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Commander
Lisa M. Noetzel, JN

Happy 2015! I hope everyone enjoyed the winter holidays and New Year's Eve and Day with family and friends. The GISPS Christmas Party hosted by Joe Scirica was a blast (thank you, Joe!).

While the holiday with happiness, it was also a somber one due to the tragic passing of

our founder, P/C Audie Holmes. His life was truly remarkable, and we are honored to have been a part of it. Audie's wife, Paulette Harris, has written a moving memorial for him in this edition of the Porthole.

Your GISPS Bridge has been busy planning our 2015 calendar. It is a work in progress,

Saturday, January 24th at Moon Doggies at 1800. Please save the date!

The USPS 2015 Annual Meeting will be held again in Jacksonville, FL the last week of January. 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, which we are hosting! Please be sure to read P/C Vicky Jefferis article about this event.

I hope to see you all at on Saturday, January 24th at Moon Doggies at 1800.

Cdr. Lisa M. Noetzel, JN



January Birthdays

Happy Birthdays!
 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

GOLDEN ISLES SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON 2014/15 BRIDGE

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Happy New Year to you all!! Now, it's time to get in gear and make education calendar? Please take time to look it over and let me know of any changes or additions you would like to see. And, by all means let me know which classes you plan to attend.

Please notice the CPR/First Aid class which will be given by the Northeast Florida Safety Council. As participates of the last class that was presented

know. The class will be limited to thirty participates, so let me know ASAP if you would like to attend.

2015 Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron Proposed Education Schedule						
Class	Month	Date	Day	Time	Location	
Instr Recert	March	14	Sat	0830 - 1200	TBA	
ABC	March	21	Sat	0800 - 1600	UGA Marine Extension	
Nav part 1	March	5,12,19, 26	Th	TBA	Wilsdorf - Home	
Seamanship	April	20, 27	Mn		UGA Marine Extension	
	May	4, 11, 18	Mn		UGA Marine Extension	
ABC	May	16	Sat	0800 - 1600	UGA Marine Extension	
Piloting	June	8,15, 22, 29	Mn	1800 - 2100	Brunswick Landing Marina	
	July	6	Mn		Brunswick Landing Marina	
CPR/First Aid	June	13	Sat	0800 - 1600	UGA Marine Extension	
Nav part 2	June	11, 18, 25	Th		Wilsdorf - Home	
* Elective	July	TBA		TBA	TBA	
* Elective	Aug	TBA		TBA	TBA	
AP	Aug	31	Mn	TBA	Wilsdorf - Home	
	Sep	14, 21, 28	Mn	TBA	Wilsdorf - Home	
ABC	Oct	17	Sat	0800 - 1600	TBA	
* Electives and Seminars will be offered based on squadron member demand						

Congratulations to Mary Gray; Rick Hindery, P; Sharon Hindery, P; Stephen Mudge; Cathy Stortz; Joe Stortz; Lynn White; Bill White on successfully passing the Piloting Exam and to Jack Sterrett, SN for his hard work presenting the class. Good Going Guys!!!!

See you all at the January Membership Meeting.

- Charles

AO Report
Sharon Hindery, P

On Feb 1, 2013 We rented out our condo, packed everything up in storage. We then headed south with 2 suitcases in search of the next life adventure. We found that Coastal Georgia ticked off many of our boxes... Friendly folks, a slower life pace, water, nature, and the opportunity to explore our budding interest in sailing. We were soon welcomed into our neighborhood by the Butlers and they introduced us to the GISPS. Here we found a new group of friends that we are sure will help & guide us as we develop our boating skills...

I retired in August, after working for the same Hospital group for 36 years, the last 18 of which were as a Laboratory IT Analyst. After a long workaholic life ... I am SO ready to learn and explore more about boating and the Coastal environment. We now are proud owners of a kayak and are purchasing a refurbished Hobie Cat.– how better to explore the islands and all the creeks that wind through the marsh that is literally our back yard.

interesting, and fun. Being relatively new to the area, I am VERY open to suggestions to venues and ideas for meeting speakers...So Please" bring it on"!

That said... January's meeting will be at MoonDoggies at 36 Canal Road Plaza in Brunswick.(95 exit 38- Golden Isle Pkwy, south to Canal Rd Left, MoonDoggies is on the right at the intersection of Canal and Glynco Turnpike)at 1800. Our meeting focus will be on planning the upcoming District 26 meeting in late February.

