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Busy 2 Months For The GISPS!



CDR Charles Wilsdorf

As I mentioned in the October "Porthole" issue September and October were busy months.

The District 26 Fall Conference and COW



Coy Hodges recognized for
the Education Proficiency Award

in Charleston was a great success. Not only were there good times visiting district friends with great dinners and entertainment; but

much information were gathered. On Friday, October 2, Larry and Vicky Jefferis; Teresa Wilsdorf; and Linda Mahoney attended

the Leadership Development Seminar and I attended the Boat Certifiers Seminar. Saturday's Educational Officer's Break-Out session was extremely interesting. John Kern and Dick Erler, from the Hilton Head Sail and Power Squadron explained how they had sold and merchandised the squadron's Boat Handling Seminar. A key element of this program is on the water training. John went on to explain how several USPS courses, seminars, BOC (Boat

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Operators Certificate) and squadron membership could be bundled together to really benefit the squadron and the participating students. Very exciting stuff!! To get the ball rolling with GISPS, SEO Audie Holmes is now guiding seven students through Instructors Development. When completed, this should give our squadron eight instructors for next year's programs which I am sure is going to lead to more squadron growth. Wish us all luck!

During the District COW ceremony, Larry and Vicky Jefferis, Coy Hodges, and Jack Sterrett were awarded the Education Proficiency Award completing advance grades through AP and three elective courses. Good job gals and guys!! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank SEO Audie Holmes and all of the GISPS members who wrote such kind letters nominating me for the Charles F. Chapman award for the second year. This year I was surprised to have District 26 choose me for national consideration. I am sure proud of our squadron and its accomplishments.

I don't know about you, but I am really looking forward to the 2009/2010 GISPS COW Saturday, November 14 at the 4th of May Restaurant. I sure hope all of you will be present to witness the installation of your 2010 GISPS Bridge Officers.

Since this will be my last contribution to the "Porthole" as Squadron Commander, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support these last two years. It has really been an awarding personal experience for me even though I must say I am particularly looking forward to being referred to as Pass Commander.

Hope to see you all at the COW and please don't forget to mark your calendars for our December 5, Christmas Party at Joe Scirica's house. Details and directions will follow by email -Chas.

Upcoming Events

9 November 0930
Piloting Class
Wilsdorf's House

14 November 1800
GISPS COW
4th of May-
Downtown Brunswick

22 September 0930
Piloting- Chas's House

5 December 0900
ID Presentations
UGA Marine Extension

5 December 1900
Christmas Party
Joe Scirica's House



Jack Sterrett recognized for the
Education Proficiency Award



Larry and Vicky Jefferis recognized
for the Education Proficiency Award

XO's Locker

Larry Jefferis, AP



As the rainbow pictures in last month's Port Hole reflected a refreshing new beginning to the day, a new chapter is dawning here in the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron. Our squadron will move further toward maturity with our 4th Annual Change of Watch on 14

November, 2009, at the 4th of May Cafe in downtown Brunswick. I hope to see as many of you as can make it. We will have two district reps and we have confirmed representatives from at least one other squadron! It will be a memorable event and I'm excited about it.

We will not have our regularly scheduled December meeting but will have a social event on the 5th of December at the home of our Squadron Webmaster, Joe Scirica. Look for an announcement via email shortly after the Change of Watch.

I am still considering candidates for chairs of our squadron committees. I intend to make those selections and announce them in the January Port Hole before our January meeting on the 23rd of January, 2010. In accordance with our bylaws, we will continue with our meetings on the 4th Saturday of each month.

Additionally, we will kickoff the preparation for the D26 2010 Change of Watch in January. Again, please let me know which part of the team you would be most interested in. There is plenty of opportunity for everyone to participate so please, consider volunteering for the D26 COW Committee in some capacity.

Since we will not have a December Port Hole, I would like to wish all a healthy, happy and prosperous holiday season and ask that you remember our service members who are in harms way during this season. Safe Boating!

Larry

Administrative Offices Report

Steve W. Batson, AP



Being a member of USPS has many benefits, one being fellowship with the large world of boaters all over the world. I was in Sarasota earlier this month doing interviews for a capital campaign.

One of the interviewees I visited was Piero Rivolta. You may not have heard of Piero but probably Rivolta Yachts. Piero's father started the company in Italy in 1938, producing stylish motor scooters and autos. They expanded in the 1960's and 1970's with superb sports cars and real estate developments in the U.S.

