

# THE MARK

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## Commodore's Comments

*Carl Bjerregaard*

Now that there are five Harmony 22s at Shell Point, I hope to be forgiven for the following reminiscence: When the Bjerregaards moved to Tallahassee in 1976, the Gulf of Mexico dictated that they leave their over 6' draft boat behind. There was a very active MORC station at Shell Point and the fall series was about to begin. We searched most weekends, but each time the parents thought the right boat had been found, 19 year old son Chris nixed it for one reason or another. Dad, trying to settle into a new job, one day said, "Well, if none of these are good enough, why don't you design one?"

Chris had completed most of the Westlawn design course, and began studying the MORC rule. We drove out to see the progress of another project. In a barn near Tallahassee, Frank Davis was building a boat with the help of a FSU sailor, Dean Minardi. We decided that if they could do it, so could we, and the garage was measured. We learned the boat could be no longer than 22 feet fitted diagonally and still have room

to work. The daggerboard configuration not only fit the MORC rule, but it and the kick-up rudder fit Shell Point's shallow waters. With the neighbors' acceptance of a 2300 quit time, the garage became a factory.

The first big event was turning the hull over. Most of ABYC turned out to help. A few months later it was christening day. The Davises had a big party at their SP Paradise Village house and graciously invited us to join in the celebration of their Silver Streak.

ABYC held a special summer series so the two boats could be broken in and a few weeks later, the two families headed first to district and then to the MORC Internationals. Harmony did well and an Atlanta company asked to manufacture it. After five boats, Dean and Chris decided they could better do the job, and Harmony Marine went into business on Capital Circle NW. They built 32 Harmony 22s, two custom boats, were bought out by Wayne Colony, the first oil shortage hit, and the molds were sold.

Now for a bit of recent history: After my conducting stint at Blue Lake, we've stretched the home-

ward trip west to include a week with our daughter in the Black Hills, then some western national parks, where to our amazement, when we debarked a shuttle bus in Glacier Park we ran head-on into the Renovitches and the Harrisises. Guess it really is a small world after all.

We both are looking forward to being home in time for the Vice Commodore's Regatta.

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## Annual Vice-Commodore's Regatta - Oct. 17

As noted in the VC's column (next page), the Vice-Commodore's regatta is this month. In the past, the races have been held in a flat calm, blown away, and seldom been boring. The social Saturday evening is always good food and a good time.

Plan now to come and enjoy a fun sail and a fun evening. More information will be sent via e-mail as the event's date draws closer.

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### MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, 03 October 2009

Clubhouse

1800 - Social

1900 - Covered Dish Dinner

1945 - Meeting

2000 - Program

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## Vice Commodore's Corner

*Frank Hankins*

October is always a wonderful month on the water...usually the temperature is mellow, the winds OK, with many clear days and not too many storms. We have scheduled four PHRF races and a dinghy race day so there is something going on every weekend.

The Vice Commodore's Regatta and dinner will follow two races on the 17th, and we will have live music for dancing and entertainment at that event. The Windrider 17's and possibly beach cats will be included in the VC Regatta, so there will be lots of action in the bay and off the beach.

With low tides predicted for the 10th and no races,, Ed Fries has scheduled a work day in order to get the porch enclosure panels up, and much needed repairs to the docks. We need volunteers, so please come out at 9:30 a.m. to help .

October will also bring us back a number of our members who flee the Shell Pt summers for cooler climes, including our Commodore Carl (and Marcia), Purser Maxi, and several others missed at the early fall races. We have an impor-

tant member's meeting on the October 3rd, when we should have a slate of officers presented for next year, and David O'Hara is promising yet another interesting program.

It is a fine time of year, made finer by the presence of all of the ABYC's members at club events, so come on out and mingle with old friends, and meet some of the many new members who have recently joined.

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## Sr. Board Member Report - Program Information

*David O'Hara*

My thanks to Phil Werndli who came through with an interesting program on one of the Spanish ship wrecks in Pensacola Bay.

The September program will either be on skin cancer or along shore navigation. Come to the meeting and find out.

