holders,

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### MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, 01 August 2009

Clubhouse

1800 - Social

1900 - Covered Dish Dinner

1945 - Meeting

2000 - Program

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**(VC Report - continued)**

the Flying Scott, and the Drascombe). We may put the Flying Scott "Cinderella" in the water for the summer since we have several members interested in racing her.

We have gained six new, or prospective, members in the last month, so, once again, if you see someone you don't recognize around the club, please make them feel welcome by introducing yourself. Since our Commodore has bailed out on us (for a well deserved long vacation), if you have issues normally directed to Carl, please call or e-mail me anytime.

If you are on the water, you may notice that the center, west and north marks are gone. Two of them really are "gone" with only the north plucked out in time for a re-hab (the south and east were recently redone) We have bought two new marks to replace center and west and will have all of them back in the water by the start of the fall series. If you're out fishing along the shorelines, keep a look out for the missing marks. We'd like to have them back!

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

*Lorna Tweedie*

It was a BRIGHT - SNAPPY - PATRIOTIC 4th of July at Shell Point and at ABYC ! The ABYC nautical entry in the parade, operated by the Harris's was a boost for our Club. Good going!

The July Social on the 11th was well attended. The dinner was very good with barbeque from Hamacknockers and additional really good and savory snacks provided by the Renovitchs. Thanks go to Gordon and Pat for a great

evening.

We move on with summer and into August. Will the days be even warmer than what we've lately experienced??? Even so, ABYC is on board!

The monthly meeting will follow the covered dish supper/dinner and the monthly social will be August 15th. Details for the social are pending and will be sent out to all later.

You will not need reservations for the August 29th CIA, so do come!

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**Remember -**

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

**Scribe's Corner**

*C. Henry Depew*

Electronic distribution of *THE MARK* has saved ABYC a good deal of money for postage. However, electronic distribution has its own problems. If you belong to AOL e-mail, you did not get all the messages sent in late June/early July (and you may not get this issue). It seems that AOL has decided to restrict what you can receive and I seem to be on their "spam generator" list (or some such designation). Thus, if you get this issue and a member who is with AOL did not, kindly tell them

**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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**Rear Commodore's Corner**

*Ed Fries*

Kindly make sure that you do not put garbage in the re-cycle container. And, no re-cycle items in the garbage 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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the problem is at AOL and that they can download a copy from our web site.

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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 meeting was held at the Commodore's residence on 11 July. Present were:

Carl Bjerregaard  
Henry Depew  
Lorna Tweedie  
Phil Werndli

There not being a quorum, those present discussed what to do about the vandalism at the Clubhouse on 27 June. It was noted that the security video system is not working correctly and needs to be repaired or replaced. A replacement system will cost around \$400. Phil will look into what is being offered at Sams and other such discount stores that carry this type of equipment. There was also a discussion about replacing the fabric on the pool lounge chairs as they are wearing out. The estimated cost is between \$700 and \$800 to recover the seven (7) lounge chairs. Also considered were three proposed new members:

Don Hanson  
Edith McCarty  
Jill Voorting

In addition, the three proposed members posted previously were considered. It being necessary for the Board to act on the previous applications (as posted in the Clubhouse) it was decided to contact Maxie Glenn.

At approximately 4:00 PM, Maxie was called. The list of proposed actions and concerns was read to her by the Scribe. After consideration of the proposed actions, the Board voted in favor of:

Replace or repair the existing video security system

Acceptance of the existing applications for membership

Proposed new memberships to be posted in the Clubhouse  
Maxie also suggested that the Board vote on the proposed new members via e-mail when the 30 day waiting period has expired.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 PM.

The new members of ABYC are:

Jeff Muellen  
Chris McLendon  
Ann Gilhooly & Michael Bishop

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Twenty-three (23) members and guests enjoyed an excellent meal hosted by Pat and Gordon Renovitch. Following dessert, Commodore Carl Bjerregaard called the monthly membership meeting to order at 8:17 PM at the Clubhouse.

