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CDR Vicky Jefferis

The “Dog Days” of summer have settled in here in SE Georgia and for those of us fortunate enough to be able to take



A playful dolphin escorts GISPS members on the outing to Cumberland Island.

advantage of having boats, or friends who do, I hope you’ve been able to get out on the water to enjoy

the ocean breeze and its cooling effects. The other day as I walked from the marina parking lot to

the docks, I think the temperature dropped at least five degrees as I stepped out over the water! Even though it feels cooler on the water, don’t be lulled into complacency – be sure you drink plenty of non-alcoholic beverages to stay hydrated, don’t forget to use sunscreen, and wear eye protection and cool loose clothing. Heat related injuries

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Chuck & Sandra Boynton, Emil Hoffman, Larry Jefferis enjoy the ride aboard the Jenni Lynne on the way to Cumberland Island

travelling from the Jekyll Island Marina to meet up with Richard and Dorothy who arrived from their dock on the Crooked River aboard SEA HUNT at the ICW Day Marker 60. From there, Richard guided us into the Brickhill River and to the dock near the Plum Orchard Mansion built by Lucy Carnegie in 1898. After tying up, we took a short walk to a lovely picnic area where we shared great food and great company as we overlooked the mansion and the river. Due the heat, we all agreed to save the mansion tour for another time and reboarded our vessels to return home. On the return trip home, the captain and crew of the JENNI LYNNE were treated to brief escorts by dolphins, possibly one by those who entertained the Jones earlier in the day, and others who frequent the waters of the Jekyll River. Beautiful blue skies, calm water, dolphin escorts, and great friends – life just doesn't get a whole lot better than that!

Looking ahead to future special events – Sandra Boynton, S, has been busy planning another outing for squadron members, this time to Sapelo Island. Based on feedback received from you, a Saturday is the best time and so we'll take the ferry on September 8, tour Sapelo Island and enjoy lunch on the island. Cost will be \$34 per person. We've already gotten interest from a number of members, so mark this date on your calendar for this fun and educational outing. All the details will be available on the website and via separate emails as well.

are no joke and once you've experienced one, it appears you can more easily experience another.

Thanks to the willingness of several members to spend time and energy on the squadron, we've had a busy summer filled with a variety of activities – you've already heard about the Fernandina Cruise and our day of Co-op Charting. Our Admin Officer, Richard Jones, AP, and Dorothy Jones planned and led a boating day trip to Plum Orchard on Cumberland Island. On July 21, Emil, S, and Jennifer Hoffman, S, hosted Chuck, S, and Sandra Boynton, S, along with Larry, AP, and me aboard the JENNI LYNNE,



Jennifer & Emil Hoffman, Jim Grimshaw practice CPR techniques at CPR/First Aid class

We surely don't want to overlook what's been happening in our Education endeavors. On July 28 we were fortunate to take advantage of an outstanding First Aid/CPR class. The knowledge and skills we gained are invaluable! Thanks to SEO Charles Wilsdorf, SN, for finding this opportunity for us. By the time you're reading this newsletter, our August ABC Class will be underway. There's been a great deal of publicity for the class (thanks to all who distributed posters throughout the area). We hope the August students are as outstanding as those who took the February class!



Dorothy & Richard Jones, Emil & Jennifer Hoffman, Sandra & Chuck Boynton at Cumberland Island's Plum Orchard picnic area.



Sandra Boynton, Dorothy Jones, Emil Hoffman and Richard Jones enjoy the day at Plum Orchard picnic area.

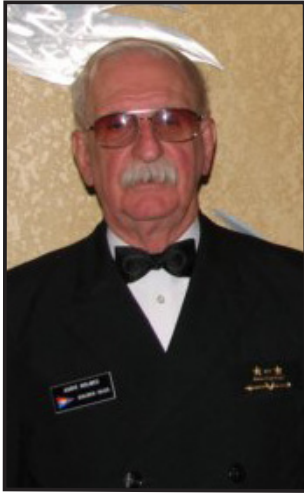
And speaking of looking ahead – hard as it is to believe that I'm even mentioning this, the Squadron's Nominating Committee will soon be starting work to fill the GISPS Bridge and committee positions for 2012 to 2013. We hold elections in October and the new Bridge is installed at the Squadron Change of Watch on Saturday November 17, 2012. As we all know, planning events, conducting classes, and taking care of the business of the squadron doesn't just happen. We depend on our members to contribute time and effort. Fortunately, we have a number of people who are very generous with both! Please, everyone, take a look at your talents and interests, and give some serious thought to what you can do to help keep GISPS a vibrant squadron.



