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CDR Vicky Jefferis

Hello, Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron Members, Happy New Year to all. It's hard to believe a brand new year is already under way –



seems that we just had the Change of Watch and then the holidays went past in a blur. It's a great honor to have been entrusted by all of you to lead this

great Squadron, and I'll do my very best to make this next year a good one.

Our Holiday Party held in the home of

Joe Scirica, S, was a wonderful evening! As always, Joe offered a warm welcome to all, and the food brought by all who attended was abundant and delicious. Thanks again to Joe for getting the holiday season off to a festive start. Besides the fellowship of the party, GISPS received another holiday gift when we learned that we were recognized with two separate Distinctive Communicator Awards. This awards

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program is intended to recognize publications and websites that meet or exceed defined award criteria. Both the Porthole and the GISPS Website were selected to receive these awards based on reviews by independent evaluators! Great job to Joey Herzberg, our Porthole Editor, and Joe Scirica, our Webmaster! Thanks for all the thought, time, and hard work you've invested to make these important communications vehicles interesting and informative!

Looking ahead to 2012, January has already begun to fill up with boating related events: Charles Wilsdorf, SN, will be teaching a Navigation course, Jack Sterrett has offered to lead a cruise to Fernandina Beach, USPS will hold its Annual Meeting in Jacksonville Jan. 25-29, and our monthly meeting will be held at the Sanctuary Cove Golf Club on Saturday Jan. 28 at 6 PM.

I'm sure that many of you, like Larry and me, have never attended a USPS Annual Meeting. Now's your chance to see what the leadership of USPS has on their minds and to see firsthand what this organization can offer its members. Check out the USPS Website, [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org), click on the News and Events tab to learn all the details. Lisa Noetzel, JN, Richard Jones, AP, and I will be taking advantage of the USPS Leadership classes and Larry Jefferis, AP, will be attending a Social Networking seminar since all this will be so convenient for our membership.

It's not too soon for all of you to be thinking about Boating Education. SEO Charles Wilsdorf and ASEO Jack Sterrett, JN, have been working hard to set up a schedule to make sure the classes you want will be available this year. The SEO's article and the Calendar elsewhere in this newsletter will give you more details on GISPS Education opportunities. For those of you who know folks who need a basic boating course, be sure to let them know we'll be offering the America's Boating Class (ABC) on February 11 and 18 (Saturdays) from 9:00AM to 3:00PM at the University of Georgia Marine Extension, 715 Bay Street, Brunswick, GA.

Our Co-op Charting Chairman, Pat Rodgers, AP, has alerted me that we need to complete a bit more work within the next couple of months to ensure we continue to win a place on the Co-op Charting Honor Roll. We'll be talking about what we need to do and at the same time get our excitement about on-the-water activities geared up for the boating season ahead. Speaking of boating activities, don't forget – anytime you and a friend or two decide to take a little cruise or a day trip in the local area, please turn this information (date, length of trip, name of boat, who participated) in to me or our Boating Activities Chairman, Richard Jones, so that we can include it in our Squadron's boating activities report. We do protect your personal information!

As always, our Squadron Bridge is here to make GISPS an organization that gives you an opportunity to have fun, get great boating education and help make boating safer. We're looking for your ideas – what would you enjoy doing this year? What speakers would be interesting? Give us a call and let us know! Safe Boating!

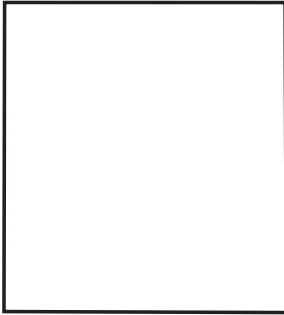
## Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron 2012 Activities Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Location</b>
Jan 10	1830 – 2030	Navigation begins	Wilsdorf
Jan 25 – 29		USPS Annual Mtg.	Jacksonville, FL
Jan 28	1800	GISPS Membership Mtg	Sanctuary Cove Golf Club
Feb 11 & 18	0900 - 1500	ABC Class	UGA Extension
Feb 25	TBD	GISPS EXCOM Mtg	Sanctuary Cove Golf Club
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March		Seamanship	TBD
Mar 24	TBD	GISPS EXCOM Mtg	TBD
		GISPS Membership Mtg	TBD
April	TBD	Engine Maintenance	TBD
Apr 28	TBD	GISPS EXCOM Mtg	TBD
		GISPS Membership Mtg	TBD
May 26 – 28		Memorial Day Weekend No Membership Mtg	
June	TBD	Piloting	TBD
Jun 23	TBD	GISPS EXCOM Mtg	TBD
		GISPS Membership Mtg	TBD
July	TBD	Weather/Other Seminar	TBD
	TBD	Skipper Saver	TBD
Jul 28	TBD	GISPS EXCOM Mtg	TBD
		GISPS Membership Mtg	TBD
August	TBD	Advanced Piloting	TBD
Aug 25	TBD	GISPS EXCOM Mtg	TBD
		GISPS Membership Mtg	TBD
September	TBD	Weather	TBD
Sep 22	TBD	GISPS EXCOM Mtg	TBD
Sep 22	TBD	GISPS Membership Mtg	TBD
Oct 27	TBD	GISPS EXCOM Mtg	TBD
		GISPS Membership Mtg	TBD
Nov 17	TBD	GISPS Change of Watch	TBD
December	TBD	GISPS Holiday Party	TBD

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## Treasurer's Report

Teresa Wilsdorf, S Treasurer



GISPS ended 2011 and began the 2012 New Year with \$6,566.22 in the bank.

