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CDR Vicky Jefferis



Two waterspouts were spotted during Coop Charting in June, leading to an early end to the outing.

Here we are in the first part of August and kids everywhere are heading back to school. It seems to me we should still be at the height of summer vacation, but I suppose these early

starts allow for more flexibility during the school year. While we're talking about the school age set, let me tell you about a USPS activity that gives them an opportunity to think

about safe boating, show off their creative talent, and potentially win cash prizes for their effort! Each year USPS sponsors the **Boarman Youth Poster Contest**. It's open to ALL children

ages 6 – 14. At the National level, a first place award of \$150, second place award of \$100 and third place award of \$75 is given in three separate age groups: 6-8 years; 9-11 years; and 12-14 years. Our District 26 will also be giving cash awards to District winners in the same categories, and those entrants will then compete at the National level. This year's theme is **"100 Years of Wearing It"**. Of course, we're talking about Life

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Valerie Crumpton, Executive Director of the International Seafarers Center, Brunswick, explains the mission of the organization.

Jackets! Last year participation in our District's contest was limited and I just know there are some talented kids that members know who would be able to create some really great posters. The entrants DO NOT have to be squadron members – SO – tell your kids, your grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbors, friends – anyone you know who falls the age category. The first step is entering the District 26 competition – the judging will be done at the D/26 Fall Conference and I'll be happy to VERY CAREFULLY carry any entries we have to Lake Murray in early October (see below). All the details, including rules and guidelines, are the USPS website, USPS.org. Once you're there, search for Youth Poster Contest. Please give this some thought and get your young friends fired up to participate! Call me if you have questions.

Thanks to SEO Charles Wilsdorf, SN, Larry Jefferis, AP, Coy Hodges, SN, for presenting a Charting Software/GPS Seminar & Workshop on July 27 that was very well attended. Those who were there said they learned a lot and are ready to go try their new tools and skills out on the water.

I hope those of you who attended the July meeting enjoyed the speakers from the International Seafarers' Center as much as Larry and I did. Executive Director Valerie Crumpton and Board Member Jack McConnell are both excellent speakers and their descriptions of the ISC mission and tales of the adventures and tribulations experienced by the seafarers who pass through the Port of Brunswick were absolutely fascinating. Thank you, Admin Officer, Skip Roeder, S, for arranging this treat!

Since summer vacation is behind us, join me now in looking ahead to a few things on the USPS and squadron horizon:

August – Our next meeting is August 24 at Sonny's BBQ in Brunswick. This seems to be a spot that all of you are comfortable with and the staff and management is happy to have us there. Once again, Skip has attracted a speaker who promises to be very interesting! Don't forget the Visual Distress Signal demonstration August 31 at 1000 at the Brunswick Coast Guard Station. This event should be very informative for everyone.

September – SEO Charles Wilsdorf will offer another Piloting class beginning Sep 30.

October – A busy month indeed! The District Fall



Jack McConnell, ISC Board Member, talks about how the Center and the local community and schools interact.

Conference and Change of Watch will be held October 4 – 6. The Lake Murray Power Squadron will be our host at sites near Columbia, SC. Check out the District 26 Website for details. Closer to home, the DNR CoastFest will be held Saturday October 5 and once again, we'll participate in this event, so we'll be looking for volunteers to help man the booth and spread the word about GISPS and our activities. Please consider helping out with this activity. CoastFest really is a fun event. We plan to conduct an ABC Class on Oct. 12 and 19, so help spread the word. Although not directly related to GISPS, Charles tells me there will be a Marine Swamp Meet, Oct 28, at the Brunswick Landing Marina, so this might be a good place to pick up items you've been looking for.

November – The Squadron Change of Watch will be held Saturday, November 16. As you know, this is our big social event at a restaurant with tablecloths. We say thanks and farewell to the current Bridge Officers and representatives of the District Commander install a new Squadron Commander and Bridge. Be sure to mark your calendars now!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9 - Belinda Vitale
10 – Pat Rodgers
19 – Vicky Jefferis



Squadron Education Officer
Charles Wilsdorf, SN



I would like to report that the Charting Software/GPS Seminar/Workshop was well attended. I just hope that all attendees were able to garner some helpful knowledge that they didn't know before. I would like to thank D/Lt/C Larry Jefferis, AP and Lt Coy Hodges, SN for their assistance in the seminar.

We have also just finished Piloting and Advance Piloting Classes and the students are now diligently working on their exams. Our instructors have confidence these students will pass with flying colors.

I have sent you all an email regarding the VDS demonstration. As a reminder, I must know if you intend to participate by August 14. Please give me a call or email should you have questions. Don't miss this opportunity.

As I also mentioned in the last Porthole, we plan to have another Piloting Class in October. This class will meet on Monday evenings starting September 30. Please let me know ASAP if you are interested.

