



# THE MARK

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## Commodore's Comments

*Carl Bjerregaard*

Now there's a sure sign of cooler weather up north: Maxie's back. Other travelers are sure to fly in soon. There's a sure sign of cooler weather at Shell Point, too. The curtains are up, just in time for the cooler weather expected for the Vice Commodore's Regatta.

New member Don Hanson and the Bjerregaards cleaned the porch and put them up on Thursday, just before the regatta. They were to be installed at the workday, but Don was the only person who showed up. At least two dock projects are needed to be done asap, so we'll have to schedule another work day pronto, before any storm.

It was disconcerting to hear that the workday went poorly. It was equally disappointing to learn that a social had to be cancelled for lack of interest, especially since we all know how great any party is that has Sue Ross at the helm. If ever before, it certainly has been a long, time since any event had to be cancelled, certainly two in the same month. That set me to wondering. Though we'd all received Henry's reminder notices, are folks actually reading their electronic

newsletter? If not, just maybe this new format needs to be reexamined. Do give me a call, or send a note giving me your thoughts on this.

On a happier subject, the nominating committee's hard work resulted in a slate that portends good things for the future. My thanks to the committee and to the folks who agreed to serve. At the November meeting, the formal vote will be held on the nominations and the proposed constitutional amendments will also be discussed and voted on. Do make it a priority.

Have you checked out the new weather link at our ABYOnline website? Steve Augustine, Al Oosterhof, and their helpers have obviously been hard at work. Read Al's article for details.

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## NOMINATIONS FOR 2010

The Nominations Committee recommends the following slate for 2010:

- Lorna Tweedie, Commodore
- Ivor Groves, Vice Commodore
- Bob Sherrod, Rear Commodore
- Henry Depew, Scribe
- Maxie Glenn, Purser
- Gene Nicoloso, Sr. Board Member
- Darlene Oosterhof, Jr. Board Member
- Phil Werndli - Chair
- Lynn Groves
- Beth Hamilton

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## Awards That May Be Presented

Serious Awards:  
Winterle Sportsmanship Award  
Homer Denius Trophy  
Silent Sailor

Less Serious Awards:  
Insufferable Victor (IV) Award  
Espirit deCorps Award  
Super Chicken  
Rubber Chicken  
Pink Flamenco  
Short Stick

Come to the Awards Banquet!  
See page 4 for details.

## MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, Nov. 7 2009

Clubhouse

1800 - Social

1900 - Covered Dish Dinner

1945 - Annual Business Meeting

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## Vice Commodore's Corner

*Frank Hankins*

Someone once said that "there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothes." Try telling that to the well clothed sailors at the Vice Commodore's Regatta races! The survivors (actually, everyone survived) had stories to tell; broken rudders, cracked ribs, torn sails, bruises, and excuses. The two fleets, Windrider 17's and PHRF's each completed two races in the blustery, cool conditions, and it took expertise to keep the boats upright in winds which would oscillate from light to strong and back with big waves to make it even more fun. Kudos to all racers and the race committees for their efforts. And congrats to PHRF skippers and crews on Haiyako, Adios, and Harmony, and WindRider skippers Ed Fries, Steve LaRosa and David Meade. Trophies were hand crafted by Pat

Hankins and presented at the evening festivities. And festive they were.

After 8 appetizers, dinner of "low country boil" was served, preceding the evenings' entertainment. Our own former Vice Commodore, Moses Turner, (who paid his way through college doing this very thing) entranced the dancers with stirring, soulful renditions of many of his, and our, favorite jazz and pop standards, crooning and playing his Yamaha piano with bass and percussion background.

The near record crowd of members and guests (54) made for a fun time. More fun times are ahead. The Werndl's are putting on the Halloween party, which will be sandwiched between PHRF races on Saturday AND Sunday afternoons (Oct 31st and Nov 1st), so that will be a busy weekend. The last races will be on the same day as the Awards Banquet (Nov 14th), then the Gobbler regatta af-

ter Thanksgiving, then the always fully subscribed Christmas party in December.

As always, come on out to these events to meet our new members. Please also be sure to attend the meeting on November 7th, when our new Board will be introduced and voted into office for next year. This is your club, and participation is what makes it great.

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## Sr. Board Member Report - Program Information

*David O'Hara*

I wish to thank all those who helped me with the programs this year. I hope you will provide the same kind of support to incoming Sr. Board Member. Volunteer to make a presentation on your area of interest. The presentation does not have to be boating related.

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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:

P.O. BOX 1830

Crawfordville, FL 32326

## Jr. Board Member Report - Social Information

*Lorna Tweedie*

October has seen our daytime temperatures fluctuate considerably from high 80's to low 60's. However, ABYC is staying pretty much on an even keel. Social functions have been great, from the covered dish dinner/meeting on October 3rd., to the V.C. Regatta Low Country Boil on the 17th., with Frank Hankins at the helm. Lastly, the CIA Halloween event, hosted by the Werndl's, is actually on Halloween night! Spooky!!!! What an impressive month of exciting activities and good times!