Speaking of the District 26 Meeting- I am still collecting items for the Silent Auction... please be reminded that proceeds from this Auction helps offset our costs incurred for the meeting. If you already have donated something, thank you, if not- Please bring something to the January meeting, or arrange for me to pick it up. Financial donations are also really appreciated to help in the cost of building gift baskets designed around some of the donated items... I will give donation letters to everyone - to use for tax purposes , since we are a 503C corporation.
Looking forward to a year of bright skies and smooth sailing.

Sharon Hindery, P

A Sepecial Thank You
Paulette Harris, PC



I would like to personally thank all GISPS members who remembered us at the time of our tragic accident and Audie's death. I know I can speak for him when I say that he loved everyone in the GISPS very much. As you can imagine, I miss him very much and have many health issues to deal with myself as well as a result of the accident.

In remembrance of Audie, please check to be sure your car's airbags work and be sure you have no issues with the brakes and accelerator. Today, the experts are checking our car's black box to try to discover what happened on Nov. 6th.

Again, my sincere appreciation goes to everyone.

I hope many of you will join us for Audie's burial at sea on Sunday, March 1, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. P/C Charles Wildorf will provide you with the details.

Special thanks go to P/C/ Larry Jefferis and P/C Vicky Jefferis and P/C/ Charles Wilsdorf and Teresa who drove many hours for Audie's eulogy and have helped me innumerable times over the last few weeks. I'll never forget all of the kindnesses and cards, etc. that we have received.

Sincerely,
Paulette

Treasurer's Report
Teresa Wilsdorf, S Treasurer



GISPS ended 2014 with a balance of \$5,937.23.

I hope everyone had a great Holiday and New Years'. It is now time to get prepared for the District 26 Conference. I was so surprised when I opened up my mail yesterday and had a registration form along with a check. Made me realize how close the District Conference is; the end of next month, yes next month!!

Your volunteering to help is and will be greatly appreciated. And, of course, complete your registration form and send it to me, along with a check; or even better, bring it to the meeting this month. If you have any questions please feel free to call me and I will help direct you to whoever it is you need to contact.

member to join our wonderful squadron. Remember, "The more the merrier"!

See ya soon.

Teresa

Secretary's Report
Sandra Boynton, P Secretary



GISPS EXCOM MEETING December 9, 2014:

Call to Order: 10:00 a.m.

Attendance: Lisa Noetzel, Sharon and Rick Hindery, Carolyn and John Vann, Rebecca Yeomans, Vicky and Larry Jefferis, Charles Wisldorf

Purpose: To review the Annual Calendar and to develop a corresponding budget.

Action: Excom reviewed, amended and approved the Annual Calendar as posted on the GISPS website.

Excom discussed and approved a budget for the period 1 Nov 14 – 31 Oct 15.

Commander \$75

(Misc. items and postage)

(Change of Watch, Speaker's Meals)

(Coast fest)

(Net cost of text, advertising, printing,
Instructor's manuals, equipment)

Secretary \$250

(Web site, Incorporation)

Total \$1,925

Adjourn: 1:00 p.m.

Carolyn Vann

XO Article

Rebecca Yeomans, JN

Happy 2015 GISPS! About this time last year, I was on the phone with my friend, Lisa, catching up on college news and updating her on my sailing plans when she just happened to mention that the Power Squadron Advanced Piloting Course was getting underway. Little did I know that by deciding to take just that one class I would come to join GISPS, become involved with this group of very knowledgeable, fun-loving boaters or that I would make many new friends, and take several more courses before the year ended.

Fortunately my Dad had been an avid boater and taught me well the use of charts, navigation aid, knots, and other boating skills. Otherwise the courses would have all been a bit overwhelming because they are rigorous. I am a sailor and sea kayaker and looking forward to using my newly acquired skills from JN when I sail with friends from Guadeloupe back to Brunswick in April.

Kudos to the education team, especially Charles Wilsdorf, who encouraged me to join the club and to continue to take other courses after I passed AP. I am very proud to be a part of GISPS and

Watch this column for news of how to continue your involvement in improving events like Safe Boating Week and Co-op Charting. See you all at our January meeting.
Rebecca



2015 District 26 Spring Conference:

all heard us say, hosting a District Conference is a huge job and the only way we can make it a success is for all GISPS members to help out. Thanks to all who're already helping! Read on to learn what you can do.

