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CDR Vicky Jefferis

We had a great turnout for our June 23 Membership Meeting at Skippers Fish Camp in Darien, and those attending



Cdr Vicky Jefferis presents new GISPS members Mike and Susan Heath with their Membership Certificates at the June 23, 2012 Membership Meeting.

were treated to an opportunity to hear from USPS District 26 Commander Robert H. "Bob" Boal

(SN), as well as time for informal chats with D/Cdr Boal and his wife, Elke.

D/Cdr Boal complimented our squadron, informing us that GISPS has the largest percentage of members who are educated – have earned advanced grades – of all thirteen squadrons in the District. Not only that, we have the largest percentage of members who've completed Operational Training and understand how

GOLDEN ISLES SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON 2011 BRIDGE

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D/Cdr Bob Boal visited GISPS at the June 23, 2012 Membership Meeting held at Skippers Fish Camp, Darien, GA. D/Cdr Boal provided an informative talk about how the District interfaces with squadrons and answered member questions from the floor. In addition, he and his wife Elke had the opportunity to visit with members during the social time before and after the meeting.

USPS is organized and how National, District, and Squadrons relate. One of the topics D/Cdr Boal discussed was membership and how important it is for us to reach out to the public using the tools that young people favor today – Facebook, Twitter, Linked In – not just websites and newspapers that have been communication staples for years. In addition to recruiting new members, he reminded us it's imperative for the squadron to offer current members opportunities for the education and camaraderie they look for as part of their membership experience. With that in mind, he talked about the District's role as the "go between" organization that helps with our local concerns and questions; taking them to the USPS National Headquarters if the District can't help us out themselves. There are many people on the District Bridge and Committees who are working hard to make things happen on members' behalf. Responding to questions/comments from the floor, D/Cdr Boal agreed to explore ways to improve billing timelines and bill paying tools for members and to look into National's response times for updating Squadron Heraldry information on its website.

Just a few days after our meeting, I received a lovely letter from D/Cdr Boal, saying in part, "Golden Isles is a terrific squadron and it is clear to me the

members with their enthusiasm are responsible for its success. Thanks again to...all your members for a great evening! I'd like to wish everyone a great summer and a successful and safe boating season!"

In addition to the Boals, GISPS welcomed another guest, Joshua McCollum, grandson of Bob and Dee Morrison. Joshua is interested in exploring boating safety as it relates to the PWC he's contemplating acquiring. After spending the evening getting acquainted with D/Cdr Boal and many GISPS members, Joshua decided to join and I'd like to welcome him as our newest GISPS member!

It's hard to believe we're already into July – where does the time go? This month, we have a couple of special events on the calendar – a day trip boating activity that Richard Jones is organizing (check his article for details), and the CPR/First Aid Course scheduled for all day July 28 at the Marine Extension Center. As I write this, only four spaces remain, so please contact Teresa Wilsdorf to enroll if you're interested. See you at Skippers Fish Camp for our July 28 membership meeting! This location has been a real crowd pleaser so we've booked it again.

Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron 2012 Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Function	Location
Jul 28	TBD	First Aid/CPR Training	UGA Extension
		GISPS EXCOM Mtg	TBD
	1800	GISPS Membership Mtg	Skippers Fish Camp
August 11, 18	TBD	ABC	UGA Extension
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

Treasurer's Report

Teresa Wilsdorf, S Treasurer



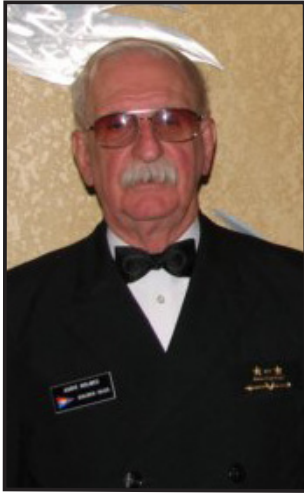
Financial Statement:

GISPS currently has \$7,715 in the bank.

