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GISPS Commander
Cdr Sharon Hindery, AP

March has arrived and with it's spring- like weather, boaters start thinking of preparing for the upcoming season on the water. As things gear up, we also have many squadron opportunities to engage in.

See Charles report on our educational successes so far this year. I, for one, really enjoyed the challenge of the AP class, but am extremely relieved to have it successfully behind me. Congratulations to my fellow classmates Cathy Stortz, Joe Stortz, and Chri Gray... and a big thank you to Chas,



GISPS volunteering at the Sidney Lanier Park on Feb 14 and collected 12 bags of trash.

who mentored us through it all. Our education team really does excel! They continue to reap awards from the District for their achievements. Last year it was "Prince Henry the Navigator" award (second time for this one) and this year I had the pleasure of accepting the Wolf –Ewing Education awarded to GISPS. This is also a



AO Rick Hindery with our February Guest speaker Rich Chewning

traveling Award that has been around since 1962, and is a functional rather experienced old Sextant.

... After accepting this award , I noticed that GISPS has been the recipient of this award 5 times! Since we have only been a squadron for almost 11 years, I see this as a real indicator

of how good our Education folks have been and are. I know that Charles and his crew of instructors are the driving force in getting these awards, as are each of our own efforts to continue our marine education. Congratulations to GISPS! Other awards we received included Distinctive Communicator awards for both the news letter and the Website thank you to Joey Herzberg and Joe Scirica for their expertise!

Check out Cathy's minutes from our Feb 27th meeting. We had a great turnout. We finally got to meet & welcome our new member Victor Peirce and his wife Betty, recently transferred in from Michigan as well as Sharree Lott... who was one of our ABC class students. Additionally we had several other guests, which we hope will join GISPS. We were informed and entertained by our guest speaker Rich Chewning's very enthusiastic explanations of tides and currents. I would certainly recommend that you check out the Tidelands Nature center on Jekyll Island and their educational programs.

Also in the minutes, we are working on an activity for Safe Boating week May 21st to May 27th that may include hands on Flare and fire extinguisher training at a local boat ramp. We will be looking for volunteers to help out as we get closer to the event.

We would like to schedule some Co-op Charting activities, possibly connected to a meeting date. Unfortunately, the date originally proposed by Pat Rodgers (June 25) will not work for them.

The Tour of a Car Carrier Ship is being arranged for the first week of April, with the help of Margaret Butler. It looks like we will be able to have one tour during the week and one on the weekend. If you have NOT yet told us that you are interested, please do so soon. We will email the final dates, times and security requirements to interested folks later in the month.

Our next ABC class will be April 9th. Join us on First Friday April 1st, and for the Boat show/marine flea market at Morningstar marina on April 2....to help us get the word out. We got several of our students in Feb from First Friday. Rick will be touching base with the local Boy Scouts to encourage father/son students.

I would like to thank the folks who came out on a brisk Feb 14 to do our first clean up of Sidney Lanier Park. We collected 12 bags of litter in the park and along the bushes...

Keep in mind the May Blessing of the Fleet in Brunswick & the visit of the USN Brunswick that same weekend. We will let you know if there is a role for us as a squadron in this.

Is anyone interested in???...Just for Fun -I am on a fishing trip here just to see If folks might be interested in :

- A" Full Moon's Arising" beach happy hour? Weather permitting. This would be an informal BYO gathering at East Beach . Bring your beverage of choice and some snacks to share, a comfy beach chair. Full moon rises on Monday June 20 at 8:41 pm Sunset is 8:33pm. High tide on this day is 9;14pm. After, those interested could wander to a local establishment for dinner.
- Early morning viewing of the Persied Meteor shower on August 12 (peak viewing date)- again weather permitting. The best time to view these meteor showers is just before dawn. I understand that this year is supposed to be good viewing. This would be around 4am to 6am, again bring your chairs and coffee- then after we could go to breakfast.
- A local kayak trip followed by a lunch/Dinner at local establishment- or a trip to the Okeefanokee swamp for one of their tours. We have a few folks who are Kayakers and maybe they can help the rest of us discover what they love about this type of boating.

We are looking for Ideas for some on the water boating activities that we can enjoy.

Hope to see you for our next (mostly) social meeting on Saturday March 26 at 18:00- with EXCOM at 17:00.

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Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2016

Cdr Sharon Hindery, P called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM at Moondoggy's Pizza. There were 16 members and 9 guests present. Many of our guests are graduates of our recent ABC class. Other guests included our speaker for the evening Richard Chewning and his finance Stephanie Emr.