Since many of you haven't attended a conference, here's a preview: It starts Friday, 27 February 2015 and continues until Sunday, 1 March. Accommodations and Friday registration are at the Hampton Inn on Jekyll Island. Friday night's buffet dinner and the Saturday Banquet will be in the new Jekyll Island Convention Center. If you haven't visited the Convention Center yet, you're in for a real treat!

the Friday night social which is purely fun and fellowship for all. Seminars/meetings/round table sessions on Saturday are oriented toward all District 26 members. Look at the registration form here in the newsletter to see the titles of the sessions. Saturday night's awards banquet is scheduled to be held in the Ben Porter Salon. This remarkable room is on the beach side of the

the hospitality room at the hotel will be open and you can also "shop" at the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction will close prior to the banquet and winning bidders will be announced. We are working hard to assemble a collection of attractive items for the Silent Auction, so take time to visit and bid. The hospitality room and Silent Auction help us earn money to pay for some of the conference costs and add to our treasury for future GISPS activities and educational programs.

For the spouses' program on Saturday, we will arrange a carpool from the hotel to Saint Simons Red Fern Village where the group will board a climate controlled trolley for a 90 minute tour of Saint Simons Island. Lunch will be "on your own" in Red Fern Village where the tour will end and there'll be free time to shop or explore afterwards. The Conference promises to be new, interesting and exciting and is designed to provide an environment to "Catch the Spirit and Pass it on" to our fellow attendees.

How can you help?

put in the registration bags – little items like pens, note pads, small items boaters would enjoy. Someone will need to assemble them. Decide now what you can donate and then approach a friend or a business you patronize and ask if they'll donate a service, a meal, or an item to included in the Silent Auction. (GISPS will provide an acknowledgement to use for Income Tax purposes!) Members are already working on decorations and entertainment for the social activities – we can always use ideas! As the conference kicks off, we'll need people to help at the registration desk, silent auction and the hospitality room. We'll need someone to check that meeting rooms are ready and help with decorations for the evening functions. Most of these tasks

only require a gracious host to make our guests from feel welcome and the conference run smoothly. You'll be getting a call to ask for your time and talent. Please agree to lend a hand! You'll have fun, make some new friends, and have an opportunity to learn more about the Power Squadron if you do! If you have any questions please call Vicky or Larry Jefferis at home: (912)264-1352, cell: (404)583-5310 or email to vickyjefferis@bellsouth.net or mailto:larryjefferis@bellsouth.net.



USPS District 26 Spring Conference 2015
27 February–1 March 2015 on Jekyll Island, GA
 Hosted by Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron



Friday, 27 February

1130 – 1800 Registration Desk Open at Hampton Inn
 1400 – 1730 and 2000 – 2200 Hospitality Suite & Silent Auction Open at Hampton Inn

At Jekyll Island Convention Center

1230 – 1415	Commanders' Roundtable	Number Attending: _____	
1300 – 1500	Educational Dept Meeting	Number Attending: _____	
1415 – 1515	Secretary/Treasurers' Meeting	Number Attending: _____	
1430 – 1530	Commander/XO Meeting	Number Attending: _____	
1515 - 1615	Administrative Dept Meeting	Number Attending: _____	
1530 – 1700	Nominating Committee Workshop	Number Attending: _____	
1800 – 2100	Welcome Dinner <u>\$33</u> per person	Number Attending: _____	Total Cost: <u>\$0.00</u>

Saturday, 28 February

Saturday 0800–1100 Registration Desk Open at Convention Center
 1400–1730 Hospitality Suite & Silent Auction and 2000–2200 Hospitality Suite Open at Hampton Inn

Spouse & Guest Activity (Depart from Hampton Inn)

0900	St Simons Trolley Tour <u>\$25</u> per person	Number Attending: _____	Total Cost: <u>\$0.00</u>
1200	Lunch on Own		

At Hampton Inn

0800 – 0845	Kayaking Demonstration	Number Attending: _____	
0800 – 0900	Opns Manual Roundtable	Number Attending: _____	
0900 – 1000	Member Involvement Workshop	Number Attending: _____	
1000 – 1100	Making Boating Activities More Fun	Number Attending: _____	

At Jekyll Island Convention Center

0800 – 0930	Anchoring	Number Attending: _____	
0800 – 1000	Co-op Charting	Number Attending: _____	
0900 – 1030	Past District Cdrs Roundtable	Number Attending: _____	
0930 – 1100	Boating on Rivers, Locks & Lakes	Number Attending: _____	
1000 – 1100	Vessel Safety Examiners	Number Attending: _____	
1115 – 1200	Council		
1200 – 1300	Lunch <u>\$20</u> per person	Number Attending: _____	Total Cost: <u>\$0.00</u>
1300 – 1600	Conference		
1800 – 2100	Cocktails & Awards Banquet <u>\$42</u> per person	Number Attending: _____	Total Cost: <u>\$0.00</u>

