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Hello GISPS Members!
I hope this monthly letter finds you all well. February 2014 was a great month for GISPS. We had Fred Voight from the Dover Bluff Hunting and Fishing Club and Ashby Nix, the Satilla Riverkeeper, as guest speakers. Their presentation on Nye's Cut and the effects it has caused on the Satilla River was very impressive, so much so, that the squadron

decided to dedicate its next Co-Op Charting on and around that specific area. The event will be the morning of 14 June 2014 and Pat and John Rogers, our dedicated of Co-Op Charting leaders, have already reserved the Gazebo area at the Golden Isles Marina from 15:00 - 20:00 for GISPS to hold a late afternoon—early evening pot-luck/shrimp boil dinner. More details will follow in the coming months. March 2014 is gearing up to be even busier and better than

February! This month GISPS will have a guided visit of the Jacksonville NOAA Headquarters. Our guide will be Ben Nelson and the tour will take approximately 1.5 hours. It begins at 10:00 March 22nd and the NOAA address is 13701 Fang Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32218. For those of you interested in car pooling, please send an email to our GISPS members. Emil Hoffman, AO par excellence, has scheduled another

great speaker for our March meeting at the Sanctuary Cove Clubhouse: Pearl Hubbard of the Dolphin Project. It is sure to be an excellent talk! Remember: our monthly meeting is the same day of the NOAA tour (March 22nd), and it will be at the Sanctuary Cove Clubhouse at 1800.

As I mentioned at our last meeting, the GISPS Executive Committee and I created an electronic survey. I am glad to report that we've had between 19 – 23 responses to all three parts. There is still time for your input – the links are below!! At our March meeting, I will summarize the data and present it to the general membership.

Here is the link to PT. 1 of the GISPS Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LDS9FGK>

Here is the link to Pt. 2 of the GISPS Survey
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KBBWJ8L>

Here is the link to PT. 3 of the GISPS Survey
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KBBMHYS>

For spatial considerations, I will discuss in next month's Porthole the awards GISPS won at the D26 Spring Conference. We have a great squadron, and that's a direct result of all of you!

Again, this month's meeting is Saturday, March 22 at the Sanctuary Cove Clubhouse at 1800. I look forward to seeing you then!

Cdr. Lisa M. Noetzel, JN

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March Birthdays

Happy Birthdays!
08 Lynda Sterrett
18 Sam Tannahill
19 Joey Herzberg
22 Rob Woodman
27 Skip Roeder

Squadron Education Officer
Charles Wilsdorf, SN



I am happy to report that GISPS has five members who have just completed AP: James Bridges, AP; Tom Easton, AP; Skip Roeder, AP; John Vann, AP; and Rebecca Yeomans. Congratulations to you all for your hard work - it really paid off!! This has been our highest scoring class ever with all students making 96% and over. I would also like to thank Coy Hodges, SN for his help in teaching, mentoring, and overall keeping the class/instructor on an accurate track (no pun intended).

GISPS also awarded seven ABC Certificates to students who successfully completed our February ABC class. Again, I would like to recognize our instructors: Bob Butler, SN; Larry Jefferis, AP; Vicky Jefferis, AP; and Mike Moyer, AP for their commitment and excellent teaching and also all the GISPS members who posted signage and helped promote the class.

We have committed to present another ABC class on April 12 and April 19. Again, we will need assistance from all members to get the word out. Please let me know ASAP if you are interested in teaching a section or two. This is a great opportunity to give back to our local boating community, share your expertise with fellow boaters, and earn a merit mark.

Larry Jefferis, AP, GISPS Seamanship Chairperson, has been teaching along with his instructional staff (John Vann, AP; Vicky Jefferis, AP; and me) a Seamanship Class for the last four weeks with five students. Testing will be next week and I am sure our squadron will have five more S's in our ranks. We should all applaud Larry's multi-tasking talents: not only has he taken ownership of Seamanship but he has continued to improve our website (<http://www.gisps.org>- please take a look, it looks great and very functional even though Larry says it is work in progress), act as Co-Chair the Spring 2015 D26 Conference which GISPS is hosting, and fulfill his treasury duties as a D/Lt Cdr District 26.

Teresa and I attended the D26 Spring Conference in Anderson, SC last weekend. As always, the conference was informative and fun, while catching up with old friends and making new ones. I am sure other GISPS bridge officers will report to you about awards our squadron won, which we all should be very proud of. I would like to mention now that we were awarded the Wolf-Ewing

Education Achievement Award which makes us the D26 recipient for the fourth time in the last six years. This award is really a team effort which includes all our members' education efforts, whether your role was in promotion, instructing, or a student. It takes us all working together.

