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Feels like the Dog Days of Summer are upon us, doesn't it? Larry and I missed some of the heat and stormy weather during the first half of the month. We just returned from a

fantastic two weeks in Alaska, part of it a cruise and part a land tour – what an amazing state it is! Several of you had told us about your experiences – thank you for that – but until we

experienced it ourselves, it was just impossible to totally appreciate the vastness and the beauty!

One of Larry's fun experiences was plotting our course as

we progressed through the Inside Passage and computing the estimated times we'd arrive at various places along our way. He did an amazing job in his plotting and predicting, thanks to the skills he learned in Piloting and Advanced Piloting. Just one of the many uses all you students will take away from your class!

Although we had a wonderful time on our three week vacation to Seattle and Alaska, I'm sorry we missed the Co-

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op Charting event on June 22. From what I've heard, it was a great success! Hope those who attended had fun and learned something, too. Thanks to XO Lisa Noetzel, JN, Pat, AP, and John Rodgers, SN, and all the others who helped. Thanks, too to Bob, SN, and Margaret, N, Butler for helping grill at Jekyll afterwards.

Congratulations to our members who recently passed the Seamanship class! They are Tom Eason, Lynda Sterrett, Belinda and John Vitale. Way to go!

Recently we lost several members who've had changes in their circumstances and were not able to renew for another year. We'll definitely miss seeing them, but they know they remain special to us. In order to keep the Squadron vital, please tell your friends about us, and encourage them to come to our meetings and events.

Looking ahead, be sure you have our July 27 Meeting (6:00 PM) on your calendar! Admin Officer Skip Roeder, S, has reserved the meeting room at Sonny's BBQ and has arranged for two great speakers. Find out more in his article!

We also have several events in addition to meetings coming up in the fall. Be sure to look at our calendar and transfer the information to your personal calendar. CoastFest (Oct 5) is always an important activity for the Squadron since we can tell the public about what we do and hopefully attract some new members. We'll need volunteers to work at our booth, so reserve the date now! Also on that same weekend, the D26 Fall Conference will be held in Lake Murray (near Columbia) South Carolina. I've asked that future conferences be scheduled on a different weekend to avoid this conflict.

Looking forward to seeing all of you July 27! Safe Boating!

July Birthdays: 12 – Joshua McCollum 24 – Denise Schultze



Squadron Education Officer
Charles Wilsdorf, SN



First, I would like to congratulate members Tom Eason, S; Lynda Sterrett, S; Belinda Vitale, S; and John Vitale, S for a job well done in completing the Seamanship Class. Good job class!!!!!!

We currently have both Piloting and Advance Piloting classes in progress and plan to complete around them first week of August. In addition, we will be presenting a Charting Software/GPS workshop Saturday, July 27 at the UGA Marine Extension. We also plan to have another Piloting Class in October. Please contact me if you are interested.

We also plan to have an America's Boating Class (ABC) for members and the boating public on Saturdays, October 12 and 19. Please encourage your boating friends to attend. Remember, this is our opportunity to serve the public and encourage potential new members.

On the subject of membership, I would like to address membership retention and new membership, since our squadron has decreased from 75 members down to 68 members in the last renewal cycle. Most of these non-renewal members had compelling reasons for not renewing and there wasn't much we could do to change the situation. As in any organization, we need to bring in new members to grow and replace retiring members. Please, we need you, our GISPS members, to encourage new membership, actively serve on Membership and PR committees, and participate in squadron activities. Remember, as a GISPS member, You Are the Membership Committee. Please give me a call if I can assist you in encouraging a new member.

I would like to commend Lt/C Lisa Noetzel, JN; Lt Pat Rodgers, AP; and R/C John Rodgers, SN for a great COOP Charting outing and cookout. A big thanks to our volunteer cook, Bob Butler, SN; and for all the work furnished by potential GISPS members, Rob Bleil and Heather Murray.

Again, gang, please give your help to membership. Hope to see you all at the July 27 membership meeting.

Safe Boating,
Charles Wilsdorf

Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron 2013 Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Function	Location
Jul 15	0900	Advanced Piloting	Wilsdorf's Home
Jul 27		Computer Charting Software Seminar	
Jul 27	1645 1800	EXCOM Meeting Membership Mtg	Sonny's BBQ Brunswick
Aug 24	1645 1800	EXCOM Meeting Membership Mtg	TBD
Sep 28	1645 1800	EXCOM Meeting Membership Mtg	TBD
Oct 4-6		D26 Fall Conference	Lake Murray, SC
Oct 5		CoastFest	Brunswick DNR
Oct 12 & 19	0900	ABC Class	UGA Marine Ext Ctr, Brunswick
Oct 26	1645 1800	EXCOM Meeting Membership Mtg	TBD
Nov 16		Change of Watch	

Treasurer's Report
Teresa Wilsdorf, S Treasurer



Financial Statement:

GISPS currently has \$6,944.37 in the bank as of 7/15/13.

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 want to thank everyone that renewed their membership this year. Also to those that have not had their membership due yet, please don't forget to send yours in. Unfortunately we did have a few members that did not renew, but hopefully we will get some new ones in the near future. We all need to extend invitations to our fellow friends and boaters, and maybe invite them to a meeting or even, to encourage them to join our organization.

