



the port hole



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GISPS Commander
Cdr Sharon Hindery, AP



GISPS members enjoying the March Meeting

Oh My, but the time is flying this spring! Our March "social" meeting at MoonDoggies was a great time. Although it was Easter weekend, we had a strong turn out with a few guests joining us as well. Our only official business was the pledging in of Sharree Lott to GISPS as our newest member. Tim Lahrs has been very busy coordinating the tours of the Car Carrier ships through the International Seafarers. These tours can only accommodate 5 or 6 folks at a time. They are tentative until the day of the tour, so there was some short

notice, and some last minute date changes. So far 2 of the 3 tours have been completed, and the final one this Tuesday the 12th. Those of us who have toured were very impressed with the experience. We enjoyed the hospitality and friendliness of the Crews, their Captains, and the volunteers who we had the pleasure of meeting. Later In this issue I am including some of the

pictures taken on the completed tours. It is hard to imagine the immense size of these ships until you are right next to them or on the deck high above the water. Thank you Tim for handling all the arrangements, and to Cathy and Tim for all the great pictures! Please be sure to check out Chas' notes about Classes and seminars being proposed for the near future.

Are you ready to step up to become a Vessel Safety Examiner? We need folks to obtain VSE certification so that GISPS can continue to offer this important service to the boating public. Chas Wilsdorf can explain the requirements if you are interested.

As I mentioned in our last Port Hole, we are looking for Ideas for things to do- both on and off the water. I challenge you to come up with something ... I know that our membership is somewhat "spread out" and monthly meetings may not be practical for everyone to attend, so how about inviting Squadron members to an event local to you? This would be a good way to show off and share your Hometown with your GISPS friends. – I am calling this "Let's go to YOU meeting" . Let me know if you have any ideas and we can arrange to make something happen!

On the horizon...

May: Brunswick Blessing of the Fleet event is Mother's Day weekend. On the same weekend, the USNS Brunswick will be in port and open for Tours. This would be a good weekend to Visit... Our next litter pickup at Sidney Lanier Park will likely be Monday May 9th- the day after the Blessing of the Fleet festival. Should be plenty of litter so let's make sure doesn't make it to the Marsh and River.....

Chas mentions that we are looking at a Visual Distress /Fire extinguisher demonstration connected with Safe Boating Week.

June: Dist 26 Cruise and Rendezvous June 3-5, in Beaufort, SC. 20th or 21st Full moon rising summer solstice happy hour on the beach...TBA

August: Rick will mention, Tybee light has invited GISPS members to join them for lunch at the Sunbury Crab Company Aug 6th. .

Aug 12th (very) Early morning get together to watch the Perseid meteor shower- Maybe some Navigation savvy folks can demonstrate their skills with a Sextant at the same time...? TBA
Enjoy each day, sun, sky and water- either salt or fresh.

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Since the 2015 Change of Watch "Moondoggies" has been the home port for Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron. Their comfortable meeting room has acted as our marina where we could meet friends and greet members who have rejoined us upon return from their on the water adventures.

Our guest speakers have taken us on voyages around the Golden Isles and to foreign ports of call.

For April we will travel below the sea and explore Gray's Reef with Alison Scott, a research program specialist with NOAA. Alison has a double major in Biology and Environmental Science from Emory University and works with divers who visit Gray's Reef which is Georgia's National Marine Sanctuary. Currently she is working on a "Social Values of Coastal Georgia" survey. If you wish to participate in this survey online:

Check out http://products.coastalscience.noaa.gov/values_survey/

Mark August 6th on your boating calendar. Our friends at Tybee light are coming down to Sunbury, GA and would love for us to come up and join them for lunch at noon for some food and fun. We will be meeting at 31 degree 46' 16"N 81 16' 40" W and our rendezvous is on NOAA Chart 11509. If you wish to join in their cruise down we can arrange this with their Cdr David Sapp.

A note: we have dined at the Sunbury Crab Co. on a couple of occasions and it is a really neat on the water place, but we have always seen it at night, so we are looking forward to actually seeing the water!

Not sure if we'll try to make the sail in the Hobie Cat but our destination is just about 8 miles off I95 exit 76 if you are traveling by car.