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Charter Commander's Report
Audie Holmes, SN



What Flag is That?

On a recent weekend at the Golden Isles Marina I was waiting for a load of “corinthians” to take them on a cruise around Lanier Island; they were running late. Being impatient by nature, I decided to use the waiting time to dress up the boat so I placed the USPS ensign in its proper place, the GISPS burgee on its bow and the District 26 flag on the VHF radio antenna so it flew just above the cabin roof. The flags quickly caught the attention of a number of fellow boaters and their guests who pointed to the ensign, wanting to know “what flag is that?”

This question gave me the opportunity to make my contacts aware of USPS, some of whom had never knew it existed. It opened the door to recruitment so I got up on my pulpit to extol the virtues of membership in USPS. I really got into the spirit of the thing. I was going strong when my corinthians finally arrived, and we had to cast off. The moral of this story is that the Ensign does attract attention. People wonder about it, and they will often ask questions about it. I'll never know if I inspired new memberships in our squadron that afternoon, but I do know that flags attract attention and by so doing, identify us as the premier organization, the largest boating education organization in the world!

When we meet on the water, signal with one blast of your whistle when you are leaving me on your port side, and I will return your salute!

Audie Holmes, SN

p.s. Please take time to read carefully the attached flyers about two proposed new squadrons for District 26. In 2005, the Golden Isles Squadron was chartered after being a provisional unit, too, and we want to support these two potential new squadrons in the same way others did us as a potential new squadron. I would suggest if you know acquaintances, friends, or relatives in either of these two areas, please share the flyers! Even better, join your fellow members of GISPS who have signed on as provisional members in one of these new areas. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Contact me with questions, ideas, etc. Thanks in advance for such support of the boaters in these two newly identified areas!

Squadron Education Officer
Charles Wilsdorf, SN



Our 2012 GISPS boating education efforts are moving right along for 2012. We have had members complete Seamanship, Piloting, and Navigation in the advanced grades; and Weather and soon Marine Electrical Systems will be completed in electives. Recently, we had a very successful CPR/First Aid class. Hopefully an Advance Piloting class can be worked in before the end of the year. We would also like to offer an informal hands-on workshop for members who are interested in PC and Mac navigation interfaced with their GPS. Please let me or Lt Cdr Jack Sterrett, SN know if there are any courses or seminars you would like to see offered.

I would like to share with you a completely free and fully functional charting software called OpenCPN. It runs on a PC or a Mac and uses both raster and vector charts that are also free to download from NOAA. To download software, go to: <http://opencpn.org/opcn/download> and follow instructions. Charts may be downloaded from NOAA at: <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/enc/>. Please give me a call should you have any questions.

Our membership is a few members shy from where we were this spring, so I just want to remind you that you all are part of the Membership Committee. Please encourage your boating friends to considering joining and reap the benefits of being a GISPS/USPS member. Please contact me should you have questions or need membership literature.

Hope to see you all August 25 at our membership meeting.

Charles Wilsdorf

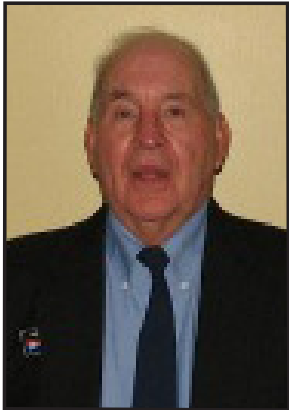


Close up of water spout.



Water Spout near Jekyll Island. Teresa Wilsdorf took this photo looking east from her office near the Sidney Lanier Bridge.

AO Report
Richard Jones, AP



Hope you will be attending our August 25 meeting.

