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CDR Larry Jefferis



I am pleased to report that Vicky and I have returned from the longest "road trip" we've made in a long, long time. More importantly,

the Squadron has flourished in our absence. Congratulations to all of you and especially to P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN, for

keeping things moving in the right direction. The September low-country boil was a success thanks to Richard, AP and Dorothy Jones for

hosting and to Howard, AP and Jeanne Klippel for assisting. The October 1 Coast Fest was also successful. We had Jack Sterrett, JN, Skip Roeder, S, and Mary Roeder, S, Emil and Jennifer Hoffman, Lisa Noetzel, JN, Bob Butler, SN, Margaret Bulter, N, Joe Scirica, S, Stuart Stratton, S, and Richard Jones, AP, manning the booth and preaching Boating Safety to the public. We had 35 prospective attendees sign up so hopefully

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we can have a big ABC class in January. I have just returned from the District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch which was held in Myrtle Beach, SC. We received some awards which are listed in the Events and Awards section: Along the way your soon to be Past Commander was elected as District 26 Treasurer. It took our squadron just 6 years from creation to having our first member on the District Bridge. That's a pretty darned good accomplishment.

Announcements:

We still have Bucky Harris and Tommy Cox in health crises. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Events and Awards:

George Bloodworth, Skip and Mary Roeder, and John Vann have successfully completed Seamanship. George Bloodworth has also completed the requirements for AP. Vicky Jefferis, AP, received the District level Chapman award for excellence in education. Pat Rodgers received an individual award for participation in Coop Charting. The squadron received an award for our participation in Coop Charting. My congratulations to them all.

We are going to have a display at the October 22 Stewbilee in Brunswick, Mary Ross Park. Come out and visit us. We'll need workers at the booth so please volunteer if you can. Call myself or Charles Wilsdorf if you'd like to take a shift.

The Change of Watch Committee is making good progress in site and menu selection. Remember our change of watch is scheduled for 19 November. Be alert for an email laying out the location and options. We will also be sending out invitations shortly.

The next District 26 Spring Conference will be held in Beaufort SC, just a short drive for us, and attendance would be a great way to meet other members within the District and shares ideas and good times with folks who are interested in boating and boating safety. We'll keep you advised of sign-up dates and options.

Activities:

Boating Activities: We would STILL like to have a 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.

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Financial Statement:

At the end of September we had \$6,971.92 in the bank.

22-Oct	0800 – 1600	Brunswick Stewbilee GISPS Display - booth	Mary Ross Park
22-Oct	1800 - 2030	GISPS Membership Meeting & John and Pat Rodgers presentation on their recent cruise.	Saltwater Cowboy St Simons Island
19 - Nov	1800 - 2130	GISPS Change Of Watch	TBA
10 - Dec	1830 - 2130	GISPS Holiday Party	TBA

Closing:

Keep your eyes on the weather and take appropriate precautions for the hurricanes as they approach. We're almost out of the hurricane season. Enjoy your boating and come share your experiences with your friends at Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron.

Safe Boating All!

The Squadron Education Report

Charles Wilsdorf, SN



Much has transpired since I last reported in the "Porthole". So, here it goes.

I would first like to congratulate George Bloodworth, Skip and Mary Roeder, and John Vann on successfully completing Seamanship. Good job guys!!

George Bloodworth also completed Advance Piloting. Again, great job, George! George only needs two more electives now to earn the Education Proficiently Award.

We have six students registered for the November Marine Communication class and are making plans for a Navigation Class, ABC Class, and an Operations Training Class this winter. Please let me know if you are interested in any of these classes or would like to help in teaching these classes. I will email you more specific information when these classes are scheduled.

District 26 held Coastal Navigation Certification exercises at Lake Murray on August 20. The net results were three new CN Trainers, five new CN Certifiers, and six new CN Certificate holders. The BOC program is really growing and I encourage you to get involved. I promise you that you will become a much more skilled boater.

Also, earlier in August I had the opportunity to inspect and help deliver the new USPS 20' Dauntless Boston Whaler to Raleigh, NC with Tim Tate, the new DEO and a BOC Staff Cdr. After reaching USPS Headquarters, we got the opportunity to meet the Headquarters Staff and received the VIP tour of the offices and warehouse. Now I have a face to put with all the helpful staff that have answered my questions and led me in the right direction. I think one of the most impressive areas I saw there was the upstairs USPS Memorial Library. (See picture) It contains copies of every Chapman published along with artifacts which chronicle USPS history. Now, I would like to return and spend a day in the library just to mill around.

Putting on my Membership Chair hat, I would like to report that we were mentioned at the Fall District Conference as having increased our membership by over 7%. Of course we would like to have seen a much higher increase, but with the loss of non-renewing members this year, we did pretty well. So, next year let's all work on not only encouraging new members, but also on member retention. At the District Conference I would also like to report that our own Vicky Jefferis was recognized as a District Chapman Award Nominee by USPS Chief Commander, Frank A. Dvorak, SN. Good going Vicky! I will mention again, these District 26 Conferences are for all squadron members and I encourage you to attend. They are always fun and informative; and a great opportunity to meet fellow USPS District 26 members.

