

HISTORY OF THE GOLDEN ISLES SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

In the early weeks of 2003 a group of interested members of the United States Power Squadrons met at the Riverwatch condos on St. Simons Island, Georgia to explore the possibilities of establishing a new power squadron in south coastal Georgia from below Chatham County to the coast of Florida.

Under the able leadership of the National officers and the National Chairman of new squadrons, Frank Clayton, SN, a set of temporary bylaws were written, bridge officers of the new provisional squadron were elected, and a squadron burgee was designed reflecting the seaside terrain of coastal Georgia. The name of the provisional squadron was to be the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron. Able administration and leadership was provided by former and active members of various Power Squadrons from North Carolina, South Carolina, Atlanta, Augusta, and other Georgia cities. The sponsoring Power Squadron was the Savannah River Sail and Power Squadron of Aiken, South Carolina-Augusta, Georgia. Concentration centered on building provisional membership. Guidance was provided from Past District 26 Commander, Edward Leibfarth and Past Savannah River Commander, Nettie Dumais. The Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron received its official charter at the National meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina in June 2005. Attending the National meeting in Charlotte were provisional members: Audie Holmes, Golden Isles Commander and past commander of the Savannah River Sail and Power Squadron, Paulette Harris-Holmes (past commander of Savannah River Sail and Power Squadron), Nettie Dumais (past commander of the Savannah River and Sail Power Squadron), Pat and John Rodgers, Judy and Rosemary McPherson, Thomas and Sandra Cox, Fred (commander of the Savannah River Sail and Power Squadron) and Arlene Favour, and District and National Officers. Frank and Verma Clayton represented National headquarters at the Charlotte meeting for new squadron formation. The Golden Isles began its debut as a full-fledged member of the United States Power Squadrons.