



the port hole



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The summer is officially started, though for most of us the temps in the upper 90s makes us feel that the Summer has been here a long time! It has been a while since I last put together a Port Hole for your reading enjoyment. There has been a lot of little things going on, so I hope to catch you all up! Our last official meeting was in April-since we did not have a May meeting due to the Memorial Day weekend... so, lets see...

Earlier this spring, a group got together to learn a bit of



marlinspike for the . "Knots, Bends, and Hitches" Seminar. Under Chas' excellent tutorage, Cathy and Joe Stortz, Skip and Mary Roeder , Tim Lahrs and Sharree Lott all fine tuned

their know tying skills. Those who came to the April meeting got to admire the splice that Joe was able to achieve!

Mother's day weekend brought the USNS Brunswick to Port. Some of us watched this

large jet propelled catamaran maneuver into the dock,. It was pretty impressive ! The same weekend was "Brunswick's Blessing of the fleet". I would like to thank Charles Wilsdorf

and Vicky Jefferis for spending the Monday morning after to clean up the Sidney Lanier Park after the event. The Picture shows us with one days worth of recycling from the event.





GISPS was well represented at the District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous in Beauford, SC the first weekend of June. Cathy and Joe Stortz, Teresa and Chas Wilsdorf along with Vicky Jefferies had great weather to enjoy a weekend on the water with friends from other Squadrons.

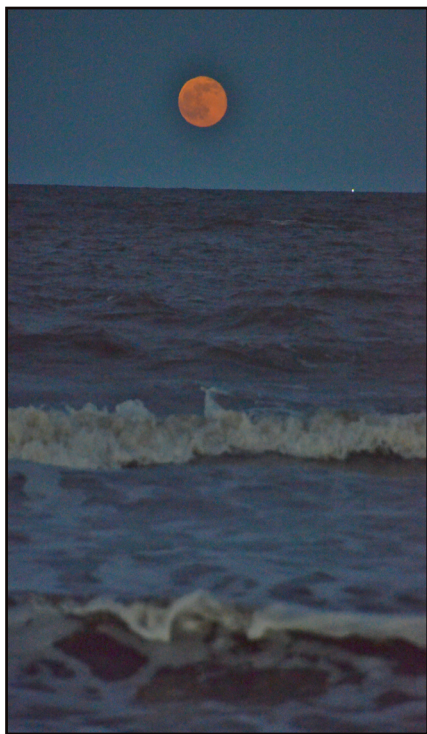
A group of GISPS folks did gather on the Solstice June 20 to watch the Moon rise over the Atlantic. The weather co-operated. Although quite warm, a nice sea breeze made for a pleasant evening. We had a great time snacking, sipping and enjoying each others company. A friendly debate was resolved. Teresa "was right, the "strawberry Moon" was actually a bit pink.....for a few minutes. We met fellow USPS members Capt Paul Truelove and his wife Linda. They have recently moved south to live on their Boat in Jekyll Marina. Paul is a past Commander and experienced instructor with USPS. We enjoyed visiting with him and hope that this association blossoms.



A few of us have spent some entertaining mornings "spotting" for the Golden Isles Community Sailing Camp. This NFP group offers week long camps for children of all ages beginning to advanced levels. Certified instructors from the local High Schools and the College. Last week we had 15 "intermediate" kids aged 8 to 11. They were learning the basics of racing on little "Opti" and "Bic" style boats. Our job was basically to watch them - to make sure no one got into trouble and everyone stayed hydrated. As well as helping the kids rig and de-rig their boats. The young instructors are really very good with the kids.



Looking forward to our next "event" a social evening at Jekyll Marina on Saturday evening July 23rd. We are inviting folks from all the marinas, as well as folks we have encountered in classes or other activities over the



past few months. You should have gotten an evite by now. Please plan on attending. We will have beer brats and burgers with the appropriate fixens. Please bring your favorite refreshments as well as a side/desert to pass.

Have you been fishing/sailing/cruising at all this summer? If so- make sure to let Skip Roeder know- He is charged with tracking this for our boating activities report. We want to make sure he has plenty to do!

Please mark your calendars. Our Change of watch date has been confirmed for November 19th. This is not the date we had originally hoped for so make sure your calendars are corrected.

Looking forward up stream....

August 06- Lunch at Sunbury Crab company with Tybee Light. Please let me know if you want to car-pool or if anyone is going to cruise in. This is a great way to get to know & visit some folks from our neighbors from Tybee Light.

Any one interested in an early morning adventure to watch the Perseid Meteor shower on Thursday August 11th? Let me know. We are thinking East beach at about 4am. Bring blanket or chair and COFFEE! Let's plan on breakfast after.

August 27th GISPS meeting will be back at MoonDoggie's at 1800(EXCOM 1700) Rick is working on a program that you would enjoy.

