

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

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Upcoming May Events

- 11-12 - 80th Annual Blessing of the Fleet in Brunswick
- 11-12 - Lake Blackshear Outing
- 15 - Club Dinner at Moon-doggys at 6:00 pm
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Commander's Message



Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf,
SN-ON

Our last club dinner attendance was down a little. Many of our members were out of town or out of the country. Tim's Trivia question, which member owns a 57 Ford Convertible, was not only answered, but in addition, the car and its owner, Dorothy Jones, both attended the club dinner. The car was on display in the parking lot with Dorothy and Richard Jones, AP showing us all the finer points. It really stirred our memory of "Back in the Day". Thanks to Tim and the Jones for bringing back memories.

Well, I do not know about you, but I am really looking forward to our upcoming Lake Blackshear weekend. Tim, Sharree, and Karla have put in many hours preparing for our arrival. We will give you a report in the June Porthole.

District 26 has encouraged their clubs to invite a district bridge member to one of our club functions so that D26 has a better feel of the members of each club. Therefore, I have invited D/Lt/C Braxton Sorg, AP our District 26 Administrative Officer and his partner Cdr Hilarie Brush, P who is commander of our newest district club, America's Boating Club of the Midlands (Dreher Shoals Sail & Power Squadron) to

our Blackshear outing. I ask our members who are attending to get to know these two enthusiastic members.

Speaking of outings, our June Dolphin Tour (Club Party of the Water) needs more members and members' friends to attend. There are plenty of seats left. I know most of us have seen our share of local dolphins, but this is a good opportunity for all of us to get out on the water together, and remember we will be doing a cookout afterwards next to the pool at Jekyll Harbor Marina. The available spots are \$20/person. Just mail a check to Teresa to reserve your seat. I just don't know how you could turn down a good time.

Our club would like to welcome our newest members: David Jones, Stephanie Krause-Jones, and Keener Krause, their son. David and Stephanie have previous boating experience, but saw the need to complete our America's Boating Course class to sharpen their skills after purchasing a new much larger boat. We are pleased to have you in our fold.

We have a test order in for wearables so everyone can see what they will look like. I will be putting together another order after our May Dinner. You will receive an email form to fill out and return to me.

Now it is official, Michael Moye, N and Lt/C Ed Reynolds, S are our newest VSC Examiners, passing the exam and inspecting five vessels. We currently have inspected 13 vessels this year. We hope to double our inspections during Safe Boat Week May 19-25. Please call Mike, Ed, or myself if you have not had your vessel inspected this year.

If I don't see you at Blackshear, hope to see you all at our next club dinner, Tuesday, May 15th.

Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK: MAY 19-25

Executive Officer
Ed Reynolds, S

Hello again fellow boat lovers! Hasn't the recent weather been almost perfect boating weather? I have certainly seen a major increase in boating activity at my marina lately. Despite the increased excitement for getting on the water, we need to remind ourselves how dangerous careless boating can be. According to the US Coast Guard, there were 4,463 recreational boating accidents last year. These resulted in 2,903 injuries and 701 deaths. 80% of these fatalities were from drowning and 83% of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.

In support of National Safe Boating Week, we are conducting Vessel Safety Checks at Blythe Island Regional Park on Saturday, May 19 from 8:00am to 4:00pm. We would love for you all to join us as you can throughout the day. Please wear your life jacket to help us emphasize how important these are!

By the way, let me share one more statistic concerning the 701 fatalities last year. Only 13% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator had received boating safety training. To me, this proves how impactful our boating courses are to protecting people's lives. Sure, we want to drive the 13% to zero and increase the number of class participants. Please help us attain this goal by promoting upcoming courses offerings and recruiting new Squadron members. You might just be saving someone's life.

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Pursuing More Time on the Water



**Administrative Officer
Rick Hindery, P**

Last year Sharon and I set a goal to take the Hobie Cat out twice a week. The twice a week goal was actually mine more than Sharon's. She probably agreed that if you set your sights on twice a week hopefully you will actually attain twice a month.

Like so many goals, New Year's resolutions and best laid plans we failed to hit our number. In fact the boat never got out of the yard. "Little Audrey" sits about a few hindered yards from the Atlantic Ocean.

The Beach wheels are a few yards in front of her and it's an easy trip to water's edge but she sits unused like so many of her kind.

We know we are having fun and we enjoy our life and the friends we've made over the past five years.

Day in and day out we are having the time of our lives but all those hours planning for a boat and finding a home on the coast haven't gotten us on the water.

I can close my eyes and recall the thrill of flying on the water, enjoying the spray and waves and as the weather warms maybe this will be the year we get the boat out.