The August 25 meeting will be at Skippers in Darien at 6:00PM. The club and I are open to finding a permanent location for our monthly meetings. So let me thank you for the meeting place suggestions given to me at our last meeting. We will be trying one of them at future meeting.

Boating Activities

September 8 Sapelo Island Trip Ferry Boat Tour

Sandra Boynton has worked hard putting together this trip. Hope most of you will be attending. The ferry will depart at 9:00AM from the dock located in Meridian, GA, which is just off GA hwy 99. This is on the ground of the University of GA Marine Institute.

Trip includes Ferry ride, tour of Sapelo Island, and Lunch. Cost is \$34 per person

Sapelo Island played a significant historical role in the development of Coastal Georgia and we'll have the opportunity to learn about its history and what it's currently like.

Reserve your place by sending your check to Teresa Wilsdorf 14 Berryhill Lane Brunswick, GA 31523.

We can take up to 40 people. As always, members get the first opportunity, but if we have space left after August 15, you're more than welcome to invite guests.

There is talk of a trip to Green Cove Springs in the near future.

After September with the weather cooling would be a great time for a cruise, so please offer suggestions. 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.

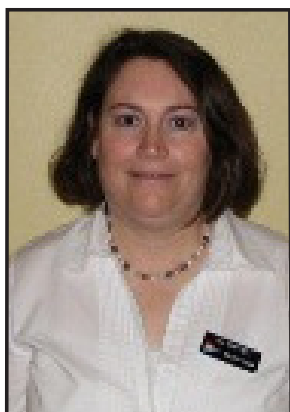
I look forward to hearing from you.
Serving our members (you) is my job.
Please email me at rjones8@tds.net
or call (912) 882-3883

Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron 2012 Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Function	Location
August	TBD	ABC	UGA Extension
Aug 25	1645	GISPS EXCOM Mtg	Skippers
	1800	GISPS Membership Mtg	Fish Camp
Sep 8	TBD	Sapelo Island Outing	Meridian, GA Ferry Dock
September	TBD	Weather/Other Seminar	TBD
	TBD	Skipper Saver	TBD
	TBD	Advanced Piloting	TBD
	TBD	Weather	TBD
Sep 22	TBD	GISPS EXCOM Mtg	TBD
TBD		GISPS Membership Mtg	TBD
Oct 27	TBD	GISPS EXCOM Mtg	TBD
		GISPS Membership Mtg	TBD
Nov 17	TBD	GISPS Change of Watch	TBD

XO Report

Lisa Noetzel, JN



Hello GISPS Members!

I missed out on our Cumberland Island expedition--an overall, successful outing as reported by Cmdr. Jefferis--but there is another one coming up: Saturday, September 8, there will be a tour of Sapelo Island. The cost is \$34 per person (ferry included) with lunch planned as well. There is a group limit: 40 people. Please RSVP with Teresa Wilsdorf tmwilsdorf@aol.com. Checks should be sent to her address: 14 Berryhill Lane Brunswick, GA 31523.

Another social event we as a club need to think about is CoastFest, held on Saturday, October 6th at the GA DNR Headquarters in Brunswick, GA. Many thanks Chas and Teresa Wilsdorf for submitting the necessary paperwork for GISPS to have a table there. The weekend of October 6th coincides, unfortunately, with a D26 USPS conference in Greenville, SC., which many members of our bridge will be attending. If anyone hasn't had the opportunity to volunteer at a GISPS event, then CoastFest is a great way to get a merit mark and to enjoy the outdoor festival! Please write to me for more information lisa.noetzel@gmail.com and, in the meantime, consider the aforementioned Sapelo Island tour.

Treasurer's Report
Teresa Wilsdorf, S Treasurer



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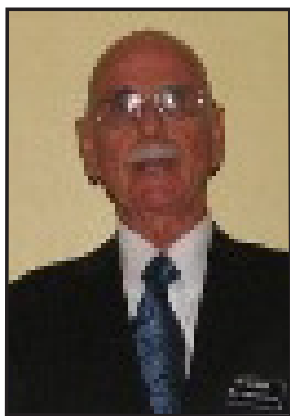
GISPS currently has \$6,938.46 in the bank.

We had a great instructor for our CPR/First Aid class in July. I, for one, feel better assured that if I am faced with trying to save someone's life that at least I can do something to help until paramedics arrive.