Entrée Choices: #1—Grilled Pork Chop #2—Chicken Jekyll Island with Shrimp Topping #3—Jekyll Island Chicken

Sunday, 1 March

TBD Complimentary Farewell Brunch Number Attending: _____

Interested in Golf? Friday AM Number Attending: _____ Sunday AM Number Attending: _____

TOTAL CONFERENCE COST: \$0.00

Last Name/Grade	First Name	Rank	Address	City/State/Zip	Phone	Email Address	Entrée#

Please send check (payable to Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron) & completed registration form to:
 Lt/C Teresa Wilsdorf, 14 Berryhill Lane, Brunswick, GA 31523 DEADLINE: 1 FEBRUARY 2015

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: HAMPTON INN 200 S. Beachview Drive, Jekyll Island, GA 31522
 Rate: \$129/\$149+Tax incl. Breakfast

Grand Canyon by Sailboat

by Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ACN



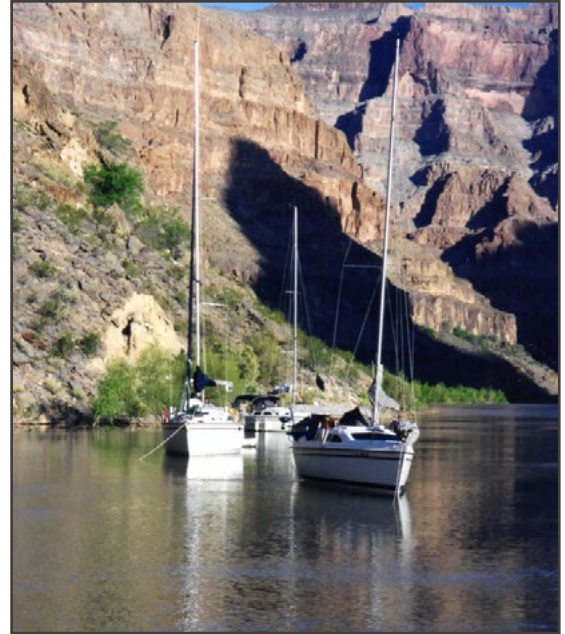
Everyone has heard of rafting down the Colorado River one of our country's premier eco trips. Maybe you have made that adventure yourself, but, how about sailing up the river in a sailboat?

While living in Las Vegas for thirty years I had many opportunities to travel to the what we called "the end of the Chart#16687" ending at Columbine Falls which is about 66 nm east of Boulder Dam and about 40nm west of the area where the downriver rafts are launched.

The majority of my powerboat excursions to this wilderness area ended in a $\frac{1}{4}$ nm walk to the Columbine Falls, where if snowfalls had been average you could cool down and refresh in some mighty cold mountain water. When lake levels were below the 1170' range these trips meant avoiding the sand bars and keeping a high enough speed for maneuverability while avoiding the

boulders in the rapids. I left that area with several sand bars being renamed to Charles and the prop repairman always knowing where I had been.

Then, in the middle 80's and again in the late 90's Lake Mead levels had record high levels up to 1218' and 1229'. Now, this was the opportunity for sail boaters to make the trek. Below are a few old pictures I found while looking for Christmas decorations. Notice Columbine Falls, (no hiking). I might add anchoring in the river was a real challenge.



GISPS Calendar of Events

January	Time	Location
18-25 USPS Annual Meeting	All day	Jacksonville, FL
24 GISPS Meeting	1800	Moon Doggies
February		
27-28 D26 Spring Conference	All day	Jekyll Island
March		
01 D26 Spring Conference	All day	Jekyll Island
05 Navigation Class begins	TBD	Wilsdorf Home
14 Instructor Recertification	0830-1230	TBA
21 ABC Class	0800-1600	UGA Marine Extension
28 GISPS Meeting	1800	TBA
April		
20 Seamanship begins	TBD	UGA Marine Extension
25 GISPS Meeting	1800	TBA
May		
16 GISPS Meeting	1800	TBA
16 ABC Class	0800 - 1600	UGA Marine Extension
17-23 Safe Boating Week	All Day	Nationwide
June		
08 Piloting Class begins	TBD	Brunswick Landing Marina
11 Navigation class part II	TBD	Wilsdorf Home
13 CPR/ First Aid	08000-1600	UGA Marine Extension
27 GISPS Social	1800	St. Simons Island
July		
25 GISPS Social	1800	Jekyll Island
August		
22 GISPS Social	1800	Brunswick
31 AP Class begins	TBA	Wilsdorf Home
September		
26 GISPS Meeting	1800	TBA
October		