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CoastFest 08' A Success!



CDR Charles Wilsdorf

We had a great day of weather, attendance, and participation at this year's annual "CoastFest" sponsored by Georgia DNR. I would like to give thanks to our membership



who took their time to help man our booth: Bob Woodman, Steven Chambless, Joe Scirica, Teresa Wilsdorf, Larry Jefferies, Vicky Jefferies. We ended with seventeen people interested in taking a Safe Boating course and a few who

would like to have VSC. I call that a productive day.

In talking with the locals, we still get the story that they have been boating for years, boating is just common sense, and they don't need a safe boating

class. We all know that this is not true. There are many boating rules and safety procedures which if followed will drastically reduce the odds of having an accident. Unfortunately, an article in the "Brunswick News" a couple of weeks ago drove that point home describing the death of 53-year-old man who was killed when the boat, a 19' Carolina Skiff, in which he was a passenger collided with a bridge pillar. All in the vessel became distracted while following a manatee. Another person was severely injured by trying to climb a pillar which was covered in oyster shells. The report stated

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that they still had not determined the speed in which the vessel was traveling, but estimated it was much faster than the required idle speed within 100 feet of a bridge. Please encourage your friends and fellow boaters to take a Boating Safety Course.

I have mentioned before the importance of obtaining a MMSI, programming your VHF, and wiring your GPS to your VHF. This site, <http://www.usps.org/php/mmsi/home.php>, can help you determine where to register for obtaining a MMSI. This site will allow you to apply for a MMSI if your boating is always within the U.S. Another part of this system is the "Rescue21" program. You may obtain information about "Rescue 21" at <http://www.uscg.mil/rescue21/projectdescription.asp>. When fully implemented, "Rescue 21" will cover more than 95,000 miles of coastline, navigable rivers and waterways in the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and Puerto Rico. This will provide the Coast Guard with upgraded tools and technology to protect the nation's coasts and rescue mariners at sea.

On another high tech note, Jack

Sterrett has purchased and used the "SPOT", a satellite messenger, with high success. It will allow the user to send a short message home and give your location which can be tracked on Google Earth. For more info contact Jack or check <http://www.findmespot.com/Home.aspx>.

Our last membership meeting had very low attendance. Several members were out of town and our out of town members faced a gasoline crisis. I hope the next meeting will have more attendance. It will be held at Richard and Dorothy Jones' home located on the Crooked River. We will be having a shrimp dinner prepared by the Jones'. Please give Teresa Wilsdorf, (912)265-9550 a call no later than October 13 to confirm that you are coming so she can give the Jones' a head count. To get there, take I95 S to the Harriett's Bluff Rd, exit 7; turn left on Harriett's Bluff Rd; continue to 3198 which is on the right. This fall outing should be much fun for all.

Also, please mark your calendars for the November 29 GISPS COW to be held at the Bonefish Grill. A separate flyer will come to you in the next couple of weeks for

Upcoming Events

**10-12 October -District 26
COW and Fall Conference**
Columbia, SC

**25 October Fall Party
& Meeting at the Jones'**
Woodbine, GA

25 October Boat Smart
0900-1600, UGA Marine Extension

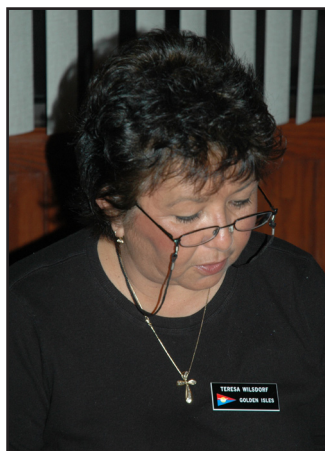
**27-31 October Fall Cruise
to Blackbeard &
Sapelo Island**

29 November COW
Bonefish Grill SSI, GA

your confirmation and choice of dinner. In addition, please give me a call (912)265-9550 if you plan to participate in the Fall Cruise to Blackbeard and Sapelo Islands being held Oct 27-31. Again, you may come at any time and stay as long as you like. I will need to know how many of you will be joining us for a tour of Sapelo Island at 1000, Friday, Oct 31.

All for now, hope to see everyone at the Jones'. -Chas

July Monthly Meeting Teresa Wilsdorf, S



September 27, 2008
GISPS Monthly
Meeting

Attendees were Cmdr Charles, Teresa, Bob Woodman, Howard Kippel, and Joe Scirica.

The meeting began at 6:37, a quorum was met, and as evident by the number of attendees, the

meeting was short and sweet. September minutes were approved as submitted and published. The

Treasurer and SEO reports were read.

Joe and Bob volunteered to help out at Coast Fest on Oct. 4.

Cmdr Charles proposed approval for the Bridge Officers and the Nominating, Rules, and Auditing Committee Chairpersons. Approval was made. It was agreed that the 2009 Bridge will assign all other positions.

Bob Woodman and Preston Lewis each need four more Vessel Safety Checks to be completed prior to the end of the year.

Bob Woodman notified all people of the cancellation of the Boat Smart Class.

Cmdr Chas reminded all that it is Merit Mark time of year. Please call him or send him feedback regarding any members you feel are deserving of one.

A discussion took place regarding payment of membership renewal and our two options, Annual or Anniversary renewal. It was voted to remain on the Annual, tradition, renewal at this time.

I will be calling around after the D26 COW asking about the fall cookout to be held at Dorothy and Richard Jones' home. They will be supplying the shrimp, I am sure we can come up with side dishes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.



The Squadron Education Report

Audie Homes, JN



The Boatsmart class scheduled for 27 September 2008 was cancelled simply because we had no one to sign-up to take the course. Please, please encourage your friends, neighbors, fellow boaters, and others to take the course on 22 November! We should all recruit all of the time. A smiling face in the course of a simple conversation often works for recruitment. My personal thanks to Bob Woodman and Howard Klippel for their recent assistance with Boat Smart classes. There are a lot of very good people in the Golden Isles Squadron, and I'm glad to be a fellow member.

I shall attend the D26 training this weekend for squadron education officers. I shall bring back to you in my next article what I learn.

Congratulations to Kurt Glass, a charter member of the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron for winning last week the Paralyzed veterans Association bass tournament in Tulsa Oklahoma. Kurt also secured the boat prize-winning his seventh boat since he started fishing the circuit 17 years ago. Kurt, we are glad

you are a member of the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron. Congratulations!

We have three members who are completing their exams for Advanced Piloting. I know in the next Porthole we'll be congratulating them on their scores. A special recognition goes to our commander, Charles Wilsdorf, SN, who has shepherded the soon-to-be APs through Seamanship, Piloting, and now Advanced Piloting. We are proud of all of you!

See you safely on the water.

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