Remember, we are having a CPR class Saturday, July 28. We currently have 15 members enrolled, and have room for 5 more people. As you all know, Commander Vicky Jefferis sent out an email this week detailing the information on the class. Since we are getting so close to the date, if you or someone you know wants to attend, call me to reserve your spot and send me a check for \$55.00 per person. Learn how to save someone's life.....could be one of your loved ones!

I am sure I don't have to remind you, but please do not forget to pay your dues this year! Most of our members have a renewal date of June 1st. There are some of you that have forgotten (I hope). The dues can be paid with a credit card over the internet on the USPS website. If anyone needs help in doing so, please give me a call at 265-9550. Also, don't forget to ask friends, neighbors, and co-workers if they are interested in joining the Squadron.

Charter Commander's Report
Audie Holmes, SN



“Establishing New Squadrons in District 26”

Good evening, fellow members of the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron. As many of you know, I have been appointed to survey the district 26 area and locate any GA/SC spots that show promise in forming new squadrons. At present, we are looking at the areas surrounding Statesboro, GA (the upper reaches of the Ogeechee River) and the areas around Lake Sinclair and Lake Oconee, between Milledgeville and Greensboro, GA.

If any of you as members of the GISPS have friends or relatives in either or both of those areas described above who might be interested in assisting the formation of a provisional squadron, please forward my email address to them. My home phone # is 706-737-8113. Any member of Golden Isles or any member of any squadron may join a provisional squadron and is free to do so. It will not impact the host squadron in any negative way.

In fact, Golden Isles was initiated as a provisional squadron that very same way until we received our charter for GISPS in Charlotte, NC in June, 2005. Some of you were charter members so you know exactly what I am saying in this article to be true. As you are aware, no squadron has a monopoly in any given area. We need not be concerned about taking other squadron's members, and of course we do not intend to do so. We are looking for new squadrons in virgin territory. Your input will be greatly appreciated, and the rewards will be great!

Thank you in advance for your assistance-individually or as a group.

See you soon-on the water or over dinner.
-P/C Audie Holmes, SN

JULY BIRTHDAYS

12 – Joshua McCollum



Squadron Education Officer
Charles Wilsdorf, SN



Well guess I don't need to tell you it is hot? Right!! And, personally it's not the time of the year I want to be doing much out on the water unless I'm in it. But, I did get to spend a wonderful 4th of July week with friends and fellow members, Jack and Lynda Sterrett at their lake retreat at Lake Sinclair. Once Jack and Lynda's pontoon boat was moving, the apparent breeze kept us cool especially with the bimini top for shade. Many boaters were out on the lake the 4th for fun in the sun and the nightly firework shows which we were able to enjoy. We noticed a couple of vessels with some faulty navigation lighting, but otherwise most operators were being safe.

Last night, July 9, was our last Piloting Class. Please wish our seven students the best of luck on their exam. Know they will all do well. I would like to thank Lt Coy Hodges, SN and 1st Lt Jack Sterrett, SN for a job well done with their contributions in teaching and proctoring students.

We will follow up with an AP class later this summer or fall, and hope to have a Marine Electrical Systems class. Please let me know if you are interested in these classes or any other USPS classes or seminars so we can get them scheduled.

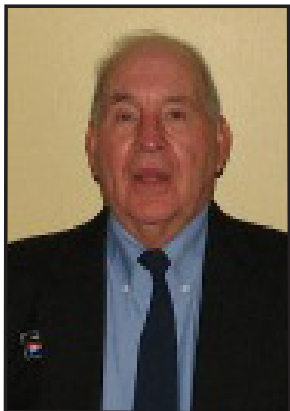
Don't forget the day cruise to Cumberland Is, Saturday, July 21th; the First Aid/CPR Class, Saturday, 28th; and our monthly membership meeting at Skippers, Saturday, July 28th. Will see you at one or all.

Chas



Ava and Joey Herzberg kayaking in Michigan's Upper Peninsula during the July 4th holiday.