The Wolf-Ewing Educational Achievement Award is presented to the D/26 squadron with the highest point ratio of the sum of members passing courses and achieving educational proficiency during the year plus members with full educational achievement divided by the number of members (as reflected on 31 March of that year).

You all have heard me whine about the need for more squadron member doers—members taking ownership and willing to spend some time helping our squadron. We need committee chairs, members to serve on the bridge, and members for this function or that function—the list goes on and on. Since, I I am one of those “glass half empty” types, I will probably always be whining. But, when I reflect back on the start of this year, I see a squadron with more participation and membership involvement than ever.

I see:

- Real effort and time expended by the “Ad Hoc Membership Committee” to help retain and recruit membership
- Guest speakers at every membership meeting
- Squadron field trips to NOAA and Brunswick Port
- Cruises planned for this Spring
- Planning and execution of elements of GISPS hosting the 2015 Spring D26 conference
- An attractive and informative GISPS website along with Facebook & Twitter presence
- More active GISPS instructors than ever – those who have already completed one ABC class, one AP class and in the process of finishing a Seamanship class and presenting another ABC class with the help of membership promotion
- 10% of our membership in attendance of the D26 Spring conference
- GISPS ranked 3rd in the District for VSC's completed
- Date set for CoOp Charting seminar and outing

The above is just a short list, and I am sure I have missed other achievements and work in progress. Bottom line: let's not let up. If you are not on this bandwagon, please join. GISPS needs your help, and I need to quit whining.

Hope to see you all at the GISPS membership meeting.
Chas

Squadron Education Officer
Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ACN

Administration Officer
Emil A. Hoffman



Hello everyone!

I hope our last meeting was enjoyable. This month we are looking forward to our NOAA tour on March 22nd at 10:00 A.M. The address for NOAA is 13701 Fang Drive, Jacksonville, Fl. 32218. The tour will take about approximately 90 minutes and afterwards, we can go to lunch in the nearby River City Market Place by I-95.

The same day as our NOAA tour is our monthly meeting at The Sanctuary Cove Golf Club at 6:00 P.M. I am happy to announce that our guest speaker will be Peach Hubbard from The Dolphin Project.

I am working on a Georgia Ports Authority tour for April, and I will have more information at our next meeting. The Ad hoc Membership Committee met at my house on March 12th to discuss ways of increasing membership. I will be bringing the Squadron Boating Activities sheet so please bring your information to the meeting.

Thanks,

Emil A. Hoffman
AO

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



PLEASE ASSIST ME IN THE FOLLOWING:

I am the D26 New Squadron chair. I need assistance reaching individuals near Statesboro, GA and Lake Oconee/Lake Sinclair where we wish to start new squadrons.

If you have any interest in helping or would like more info on how to help, please email me asap as follows:

pharris1@gru.edu

Many thanks! Audie

Secretary's Report

Sandra Boynton, P Secretary



Cdr Lisa Noetzel, JN, called the meeting to order at 6 PM on February 22th, 2014 at Sanctuary Cove Golf Club off of I95 in Waverly, Ga. Past commanders SEO Charles Wilsdorf, SN; John Rodgers, SN; Vicky Jefferis, AP, and Larry Jefferis, AP were in attendance. Cdr Lisa welcomed everyone for coming and introduced our speakers, Ashby Nix and Fred Voight of Satilla Riverkeepers.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Past Cdr Larry Jefferis, AP and the Invocation was spoken by Secretary Sandra Boynton, AP.

Cdr Lisa made us aware of the many things she learned at National- namely that there is a Boating under the Influence incidence every 3 days .This problem is especially true of young people with no boating knowledge. Lisa wants to focus on boating education for youth and draw in this group to our club. She encouraged any ideas from members to help with this project as our club is mainly of the upper age bracket.

Cdr Lisa recognized new member, Ed Ellis, and his wife Jean. Also, she introduced our cyber member Brittany Fulkerson.

Lisa also informs us that domain names for the club have been purchased.

D26 Spring Conference will be in Anderson, SC on Mar. 15-16

AO, Emil reports that a NOAA trip will be Mar. 22nd and a signup sheet will be passed around. Also, a dolphin talk is being planned and two speakers are lined up for April & May.

