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CDR Vicky Jefferis



It was great to see so many people who braved the heavy rain at our March meeting. Those who attended were well rewarded by

our guest speaker, Cap Fendig. Mr. Fendig is a native of the Golden Isles and comes from a family who has been in the

area for many many years, so he was able to tell stories about the history of the area from the earliest days of settlement right up

until today. His tales were fascinating and it was a treat to hear him speak.

We had a few members missing from the March meeting because they were out doing what boaters love to do. Charles Wilsdorf, SN, Coy Hodges, SN, Jack, SN, and Linda Sterrett, John, P, and Carolyn Vann, and George, AP, and

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Freida Bloodworth all headed south to cruise the ICW and the East Coast of Florida. Some made it further than others, and some haven't yet returned, but be sure to ask about their adventures the next time you run into any of them.

Looking ahead, we'll be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the United States Power Squadrons at our April 27 meeting. Created on 2 Feb. 1914, USPS will mark 100 years of education, fellowship and community service in 2014. Based on the powerboat handling skills programs of businessman Roger Upton at the Boston Yacht Club in Marblehead, Mass., USPS offers its programs to nearly 40,000 members in more than 400 squadrons across the U.S., its territories and Japan. We've invited guests from throughout the area to help us mark this occasion, and we'll have a short ceremony featuring the special USPS 100th Anniversary Ensign. Mark this date on your calendar now! Our Admin Officer, Skip Roeder, S, has arranged for us to meet at Nazzaro's Italian Restaurant, 196 Retreat Village, St. Simons Island. Please plan to join in this celebration.

As most of you know, Safe Boating Week is coming up in May. This special week, May 18 – 24, 2013, kicks off the beginning of the summer boating season. As always, Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron will help raise community awareness through a special event that week. See the XO's article for all the details.

Don't forget, there is no May membership meeting since the fourth Saturday of the month falls on Memorial Day Weekend and there are always numerous conflicts for our membership. So, enjoy the long holiday weekend, and whatever you do, please do it safely!

Although I don't know all the plans at this time, I've heard that our Co-op Charting Chair, Pat Rodgers, AP, aided and assisted by John Rodgers, SN, are finalizing plans for our next outing, probably in June. Watch the next newsletter and the XO's article to learn more. Our Co-op Charting events are always a great time on the water, and we provide a very important community service for area boaters as well as transients passing through.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 – Linda Nelson
13 – Lynne Barron
15 – Audie Holmes
18 – Ron Nelson



Squadron Education Officer
Charles Wilsdorf, SN



I am happy to report that our squadron boating education keeps moving right along with Mike Moye, AP and Bob Quinn, AP passing their Engine Maintenance exam with flying colors. The review and exam was administered by our squadron's Engine Maintenance Chairman, D/



Lt/C Larry Jefferies, AP. Thanks, Larry! Now, only one more elective course completion will earn Mike and Bob the "Education Proficiency Award". Let's get it done!!

I am also very happy to report that Margaret Butler, N Aced her Sail exam. Great job Margaret!!! Now, Margaret only lacks one more elective to earn her "Education Achievement Award" and become a Senior Navigator (SN).

Our squadron has eight candidates for Seamanship and nine candidates for Advanced Piloting. I will be in touch with these candidates to schedule classes. The Seamanship class would start in mid-May and the AP class in mid-July. Our Squadron's Ed Staff would also like to work in some USPS Seminars on Saturday mornings at one of the local breakfast establishments. We have discussed the "Partner in Command", "Marine Radar", "Basic Weather and Forecasting", and "Knots, Bends, and Hitches" seminars. Please let me know if you have an interest in any of these seminars or any of the seminars listed on the USPS website.

I mentioned last month that I was installing a new Marine VHF/DSC/AIS radio on "Makana", Coy Hodges, SN's sailboat. All went well with the help of Jack Sterrett, SN who could squeeze into some of those tiny spaces that this big boy just couldn't access. The radio worked flawless on our cruise to the Florida Keys. I was really surprised to see how many recreation vessels had the AIS



transmitters. At some points our Chartplotter screen was cluttered with AIS vessels even in the ICW. The AIS system, especially used in conjunction with marine radar brings a great degree of safety. Also, the AIS along with DSC make communications with another AIS vessel a cinch.

