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October a Great Month!



CDR Charles Wilsdorf

As I mentioned before, October was a busy month. We started the month with the annual October 4 "CoastFest" sponsored by the Georgia DNR. Attendance as last year was great allowing us to sign up many to attend



BoatSmart classes in the future and also exposed our young squadron to the local public. Thanks goes out to Joe Scirica, Steven Chambliss, Bob Woodman, Larry and Vicky Jefferis, and Teresa Wilsdorf for their contributions

manning the booth.

I am also happy to report that the District 26 Conference and COW October 10,11,12 was attended by GISPS members: Steve and Kathleen Batson; Sandra and Tommy Cox; Larry

and Vicky Jefferis; Audie and Paulette-Harris Holmes; and Teresa and myself. It was a great time to have squadron representation because we did well in the award department.

The GISPS was awarded:



Bowsprit Award
District 26 and GISPS for 2007- 2008 in recognition of achievement and accomplishments in promotion of the interests and objectives of USPS.

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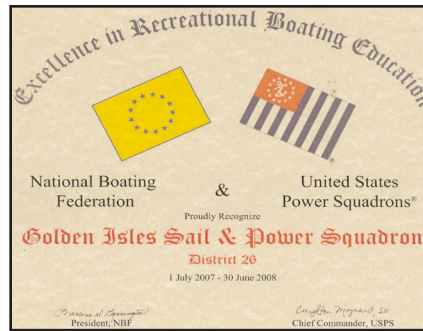
Growth Award

2007– 2008 achieved a growth of 23%

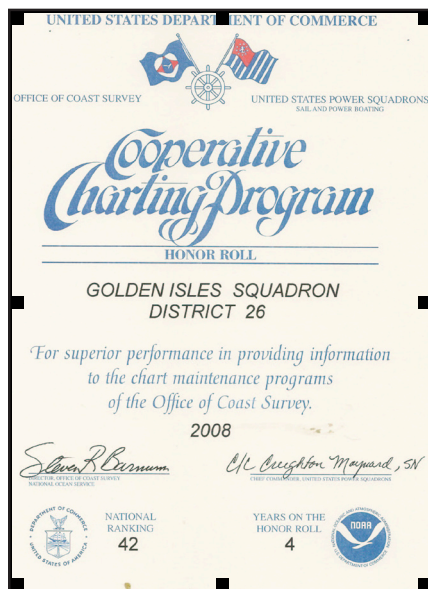


Excellence in Recreational Boating Education

2007 – 2008



Cooperative Charting Program Honor Roll

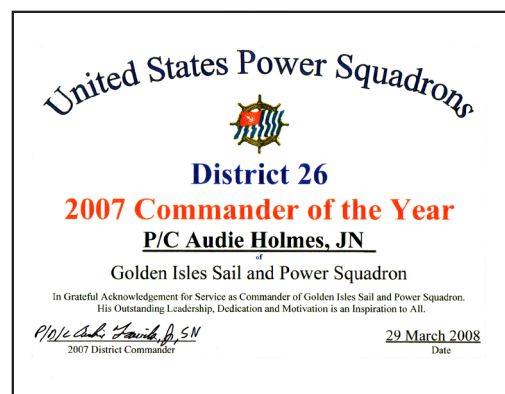
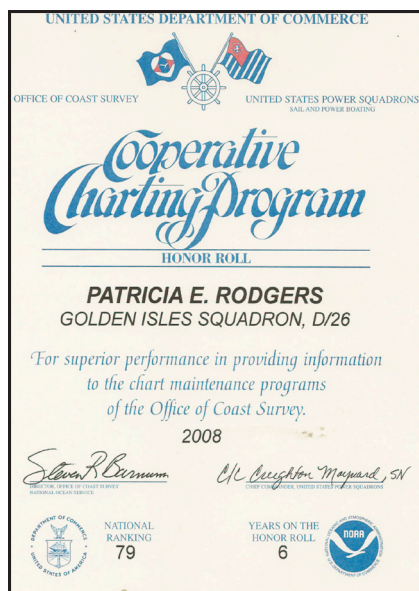


We all can be proud of our Squadron's achievements. Now, we must all work hard for next year.

