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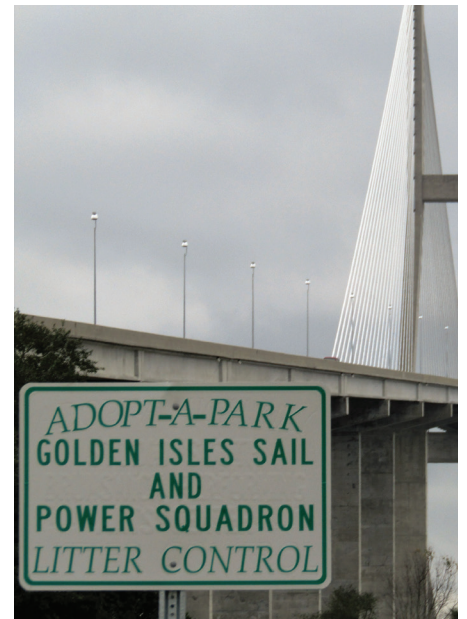
As we move into longer days and the upcoming spring, I was encouraged this morning by the sight of our Carolina Jasmine beginning to bloom. This might also be bringing our thoughts to the upcoming boating season as well as other activities that bring us again outdoors.

Our January meeting has come and gone, and those who attended enjoyed meeting our speaker Greg Daughtridge ... but I will let Rick tell you about that as well as our upcoming February meeting's Speaker.



The sight of the Carolina Jasmine beginning to bloom is a reminder that boating season is right around the corner.

As you might all remember, Last September we agreed to take on Sidney Lanier Park to do quarterly litter pickups as a partner with Keep Golden Isles Beautiful (KGIB). This group does a wonderful job of increasing public awareness of the issues of litter and pollution with a strong focus on litter



Keep Golden Isles Beautiful
on Feb 14 at 10am
at Sidney Lanier Park.

and the marine environment. Please join us in our first pickup on Feb 14 at 10 am to about noon... This date was not chosen because we think that Valentine's day and Litter pickup are a great match (although it probably IS- how better to show our Earth and her coast that we love her?).. but because it happens to

be the day after the Annual Bridge Run- which is staged from the park...so there is likely lots of "leftovers" for us to retrieve before it makes its way into the marsh and creeks that surround the park. If those who help out so wish, we could head over to Marshside Grill after words to brag about our "finds". We will have supplies – gloves, bags and "pickers" for folks to use. Call me if you need further information or directions. Check the calendar for the rest of the pickup's scheduled.

USPS annual meeting is coming up in Orlando Feb 14-21. We will be officially represented by Pat Rodgers – Thank you in advance. Vicky Jefferis will also be attending as Dist 26 Commander's Aid.

District 26 Spring Conference is also coming up fast March 4-6. You should have seen an email that outlined the seminars "Partners in command" and "Hurricane preparation for Boaters" that are timely and could be of interest. There is still time to sign up and, since it is at Hilton Head, it could easily be just a day trip and cost nothing. Go to the Dist 26 website for registration information. <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26/>

The word is out about our upcoming ABC class scheduled for Feb 13th. Please help spread the word- like & share our Facebook page that has the information & let's try for a record turnout.

We really need folks to step up and help out in the area of Education- see Charles' article outlining the responsibilities of the SEO. We also need some folks to train as Vessel Safety Examiners.

One of the things we enjoy, is hearing the adventures in boating of our fellow GISPS members. If you would like to share one of your adventures, either in an article for the Port Hole, or as part of a meeting- let us know...

As D/C Andy Hyman points out on each Commander Call... this is your Squadron, I am here to help make it what You want it to be....So step up with thoughts and Ideas on how we can help GISPS grow into the future..

Cdr Sharon Hindery,P

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A couple of Moondoggy's customers asked Robert, our server for January meeting, who the people that seemed to be having so much fun in the private room were. I guess the sound of energetic conversation and laughter let people know that Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron had landed and were enjoying themselves.

I think you can judge the success of the meeting by the enthusiastic interaction of our squad with a good guest speaker and by the people who stay just a little bit longer to visit with their friends. The night was a bit cool but we were engaged and having a good time.

It was wonderful to have a personable, down to earth guest speaker like Greg Daughtridge, special agent with Homeland Security, visit with us. Greg shared security tips and advice along with stories of real events that were exciting educational and a benefit to us all.

Greg has been looking for a sail boat and just missed an opportunity to buy a Catalina. Greg and his delightful wife Sandi enjoyed meeting us and had a great time. I hope to see them at a future meeting.

We also enjoyed meeting Sheree Lott a guest of Tim Lahrs. Sheree wants to travel from her home at Lake Seminole to the Gulf and will be attending our ABC course February 13.