I see our friend Dr. Norm Leonard every few months and it was probably in March that I was telling him about the problem of getting The Hinderys on the water and getting everyone in America's Boating Club more on the water time. Lake Blackshear will be our big start of the season event and hopefully you'll join us in June for our second on the water adventure with the Dolphin Tour.

Dr. Norm taught college level for fifteen years. We met at a conference a few years ago. He has been a guest speaker in conservation biology and ecotourism. We've enjoyed hearing about his experiences and insights. He is now living part time here in Glynn County where he owns Kingfisher Paddleventures.

Norm will be our guest speaker in May. I've asked him to talk about "all things ocean". It promises to be a great talk about getting on the water, renewing our love for the Golden Isles from both the sea and the shore and building our club through fun and friendship. I think each of us will take home some new ways to think about the opportunities we have to enjoy the coast.

GISPS Executive Committee and Club Dinner Minutes

Secretary

Margaret Butler, SN

These minutes were provided by Treasurer Teresa Wilsdorf in the absence of Margaret Butler, Secretary.

GISPS EXCOM MEETING April 17, 2018

Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. Those attending were XO Ed Reynolds, S, AO Rick Hindery, P and Treasurer Teresa Wilsdorf, S. Those not present were Secretary Margaret Butler, SN; Bob Butler, SN, SEO Paul Truelove, SN, Vicky Jefferis, JN and Joe Stortz, AP.

The committee asked Ed to check with John Rodgers to see if he and Pat would be available in August to do Co-op charting and to get a list of the interested people and available boats.

Charles reported that he had received confirmation on getting the Visual Trainer for CoastFest. We discussed the need to make sure that we have plenty of people for the booth. Having the Corn-Hole at CoastFest was also discussed and tabled for a future conversation. It was also discussed if, while we have the Virtual Trainer, would there be any interest in setting it up at the UGA campus for one or two evenings, for members and their families to come by and use it.

Charles touched on the following subjects that were covered at the Commander's meeting at the Spring District Conference:

Maybe have only one conference per year at the same location each year – currently there is a spring conference which centers on Awards and a fall conference that centers on the annual COW.

Which seminars should be offered at the conference

Have exciting speakers and do we pay for them

The main way Squadrons are able to make money is by hosting the conference

He then asked for everyone to think of at least one idea that would entice them to attend a conference.

The committee discussed wearables and where to purchase them – use a local shop or order online from Queensboro. Charles discussed the possibility of presenting an offering for members to order wearables with the new logo. It was decided that Charles would contact Queensboro to see what is available.

Ed brought up the subject of the committee purchasing a "Square" so members and others could pay for various things with a credit or debit card. Ed reported the various costs for obtaining one based on the requirements we wanted – a swipe reader, a swipe/chip reader and one for entering manually. Everyone was in agreement to purchase one; however, it was decided that since not many committee members were at the meeting, the committee would bring it up for further discussion at the next meeting. During that time, Charles will check with Sharon to see if there is a program to pay on the internet. It would be a positive option for people to preregister for classes or pay at the door for the class.

The club's need for getting "free" press was discussed. Someone needs to be in charge of writing a story and getting it into the paper and getting classes announced on the radio. Ed agreed to help Rick on this endeavor.

CLUB DINNER

Charles welcomed members and potential members, David Jones and Stephanie Krause-Jones.

Cindy Simpson was sworn in and we all stood and took the oath with her. Welcome aboard Cindy!

The minutes were approved as published in the "Porthole."

Charles reported that the membership is down to the low 40's; the high was the low 70's. This may be easier to manage; however, there are good reasons to add more members. More people chipping in, as most people in the room have worked hard and it would be nice to have a few more members that are younger with new ideas, and the most important – more members, more friends, and more events all equal more FUN!

Charles handed out an informational tri-fold to members for them to share with potential members.

Squadron Education Officer's Report

THE MARINER'S COMPASS

Your compass is the single most important navigation tool on your boat. It requires no power source, it guides you on all oceans and waterways in fair weather and foul.

Is your compass correct?

Variation and deviation cause all compass error.

VARIATION is caused by the earth, we find the number of degrees on our chart in the compass rose or isogonic lines.

DEVIATION is caused by the magnetic materials (iron, steel, magnets, DC wires) on your boat. Every boat is different and constantly changing as you add new electronics or more magnetic objects around. We can control some deviation, variation we can apply to correcting our compass from compass to true.

THREE PHOTOS OF THE DOLPHIN TOUR BOAT COMPASS.



Compass Reading 335°



Compass reading 015°. Flip phone is pulling 40°WEST.



