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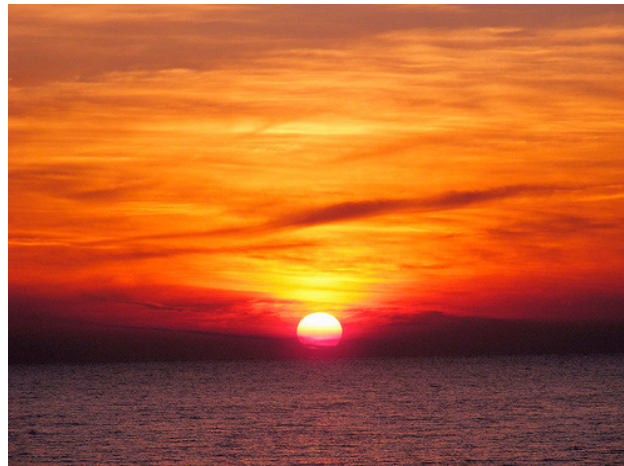
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CDR Larry Jefferis

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Commander. It has been an interesting and very rewarding two-year ride. Thank you all for your support



and allowing me to be your leader for that period. As I've said before, no one can lead this organization by themselves. I recognize that and

need to take this opportunity to single out some members who have been of great assistance to me. I want to thank my advisors and mentors – Charles

Wilsdorf, SN, and Audie Holmes, SN. The Squadron Bridge and assistant members are keys to how well the organization functions: My thanks to Steve Chambless, P, Steve Batson, AP, Jim Grimshaw, AP, Vicky Jefferis, AP, Linda Mahoney, S, Teresa Wilsdorf, S, and Joe Scirica, S, for their service. I am especially proud of the job we did in hosting the District 26 2010 Change Of Watch. Every member of the

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squadron participated and carried a portion of the load in preparing for and executing the conference plan. My thanks and hearty congratulations to you all for that. It will be a long time before there is a better District 26 Event. I believe we can do better in Coop Charting, organized boating activities and membership recruiting and retention. We always have such a good time whenever we gather we should expect nothing less when we're trying to promote boating safety throughout the community. Thank you all and good luck in the future. The new bridge has been selected and elected and stands ready to serve you well. Support them, encourage them and try your best to volunteer to help the bridge in accomplishing our Power Squadron Mission.

Congratulations to the 2012 Bridge:

Commander	Vicky Jefferis, AP	Executive Officer	Lisa Noetzel, JN
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You'll notice that I wasn't able to escape completely!

Events and Awards:

Our booth at the October 22 Stewbilee in Brunswick at Mary Ross Park was noticed by many and visited by a few. We had 8 potential ABC candidates sign up so the effort was partially rewarding. My thanks to those who manned the booth: Charles Wilsdorf, SN, Tim Lahrs, S, Skip Roeder, S, and Mary Roeder, S, Steve Chambless, P, Coy Hodges, JN, and Larry Jefferis, AP.

The Change of Watch Committee has done a great job in planning coordinating the event which will be 19 November. Invitations have been sent out and at last count we had about 39 attendees. We don't have all the checks yet. I'll let your new commander report on the final numbers. It appears we will have a significant group of our Augusta members present. It will be great to see them again.

We're losing Bob Woodman, P, and his wife Marianne. Bob was a charter member of the squadron but he has decided to relocate to Beaufort, SC, closer to children. Bob has always had a fantastic experience to share. He will be missed but our loss may be Beaufort Sail and Power Squadron's gain.

The next District 26 Spring Conference will be held in Beaufort SC, March 9-11, just a short drive for us, and attendance would be a great way to meet other members within the District and share 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.

Education: Please read the SEO's report. In January we are planning to hold an ABC course, a Navigation Course, an Operations Training Course and are investigating the interest in a Partners in Command Seminar. Please let the SEO know if you are interested in either of these classes or if there are any other classes you might have an interest in.

Calendar:

Come join us at our annual Change of Watch at the Jekyll Island Club.

19 - Nov	1800 - 2130	GISPS Change Of Watch	Jekyll Island Club, Jekyll Island, GA
10 - Dec	1830 - 2130	GISPS Holiday Party	Home of Joe Scirica
28 - Jan	1800 - 2100	Monthly Meeting	TBA

Closing:

For the new year, we have a full slate of officers! Again, my congratulations and thanks to all who volunteered to be part of the Squadron Bridge. I am really proud of each and every one of you who have stepped up. I'm confident you will do well in the coming year. With this level of interest, we should have an extremely successful year. Be part of the action ... volunteer before your asked. It can be very rewarding.

