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Power Of One is Successful



CDR Charles Wilsdorf

Congratulations Joey Herzberg !!!! Under your editorship and hard work the GISPS "Porthole" was awarded the Distinction in Journalism Award for 2008 from USPS National. We thank you for all the hard work.



Commander presenting Bob Woodman 2008 GISPS "Member of the Year" award.

I'm happy to report that thanks to Joe Scirica our GISPS website is almost up. Joe is just waiting to get our web address and then our new site will be up and running. We will

let you know the day it is online. We thank you Joe for all the hard work.

Our "Power of One" program is really taking off well this year. Larry

and Vicky Jefferis enlisted Jim and Linda Maloney to our squadron. Jim and Linda joined GISPS in January 2009. Jim grew up in Chicago and Linda in New Orleans, meeting at Marquette University. After living in numerous cities around the country, the Mahoney's moved to the area from Atlanta in 2005 and into their Waverly home in December 2006. Jim is an avid golfer, and in 2008, broke his own world record by completing 711 (18 hole) rounds in a single year! Linda describes herself as a "Jill of All Trades." Besides jumping right in to take the ongoing Weather class, she is currently putting her woodcraft skills to

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use in their basement, installing cabinets, pegboard, and shelving. We welcome Jim and Linda. Howard and Jeanne Klippel also have engaged themselves in the "Power of One" encouraging George and Lala Eshliman to join our squadron. George and Lala relocated to Darien a couple of years ago from Daytona, Florida. Even though George has owned boats in the past, he decided he would like to hone his boating skills with our squadron courses to insure maximum safety in our

coastal waters. We welcome George and Lala to the GISPS. Now members, the Jefferis's and Klippel's have met their "Power of One" quota, how about you?

We had almost a full house at our January membership meeting with more socializing and less business. Steve Batson, our Administration Officer is putting together some interesting speakers for upcoming meetings so please make plans to attend.

All for now.
-Chas

Upcoming Events

17-22-Feb USPS Annual Meeting Anaheim, CA

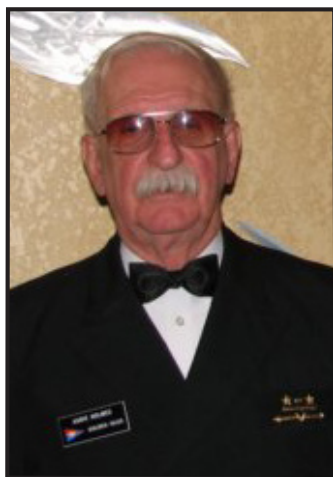
28-Feb 0900-1500 Boat Smart UGA Extension

28-Feb 1730 - 1830 Executive Committee Meeting La Fuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant

28-Feb 1830 - Monthly Membership Meeting La Fuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant

The Squadron Education Report

Audie Homes, JN



So glad the Weather course is moving right along with the exam for six of our students in only two weeks! Remember: AP + 3 electives = Education Proficiency. Let's aim to have a squadron with everyone with at least Ed. Proficiency. What an honor that will be!

Boat Smart, Sat., Feb.

28, 2009 at the UGA Marine Extension building!

Please invite, invite, invite so our squadron can grow and grow to one of the larger in the District 26.

We'll need to submit our commander again as a Chapman Award nominee. As SEO, I need strong, strong letters of support for Charles. Wouldn't it be great if he would win this Award? Please if you are a student who has studied under Charles, please email me at least a one page letter of commendation.

Look forward to seeing everyone on 28 Feb. Stay tuned for education updates!

-Audie

December 2008 COW

Vicky Jefferis, AP Secretary



Commander Charles Wilsdorf, SN, called the Meeting to order January 24, 2009 at 6:30 PM. Howard Klippel, AP, provided the Invocation and Larry Jefferis, AP, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commander Wilsdorf introduced George and Lila Eschelman, guests of the Klippels,

and Jim and Linda Mahoney, new Squadron

members. He explained his intent to conduct "nuts and bolts" business in the Executive Meeting, reporting to the General Membership with the goal of creating more time for fun and fellowship at the Membership meetings. All are encouraged to provide thoughts at any time. Secretary Vicky Jefferis, AP, summarized the earlier Executive Committee meeting:

By 1 February National requires the names of officers and committee chairs. All officers need to review the list and report changes. We need a Membership Chairperson -the Jefferis are asked to temporarily cover the job until we have a permanent fill. Teresa Wilsdorf will cover Membership Involvement.

