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ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

December

- Dec. 03: Annual Christmas Party - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm -
- Dec. 10: Board Meeting - Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - Social - 6:00 pm

Come and Enjoy the Fun!!

Commodore's Comments

Lorna Tweedie

Can it be that we are once again nearing the end of another ABYC year as well as calendar year? Indeed so! Many activities have taken place at ABYC throughout the past eleven months of 2011 with one more exciting month to come. Christmas, of course, is the theme for ABYC's December activity. The Chubbs are again hosting the December 3 party which is always great fun. Many thanks to them.

As we look back at November we must acknowledge the successful ABYC Annual Business Meeting on November 5. A worthy slate of officers was elected for

2012. That event was followed by the 2011 Awards Banquet on November 19th. Very deserving folks were awarded for their fine accomplishments. Thanks go to the Oosterhofs, the hosts providing the fine dinner from Mom and Dad's restaurant.

We, of course, cannot forget the yearly Gobbler Regatta held the day after Thanksgiving. Dinghy/Puffin races and wonderful leftovers later at the club make for a great time. That takes place on Friday, November 25.

I "set sail" in January of 2010 as Commodore of ABYC! At first it was a bit scary with some feelings of angst and trepidation, never before having done anything like this. Nevertheless, I delved into what I believe to be this distinguishing role as commodore. I felt honored and privileged to have been asked and encouraged to become a nominee and was ultimately elected for 2010. I was again elected for the 2011 year which is now coming to a close. I persevered and have found the experience to be very fulfilling as well as enlightening. While I have not "climbed ev'ry mountain" or "forded ev'ry stream", this experi-

ence has been great! I sincerely thank all ABYC members, including ABYC board members for their help and encouragement throughout the past two years. It has been an honor, a privilege and a pleasure!

Vice Commodore's Corner

Ivor Groves

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas. I hope everybody enjoyed their Thanksgiving holiday, raced in the Gobbler Regatta and came to the club for a great meal of leftovers. It hasn't happened yet as I write this but we are anticipating a great Gobbler Regatta.

If you are in the market for a Puffin dinghy there is one for sale at the boat store at the corner of 98 and Shell Point Road. We'd love having more boats on the water.

PHRF racing is over for the fall series. We had some great racing and good turnouts for several races. Carl Bjerregaard racing

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MEETING NOTICE
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 Saturday, December 10, 2011
 1800 - Social
 1900 - Potluck Dinner
 1945 - Program

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(VC Report - continued)

Harmony won the fall series and overall for the year. Carl is a great sailor and his racing performance rarely let's us forget it. Congratulations Carl!

Thanks to Frank Hankins, Dan Harrell, Mark Lipsius and Ed Fries the five racing marks complete with chains and anchors were brought in to the club. A couple of the chains were almost worn through and all will need to be scraped and painted before next spring.

ABYC has a lot to be grateful for this year! We have grown a little in membership, that is a positive indicator of our well-being in these difficult economic times. A core group of folks continue to volunteer a lot of time and energy to making sure there are great social events, competitive racing, the club is maintained and to teach sailing to kids and adults. We get to spend time in a beautiful and overall healthy environment. It's good to spend a little time appreciating and being grateful for so many blessings.

We are still in need of volunteers to learn to be a racing committee and we have a number of people eager to teach them. Unfortunately we are still waiting for volunteers to be race committee.

Fair winds and good sailing.

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:

mbgl1215@netzero.net

Rear Commodore's Corner

Marc Lipsius

Not too much to report this month. The dock repairs have been completed, the flagpole has been painted, new halyards and hardware installed, and was re-erected by the team of sailors before the VC regatta, the racing buoys have been pulled out and cleaned of barnacles, awaiting replacement of mooring chains and bottom paint for the Spring. We will probably plan a work day in the next month or so to clean up the grounds and do a little repainting here and there (handrails, outdoor furniture, etc), that date to be posted later.