Have a prosperous and joyful holiday season. We will see you at the Change of Watch and then at the GISPS Holiday Party.
Safe Boating All!

The Squadron Education Report

Charles Wilsdorf, SN



As some of you might already know, we will be losing GISPS Charter Member, Bob Woodman, in the near future. Bob plans to transfer to the Beaufort Power Squadron where he will be making his new home with his wife, Marianne. Bob has been an USPS member for thirty-seven years and for many years dedicated himself to the Sea Scout Program. Bob has trained many of young boaters in the fine art of navigation long before the GPS era. Bob gives a whole new to definition to "Seaman's Eye". Bob and Marianne were also avid cruisers spending many days in the Bahamas with their sons on a small runabout. Later, Bob and Maryanne cruised their 43 Gulfstar trawler from Fl to South America and back to Georgia. Bob was also one of our first GISPS VSC. Bob's and Marianne's companionship and knowledge will be missed, but Beaufort not's that far away, so give them a visit.

Our Marine Communications System class started Saturday, November 5. The class will be meeting for two long Saturday classes. This will be the last Advanced or Elective class offered this year. But, if you like or have the time, you may always "boothstrap" (self-study) a course as we have several members doing at present. I am always available to order text for you. Our Navigation Class is tentatively scheduled to start Jan 10. We also hope to have an Operations Training Seminar scheduled right after the first of the year. I suggest that all members participate in this seminar. You will learn the objectives, purpose, and customs of our squadron, district, and National USPS as well as how they operate. The information in this seminar will answer many questions you might have as well as provide a good overview of the USPS. Manuals for the OT Seminar may be downloaded from:

<http://www.usps.org/national/ot/>. I suggest that you print the seminar manual. Please let me know if you would like a printed version and I will be happy to have it printed and bound for you for around \$20.00. I would also suggest you download an USPS Operations Manual for reference at the same website as above. The Operations Manual is left best in its digital form.

We would also like to offer an ABC class to the public around of the first of the year. We sure need help in this endeavor, so please give me a call if you are available. We need help in setting up classroom, teaching, teaching aids, and proctoring. With over fifty interested potential student names collected from the CoastFest and Stewiblee, I am sure we can have a good class.

This has been another great year in the GISPS. I thank all of you who have helped in our boating education endeavors and hopefully next year will be equally productive. I wish all of you a happy and safe holiday season.

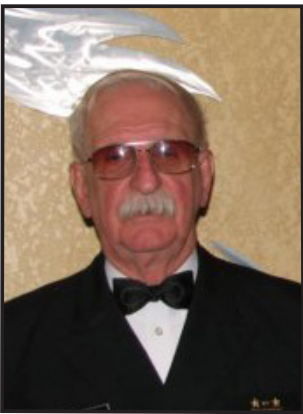
I am looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming GISPS COW and if you miss it; I hope to see you at the GISPS Christmas Party.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 – Sara Grimshaw
9 – Coy Hodges
10 – Linda Mahoney
26 – Marilyn Hanft



Assistant SEO Report Audie Holmes, SN



Education, civic duty and fellowship are three parts of an important USPS triangle. The fellowship in USPS is a sometimes overlooked, but very important side of that triangle.

Fellowship in USPS allows new and veteran members to share good times in a nautically-related fashion. We have our GISPS COW coming up on 19 November. This is the perfect opportunity to build friendships with individuals from outside the GISPS. District representatives will join us that evening, and just such occasions allow us to broaden what is meant by USPS fellowship.

Over the last few months we have missed being able to fellowship with all of you. We all have another chance at the GISPS COW. The COW is a solemn tradition, full of dedication to the USPS. Let's all be there to renew old ties and build new ones. We need to rededicate ourselves to the mission of our elite organization. Fellowship: that's a big part of USPS. Let's make it happen! Audie

Sincerely,
P/C Audie (Holmes), SN

Secretary's Report

Vicky Jefferis, AP Secretary



This November Porthole report will be my last as your Secretary so I want to thank all of you for helping me keep good records of the business and social activities GISPS has conducted over the past years. Thanks to Teresa Wilsdorf and Joe Scirica who've served as

Assistant Secretary and have backed me up during my absences.