Our cruise to the Florida Keys was a relatively quick and a cool one. This time because of weather we chose to stay on the ICW with the

exception of an overnight from Fort Pierce to Miami. Being our first time to enter the Port of Miami I must say it was a little intimidating approaching before sunrise with ships lined up to enter the channel like I-95 traffic jam. I have never seen so many ships at one time with the exception of entering Panama City, Panama. Once we got close to Government Cut, the actual inlet, we could see that four or five ships were just anchored and confirmed with the AIS. We also got clarification from the USCG that we were in fact legally able



to enter the inlet since the shipping channel was closed for security purposes. Then to top things off, as we were rolling and yawing entering the inlet trying to keep control with a large SE swell, a USCG cutter called us by radio to announce they were on our starboard quarter and intended to pass us which they did. Needless to say, once safely secure at the Crandon Park Marina and a cold shower behind us, four hours of sleep was pure heaven.



As would have it we had S and SE winds on the bow on our way to the Keys, and N and NW winds on the bow on the return trip. On our passage from Hollywood, FL to North Palm Beach we encountered 22 bascule bridges.

What a day!! Coy calculated time to each bridge and we pushed little "Makana" for all she was worth to make the openings only missing two out of 22. We stayed at Old Port Marina that night and they let us dock at the fuel dock that evening since all

had gone home. All in all it was a great trip with me only running aground once between two bridges just North of Daytona which were less than .4 nm apart. No excuses, just asleep at the wheel. Luckily, we drove forward right off with only my bruised ego. Because of the good protection from the weather, great scenery, and multitudes of places to anchor or moor overnight, I think I am turning into an ICW junkie.

Hope to see you all at the April meeting.

Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron 2013 Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Function	Location
Apr 27	1700	EXCOM Meeting	Nazarro's
	1800	Membership Mtg/ 100 th Anniversary Celebration	St. Simon's Island
May 3-5		D26 Cruise & Rendezvous	Hilton Head, SC
May 18-24		Safe Boating Week/ Tent at West Marine	
May 18	0900		
Jun 22		Co-op Charting	TBD
Jul 27	1645	EXCOM Meeting	TBD
	1800	Membership Mtg	
Aug 24	1645	EXCOM Meeting	TBD
	1800	Membership Mtg	
Sep 28	1645	EXCOM Meeting	TBD
	1800	Membership Mtg	
Oct 4-6		D26 Fall Conference	Lake Murray, SC
Oct 5		CoastFest	Brunswick DNR

Secretary's Report
Sandra Boynton, P Secretary



Cmdr Vicky Jefferis, AP called the meeting to order 23 March 2013, at Captain Joe's Seafood Restaurant, Brunswick, Ga. Vicky introduced our guests: Cap and Mrs. Fendig, Cap was our guest speaker; Al Kirkpatrick (potential member); and Jason, Jodi, Kinzlee, and Keithlee Jefferis. Vicky also presented the squadron with the Boating Activity Division III award that GISPS was presented with at the Spring Conference in February.

Cmdr. Vicky Jefferis, AP discussed the D26 Leadership Development Program (LDP) to be held April 19-21 in Columbus, SC. Vicky explained that LDP helps prepare individuals to take a leadership role within a voluntary organization, regardless of any position you do or do not hold. Also, she notified everyone that D26 would pay the \$75 tuition for anyone that wanted to attend. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested.

We discussed the April 27th meeting. This meeting will be a ceremony to make the occasion of the USPS 100th anniversary and we will have the District Ensign. Denise Schultz volunteered to put together something special to mark the ceremony. Volunteers may be needed, let Vicky know if you are willing to help her.

Cmdr. Vicky also talked about the D26 Cruise and Rendezvous to be held in Hilton Head, SC May 3-5. Information can be obtained from the D26 website which can be accessed via our website. It is an all fun weekend and a boat is not required to attend. You can attend and request to be a crewmember on a boat for the boating activities. One of the boating will be a Poker Run to include prizes for best hands. The signup due date is early April.

Acting Secretary, Teresa Wilsdorf, S verified that we had a Quorum present.

Cmdr. Vicky spoke on behalf of XO Lisa Noetzel, JN about Safe boating week in in May. GISPS will have a tent and booth at West Marine and volunteers are needed to help for various times during the day. Please contact Lisa regarding your availability. She also spoke about the upcoming Co-Op Charting outing. Pat and John are organizing the outing to do co-op charting on June 22nd, St. Andrews Sound is being considered. The event will take place the same day as our scheduled June meeting. A picnic may be planned in lieu of a meeting.