Old Business

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January meeting as printed in The Porthole. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report. Our balance is \$9,052.93

- Past Commander (P/C) Vicky Jefferis, JN reported she completed the annual audit of the squadron's financial records from last calendar year and found everything in order. She commended Treasurer Lt/C Teresa Wilsdorf, S for her attention to detail and careful maintenance of the squadron's financial transactions.
- P/C Vicky and Pat Rodgers, AP attended the annual U.S. Power Squadron meeting in Orlando, FL. Pat reported on the meeting and announced her husband, John Rodgers, SN was awarded his 50th merit mark at the meeting. Congratulations to John.
- Our Co-op Charting Chairman Pat Rodgers, AP reported our squadron should conduct our charting activities in May or June. Pat is trying to do the charting on the same day as our meeting, and we agreed June was better, so mark your calendars for June 25.
- The District 26 Spring Conference scheduled for March 4-6 in Hilton Head, SC. Cdr Sharon, Lt/C Rick Hindery, P and P/C Vicky will attend.
- There is a Cruise & Rendezvous on June 3-5 in Beaufort, SC. Check District 26 web site for more information.
- Margaret Butler, SN told us the tour of the car carrier is scheduled for the first week in April. The maximum group size is 10 (preferred size is 5-7). She is arranging to have one weekday tour and one weekend tour to accommodate our group. Everyone must provide his or her name as it appears on our driver's license before the tour and our ID will be checked the day of the tour.

- Lt/C Rick reported on our first litter pick-up at the Sidney Lanier Park held on February 14, the day after the bridge run race. For next year, he will look into adding composting bins for all the banana and orange peels left by the race participants.
- The USNS Brunswick's visit to Brunswick is scheduled a May 6-8 visit. The Hinderys are investigating a role for GISPS during the vessel's visit.
- Margaret Butler, SN is our contact and she says the Seafarers still need donations of used men's clothing.

New Business

- Cdr Sharon reported we are trying to arrange a squadron boating activity and asked everyone for ideas.
- Safe Boating Week is May 21-27. Cdr Sharon told us the squadron is trying to arrange a hands-on training in the use of flares, fire extinguishers, and perhaps something else. We are looking at possibly using Blythe Island Park for the training.
- Lt/C Rick announced that our next gathering would be a social event as Easter weekend is the same time as our planned meeting.

Lt/C Rick Hindery, P introduced the guest speaker, Richard Chewning. Richard is the Assistant Coordinator Environmental Education, UGA. He works at Tideland's Nature Center on Jekyll Island. His energetic talk was concerning tides and currents. It was Deja vu for all the recent AP class students. Thank you very much. Richard told us the Tideland's Nature Center is open M-F 9 AM to 4 PM and on Saturday and Sunday from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Adjournment

Cdr Sharon Hindery, P adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM. The next gathering will be at 6.00 PM on March 26, 2016, at Moondoggy's Pizza in Brunswick, GA. This will be a social get-together only.

Minutes submitted by: Lt/C Cathy Stortz, P

Treasurer's Report
Teresa Wilsdorf, S



Balance as of 02/29/2016 \$9052.93



March ASEO Porthole Contribution Lt Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ACN

Gang, I am happy to report our squadron has four new Advanced Piloting (AP) students: Mary Chri Gray, AP; Cdr Sharon Hindrey, AP; Lt/Cdr Cathy Stortz, AP, and Joe Stortz, AP who all did exceptionally well on their exams. These guys worked hard and it payed-off. Congratulations for a job well done!!!

Our squadron also had a very successful America's Boating Class (ABC) February 13 with ten students who all passed the exam with flying colors. Thanks to all who got the word out and to our expert instructors P/C Vicky Jefferis, JN; Tim Lahrs, S; and Mike Moye, N who gave their time and shared their knowledge with the class. In addition we thank our squadron Commander Sharon Hindrey, AP and Lt/C Rick Hindrey, P who gave the students and the instructors much support.

We have another ABC class scheduled for Saturday, April 9, so please spread the word.

There are not any dates set at present, but we would like to offer a Seamanship class to the new February and April ABC graduates and also possibly a couple of elective classes this summer. We have also had a request for a marlinespike seminar. Please let me know if you are interested in any of these or other courses or seminars.

