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Original Charter members – Nettie Dumais, Paulette Harris, Pat Rodgers, Betty Whisnant, Bucky Harris - attended as guests of the Squadron

Hey GISPS Members!

This is our July/August edition of the Porthole. I hope it finds everyone in good health and great spirits.

It's been a pretty hot summer, but a fun one at that! GISPS kicked off the season in June with a Low Country Boil to celebrate our 10th Anniversary at Sanctuary Cove. We had a great turn out with new members mingling with original charter ones like Pat Rodgers, Paulette Harris, Nettie DuMais, Betty Whisnant and Bucky Harris. District 26 Commander, Andy Hyman, and his wife also

showed up to celebrate with us, and AO Sharon Hindery found us a fabulous cake designed with our squadron's burgee. You must check out the pictures found in the AO section of this Porthole!

July found the Golden Isles area seesawing between hot, humid weather and lots of rain and thunderstorms. Somehow, we lucked out and chose the one day to hold our annual picnic/potluck at the Jekyll Harbor Marina. The grilling area had recently been renovated so between that and all the shade

provided by the majestic oak trees on site, people had a great time and socialized.

Looking forward to this month, we'll have another social event on August 22nd, the fourth Saturday of the month. The venue will be at the Olive Garden in Brunswick and we'll meet for dinner from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. As August is one of the hottest months in the summertime, I know we will all enjoy the air-conditioning.

I look forward to seeing you all this month. Be well and be safe!

Cdr. Lisa

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Treasurer's Report
Teresa Wilsdorf, S



GISPS currently has a balance of \$9, 243.45 in the bank.

It was nice seeing everyone that attended our 10th Anniversary celebration in June and our picnic at Jekyll Island in July. The weather was fantastic. I know who to contact, Lisa, when I need perfect weather!

If you have any ideas of what we can do to get more membership participation in our activities please feel free to contact either myself or anyone else on the bridge. It sure would be nice to see more faces at our meeting and events.

If anyone has any questions regarding membership or anything else I can help you with please email me or give me a call.

Hope to see you soon!

Teresa



June

12 Emil Hoffman

15 John Vitale

17 David Curtis

18 Bob Morrison

28 Mary Roeder

30 Lalla Eshliman

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XO Report

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Hello GISPS.

First, an explanation for the absence from my duties for several of months. You haven't seen articles from this corner of the bridge because I was lucky to get invited by two friends from NZ (who are sailing their Tayana around the world) to fly down to Guadeloupe

and join them sailing. Guadeloupe is the little butterfly-shaped island south of Antigua, a part of the French West Indies. We saw a bit of Nevis, St. Martin, Culebra and Puerto Rico before our sail straight back to Brunswick. The weather was good but winds were not always there. I took advantage of the calm days to practice sextant sights for the USPS Navigation Course. It is entirely harder to take sights while underway than while sitting on the hill. Since it takes a hand to hold the sextant, a hand to adjust it, and one hand for the boat...well to work that out I ended using a leg for the boat! And I wouldn't have gotten any sights if the Captain hadn't helped with time-keeping, and his wife kept the boat underway. We didn't experience any bad weather, partly planning and partly good luck, but we had plenty of days to be glad for the AIS, radar and technology that is built into marine radios, especially when big ships were our area. Even huge ships can disappear from view during a squall and not be that far away. I have some great memories. The spectacular 'green flash' at sunset on our overnight sail to Nevis, the first I had ever seen, and the good fishing while underway make me eager to get back out on the big water. I look forward to hearing about some of your best experiences as I know that many of you have hours of sailing/cruising time.

Second, and more important than the first. In the past few days I have been reflecting on the tragic disappearance of the Florida 14-yr olds. The boys' disappearance and the failed search to find them have stimulated lengthy discussions in major newspapers and online. Critiques, criticisms of the parents, suggestions of new policies have followed. Questions will remain about the accident. The event has made me ask several questions. One is this, at a time when Power Squadron membership is declining nationally, how could we better reach the growing audience of young people who are taking up water sports and whose passion is getting out on the water. I think we need to do some serious brain-storming together about reaching and engaging young people, even really young people like 14 year olds that some would argue are too young to be out on the water by themselves. Would it take some minor tweaking or a major overhaul? What are the untapped avenues and alliances. Let's start that conversation.

The second question has a quick solution. The question is how we each personally can do something that would increase the safety of a friend, a friend's kid or family member who is out on the water. I read in one account that it was thought that there was no marine radio on the boat the boys were using. So I recommend that we each make 'safety gifts' the highest priority on

our shopping list. I'll be first. My best kayaking buddy needs a strobe on her boat for our moon light paddles. We have been sharing, but I am giving her one today. Do you have a friend who has put off replacing a non-functional or outdated marine radio but who has continued to be out? Do you have a friend who goes offshore fishing but has yet to buy and register a personal EPIRP? EPIRPs are affordable and life-saving. Don't wait for a birthday. How different the story would be in many boating accidents, if only.....

Find out how safe your friends are or are not and then buy them that missing piece of safety equipment. Don't make the assumption that they have the latest and greatest. If they have it make sure it is connected and functioning. It will make the Coast Guard's reports of boating mishaps have much happier endings.

Hope to see you all soon, at a meeting or on the water.

Administration Officer Sharon Hindery, P



I hope everyone is enjoying the Dog Days of Summer, either on the Water or off. I am happy to say that Rick and I have (finally) gotten our little Hobie Cat (we named Lil' Audrey) rigged and out sailing a few times last week. This was only accomplished through the help of some GISPS friends- the Sterrets and Goodbloods. Also others in the boating community, who stepped in and assisted in helping a couple of newbies get the mast up and how to maneuver the cat down to the beach - i wish i had videos of us! I think my feet left the ground a few times on the trip down. We were told, and have experienced first hand over and over, how friendly and helpful the boating folks are!

