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A New Year. A New GISPS.



CDR Larry Jefferis

Hello and Happy New year to members of the prestigious Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron. We've done so well in the past year, I am ashamed



it's taken me this long to find the creativity to provide adequate input to our editor for a new edition of the Porthole. I know many of you are saying "Finally!" and you're right. So here it goes.

Events and Awards: District Change of

Watch 2010: The District Change of Watch was such a success that you can each be proud of the part you played in the execution of the plan and providing such a remarkable event for all who attended. We've set a great example for others and we have provided

them with feedback on how we were able to make it all work. Thanks to each of you for your help.

Squadron Change of Watch: The Squadron Change of Watch was also a success and we have received very complimentary notes from the district representatives who attended the event. We had a good turnout and a very enjoyable evening.

GISPS Holiday Party: Our Holiday Party, hosted by our webmaster, Joe Scirica, S, was also

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well attended and enjoyed by all.

USPS Annual Meeting: There was a USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL recently. Pat Rodgers, AP, was our representative and notified me that Golden Isles had been awarded the 3rd Place National Education Achievement Award!!! We had to do some serious research to find out what that award meant but P/C Wilsdorf, SN, reported that “The national educational officer explained that the Outstanding Educational Achievement Award recognizes squadrons with the strongest overall educational program as measured by the greatest percentage of members completing courses and the most courses offered from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010. “ According to the USPS Website, there are 450 Squadrons in the National Organization. I don’t know yet who won 1st and 2nd place but 3rd place sounds like we’re doing something pretty darned well and since it’s about Boating Education, we’re doing something pretty important. Let’s ALL step back and recognize our part in this effort and be proud of where we’ve come in a very short period to reach that level. Special thanks to P/C Audie Holmes, SN, and P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN, for pulling this education program together and making it as noteworthy and successful as it is!

Valentine’s Day: Hopefully you’ve all remembered your Valentine. It may be too late to make up for forgetting but sometimes confession is good for the soul. Sorry but you’re on your own on this one.

Activities: Please read the SEO report. We have several educational activities completed and underway. We are holding our first VHF Seminar on Saturday, 26 February, 2011 at the UGS Marine Extension Center. If you haven’t already, contact P/C Wilsdorf, SN, to sign up and get the details of the course.

Meetings: Our January meeting was held at the Sanctuary Cove Golf Club. The menu was limited but we had the facility to ourselves and I believe the meeting was a success. I heard from several of you that the arrangement had been successful and the idea of having future meetings there would be acceptable by a large majority of the January attendees. Our Administrative officer, Jim Grimshaw, AP, had made preliminary arrangements for meeting at Skipper’s in Darien. We’ll meet there in February. George Eshliman, P, has assumed coordination duties since Jim is unavailable. Directions to Skippers will be provided via email or you can find directions at Skipper’s website **www.skippersfishcamp.com** .

Calendar: The revised GISPS 2011 Event Schedule is included with the Porthole. Please review and let me know any errors or omissions you find. Our next event will be the **District 26 Spring Conference, 11-13 March, in Hilton Head, SC**. Please consider attending the conference. It will be fun, informative and is only a short drive. Go to **<http://www.usps.org/d26/>** where you’ll find links to the 2011 Spring Conference Information page, Conference agenda, and Conference Registration Form. Deadline for registering for activities is 1 Mar 2011. Cut-off for room reservations may have passed but give them a try anyway.

Other activities upcoming are **ABC Course** starting **1 March**, **Seamanship** starting **2 May**, and **GISPS Coop Charting** event on **14 May**. We would like to have at least one spring and one fall cruise for the Squadron but that doesn’t prevent individual members from joining up to cruise to somewhere or just to raft-up somewhere in the local area. Use that one page roster we send out to contact some of your squadron friends and go boating! If you do and you tell us (bridge) we can earn points toward the District 26 Boating Activities Award. Just let us know what’s happening and how we can help.

Closing: It’s been a while and I apologize. The energy is back and the excitement is growing. I’m looking forward to some fun and excitement in bringing more and better educational opportunities to the boaters of the Golden Isles.

Safe Boating!

Secretary's Report

Vicky Jefferis, AP Secretary



Cdr Larry Jefferis, AP, called the meeting to order January 22, 2011 at 7:25 PM at the Sanctuary Cove Golf Club. Jim Grimshaw, AP, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Larry provided the invocation. Cdr Jefferis introduced

Past Commanders John Rodgers, SN, and Charles Wilsdorf, SN. He also introduced Lisa Noetzel's guest, Cecilia Mameli.

