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A Busy Month Of October for the GISPS!



CDR Charles Wilsdorf

The last three weekends have been busy with squadron activities starting with the GISPS Fall Cruise Sep18-20, Sep 26



Dinner Night from the Cruise at Fernandina Beach, FL

monthly membership meeting, Oct 3 Annual CoastFest, and Oct 2-4 District COW. And, yes all the activities were

fun and rewarding. Our COW committee met with Larry Holliday, 4th of May Banquet Manager, to start preparations

for our upcoming Saturday, November 14 GISPS Annual COW. Please mark your calendars now. You will be receiving a formal invitation and RSVP in the mail. Let's make this COW the best yet.

Speaking of the 4th of May, I apologize for the miscommunication on the dinner arrangements for our September membership meeting. In the future, our members may

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order off the menu at our monthly membership meetings if they so choose. It is a great facility which works perfect for us with a central location, varied menu, large private meeting area, supportive features, and responsive service. If you have not attended, sure hope to see you October 24 for our last membership meeting of the year.

We owe big thanks for all of the members who worked our CoastFest booth: Jim Mahoney, Howard and Jeanne Klippel, George Eshliman, Stuart Stratton, and Joe Scirica

As an Associate Member of the Las Vegas Sail and Power Squadron I receive their newsletter, the "Stars 'N Bars" so I can keep up with LV friends. One particular article in the August 2009 issue really "rang my bell" as why being a USPS squadron member can be so rewarding. So, I have taken the liberty, with permission, to request that our editor reprint it in our "Porthole".

We will offer full reports on the CoastFest and District Change of Watch next month. All for now, hope to see you at our October 24 membership meeting.

Chas

Upcoming Events

0930, 12,19,26 October
Piloting Class
at the Wilsdorfs

1730 October 24,
Executive Meeting
4th of May Restaurant,
Brunswick, GA

1830 October 24,
Membership Meeting
4th of May Restaurant,
Brunswick, GA

XO's Locker Larry Jefferis, AP



September Cruise: Over the weekend of 18-20 September 2009, several squadron members cruised independently down to Fernandina Beach, FL and linked up at the Fernandina Beach Marina early afternoon on Friday the 18th of September. Charles and Teresa Wilsdorf took "Epilogue" and Larry and Vicky

Jefferis took "ODYSSEY" on the short cruise. Charles and Teresa "rode the hook" Thursday and Thursday night, then cruised in on Friday. Larry and Vicky cruised down on Friday with Linda Mahoney on board as crew. Jim Mahoney joined us later in the afternoon at Fernandina. The cruise was uneventful but comfortable with great weather and little water turbulence. Saturday night we dined at Brets on the Water. Richard and Dorothy Jones drove

down from their Crooked River Retreat to join us (*image on page 1*). Sunday morning we woke to beautiful weather and a spectacular rainbow which set the mood for our departure and return cruise to the Golden Isles area. (*Image2*). Our thanks to Jack Sterret for making the arrangements, reservations and coordinating our arrival at Fernandina.

Adopt-A-Chart Program: We have been notified by the National Ocean Service of NOAA that our request to adopt NOAA chart 11506 has been approved. We have received 10 copies of the adopted chart, scale 40,000:1. I'll research the specifics of our responsibility and spread the word. We have a little over a year before our first submission is due although we do need to make an initial investigation of the chart and identify any errors which currently exist.

Coast Fest 2009: Our thanks to the following members who represented the squadron in superb fashion at the 2009 Coast Fest held on 3 October 2009 at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

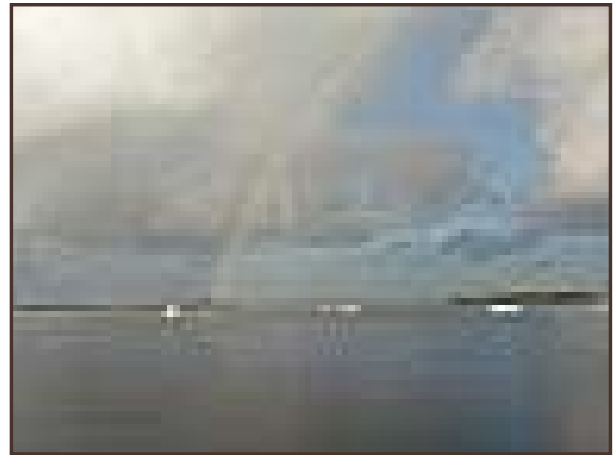
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Thanks to Jim Mahoney for handling the setup and initial manning of the booth. Howard Klippel, AP, and Jeanne Klippel took the morning shift. George Eshliman and Stuart Stratton took the noon shift and Joe Scirica assumed the afternoon shift and tear down of the booth.

