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From the Bahamas



CDR Charles Wilsdorf



As planned, after several days of weather delay, Coy Hodges, AP, and I are sailing in the Bahamas. In my absence, Larry Jefferis, AP, is holding down the commander's duties. Teresa and I

plan on participating in the D26 Rendezvous and Cruise, June 12-14 and hope to see many of you there as well. Please consider participating and let Larry or I know

so we can plan the flotilla routes and schedules. Please read the "XO's Locker" for current news and information.

-Chas

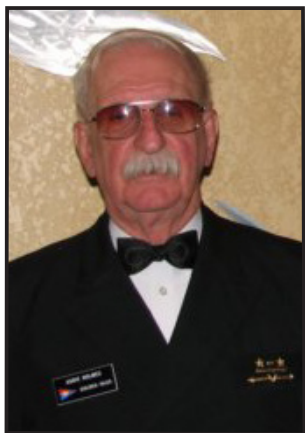
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The Squadron Education Report

Audie Homes, JN



It is the pleasure of the SEO to congratulate our administrative officer, Stephen Batson, who is now "AP". He completed through self-study the AP course only recently. Any one else wishing to complete any courses except Instructor Development may choose self-study, too. Such possibilities will be further explained by P/D/C Edward Leibfarth, SN, at the Operations

Training class scheduled for the GISPS in June. All bridge officers should attend, and all other members are urged to do so as well. You will understand all of the workings of the USPS after that attendance. Please note that Commander Wilsdorf will be teaching Cruise Planning at his home in early June. Please email the Commander if you plan to take

this elective course. It is a great course, and one I know you will truly enjoy and profit from taking. On 27 June we shall also offer Boat Smart. Unfortunately, another organization had the UGA Marine Extension Service booked this month when Bob Woodman, Assistant SEO, checked. We tried to find an alternate location. Finally, we must move to June. Regardless, for Boating Safety Week (16-22 May) we shall complete as many VSC as possible and sign up as many as possible for the 27 June Boat Smart. Location will be announced in advance. Finally, I and our other members and associate members from the Savannah River Squadron offer sincere appreciation for GISPS moving the COW so the SRSPS Harvest Scholarship Ball can go as already scheduled. Kind acts bring great rewards!

Boat Smart will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2009, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Miller Building in Brunswick. Audie Holmes, SEO, will be the instructor. Please, please invite your friends, neighbors, and fellow boaters to attend!
-Sincerely, Audie

Secretary's Report

Vicky Jefferis, AP Secretary



Since there was no scheduled meeting for April, there are no Minutes. We were notified that District 26 is publishing its next newsletter, 026 True, electronically. The District Newsletter is now on the website. You can find it at: <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26> <<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26>> .

When you reach the first page, click on NEWS on the left side of the page, then scroll down to the third section on the News page and click on the May 09 edition of 026 True. We've provided mailing addresses for GISPS members who need continued distribution of paper copies. Members with no email address listed in DB2000 will be mailed (through regular mail) a smaller, black and white printed version. The printed version is 8 pages, on-line is 10 pages; printed is black and white, on-line is color.

May Birthday – Happy Birthday!

Betty Whisnant May 28

Upcoming Events

**16-May 1730 - 1830
Executive Committee
Meeting La Fuente
De Pablo Mexican
Restaurant**

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XO's Locker

Larry Jefferis, AP



Boating Safety: The recent fatal accident on the intracoastal waterway near St Augustine should be a reminder to us all and to all boaters that boating accidents can happen at any time and to anybody unless boat operators pay attention to basic boating safety rules. Although the precise cause of the accident have not been published by the NTSB, several things are evident. (a) Don't exceed the

capacity of the vessel. This boat had a max capacity of 12 pax and there were 14. (b) The boat operator must be able to see where he/she is going! The operator had several people sitting/standing in the bow and in close proximity to the operator which could have inhibited her ability to see ahead of the boat and, if anyone stumbled or leaned into the operator, could have restricted her ability to correct or change the course of the boat. (c) It is the operator's responsibility to operate the vessel in a safe and courteous manner.

This is just a reminder that the Operator is in charge .. if anyone is injured, the operator may be at fault. Let's all do a quick reassessment of our responsibilities as an operator of a vessel and remind all that taking a boating safety course, like the USPS Boat Smart Course, will serve as an excellent refresher course covering the rules of the road, and basic boating safety guidelines.

Our next **BoatSmart Course** is scheduled for 27 June. It's a great idea for members to stop by the course and sit a spell to refresh their knowledge and to encourage class attendees to join the squadron and help us further our goals of boating safety.

Squadron Change Of Watch: Because of a scheduling conflict with our Savannah River Squadron friends' annual Harvest ball, our Squadron Change of Watch has been rescheduled to the 14th of November, 2009, to allow them to attend our Change of Watch.. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our Squadron Change of Watch. More information will follow.

Fernandina Cruise: As many of you know, we had to cancel the Fernandina Cruise after all. We had very little participation indicated and I had a family emergency that took me away from home during the time the cruise was scheduled. Our first recovery efforts should be to get out very soon for a cruise and think about an ad hoc cruise later in the season.

D26 Rendezvous and Cruise, June 12-14: You'll remember last month I told you about the District 26 Rendezvous and Cruise which is scheduled for 12-14 June. The Rendezvous

is sponsored by the Tybee Light Squadron and promises to be a grand time for all attendees. The destination is the Fort McAllister Marina at Richmond Hills(<http://www.fortmcallistermarina.com/>). This event is perfect for our squadron because of its destination location in the south central part of the district and the proximity to our squadron.

Whether you are a sailor, powerboater, paddleboater, or non-boat owner this cruise will suit all. You can boat in for the Rendezvous or drive in and stay at one of the nearby motels so that you can participate in the dock/shore activities. The slip rates will be \$1/ft/day with low rates for electrical hookups Please check out the information on Tybee Lights' website (<http://www.usps.org/localusps/tybee/>). Early registration (prior to May 15) entitles those members a "free" poker card. It also helps the sponsors tremendously in planning and preparing for the event. Call in your marina reservations to Fort MacAllister Marina: **(912) 727-2632**.

The registration form is available for download at (http://www.usps.org/localusps/tybee/index_files/Page397.htm).

The correct address to send the forms to is:
Liz Roberts, 7 Kent Court, Savannah, GA 31406.

Let's all get together and organize a couple of flotillas maybe one intra-coastal and one for the outside.

Hurry and call in your marina reservations to the Fort MacAllister Marina and get your registrations mailed in to: **Liz Roberts, 7 Kent Court, Savannah, GA 31406**

The outline for the Rendezvous is:

Friday, 12 June 09

Cookout on the Dock (Cash Bar Available)

Saturday, 13 June 09

Poker Run, Picnic Lunch, Cash Bar on the Dock, Buffet Dinner, Poker Run Prizes, DJ, Music and Dancing at the Marina Restaurant

Sunday, 14 June 2009

Complimentary Continental Breakfast provided by Tybee Light Power Squadron. Bon voyage!

This is a great time to go boating as a group and a great time to meet other members of our District. As I said earlier, this is an excellent destination for our squadron since the destination is so close. As of right now we have confirmation that Jefferis, Wilsdorfs and Mahoneys are planning to go. Please contact me or commander Wilsdorf if you should have questions. We will be contacting you soon to make plans.