November 7th. brings to us ABYC's annual business meeting at the Club. A covered dish dinner precedes the meeting.

In November also, we celebrate

the culmination of some of ABYC's yearly activities such as PHRF and Dinghy racing competitions at the annual Awards Banquet. This event, held on November 14th, recognizes the achievements of many. Joeann Vesecky is planning and preparing the dinner. See details in this November MARK!

Lastly, November 27th, the day after Thanksgiving, brings to us the Gobbler Regatta dinghy races. They are followed by a dinner gathering featuring Thanksgiving leftovers, always delicious! All members are invited to attend.

Stay on board and check the ABYC calendar of events frequently. You don't want to miss anything!

## 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 members of the Board gathered on the porch of the ABYC Clubhouse at 1535 on 03 October, 2009. Present were:

VC – Frank Hankins

Jr. Board – Lorna Tweedie

Scribe – Henry Depew

PC – Phil Werndli

Since a quorum was not present, no official action could be taken, but those present reported on their activities since the previous meeting

**Purser** – The concerns of the Purser concerning arrears was discussed. All have since been resolved.

### Vice Commodore –

The VC regatta, 17 October, will be a one-day event with a Low Country Boil as the dinner. Two races are planned. Since the race is also a PHRF race, all participants who have not paid the PHRF series fee will be charged the PHRF day race fee for the event (\$8 for ABYC members and \$10 for ABYC non-members). Live entertainment, provided by Moses Turner, is scheduled.

### Parliamentarian –

The work of the Constitution/By-Laws Committee regarding the proposed amendments to the By-Laws was presented to those present.

### Rear Commodore –

The planned Work Day on 10 October will be the installation of the wind screens on the porch. The area where the screens are hung needs to be cleaned. The work on the dock still needs to be done.

A bilge pump/float switch with a solar charging panel for the battery has been created and will be used in the Flying Scot for the time being. One idea is to have the Flying Scot in the water for the race series and put the Drascombe in the water for the non-race months. The pump/switch system can be moved to which ever boat is in the water.

### Jr. Board –

The CIA for October will have a Halloween Theme with Phil & Jackie Werndli acting as the hosts. Due to 21 November being a FSU home game, the Awards Banquet should be changed to 14 November. Those present agreed.

### Nominating Committee Report

Phil was pleased to report that the Committee has a full slate of officers for next year. There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1640

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

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### Minutes of the September Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order by VC Frank Hankins at 2000 with twenty-six (26) members and guests present. After a short joke, Frank turned the floor over to Phil for the report of the Nominations Committee. Phil reported that the committee recommended the following slate of officers for 2010:

Lorna Tweedie	Commodore
Ivor Groves	Vice Commd.
Bob Sherrod	Rear Commd.
Henry Depew	Scribe
Maxie Glenn	Purser
Gene Nicoloso	Sr. Board
Darlene Oosterhof	Jr. Board

The floor was opened to further nominations. There being none a motion was made, seconded, and

passed to close the nominations. The formal vote on the slate will be at the November Annual Business Meeting.

The Parliamentarian read a summary of the proposed amendments to the Constitution as printed in the past two newsletters and then read a summary of the proposed amendments to the By-Laws (copies were available for distribution to those interested). As with the proposed constitutional amendments, the proposed by-laws amendments will be posted on the web site and a copy will be sent to all members with the November newsletter.

Plans for the VC regatta were reviewed.

There will be Puffin/Dinghy races on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>.

It was noted that the Awards Banquet has been changed to Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Al Oosterhof reported on the status of the On-Line Weather Station at Shell Point. The station is on-line and can be viewed from the ABYC website. Al thanked those who had contributed to the project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2030 with a program on basic navigation following.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Henry Depew, Scribe

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### Rear Commodore's Corner

*Ed Fries*

If something needs to be done, let me know.

**PHRF RACE DATES**

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

Oct. 31      Nov. 14  
Nov. 1

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

It was a beautiful sailing day on Oct. 3rd. The Johnston's were the Race Committee. Results were:

Hiayako 1 Reeder/Carrigan  
Adios 2 Hamilton  
Seahorse 3 McClendon  
Harmony 4 Bjerregaard

The race on Oct. 17th was part of the VC Regatta. Two races were held that day with strong wind from the North. The results were:

Haiyako 1 Reeder/Carrigan  
Adios 2 Hamilton  
Harmony 3 Bjerregaard  
Seahorse 4 McClendon

The next race, Oct. 31, will be followed by the CIA Halloween Theme party. Then there will be races on Nov. 1 and 14 with the Awards Banquet that night.

Come and join the fun!

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**Notes And Hints From Near And Far**

*C. Henry Depew*

I should have started the program with an old joke about a person who calls the Coast Guard for assistance. "What is your position?" was the first question. "I am Vice-President of Finance at 1st National Bank," was the reply.