Now Rivolta Yachts has a full line of motor yachts characterized by classic design and high technology. They currently are designing a versatile workboat that can be used by the military, industry, and commercial fishing. We talked for over an hour about his life and dreams. Piero is called a "Renaissance Man" by many in south Florida. He co-founded an international chamber music festival in Sarasota and written three novels and two books of poetry. I could have "bothered" him for another hour but decided to save part two for another day. Sure wish I could afford one of his yachts! Kathy and I wish for all of our boating friends and our Power Squadron colleagues a joyous holiday season and Happy New Year!

Secretary's Report

Vicky Jefferis, AP Secretary



Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf, SN, called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. Howard Klippel, AP, provided the invocation, XO Larry Jefferis, AP, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Charles introduced Past Commanders Paulette Harris-Holmes, JN, and Audie

Holmes, JN and guests Bob and Dee Morrison, members of the Jacksonville Power Squadron. Secretary Vicky Jefferis, AP, confirmed a Quorum was present. September meeting Minutes were approved. Members in attendance received their Squadron Change of Watch invitations.

Executive Officer Larry Jefferis reported he promoted the 2010 D26 Change of Watch at the D26 COW in Charleston earlier in October. He mentioned that the 2010 Bridge has a number of committee assignments to fill and asked attendees to think about the standing committees that best match their individual interests since the Squadron needs their help. Squadron Education Officer Audie Holmes reported that six members are taking Instructor Development and Cdr Wilsdorf started a new Piloting course with three students enrolled. Five people are signed up for the 21 November Boat Smart class. Remember our Mission – Safer Boating through Education! Linda Mahoney, S, presented the Treasurer's Report. Bank balance as of September 30 is \$3033.24.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vicky Jefferis and Teresa Wilsdorf, S, announced that there will be a Holiday Social on Saturday December 5 at Joe Scirica's home. There will be no business meeting, just good times with a White Elephant gift exchange. Members are asked to bring an appetizer to share and their own drinks. More publicity will be provided in the Porthole. Cdr Wilsdorf announced the Squadron won several awards at the D26 Fall Conference. Award recipients were: Charles F. Chapman Award – Charles Wilsdorf. Charles is also the D26 nominee for the National Level.

GISPS received a Co-op Charting award. Educational Proficiency Awards. Cdr Wilsdorf presented Jack Sterrett his Educational Proficiency Award. This award is authorized for those who successfully complete Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting and any three elective courses. Coy Hodges, Larry and Vicky Jefferis previously received their certificates.

Charles thanked Paulette Harris-Holmes and Audie Holmes for teaching the first session of the Instructor Development Course. Having several qualified instructors in the Squadron will lighten the load and help with our education mission. He asked everyone to check out the new USPS means of communicating electronically called SailAngle. He reminded everyone of the 14 November Change of Watch and 5 December Holiday Party and encourages everyone to attend. There are GISPS logo shirts and burgees available in the Ships Store. Once more, he asked everyone to contribute articles and photos to the Porthole and to the Squadron website. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Mahoney, S Treasurer

To all lady members/spouses of members: Please come to "pot-luck" lunch on Sat. Jan. 23rd at noon at 998 Beachview Drive on St. Simons Island [Audie and Paulette's]. It will be mostly a social affair, with some auction planning thrown in. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to Linda Mahoney / 912.265.6715 or lbmahoney@yahoo.com

We are fortunate that Paulette Harris-Holmes is willing to chair the Silent Auction portion of the District COW 2010.... We know it's not too early to start planning solicitation of the goods and services that will make a profitable auction.... Thanks Paulette for opening your SSI home to us!!!!

The Squadron Education Report

Audie Holmes, JN



Congratulations again to our commander, Charles Wilsdorf, who just received the USPS District 26 Charles F. Chapman award. Many of us wrote strong letters of support and were so proud of his accomplishments! Course-wise we are offering piloting right now! We are also having a class of Instructor Development, underway right now! We're offering Boat Smart for our northern members on 21 November. Remember that we want to continue our strong educational program agenda in 2010! Let the Education Department know what your maritime interests are. See you in the classroom or, on the water soon!

Respectfully submitted,
Audie Holmes, JN

November Birthdays

4 November - Sara Grimshaw
9 November - Arthur Harris
9 November - Coy Hodges
10 November - Linda Mahoney

Happy Birthday to All!!



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