AO, Skip Roeder, S, threatened to have a surprise location to announce to no avail!

Three people attended and passed the ABC class in March. In addition, 14 members completed the Weather class, and 2 members passed the Advance Piloting class.

After the business part of the meeting was completed, we ate our dinner. After dinner Cap Fendig spoke. Cap spoke about a variety of things regarding the history and area of Brunswick, St. Simons, and Jekyll area and the state of Georgia. He was an excellent speaker and everyone was very pleased with the information he relayed to us. Since he discussed so much and I was so interested in listening and not writing, I encourage each of you to attend the meeting next time he is the guest speaker. You really did miss learning a lot about the history of our area.

Treasurer's Report

Teresa Wilsdorf, S Treasurer



GISPS currently has \$6,634.00 in the bank as of 4/10/13. I have a spreadsheet that can be emailed to anyone that wants a copy of our year-to-date financial information. Just email me a request and I will send it to you.

We had a great meeting in March. Thanks you Skip Roeder, S, for arranging our guest speaker Capt Fendig. That was the second time I have heard him speak and he is a fantastic speaker with so much local knowledge. If you ever get an opportunity to hear him don't miss it.

Emil Hoffman, S, audited the financial books I keep and reported that everything was in order. Thanks Emil.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting....don't forget your \$\$s for the 50-50 drawing, and hopefully I won't forget the tickets!

XO Report

Lisa Noetzel, JN



Hello GISPS members! Spring is here as is the warm weather, which means boating opportunities abound. That said, there are a few upcoming events we as a club need to think about. The first is the National Safe Boating Week, which will be observed this May 18 - 24.

This is a great event to promote boating safety (wearing life jackets) and our club, so GISPS should have a table set up outside West Marine on Saturday the 18th from 0900 - 1600. Volunteers to man the table at 2 hour intervals will be essential. Please email me at lisa.noetzel@gmail.com if you are free and available that day.

The second event will be a co-op charting event in June, tentatively set for Saturday, the 22nd. I'm still working out the details with Pat and John Rogers, our club's co-op charters par excellence, but I will keep you informed. One necessary, final shout out is for Jen Hoffman, the GISPS public relations guru, who sent Chas Wilsdorf's picture and USPS award information to the Brunswick News. You're the best, Jen. Thank you! Until the next article, happy boating to you all!

Charter Commander's Report

Audie Holmes, SN



Identification is an important part of the human psyche; that is why we have names—simply to identify one person from another. Our name is our identifier, and we like to hear our names spoken, see our names in print and otherwise be recognized (...especially if what is said when our name is mentioned is positive). We like to be known.

Organizations like to be recognized as well, and one way this is done is by special dress features such as blazer, T-shirts, badges and uniforms. An experienced military person can read another's military history at a quick glance simply by "reading" the uniform: time in service, rank or grade, awards, wounds, etc. It is especially important for the uniform to be worn with honor and respect.

The Operations and Training Manual has a special section that addresses the best way to dress to represent the squadron in appropriate manners whether on land, lake or sea. The USPS is a noble organization and proper attire for all functions of the USPS are spelled out in the Operations and Training Manual. A wealth of information is contained therein, and it does all members well, not just new members, to read the section of the manual on attire and update ourselves from time to time on issues that come to mind and may need to be addressed that relate to dress. Reading these pages may be just the perfect solution of what to do on a very rainy afternoon when it is too wet and uncomfortable for boating, fishing, golfing, or even for the necessary yard work that seems to surface just at the wrong time. Let me know what you are reminded when you read this section of the USPS Operations and Training Manual. Let me know how well it works for you. I'd like to know, maybe I'll try it, too.

AO Report

Skip Roeder, S



This month's meeting will be at Nazzaro's Italian Restaurant, located in Retreat Plaza on Saint Simons. The room should be quieter than the one at Captain Joe's. For those not familiar with Saint Simons, Retreat Plaza is located at Demere and Frederica next to Bonefish Grill. Mary and I have dined there several times and always enjoyed it.

We will be discussing options for social gatherings this summer and fall. Don't forget, there will be no meetings in May due to the fourth Saturday falling on Memorial Day Weekend and June because of our co-op charting activity so we will need to get our plans made now. Bring your suggestions to the meeting.

We are getting a jump on this year's boating activity award. So far we have recorded 2160 points. Fishing trips count too, so even if you are by yourself soaking a few shrimp drop me an email.