As part of the program on Oct. 3rd, I noted the need not only for a "deck log" to record where the boat has been, but also the need for a chart of the area. You can purchase a chart from a number of sources, or you can download what you need from the NOAA web site at:

[www.charts.noaa.gov/OnLineViewer/11405.shtml](http://www.charts.noaa.gov/OnLineViewer/11405.shtml)

The URL above is for the chart of Apalachee Bay. You can get different charts by entering a different chart number (i.e. replace 11405 with the chart number you want).

Although salt water is not as much a conductive problem as fresh water, you might want to check to see if you have a ground-fault-circuit-interrupter in your dock power circuit. Why? Read the lead article in the Oct. 09 issue of *Seaworthy*.

Ventilation within a boat is

good to prevent mildew and rot. A possible approach is to use a device developed for "shrink wrapped" boats laid up for the winter. The DS-683WP Wind-powered vent information can be found at:

[dr-shrink.com](http://dr-shrink.com)

Hirado towed in Hiayako (rudder problems) after the races on Oct. 17th. To accomplish this, I rigged the tow bridle designed for that purpose to the two, heavy-duty amidship cleats on Hirado. With a snatch block for the tow line, the arrangement allow the stern of Hirado to swing under the tow line as needed. If you tie a tow line to a stern cleat, you have "anchored" that part of the boat and maneuverability is decreased considerably.

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**Scuttlebutt**

Check out that new, spiffy looking red racing boat at Don Reeder's dock. By the way, Don says Wiki-Wiki is Hawaiian for very fast.

Ostinato has been sold and has moved to Louisiana.

Steve LaRosa is looking for to buy a used long shaft 7.5 to 10 HP sailing engine

It has been reported that the Hankins' X-31 (tri) has been traded for a Seawind 1000 (cat) which should arrive shortly.

The Robinsons' new boat is a Pearson 31

A red jacket with a pair of glasses in the pocket has been left at the club probably on the evening of the VC Regatta.

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**AWARDS BANQUET - SAT., NOV. 14, 2009****Agenda**

Social 1800-1900

Dinner 1900 -

Menu

Salad w/toasted garlic bread

Shrimp w/asian vegetables & sauce

Saffron Rice

Dessert & Coffee

Cost: \$15/person

Reservations due Wed., Nov. 11th

Call Joeann Vesecky at:  
850/926-1051

Program: Awards for 2009 Racing Season and other recognitions.

## Amendments

*C. Henry Depew, Parliamentarian*

## Constitution

The work of the committee appointed by Commodore Bjerregaard was sent to the membership with the Sept., Oct., & Nov. issues of *THE MARK*. The proposed changes will be formally debated, amended (if necessary) and voted on at the November Business Meeting (article-by-article).

## By-Law Amendments

The proposed changes to the by-laws to reflect the proposed changes in the constitution were reviewed at the October Membership Meeting and are included with this newsletter and will be voted on section-by-section.

The proposed constitutional and by-laws amendments are included with this issue and posted on our web site at [ABYCOnline.org](http://ABYCOnline.org)

An electronic ballot on both proposals is being sent to the membership for those who will not

be able to attend the November Annual Meeting. If you have sent in your electronic ballot and then can make the meeting, we will discard your electronic vote and you can vote "in person".

See you at the Annual Meeting!

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## 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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## 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.

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## MARK Advertising

Business Card size ads are available at a cost of \$20 per ad, per issue. Camera-ready copy for the ads should be e-mailed to

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

or mailed to

C. Henry Depew

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## Instant Shell Point Weather

*Al Oosterhof*

Thanks to the efforts of a number of people, you now have access on our website to live weather information from Shell Point. At **ABYCOnline.org**, you will find Shell Point's wind speed and direction, temperature, and cumulative rainfall updated every few seconds.

Our website's Weather Page adds the details. Graphics at the top of the Weather Page plot wind speed for the last five minutes to let you know how steady or gusty that wind is, along with high and low temperatures for the day.

And there's more. For instance, a link on the Weather Page

takes you to [Shell Point Weather History](#), where Weather Underground graphics provide detailed minute-by-minute plots of today's wind speed and direction, temperature and dew point, barometric pressure, and rainfall. You can also get this same information for previous days or weeks.

The next time you are out on the water, see if you can spot the weather station instruments. They are located on top of a piling of the Parkers' dock, a third-mile east of our clubhouse, at the north end of the channel connecting Shell Point's east-west canals. Our sincere thanks to Jean and Robert Parker for providing access to this great location.

Special thanks are also due the individuals who provided the work and the essential financial support. They include Steve Augustine; Darlene and Al Oosterhof; Judy and Henry Depew and two of their neighbors, the Cooks and Blisses; Maxie Glenn; Lynn and Ivor Groves; Beth and John Hamilton, and Sue and Kingsley Ross.

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# ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2009

## November

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

## December

- Sat. 05 Board Meeting - 1530-1730  
Monthly Meeting - 1800- Clubhouse
- Sat. 12 Christmas Party
- Thur. 31 New Year's Eve Party



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 November, 2009

### Apalachee Bay Yacht Club

Commodore:	Carl Bjerregaard	926-7835
Vice Commodore:	Frank Hankins	926-9484
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
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