One last thing - Because of the change in the weather, the pool will be closed for the season by the time you get this and will be reopened again in the Spring.

If you see something that needs attention, please let me know.

**Sr. Board Member Report - Program Information**

Scott Robinson

The program for the December meeting will be by Ed Wiser on "James H. Tomb, Torpedo Boat Skipper of the Confederacy."

Please note that the January meeting will be at **West Marine** on **Friday, the 13th** starting at 1830 (6:30 PM). Henry hopes to have a presentation on infra-imaging at that time.

Officers for 2012

Commodore: Ivor Groves
 Vice Commodore: Scott Robinson
 Rear Commodore: Marc Lipsius
 Scribe: Martha Robinson
 Purser: Maxie Glenn
 Senior Board Member:
 Henry Depew
 Junior Board Member:
 Mary VanSciver

SCUTTLEBUTT

Marcia Bjerregaard

The PHRF racers have finished their season. Thanks once again to Don Reeder for all he does for the PHRF fleet.

Now that the big boats are mostly resting in their slips until spring, do come cheer the dinghy racers the day after Thanksgiving, then enjoy the 'if only' tales at the leftover supper at the club.

Do you have a question or comment for club members for inclusion in *The Mark*? Send it to cbjereg@fsu.edu with 'MARK-Scuttlebutt' on the subject line.

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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.

Commodore Lorna Tweedie called the Board meeting of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club to order at 1610 on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at the home of Maxie Glenn.

Present:

Lorna Tweedie, Ivor Groves, Marc Lipsius, Darlene Oosterhof, Carl Bjerregaard, Maxie Glenn, & Henry Depew (for Scribe)

Not Present:

Scott Robinson, Martha Robinson

Membership Applications

Two membership applications for Associate Member status have been posted at the clubhouse. A motion was made and seconded to approve the applications. The motion passed. The new members are:

Hubertus (Huub) Weijers & Annet Forkink

Landon Allen

Two additional membership applications for Associate Member have been received and posted. These applications were considered and a motion was made to approve after being posted for 30 days (11/30/11) unless objections were raised for:

John Newton, II & Eva McElvy
Mark & Sandra Greenfield

Vice Commodore – Ivor Groves

Ivor reported that the PHRF racing series was over and that the VC Regatta races were included in today's racing. Ivor noted that the success of the Adult Sailing class in both recruiting new members and getting more people interested in sailing means that ABYC should try to hold such a class every six months.

Rear Commodore – Marc Lipsius

Marc reported that Club's powerboat is unusable (the foam flotation is waterlogged and will not dry out properly) and will have to be junked. Phil is looking for a replacement boat. There was some discussion about restricting the replacement powerboat to Club only activities. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that

“While the Club sailboats will be available to qualified members, the Club's powerboat will only be available for Club purposes.”

After some discussion of the use of the parking area at the Clubhouse for various purposes by both members and the Club, a motion was made, seconded, and passed that:

“A member may park a boat on a trailer in the parking lot for a maximum of six (6) months.”

The Harmony's outboard has some minor problems that Marc hopes to have fixed shortly. The flag mast is painted and back up (raised with the assistance of those present for the Skippers' Meeting). The dock repair is completed.

The pool will be closed later this month (Ivor will post the signs).

Purser – Maxie Glenn

Maxie presented the financial statement for the Board to review. ABYC has two major expenditures (insurance and property tax) yet to be paid this year. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept her report.

Junior Board Member – Darlene Oosterhof

The last two socials of 2011 are the Awards Banquet and the Christmas Party.

Past Commodore – Carl Bjerregaard

Carl would like to do a follow-up on the Adult Sailing class (23

participants). Henry will get the list from Frank Hankins and send them a copy of *THE MARK* as a beginning of this effort.

New Business:

After some consideration, the Board voted on who should receive the Silent Sailor Award. Also considered was what ABYC could do to recognize the considerable work contributed by Jim McGill to the Puffin races.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1730.