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## Constitutional Amendments

*C. Henry Depew, Parliamentarian*

The work of the committee appointed by Commodore Bjerregaard was sent to the membership with the September issue of *THE MARK*. The proposed changes will be formally debated, amended (if necessary) and voted on at the November Business Meeting (article-by-article). In the meantime, the changes to the by-laws to reflect the proposed changes in the constitution are underway.

The proposed constitutional amendments are included with this issue and posted on our web site at ABYConline.org

The proposed by-law changes should be there shortly.

Committee members:

Tony Cleveland  
C. Henry Depew  
Maxie Glenn  
Phil Werndli

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## Jr. Board Member Report - Social Information

*Lorna Tweedie*

September seemed to slip by very quickly. The PHRF Fall racing series began and now ABYC moves on to October which leads one into an aura of magic and witchcraft. We have plenty happening though, before the bewitching hour on October 31st.

Prior to ABYC's monthly membership meeting on October 3, we again have a covered dish dinner. What tasty morsels we always have and what a variety! Perhaps

we need a "favorite dish of the month" contest ???

The main social event of this month will be following the V.C. Regatta on October 17th. Our Vice Commodore, Frank Hankins, is planning a great dinner with entertainment to follow. See details in the V.C. column in this MARK.

And finally, we come to October's CIA which falls on Halloween. I'm guessing that the hosts will have "tricks up their sleeves" for the very best treats!

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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

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## Remember -

ABYC's mailing address is:  
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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, at the ABYC Clubhouse, was called to order by Vice-Commodore Frank Hankins on September 12 at 1532. Present were:

Frank Hankins	Henry Depew
David O'Hara	Phil Werndli
Lorna Tweedie	

The minutes of the July and August Board meetings were approved as printed.

The Purser's report was approved as distributed.

**VC - Frank Hankins:**

Asked for a formal vote of acceptance for Steve & Katherine LaRosa. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept them as new members.

Reported that plans for the VC Regatta for Oct. 17 are progressing and he plans to invite all those who joined ABYC this year to come to the Regatta's social function even if they do not race that day.

The Fall PHRF races will start 19 Sept. and Don Reeder has agreed to run the 19 Sept. race. The acquisition of a Race Committee and boat is a concern at this time.

The Beachton/ABYC Regatta for the 26<sup>th</sup> is still a "maybe". The Puffins will be racing that day and the party/CIA will follow that evening.

The work day on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> will include hanging the wind breaks on the porch and work on the docks. Members' assistance will be greatly appreciated to help with this and other tasks.

Improvements to the security system are still being worked on; we hope to have the new system

installed shortly.

The repair of the deck chairs is waiting for some additional information on the cost to replace the fabric. Ray Keaton did a lot of work on this project and his help is greatly appreciated.

The gas valve on the grill needs to be turned off at the tank as well as at the grill.

**Sr. Board – David O'Hara:**

Has a program lined up for October with a back-up program available.

**Jr. Board – Lorna Tweedie:**

Sue Ross will be the Hostess for the September Social (Tailgate Party). She asked if the club's TV would receive cable 55 (to see the televised game). Frank reported that the TV had been checked and cable 55 is available.

**Scribe - Henry Depew:**

Asked the Board if there could be a problem with voting for the Winterle Award electronically for those with e-mail and hard-copy for those without e-mail. The Board saw no problem with this approach.

Presented the Board with a request from Mary VanSciver to make a short presentation on the Annual Meeting of the Talquin Electric Cooperative. After some discussion, Frank said he would talk to her before the meeting.

Reported on the status of the proposed Constitution and By-Law amendments.

**New Business:**

Parts for the ABYC boat trailer are on order.

The club boats are not being used. Henry is to develop an article for *The Mark*.

The next Adult Sailing class is being planned, but no firm date is set.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1634

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Henry Depew  
Scribe

**Minutes of the September Membership Meeting**

After introducing Steve LaRosa as our newest member and a lengthy joke, VC Frank Hankins called the September 12th meeting to order at 1956 with 28 members and guests present.

