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Cdr. Lisa and Margaret Butler, SN

Hello GISPS Members! I hope this monthly letter finds you all well. March 2014 was another great month and a busy one at that for GISPS! Prior to our monthly meeting, AO Emil Hoffman organized a membership meeting at his home to create a list of recommendations for growing our club. This information was then distributed to Executive Committee members, who are in the process of identifying priorities and funding needs.

Thank you, Emil and Jen, for opening your home to GISPS; and thank you, Membership Committee members—the Butlers, the Sterretts, Belinda Vitale and the Vanns—for your service!! On the day of our monthly meeting (March 22nd), we had a guided visit of the Jacksonville NOAA Headquarters. Our guide was Ben Nelson, our guest speaker from January, and he and his colleagues gave a very thorough and interesting presentation

on the procedures and challenges that the National Weather Service faces. After the morning tour, several GISPS members went to a lunch organized

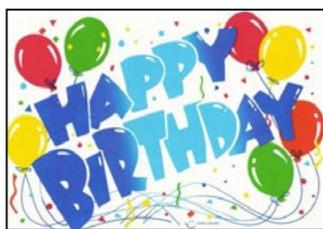
by AO Emil Hoffman at the Olive Garden. Later that evening, GISPS members were entertained by a second lecture – one by Pearl Hubbard of the Dolphin Project. It was a thrilling talk despite several disturbing case stories about the negative effects humans have had on this wonderful mammal. As you all know, education is one of the cornerstones of all USPS organizations. At the March D26 meeting, GISPS did



Peach Hubbard, The Dolphin Project

extremely well in this arena. Indeed, our club won several important awards: the Wolf-Ewing Educational Achievement Award, which is presented to the D26 squadron with the highest ratio of the sum number of members passing courses, achieving educational proficiency and having members with full educational achievement divided by the total number of members; the D26 Spark Plug Award, which Chuck & Sandra Boynton won as new members (belonging less than two years to a local club) who have contributed the most in time and effort to the USPS; the Distinctive Communicator Awards, which the GISPS Porthole and our Website earned for 2013; lastly, our members Margaret Butler, SN and Mike Moyer, AP respectively earned received an Education Achievement Award and an Education Proficiency Award. Way to go, GISPS!!!

Looking forward to this month, AO Emil Hoffman has scheduled another great speaker for our monthly meeting at the Sanctuary Cove Clubhouse: Frank Barron. Please be sure to come as his talk is sure to be an excellent one! Remember: our meeting is April 26th at 1800. I look forward to seeing you then!



April Birthdays

Happy Birthdays!
 13 Lynne Barron
 15 Audie Holmes

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Charles Wilsdorf, SN



Our squadron will have five more Seamanship (S's) just as soon as the exams have been graded by national. Many thanks to our Seamanship Chairman, Larry Jefferis, AP for his efforts in putting together the class and his able instructors Vicky Jefferis, AP and John Vann, AP. We would also like to congratulate the students, Rick and Sharon Hindery, Stephen Mudge, Ed Ellis, and Rebecca Yeoman.

I request again that you encourage your boating friends to take advantage of the upcoming ABC Class which will meet at the UGA Marine Extension, April 12 and 19. Please ask them to give me a call to register (265-9550).

Upcoming classes:

Class	Dates	Wk Day	Location	Start Time	End Time
Junior Navigation	2-Jun	Monday	Wilsdorf	To be determined	
	9-Jun	Monday	Wilsdorf	To be determined	
	16-Jun	Monday	Wilsdorf	To be determined	
	23-Jun	Monday	Wilsdorf	To be determined	
	30-Jun	Monday	Wilsdorf	To be determined	
Piloting	Aug	TBA	Wilsdorf	TBA	TBA
ABC	Sep	TBA	UGA Marine Ext	TBA	TBA
Seamanship	Oct	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

As always, please let me know of any classes and/or seminars you would like to see offered. Hope to see you all at the April Membership Meeting.

Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ACN

AO Report
Skip Roeder, S



I've heard rumors that several of our members have gotten underway already this Spring. Unfortunately, my two foot surgeries have kept me in port. But in two weeks, the boot comes off, so watch out!

It will be May before you know it, when a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of... **SAFE BOATING WEEK!** So far the response to my request for volunteers has been truly underwhelming. This means there are still openings available for a couple of lucky members. Call or email me ASAP.

Looking a little farther ahead in the year, we will conduct a **co-op charting cruise on June 14th**. Boats large and small may participate, and we need folks to serve as crew as well. Afterward there will be a get together at the Golden Isles Marina pavilion. You don't want to miss it.

And finally, a new fun feature for the Porthole: the recipe of the month.