Respectfully submitted,
C. Henry Depew – for the Scribe

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

There being a quorum present, Commodore Lorna Tweedie called the Annual Business Meeting of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club to order at 2000 on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at the Clubhouse.

Joeann's guest Janis Chapman was introduced.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous annual meeting.

Reports by the Officers were made –

VC Ivor Groves noted that Carl Bjerregaard won the VC Regatta and thanked Don Reeder for all his help with the PHRF races.

Purser Maxie Glenn reviewed the financial condition (copies available for the membership at the meeting) of ABYC.

RC Marc Lipsius noted that all known repairs had been made and that the pool will be closed shortly.

Jr. Board Darlene Oosterhof thanked those who have helped over the past year and circulated a

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(Minutes - continued)

sign-up sheet for the Awards Banquet.

PC Carl Bjerregaard had no report

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the reports of the officers.

New Business:

The slate of officers for 2012 was reviewed. Since there were no additional nominations at the October meeting, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to elect the slate as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Henry Depew – for the Scribe

Kate C. Morgan Memorial Puffin Series - 2011

- 1st John Hamilton
- 2nd Marcia Bjerregaard
- 3rd Jim McGill

HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR

C. Henry Depew

An interesting juxtaposition of the old and new can be found in electronic maps and GPS units. If you use Google Earth for a map, the base datum is not the same as the default one used by most GPS units. Thus, if you get the latitude and longitude for a place from Google Earth and load the settings into your GPS unit, you may not arrive at the point desired. Also of fun is that most maps/charts were built using the NAD27 criteria while the newer electronic versions are built using the newer NAD83 criteria. Just because you have a GPS unit in your boat does not mean you are going to arrive at your destination.

Remember a few years back (2008) when the EPA was trying to force the recreational boating public to get a permit to allow engine cooling water, deck run-off, and other "grey" water from entering the harbor, bay, ocean, etc.? The requirement was based on a federal law forbidding commercial ships from dumping bilge water into the ocean and a judicial ruling that said the law included all ves-

sels. Well, round two, called bilge water treatment, may be coming. Stay tuned.

Perhaps you have seen articles about people using solar-powered garden lights for an anchor light on their boat? While this approach is not recommended (not bright enough), another idea that might be useful is to use such lights as emergency lighting in your home or boat. You may not be able to read but you will be able to see what is around you if the lights go out.

ABYC ANNUAL AWARDS

Along with fleet awards, the Annual Awards ceremony also honors Club members/boats:

Winterle Sportsmanship Award - Maxie Glenn

Homer Denius - Harmony

Silent Sailor - Pat Renovitch

Kate C. Morgan Memorial Puffin Series - John Hamilton

In addition to the historic perpetual awards noted above, two other awards were presented:

The **Be Alert** award went to the crew of *Allergo* for breaking the boat's tiller and losing its propeller at the Smith Regatta. Last year's recipient, Ed Fries, presented the award to Marcia Bjerregaard as the representative of the crew involved.

The **Broken Tiller Rescue Award** was to thank folks who helped out boats in need on the water. In this case, Jackie and Phil towed in the club Harmony, *Allegro*, after she lost both her tiller and propeller and couldn't motor or sail back in.

PHRF Report

Don Reeder

The final race day (Nov. 5) had ideal conditions with wind from the North East at 10-15 knots. Two races were held which were also the Vice Commodore regatta. Frank Graziak in *Farfanugan* was 4th in the VC regatta but was not participating the PHRF series.

Name	Skipper	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Final
Harmony	Bjerregaard	2	4	1	1	1	1
Allegro	Hankins	1	3	3	3	3	2
Staccato	Lynn and Ivor Groves	4	7	2	4	4	4
Adios	John & Beth Hamilton	7	1	7	7	7	5
Freelance	Mike Redig	7	5	7	7	7	6
Wiki Wiki	Reeder/Carrigan	3	2	4	2	2	3

ABYC'S Social Events

Darlene Oosterhof

The holiday season is clearly upon us. This brings ABYC to what has become a true social highlight of the year – our Christmas Party hosted by Lee Chubb. Holiday enjoyment with a clear touch of class!