Frank gave short reports on the PHRF Fall Series, the VC Regatta, and related matters. He noted that the work day on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> needs people to hang the curtains and work on the dock.

Mary VanSciver made a short announcement on the Annual Meeting of the Talquin Electric Cooperative and candidacy of Dr. Elinor Elfner for a position on the TEC's Board.

Henry reported on the work of the Constitution/By-Law Committee, briefly reviewed the proposed changes, and noted that the proposed amendments to the Constitution have been sent to everyone and a copy of the proposed changes and the "final" document (if amended) is on the ABYConline.org web site. There was a discussion about the proposed reduction in the quorum number for the meetings.

Sue Ross reported on the planned Tailgate Party.

The meeting adjourned at 2028. Following the meeting was an excellent program by Phil Werndli on the Spanish exploration of the Gulf Coast and one of the wrecks found in Pensacola Bay.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Henry Depew  
Scribe

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**PHRF RACE DATES**

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

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

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

Three boats went out Sept. 19th, two started and finished the race. Results were:

Hiayako	1
Freelance	2

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**Notes And Hints From Near And Far**

*C. Henry Depew*

The newsletter of the Seminole Power Squadron, *Smoke Signals*, carries a column of information entitled "The Doctor Is In". The August issue has an interesting item of what not to take to relieve pain if you have a broken bone. It seems that any of the drugs with a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medication are on the "do not take list". You should stick to an acetaminophen medication for pain relief while you are on the mend. The nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications block the body's response and enzymes needed to repair the bone.

If you want to know more about how a sailboat handicap is decided, take a look at: <http://www.sailtexas.com/handicaparticle.html>

Aviation fuel is a bit more expensive than what we put in our boat's engines. Thus, it might be nice to know that an alternative to 100LL fuel is coming. What is interesting is that this fuel is made

from vegetable matter (mostly grass at the moment). Present tests, including in operating aircraft, are positive. For more information, take a look at:

[www.swiftenterprises.net/](http://www.swiftenterprises.net/)

Ever wanted to know more about various aspects of the marine industry? Try:

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

An early approach for the safe loading of a vessel was developed by Lloyds which recommended the freeboards as a function of the depth of the hold (three inches per foot of depth). These recommendations, used extensively until 1880, became known as "Lloyd's Rule". Later the Plimsoll Marks were developed. These are the lines on the side of a commercial vessel that shows its safe load depending on the type of water it is floating in.

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**BOATS FOR SAILING**

Want to go sailing? ABYC has a boat for you! We have the Kestrel, a Flying Scott, a Drascombe, and a number of Holder 12s waiting for someone to take them sailing. We also have a powerboat that can be used for race committee work when needed. All you need to do is be checked out and you are on your way.

We have a list of who can check out prospective sailors on club boats, that is kept in the log books in the club library. The policy has been that most anyone who has been checked out and has actively sailed the boats can check out someone else.

Currently, the list includes Frank Hankins, Carl Bjerregaard, Ed Fries, Marc Lipsius, John Hamilton, Ray Keaton (on the Kestrel), John McBride, Gene Nicoloso and Ted Gilbert (on the Kestrel). The routine for those boats includes

getting the combination for the trailer (from Frank, Phil, or Ted) and taking sails to the boat and rigging a boat. If we ever get the launch ramp back, the boats can be launched there.

Plans are in the works to make the Holder 12s available by bringing the trailer (with the sails and gear) to the beach on dinghy regatta days, and hauling some of the boats to the beach too. It is also hoped that either the Flying Scott or the Drascombe will be in the water at a member's dock shortly.

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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**Rear Commodore's Corner**

*Ed Fries*

If something needs to be done, let me know.

In the meantime, please plan to come to the clubhouse on Oct. 10th to help put the porch enclosure panels up and do some dock repair.