2010 Bridge: My thanks to the nominating committee who, at last month's meeting, presented their nominations for the 2010 Squadron Bridge. The proposed slate of officers were elected by the membership. Now we have to look forward to our Squadron Change of Watch which is scheduled for 14 November 2009 at the 4th of May Cafe in Brunswick. Please reserve the date on your calendar. We'd like to have a good turnout for this event.

Image 2



The Squadron Education Report

Audie Holmes, JN



As past commander of the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron and since as Squadron Education Officer, I am very proud of the progress made by our squadron since its chartering in June, 2005. I have never been prouder than to discover that after two years of many of us writing strong letters of recommendations for our Commander, Charles Wilsdorf, SN, to be considered highly for the District 26 Chapman Award that, in fact, he was selected and received that prestigious award this past Saturday night, October 3, 2009! Congratulations, Commander Wilsdorf!

With that said, for next year we shall need another nominee from our squadron for the Chapman. That is why it is essential that all of you interested in being instructors in the classes that you have completed need to see Cdr. Wilsdorf right away so that you can sign up for Instructor Qualification.

That is the only USPS course that cannot be completed through self-study. We need individuals who will begin to specialize in teaching particular courses offered by USPS. In addition, I challenge all who read this article in our Porthole to become even more actively involved in the educational mission of the GISPS and USPS by setting the goal to complete at least one, two, three or more courses in the next year. We had four members who recently completed Educational Proficiency: Coy Hodges, AP, Larry Jefferis, AP, Vickie Jefferis, AP, and Jack Sterrett, AP. Educational Proficiency is received by those who complete advanced courses through AP and at least 3 more electives. Let's aim to have four more names in this newsletter who have completed Educational Proficiency in the next six months. Don't forget that Cdr. Wilsdorf is teaching Piloting beginning on 12 October. Sign-up right away.

On Saturday, 26 September, 2009, we had four students complete Boat Smart. They were a fine group (I was the instructor), and it looks as if they may become new members of the GISPS. We certainly welcome them to our group.

Respectfully submitted,
Audie Holmes, JN

Secretary's Report

Vicky Jefferis, AP Secretary



Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf, SN, called the meeting to order at 26 September 2009 at 6:30 PM. Howard Klippel, AP, provided the invocation, XO Larry Jefferis, AP, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Charles introduced Past Commanders Paulette Harris-Holmes, JN, Audie Holmes, JN, and Past Commander/National Staff Commander John Rodgers, SN, new member Angie Lowe and guests Randy Carpenter and Tim and Carla Lahrs. Angie Lowe was inducted into the Squadron and received her Membership Certificate.

Secretary Vicky Jefferis, AP, confirmed a Quorum was present. August meeting Minutes were approved. She summarized business conducted at the Executive Committee meeting: Squadron Change of Watch – The COW is scheduled for November 14 at the Brunswick 4th of May restaurant. Invitations will be sent via postal mail and will include an RSVP card to be returned with payment for meals. In order to encourage great attendance, Save the Date phone calls will also be made. If anyone has suggestions for special guests who could be invited, please call Cdr. Wilsdorf.

The Squadron has won numerous awards during the past year and the trophies will be on display at the Change of Watch. Potential Help for Educational Programs – the Brunswick News announced the award of a grant to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla for equipment to further public boating safety education. Squadron Bridge members, with help from Paulette Harris-Holmes, will pursue similar opportunities.

Executive Officer Larry Jefferis reminded members that Coast Fest will be held 3 October. He recruited more key volunteers today and

thanked all who have agreed to support our booth at the Fest. Larry will make a short presentation promoting the 2010 D26 Change of Watch at the D26 COW in Charleston.

Squadron Education Officer Audie Holmes reported that four students completed Boat Smart today and he will present a Boat Smart class in Augusta in October. Charles will start a new Piloting course Oct. 12. An Instructor Development class will be held late October/early November.

Four members, Coy Hodges, Larry Jefferis, Vicky Jefferis, and Jack Sterrett, have earned the Educational Proficiency Award. This award is authorized for those who successfully complete Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting and any three elective courses.

Audie reminded members it's possible to get a Vessel Safety Check: Frank Barron, Steven Chambless, S, Audie Holmes, and Charles Wilsdorf provide this service. Angie Lowe volunteered to assist.

Teresa Wilsdorf, S, presented the Treasurer's Report. Bank balance is \$3158.56. Cdr. Wilsdorf commented the Squadron is working hard to build up a healthy balance prior to the D26 COW.

OLD BUSINESS:

The District 26 Change of Watch in Charleston 2-4 October is open to all USPS members. Cdr. Wilsdorf informed the membership about SailAngle, the new means of communicating among USPS members. He explained how to access this online tool and encouraged everyone to give it a try.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cdr. Wilsdorf announced that Joe Scirica has been selected as D26 Webmaster. Congratulations, Joe. Pat Rodgers, AP, attended the USPS Annual Conference, representing our Squadron.