Secretary Vicky Jefferis, AP, confirmed a quorum was present and asked everyone to sign the attendance sheet and card she was passing around. The card is for Bucky Harris who recently had a heart attack and is in the hospital. She provided a brief summary of the Executive Committee proceedings. She noted that the last Membership Meeting was held in September 2010 and those minutes have been previously approved.

Treasurer Linda Mahoney, S, presented the Treasurer's Report a/o January 22, 2011. Balance on Hand is \$6,250.66 in the Squadron account which now includes the proceeds from merging the D/26 Change of Watch account. This balance takes into account Instructor Development income to date as well as the cost of the new Sextant purchased for the Squadron. The Executive Committee will be developing an operating budget for the year and funds not needed for normal Squadron operations will be moved to an account earning interest.

Admin Officer Jim Grimshaw, AP, had nothing to report.

SEO Charles Wilsdorf reported that four students in the Instructor Development course presented excellent presentations this morning. Three others are expected to present theirs later and then all will be tested. Five students have recently started the Junior Navigator class. Due to the focus on JN, Advanced Piloting is being postponed. The five-week ABC class will be offered starting in March. This year, the Squadron will offer three seminars: VHF Radio, On-Board Weather, and Radar. We'll begin with a members only session of the VHF seminar, and then offer it and the others to the public at the local West Marine store. Completing these seminars will be

useful for those who plan to earn Boat Operator's Certifications. In order to earn a Certificate of Completion, each attendee must purchase the USPS Seminar Kit, so multi member households won't be able to share materials. For classes offered only to members, instructors aren't required to be ID certified, so Charles would like members to consider taking on teaching responsibilities for various offerings. With the current ID class and those who are already certified, we have enough people to share the load. We also need people to do Vessel Safety Checks. Qualifying is simple – go to the internet, get the study materials, then take the test.

Cdr Jefferis thanked everyone for all their support in helping with the D/26 Change of Watch, supporting our Squadron Change of Watch and the Holiday Party. He thanked Joe Scirica, AP, for opening his home for another great Holiday Party. We had a great turnout for both the November and December functions!

New Business:

Cdr Jefferis distributed copies of the 2011 Squadron schedule. He noted that there are several National and District functions included and everyone interested may attend. Please contact Larry with ideas for other events you'd like to see the Squadron add to our schedule and also suggestions for destinations for Spring and Fall cruises. If anyone is planning a trip and wouldn't mind others going along in their own boats, please let members know.

Finally, Larry announced that the ExCom is considering changing the date of monthly meetings, but needs member input since this will require amending Squadron by-Laws. He recognizes that several loyal members will be affected by a change since they travel long distances to attend our meetings and this will interfere with their work obligations. However, several other members have noted that meeting on Saturdays interferes with weekend boating and family activities and the Squadron has recently had difficulty finding adequate free meeting space on the weekends.

The next monthly meeting will be held **February 26**, tentatively at **Skippers Restaurant in Darien**.

Larry provided the benediction.

The Squadron Education Report

Charles Wilsdorf, SN



We have started 2011 at full bore. We have seven members who have completed the ID (Instructor Development) Course: Bob Butler, Joe Caneva, Steven Chambless, George Eshliman, Bill Gauthier, Jim Grimshaw, and Lisa Noetzel. Congratulations to you all; job well done. This gives the squadron twelve qualified instructors. "Now, Hint! Hint!" We need instructors to take ownership of our ABC program, USPS Seminars (just pick one or two you are comfortable with), and any of the Advanced Grade or Elective Courses. And, you don't have to be ID qualified to teach the Advanced Grade or Electives courses. Come on guys, we need help. We still plan on at least one Seamanship class and one Advance Piloting class this year. In fact, we can offer any courses in which you would like to complete.

The JN class is more than half finished with the course material and all students have taken sextant sights and know how to reduce these sights. This class has been/is challenging, but much fun and very rewarding.

GISPS will also be offering our first USPS VHF Seminar session February 26, 0900 at the UGA Marine Extension. If you have not signed up, there is still plenty time. Just give me a call (265-9550) or email (chaswi@aol.com). This beta session is limited to GISPS members only, but will be offered again to anyone interested this summer at West Marine in the evening. In fact, we hope to do at least three of the USPS Seminars this summer at West Marine.

I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate P/C Audie Holmes, SN, and Associate Member Bob Butler, SN on the completion of all courses to become SN's and who both will be receiving the Education Achievement Award. I know this milestone has taken countless hours of work and dedication.

