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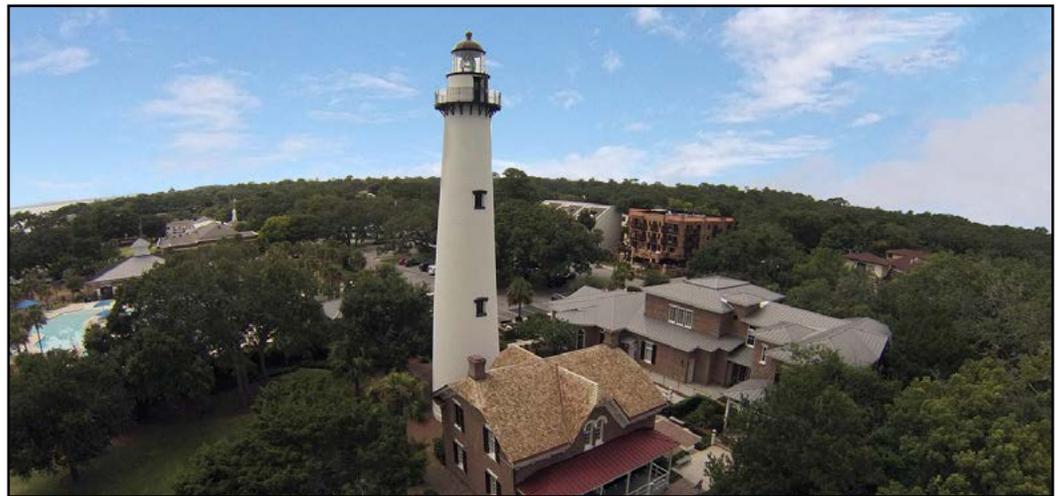


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Hello GISPS Members!

I hope this monthly letter finds you all well. Last month we had our second **social event at Jekyll Harbor Marina**. Many thanks to **Frank "Paco" & Lynne Barron** for leading the event!! We had a bit of rain, which always seems

to happen at Jekyll but, afterwards, the skies cleared and an excellent time was had by all.

This month there will be our third and final summer social at the **Brunswick Landing Marina on August 9th**. **John & Carolyn Vann** and **Emil & Jennifer**

Hoffman will help organizing this event, so please be sure to lend a hand and to bring a side dish!

September will see us back at Sanctuary Cove for our regular monthly meeting and guest speaker. That month for USPS is dedicated

to a national membership drive. I ask you all who will attend the meeting to **bring at least one friend** who may be interested in joining our organization.

Come on out and have some fun!

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Hello All,

Happy to report that the Meet and Greet at Jekyll Harbor Marina was a great success! Many thanks to Lynne and Frank Barron for organizing the event. Also, many thanks to Scott, the JHM manager, for cooking and providing the meat for our event. We are looking forward to our next Meet and Greet at Brunswick Landing Marina on Saturday, August 9th from 5P.M. to 7P.M. John and Carolyn Vann, who are members at BLM, are running the event. Please try to attend and help recruit new members.

Saturday, September 27th will have our next regular meeting at Sanctuary Cove Golf Club. I am pleased to announce that Coy Hodges, SN and Jack Sterrett, SN will be our guest speakers. We have confirmed that our Change of Watch will be November 15th at Straton Hall. Please reserve the date. It should be a lovely evening.

Wishing everyone a safe and fun rest of the summer.

Emil A. Hoffman, S

XO Report
Skip Roeder, S



Hi Crew,

Hope everyone has had a chance to get out on the water and enjoy the warm weather. Before complaining about the heat I try to recall Michigan winters and hypothermia. It's been nice and warm. We had a good turnout and a fine time at the Jekyll Harbor Marina. Don't miss out on the Brunswick Landing social on the ninth of this month. It should be another good time.

The Boyntons joined me on El Jefe last week. They had reports of Tripletail being around the buoys heading into the port. We checked a lot of buoys, but the fish were elusive again. We did manage to catch some other fish near the end of the Jekyll Creek jetty. We saw an unidentified large creature in the sound just north of the jetty. I have heard that there are tarpon in the Hampton River and Village Creek, and I saw a couple in the river on the 25th. Get out and harvest some fun.

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Orzo Veggie Bake

- 1 pound asparagus, trimmed
- 1 tbs. Italian seasoning
- 3 bell peppers (red, green and yellow)
- ¾ tsp. salt
- 6 green onions
- 1/8 tsp. course ground pepper
- 1 cup grape tomatoes, cut in half
- 1 cup orzo pasta
- 1 medium zucchini
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 4 tbs. Extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- ½ cup toasted pine nuts
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- ¾ cup feta cheese
- Preheat oven to 350

Cut vegetables, except tomatoes, into bite-size pieces. Place first five ingredients (asparagus through zucchini) into a 13x9 inch baking dish. Add two tbs. olive oil, garlic, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper.