El Jefe's Trout

Four trout fillets, 6-8 oz. each
Salt and pepper
1/2 cup melted butter
3/4 cup Italian bread crumbs
1 cup peeled and chopped fresh shrimp
1 bunch green onions, chopped-about 1 cup
1/4 cup lemon juice
1/4 cup dry white wine

Preheat oven to 400 degrees

1. Salt and pepper the fillets and set aside.
2. Coat the bottom of a baking pan with some of the melted butter. Sprinkle just enough bread crumbs to cover the pan bottom and lay the trout over it. Spoon 1 Tlbs butter over each fillet and sprinkle enough bread crumbs to coat the fish.
3. Divide the shrimp four ways and top the trout with it. Sprinkle green onions over the fish. Douse the fillets with the rest of the butter and the lemon juice.
4. Bake at 400 degrees for 12-14 minutes. Two minutes before removing the fish spoon 1 Tlbs of wine on each fillet.

Skip Roeder, AP

Administration Officer
Emil A. Hoffman



Hello All!

We've had an exciting March with an informative tour of NOAA in Jacksonville on Saturday, March 22nd. We had 22 members attend and then did lunch at The Olive Garden. Many thanks to Ben Nelson for the tour and all of his help. What a fine young man!

At our monthly meeting at The Golf Club at Sanctuary Cove, we had guest speaker Peach Hubbard from The Dolphin Project. Her husband, Captain Hubbard, also helped her. We thank them for an informative presentation.

I'd also like to thank The Golf Club at Sanctuary Cove for allowing us use the Club at no charge and for putting together a different menu at each monthly meeting.

Our guest speaker for April will be Captain Frank Barron, a member of GISPS. Frank and his wife Lynn are both licensed captains and boat surveyors. Frank is a Delta airline pilot, a ferry captain (sail and power), and he owns 3 vessels - one sail and two power. Additionally, Frank works for Boat U.S. doing rescues.

We are waiting for approval to have a meet and greet at Brunswick Landing Marina on Friday, May 2nd. We are planning our tour of Georgia Ports Authority for May 9th. I will keep you posted. Whether you are under sail or power, safe travels!

Emil A. Hoffman, S

Charter Commander's Report
P/C Audie Holmes, SN



Operations Training (O.T.) question of the month is:

Q. *What is the most important item on your boat?*

A. *If you said anything but the PFD try again.*

I will send you another O.T. question next month.

-Audie

Secretary's Report
Sandra Boynton, P Secretary



These minutes are the courtesy of Karla Lahrs, who filled in as Secretary. Thank you, Karla!

GISPS EXCOM MEETING March 22, 2014:

The Executive Committee was called to order by Cmdr. Lisa Noetzel at approximately 16:45

- We currently have 72 members, however, questions were raised regarding the current roster.
- Cmdr. To pay Incorporation Fees & update information.
- Cmdr. Has looked at surveys – they are not complete – will present data at another date.
- Review of Awards Given at D26 Spring Meeting in South Carolina
- GISPS 70.83% members with advanced grades
- Cmdr. Challenge: Member Retention Goal = 85%
- Key to retention: Social Activities
- NOAA Tour/Lecture: May 22, 2014: 22 of our members attended and 11 then went to lunch at Olive Garden.
- April Meeting Speaker: Frank Barron
- Tentative GA Ports Authority tour May 9, 2014
- Tentative Meet & Greet at Brunswick Landing Marina: May 2, 2014. Members to bring dish to pass & extra bottle of wine. Club to possibly pay for main dish. This was voted upon by the ExCom & approved.
- Membership Committee Report:
 - Expanding the Membership team
 - Retain members
 - Potential new members: follow-up and assign sponsor/mentor
 - Need representative for/from each Marina in area
 - Print out GISPS business cards for GISPS members to hand out (Larry Jefferis made up cards and distributed them to ExCom Members at the meeting.
 - Create a 30 second commercial
 - Create an annual planning calendar
 - More social activities – less business/social activities @ marinas
 - Organize an annual membership meeting in which each GISPS member brings a guest/potential new member

- ABC Course – improve advertising for new members. Next ABC course April 12 & 19, 2014
- EXCOM – determine priorities & timelines/accountability for retaining & recruiting new members
- Treasurer's Report: \$7,091.74
- All GISPS events must be sanctioned – voted upon & approved by Executive Committee. National USPS will take care of insurance needs.
- May 2, 2014 GISPS meet & greet event @ Brunswick Landing Marina – motion to approve by Teresa Wilsdorf, 2nd by Skip Roeder – motion carried.
- Larry Jefferis printed business cards for members to personalize and give out to potential new members. These were unanimously approved.
- D26 Conference – GISPS will be hosting February 27, 28 and March 1, 2015 at the Jekyll Convention Center. There is a block of 40 rooms reserved for this event at the rate of \$129/night. Volunteers are needed for Friday evening social. Also a Chairman is needed to head up social events for spouses activities and luncheon on Saturday.
- Volunteers with computer & spreadsheet knowledge are needed to help Larry Jefferis keep organized.
- Meeting adjourned at 17:35.

Treasurer's Report

Teresa Wilsdorf, S Treasurer



GISPS currently has \$6,720.50 in the bank as of 04/05/14. On March 31, 2014 our year to date income is \$962.33 and expenditures are \$953.01. A detailed year-to-date income/expenditure spreadsheet is available for anyone that wants a copy, just email me a request and I will send it to you.