I would like to thank all that attend our GISPS Change of Watch at Jekyll Island. We not only had great food, but we also had a great time.

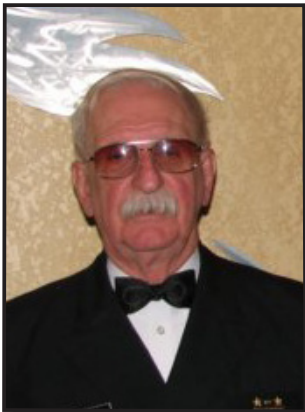
I am sure I don't have to remind you, but please do not forget to pay your dues this year! The dues can be paid with a credit card over the internet on the USPA website. If anyone needs help in doing so, please give me a call at 265-9550. I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>. If I

can be of any help for any reason please give me a call.

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## Charter Commander's Report

Audie Holmes, SN



Thank you for allowing me to serve as Member at Large. I am teaching the weather course here in Augusta on Thursday evenings. I am so proud of what the GISPS has accomplished since its formation in June, 2005.

I wanted to be sure that all of our GISPS members were aware that on this February 2, 2012, the United States Power Squadrons will celebrate its ninety-eighth anniversary, and all active members may fly the USPS ensign from their home flagstaffs on that day. This is a privilege many of us sometimes forget. However, flag protocol, as outlined in the operations manual, dictates the proper display of flags, pennants, burgees, etc. If or when in doubt about flag etiquette, just contact GISPS charter member, Patricia Rodgers, AP, who is very well-versed in matters of flag etiquette.

Any time that Paulette and I are at our home on St. Simons Island, I think how very much the GISPS means to me. That is why I hope you will proudly fly your ensign at your home on Feb. 2, 2012 as a means of showing how proud you, too, are of being a member of the USPS and the GISPS.

Sincerely,  
P/C Audie (Holmes), SN

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 – Larry Jefferis  
6 – Charlotte Caneva  
13 – Steve Chambless  
14 – Bob Butler

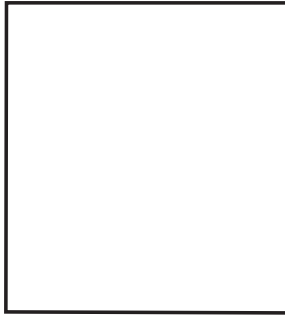
19 – Sam Hanff  
Christopher Herzberg  
20 – Veronica Maguire  
24 – Kurt Glass  
Dorothy Jones  
Lisa Noetzel



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## Secretary's Report

Joe Scirica, S Secretary



On November 19, 2011 the squadron held it's change of watch at the Jekyll Island Club on Jekyll Island.

P/C Audi Holmes, SN gave the invocation then dinner was served. Cdr.

Larry Jefferis, AP called the meeting to order. Stuart Stratton, S led the pledge of allegiance. Cdr. Jefferis introduced past commanders, D26

Administrative Officer Ed Kridler and his wife Cindy and guests. Cdr. Jefferis then presented Charles Wildsorf, SN with the member of the year award. Charles always has and will continue to be a very high contributor to the squadron. He has educated all of us well and he continues to teach classes and future teachers. Cdr. Jefferis then released the bridge with gratitude gifts, then introduced D/Lt/C Ed Kridler, SN who in turn relieved Cdr. Jefferis and delivered the district 26 Commanders message.

Ed mentioned that the education program is strong throughout the district especially with Navigator and Junior Navigator classes. BOC is getting started well. Many officers have little experience, so we need to help them. Operations Training will help. The USPS goal is to have all Bridge Officers complete Operations Training. Each Squadron should teach the course on an annual basis. Leadership Development is something that is needed. D/26 will present a Leadership Development course which will be a 3-4 hour course.

A challenge for all squadrons is membership retention. Squadrons should make the benefits good in order to attract and retain members. Next, P/C Larry Jefferis administered the Commander's Pledge to incoming Cdr. Vicky Jefferis, AP and D/Lt/C Kridler presented her with

the Commander's lapel pin. D/Lt/C Ed Kridler then administered the Pledge to the new Bridge, consisting of Commander Vicky Jefferis, AP, Executive Officer Lisa Noetzel, JN, Administrative Officer Richard Jones, AP, Educational Officer Charles Wildsorf, SN, Secretary Joe Scirica, S, Treasurer Teresa Wildsorf, S and Assistant Ed Officer Jack Sterrett, JN.