Unfortunately, my main-squeeze became ill after the February's Ex Com Meeting so we ended up missing what I understand from others was another great Membership Meeting. There were a lot of new faces in attendance who would really like to know all of our members, so I encourage you to attend, join in the fun, and enjoy the guest speakers.

Fair Winds and Good Fishing



Administration Officer
Lt/C Rick Hindery, P

The Golden Isles offers broad Atlantic vistas, wide salt marshes and beautiful beaches that change in size and shape depending on time of day and the tide.

We also have a very active community of service oriented people who we seem to run into wherever we go.

Last week I was able to say thanks again to our energetic, enthusiastic and talented February guest speaker Richard Chewning Jr. of "The Tidelands".

Rich and his fiancé Stephanie were at the Ritz Theater for the screening of the film "Bag It!" which dealt with the ecological impact of single use plastic bags.

When I spotted Rich and Stephanie they were talking to Lea King of "Keep Golden Isles Beautiful" another prior guest speaker. Alison Keyes and Megan Desrosiers both of "Hundred Miles" and prior guest speakers participated in the question and answer session after the film.

We have been fortunate to have had a great group of enthusiastic guests over the past year and we have started 2016 with a bang. Since our next meeting falls on Easter weekend we won't be scheduling a speaker.

Our March 26th meeting at Moondoggies will be a strictly social evening. The evening should be a great time to visit friends and talk about our very busy April schedule.

GISPS has been invited to have a booth at Morning Star Marina for a Saturday April 2 In the Water Boat Show and Marine Flea Market. John Rodgers was instrumental in helping us get the deck space for our booth and we look forward to introducing our squadron to local boaters and making new friends.

Morning Star is a great location and we were treated with true hospitality when they generously supplied us with a boat for last years co-op charting.

Plan on stopping by on Saturday and see what's new on the water for 2016 and visit our booth where we'll be talking about your squadron and our April 9th ABC class.

At the March meeting we'll also put together the final plans for our Tour of the Car Carriers that are such a part of our Brunswick Home Port.

Sharon and I heard about the Car Carrier tour two years ago when we joined GISPS. The event had already happened but it was the talk of the squadron. It was an event that we really regretted missing. When we came on board this year as part of your Bridge we talked about a possible tour but it was just one thing that we wanted to do. When Tim Lahrs suggested a repeat of the tour we moved this great suggestion to first priority.

I was so happy that Tim asked about it and that Margaret Butler made all the arrangements in record

time. The Golden Isle Sail and Power Squadron is your organization. Your Bridge will try to come up with things we think will be fun and valuable but your thoughts are needed to really keep the fun in our functions.

There are things happening every week in our immediate area. Some might involve boating specifically and others just sound like they would be fun. The United States Power Squadron is dedicated to Education and Service to Community and we have felt the rewards of those two components. But there is a third part of our mission. We are supposed to have fun. That's an order!

At the March meeting I'll share what our friends that are part of other Squadrons in District 26 do. Sharon and I spent the weekend at our Spring meeting and I had my perspective on things modified.

Please join us on March 26.....remember Continuing boating education.....Service to community and fun. Also remember this is your organization.
See you for supper on Saturday



Happy Birthday to Squadron members!

March

Lynda Sterrett S	8-Mar
Joey Herzberg P	19-Mar
Terry Osman P	16-Mar
Roger Taylor P	19-Mar
Robert Woodman P	22-Mar
John Mc Menamin S	25-Mar
William Roeder AP	27-Mar

April

Craig Westover	6-Apr
Lynne Barron AP	13-Apr



Squadron Calendar:

Check back each month for updated and new items!

Note: Regular Monthly meetings are at 1800 with EXCOM meeting at 1700.

*** Moondoggies Pizza is located at 36 Canal Rd, Brunswick, GA**

March

4th-6th- Spring District 26 meeting- Hilton Head

26th- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

April

9th ABC boating class- UGA Marine Center, Brunswick 9-4pm

23rd- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

May

7th-8th Brunswick Blessing of th Fleet

21-27th-Safe Boating Week

28th- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

June

3rd-5th- Cruize & Rondaveu-Beaufort,SC

25th- GISPS Social- TBD

July

23rd- GISPS Social- TBD

August

24th- GISPS Social- TBD

September

24th- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

October

8th ABC boating class- UGA Marine Center, Brunswick 9-4pm

7th-9th- Dist 26 Fall Conference- Savannah River

22nd- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza- Annual Elections

November

12th- Change of Watch- (tentative) TBD

December

10th- GISPS Christmas Party (tentative)TBD