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Careless Boaters Perish!

From the Commander: Spring is well-established, and the weather is bland...perfect for a day at our favorite cruise or fishing spot, but already newspapers are reporting fatalities. Boats are found adrift or near launching ramps, and the owners are no where to be seen. What a sad way to end a day that was planned for aquatic entertainment. What causes even experienced boaters to fall prey to these accidents? We all know alcohol and gasoline do not mix. We know that



Do you see the seagull? Never go boating without a hat!

weather can play a part, and an untidy boat offers a number of hidden traps such as loose equipment, uncoiled lines, slick decks, etc. A pitching, rocking boat littered with a dozen or more loose items can easily pitch us overboard, and that seemingly casual event may be nothing to wonder about. National standard records indicate a number of drowned boaters were actually wearing PFDs when they were recovered. This is the time of year when the mythical **sea dragon** rears its ugly head seeking careless boaters and swimmers. This May during

the **Boating Safety Week of 19-26 May** let's all check our boats and make sure that they are as neat and seaworthy as we can make them (you know, shipshape). It's not a difficult task, but sometimes our eagerness to play results in our dismay that we may lay away in Davy Jones' locker. Beware!

Kurt Glass

Our member from Grovetown has done it again! He has received accolades from the Fishing Editor of his local newspaper. Kurt Glass, a charter member of the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron is a "disabled" veteran but he is as active as a peachtree



Audie Holmes' cruiser, Destinee'



Important Dates To Remember

Saturday, 19 May 20007
7 p.m. at Marbella
998 Beachview Drive
Saint Simons Island
RSVP 912-634-7571
 Bridge Meeting & Social Activities.
 This night will "kick-off" Safe Boating Week!

1 June - 3 June, 2007,
District 26 Summer Council at Bufort, SC.
 Check your 026 True (the District 26 newsletter) for details or call 912-634-7571.

Saturday 23 June 2007
Boat Smart Course.
Coastal GA Coastal Community College
9a.m.-4 p.m.

Cdr. Holmes and Executive Officer Charles Wilsdorf will co-instruct. RSVP Coastal GA Community College, 912-264-7260.

Saturday 23 June 2007
7p.m. Bridge meeting with social activities at 998 Beachview Drive
 with dinner and riparian entertainment. All are invited but please, please RSVP so we can adequately plan. Call 912-634-7571 and let us know if you will or will not be able to attend.



Audie Holmes on the flying bridge



full of bumble bees. An avid sports fisherman Kurt travels to far off place to fish, manage, or to sponsor and judge fishing tournaments for the Paralyzed Veterans Association. His prizes make all bass fishermen envious. Kurt recently won the Paralyzed Veterans' Association bass tournament in central Florida. His weigh-in totalled 10.61 pounds, and he won his sixth bass boat! Last month Kurt organized a similar tournament on Clark Hills Lake (Lake Thurmond to non-Georgians), and he had over 100 sportsmen volunteer their boats and their time so our disabled veterans could engage in the tournament. What a man that Kurt Glass!

Did You Know??

A famous nineteenth century steamship wreck lies just 13 miles east of St. Simons Island. In December, 1865, the paddlewheel steamer had left Virginia with a valuable cargo and \$400,000 in gold coin, bound for New Orleans. The ship was trapped in a hurricane and

sank taking the treasure with her. It was found 137 years later lying on the bottom in 1700 feet of water. The wreck's cargo is being salvaged by a professional salvage company, and the gold coins are being sold on the internet. The ship was originally christened, **Tennessee**, but she was sold to a private shipping company after the War Between the States. Re-

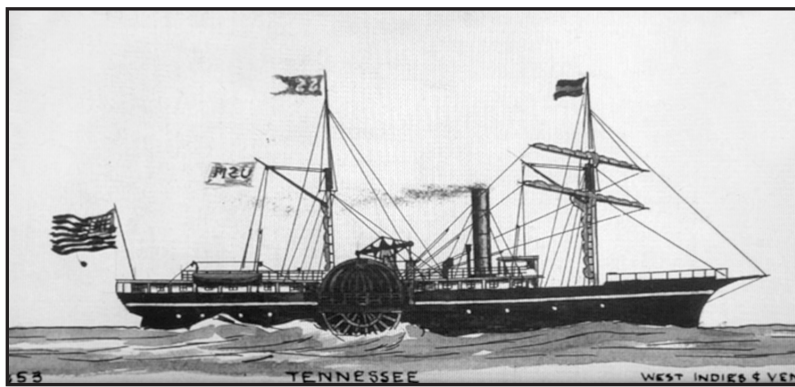
Pat Rodgers, charter member of the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron, has been eager to instruct us in coop charting and flag etiquette, and after spending the weekend of 21 April on the Rogers' yacht, **Summertime**, and witnessing her expertise I would say she is very qualified to do so. Pat is ever ready to jump in and put her knowledge to

of the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron received certificates for the active participation in a day-long training and on-the-water cooperative charting undertaking. Using three computers and a gorgeous yacht with the best weather ever all ended the day knowing much more about the importance of coop charting. The information gained

will be forwarded to the US Coast Guard to update existing charts. Our co-op charting team consisted of 12 members: Pat Rodgers, John Rodgers, Audie Holmes, Paulette Harris Holmes, Judy McPherson, Rose Marie McPherson, Betty Whisnant, Don Kline, Judith Kline,

Sandra Cox, Thomas Cox, and Buck Harris.

Arthur Buckner (Buck) Harris, has completed since January the Seamanship and Piloting courses and exams. Congratulations, Buck, you now have gained a P after your name: Arthur Buckner Harris, P.



The treasure ship: SS Republic

fitted and rechristened the **Republic** the ship's present site of repose is about 31 degrees 08.13 North Latitude and 81 degrees 09.38 West Longitude. The accompanying picture shows the majestic lines of this historic ship.

practice. For this reason she is the Golden Isles' candidate for the annual Chapman award. Well done, Pat Rodgers!

Co-op Charting

An overview of our day on the Atlantic and our co-op charting training and experience under the able leadership of Pat Rodgers, AP, and John Rodgers, SN. Twelve members

Kudos To Pat Rodgers!

Photo credit goes to **Judy McPherson**, charter member of the GISPS. Thanks for everything, Judy!



Pictured left to right: Paulette Harris, Don Kine, Rose Marie McPherson, Betty Whisnant, and Thomas Cox.



Annual Dues Reminder!

Once again, it is time to renew memberships in the most prestigious recreational boaters' organization in the world.

Remember, at our Change Of Watch in December we were each charged to recruit at least one new member. Don't forget that the USPS has approved that new members are no longer required to complete Boat Smart for the first three years of membership. Now is a good time to welcome friends, spouses, sons, daughters and others into the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron. Please recall our USPS Membership motto: Each one, reach one!

Reminders from the USPS national office are in the mail to all members. Please note that membership renewals are due by **1 June 2007**. Please return your membership renewal with your check made payable to the **Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron (GISPS)**.

Send your renewal to our membership chair:

Annette (Nettie) Dumais
2248 Woodbluff Way
Augusta, GA 30909



Our newest member, Ava Herzberg