Other Executive committee members are: Members at Large William Gauthier, P, Emil Hoffman, Audie Holmes, SN and Robert Morrison, S.

The Auditing Committee consists of: Chairperson (1 year) Teresa Wildsorf, S, member (2 years) Emil Hoffman and Member (3 years) Dorothy Jones. The rules committee consists of: Chairman (1 year) John Rodgers, SN, Member (2 years) George Eshliman, P and Member (3 years) Coy Hodges, JN. The Nominating committee consists of: Chairman (1 year) Howard Klippel, AP, Member (2 years) Charles Wildsorf, SN, Member (3 years) Larry Jefferis, AP.

The flag presentation was made by CDR. Vicky Jefferis, AP. The Benediction was give by P/C Audi Holmes, SN then the meeting was adjourned.



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**Squadron Education Officer**  
**Charles Wilsdorf, SN**



Well it's that time of the year again when we all start fresh with new goals and challenges. I ask all of you to please add to your list to better communicate with your squadron, the first being pencil in your annual calendar with squadron activities from the GISPS 2012 calendar. And, remember communications is a two-way endeavor, so don't be afraid to request any of your needs, wants, suggestions and etc. you might like to see from your squadron with any GISPS bridge member.

Please let me know after reviewing the tentative GISPS class schedule you see classes or seminars we missed that you would like. As P/C Larry Jefferis, AP mentioned at our COW, we expect to see some homegrown SN's earning the *Education Achievement Award* as well as many members who are nearing the *Education Proficiency Award* this year. So, let's all take a USPS class or so this year and remember that you can always boot-strap (self-teach) a class and we have many members who would be happy to assist you.

GISPS is starting a N class Jan 10 with three students: Lt Coy Hodges, JN; Lt Cdr Lisa Noetzel, JN; and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Jack Sterrett, JN. With sight folders almost completed we hope to finish the class by the first part of March. We also have two students working on JN: P/C Larry Jefferis, AP and P/Lt Cdr Jim Grimshaw, AP.

We are planning to have an ABC class Saturday, February 11 and 18. Please encourage your boating friends to enroll.

I would like to report that I have taken two webinars. The first, weather with a concentration on the upper level charts; and the other covered emergency locator beacons. Both of these webinars were excellent with a lot of up to date information. The webinar enrollment information is transmitted through Sail Angle which all USPS membership receives. This format is an easy way to increase your boating knowledge. Please contact me should you have questions.

If you hadn't already, I challenge all members to become familiar with both the USPS website and the GISPS website. Both of these sites are filled with useful information that covers all aspects of the USPS.

Last, I would like to bring to your attention that there is a new *USPS Plotting and Labeling Standard Guide*. Among the old and new P and AP; and old and new JN and N there were many areas that seemed ambiguous. Now, the new guide clarifies all. The guide may be ordered direct from the USPS Ship's Store or through the squadron's education department. I have already gotten one batch and will be happy to order more.

Hope to see you all at our next membership meeting on Saturday, 28 January.

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## **AO Report**

**Richard Jones, AP**

Officially, the committees under the AO include Membership, Membership Involvement, Boating Activities, Meetings and Programs, Entertainment, Operations Training, and Leadership Development. As activities develop in any of these areas, this column will report on them.

I urge all our members to attend our monthly meeting on the 4th Saturday of each month the January and February meeting will be at The Golf Club at Sanctuary Cove at 6PM, while we are looking for a new meeting place. Please give us some help and help in finding a meeting location, by giving your suggestions to Vicky, Lisa, or myself.

With your help we will increase our on the water activities this year. By doing this we will accomplish the two most important reasons for being a member of the GISPS, learning and having fun.

I look forward to hearing from you. Serving our members (you) is my job. Please email me at [rjones8@tds.net](mailto:rjones8@tds.net) or call (912) 882-3883

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## **XO Report**

**Lisa Noetzel, JN**

Greetings Fellow GISPS members! Since being inducted as your new XO in the November 2010 Change of Watch (COW), I've thought long and hard on how GISPS can gain new members and become more visible to the public. The answer is "publicity, publicity, publicity." A perfect example of this is the COW photograph and brief description, which Jen Hoffman sent to the Brunswick News. Thank you, Jen!

Besides the local paper, it would behoove us to submit GISPS news-worthy items to our national publication: The Ensign. In the "Waypoints" section, there are a variety of color and black & white photographs documenting different community activities that squadrons across the country have undertaken. In fact, my former squadron (Kent Narrows Sail & Power Squadron) appears on page 34 of the current issue!

GISPS does participate in its fair share of community activities. CoastFest and the Brunswick Stewbilee are just a few events that come to mind, but there are many others as well. In today's information-laden world, showing up at an event is just half of the puzzle; the other half is making others aware of you! So, for 2012, let's bring out those digital cameras and/or I-phones and snap those photographs! I for one promise to bring mine to the next meeting!