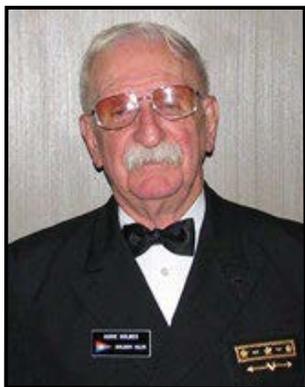
Toss well. Roast 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

Add remaining 2 tbs. oil to a medium sauce pan. Add orzo and sauté until brown. Add broth, bring to a boil, and then reduce heat to low

and cook, covered, until liquid is absorbed.

Mix cooked orzo into roasted vegetables. Sprinkle pine nuts and feta cheese on top. Cover with foil and roast for 30 minutes.

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



I am the New Squadron chair for District 26. We have identified two areas in Georgia that are ideal for new squadrons. I need help from anyone in Golden Isles who has any connection to either or both of the following areas:

Lake Sinclair/Lake Oconee
Statesboro and surrounding area
We can use instructors for those areas as well as PR individuals.

Please email me with any links you may have to either area:
pharris1@gru.edu

Thank you so much for any help. Hope to see you on the water!

Audie Holmes, P/C

Squadron Education Officer Charles Wilsdorf, SN



JN exams are all in the mail. In around month, I suspect I will be reporting that GISPS has five new JN's, which is definitely one of the most challenging courses USPS has to offer.

GISPS will be offering a Piloting class starting Monday evening, Aug 25 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The classes will meet every Monday evening through the end of Sep excluding Labor Day weekend. Jack Sterrett, SN will be teaching the class. All members are eligible to take this class. It looks like we already have over eight students, so please let me know ASAP if you are interested so I can make sure we have enough student kits.

We have also scheduled an ABC class for Saturday, Sep 20. This class is going to be a one-day class and basically free, the students will have an option to purchase a ABC manual. So, please talk it up with your boating friends and please print and post the signage I have sent you.

Membership has dipped a little, down to 69 active members. Remember all GISPS members are on the membership committee, so please let's all work hard to attract new members. The Meet & Greet's have been fun and have given us some name awareness generating some possible new members. Thanks to all the members who made these venues possible: Skip and Marry Roeder and Lynne and Frank Barron. It takes us all selling to others what we have gotten from USPS.

Hope to see you all at Saturday's Brunswick Landing Meet & Greet which the Vann's and Hoffman's have been diligently preparing.

Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ACN

Treasurer's Report
Teresa Wilsdorf, S



GISPS currently has \$6,834.00 in the bank as of 06/30/14.

Some 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.

The membership committee is coming up with a lot of new ideas and I think you all will be excited about the outcome. The picnic at Golden Isle Marina after the Co-Op charting event was nice. Unfortunately, not as many members showed up as I hoped would, but those of us there had a great time. We visited with a few of the boat owners at the marina and had a good time visiting with each other. And, we lucked out and had perfect weather! We will be doing the same thing again, inviting the boat owners, at Jekyll Island Marina on July 19th. Hope to see you there!!

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.

Happy boating!

Teresa Wilsdorf, S

Guest GISPS Article
Rescue at the Bridge

A strange thing happened on our way home from the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron August Social/Meeting. It would probably be best to classify it as "being in the right place at the right time".

We had not taken our boat "My Sharona" out much this summer and decided to go to the August Power Squadron meeting by boat rather than automobile. John Vann made arrangements with Brunswick Landing Marina to not only host our meeting in their wonderful facility but to also provide a slip for members coming by boat (thank you Jim for your support and Sherry for your wonderful hospitality). We were on our way back to Jekyll Harbor Marina Sunday morning with our primary thoughts centered on beating the low tide through Jekyll Creek when the unthinkable happened.

Have you ever watched kids doing "cannon balls" at the pool? Some make a pretty good splash off the side of the pool. However, put them on the diving board (and especially the high dive) and they can make a very big splash. Can you imagine the splash made by an object coming

from 185 feet above? It was like nothing we had ever seen. It left me with my mouth open while scratching my head thinking “what the heck was that ?!” My first thought was that it was a very large pelican diving for breakfast. Impossible, but when you’re startled and see a splash like that your mind really races to find an answer. We were approaching the Sidney Lanier Bridge with Sharon at the helm and she spotted a stopped vehicle at the center span. She asked immediately “do you suppose that was someone jumping off the bridge?” It was immediately apparent that she was spot on with her assessment--not a bird, not someone throwing off something as a prank, but the worst thing imaginable--someone had jumped or fallen from the bridge.

We immediately went into rescue mode, although neither of us had done that kind of thing very often. We’re not trained as First Responders, Coast Guard Rescue Swimmers, or any other highly specialized rescuers that you often see on television. What we each did have at our disposal, though, was decades of boating experience and many, many Power Squadron courses on boat handling and safety at sea. In fact the reason Sharon was at the helm was because she’s in the middle of a Seamanship course and wanted to practice some of the skills she had been studying.

