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CDR Vicky Jefferis

It's a beautiful Fall day and as I look out over the Little Satilla River basin and the golden marshes, I can't help but reflect how fortunate we are to



Sapelo Island Light House

live in such a beautiful area and even more so that Hurricane Sandy spared us, something that's made especially vivid every time I watch the National news.

Seeing the devastation to the homes and other property that so many are enduring truly makes me thankful for all we here in the Golden Isles enjoy on

a daily basis. We took the recommended precautions to add extra lines and remove objects on ODYSSEY that could be blown free, but as I look at the photos of all those boats carried far up on land and tossed around like toys, it's a stark reminder that we're just not an equal force to Mother Nature when she's at her fiercest. Still, the boating safety information available to us through USPS is surely helpful to try to minimize potential

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storm damage. Hint: learn even more in the upcoming Weather class scheduled for January.

I hope those of you who braved Sandy's gusty winds and joined us for our October Annual Meeting and picnic had as much fun as I did. Thanks to the Picnic Committee chaired by Denise Schulze, and ably assisted by Karla and Tim Lahrs, S, who did the organizing, set up, and clean up. Thanks also to P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN, and P/C John Rodgers, SN, for doing the cooking for our hungry crowd and to everyone who contributed by bringing all the delicious dishes. One thing that can be said for our members is that everyone knows how to make a party into a feast! It was a great way to welcome our new members, John Vitale and Cecilia "Cheech" Mameli. I was so worried that Sandy was going to upset our plans – for two reasons: the Picnic Committee had already worked so hard to plan our event, I didn't want to see all the work and food that was already purchased go to waste, nor did I want to have to figure out an alternative way to conduct our Bridge and Committee elections for 2013. Thanks to all the EXCOM members who provided ideas and backed me up for our "emergency election plan."

Speaking of elections, I hope you're planning to attend our November 17 Change of Watch meeting that will be held at the Coastal Kitchen Harbour Room at Morningstar Golden Isles Marina, St. Simons Island. Please come and say thanks to our outgoing 2012 Bridge and welcome our incoming 2013 Bridge. D/Lt/C Andy Hyman, SN, and D/Lt/C Larry Jefferis, AP, will be inducting the new Bridge. Several Bridge members will be serving a second term in their positions so we're fortunate to have a seasoned crew guiding Squadron activities next year.

I want to thank everyone – the 2012 Bridge, EXCOM, and members for helping with our activities this year. If it wasn't for you, I'm sure I'd be crazy by now! It doesn't matter how long or hard a Commander works, without the support of each and every member, it just wouldn't be possible to get the job done. Knowing how great a group GISPS is, I'm looking forward to 2013 and another fantastic year as your Squadron Commander.

To start our 2013 Bridge Year off right, please don't forget the Change of Watch and our Holiday Party at Joe Scirica's home on Saturday, December 1. More details will follow regarding the Holiday Party!

BREAKING NEWS!!!!

We've just been notified that our very own SEO, P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN, has been selected by the National USPS as one of this year's recipients of the Charles F. Chapman Award! Here's what the note I received from the National Education Officer, V/C Bob Brandenstein, SN, said:

"As you know, this award is presented annually to the five USPS instructors nationwide who are judged to be the best of the best. The award is based on excellence in teaching as recommended by the Squadron's SEO, the District's selection committee, and the national selection committee."

Of course, we already knew that Charles is the best of the best teachers, but we're thrilled to see him recognized at the National level by this organization of over 40,000 members. Congratulations, Charles!!!

Safe Boating!

Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron 2012 Activities Calendar

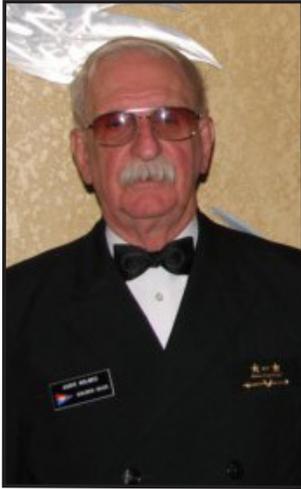
| Date | Time | Function | Location |
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| Nov 17 | 1800 | GISPS Change of Watch | Coastal Kitchen Golden Isles Marina |
| Dec 1 | TBD | GISPS Holiday Party | Joe Scirica's Home |
| Dec 8 | 1800 | Golden Isles Sailing Club Christmas Parade of Lights | B'wick Waterfront |
| Jan 7 | TBD | Weather Class Starts | Wilsdorf's Home |
| Jan 10 | TBD | Advanced Piloting | Wilsdorf's Home |
| Jan 26 | 1645 1800 | EXCOM Meeting Membership Mtg | TBD |



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 – Sara Grimshaw
- 9 – Bucky Harris
- 9 – Coy Hodges
- 10 – Linda Mahoney
- 14 – Freida Bloodworth

Charter Commander's Report
Audie Holmes, SN



Why help bring a squadron to the areas around Statesboro (the Ogeechee/Ohoopee River areas) and the Lake Sinclair/Lake Oconee areas near Rock Eagle?

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- *Free Vessel Safety Checks
- *Maritime Mobile Service Identification
- *USPS Vacation Center
- *Complete Boating Education Program
- *Great Social Networking Opportunities
- * So much more!

Please, please let me know if you'd like to support one or both of the new squadrons!
Thanks.

P/C Audie Holmes, SN

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XO Report
Lisa Noetzel, JN



Hello fellow GISPS members!