We had a fun day out on our boat doing co-op charting. Unfortunately while we were out, I spotted two funnel clouds so we decided it was wise to cut the day short. Later that afternoon we had a great picnic on Jekyll Island. Thanks to Lisa for putting the event together and buying all the hamburgers and hotdogs, and thanks to everyone else for the fantastic side dishes!

We have not had a formal meeting in a few months so I look forward to see you all on our meeting on Jul7 27th.

Happy boating!

XO Report
Lisa Noetzel, JN



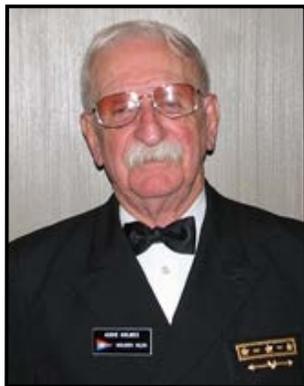
Hello GISPS members! Last month's cooperative charting was a smashing success thanks to your dedication and participation! The event started on Friday, June 21 when there was a Captains meeting at my residence. Thank you John and Pat Rodgers for leading that meeting and discussing the procedure for making range reports.

On Saturday, June 22, boaters left from various locations to start cooperative charting. For many of us (me included), the tide was a factor. So for those of us who were launching from Jekyll, we departed around 0800-0830. The weather conditions were quite good in the early morning: calm waters, low temperatures, and good visibility. Around 1200-1300, however, it began to rain and many individuals saw two water spouts form between Brunswick.....

and Jekyll. Thankfully, there were no accidents or mishaps reported! The weather the rest of the afternoon was drizzly, but there was a brief break for our BBQ cookout at the Jekyll Harbor Marina. Manager Scott Todd was extremely kind and generous; he smoked a pulled pork brisket and let us use the gas grill and picnic area for free. The club provided hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, and soft drinks. GISPS members attending the picnic brought a variety of side dishes and desserts.

Many thanks to Bob and Margaret Butler, who took over the barbecuing! Just as John Rodgers was about to show members how to file reports, the weather let loose, breaking up our picnic. Since our outing, John and Pat have asked me to relay to everyone that if anyone still needs to submit his/her report, they will be back in St. Simons the weekend of the July 27 (if there is not tropical storm).

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



I was asked by Cdr. Vicky Jefferis to address O.T. in my articles this year. Since it is almost fall and time for school to begin, let's start with an O.T. quiz.

Directions:
 Please mark True or False to each of the following statements about USPS:

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| T | F | 1. | The Squadron Commander is the final authority for Squadron affairs. |
| T | F | 2. | The Squadron Executive Officer succeeds to the office of Commander should a vacancy occur in that office. |
| T | F | 3. | No person may be nominated for Squadron Educational Officer without prior approval by the District and National Educational Officers. |
| T | F | 4. | Standing Committees report to the Commander who appoints their members. |
| T | F | 5. | General Committees report to the Executive Committee. |
| T | F | 6. | Each squadron must conduct a public boating course every year. |
| T | F | 7. | A Squadron, not an individual, holds a District membership. |
| T | F | 8. | The District Council functions as an Executive Committee under the District Conference. |

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| T | F | 9. | The maximum number of voting Delegates a Squadron may send to a District Conference is determined by the size of the Squadron. |
| T | F | 10. | A substantial number of the members of the Governing Board are elected directly by the membership. |
| T | F | 11. | USPS does not engage in lobbying because such activities could result in loss of its tax exempt status. |
| T | F | 12. | The USPS style of abbreviations is to use all capital letters and no periods. |
| T | F | 13. | Between 0800 and sunset any member of USPS in good standing may fly the USPS Ensign from his/her vessel while in direct command. |
| T | F | 14. | Rectangular-shaped flags are flown only by incumbent, elected officers. |
| T | F | 15. | A calendar is the medium which serves to assemble various activities in chronological sequence and is an essential aid in planning and scheduling a program. |
| T | F | 16. | The order of business for all USPS meetings is prescribed in the USPS Bylaws. |
| T | F | 17. | Reports presented at a meeting should not be included in the minutes of the meeting unless they have been accepted by the body. |
| T | F | 18. | If the presiding officer wishes to adjourn a meeting until later the same day, he/she should announce adjournment of the meeting "sine die". |
| T | F | 19. | The Operations Training Program is open to all member of USPS. |
| T | F | 20. | I would like to take the Operations Training Program. |

Answers? See next issue of the Porthole.

Hope to see you at Sonny's Bar-B-Q or on the water soon!

Sincerely,

Audie

AO Report
Skip Roeder, S



Our July meeting will be at Sonny's BBQ located at Exit 36 of I-95. Take the Jesup exit and Sonny's will be on your right next to the Comfort Inn. We will have a double team of guest speakers- Mrs. Valerie Crumpton, Executive Director of the International Seafarers Center in Brunswick, and ISC board member Jack McConnell. The ISC provides services to the thousands of seafarers from around the world that visit our port annually. Mr. McConnell will probably speak on the "Port as Classroom" program, which exposes middle school students to the operations of a working port, as well as the life of visiting mariners. Should be interesting and informative.

I have information on three of the boats that took part in Co-Op charting last month, the crews on Messrs.' Hoffman, Rodgers and Wilsdorf boats have been included on the boating activity report. If your boat was involved I need the boat name and number of members on board.

Other than Co-op charting, only Charles Wilsdorf has submitted a boating activity report, other than yours truly. I need the boat name, number of days if more than a one-day outing, and the number of member aboard. You can email me at el.jefe2011@comcast.net