Compass reading 355°. Public address microphone is pulling 20°WEST.

On your next boat ride, check your own compass. With common objects around your helm, you never know when the compass will enable a safe passage.

Will your compass and chart plotter agree? Almost never.

Compass gives heading, where the pointy end (the bow) is headed, chart plotter gives course over ground. As an example, I am in Jekyll Creek and the boat is pointed at Jekyll Warf my compass reads 120° I am out of gear. My plotter reads heading 210° speed 2.5 knots. All is true the current is pushing me sideways toward the bridge at 2.5 knots, but the boat is headed toward Jekyll Island. Wind and current are almost always present.

Check out the Piloting Course. It covers compass correction and chart plotters in detail.

The next American Boating Course is scheduled for October 20, 2018.

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P/C Sharon Hindery, AP

Second quarter KGIB litter Pickup of Sidney Lanier Park

Completed during the morning hours of "May Day"- the park was in pretty good condition. A couple of hours produced 6 bags of trash and 4 bags of recyclable materials...mostly dug from the underbrush... HOWEVER a few items of note (the rewards of these activities) are, what appears to be a casting net in good condition and a really neat electrical insulator...Oh and next time I'll give ya'll a little more warning ahead of the pickup date- but mark your calendars now for Saturday August 8th and December 8th both at 9 am.



Alternative fun

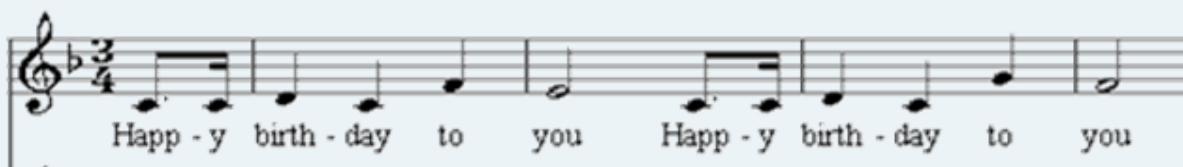
I know many folks are going to the Blackshear get together Mothers Day weekend. Looks like it will be a lot of fun! However, if you are still in town, please stop by the Brunswick Blessing of the Fleet at Mary Ross Park. This is the 80th year for this celebration, the oldest of its kind, and as I understand it, the local Portuguese Fishermen actually introduced shrimp as a food item to the US, so I guess it all started here!

Website & Facebook

I have finally added the new branding to our website... go take a look at www.gisps.org. This can also be found under www.americasboatingclubgoldenisles.com. Also like our Facebook page, will be looking at getting the branding on that as well. Ideas and pictures for content are appreciated.

Happy Birthday in May to Squadron Members!

2	James Bridges & Joe Stortz
26	Frank Barron
28	Betty Whisnant
30	Rick Hindery





Tim's Trivia

Assistant Administrative Officer
Tim Lahrs, S

How well do you know GISPS members and recent past members? Tim will share the answer.

Who are the 8 club members with the longest time in USPS?

The answer to April's trivia question.

Who is a current club member with a completely restored 1957 Ford Convertible?

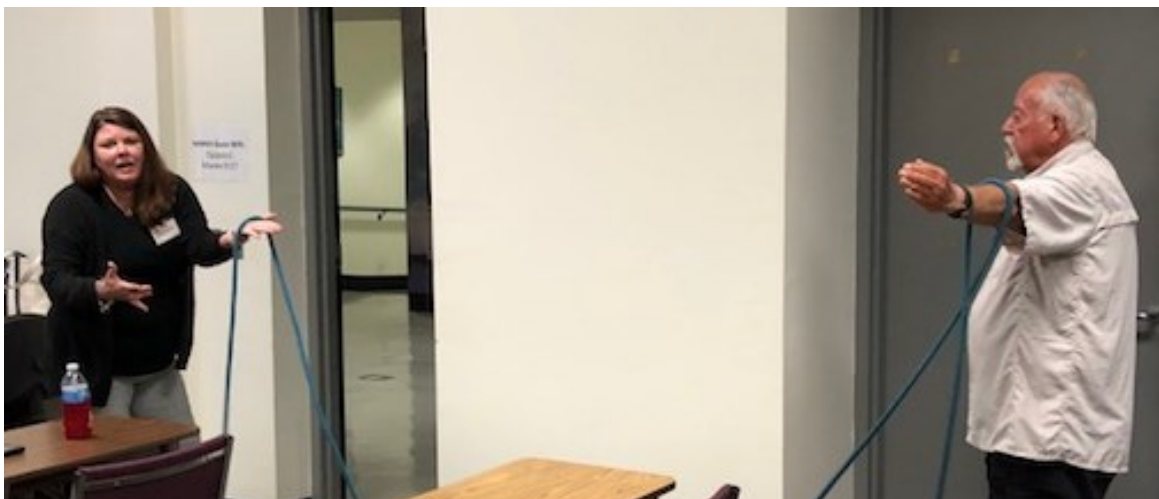
That is Dorothy Jones. See the pictures below of her beautiful car.