The names of the proposed new members were read to those present. Don Hanson, who is one of the proposed new members was present as a guest. Lorna thanked Al Oosterhof for bringing his equipment to display the slides of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Golf Cart Parade. It was reported that both the Youth and Adult sailing classes were successful and Frank has some people ready to sign up for the next Adult sailing class. Bill & Claire Harris were thanked for the loan of their golf cart for ABYC's entry in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

There was a short discussion about the vandalism at the Clubhouse and actions being taken by

the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

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## Constitutional Amendments

*C. Henry Depew, Parliamentarian*

The committee appointed by Commodore Bjerregaard has had one meeting, numerous e-mails, and a phone conference to reach the point of proposing some revisions for the membership's consideration. The plan is to submit the proposed changes to the membership article by article. The idea is that if a member does not like a change in one part of the document that does not negate their positive view of the other proposed changes. Some changes, if passed, will require changes in the By-Laws. Proposed By-Law changes will be submitted to the membership prior to the Annual Meeting for review and discussion.

Shortly, there will be discussion copies of both drafts on our web site for your review.

If there is something in either document that you would like considered for modification, please let me know or contact a member of the committee:

Tony Cleveland  
Maxie Glenn  
Phil Werndli

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Saturday, 01 August at the Clubhouse

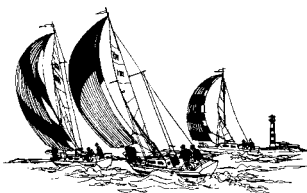
**PHRF RACE DATES**

Plan now to participate in the PHRF Fall Race Series. The tentative dates are:

Sept. 19	Oct. 31
Oct. 3	Nov. 1
Oct. 17-18	Nov. 14

The skippers' meeting will be at the Clubhouse at 1030. Come out and enjoy a day on the bay!

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### Independence Day Dinghy Regatta

*Beth Hamilton*

Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, found ABYC sailors racing in the basin for the Independence Day Dinghy Regatta. While the weather was very warm, we also had a nice breeze to keep the boats moving. It was great to have two fleets racing and here are the results:

Puffin Fleet:

- 1 John Hamilton
- 2 Sue Ross
- 3 Marcia Bjerregaard
- 4 Steve Augustine

Holder's (Non-Puffin Fleet):

- 1 Ted Gilbert
- 2 Gene Nicoloso

It was another exciting event, with non-stop action once we got underway. In addition to some exciting racing and on-going discussions of racing rules, we had a heaping plenty of other events: too much heat, missing boat parts, turning a dinghy into a swimming pool, re-anchoring of the commit-

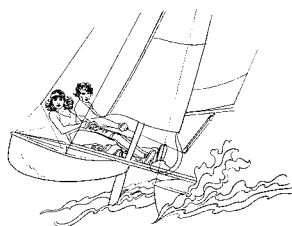
tee boat, and extra practice in towing dinghies home! But all ended well, spectators were entertained, and racers are ready for the next race day.

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

- Steve Augustine for getting out the race marks
- Jim McGill for providing the committee boat and his friends, the Morgans, for taking out the boat and the race committee
- Pat and Gordon Renovitch for providing rescue service
- Lorna Tweedie and Darlene Oosterhof for serving with me as race committee.

See you on the water!

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### Notes And Hints From Near And Far

*C. Henry Depew*

As some of you know, the 40+ gallon diesel fuel tanks in HIRADO have had problems and I have been running the boat on a temporary tank. A while back I ordered a saddle tank to use for everyday operations and have been learning more than I want about tank installation. An interesting part was that hard copper and soft copper tubing are measured differently. The fill hose connection at the deck and the tank are 1.5-inch OD so that a 1.5-inch ID hose will fit there upon. I needed a 90-

degree bend in the fill system so I acquired a copper elbow and a couple of short pieces to solder into the elbow. It seems that 1.5 inch hard copper pipe is the ID measurement and the pipe is actually about 1 5/8 inches in diameter. This means that standard 1.5 inch ID fill hose will not fit over the hard copper pipe. To add to the fun was that the aluminum hose barbs for the 3/8 inch ID hose are a little larger than 3/8 inch. My brass 3/8 inch hose barbs were a perfect fit. No so the aluminum!

