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June's Meeting A Full House!



CDR Charles Wilsdorf

I love to be correct, and boy was I correct when predicting that our June Membership Meeting would be a full house. Thanks to our Admin Officer, Steve Batson, for securing Duane Buckner,



View of Epilog and Odoysee at the dock in the marina.

Operations Officer of the Brunswick USCG station. Duane's presentation on DSC(Digital Selective Calling) and Rescue 21 was most right on and the impromptu question

and answer session was very interesting. If you were there, you now know for sure how useless a cell phone is in an emergency on the water, where the Coast Guard has coverage,

and how important it is to have a DSC radio installed linked to your GPS.

Welcome back Veronica Maguire who recently rejoined our squadron. Veronica was one of GISPS's charter members. Veronica is an occupational therapist and runs her own private practice. She is the owner of Annie T II, a 36' twin screw Marinette River Cruiser which was named after her Mom. Veronica also owns a pontoon boat, Intrepid, and lives in a home on the Savannah River. We are so glad to have Veronica back in our squadron.

I won't speak for other GISPS attendees (our

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Exec Officer will report), but Teresa and I had a wonderful time at District 26's Summer Cruise and Rendezvous sponsored by the Tybee Light Power Squadron.. The ride up the outside was smooth and uneventful; and the return trip down the ICW was absolutely beautiful. What a great weekend with great people.

Unfortunately, we seem to have lost several members (3 Active, 1 Family) in the renewal process. These members have all been contacted and encouraged to renew and/or give us feedback. We hope that whatever their objections are, they will have a change of mind and still renew. As members, please encourage your friends to renew and join our squadron. We have many educational, boating, and social opportunities.

Due to an ongoing illness, our treasurer, Judy McPherson has resigned. We all appreciate Judy's service and wish her a speedy recovery. Our E-Board appointed, and the squadron ratified, a new squadron treasurer for the remainder of the year, Linda Mahoney. We thank you Linda for stepping up to the plate. With Nettie Dumas's help, this has been a smooth transition. We thank you Nettie.

I ask all members to volunteer to help with next year's District COW which GISPS will be hosting. Howard and Jeannie Klippel, and Larry and Vicky Jefferis have already spent many hours with preliminary hotel and dinner arrangements. Now it is time for more details and we need everyone's help.

Below is yet another website I stumbled across which I thought might interest all: <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/navinfo/tim-entry.aspx>
Among other items, it contains a complete online Nav Rules.

I hope to see everyone at our next membership meeting July, 25.

Chas

Upcoming Events

25-July 1730-1830
Executive Committee
Meeting La Fuente
De Pablo Mexican
Restaurant

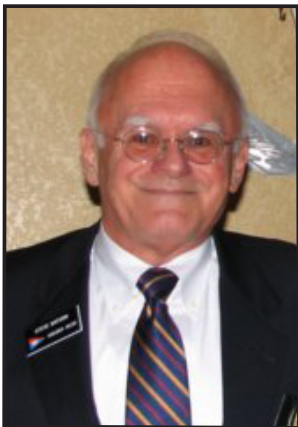
25-July 1830 - Monthly
Meeting La Fuente
De Pablo Mexican
Restaurant

22 August Boat Smart
0900-1500
UGA Extension

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Administrative Offices Report

Steve W. Batson, AP



Summer time is a busy period for boating people...especially Power Squadron folks. On top of our own personal boating plans are overlaid training, instruction, cruising, and meetings. Ed Leibfarth, SN did an excellent job leading our Operations Training Program on June 27th. He covered the organization, squadron committee work, and squadron bridge officers' duties. One of the more interesting topics for me was protocol for flag etiquette, uniforms and insignia, and ceremonies. Do you know the difference between the U.S. Ensign, the U.S. Yacht Ensign, and the USPS Ensign and how they are displayed? We had another very interesting program for June. Duane Buckner, Operations Officer for CG

Station Brunswick, presented a great program on DSC and Rescue 21. He really knew what he was talking about and how it related to us as boaters. He was a strong representative for the Coast Guard and CG Station Brunswick. We're all now officially invited to tour the station...a field trip! Our programs for July and August will have speakers from SeaTow and Georgia DNR to discuss their resources and services. Mix good company, informative speakers, and chips and salsa together for a great evening. Be there! Don't forget August 8 is National Marina Day. "Celebrating America's Gateways to Boating." Our marinas are our boats' homes, service stations, shelters, and social spots for our favorite hobby. Don't forget to thank the owners and employees who make our experiences first class. 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.