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### 36<sup>th</sup> Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta- April 24-26, 2009 - Report

A beautiful weekend, wonderful weather, clear blue sky, comfortable temperature and perfect sea breezes and waves for us all. Fleets included PHRF sailboats, Hobies, Windriders, and Sailboarders. Once again we had a great turnout with 210 registered participants. The wind once again blessed us for another great weekend of superb racing.

Many thanks to everyone for a great weekend of racing sailing camaraderie and a successful fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. This endeavor has a great deal of meaning to us all, as we remember those among us who have been touched by this disease.

This year the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta Foundation has donated \$15,000 to the American Cancer Society in the Big Bend Region.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Always,

Joeann Vesecky

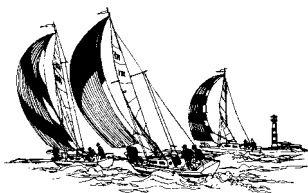
SCSMR, Registration co-chair

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### Scuttlebutt

*Marcia Bjerregaard*

Haiyako is rumored to be on the market if you are interested in a fast sailboat.



### Summer Sizzler Dinghy Regatta Report

*Beth Hamilton*

Saturday, August 29th, found ABYC sailors racing off the beach for the Summer Sizzler Dinghy Regatta. While the weather was very warm, we also had a hoped-for sea breeze to keep the boats moving. Here are the results:

1. John Hamilton
2. Sue Ross
3. Ted Gilbert
4. Kat McLendon
5. Steve Augustine
6. Sarah Nortelus and crew Savannah
7. Jim McGill

It was an exciting afternoon of racing Puffins with a total of seven boats participating and five boats holding it together until the end. In addition to some exciting racing we had plenty of other action: race buoys hooked (at least 3, but who is counting), a strong but unsuccessful effort on the part of several racers to move the committee boat, boat parts that just could not take the pressure applied by the skippers (they are a competitive lot!), turning a dinghy into a swimming pool, and extra practice in towing dinghies home! But tradition was maintained as 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!

Jim McGill for providing the committee boat

Chris McLendon for providing rescue service and repeated setting of the marks

Lorna Tweedie for serving with me as race committee.  
See you on the water!

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### September Dinghy Regatta

*Beth Hamilton*

Saturday, September 26th, found ABYC sailors racing off the beach for the latest ABYC Dinghy Regatta. It was that perfect Puffin/dinghy racing day we had all been looking for. The weather was very warm and we had a nice breeze for sailing. It was great to have two fleets racing.

Results:

Puffin Fleet:

1. Cat McLendon
2. John Hamilton
3. Jim McGill
4. Steve VanSciver

Holder's plus one (Non-Puffin Fleet):

1. John McBride (Holder)
2. Ted Gilbert (Holder)
3. Alberto (FSU student) (Holder)
4. Mark Lipsius (Millimeter)

A special congratulations to Cat on winning her first regatta – Way to Go, Girl!

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

Jim McGill for providing the committee boat.

Chris McLendon for providing rescue service and setting out the race marks.

Lorna Tweedie and Mary VanSciver for serving with me as race committee.

Next Puffin/Dinghy race is Saturday October 24. See you on the water!

### Changes in Attitude Social

Date: October 31, 2009

Time: 1800 - 1930

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



# ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2009

## October

- Sat. 03 PHRF Race - 1030 - Clubhouse  
Board Meeting - 1530-1730  
Monthly Meeting - 1800- Nominations
- Sat. 10 Work Day - 0900-1400 - Clubhouse
- Sat. 17 VC Regatta and Social
- Sat. 24 Dinghy Races - 1300-  
Private Party at Clubhouse until 1700
- Sat. 31 PHRF Race - 1030 - Clubhouse  
CIA - Halloween Theme - 1800-1930 - Clubhouse

## November

- Sun. 01 Daylight Savings Time Ends  
PHRF Race - 1030 - Clubhouse
- Sat. 07 Board Meeting - 1530-1730  
Annual Business Meeting - 1800-
- Sat. 14 PHRF - 1030 - Clubhouse
- Sat. 21 Annual Awards Banquet
- Thur. 26 Thanksgiving
- Fri. 27 Gobbler Regatta - 1300



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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 October, 2009

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