Our social calendar has slowed down quite a bit since CoastFest. There are no planned social events with the Golden Isles community for the months of November and December. One possibility is to participate in the Christmas Boat Parade of Lights, hosted by the Golden Isles Sailing Club on Saturday, December 8, 2012.

The check-in is at 1730 and the event begins at 1800 at the Brunswick Waterfront. This could be an interesting venue for our members to meet other boaters and to ring in some holiday cheer. For more information, please refer to the following website <http://www.goldenislessailingclub.com> . I look forward to seeing you all at the COW!

Squadron Education Officer
Charles Wilsdorf, SN



Now that Sandy's passed us and the local winds have calmed, I hope I can get the Scout out before it's time to put it in the neighborhood boat storage area, where retrieval will probably be more of a challenge as compared to now in my driveway. I also regret not paying the big bucks for a new AGM battery last year. Now, I'm faced with digging out the start battery each time before storing the boat so I can keep the battery charged in my garage. Oh, the challenges us boat owners face. At least I'm not faced with the real challenges the unfortunate souls that are dealing with the aftermath of Sandy.

I would like to report that Bill Bartlett, AP has completed Advanced Piloting with almost a perfect score on his exam. I must admit I took the same test and Bill's grade bested mine. Good going Bill!!!

We have already started roughing in the 2013 GISPS classes with a Weather course starting January 7 running through February 4 meeting on Monday evenings. Again, please let me know ASAP if you are interested in this class. We will also start an Advanced Piloting class Thursday, January 10 and I suspect it will go for four weeks.

We have plans for a two Saturday ABC class on February 16 and 23. I will get together some signage and ask for help getting it posted soon.

As always, please let me, Jack Sterrett, SN, or any GISPS bridge member know about any classes or seminars that you may have an interest in seeing offered.

I would also like to report that our membership is at an all-time high with 75 active members. We all welcome new members Frieda Bloodworth and Cecilia "Cheech" Mameli. You guys keep up the good work on the Membership Committee!

In addition to our own November 17 COW and December 1 Christmas Party; there will also be Christmas Boat Parade December 8 sponsored by the Golden Isles Sail Club. For full information go to <http://www.goldenislessailingclub.com/>. Even if you don't enter, please come out at Mary Ross Waterfront Park and enjoy watching the parade.

Treasurer's Report
Teresa Wilsdorf, S Treasurer



GISPS currently has \$7,830.57 in the bank as of 10/30/12.

We had another great meeting in October at Jekyll Island Marina. The weather could not have been better, the food was awesome, and it was fun just walking around and talking with everyone. And, nobody had be deal with me selling 50/50 tickets!

Details have been finalized for our Change of Watch being held at the Coastal Kitchen (located at the Golden Isles Marina near St. Simons Island) on November 17th and you should have received your invitation and RSVP card by now. If you have not, or misplaced it, call me ASAP. I am real excited as the room, food, and view is wonderful and I think we will have a great time. Hope you have returned your RSVP to me by now!

I am looking forward to having the Christmas Party as Joe's on Saturday, December 1. Wow, hard to believe that December is right around the corner.

Secretary's Report
Joe Scirica, S Secretary



Cdr Vicky Jefferis, AP called the meeting to order 27 October, 2012 at Jekyll Harbor Marina, Jekyll Island, GA. Past Commandesr Larry Jefferis, AP, Golden Isles, Charles Wilsdorf, SN Golden Isles and John Rodgers, SN were recognized as present. She recognized our new members John Vitale, Vanessa Vitale and Cecelia "Cheech" Mameli, and our guests Lee Spann, Joanne Scarborough, Jason, Jodi, Keithlee and Kinzlee Jefferis. She then thanked the Picnic Committee, Denise Schultz, Tim and Karla Lahrs. She also recognized that John Vann, P just came in from St. Louis.

Secretary Joe Scirica, S noted that we had a quorum and moved that the minutes from the September meeting as published in an email be approved; the motion was seconded and approved.

P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN asked that the slate of officers as distributed at the last meeting be approved. It was moved, seconded and approved. Newly elected Bridge Officers and Standing Committee Members are:

2013 Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron Bridge Officers

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| Commander | Vicky Jefferis, AP |
| Executive Officer | Lisa Noetzel, JN |
| Administration Officer | Skip Roeder, S |
| SEO | Charles Wilsdorf, SN |
| ASEO | Jack Sterrett, SN |
| Secretary | Sandra Boynton, P |
| Treasurer | Teresa Wilsdorf, S |
| Members at Large | Emil Hoffman, S Robert Morrison, S Tim Lahrs, S |

General Committees

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| Nominating Committee | Richard Jones, AP | Chairman | (1yr) |
| Charles Wilsdorf, SN | | | (2yrs) |
| Larry Jefferis, AP | | | (3yrs) |
| Rules Committee | George Eshliman, P | Chairman | (1yr) |
| Coy Hodges, SN | (2yrs) | | |
| | Charles Boynton, P | | (3yrs) |
| Auditing Committee | Emil Hoffman, S | Chairman | (1yr) |
| | Dorothy Jones | | (2yrs) |
| | Karla Lahrs | | (3yrs) |
| Assistant Executive Officer | Chuck Boynton, P | | |
| Assistant Administration Officer | Tim Lahrs, S | | |
| Assistant Secretary | Linda Nelson, S | | |

Cdr Vicky Jefferis, AP reminded everyone that our next meeting will be the Change of Watch at Coastal Kitchen on 17 November and asked that everyone turn in their meal choice and money to Teresa Wilsdorf, S.

Our brief business meeting was then adjourned and we began eating a wonderful table full of pot luck dishes.