If you do not already, I would like to encourage all members to frequently check both the GISPS website (gisps.org), USPS District 26 (www.usps.org/localusps/d26), and the USPS National website (www.usps.org). Whether you are a relatively new member, or have been a member for years, all of these sites are the quickest way to get up to date information on every facet of USPS. Give it a try.

Please let me know if you have an interest in the new USPS BOC (Boat Operators Certificate) program. This is a great item to check out on the USPS website. (<http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/main.htm>) There will be a certification program at Lake Murray April 2. This would be a great opportunity to get a few GISPS members certified.

Last, but not least, I encourage you to attend the upcoming District 26 Spring Conference hosted by the Hilton Head Sail & Power Squadron March 11, 12, 13. It will be fun and informative; and it is only a short drive. All details and forms are provided on the District 26 site.

Will see you all at Skipper's in Darien Feb 26.

Charles Wilsdor- SEO

A Little Swig of Nautical History

Audie Holmes, SN



The USS Constitution (Old Ironsides) as a combat vessel, carried 48,600 gallons of water for her crew of 475 officers and men, sufficient to last for six months of sustained combat operations at sea. In July, 1812 she sailed from Boston with a full complement of officers and men and 48,600 gallons of water, 7,400 cannon balls, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum.

Her mission was to “destroy and harass English shipping.” Making Jamaica in the Caribbean in October she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum. Arriving in the Azores in November she added 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese Madeira wine. On the way to England she defeated five British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchant ships, salvaging only the rum aboard each ship.

By January 1813 her powder and shot were exhausted, but unarmed she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whiskey distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of malt scotch whiskey to the ship before dawn.

A total of more than 252,000 gallons of wine, whiskey and rum.

The USS Constitution arrived in Boston in February, 1813 with no food, no cannon balls, no black powder, no wine, no whiskey, and no rum! But, with 38,600 gallons of water!

Now, that’s the way to fight a war!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Richard Jones
- 2 – Ralph Hanline
- 6 – Kathy Batson
- 23 – Shari Herzberg
- 25 – Tim Lahrs



Treasurer’s Report

Linda Mahoney, S Treasurer



Total Income for year **2010** was **\$9552.94**

Total expenses for year was **\$5,634.65**

Leaving a gain for the year of **\$3,918.29**

Bank balance on **Dec. 31, 2010** was **\$6702.80**

Available balance as of **Feb. 7, 2011** is **\$6,759.64**

Any member at any time may ask to see the ledger sheet I use as running accounting of our treasury.

Linda Mahoney
Treasurer

Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron 2011 Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Function	Location	Comment
1-Jan		New Year's Day		New Years Day
8-Jan	0830-1100	Instructor Development	Wilsdorf	Instructor: Wilsdorf
10-Jan	1830-2100	Junior Navigator - 12 Weeks	Wilsdorf	Instructor: Wilsdorf
17-Jan		MLK Jr Holiday		President's Day
17-Jan	1830-2100	Junior Navigator - 12 Weeks	Wilsdorf	Instructor: Wilsdorf
22-Jan	1700-1830	GISPS EXCOM Meeting	Sanctuary Cove Golf Club	
22-Jan	1900-2100	GISPS Membership Meeting	Sanctuary Cove Golf Club	
22-Jan	0900-1630	Instructor Development	UGA Extension	Instructor: Holmes/
		Critiques		Wilsdorf
24-Jan	1830-2100	Junior Navigator - 12 Weeks	Wilsdorf	Instructor: Wilsdorf
31-Jan	1830-2100	Junior Navigator - 12 Weeks	Wilsdorf	Instructor: Wilsdorf
1-7 Feb		USPS Annual Meeting	Disney Coronado Springs Resort, Lake Buena Vista, FL	
7-Feb	1830-2100	Junior Navigator - 12 Weeks	Wilsdorf	Instructor: Wilsdorf
14-Feb	1830-2100	Junior Navigator - 12 Weeks	Wilsdorf	Instructor: Wilsdorf
21-Feb		President's Day		
21-Feb	1830-2100	Junior Navigator - 12 Weeks	Wilsdorf	Instructor: Wilsdorf
26-Feb		VHF Seminar	UGA	Instructor: Wilsdorf
26-Feb	1700-1830	GISPS EXCOM Meeting	TBA	
26-Feb	1900-2100	GISPS Membership Meeting	TBA	
28-Feb	1830-2100	Junior Navigator - 12 Weeks	Wilsdorf	Instructor: Wilsdorf
1-Mar	1900-2100	ABC Course	UGA Marine Extension	
7-Mar	1830-2100	Junior Navigator - 12 Weeks	Wilsdorf	Instructor: Wilsdorf
8-Mar	1900-2100	ABC Course	UGA Marine Extension	
11-14 Mar		D26 Spring Conference	Hilton Head	
14-Mar	1830-2100	Junior Navigator - 12 Weeks	Wilsdorf	Instructor: Wilsdorf
15-Mar	1900-2100	ABC Course	UGA Marine Extension	
21-Mar	1830-2100	Junior Navigator - 12 Weeks	Wilsdorf	Instructor: Wilsdorf
22-Mar	1900-2100	ABC Course	UGA Marine Extension	
26-Mar	1700-1830	GISPS EXCOM Meeting	TBA	
26-Mar	1900-2100	GISPS Membership Meeting	TBA	
26-Mar	1830-2100	Junior Navigator - 12 Weeks	Wilsdorf	Instructor: Wilsdorf
29-Mar	1900-2100	ABC Course	UGA Marine Extension	
4-Apr	1830-2100	Junior Navigator - 12 Weeks	Wilsdorf	Instructor: Wilsdorf
11-Apr	1830-2100	Junior Navigator - 12 Weeks	Wilsdorf	Instructor: Wilsdorf
18-Apr	1830-2100	Junior Navigator - 12 Weeks	Wilsdorf	Instructor: Wilsdorf
23-Apr	1700-1830	GISPS EXCOM Meeting	TBA	
23-Apr	1900-2100	GISPS Membership Meeting	TBA	
24-Apr		Easter		
2-May	0900-1400	Seamanship	TBA	