On June 27th we celebrated Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron's 10th Anniversary with a classic Low Country boil at the Sanctuary Cove. With 32 attending, we enjoyed the company of some charter members as well as some of our newest members. Dist Cmdr. Andy Hyman gave a very nice speech honoring our young Squadron. A running slide show of pictures of Squadron, as well as the many awards our members are earned reminding us of our accomplishments over the past 10 years. The cake, decorated with the Golden Isles burgee, added to the ambiance, and tasted pretty good too! Thank you to Teresa Wilsdorf for doing some heavy lifting in arranging the invitations, space, and food. A few pictures that follows this article.

Fair weather prevailed for the July 25th cookout/social at Jekyll Island Marina. Cmdr Lisa was at the grill's helm flipping burgers and hotdogs, while everyone enjoyed the sides and deserts and camaraderie that were provided by those who attended.

I want to remind everyone to forward any and all boating activities to Skip Rogers, it is easy to forget to do this and it is something we report to district.

Membership involvement and retention is a bit of a buzz word these days in Dist 26. We are all looking at ways to increase membership in our squadrons as well as keeping the things relevant and interesting for our members, those who live locally and those who are a bit, so to speak, more remote. A lot of discussion & idea brainstorming on this has happened over the last couple of years, but it is getting (past??) time to take some action. I am thinking of doing a survey (via email) soon to get feed back... so watch your inboxes! If you do not actively use email, let me know & i will mail it USPS (US Post Office not Power Squadron :)) Also, for those who don't make regular meetings (be it due to schedules, travel or distance) is there something we can do to keep the friend/fun in your membership?

We are looking forward to seeing you in August 22nd for the next Social. The next regular meeting is Sept 26th at 1800, location TBA.

Stay Safe both on the water and off.

Lt.Cdr. Sharon Hindery A/O

Squadron Education Officer Charles Wilsdorf, SN



GISPS has just graduated nine students in Piloting under the leadership and tutelage of Lt Jack Sterrett, SN. All of the students passed the exam with great grades!!! Congratulations for a job well done to the following: Mary Lyon, Stanley Lyon, Terry Osman, William Silva, Gracia Stucky, Greg Stucky, Rami Stucky, Bo Taylor, P, Susan Taylor, P. We hope all of you will continue with Advance Piloting and Seamanship. And thanks again to Lt Jack Sterrett, SN for his hard work and dedication.

We are also coming down to the wire with three Navigation students who all are working hard on their exams. We owe many thanks to Lt Coy Hodges, SN and the N students who have put in many long hours to make this program a success. It looks as though our squadron will have a few more Senior Navigators amidst us soon.

GISPS is offering the USPS Weather class which will already be in progress by the time you receive this "Porthole" with eight students. We plan to follow the weather class with an Advance Piloting Class.

So there's your squadron education update...

Squadron Membership

I was so happy to report in the last several "Porthole" issues of the addition of eleven new members. Unfortunately, this issue I must report the loss of ten members. Most of the members who did not renew either had already sold their boats or had them for sale, basically getting out of the boating business. At least we are one net member to the good. I remind you all again that all GISPS members are on the Membership Committee, so please do your part in soliciting new potential members.

Nominating Committee

Yes gang, it's that time of the year again. The GISPS Nominating Committee consisting of P/C Vicky Jefferis, JN and myself will be working on the 2015-2016 slate of bridge members in the upcoming month for a vote at GISPS's annual meeting, October 24. So, we need you to step up to the plate, contact us, and volunteer to serve on the GISPS Bridge. At this time all the bridge positions need to be filled.

Most of us joined USPS to get a boating education; I know that was the reason I joined. But, to keep the squadron going takes an active membership. This active membership may be described in several categories of members: members who pay their dues, members who take advantage of the boating classes, members who participate in squadron activities, members who serve on committees or teach classes, members who serve on the squadron bridge in leadership positions, and members who contribute to some or all of the above.

That said, leadership in any type of organization is the key to keep all the other functions running successfully. And, we all have seen what happens when there is no leadership; there comes a time when there isn't an organization. We don't want to see this happen to GISPS.

So, if you have benefitted from being a member of our squadron it's time to give back and share your talents, knowledge, and leadership abilities to keep this squadron alive and healthy. And gang, look around at our membership backgrounds and experience. We've been blessed with members who have skills in managing large institutions, educators, captains of industry, military officers, airplane pilots, doctors, lawyers, mechanics and managers. Our squadron has the highest percent of SN's in District 26. So, we sure can't say we don't have available talent within our squadron. We can accomplish so much when all members contribute (remember the old saying "many hands make light work") to serving the public in boating knowledge, educating ourselves, and have fun doing it with squadron on and off the water activities.

Guys, in my opinion, the truth is we have reached a critical juncture of time in our squadron (time to ----- or get off the pot). The core group who has devoted their time and energy to keep this squadron afloat are tired and burned out. Membership must decide if we are going to put the work into keep our squadron going or close up shop. It's your squadron and your decision.

Please contact Vicky or myself and give us your thoughts.

Fair Winds and Good Fishing,

Charles Wilsdorf
GISPS SEO



What's a party without a cake?



Our youngest Guests checkout the appetizers.



Vicky, Chas and Lisa cut the cake



Andy Hyman presents Cdr. Lisa Noetzel with a certificate honoring our Anniversary.

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	Wilsdorf Home
21 ABC Class	0800-1600	UGA Marine Extension
28 GISPS Meeting	1800	Copper Pig
April		
20 Seamanship begins	TBD	UGA Marine Extension
25 GISPS Meeting	1800	TBA
May		
16 GISPS Meeting	1800	Moon Doggies
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