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Thanks For A Great Run!

From The Commander:

As this calendar year draws to a close, and as my tenure as the first commander of the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron draws to a close, and as our great United States Thanksgiving holiday approaches, it makes me think of the things that I ought to



Audie Holmes on the flying bridge



be thankful for in this past year: A successful year of boating activities and new gained nautical knowledge; attaining the grade of JN, with only one more course for a full certificate, a new 10.3 pound grandson three weeks ago; but mostly, as far as our squadron goes, I am thankful for the support, loyalty, and dedication to the mission of our bridge officers and members.

There is no possible way that a squadron could operate as a one man show. Certainly, it takes all of us, working together for the common cause to bring our efforts to fruition. And if we share in the successes, we also share when things go wrong, analyze our mistakes, patch up the "holes" and continue on course until all the challenges are met and brought to a successful conclusion. I

want to personally and publicly thanks Charles Wilsdorf, SN and charter members Bob Woodman, AP, Howard Klippel, AP, David Boothman, AP, Pat Rodgers, AP, Helen Wheeler and Karl Peters. I also want to thank John



Karl Peters At Coast Fest

Important Dates To Remember

30 November 2007

Commander's Home,
998 Beachview Drive,
St. Simons Island
2000 hours (8 p.m.)

Final bridge meeting
for the year with details
of Change of Watch
addressed *All officers
should bring your flags
to this meeting!

1 December 2007

**Commander's
Reception** followed
by **Change of Watch**
*RSVP by 24 Nov.
call 912-634-7571

15 December 2007

Boat Smart at Coastal
GA Community College

26 January 2008

0900 **Operations
Training** for all GISPS
members at USG Building

Bridge/Dinner meeting
at 1830 at LaFuente
De Pablo Mexican
Restaurant, Brunswick;
with dinner speaker





Rodgers, SN from the Charlotte, NC Squadron, P/D/C Ed Leibfarth, AP, and Nettie Dumais, AP, from the Savannah River Squadron for their valuable assistance and advice over the last few years, and, of course, my lovely wife, Paulette Harris-Holmes, JN who picked me up when I faltered. I must also thank all the ladies who also joined in the support of our mission. I wish all of our members joyous holidays and a successful and happy New Year. I am indeed proud to be one of you, and I look forward to flying the flag of the Past Commander, Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron. *Vaya con diox mis amigos y marineros.*



GISPS At The CoastFest!

See the wonderful photos of this outstanding event co-ordinated by Charles Wilsdorf, SN, Executive officer and many



The GISPS at Coast Fest 2007.

of our members including Howard & Jeanne Klippel, Bob Woodman, the Peters, Judy McPherson, and Stuart Stratton. The CoastFest went well. No rain!!! Many new prospective members of GISPS were identified and our new Banner and new GISPS shirts had people in attendance knowing who we were!

Welcome New Members!

Stuart and **GiGi Stratton** are new members of the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron. They own and cruise a 32'

who have lived on St. Simons for many years. They own and cruise a 33' Se Gib sailboat, "Martini", which is berthed at the Brunswick Landing Marina. They plan on a cruise to the Bahamas this season. Need any crew?

Islander sailboat, "Reunited", which is berthed at the Brunswick Landing Marina. Stuart and Gigi have lived in our area for a couple of years and say that one of their primary reasons to locate here was to be close to the water and to enjoy our beautiful scenery. **Jack** and **Lynda Sterrett** also joined GISPS recently. They are retired educators

