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CDR Vicky Jefferis

Our April 27th meeting celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the United States Power Squadrons drew a "sellout" crowd! Thanks again to Admin Officer Skip Roeder,



D/C Ed Kridler, SN, presents the GISPS Battle Ribbon to GISPS Charter Member Howard Klippel, AP, to attach to the District's USPS 100th Anniversary Ensign.

S, for arranging such a nice meeting place and thanks to all who attended to support this special celebration. Helping us mark USPS' 100 years of education,

fellowship and community service were special squadron guests District 26 Commander Ed Kridler, SN, his wife, Cindy, and US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla

10 Commander Don Wellons along with guests of several members. As part of the ceremony, D/C Kridler presented Howard Klippel, AP, our most senior Charter Member in attendance, the GISPS battle streamer to attach to the District 26 USPS 100th Anniversary Ensign.

Also participating in the ceremony were Charter Members Jeanne Klippel, Richard Jones, AP, and Dorothy Jones. Thank you to Denise Schultze for helping create the

GOLDEN ISLES SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON 2012/13 BRIDGE

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Anniversary2 – Howard Klippel, AP, attaches the GISPS battle ribbon the District 26 USPS 100th Anniversary Ensign as Vicky Jefferis, AP, D/C Ed Kridler, Jeanne Klippel, Richard, AP and Dorothy Jones, and Larry Jefferis, AP look on.

Porthole of our fun on the waters of Calibogue Sound, but alas, the wind and rain that pounded the coast May 2 – 5 kept us off the water. Despite our disappointment in missing out on some great boating, we had a wonderful time seeing many friends from the other district squadrons and our Hilton Head hosts provided plenty of fun and good food!

As you know, Safe Boating Week is coming up. This special week, May 18 – 24, 2013, kicks off the beginning of the summer boating season. I urge all of you to review what you've learned in the various USPS courses you've taken and share that knowledge with all your boating friends.

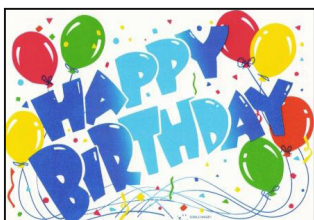
Don't forget, there is no May membership meeting since the fourth Saturday of the month falls on Memorial Day Weekend and there are always numerous conflicts for our membership. So, enjoy the long holiday weekend, and whatever you do, please do it safely!

Although I don't know all the plans at this time, our Co-op Charting Chair, Pat Rodgers, AP, and John Rodgers, SN, are finalizing plans for our next outing on June 22. Lisa has asked for suggestions from all of you on where you would like to work to check depth, nav aids, and other items showing on charts.

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.



GISPS members and guests enjoy great food and fun at the April meeting celebrating the 100th Anniversary of USPS



MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 – Chuck Boynton
2 – James Bridges
4 – George Bloodworth

16 – Jennifer Hoffman
26 – Frank Barron
28 – Betty Whisnant

ceremony! Following the ceremony, Commander Kridler made a few remarks, noting that GISPS is a remarkable squadron – he pointed out that not only has the squadron membership grown to more than double the size from when chartered in 2005, our strength and vitality is evident by looking at the number and prestige of the awards won by the squadron and its members during our short history.

Last week I received a note from D/C Kridler in which he wrote, "...please thank your squadron members for the friendliness and hospitality shown to Cindy and me...We always enjoy being with your squadron...and the program...was excellent."

Larry and I just returned from the D26 Cruise & Rendezvous hosted by Hilton Head Sail & Power Squadron. I hoped to have glorious photos for this edition of the

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
May 18-24		Safe Boating Week/	
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
Oct 26	1645	EXCOM Meeting	TBD
	1800	Membership Mtg	

Secretary's Report

Sandra Boynton, P Secretary



There was a very brief meeting held prior to our activities to celebrate the Power Squadron's 100th Anniversary.

Commander Vicky Jefferis, AP introduced our invited guests to our 100th Anniversary Celebration: D/C Ed and Cindy Kridler, and Coast Guard Auxiliary Commander Don Wellons. In addition, we had potential new members Rob Bleil and Heather Murray (Lisa and Cheech's friends), Velma Breaux, and potential new member Roger Nicewanger in attendance.