SEO, Charles Wilsdorf reports Coy Hodges has mentored to 5 students for an AP class. He has 1 navigation and ABC class completed. And, a Seaman class starts Monday with 5 students. Bob & Maria will instruct on Marlinspike.

Secretary Sandra Boynton, AP noted that we had a quorum.

Treasurer Teresa Wilsdorf presented the Treasurer's Report. As of February 22nd, 2014 the balance on hand is \$7,180.60.

Pat Rodgers, COOP chairman, announced that the charting outing will be Sat. June 14th.

Ashby Nix and Fred Voight, Satilla Riverkeepers, gave an informative and enlightening talk on the current issues, effects, and future of environmental conditions of the Satilla watershed including the restoration of Noyes Cut. Thank you so much Ashby and Fred!!!

XO Report
Skip Roeder, S



We have had some seriously nice days of late and I hope some of you managed to get out on the water to enjoy the weather. On the 11th I spent a day in search of fish. It hit 80 degrees or more but the fish were not impressed. Several large alligators took advantage of the sunshine on the banks of Wally's Leg. Even without fish it was a good day.

The spring District 26 conference was a lot of fun. The Golden Corner squadron knows how to through a good party. On the way home some of us discussed how difficult it could be to match the fun activities when we host the conference in 2015. The search committee has arranged a fantastic venue, so we need to get our thinking caps on and come up with some fun things to do.

Looking ahead a little, National Safe Boating week will be May 15th through 21st. We typically partner with West Marine to improve safety on the water. Volunteers are needed for short shifts at our table outside West Marine on Saturday the 15th. It's a great way to support safe boating and perhaps gain new members and friends. Can we count on your support this year?

It's not too early to volunteer for coop charting in June. The Rodgers have reserved the pavilion at Golden Isles Marina for post-charting festivities. If you cannot provide a boat you can serve as crew- at least three are needed to do the job properly.

If you missed it in the papers, NOAA is supposed to release aerial photographs of the coast on April 1st. The website to visit is www.csc.noaa.gov/digitalcoast. It is worth a look.
Safe Boating!

Skip Roeder, AP
XO

Treasurer's Report
Teresa Wilsdorf, S Treasurer



MARCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

GISPS currently has \$7,079.74 in the bank as of 03/16/14. A year-to-date income/expenditure spreadsheet is available for anyone that wants a copy. Just email me a request and I will send it to you.

Charles, Skip and Mary Roeder, and I just returned from the District 26 fall conference in Anderson, SC. It was a great conference and I am glad we were able to attend.

I hope to see you at the March meeting! Happy boating!

Teresa Wilsdorf, S

GISPS Calendar of Events

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	All day	Jacksonville, FL
02 USPS Founders' Day	TBA	UGA Marine Extension
08 ABC Class begins	TBA	UGA Marine Extension
15 ABC Class ends	1800	Sanctuary Cove Clubhouse
22 GISPS Meeting	TBA	UGA Marine Extension
24 Seamanship Class begins		
March	All day	Anderson, SC
14-16 D26 Spring Conference	1100	Jacksonville, FL
22 NOAA JAX TOUR	1800	Sanctuary Cove Clubhouse
22 GISPS meeting	TBA	UGA Marine Extension
24 Seamanship Class ends		
April	TBA	UGA Marine Extension
12 ABC Class begins	TBA	UGA Marine Extension
19 ABC Class ends	1800	TBA
26 GISPS Meeting		
May	TBA	West Marine
17-23 Safe Boating Week	1800	TBA
24 GISPS Meeting		
June		
2 Junior Navigation Class begins	TBA 1500-2000	Chas Wilsdorf's Residence Golden Isles Marina, St. Simons
14 CO-OP Charting	TBA	TBA
28 GISPS Social	TBA	Chas Wilsdorf's Residence
30 Junior Navigation Class ends		
July	TBA	TBA
26 GISPS Social		
August	1800	TBA
23 GISPS Meeting		

GISPS Calendar of Events

September	Time	Location
10-14 Governing Board Meeting 27 GISPS Meeting	1800	TBA
October	All day	Brunswick
4 Coastfest	All day	Canada
23-27 CPS General Meeting	1800	TBA
25 GISPS Meeting		
November	TBA	TBA
15 GISPS COW		
December	TBA	TBA
6 GISPS Holiday Party		

WHICH GISPS MEMBER AM I ???

DID YOU IDENTIFY THE GISPS MEMBER? IT'S KARLA LAHRS!!