We also had a great meeting in July at Skipper's. We also ended up with close to \$40 for the squadron's portion of the 50-50 drawing. Joe Herzberg, Joey's dad, bought the winning ticket.

I have received a number of confirmations for the Sapelo Island ferry trip, tour, and lunch on September 8th. We are accepting reservations for non-members, so if you have family or friends that would like to go, please get me their checks as soon as possible, the cost is \$34 per person, and we have a maximum of 40 participants. We have to notify our tour guide of the number of participants around August 24th. So sign up now to guarantee a spot....should be a great day!

Secretary's Report
Joe Scirica, S Secretary



Cdr Vicky Jefferis, AP called the meeting to order at Skippers Fish Camp, Darien, GA at 6:40pm. Past Commanders John Rodgers, SN, Charlotte, Larry Jefferis, AP, Golden Isles, Paulette Harris-Holmes, SN, Savannah River, Audie Holmes, SN, Golden Isles Charter, and Charles Wilsdorf, SN, Golden Isles were recognized as present.

Next, she welcomed the seldom seen member, our Porthole Editor, Joey Herzberg, P, and guest, his father Joe Herzberg. Then she recognized our other guests: Peggy Gauthier, Pat Medlin, Marc Vandelac and Jan Sturgis.

PC Larry Jefferis, AP let the invocation and Admin Officer Richard Jones, AP led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Joe Scirica, S indicated that we had a quorum present. He then moved that the minutes be approved, and Treasurer, Teresa Wilsdorf, S seconded, and the minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Cdr Vicky Jefferis, AP mentioned that the fall conference and COW, hosted by Lake Hartwell SPS, is 5-7 October 2012 and the registration form is on their site, and will be posted on the district site this week. She then mentioned that Coast Fest will be Saturday 6 October and that we will have a booth that will need to be manned, so volunteers will be recruited.

Admin Officer Richard Jones, AP reported on the Cumberland Island day trip to Plum Orchard. The group also saw a pod of about 25 dolphins. Another event is planned for 8 September and is being coordinated by Sandra Boynton. It will be a guided tour, with lunch and ferry ride to Sapelo Island. The cost will be a total of \$34 per person.

Howard Kippel, AP mentioned that of the 13 barrier islands in Georgia, only 4 are connected to the mainland by roads. Sapelo is one that must be reached by boat and has played a significant role in Georgia history.

Richard Jones, AP went on to say that he is still looking for a regular meeting place. Cdr. Jefferis said that for the Sapelo Island trip, squadron members need to get their checks to Teresa Wilsdorf. When all members who want to go have paid, then the outing will be opened up to guests.

Education Officer Charles Wilsdorf, SN reported that 7 students took the Piloting course exam and the exams are off to National. The Marine Electrical class will start Monday with 7 people signed up. There will be another Advanced Piloting course this fall. He is also putting together an on-the-water training course. The next ABC class will be 11 & 18 August.

Charles then went on to mention that the nominating committee is in first gear. He mentioned that we are currently at 63 members, 3 more than last year, but down from the 67 in April. He said that he is planning a cruise to Green Cove Springs soon. It will be a 2 week trip and is about 300 miles.

Cdr Vicky Jefferis, AP said that the CPR/First Aid class had 15 people in attendance and mentioned that there were a lot of changes in the way that CPR and First Aid are administered. The class was a big success.

Treasurer Teresa Wilsdorf, S announced that we have \$6451.46 in the bank.

John Rodgers, SN, is working on the by-laws and expects to hear from National soon.

Audi Holmes, SN is the District 26 chair for new squadrons. He mentioned the 2 new provisional squadrons that are being formed and asked for members to sign-up to be provisional members. There needs to be 6 members to get a squadron started and 25 members to formally form a squadron.

Cdr Jefferis brought up the spring 2013 Cruise and Rendezvous needs a host squadron and sought a commitment from members to become the host squadron. She explained what would be involved with hosting the event. Since there no objections to hosting, she said that we will volunteer to be the host.

Teresa Wilsdorf, S moved and P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN seconded that we adjourn, the motion passed and we adjourned at 8:20pm.

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