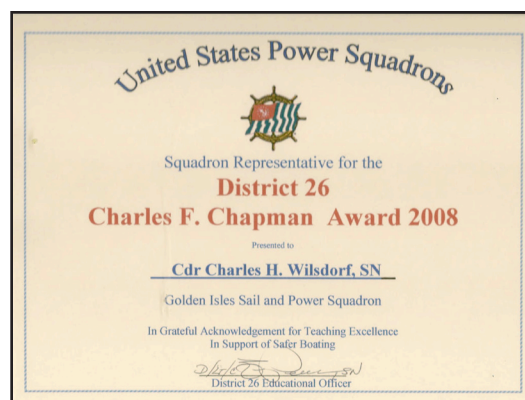


Individual Awards:

Patricia Rodgers - Cooperative Charting Program Honor Roll

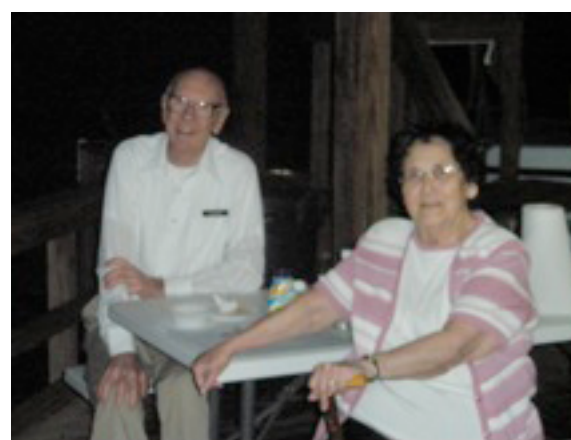


Audie Holmes
2007 Commander
of the Year Award



Charles Wilsdorf
Charles F. Chapman
Award 2008

The October 25 "Shrimp Boil" at the Jones' dock was also a great success. We owe Richard and Dorothy Jones much thanks for a great evening with the best food around. They really know how to do it and even make it look easy, but I know there was much preparation before we all arrived. We started with drinks and a crab dip which was "out of this world", then moved on to corn on the cob, potatoes, sausage, and shrimp, shrimp, and more shrimp. I'm getting hungry all over again just thinking about it. Again, a big thanks to Richard and Dorothy. Hope this can be on the calendar next year.



I am disappointed to report that our "Fall Cruise" to Blackbeard and Sapelo Islands didn't happen. After several weeks of preparation, the weather just didn't cooperate. Chilly temperatures and a stiff NW wind dampened our cruise. After a planned departure both Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, the cruise was given up and we decided to stay at the dock and polish off the provisions. But, all was not lost. We managed to make some new friends on the dock, Bob Woodman and I conducted 8 VSC's, we visited the Jefferis' at Golden Isles Marina, and met for dinner at Pranzo's for dinner. Next year we will plan the Fall cruise a little earlier.

By now you should all have received your invitation for the annual GISPS COW on 6 December. We hope the new date will make it more convenient. I encourage you to return your RSVP to Nettie Dumais ASAP. Please, also pencil in your new 2009 calendars for Saturday, Feb 7, from 0900-1300 for OT training with P/D/C Ed Leibfarth. There will be more info on this subject later.

The GISPS COW will serve as our November meeting and there will be no membership meeting in December

since it falls on Christmas weekend. Hope to see you all at the COW. Chas

Please add the following new members' info into your 2008 GISPS Roster:

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USPS Weather Class will be offered early in 2009.
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The Squadron Education Report

Audie Homes, JN



First I appreciate a table full of GISPS members at the District 26 Change of Watch in Columbia. We had a great group there who saw how very surprised I was to be selected as "District 26 Commander of the Year for 2007" out of the 13 squadrons in District 26! I want to thank all of our members for all the support given me as commander and now as SEO and commander of the year! I am proud to report that James L. "Larry" Jefferis, Vicky L. Jefferis, and Coy L. Hodges are all now "Advanced Pilots." A thank you to our commander, Charles Wilsdorf, SN, for instructing APSO well!

From our Education department, too, Sam Tannahill, JN, continues in navigation. Joey William Herzberg Jr. recently completed Piloting. For 2009, our commander will instruct weather in January, 2009. On Saturday, 24 January, 2009, I shall instruct Basic Boating. Remember the USPS motto, "Safer Boating through Education." See you at our COW and on the water!

Regards,

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