April guest speaker Alison scott



March ASEO Porthole Contribution
Lt Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ACN

All's quiet at present on the squadron education front. The ABC class has three students enrolled for April 9, Saturday's class. I would like to thank our ABC instructors, Mike Moyer, N; P/C Vicky Jefferies, JN; and Tim Lahrs, S for the work and time they have put into editing the new ABC course and the Saturday's they spend teaching. Please let us hear any ideas you might have to encourage more students to enroll into our classes.

The plan now is to offer a Seamanship class to our new ABC students and we would also like to schedule a Saturday morning marlinespike seminar. Please let me know if you are interested in either of these. We also are making plans to have a VDS demo in the near future. Please contact me or any of the GISPS bridge members if you have suggestions pertaining to classes or seminars to be offered.

I encourage you to try the new GA Outdoor App for your cell phone or tablet. It is packed with pertinent needed boating info.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/153853c71c8a02e0>

You might also find these two links interesting:

<http://www.capitalgazette.com/news/ph-ac-cn-celestial-navigation-1014-20151009-story.html>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/20/magazine/the-secrets-of-the-wave-pilots.html?smid=nytcore-iphone-share&smprod=nytcore-iphone>

Who said traditional navigation was dead?

Hope to see and visit with you all at our April meeting.

Until then, fair winds and good fishing

P.S. – Don't forget to use our GISPS website: gisps.org



Secretary
Lt/C Cathy Stortz, AP

Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron
Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2016

Cdr Sharon Hindery, AP called to order the Executive Committee (XCOM) meeting of the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron (GISPS) at 5:01 PM at Moondoggy's Pizza in Brunswick, GA. Six

bridge members attended the meeting.

Unfinished Business

- Car Carrier Tour – 13 people have signed up so far. Tim Lahrs, S is coordinating the tours. We need everyone's name as it is printed on his or her driver's license prior to the tour.
- Safe Boating Event - Past Commander (P/C) Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ACN needs a few dates for this event to check if UGA's classroom and dock will be available. Brian Fluech is the new UGA contact. Joe Stortz, AP will assist P/C Charles.
- Cdr Sharon made suggestions on activities to get together as a squadron outside the regular meetings. In addition, Cdr Sharon and Lt/C Rick Hindery, P could use some help representing GISPS at Brunswick's "First Fridays" events.
- A GISPS table will be at Morningstar Marina's Boat Show and Flea Market on April 2, 2016. Thanks to John Rodgers, SN for speaking to Morningstar Manager Chris Ferguson.

New Business

- The XCOM decision on dues was not to mention the donation for the education fund on our dues notices. Lt/C Teresa Wilsdorf, S will remove them from next year's dues renewal notice.
- There was discussion on how to use the Audie Holmes Fund.
- Tybee Island Squadron is doing a cruise to Sunbury, GA for dinner. Cdr Sharon suggests GISPS should also attend.
- P/C Charles made a motion to include P/C Vicky Jefferis, JN on the Executive Committee as an at-large voting member. Lt/C Teresa seconded and the motion passed.

Other Information

- Education
 - o P/C Charles said he did not have any responses for the April ABC class. Cdr. Sharon said she paid for a special Facebook push of our class information to a target audience for the class.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:59 PM by Cdr Sharon Hindery, AP. The next XCOM meeting will be at 5:00 PM on April 23, 2016, at Moondoggy's Pizza.

Minutes submitted by: Lt/C Cathy Stortz, AP

Feature Story

Car Carrier cargo ship at the Georgia Port Authority visit

Over the past few weeks GISPS members had the opportunity to tour a Car Carrier cargo ship at the Georgia Port Authority. Guides were provided by International Sea Farers volunteers. These ships are HUGE. Larger than 2 football fields in length and with 12 decks they are over 90 feet above the water.

These ships can carry several thousand Cars, as well as other large cargo. The height of the decks can be modified by hydraulic lifts. The ramps between decks retract and seals each deck independently of the other. They travel at about 18kn. An Interesting note, although they load and deliver cargo in Brunswick, they do not fuel here.

Each groups tour was different- based on the individual ship's policies and their Crews availability to escort the group. We look forward to the next meeting where everyone who attended can share their experience with others.