AO Report
Richard Jones,AP



Hope you will be attending our Jul 28 meeting.

The Jul 28 meeting will be at Skippers in Darien. The club and I are open to finding a permanent location for our monthly meetings. So please offer your suggestions.

Boating Activities (Weather permitting)

Planned Boat trip to Cumberland Island (Plum Orchard) on July 21.

Proposed Itineraries:

Leaving Jekyll

Depart at 10AM enter ICW then go south to ICW Day Marker 60. This marker is just north of the entrance to the Brickhill River and will be our rendezvous point. You should arrive at marker 60 about 11:30AM this is about a 22-mile trip. Need someone leaving from Jekyll to be point of contact to arrange a meeting place for your departure and other things to make the trip go smoothly.

Trailer

If trailering your boat a good location is the Crooked River State Park it has a nice boat ramp and parking. From Crooked River State Park you will have two choices wait for me to arrive by boat from my home and we will go to Marker 60 together or you can proceed on your via Crooked River out the North Fork to join the group at Marker 60. It is about 6 miles and will take about 15 minutes.

My Home

Leaving from my home depart at 10AM. We will have room for one couple if someone would like to come to our house and ride with us. We will arrive at Crooked River State Park at 11AM. Gather anyone who trailered their boat to the State Park and wants to follow. We will depart the State Park at 11:15AM to rendezvous with the group at Marker 60 at 11:30AM.

Group will depart Marker 60 at 11:45 to go to Plum Orchard we should arrive at Plum Orchard at Noon.

Plum Orchard has limited dock space so we may have to anchor a few of our boats and shuttle to and from the dock.

For those of you who have never been to the Plum Orchard Mansion it was built by Lucy Carnegie in 1898 and is magnificent mansion of 22,000 square feet. The mansion has very large grounds with wildlife like turkey and horses roaming freely.

There are many picnic tables under very large live oaks for our use. The park service also offers tours at various times of the Plum Orchard Mansion. The tour is free, but number for each tour is size limited so you wait until you can joint a tour.

Due to it's remote location every person should bring what he or she wishes to have for lunch and to drink.

To keep track of our group let's use VHF channel 68.

Hope you all can make the trip. Please email or call me and let me know if you will make the trip and how many people will be on your boat.

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 or call (912) 882-3883

XO Report

Lisa Noetzel, JN



I saw the following article in material published by the USPS Marketing/ Public Relations committee and thought it would be interesting to all .

“EYE EYE CAPTAIN” OR “OH SAY CAN YOU SEA”

If we were asked to compile a list of our personal safety equipment, I wonder how many of us would include sun glasses.

Direct sunlight as well as the constant glistening reflection can be harmful to the eyes during a day on the water. It is very important that boaters wear proper glasses for their own protection. Unfortunately, we select a pair based on style, try them on, and ask, “How do they look?”, when the proper question should be, “How well do they protect?”

The purpose of a sunglass is to filter out the harmful UVA and UVB light rays. Any sunglass that says “100% UVA and UVB protection” will do the job. Stylish glasses that simply have tinted lenses

can in fact be harmful to your eyes. The tinting on the lenses shades your eyes and keeps your pupils from constricting. This keeps them wide open and they are willing receptors to the harmful UV rays in the sunlight. This can lead to eye injuries including macular degeneration and cataracts. So style and cost are not good parameters to use when selecting your eye protection.

It is helpful if boaters wear polarized lenses. Polarization substantially reduces glare and increases your ability to see. I wear prescription glasses and recently discussed them with my optometrist. He told me to beware of inexpensive polarized glasses as many simply have a polarizer film applied and the film can scratch and peel off.

I asked about plastic versus glass lenses and was told that this is a matter of trade offs and personal choice. Plastic is lighter and more comfortable, but will scratch easier. As far as endurance goes, glass can shatter and introduces another safety issue, but plastic lenses are brittle and can snap leaving a sharp edge also. Other than these issues, if there is 100% UV protection, there is no difference in the protection from harmful rays. So once again it is a personal choice.

