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CDR Lisa Noetzel

Happy 2014! I hope everyone enjoyed the winter holidays and New Year's Eve and Day with family and friends. The GISPS Christmas Party



GISPS donation to ISPS. (From left to right) Bob Butler, Robert Randall, Lisa Noetzel, and Margaret Butler.

hosted by Joe Scirica was a blast (thank you, Joe, our Host With The Most!), and several of you donated clothing and other items to International Seafarer's Center. Bob

and Margaret Butler (cf. attached photos) helped me bring these items to ISC, where the Volunteer Coordinator, Robert Randolph, assured us that everything would

be used and was greatly appreciated. Your GISPS Bridge is busy planning our 2014 squadron meetings, activities and education. You will find a tentative calendar at the end of the Porthole. It is a work in progress, but our first meeting is Saturday January 25th at the Sanctuary Cove Clubhouse at 1800. Please save the date!

The new bridge members and I are trying to get a handle on our new

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responsibilities. We have some very big shoes to fill, but we have a lot of energy and many ideas about membership, boating activities, educational classes, social activities, and civic service. At our January meeting I am hoping to share with you a preliminary electronic survey. We want to know what you like or don't like about our squadron and what we can do to improve. Our goal is for you to be happy and to keep you involved in squadron activities and opportunities. Remember, this is your squadron!

The USPS 2014 Annual Meeting will be held again in Jacksonville, FL the last week of January. Most of the meetings and seminars of interest to us (USPS leadership courses, CPR training) will be held January 29 - 31 concluding with the 100th Anniversary Annual meeting on February 1. Jacksonville is a hop, skip, and a jump away, so please make an effort to attend! For more info please go to www.usps.org Another USPS meeting to keep in mind is our D26 Spring Conference. You will find a short announcement about this event from Cdr. Jim Hublou, AP of the Golden Corner Lakes Sail & Power Squadron following my article.

I hope to see you all at our first GISPS meeting on Saturday, January 25th at the Sanctuary Cove Clubhouse at 1800!

-Cdr. Lisa M. Noetzel, JN



02 Larry Jefferis
12 Susan Heath
13 Steve Chambless
14 Bob Butler
16 Tom Eason
20 Veronica Maguire
24 Kurt Glass, Dorothy Jones, Lisa Noetzel



Spring Conference March 14-16 Anderson SC

Golden Corner Lakes Power Squadron is hosting this year's Spring Conference and once again, it's going to be a memorable occasion. Friday starts off with a St. Patrick's day bash, complete with a festive party, prizes and of course, corned beef. We've done everything possible to keep the costs down. Go to the District Website and check it out. <http://www.usps.org/d26/> Wearing of the green isn't mandatory, but you may want to just the same. Unfortunately, our cutoff date is February 20th as another large conference is in need of hotel space. See you there.

Squadron Education Officer
Charles Wilsdorf, SN



Probably, as all of you, I can't believe it's already 2014. What happened to Y2K which only seems like yesterday? As the old adage goes "Time flies when you are having fun", so I must be having a lot of fun.

In the GISPS calendar you will find the proposed class schedule through June. Please contact me if you are interested in participating as a student, instructor, class proctor, or helping to promote these classes. We really need your support on getting the word out about our ABC Classes, and any time you can devote to passing the word around with signage would be most helpful.

Please contact me if there are specific classes or seminars you would like to see offered.

Let's all work together to make this the best GISPS New Year yet. Hope to see you all at our next membership meeting.

Chas

AO Report
Emil Hoffman, S

Dear All,

Happy New Year! Hope all had a great holiday season!

I am looking forward in 2014 to having a lot of interesting guest speakers. I am hopeful in finding some great spots for our monthly meetings. We are also planning some adventurous boating activities.

If you have done any boating or educational outings, please forward me that information. I would like to log it and get credit for the squadron!

If any of the membership has any suggestions or preferences for the restaurants for our meetings, please let me know. Also, I'd like to know from the members if we would like to have some of the meetings on Friday nights.