XO's Locker **Larry Jefferis, AP**



It's been a really busy month for the squadron. First, several of us have finished Cruise Planning under the guidance of CDR Wilsdorf, SN. The course was interesting and we all learned a great deal which we can apply to our cruising in the future. Second, the D26 Cruise and Rendezvous was successful. Our squadron had 3 boats make the cruise to the Ft McAllister Marina and enjoyed the 3-day event. Charles Wilsdorf, SN and

Teresa Wilsdorf, S, Jim and Linda Mahoney, Larry Jefferis, AP and Vicky Jefferis, AP, Joe Scirica, Stephen and Danielle Chambless attended along with their children Hayden and Jace. We all passed a significant practical exercise on docking and departing from the dock under strong current conditions. The Marina was great and the Marina staff under Toby Hansen were very helpful, cheerful and anxious to support each of us. Our Squadron June dinner meeting was well attended, an excellent turnout, to hear the guest speaker, Dwayne Buckner, the station Operations officer from the Coast Guard Station, Brunswick. As of this writing, I am waiting for a call back from the Coast Guard to schedule a tour of the Coast Guard Facility in Brunswick. I will notify all via email when the schedule is firmed up.

The Coast Fest coincides with the D26 2009 COW in Charleston (2-4 October). Several of the current Bridge will be in attendance at the COW so we'll need volunteers to cover the DNR Coast Fest. I would encourage as many Bridge officers as possible to attend the COW in order to see what happens at a COW in anticipation of the 2010 COW that we sponsor in October 2010. Our next external activity will be Georgia DNR Coast Fest on October 3. I'm asking now for volunteers to help man out GISPS booth at the Coast Fest. It may be the last function of the year to support Merit Mark recommendations so please consider volunteering for this activity.

We have settled on the Jekyl Oceanfront Resort for the October 2010 D26 COW. Now that the facility is locked in, I'd like to ask each of you to think about what you'd like to do to help make the function a success. We'll need volunteers for all kinds of activities so start thinking about what you'd like to do. We'll get a signup sheet created and passed around at the next upcoming meetings. We still have a good part of the summer to enjoy our hobby. Please take a few minutes to plan for the next outing. Ensure you have reliable communication devices with you, ensure you have PFDs to fit all aboard and make sure you have plenty of fuel, water and sun screen for the upcoming trip.

Safe boating to ALL
Larry

Pictures of the Discript 26 Cruise and Rendezvous 2009



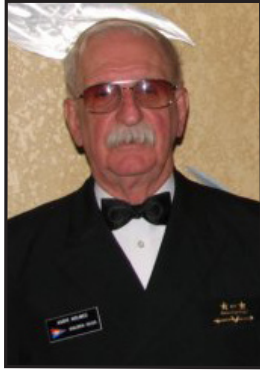
From left to right at the table are Jim and Linda Mahoney, Vicky and Larry Jefferis and Teresa and Charles Wilsdorf.



The buffet table with Danielle Chambless and her two children, the girl's name is Hayden.

The Squadron Education Report

Audie Homes, JN



We had a great Boat Smart class on 27 June at the First United Methodist Church on Norwich Street in Brunswick. We had five students, and all five passes with great scores! I enjoy teaching this class very much. It is inspiring to see the enthusiasm of the students enrolled.

We have one student enrolled in Junior Navigation. That is our administrative officer, Steve Batson, AP. I, too, am about to take the Navigation exam; my sights are approved for "N" at this point. Cruise Planning under the leadership of Cdr Wilsdorf began on 8 June and in the last week all of completed the course.

Next, Cdr Wilsdorf will teach the first module of Marine Electronics. Please let him know if you wish to join this elective course. It will begin in late July/early August.

A special congratulations go to our members who just completed Seamanship on 7 July. They are

Steven Chambless, Linda Mahoney, and George Eshliman. They will take the exam in the next few days. We look forward to them advancing into Piloting and then Advanced Piloting. Way to go! Thanks again to Cdr Wilsdorf as instructor. The next two Boat Smart classes will take place in August and then in September. Please encourage your fellow boating enthusiasts to join us at the UGA Marine Extension Service for these sessions. Please remember: Safer Boating through education is more than just a motto; it applies to everyone. We set the example!

Nominations!! For the final year I am the chair of the Nominations' committee for 2010. Eventually, the nominations committee will consist of the last three past commanders. I'll serve on the committee until we have 3 other past commanders. Whew! The great news is that we have many members who have volunteered for our positions on the bridge for 2010. Since this is the year that District 26 holds the COW at the GISPS, it is wonderful that we have so many active members willing to be bridge officers!!

Thank you. Audie

Treasurer's Report

Linda Mahoney, Treasurer

It's never too early....

There is excitement in the air already as we've made the hotel reservations for the District COW in October 2010. One of the informal traditions our squadron plans to exercise is a silent auction; and as all of us know the only way a silent auction is successful is by having fun interesting items to bid on. So...start putting those thinking caps on and don't go anywhere without thinking of asking for an item or service of the vendors you frequent. Good business for them and for us. Also before you donate a 'white elephant' to another charity.... consider if it's auction worthy for our use.... we'll even find a place to store it if you MUST get it out of the house.

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