Through the Power Squadron Sharon and I have met so many people who are living their boating dream already or who are taking the first steps to get on the water. When our experienced seasoned sailors are at the monthly meetings it means so much to those of us that are still starting out. Your stories and experiences may seem old to you but for us they are the stuff of dreams.

I love meeting people from the UGA extension. They are enthusiastic, bright and dedicated folks. Our speaker for the February meeting will be Richard Chewning. As the Assistant Coordinator for Environmental Education, Rich is all of the above.

Our group looks for usable information that will help them be better boaters. Rich will be talking Tides and the science of avoiding running aground. Our 2-27 will be another great meeting to attend and bring a friend to.

Lt/C Rick Hindery, P
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Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2016

Cdr Sharon Hindery, P called the meeting to order at 6:28 PM at Moondoggy's Pizza. There were 14 members and 3 guests present. Cdr Sharon announced the last GISPS meeting was in October 2015 when we held our 2016 Bridge elections.

Guests Present: Tim Lahrs, S introduced Sheree Lott who owns a houseboat and a pontoon boat on Lake Seminole. She would like to travel on her boat to the Gulf of Mexico and back. She is seeking advice/experience from our squadron. Our other guests were our speaker for the evening, Greg Daughtridge and his wife Sandi.

New Business

- U.S. Power Squadron annual meeting scheduled for February 15-21 in Orlando, FL. Past Commander (P/C) Vicky Jefferis, JN and Pat Rodgers, AP and John Rodgers, SN will attend.
- The District 26 Spring Conference scheduled for March 4-6 in Hilton Head, SC. Cdr Sharon, Lt/C Rick Hindery, P and P/C Vicky will attend. P/C Vicky encouraged everyone to attend at least one seminar. She recommended the seminars, "Partner in Command" and "Hurricane Preparedness".
- There is a Cruise & Rendezvous on June 3-5 in Beaufort, SC.
- We should communicate with other local squadrons for combined boating activities.
- Cdr Sharon asked if there is interest in attending group activities such as attending the Grays Reef Film Festival January 29-30 in Savannah, GA or going to a boat show together as a group.
- The USNS Brunswick, a Navy vessel named after Brunswick, is tentatively scheduled a May 6-8 visit (Mother's Day weekend). The Hinderys contacted the vessel's contact person to investigate a role for GISPS member's participation during the visit.
- We are part of the Keep Golden Isles Beautiful campaign as our squadron sponsors the Sidney Lanier Park. We are required to pick up trash four times a year. Our GISPS sponsor sign is already in place at the park. Cdr Sharon would like to schedule our first pick-up day on February 14 between 10 AM to noon, with lunch afterwards. Additional pick-up days tentatively set for May 8 after the Blessing of the Fleet or sometime the following week. We also need to schedule a pick-up day in September and one in November.
- Our squadron supports the Seafarers. We donated six boxed Christmas presents, some members donated money, and they were very appreciative. Margaret Butler, SN is our contact and she says they still need donations of used men's clothing in S, M, and L. Keep them in mind when you clean your closets.
- Tim Lahrs, S asked if the squadron could take another tour of a car carrier ship. Margaret will check with the Seafarers and please contact Time if you want to be included so we can get a head count.

- Skip Roeder, AP asked everyone send any boating activities to him. He needs the date, boat name, number of members onboard, and number of days on boat. Skip needs any 2015 information by January 26.
- The squadron still needs a Squadron Education Officer (SEO). Cdr Sharon said this person would work with P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN-CAN to learn the position. P/C Charles has been honored by National and District for his work as our former SEO. It is time for someone else to take the position but Charles will help him or her.
- America's Boating Course (ABC) scheduled for 2/13/2016. The squadron is promoting this class with flyers, direct emails, Craigslist, and on Facebook. Cdr Sharon asked everyone to visit our Facebook site, "like" the page and send to others. Get the word out!
- P/C Vicky reported our bank balance as of 12/31/2016 is \$8,563.48.

Lt/C Rick Hindery, P introduced the guest speaker, Greg Daughtride. Greg is a special agent with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and a member of the Coast Guard Investigative Service. Greg talked to us about security, both in our homes and on the water. He has had an exciting career. All present were both informed and entertained with his vast knowledge and firsthand accounts of his work. Thank you.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned by Cdr Sharon Hindery, P. The next general meeting will be at 6.00 PM on February 27, 2016, at Moondoggy's Pizza in Brunswick, GA.

Minutes submitted by: Lt/C Cathy Stortz, P



Happy Birthday to Squadron members!

January

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February

Richard Jones	Feb. 01
Timothy Lahrs	Feb. 25
Scott Bloodworth	Feb.26



Assistant SEO
Lt Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ACN

Well gang we are in the midst of an Advanced Piloting Class. I am sure the students will tell you they are really having a lot of fun with it even though there is a little homework, which can take up a little time, but only a few more chapters, an open book exam and I am sure our squadron will be proud to have four new AP's. Keep working hard students; you're doing a fine job.