Best regards,
Emil

Secretary's Report
Sandra Boynton, P Secretary



Ahoy Fellow Boaters! A warm and peace filled New Year goes to you and yours for 2014! I am looking forward to what the New Year will bring as we celebrate the 100th anniversary!

On Nov. 17th, we had our COW at gorgeous Stratton Hall in downtown Brunswick, Ga. Cdr. Vicky Jefferis handed over the reins to our new Cdr. Lisa Noetzel. Thanks Vicky for the many years of services and the herculean tasks you have done behind the scene to pull it off. Welcome to the top position Lisa! We are behind you all the way! Also, the new bridge officers were installed and all had a great evening of friendship and dinner.

On Dec. 7th, we enjoyed our annual Christmas party at Joe Scirica's home. There was a white elephant gift giving event that was a hoot and so many wonderful goodies! Thanks Joe for letting us invade your home once again! It was so much fun!

-Sandra

XO Report
Skip Roeder, S



Happy New Year everyone. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays as much as Mary and I. January has gifted us with weather that even nutty fishermen like myself don't set sail in. Good thing it doesn't last long here. Mary and I got a jump on the Christmas holiday with a trip to Costa Rica where we spent three days on the water fishing. Beautiful scenery and hungry fish- who could ask for more?

New Years is a good date to use as a reminder to check that our boating safety equipment is up to date and in good condition. I had to replace my aerial flares a month ago and had difficulty finding any locally. I wound up buying a set that included the launcher pistol because it was cheaper than just the flares- go figure.

We need some ideas for fun, on the water activities that our squadron can do this year. Bridge members will be striving to come up with ideas, but your input is important. What did we do in the past that was most memorable? Bring your ideas to the next meeting, and if you can't make the meeting contact any member of the bridge. We need to hear from you.

Treasurer's Report
Teresa Wilsdorf, S Treasurer



It has been a couple of months since we have had a Porthole. It was great seeing everyone at the COW.

For those of you that missed the COW, the room and food, and of course the company, were fantastic. I am already looking forward to returning there this year!

I am also pleased to let everyone know that Emil Hoffman audited the books for 2013 in November and all income and expenditures were accounted for. GISPS currently has \$7,192.11 in the bank as of 01/07/14.

I am looking forward to this year. We have a new bridge and I am really excited to work with all of them. I hope to see you all at the monthly meetings. Please try to attend as often as possible, it is so nice to see you all, and you just might win some money with the 50-50 drawing.

I have a spreadsheet that can be emailed to anyone that wants a copy of our 2013 financial income and expenditures. Just email me a request and I will send it to you.

Happy boating!

-Teresa

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



Just a note to say Happy New Year to all and to wish our new commander my very best!

Audie Holmes, SN

Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron 2014 Activities Calendar

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		
02 USPS Founders' Day	All day	Jacksonville, FL
08 ABC Class begins	TBA	UGA Marine Extension
15 ABC Class ends	TBA	UGA Marine Extension
22 GISPS Meeting	1800	TBA
24 Seamanship Class begins	TBA	UGA Marine Extension
March		
14-16 D26 Spring Conference	All day	Anderson, SC
22 GISPS meeting	1800	TBA
24 Seamanship Class ends	TBA	UGA Marine Extension
April		
12 ABC Class begins	TBA	UGA Marine Extension
19 ABC Class ends	TBA	UGA Marine Extension
26 GISPS Meeting	1800	TBA
May		
17-23 Safe Boating Week	TBA	West Marine
24 GISPS Meeting	1800	TBA
June		
2 Junior Navigation Class begins	TBA	Chas Wilsdorf's Residence
28 GISPS Social	TBA	TBA
30 Junior Navigation Class ends	TBA	Chas Wilsdorf's Residence
July		
26 GISPS Social	TBA	TBA
August		
23 GISPS Meeting	1800	TBA