Most of our members will be receiving or have received an email containing their invoice for membership renewal. Please don't forget to renew. If you have any problems just give me a call and I will assist you. Every member is needed, appreciated, wanted, and encouraged to attend meetings, outings, classes, etc.

We have had some great speakers this year. I am really looking forward to Frank Barron's presentation at our meeting this month. Frank and Lynn Barron have been members of GISPS for many years.

The membership committee is coming up with a lot of new ideas and I think you all will be excited about the outcome. Attend the monthly meetings and take a part in planning GISPS' future!

I hope to see you at the March meeting! Happy boating!

USPS SAFTEY ARTICLE

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SANDING AND PAINTING CAN CAUSE A TOXIC MESS

Of all the boat maintenance chores, the prep work of sanding and painting bugs me the most. It always seems that the chips and dust stick better to my skin than they originally did to my hull. We may also be creating an environmental mess. Most marine paints are made with toxic chemicals designed to leach out and prevent bottom growth on the hull. When concentrated amounts of these materials are ground and chipped off the hull, there is the potential for environmental harm.

In addition to the paint; solvents, thinners, and brush cleaners contain cancer-causing agents and have a tendency to compromise water quality, damaging marine life and the underwater environment. Inhalation and absorption through skin can result in health problems. I recently read a fact sheet published by the Rhode Island Sea Grant Advisory Service. I thought I would share with you some steps to take to minimize compromising the environment.

1. In a Marina area, ask the Manager if there is a designated sanding and painting area to confine the waste products.
2. Work under cover to minimize the wind blowing dust and paint into the open air.
3. Use environmentally friendly tools, such as vacuum sanders and grinders, to collect and trap dust.
4. Wear a mask over your nose and mouth to prevent inhalation.
5. A hat and long sleeves will minimize potential skin and scalp problems.
6. Immediately following your work, clean up all debris, sanding dust and paint chips
7. Use a drop cloth under the hull to catch dust, chips and paint drops.
8. After sanding or grinding over a paved area, do not attempt to hose the debris away.
9. Buy varnishes, solvents, and thinners in sizes that you will use within one year.
10. Use water-based paints and solvents.
11. Even though they are more expensive, switch to longer lasting, harder or non-toxic antifouling paints at your next haul out.
12. Mix your paints, solvents, and reducers as far from the water's edge as possible.

13. Remember that you can save money by recycling your own solvents and thinners.
14. If you have small quantities of unusable solvents, dispose of them by brushing them on a board and letting them evaporate.
15. Thoroughly dry all paint cans before attempting to dispose of them in the trash.
16. If in doubt about proper disposal practices, check with your Marina Manager or your local municipality.

These few simple tips will help you play an important role in protecting our marine environment and potentially your own health. For many more tips on boating safety and maintenance, take a class from the United States Power Squadrons®. Contact your local unit or their national web site at www.usps.org.

The members of the United States Power Squadrons® always remind us: "Boating is fun...we'll show you how!"

Lt. Bill Hempel
Senior Feature Writer
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GISPS Calendar of Events

January	Time	Location
06 Advanced Piloting Class begins	1800	Chas Wilsdorf's Residence
25 GISPS Meeting	1800	Sanctuary Cove Clubhouse
29-31 USPS Annual Meeting	All day	Jacksonville, FL
February	All day	Jacksonville, FL
02 USPS Founders' Day	TBA	UGA Marine Extension
08 ABC Class begins	TBA	UGA Marine Extension
15 ABC Class ends	1800	Sanctuary Cove Clubhouse
22 GISPS Meeting	TBA	UGA Marine Extension
24 Seamanship Class begins		
March	All day	Anderson, SC
14-16 D26 Spring Conference	1100	Jacksonville, FL
22 NOAA JAX TOUR	1800	Sanctuary Cove Clubhouse
22 GISPS meeting	TBA	UGA Marine Extension
24 Seamanship Class ends		
April	TBA	UGA Marine Extension
12 ABC Class begins	TBA	UGA Marine Extension
19 ABC Class ends	1800	TBA
26 GISPS Meeting		
May	TBA	West Marine
17-23 Safe Boating Week	1800	TBA
24 GISPS Meeting		
June	TBA	Chas Wilsdorf's Residence
2 Junior Navigation Class begins	1500-2000	Golden Isles Marina, St. Simons
14 CO-OP Charting	TBA	TBA
28 GISPS Social	TBA	Chas Wilsdorf's Residence
30 Junior Navigation Class ends		
	TBA	TBA
July		
26 GISPS Social	1800	TBA
August		
23 GISPS Meeting	All day	Arlington, VA

GISPS Calendar of Events

September	Time	Location
10-14 Governing Board Meeting 27 GISPS Meeting	1800	TBA
October	All day	Brunswick
4 Coastfest	All day	Canada
23-27 CPS General Meeting	1800	TBA
25 GISPS Meeting		
November	TBA	TBA
15 GISPS COW		
December	TBA	TBA
6 GISPS Holiday Party		