We also are planning an ABC class for Saturdays, October 12th & 19th. I will be contacting you soon to ask for help to get signage posted. This seems to be the best way to spread the word. We also ask you to spread the word to your boating friends.



I was fortunate to go fishing last Saturday with Lt/C Skip Roeder, S. It had to be some of the best weather we have had in the last several weeks. Skip's first inclination was to try Christmas Creek (supposedly great local fishing spot). When we arrived, all we could see was breakers on the shoal with the tide about half way through its cycle and even though we could see the creek we never found a break in the shoal to enter. Maybe with another 3' of tide one could get in, but you would probably have to wait until high.... tide again to get out. So, we fished off the pristine

beach on the North end of Little Cumberland Island. Skip did well fishing and it became quite obvious I need to learn how to set the hook in these local trout.

I was totally amazed at how many boats that were fishing where we were. There were boats as far as I could see lined up just outside the surf line. We counted thirteen, but pretty sure there were more around the point hidden from our view.

Skip and I also noticed that at the St. Andrews Sound entrance from the ocean the C "9" ATON was about .2 nm N of its station and was laying over on its side. The C "7" seemed to be on station, but the C "5" was not visible. We reported our finding to the USCG.

I am unhappy to report that our membership is down by 10 members, or over a 13% decrease in membership. As I have preached before, it will take all of us working together to stem this trend. I am asking all GISPS members to be willing to devote some of your personal time to help our squadron to grow and exist by serving on the bridge, be a committee chair, or volunteer to organize a boating or other interesting events. Members, without your help and input our squadron will be doomed. Please contact any bridge member if you would like to help keep our squadron viable.

Hope to see you all at our August membership meeting.

Chas

Treasurer's Report

Teresa Wilsdorf, S Treasurer



GISPS currently has \$7,082.20 in the bank as of 8/10/13.

I have a spreadsheet that can be emailed to anyone that wants a copy of our year-to-date financial information. Just email me a request and I will send it to you.

I hope to see you at the next meeting.

Happy boating!

Secretary's Report
Sandra Boynton, P Secretary



Cdr Vicky Jefferis, AP, called the meeting to order at 6 PM on July 27th, 2013 at Sonny's BBQ on Hwy 341 in Brunswick, Ga. She introduced Past Commanders Charles Wilsdorf, SN; Audie L. Holmes, SN; John Rodgers, SN and Larry Jefferis, AP as well as speakers Valerie Crumpton and Jack McConnell from the International Seafarers Center, and Bob Akins, friend of Bob Quinn.

Joe Scirica, S, Led the Pledge of Allegiance and P/C Audie Holmes, Chaplain provided the Invocation.

Cdr Jefferis thanked all who kept GISPS active in June and July during her absence, introduced the following upcoming events:

- D26 Fall Conference Oct 4 – 6 at Lake Murray, SC. We need attendees, even though it conflicts with CoastFest. DNR CoastFest Oct 5 – This is a big event for GISPS. We'll need volunteers to man our booth.
- CoastFest will be held October 5 and we will need volunteers to help with our booth.
- The Squadron Change of Watch will be conducted in November. The Nominating Committee will be calling individuals to discuss filling Bridge and other positions. We will be forming a Planning Committee to assist soon.

Secretary Sandra Boynton, P, noted that we had a quorum present. A motion was made for the April meeting minutes to be approved. The motion was seconded and carried. Pat Rodgers, AP, reported that the Co-op Charting outing was soggy with 2 water spouts seen, but, was somewhat productive. She stated there was more to do and to turn in reports please.

SEO Charles Wilsdorf reported that four students completed Seamanship. Piloting and Advanced Piloting are ongoing. Charles, with the help of Larry Jefferis and Coy Hodges, SN, presented a Charting Software/GPS Seminar & Workshop today that was very well attended. We will be conducting an ABC Class Oct 12 & 19 – will need instructors and also volunteers to get advertising signs delivered to local marinas and businesses. The USCG Auxiliary will conduct a Visual Distress Signal Demonstration on August 31. This will be something worth attending.

Treasurer Teresa Wilsdorf presented the Treasurer's Report a/o July 27, 2013. Balance on Hand is \$6,979.61. She conducted a 50/50 drawing and also announced she had GISPS burgees for sale for \$35.

Admin Officer Skip Roeder will look at sites for the next several meetings, but Sonny's seems to be a good location. Also, Skip asked for suggestions for speakers....please!!! He also asked everyone to submit information regarding any boating activities they've done.

Our guests, Valerie Crumpton, Executive Director, and Board Member Jack McConnell from the International Seafarers Center gave an informative presentation on the organization and all the outreach they perform in the community as well as the world aboard. She handed out packets with brochures and info furthering the ISC cause. Thank you Valerie and Jack for a wonderful talk!!

Cdr Vicky recognized PC Holmes for completing fifty Vessel Safety Checks so far this year, reminded everyone the next meeting will be held August 24, thanked everyone for coming, and adjourned the meeting.