Date	Time	Function	Location	Comment
9-May	0900-1400	Seamanship	TBA	
13-16 May		D26 Cruise & Rendezvous	Thurmond Lake Squadron	
14-May	0900-1800	GISPS Coop Charting	Golden Isles	
16-May	0900-1400	Seamanship	TBA	
23-May	0900-1400	Seamanship	TBA	
28-May	1700-1830	GISPS EXCOM Meeting	TBA	
28-May	1900-2100	GISPS Membership Meeting	TBA	
28-May	0900-1600	BoatSmart		
30-May		Memorial Day		
25-Jun	1700-1830	GISPS EXCOM Meeting	TBA	
26-Jun	1900-2100	GISPS Membership Meeting	TBA	
27-Jun	0900-1600	BoatSmart	TBA	
4-Jul		Independence Day		
23-Jul	1700-1830	GISPS EXCOM Meeting	TBA	
24-Jul	1900-2100	GISPS Membership Meeting	TBA	
27-Aug	1700-1830	GISPS EXCOM Meeting	TBA	
28-Aug	1900-2100	GISPS Membership Meeting	TBA	
30-Aug	1900-2100	ABC Course	UGA Marine Extension	
5-Sep		Labor Day		
6-Sep	1900-2100	ABC Course	UGA Marine Extension	
13-Sep	1900-2100	ABC Course	UGA Marine Extension	
14-19 Sep		USPS Governing Board	Greensboro, NC	
20-Sep	1900-2100	ABC Course	UGA Marine Extension	
24-Sep	1700-1830	GISPS EXCOM Meeting	TBA	
24-Sep	1900-2100	GISPS Membership Meeting	TBA	
27-Sep	1900-2100	ABC Course	UGA Marine Extension	
1-Oct	0800-1600	Coast Fest	GA DNR	
7-10 Oct		D26 Fall Conference	North Myrtle Beach, SC.	Hosted by North Strand Squadron
10-Oct		Columbus Day		
17-Oct	0900-1500	Piloting (T) - thru 11/7	TBA	
22-Oct	1700-1830	GISPS EXCOM Meeting	TBA	
23-Oct	1900-2100	GISPS Membership Meeting	TBA	
24-Oct	0900-1500	Piloting (T) - thru 11/7	TBA	
31 Oct	0900-1500	Piloting (T) - thru 11/7	TBA	
5-Nov		SRSPS Harvest Ball	Augusta, GA	
7-Nov	0900-1500	Piloting (T) - thru 11/7	TBA	
11-Nov		Veteran's Day		

Date	Time	Function	Location	Comment
19-Nov		GISPS COW		
24-Nov		Thanksgiving Day		
26-Nov	1700-1830	GISPS EXCOM Meeting	TBA	
27-Nov	1900-2100	GISPS Membership Meeting	TBA	
24-Dec	1700-1830	GISPS EXCOM Meeting	TBA	
25-Dec	1900-2100	GISPS Membership Meeting	TBA	
25-Dec		Christmas Day		
31-Dec		New Year's Eve		