The Squadron Website is ready. USPS will host it but can only allow each Squadron 10 megabytes of space, limiting its capability and requiring the local Squadron to do its own backups. Joe Scirica, Webmaster, suggests we get our own host, costing around \$100 annually. The committee decided to pay for our own site host because it would be far more useful to the Squadron. Next, the committee discussed the proposal for District to centrally host all District meetings in the future. The committee will support the preferences of the other squadrons to keep the status quo, but would like some discussion at the Spring District Conference.

Cdr. Wilsdorf asked for ideas about other locations for monthly meetings. The current location may be difficult to access when Interstate exchange construction gets underway soon and if the Squadron grows, the room may become too small.

Discussion turned to a new Squadron Roster. Normally it would be published in August, but since that's so late in the year; a new roster should be published in March.

The GISPS Bylaws have not been certified by National. The Rules Committee needs to review them and propose any changes for approval by the membership. Pat Rogers, Rules Committee, will be asked to do the review. Pat and John Rogers agreed to review the GISPS Bylaws as requested.

Cdr. Wilsdorf suggested we invite speakers to our meetings occasionally. Anyone having ideas should pass the information to Steve Batson, Admin Officer. We also want to promote the social aspects we can enjoy through participating in Squadron activities. For

example, we all had a great time at Richard and Dorothy Jones' shrimp boil. Please suggest ideas for more social activities.

Cdr. Wilsdorf also suggested the Squadron consider partnering with local businesses for mutual benefits – we get more publicity and so do the businesses. Perhaps we can advertise for them at little or no cost and get support in return. John Rogers suggested the Squadron contact Barney at the Golden Isles Marina Ships Store to investigate potential for mutual partnership.

Finally, Cdr. Wilsdorf announced to the Executive Committee that our Squadron insurance is in place, therefore any issues arising from a Squadron sponsored activity is covered. He also mentioned that the USPS will cost share advertising expense with us through the Co-Op Advertising program.

Cdr Wilsdorf presented the 2008 Member of the Year Award to Bob Woodman, P. Bob's efforts as Executive Officer, helping with boat shows, Coast Fest and educational activities, and conducting courtesy boat inspections were instrumental in helping make 2008 a successful year for GISPS. Charles also announced that Bob has recently joined the electronic world and now has email!

The Minutes from the December Change of Watch were approved.

Bridge Officer Reports: Executive Officer Larry Jefferis asked for committee volunteers. The open committees and a description of them are in the January Porthole. Steve Batson, P, Administrative Officer, also asked for committee volunteers and invited all to provide ideas for programs for meetings. Teresa Wilsdorf, S, presented

the Treasurer's Report: 2008 Income totaled \$5,152.38. Expenses totaled \$4,310.76. Bank Balance 12/31/2008 is \$1,578.78. Vicky Jefferis read the Education Officer's Report: Thanks to Cdr. Wilsdorf for teaching the ongoing Weather class to six students. Steve Batson will soon take the AP exam. P/C Audie Holmes will present BoatSmart 28 February at the UGA Marine Extension Service Location.

Other Business: The Executive Committee accepted the USPS Annual Billing proposal. This new cycle will save money and will simplify dues collecting for the Squadron. Cost of dues will remain the same. Members will write checks to USPS and National will forward our portion to GISPS. Cdr. Wilsdorf encouraged all present to remember the Power of One program – new members will make our Squadron even more vital and fun. He asked members to submit articles and photos to Joe Scirica for our new Website. BoatSmart and the next meeting will be Saturday February 28.

Bob Woodard moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

XO's Locker

Larry Jefferis, AP



In the previous edition of the Porthole I had stated my plan was to shape up my committees and organize the chair persons and volunteers by this edition. Pat Rodgers, AP, has consented to continue as the Coop Charting Chairman. Thank you Pat. We're looking forward to doing some cruising and charting this year. I've had no

other interest expressed for other technical areas. There are still plenty of opportunities available if you're interested. Again, please don't hesitate. We need help and would welcome your interest.