Audie Holmes announced the GIS&PS Nominating Committee is proud to present the following nominees for the 2010 Bridge:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

BRIDGE

Commander	Larry Jefferis, AP
Executive Officer	Stephen Batson, AP
Administrative Officer	James Chambless, S
Educational Officer	Audie Holmes, JN
Assistant Educational Officer	Charles Wilsdorf, SN
Secretary	Vicky Jefferis, AP
Assistant Secretary	Joe Scirica, S
Treasurer:	Howard Klippel, AP

GENERAL COMMITTEES

(Report to Squadron Membership)

AUDITING

Chairman (1 year)	Jeanne Klippel
Member (2 years)	George Eshliman, S
Member (3 years)	Richard Jones, AP

RULES

Chairman (1 year)	Patricia Rodgers, AP
Member (2 years)	Robert Woodman, P
Member (3 years)	Jim Mahoney

NOMINATING

Chairman (3 years)	Charles Wilsdorf, SN
Member (2 years)	Audie Holmes, JN
Member (1 year)	Howard Klippel, AP

The Slate was elected as presented and will be installed as the 2010 Bridge and Elected Committees at the 14 November 2009 Squadron Change of Watch.

A USPS Education

A/SEO LVSPS Derk J. Boss, AP

We all join professional associations or social organizations for different reasons; to meet new people, socialize, or to help our fellow man to name just a few. My wife Cheri and I, being brand new to boating, joined the USPS primarily for the boating skills we needed, and we haven't been disappointed.

We began our training journey by taking the Boat Smart class several years ago. The class was great, we learned a lot, met some great people, and began hearing more about USPS. We found that there was a local squadron and we joined the Las Vegas Sail and Power Squadron.

As a couple who plans to one day to retire and travel as far as we can go on our boat we quickly learned that we would need a variety of skills and a lot of knowledge. I was happy to find that USPS and our Squadron had this training already and stood ready to help us at every turn.

We immediately began taking classes and worked our way through a number of classes, Sailing, Seamanship and Engine Maintenance in our first year! Cheri took a break from training as she began playing more of a role in the activities of the Squadron, organizing meetings and events, as well as serving as the Chairperson for the 2009 District 13 Conference.

I continued on with my USPS education. Marine Electronics was next, followed by Piloting. Along with a few other brave souls I took on Advanced Piloting. Both Piloting and Advanced Piloting were tough, grueling courses, but well worth the effort. I passed the AP course and the skills I gained will serve me for a lifetime of boating.

Possessing skills that allow you to read and understand a chart, plot a course and safely navigate

to your destination allows you to be a better boater and skipper, as well as providing you the ability to venture further out on the water, whether it be our Lake Mead or out on the coast of the ocean. I'll need these skills when I get to the coast one day!

Having completed AP I am now taking the Weather Course. Another tough course but necessary if you want to be prepared on the water or to know when not to go out on the water. This course is a must for serious boaters.

I have to say that I have been very impressed with the education USPS provides. It is professionally put together, both in its content and presentation.

Our SEO, Don Petersen, has put together an excellent program of classes and seminars for our members that are second to none. You can start the program at any level as a beginner or as an experienced boater. If you haven't taken a course in a while you need to stop by a class and see what's going on. Each course has been updated and contains a lot of new material.

As a USPS member I have really enjoyed the classes I've attended. The people I've met in the classes are wonderful and share my love of boating. The knowledge I've gained has helped me be a better boater and provided me the confidence I needed.

I highly encourage each member to attend a class or seminar. Not only will you become a better and safer boater, you will also meet a great group of people willing to help along the way.

See you in class!

Derk

Administrative Offices Report

Steve W. Batson, AP



This is a time of transition for a lot of things. Leaves are beginning to change colors; boating activities for many are starting to slow down; and our leadership structure has been approved for 2010 and will be installed at the Squadron Change of Watch on November 14th at the 4th of May Restaurant. I hope all of our members and

prospective members will be there.

Commander Charles has done a yeoman's job at providing the leadership for the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron once again this year, ably assisted by Executive Officer Larry. In an orderly transition, Larry will become Commander along with an outstanding Bridge.

Each will build upon the foundation provided by previous leaders to take this squadron successfully into the future. For such a young squadron, GISPS has chalked up quite a few awards and accomplishments...good leadership.

I hope we can again stress strong membership recruitment for 2010 as we continue to increase our membership, bringing in a wide diversity of members with varying skills and personal strengths. This will continue to make this Squadron a leader in education, operations, and fellowship.

Also, we need all hands on deck to insure a successful District Change Of Watch. My challenge to each of us is to attend monthly meetings, recruit new members, look for program opportunities, pursue educational opportunities, get out on the water, and have fun and fellowship!

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.

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