I have prescription glasses that transition from light to dark in the presence of sunlight. I was disappointed to learn that such transition lenses cannot be made with polarization. It's a pain to constantly switch my transition glasses with the UV protected polarized lenses, but I guess I am doomed to carry two pair with me. Eyesight is a precious gift, so be selective when choosing your eye protection and check out the UV ratings before you try them on, Oh, by the way; you do look "Mahvelous in yours!"

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Secretary's Report
Joe Scirica, S Secretary



Cdr Vicky Jefferis, AP called the meeting to order at Skippers Fish Camp, Darien, GA. Past Commanders John Rodgers, SN, Charlotte, Larry Jefferis, AP, Golden Isles, Paulette Harris-Holmes, JN, Savannah River, Audie Holmes, SN, Golden Isles Charter, and Charles Wilsdorf, SN, Golden Isles were recognized as present.

Cdr Vicky Jefferis, AP welcomed new members, Mike & Susan Heath. She also recognized Seldom Seen members Betty Whisnant, S and Bucky Harris, P. She then welcomed our guests D/Cdr Bob Boal, SN and his wife Elke Boal, from North Strand Squadron South Carolina.

PC Larry Jefferis, AP let the invocation and Admin Officer Richard Jones, AP let the

Pledge of Allegiance.

Cdr. Vicky Jefferis AP, handed out membership certificates and name tags to Mike and Susan Heath, and everyone took the Power Squadron Pledge.

Secretary Joe Scirica, S indicated that we had a quorum, he then moved that the minutes be approved, and Admin Officer Richard Jones, AP seconded, and the minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Our XO Lisa Noetzel, JN was absent, so Cdr. Vicky Jefferis, AP thanked everyone who worked on the Safe Boating Week table at West Marine, and who performed Vessel Safety Checks. She then brought up the high level of publicity that we are receiving in the Saint Mary's newspaper. The winner of the PFDs from West Marine during Safe Boating Week has received them. She also mentioned the headline in the Brunswick News of the 16 foot boat that had gotten swamped and the crew abandoned it, and all were wearing PFDs when they were picked up by a Good Samaritan.

We then took our dinner break.

Admin Officer Richard Jones, AP has organized two outings, one will be to Sapelo Island soon, and another in the fall. Our next meeting will again be at Skippers Fish Camp in Darien...

Education Officer Charles Wilsdorf, SN reported that the Piloting course is taking place now and the First Aid/CPR class currently has 15 students. The cost is \$55 per person and it will yield a 2 year certification. He also announced that the next ABC class will be the 11th and 18th of August. He asked for volunteers to place signage for this upcoming ABC class. He is also planning an AP class for this fall. Then he announced that we may be losing 5 members and asked for all members to help keep all other members involved.

Treasurer Teresa Wilsdorf, S announced that we have \$7447.14 in the bank. She is investigating investment opportunities, either CDs, or Treasury Bonds.

We are now fully incorporated, and have the paper work in hand. All Bridge Officers were asked to sign the document, which everyone did after the meeting, with the exception of the XO.

Pat Rodgers, AP, reported on the co-op charting event that took place on Saturday June 9. There were 3 boats present with 11 people. They went down the Frederica River, to Bird Island where they anchored, then they circumnavigated the island, and they also checked range markers near Colonel's Island.

Paulette Harris-Holmes, SN reported that there is a good opportunity to attract young members by working with the Sea Scouts. Bob Woodman has some experience with this, so he should be contacted if anyone is interested in learning more. There is a troop in Kings Bay. She also mentioned that there are 2 potential new squadrons, one in Lake Okane and another in Statesboro.

George Eshliman announced there is a 22 foot 1990 Grady White for sale at an asking price of \$45,000. More information will be provided via email if anyone is interested.

Cdr Jefferis introduced D/Cdr Bob Boal, SN who gave his informative presentation on what District does for squadrons and answered questions from the floor.

It was moved and seconded that we adjourn, the motion passed.