So, with her at the helm I did the first thing we’re taught in a man overboard situation, and that is keep an eye on the victim. I grabbed the binoculars and quickly spotted something in the water. It was just like the books describe--very hard to spot and hard to keep in sight and we weren’t even that far away. It actually looked like an abandoned float from a crab pot.

About that time relief came in the form of nearby anglers. I spotted them on plane coming from the shore toward the victim. We were relieved that another boater in a smaller, more maneuverable vessel would get there earlier. But, the fishermen never saw him struggling in the water. They passed on by.

By then we were close enough to see him without binoculars and I took the helm while Sharon grabbed the life ring and opened up the stern access door. We both realized that our only option was to get him something buoyant and to get him onto our swim platform. Having taught the PFD section in our ABC course, I knew that the Type IV throwable device was what we needed. The challenge though was getting it close enough to our drowning person for him to grab.

At this point in our rescue attempt I had maneuvered close enough for Sharon to throw the life ring which she did with considerable accuracy and for me to position the boat beside him so that we would move together with the current. At this point the tide was dropping causing a swift current under the bridge. We knew that we had to get close but not so close that the boat and props would cause other problems. I dropped the swim ladder and began the struggle to get him to the ladder and onto the platform. Fortunately, the victim still had some strength and was able to get onto the platform. It was amazing that he was alert enough to swim the few strokes to the boat. Though not totally coherent and spitting up some blood, thank goodness we had gotten to him in time. As we had been approaching I saw him go down at least once and had great fears about what would happen if he went down and we lost sight of him. There are those who might speculate that this young man jumped from the center span of the Sidney Lanier Bridge with the intention of ending his life. What we witnessed, though, was a person in the water shouting very loudly for help. It was very clear that he feared for his life and desperately wanted someone—anyone—to come to his assistance.

Now what? Our attention and efforts had been focused on getting to the victim and insuring his immediate safety and only now could we contact authorities. Had we been at sea my decision would have been to call the Coast Guard. However, we were in sight of the Coast Guard and DNR stations and we had the young man secure on the boat so my decision was to call 911. I figured they would be the best source to alert Emergency Services, Coast Guard, and Law Enforcement. Sharon made the initial contact while I tried to get some basic information to share with Emergency Services. She and I swapped places again and I spoke with the 911 operator to determine exactly where we should dock while Sharon did everything she could to comfort the young man. My big concern at this point was the safety of TWO people riding on an open swim platform. He was on his back and Sharon was kneeling beside him holding on to both him and the boat.

Our trip to the Coast Guard dock was thankfully short and there must have been twenty folks there waiting on us. The 911 decision must have been the right one because blue lights were everywhere. Walking a big boat sideways between two other vessels is never an easy task, especially with a Coast Guard audience, but we made it fine. While the Coasties helped us secure the boat to the dock, four paramedics went to work on our unscheduled passenger. The Brunswick and Glynn Police also began their work investigating the incident.

Frankly, I don't recommend this kind of activity for a sleepy Sunday morning. Had we been back home in Moultrie we would have been about to leave for church. Had we been tied up safely at Jekyll Harbor, it might have been time for my world famous blueberry pancakes. But on this day, at that particular time, we were "at the right place at the right time."

No doubt there are lots of folks who could be called heroes when it comes to saving a person's life. There are physicians and nurses, paramedics and police. The person who I'd nominate for the hero category on that day, however, is Sharon. You see, I figured she might be praying a bit for her safety as she was hanging on to both the swim platform and the young man during the trip to the Coast Guard Station. But not so. She was praying out loud alright—but not for herself: she was praying for a young man that she had only just met and who had asked for her to pray for him—someone who was in great pain and who kept exclaiming that he had really messed up. She did all the right things when it comes to being part of a rescue team. Plus, she provided that personal assurance of safety to a victim that was so critical at that moment.

We attribute much of what we were able to do in this situation to the Power Squadron's constant reminder of safety at sea and the skills obtained from Power Squadron courses. Sometimes there are tests for which it's hard to study. We all just hope that we remember well those individual lessons from our classes and can pull them out when the situation arises.

Mike Moye,

GISPS Calendar of Events

Month	Time	Location
August 9 On-the-water exercises & GISPS Social 25 Piloting Class	1000 - 1300 1600 - 2000 100-2100	Turtle River Brunswick Landing Marina Brunswick Landing Marina
September 10-14 Governing Board Mtng. 20 ABC class 27 ABC Class & GISPS Meeting	1000 - 1300 1600 - 2000	Arlington, VA UGA Marine Extension UGA Marine Extension Sanctuary Cove Clubhouse
October 4 Coastfest 23-27 CPS General Meeting 25 GISPS Meeting	All day 0800-1700 0800-1700 1800	Brunswick Canada Sanctuary Cove Clubhouse
November 15 GISPS COW	1800	Straton Hall
December 6 GISPS Holiday Party 13 Christmas Boat Parade (Golden Isles Sailing Club)	TBA 1730	TBA Brunswick Landing Marina