It's been a quiet month interrupted by computer crash, catastrophic printer failure, our weather class and a few real life weather lessons in the Golden Isles area. The low temperatures forced me to implement a few cold weather survival actions to include dressing in layers, protecting against wind chill and draining the fresh water lines on the boat. So far I've been successful in averting any weather damage but the preparation and activity reminded me that it might be good to implement what we used to call an "Alert Roster". This was a call roster within the organization to be used to facilitate notification of our members concerning any emergencies, storm warnings, or freeze warnings. I know we're all responsible adults but an extra reminder might make the difference in being able to avoid damage to our homes and boats. I'd like to hear from you concerning your thoughts on the value of building a squadron alert roster. The idea is that one designated individual calls two other members and passes the message. Then each of those two call two more and so on until all have been called. Sound off please. Do you think it would be helpful to have this? Would you like to help in building the roster? (larryjefferis@bellsouth.net)

I'd like to thank Joe Scirica for the work he's done in creating a new website for us. I've seen the website and it's looking great!

Finally, a bit of liaison news from the Kings Bay Periscope:

When people in the Kings Bay area hear the words Sea Dragon they might think of the submarine USS Sea Dragon, which traveled more than 200,000 miles during its 24-year career and submerged more than 1800 times. Decommissioned June 12, 1983, she left service with 13 deployments and four under ice operations.

"The Sea Dragon name has a historic lineage, and its transition is amazing," said Congressman Jack Kingston R- Ga., District One. "It goes from a naval submarine to a Coast Guard cutter that protects nuclear submarines."

On Jan. 14, the legacy of the Sea Dragon came back to life with the commissioning of the United States Coast Guard Cutter Sea Dragon. The Sea Dragon measures in at 84 feet long and an official crew size of 15 members. It is part of the Marine Protector Class of boats constructed by Bollinger Ship Yards of Lockport. Assigned to the Marine Protection Unit at Kings Bay, the Sea Dragon will be a single-mission unit designed to protect submarines coming into or out of Kings Bay. More info is available at http://www.kingsbayperiscope.com/stories/012408/kin_uscgseadragon_001.xml.shtml

By 2010, there will be ten boats used by the MFPU to protect and secure the waterways while submarines transit to and from Kings Bay. The Transit Protection Program will consist of two cutters and 12 coastal patrol boats that range in size from 33 feet to 65 feet.

-Larry

Administrative Offices Report

Steve W. Batson, P



Many of us live (at least part of the time) and boat in a very unique and beautiful area of the Atlantic coast, the Golden Isles of Georgia. We want several of our programs in 2009 to educate, inform, and entertain us about this region.

The February 28th program should do just that. A staff member from the Georgia Sea

Turtle Center on Jekyll Island will discuss their program and facilities. Through sea turtle rehabilitation, research and education programs, the Georgia Sea Turtle Center increases awareness of habitat and wildlife conservation challenges, promotes responsibility for ecosystem health and empowers individuals to act locally, regionally, and globally to protect the environment.

Dr. Terry Norton is the Center's Director and Veterinarian. He teaches, conducts workshops, and provides medical treatment to captive birds, mammals, and reptiles. The Center reflects his passion for turtles, tortoises, and terrapins.

Sea turtles live in the same environment in which we boat. That can provide challenges to the turtles and us. I hope each of you will join us at La Fuente de Pablo's for this exciting and relevant program. This will be a good night to invite guests and prospective members!

Also, note on your calendar the date of February 28 at 9:00 a.m. for Boat Smart at the UGA Extension Center in Brunswick.

Officially, the committees under the AO include Membership, Membership Involvement, Boating Activities, Meetings and Programs, Entertainment, Operations Training, and Leadership Development. As activities develop in any these areas, this column will report on them.

-Steve

Notice:

NOAA Seeks Comment on Changes to NOS Charts

NOAA's National Ocean Service (NOS), which produces nautical charts for U.S. waters, would like feedback from boaters on proposed changes to the information contained on charts. Specifically, the National Ocean Service is proposing the removal of:

- Tide tables
- Tables of small craft facilities

<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/headline-important.html>

to see a list of the tables these charts will be removed from.

Tidal information will continue to be available at: Tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov

The proposed changes are advertised on The Office of Coast Survey Web site under "**Latest News**": Nauticalcharts.noaa.gov

Boaters wishing to comment can use the form posted at Ocsdata.ncd.noaa.gov/idrs/inquiry.aspx and should send comments by February 20