Pictures clockwise from top: Dorothy's 57 Ford Convertible; Dorothy and Richard standing next to the car; club members present at the April dinner getting a first hand look at the car.

Pictures submitted by Tim Lahrs, S.

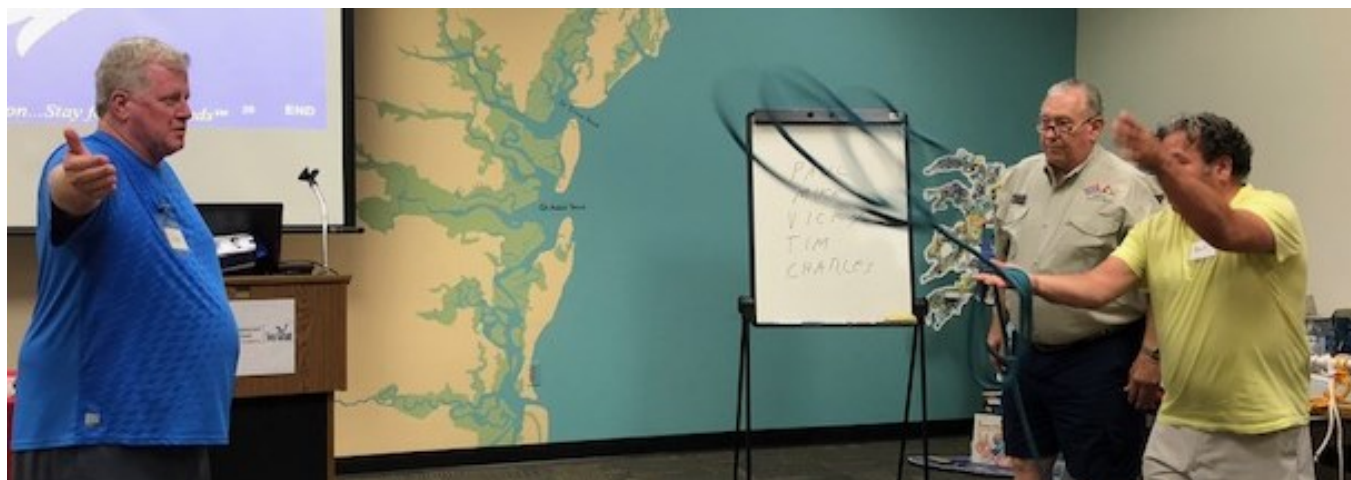




Pictures from April ABC Class

Clockwise from top: Student practices tossing a line to SEO Paul Truelove, SN ; Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN -ON demonstrates coiling line without twisting; Cdr. Charles watching a student toss a line.

Pictures submitted by P/C Vicky Jefferis, JN.



National News

Where are your future members?

Check your lists:

Cyber members— Available on USPS.org.

USPS university members—Available on USPS.org.

Vessel Safety check people—Squadron records.

Course students—Squadron records.

Local event participants—Squadron records.

Squadron contacts from the last five years—Squadron records.

R/C Robert Howd, JN-CN

Membership

Editors: Please change your links

Yvonne Hill, Publications Director at Headquarters, has a request concerning the links to the Public Website.

If you have links to the United States Power Squadrons public site on your website or in your newsletter, please make sure they all point to <https://americasboatingclub.org> and not <https://beyondboating.org>.

We need your help to increase our domain authority. Thank you!



Editor's Note: Above is the home page of <https://americasboatingclub.org>. There are many resources on this page and you do not need to log in to use them. Please refer anyone interested in learning more about America's Boating Club® to this website. I recommend that you also visit this website and see the resources available here.

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June

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19 - Club Dinner at Moondoggys at 6:00 pm

July

28 - Club Dinner at Moondoggys at 6:00 pm

August

8 - Litter Pick up at Sidney Lanier Park at 9 am

25 - Club Dinner at Moondoggys at 6:00 pm

September

18 - Club Dinner at Moondoggys at 6:00 pm

October

6 - CoastFest

19-21 - D/26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch hosted by Thurmond Lake

16 - Annual Club Dinner at Moondoggys at 6:00 pm

20 - American Boating Course

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