Coastfest is on October 1st. We have reserved the Virtual Trainer – but will restrict its use to Teens and adults. We are working on ideas for a life jacket game for the younger children. We will be looking for folks to volunteer for both the VT and the kids activity. Also, I have scheduled the VT for extra time the week or so before Coast fest– Does anyone wants to have a seminar practicing more advanced maneuvers involving wind and current? We can set up an evening or two to go virtual boating...

Fall District 26 Conference is scheduled for October 7-9 hosted by Savannah River in at the Historic Partridge Inn in Augusta. It sounds like there will be some interesting programs and activities for everyone... Mark your calendar.





Hey folks we are looking for some Help! GISPS could use more Vessel Safety Examiners. Talk to Chas Wilsdorf- You can find the manual is on- line at the USPS website. If we co-ordinate well, we could set up VSC day at the Sidney Lanier boat ramp and do a park clean up on the same day! It is a popular ramp, and any new VSE candidates might be able get their required examinations performed mostly in one day!

We are looking for someone who would step up and take over the GISPS web site. Joe

Scirica, a past GISPS member, has continued to serve as our webmaster for the last few years , but has asked to pass the torch to a current member. If you, or you know someone who would like to serve the Squadron in this way, PLEASE let me know! Joe will teach us what we need to know to make the transition as smooth as possible. We have some pictures and other updates that need to be done on the website, so this is a good time to learn!

Gentle reminder... if your dues are due, do pay them promptly.... & thank you!

Enjoy the sun and fun while boating safely.
Cdr. Sharon

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July ASEO Porthole Contribution Lt Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ACN

Feelers have been put out to find how many students are interested in a Seamanship Class. If the interest is there, the class will be scheduled with plans for a Piloting Class to follow in the near future.

As GISPS members, please help encourage fellow boaters to further their boating knowledge with one of our GISPS classes.

A learning tidbit, at least for me:

As part of my spring boat servicing, I checked the engine oil level. It only had about 7hrs or so since it had been changed 2 years ago. Sort of telling how much I have been using "Topwater". Anyway, to my surprise, the level was considerably over, probably around a half of a quart. How could that be? It was perfect the last time I had checked it.

Well, did I or someone else add oil? Or, did the engine itself start increasing the level? I decided the first thing to do was change the oil and filter again. Changing oil is not one of my favorite pastimes, since inevitably I end up with oil where it should not be which usually sends me into a cussing tirade. This time was no exception. All went perfect with an old poly tarp protecting any spillage on the driveway. Once the oil was drained, I went back to the garage to pick up the new oil and filter. While gone, Mother Nature provided a big wind gust picking up the poly tarp just enough to dump 5 ½ quarts of oil right on my just cleaned driveway. Needless to say, the neighbors were not impressed with my vocabulary.



Now, back to the extra oil in the engine; the oil in the driveway wasn't milky, so I eliminated water, so the only other scenario I reasoned must be fuel. But, how could that happen with a sophisticated sensorized fuel injected engine? Well, after some googling, and probing Bobby Ellis at Ellis Marine; one cause could be a stuck open thermostat which would not let the engine run at its designed temperature resulting in incomplete combustion letting unburnt fuel to pass by the pistons and settle in the crankcase.

So, after purchasing the little gold plated thermostat, \$57.00, I returned home to pull the old one out. Next challenge, where is that bugger located on the engine? This time google wasn't much help, but my gold plated Yamaha shop manual was. After 10 minutes of scanning, right before going cross-eyed lead me to the location. After removing 2 small bolts from the flywheel/timing belt cover, and then 2 more from the thermostat housing, I found the culprit. Now friends this is what a stuck open thermostat looks like. See above.

Now, after the trauma of cleaning the driveway, apologizing to neighbors and emptying my wallet, I am all ready to head to the water.

Hope to see you all in Soon.

Fair Winds and Good Fishing

Treasurer's Report
Teresa Wilsdorf, S



GISPS account balance is \$8255.02



Happy Birthday to Squadron members!
May through August Birthdays

James A.Bridges,AP	2-May
Joseph R.Stortz,AP	2-May
George E.Bloodworth,AP	4-May
W. FrankBarron,AP	26-May
Betty W.Whisnant,S	28-May
Rick F.Hindery,P	30-May
Norman RobertMorrison III,S	18-Jun
Mary B.Roeder,S	28-Jun
Joshua A.McCollum,	12-Jul
DeniseSchultze,	24-Jul
Patricia E.Rodgers,AP	10-Aug
Abby LeeTaylor,	13-Aug
Vicky L.Jefferis,JN	19-Aug
Victor R.Peirce,AP	26-Aug



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**

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

27th- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

September

24th- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

October

1st- CoastFest

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

15th ABC boating class- UGA Marine Center, Brunswick 9-4pm

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

November

19th- Change of Watch- (tentative) TBD

December

10th- GISPS Christmas Party (tentative)TBD