I would also like to commend members: Jack Sterrett, Skip and Mary Roeder, Emil and Jennifer Hoffman, Lisa Noetzel, Bob and Margaret Bulter, Joe Scirica, Stuart Stratton, and Richard Jones for their time and help at the October 1 annual CoastFest. They collected over thirty-five potential ABC students' and squadron members' names while preaching boating safety to the public.



Speaking of the boating public, we are going to also try a booth this year at the annual Brunswick Stewbilee at Mary Ross Waterfront Park. This venue usually attracts between 6,000 to 7,000 attendees, so hopefully we can keep preaching the safe boating gospel. We plan on having the USPS OTW boat and truck to help draw attention. (See Picture) Please give myself or Larry Jefferis a call if you would like to help man the booth that day and get some tastings in of Brunswick Stew.



We have another very informative USPS Webinar: Emergency Locator Beacons to be presented November 15. You may registrar and get more info at: <http://www.sailangle.com/education/webinar/> . I suggest anyone going offshore to invest in this seminar. I participated in the Marine Weather Forecasting with emphasis on the 500 mb chart webinar and it was very informative and well done. I suggest you give the webinar approach a try.

I will see you all at the October Membership meeting. And, remember this meeting is our annual meeting where the election of our new 2012 Bridge Officers will take place.

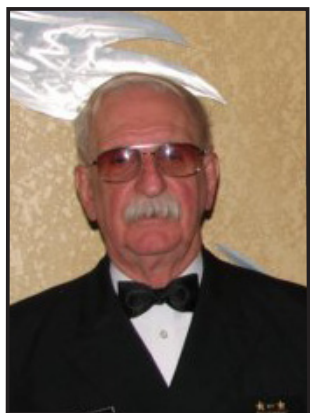
-Charles

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4 – Steve Bovie
9 – Carolyn Vann
12 – George Eshliman
15 – Margaret Butler
16 – Jack Sterrett
20 – Jim Grimshaw
20 – Teresa Wilsdorf
27 - Joseph Herzberg
28 – Howard Klippel
30 – Charles Wilsdorf



Assistant SEO Report Audie Holmes, SN



Can hardly believe it's time for another annual meeting of the GISPS! How time flies! In terms of the USPS this last year I've worked with two areas in Georgia with potential for one or two new squadrons.

I've really enjoyed completing and meeting new boaters with the VSC checks this year. I do hope some of you become a Vessel Safety Checker, if you are not already. I was delighted to complete the Navigation course and receive the "SN" this year along with Paulette. I hope you, too, are taking and completing as many USPS course as you have the time to do so.

I say all of this to remind all our new members that the Power Squadron can provide you with all the opportunities -both educational and social- that you may be interested in pursuing. The new OTW (on the water) possibilities are endless!

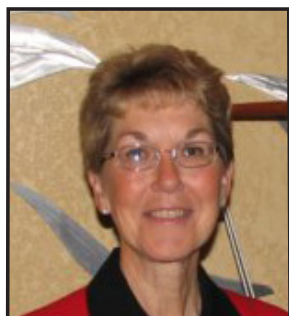
It's been a year since the GISPS presented the best District 26 Change of Watch we've ever attended. I just know that the members of the GISPS will continue to be the best squadron in any district.

I am proud to be a member of USPS, but more importantly to me is to be a member of Golden Isles. Hope to see all of you soon! Remember the motto: Boating Safety through Education!

Sincerely,
P/C Audie (Holmes), SN

Secretary's Report

Vicky Jefferis, AP Secretary



The September 24, 2011 meeting was a Low Country Boil held at the home of Richard and Dorothy Jones. Although no formal business meeting was conducted, Joe Scirica, S, As-

sistant Secretary proposed the minutes of the August 27, 2011 be approved. Minutes were approved.

Election of the 2012 Bridge and Standing Committees will be held at our October 22 meeting. The slate of Bridge Officers and Standing Committee members proposed by the Nominating Committee was sent to you a few weeks ago, but here they are again for your consideration. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

2012 Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron Bridge Officers

Commander	Vicky Jefferis, AP
Executive Officer	Lisa Noetzel, JN
Administration Officer	Richard Jones, AP
SEO	Charles Wilsdorf, SN
ASEO	Jack Sterrett, JN
Secretary	Joe Scirica, S
Treasurer	Teresa Wilsdorf, S
P/C	Larry Jefferis, AP
Flag Lieutenant	Larry Jefferis, AP

Members at Large

Emil Hoffman
Robert Morrison, S
Audie Holmes, SN
William Gauthier, P

General Committees

Nominating Committee

Howard Klippel, AP Chairman (1yr)
Charles Wilsdorf, SN (2yrs)
Larry Jefferis, AP (3yrs)

Rules Committee

John Rodgers, SN, Chairman (1yr)
George Eshliman, P (2yrs)
Coy Hodges, JN (3yrs)

Auditing Committee

Teresa Wilsdorf, S Chairman (1yr)
Emil Hoffman (2yrs)
Dorothy Jones (3yrs)