XO Lisa Noetzel, JN stated that she will attempt to get West Marine to donate life jackets for our Safe Boating Week drawing. Lisa has also sent out a couple of requests for members to volunteer for the booth at West Marine. I would think some of our members could give up two hours on a Saturday to help Lisa at the booth. Charles and I have volunteered, who else is going to come to the plate?! The XO also stated that a social gathering would be nice to have after we do our Co-Op charting on June 22nd; however once again, we need volunteers to help put it together. Contact Lisa if you are willing to assist.

AO Skip Roeder, S reported that our July meeting will take place on Sonny's BBQ. Remember, if anyone finds other options we are open to meeting in other places. He also reported that he is working on getting a speaker for July and/or August.

Treasurer, Teresa Wilsdorf, S reported our account balance of \$6,428.26. The Treasurer also reminded everyone that renewals are becoming due. She said she would start calling people around the middle of May to give them a friendly reminder.

SEO, Charles Wilsdorf, SN reported that a Seamanship class would begin on May 13 thru June 10th. The SEO also plans on having an AP class starting around July 22nd. Let him know if you would like to be in either class. The SEO also reported that a new and better book is available for Cruise Planning. He also did a brief overview of the change to the Georgia Boating Law regarding life vest usage, safe boating class requirements, and alcohol levels.

After the business part of the meeting was completed, we began our 100th Anniversary Celebration. Commander Jefferis provided an overview of the USPS and GISPS history and Howard Klippel, AP, attached the GISPS battle ribbon to the USPS 100th Anniversary Ensign.

Treasurer's Report
Teresa Wilsdorf, S Treasurer



Financial Statement:

GISPS currently has \$6,640.33 in the bank as of 5/9/13.

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.

I want to remind everyone to make sure you renew your dues. I noticed that there are some members have renewal dates of June 1. I will run another spreadsheet next week and call with a "friendly reminder" for you to renew. Remember, this can be done on the computer and can be paid by credit card or debit card. In addition, you can send me your renewal check if you choose.

I hope to see you on the water for Co-Op Charting and the social after, and at the July meeting.

Have a wonderful and safe Memorial Day!

XO Report
Lisa Noetzel, JN



Hello GISPS members! Since our last meeting, there have been some new developments. First, our participation in National Safe Boating Week in front of West Marine on Saturday, May 18th has been cancelled. Although we had a few volunteers (thank you Chas and Teresa!), there were not enough individuals to adequately staff that event. May is a busy time for many of us, so hopefully the next year will bring more compatible calendar events.

Saturday, June 22 still has the green light for GISPS cooperative charting. Some excellent suggestions (thanks Tim!) have been to chart Jekyll and Mud Creeks and the ICW stretch between Jekyll and Cumberland. There is the Jekyll Marina, where several members keep their boats, and there is also nearby a public ramp for those members who can trailer their craft.

Additionally, there is a BBQ area and/or restaurants in the vicinity where we can picnic or dine after a day on the water. As June approaches, I will send several emails reminding you of the date. Further, if anyone has additional charting recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact me at lisa.noetzel@gmail.com

Charter Commander's Report

Audie Holmes, SN



Hello, all! This is your former commander asking you to consider this month the mission of the United States Power Squadrons and your role in regards to that mission. Our vision for the future in the new USPS states that: "...teaching, training, or performing government and civic service...and adding to its partnerships with other boating organizations...greatly enhance the benefits of USPS membership."

Do you concur that the mission of the USPS has expanded greatly over the century of its existence and that each of us as members has a major role to play in regards to that expanded mission? These are very important questions to ponder, act upon, and discuss with both new and veteran members of the GISPS, District 26, and national. Thanks for being an active member in the best squadron there is! Let's continue to make it so. Sincerely, Audie Holmes

AO Report

Skip Roeder, S



Greetings:

We had a great meeting at Nazzaro's last month; every seat was full, as were the stomachs. We will have no meeting this month due to Safe Boating week. There should be no meeting again in June so that we can participate in Co- Op charting. July should find us at Sonny's BBQ again- keep tuned.

As a die-hard fisherman, there is no off season for my boat. One problem with running 12 months a year is keeping your safety equipment in date and functional. Several times in years past I looked at my flares and found that they were several months out of date. Our Coast Guard frowns on this. Like many frugal boaters I kept the expired flares, thinking that if I really needed help some extras would be nice to have. But after a couple of replacements I wondered how many of these expired flares were enough.

Last Fourth of July I decided to get rid of all my expired flares. Took them down to the local park and shot them of over the pond. Or Tried. Many only produced a small fisstz little light, little smoke. Only a few did what we expect a distress flare to do. Showed the importance of keeping in-date equipment on board.