

Club Sponsored Organizations

Apalachee Bay Community Sailing, Inc.

Apalachee Bay Community (ABC Sailing) is a non-profit charitable community based organization created by the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club (ABYC) to provide adult and junior level sailing instruction to members and non-members alike.

Adult classes are typically held in the Spring and Fall, while junior sailing instruction is offered during the summer months. The courses are based on US Sailing's Small Boat Sailor Certification Record and taught by US Sailing certified instructors. Each student successfully completing the course receives a Florida Safe Boating Certificate. Donations to this organization are tax exempt. Contact the Vice Commodore or go the ABC Sailing website. Apalachee Bay Community Sailing maintains its own web site at ABCSailing.org

Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta Foundation

The Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta was originally an Apalachee Bay Yacht Club (ABYC) annual sailing event. In 1974, the regatta was named for Stephen C. Smith, a local sailor who died of a rare form of leukemia at age 29. Although he had been under treatment for two years, his continued participation in sailing activities, hard work for the yacht club and Hobie Fleet 43 won Steve the coveted Apalachee Bay Yacht Club Sportsman Trophy in 1973. The Regatta is currently organized as a foundation and sponsored jointly by ABYC, the Shell Point Sailboard Club and the American Cancer Society of the Big Bend. Held in the latter part of April each year, the Regatta provides sailboat and windsurfing competitions and a public auction to benefit the American Cancer Society. Many ABYC members volunteer to assist with this event each year. Contact the Commodore or Vice Commodore.