A few basic STATS on the 2 ships toured to date:

Crystal Ray- 3/30,Built 2000 Size: 200mx32 m gross wt: 57772 ton with a maximum10 m draught
Registered: Bahamas. Currently in Panama on the way to Shanghai

Hoegh Detroit- 4/3, Built 2006, Size: 229m x 32m, gross wt 68871 ton, with a maximum 10 m draught. Registered :Norway. Currently in Newark NY on way to Tangier



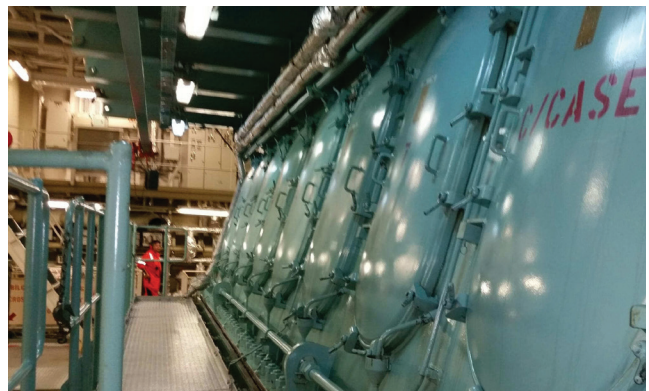
On the Bridge, a couple of the GISPS Bridge and guests



Crystal Ray with our guide Angus in front of the car carrier



Looking down from the top deck of the car carrier



Big ships require big mechanics to make them go



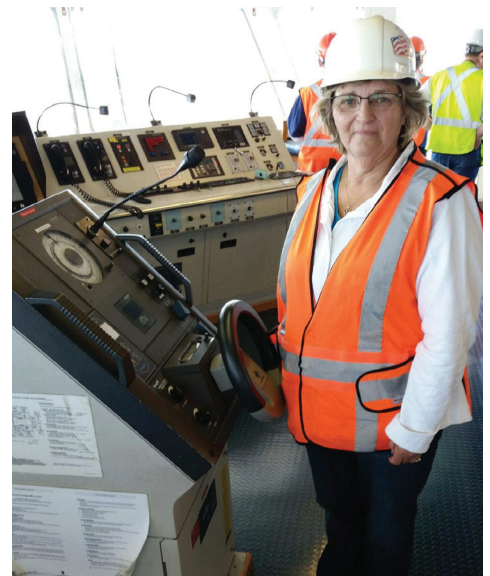
The view of another ship in port from the car carrier



Vicky entering the lifeboat



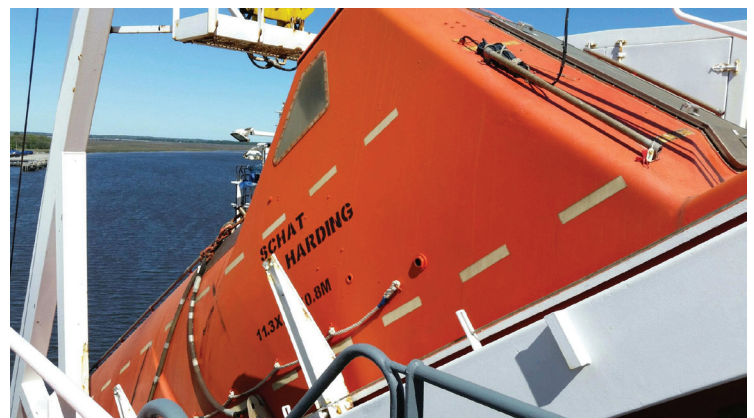
Auto ramp between decks on the car carrier



Sharree Checking how it feels at the helm



Ramps lift to seal each deck level



Enclosed life boat seats 34

Treasurer's Report
Teresa Wilsdorf, S



The GISPS bank balance as of 4/8/16 was \$7954.08. Hope to see you all at the next meeting!



Happy Birthday to Squadron members!

May Birthdays

Charles H. Boynton	May 1
James A. Bridges	May 2
Joseph R. Stortz	May 2
George E. Bloodworth	May 4
W. Frank Barron	May 26
Betty W. Whisnant	May 28
Rick F. Hindery	May 30



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**

April

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

23rd- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

May

7th-8th Brunswick Blessing of the Fleet

USNS Brunswick Fast Transport ship in Port of Brunswick for Tours

21-27th-Safe Boating Week

28th- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

June

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

20th or 21st Full Moon Rising Happy Hour/Summer Solstice beach party- Tentative

25th- GISPS Social- TBD

July

23rd- GISPS Social- TBD

August

6th- Lunch at Sunbury Crab Co with Tybee Light Squadron

11th- Early morning Beach viewing of the Perseid Meteor shower. Tentative

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