The good people at Capital Rubber figured out a way for me to get the fuel hose on the copper elbow and one of my boating e-mail lists came up with a couple of suggestions. It seems that you put the aluminum hose barbs in the freezer for a while and when you are ready, you put the end of the hose in some boiling water. The hose heats up and expands enough to slide over the slightly shrunk aluminum. Of course you do this in the kitchen and then re-attach the hose barb to the tank after the temperatures of equalized.

On another subject is the question of how hot (or cold) is it? One web site that has a conversion table for temperatures can be found at:

[maineharbors.com/weather/convert3.htm](http://maineharbors.com/weather/convert3.htm)

And, on the subject of weather, you might want to make sure that you have the underground weather web site on your browser so you can check on tropical storm/hurricane forecast strength and track. The site also has a good "regional radar" selection of composite doppler radar images. This site can be found at:

[wunderground.com/](http://wunderground.com/)

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**Scuttlebutt**

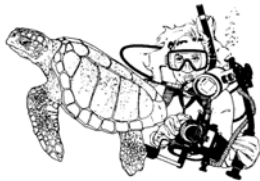
*Marcia Bjerregaard*

When entering the clubhouse from the canal side, please use combination code on the regular door. Someone forced the door lock and to help the new lock last, we will open the sliding door only on special occasions.

The club now has an answering machine on the phone.

Six new membership applications in the past two weeks...

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**Web Sites For ABYC Boats**

*Ray Keaton*

If you want to reserve one of the three ABYC boats, there is now a web site for each.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SnowGoose>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FlyingScott>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ABYCKestrel/>

If you are not a member of the Yahoo Group, you need to join before you can schedule one of the boats. Go to the site of your choice and click on "Join". You will get a confirmation e-mail back when your application has been approved.

Please remember that you need to have been "checked out" by one of the authorized ABYC members before you can schedule the boat.

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**GYA – Flying Scot**

*Marcia Bjerregaard*

I hope to get three guys to go to GYA Flying Scot regattas at least once this fall and three women to go another time.

Upcoming dates: Aug. 1 &2, 29-30, Sept. 5-7, 12-13, & 26-27, Oct. 24-25

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**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](http://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.

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YOUR YACHT CLUB  
VOLUNTEER TO SERVE  
ON A COMMITTEE  
NOW**

**Webmaster’s Cubicle**

*C. Henry Depew*

As the ABYC webmaster, I try to keep the web site current. If something needs to be updated or changed, e-mail me with the update or changed information.

My e-mail is:

[sisu26@nettally.com](mailto:sisu26@nettally.com)

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**Boating Emergency Numbers**

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CG Yankeetown 352/447-6900

CGA St. Marks 850/906-0540

or 893-5137

CGA Shell Pt 850/926-2606

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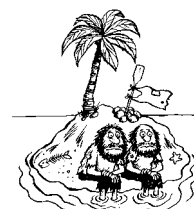
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**Changes in Attitude Social**

Date: 29 August, 2009

Time: 1800 - 1930

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



## ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2009

### August

- Sat. 1 Board Meeting – 1530-1730  
Monthly Meeting – Clubhouse – 1800
- Sat. 8 Scallop Fling
- Sat. 15 Social
- Sat. 29 Dinghy Race – 1300  
CIA – 1800-1930

### September

- Sat.-Mon 5-7 Labor Day Cruise
- Sat. 12 Board Meeting - 1530-1730  
Monthly Meeting - 1800-
- Sat. 19 PHRF Race - 1030 - Clubhouse  
Social - 1800-
- Sat. 26 Dinghy Race - 1300-  
CIA - Clubhouse - 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 (ABYOnline.org).**

### The MARK August, 2009

#### Apalachee Bay Yacht Club

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Jr. Board Member:	Lorna Tweedie	926-8309
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