Our squadron is offering an eight hour America's Boating Course (ABC) Saturday, February 13. So, if your friends are not running/walking on the "Bridge Run", please encourage them to join our ABC class.

As you know we still do not have a Squadron Education Officer (SEO). It is been requested of me to list/describe what the SEO does. The USPS Squadron Job Descriptions:

1. Regular reporting to the Executive Committee and the membership on educational activities of the squadron;
2. Making recommendations to the Commander concerning appointments for an assistant SEO and Chairman of Local Boards, Training Aids and Supplemental Programs;
3. Attending, as a bridge officer, district council meetings and conferences;
4. Making certain that all participants in the educational activities of the squadron are properly instructed and are qualified to handle their duties;
5. Serving, as a member of the District Educational Department, as liaison for all information from and to National and District;
6. Cooperating closely with the squadron Public Relations Officer and Squadron Newsletter Committee Chairman in promoting educational activities;
7. Maintaining records needed to supply the Commander with Merit Mark recommendations for all those participating in the squadron educational activities;
8. Holding Educational Department organization and planning meetings;
9. Insure that proper USPS examination procedures are followed;
10. Insuring that all reports and forms are filed correctly and in a timely manner, specifically statistical information to National;
11. Keeping the Asst. SEO abreast of all matters;
12. Passing on to his successor all of his pertinent records and course outline upon completion of his term of office.

This is the first time, I must admit, that I've read this description. I am listing the more important functions, I have been doing as SEO not necessarily in order:

1. Monitor GISPS member's boating education via DB2000. Encourage members to take the first class, Seamanship, and then progress through Advanced Grades and enroll in elective classes.

2. SEO must also be responsive to GISPS member's class request.
3. Staff the squadron education department with instructors and committee chairs.
4. construct an annual or semi-annual squadron education calendar that's not set in stone, but can be massaged to meet demand of new and seasoned squadron members.
5. SEO or ASEO must keep the HQ800 system (HQ800 keeps all ABC classes, Seminars, Advanced Grade, Elective classes listed on USPS website) updated.
6. Contribute "Porthole" articles.
7. SEO or ASEO order and price all USPS education materials.
8. And where I have miserably failed, train ASEO to take your place.

Please give me a holler if you have questions about the SEO position and know I will help anyone willing to take the job.

I am sure it will surely be mentioned in another article, but I would be remiss, if I didn't mention our last monthly meeting at Moon Doggies. The venue sure offers privacy, good food, good selection of food, fair prices, and in addition to a location that's pretty central for everyone. It's a great place to visit with friends, meet, and have a great speaker. If you attended, I am sure you will return. If you did not attend, please come to our February meeting and see for yourself.

Great quote from Richard Bode:

The day will come when I will die. So ... "For the truth is that I already know as much about my fate as I need to know. The day will come when I will die. So the only matter of consequence before me is what I will do with my allotted time. I can remain on shore, paralyzed with fear, or I can raise my sails and dip and soar in the breeze.

I am wishing you 'all fair breezes, full sails, comfortable anchorages and good fishing. See you at the next meeting if not before.

Treasurer's Report Teresa Wilsdorf, S



The GISPS bank balance is \$8,553.48



Squadron Calendar:

Check back each month for updated and new items!

Note: Regular Monthly meetings are at 1800 with EXCOM meeting at 1700.

*** Moondoggies Pizza is located at 36 Canal Rd, Brunswick, GA**

February

- 1,8,& 15 – AP classes continue at Wilsdorf's 6 to 9pm
- 13- ABC boating class- UGA Marine Center, Brunswick 9-4pm
- 14th -21st- USPS National Meeting –Orlando
- 27th- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

March

- 4th-6th- Spring District 26 meeting- Hilton Head
- 26th- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

April

- 9th ABC boating class- UGA Marine Center, Brunswick 9-4pm
- 23rd- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

May

- 7th-8th Brunswick Blessing of th Fleet
- 21-27th-Safe Boating Week
- 28th- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

June

- 3rd-5th- Cruize & Rondaveu-Beaufort,SC
- 25th- GISPS Social- TBD

July

- 23rd- GISPS Social- TBD

August

- 24th- GISPS Social- TBD

September

- 24th- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

October

- 8th ABC boating class- UGA Marine Center, Brunswick 9-4pm
- 7th-9th- Dist 26 Fall Conference- Savannah River
- 22nd- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza- Annual Elections

November

- 12th- Change of Watch- (tenative) TBD

December

- 10th- GISPS Christmas Party (tenative)TBD