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



***This article is a continuation of our review of
USPS Operations Training and related materials.***

There was a time when membership in the United States Power Squadrons was denied for women; the USPS for decades was a group (like many others) with membership limited to males only. As all of us know, throughout our history examples of exclusionary practices have existed. For example, Joseph Kennedy, when he was a student at Harvard, was not allowed to join a fraternity because he was Irish and Roman Catholic.

African Americans and Asians, although citizens, were forced for generations to attend segregated public schools. Our first ghettos, a Jewish word by the way, were called Chinatowns. We know the plight of our native Americans, and the situations that remain exclusionary even today for so many other groups. Before I (even as a male) was invited to join a Power Squadron I was carefully screened by a three member committee to ensure I was eligible for membership in the USPS. We have come a long way!

Thankfully, our power squadrons are not only open today to female members but also to all of the above groups and more. We in the USPS are open to applicants regardless of race, creed, or ethnic origin. It is up to each of us as Plain old good common sense reminds us that not only toleration of the beliefs of others but learning more about other belief systems is a very good place to start when getting to know each other in an organization like the USPS.

As an example of what Paulette and I have tried, If you were to peruse the Directory of St. Mary on the Hill Catholic Church in Augusta, you would find pictures of me and Paulette in our USPS uniforms. We have chosen to wear our USPS uniforms over the years for our directory pictures, and we have found that we are asked: "What kind of uniforms are those? What is the USPS?" Fortunately, these kinds of questions allow us to promote the USPS to individuals who otherwise might never know about the Power Squadrons and the civic duties performed by USPS members of all kinds.

Let's continue to be proud of the diverse composition of today's USPS, but, of most importance, let's not stop there! We don't want to forget a final, very important group that we must actively recruit to the USPS if we are to continue as a viable organization. That group that we need to encourage to join us every day are young people in their teens, twenties, thirties, and forties. We need young people to keep our USPS growing and thriving today and tomorrow! Just as in the past when females were asked to join USPS, let's make 2013-2014 a time to make a concerted effort to seek new, younger members by approaching them with courtesy and respect as we encourage them to consider joining the USPS for all the right reasons: education, civic service, and social networking!

AO Report
Skip Roeder, S



What a great meeting last month. Since everyone seems to enjoy Sonny's we will return there for our August 24th meeting. We will have another guest speaker, Ms. Ashby Nix, the new Satilla Riverkeeper. Ms. Nix will detail her duties as an advocate for one of the State's larger rivers. The health of the Satilla should be important to all our local boaters, but especially to those of us that fish there.

Just a reminder- send me your boating activity reports. We currently have 4515 points for the current period, but I'm sure some activity has been missed. Charles Wilsdorf and I got out on the third for some fishing. There were so many boats on the beach front of Cumberland Island that it looked like the Normandy invasion. Maybe we should have taken some USPS handouts. The weather is too nice to sit home, so make some time for boating.

At our last meeting our guest mentioned that we might be able to arrange a tour of the port and possibly a ship. We have a tentative date of September 20th or 21st. Tentative because there is no way to know if there will be a ship much more than six days prior to its arrival. Valerie will call me on Monday the 16th to confirm the date. If possible we will go the morning of the 21st, but we might have to go the 20th if that is the last day that week a ship is available. We'll discuss the details at our next meeting.

XO Report
Lisa Noetzel, JN



HI GISPS members! July has been a rainy month, so I imagine that it has cut into many of our members' best laid boating plans. No one really enjoys boating in the wet weather. The local Brunswick newspaper claims that August will be quite similar in weather, but my fingers are crossed that this will not be the case.

There are no social activities this month or in September, but I would like everyone to be thinking and planning for CoastFest, which will take place in October. We did decorative knots (Turk's Head) last year, which was a hit with the kids, but we had very few adults show interest in the club. I'm open to any and all suggestions for this year's event, so please send your ideas to me at lisa.noetzel@gmail.com. I'm also looking for volunteers to help set up/dismantle and work at our CoastFest booth on Saturday Oct 5. Please come help us spread the word about us. Happy (dry) Boating!

Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron 2013 Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Function	Location
Aug 24	1645	EXCOM Meeting	Sonny's BBQ
	1800	Membership Mtg	Brunswick
Aug 31	1000	Visual Distress Signal Demonstration	Brunswick USCG Station
Sep 28	1645	EXCOM Meeting	TBD
	1800	Membership Mtg	
Sep 30		Piloting Class Starts	
Oct 4-6		D26 Fall Conference & Youth Poster Contest	Lake Murray, SC
Oct 5		CoastFest	Brunswick DNR
Oct 12 & 19	0900	ABC Class	UGA Marine Ext Ctr, Brunswick
Oct 26	1645	EXCOM Meeting	TBD
	1800	Membership Mtg	
Nov 16		Change of Watch	
Dec ??		Holiday Party	