This year's Christmas Party comes early: Saturday, December 3. If you have not already made your reservations, you must do so now! The deadline for doing so is TUESDAY, November 29. There will be entertainment. And for those who choose to participate in the Yankee Swap, bring a wrapped gift (recommended value \$20) to be placed under the tree. The bar opens at 6pm, dinner is served about 7, and activities follow.

Lee Chubb is also coordinating ABYC's annual gift to the Wakulla County Refuge House. This is an important outreach of our Club to the community. As you know, the Refuge House serves abused women and families.

A New Years Eve Party is planned for the clubhouse December 31. No reservation necessary for this event. The cost of admission for you or your group is one appetizer to be shared with others. Marcia Bjerregaard is hosting this event. Festivities begin around 9pm; probably sooner for some. The bar will be open. More details will be emailed later.

I would like to give a very special thanks to Lynn Groves and Pat Renovitch who joined me on ABYC's social committee this past year. Their hard work and kindness went a long way towards making 2011 a banner year for social activities at the club.

And what a year it was, in January we partied with Casino Night hosted by the Turners, Feb-

ruary was Nuances in Taste with Bob Parker, March the Commodores Ball beautifully put together by Lorna Tweedie and the Spring opener hosted by the Robinsons. In April the Harris's brought us the Seafood Fest, and more seafood and the Mullet Cup hosted by the Hankins in May, with burgers and hotdogs poolside on July 4 coordinated by the Oosterhofs. The VanScivers cooled us off in August with an Ice Cream Social, and the Oosterhofs along with several very special dinner hosts brought us September's Safari Dinner. In October the Groves provided us lots of wind and an even better VC Regatta dinner. And this past month, Lorna showed us the class she has always exhibited serving as Master of Ceremonies at our Awards Banquet.

It has been a good year, particularly with the extremely helpful and active participation of lots of ABYC members. For 2012 Mary VanSciver brings very special talents to the Board and to the social activities. It is going to be a fantastic new year at ABYC!

High participation and willingness to help has made ABYC very special.

Once again, a lot is happening at ABYC. See you at the coast!



**Wishing Everyone a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Christmas Party Information

Lee Chubb

ABYC Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 3rd.

We will begin with cocktails at 6 pm followed by dinner at 7 pm. There will be entertainment and for those that wish...the good old Yankee Swap. (FYI...bring a gift, about \$20, put it under the tree, anonymously, get a number and take a gift. A gift may be "taken" three times. If you lose a gift you get another. Lots of laughs and hopefully you go home with a great surprise!!!)

We will again think of others in Wakulla county. If you wish to participate bring a check or a gift card, Winn Dixie, Publix, or Wal-Mart I will take them to Refuge House and they will be given to abused women and their children. The director of the Refuge House is very careful in her distribution of the cards and our gifts often last until summer. In this year of great need, please consider this joint effort to the community.

Bring donations to the party, or mail before the party to:

Lee Chubb
P.O. Box 1036
Thomasville, GA 31799

For simplicity, write your check out to Lee Chubb and I will take care of the rest.

Hope to see you DEC.3

CHRISTMAS PARTY RESERVATIONS

Due by Nov 29.

Email Lee at:

lalachubb@hotmail.com

or call 229-221-4561.

ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2011

December

December 03: Annual Christmas Party - Clubhouse - Social - 6:00 pm

December 10: Board Meeting -

Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - Social - 6:00 pm

December 31: New Year's Eve Party - Clubhouse - Social - 9:00 pm

January - 2012

January 01: Will Glenn Frostbite Regatta

January 07: Combined Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 9:30 am

January 13: **Friday** Membership Meeting - West Marine - 6:30 pm



NOTE: The above calendar is valid as of the date of printing. For up-dates/changes consult the Expanded Calendar at ABYC's web site (ABYConline.org).

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