Special thanks also to Joey Herzberg, P, for his unfailing support in creating our fantastic Porthole. Joey is one of our "behind the scenes" stalwarts who make our Squadron great! Big thanks also go to another of our "silent heroes," Joe Scirica, for maintaining the Squadron website as a current, reliable source of information for members and the public. Kudos to our Membership chairman, Charles Wilsdorf, SN, who has been outstanding in his efforts to find new members who share our love of boating and who keeps our membership roster updated for easy reference. Last, but not least, thanks to Commander Larry for helping me accurately report all the details of our activities, no small task to be sure.

Minutes for the October meeting follow:

Cdr Larry Jefferis, AP, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM 22 October 2011 at the Saltwater Cowboy Restaurant, St. Simons Island, GA. Joe Scirica, S, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Larry introduced Past Commanders John Rodgers, SN, Charles Wilsdorf, SN, and Andy Hyman, SN. He welcomed visitors P/C Andy Hyman and Marilyn Hyman from Lake Murray Power Squadron, Cathy Moulder, guest of Lisa Noetzel, JN, and Jase Chambless, son of Stephen Chambless, P. Larry thanked Richard, AP, and Dorothy Jones for hosting the September meeting and providing a wonderful low country boil. He also thanked Howard, AP, and Jeannie Klippel for their assistance with the event.

Cdr Jefferis reported that the Jefferis and Wilsdorfs attended the District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch in Myrtle Beach, SC. He announced the Squadron was named to the Co-Op Charting Honor Roll for the Seventh Year, and placed 41st nationally.

Pat Rodgers, AP, Squadron Co-op Charting Chair, was named to the Honor Roll for the Ninth Year, placing 129th nationally. Vicky Jefferis, AP, received an Excellence in Teaching Award as the Squadron's nominee for the District Charles Chapman Award.

Secretary Vicky Jefferis confirmed a quorum was present. She reported the August 2011 minutes were approved as published in the Porthole but that no other business was conducted at the September Low Country Boil meeting, therefore there are no September minutes.

Treasurer Linda Mahoney, S, reported the Balance on Hand 22 October 2011 is \$7,092.66.

SEO Wilsdorf announced plans to offer a Marine Communications elective on 5 and 12 November. The Boat Operators Certification program is up and running, so we need to get members interested in the Inland and Coastal Navigation offerings. The squadron borrowed the USPS' leased pickup truck and boat for display at today's Brunswick Stewbilee. This display attracted a good crowd and several people signed the sheet to be contacted for upcoming ABC classes.

We need to conduct an Operational Training course for members and Charles would like to do it prior to Christmas. He mentioned he plan to offer the Navigation course in January 2012. Larry added he's looking at the Partners in Command seminar and gave a brief description. Several members indicated their interest.

Vicky Jefferis announced she had distributed the invitations to the Squadron Change of Watch and asked anyone she missed to see her. The COW will be held 19 November at the Jekyll Island Club. Vicky will try to get more specifics on the Catch of the Day entrée and provide it in time to make the RSVP cutoff. She thanked Jeannie Klippel and Teresa Wilsdorf for their help in identifying sites and helping make the final selection. Vicky mentioned that members who don't have Jekyll Island stickers might like to carpool with others who do.

After dinner, John and Pat Rodgers presented an interesting and informative slide program that covered the USPS Cruise they made following the September 2010 National Meeting in Bellevue, WA. Pat and John

chartered a boat and joined the 58 boat group cruising from Washington State through the San Juan Islands to Victoria, BC and back. The pictures were beautiful and the program was both fun and educational. Next, election of the 2012 Bridge was conducted. Linda Mahoney moved to accept the 2012 Slate as distributed via email and published in the Porthole by acclamation. Motion carried.

2012 Bridge and Committee members are:

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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 Chairman (1yr)
Emil Hoffman (2yrs)
Dorothy Jones (3yrs)

Larry informed everyone that he's made a notebook containing descriptions of all the seminars offered by USPS and invited them to come take a look to see what might be of interest. He reminded all that Joe Scirica has again offered to host the GISPS Holiday Party on 10 December. More information will be available closer to the event. Larry closed the meeting by telling everyone how much he's enjoyed being Squadron Commander for the past two years and is very appreciative of all the support and commitment from Squadron members. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Mahoney, S Treasurer



As I pass the torch of the treasurer position to Teresa Wilsdorf, who will be a very capable financial officer, I certainly have fond memories of good times enjoyed at ex-com meetings and friendships made with many general members. I have never been a “numbers” person, so it’s been a good stretch of my gray cells to “keep the books” for GISPS. I certainly wish all of the new bridge much success.

BANK BALANCE FOR 10/31/11 is \$6124.97

Linda Mahoney
Treasurer