

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

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Upcoming Events

July

- 17 - Club Dinner at Moon-doggys at 6:00 pm
- 28 - River Cruise and lunch begins at 9:30 am

August

- 12-19 - USPS® Governing Board in Minneapolis, MN
- 21 - Rum Tour AT 6 PM followed by Club Dinner at Island Jerk

September

- 8 - Litter Pick up at Sidney Lanier Park at 9 am
- 18 - Club Dinner at Moon-doggy's Pizza at 6:00 pm

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Commander's Message



Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf,
SN-ON

The club again had another well-attended and fun event, The Dolphin Tour. We owe much thanks to Lt/C Rick Hindery, P and his committee, P/C Sharon Hindery, AP; Lt/C Margaret Butler, SN; Bob Butler, SN; Lt/C Ed Reynolds, S; and Lt/C Teresa Wilsdorf, S for a job well done.

Rick is now working on another fun activity, a rum distillery tour with dinner afterwards. This outing will serve as our August 21 Dinner. You do not want to miss this one. Details will follow in Rick's article.

I recently took a Saturday cruise on David and Stephanie Jones' new boat. Wow, what beautiful boat. They have equipped this baby with everything that is needed for a safe, comfortable, and fun cruise. It also has all the equipment for catching those big ones. Their console has two Garmin displays, one the size of my computer screen. We decided to run up to Troupe Creek so that Keener Krause, Stephanie's son and our youngest club member, could do a little fishing. When approaching the creek, we were surprised to find a lady waving her arms for help from two CraigCats, one of which had



engine trouble. I had never seen a boat like this. David told them we would be happy to tow them to their launching point under the Mackay River Bridge. Once we were at the dock, the lady explained to us that she ran a tour company, "Coastal Backwater Adventures" using CraigCats. They looked like fun and an appealing alternate way for his big boy to explore the marshes as opposed to a kayak.



After fishing in Troupe Creek, David demonstrated his Garmin Auto Guidance. By having an established waypoint at the Golden Isles

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Marina, all David did was tell the chart plotter to route us to the Golden Isles Marina, and bingo, the chart plotter drew a route for us. Many manufactures offer this option, but warn you must double check your route for hazards just as you would if you had made the route yourself.

Tim Lahrs has done a great job with his "Member Trivia Questions". So I would like to offer a riddle for our members: How many more gallons of water will it take to raise an 80,000-ton freighter in the Panama Canal than to raise a 20-ton sailboat?

Hope to see all of you at the Club July Dinner.

Fair Winds, Chas

LET'S GO FOR A BOAT RIDE!

Executive Officer
Ed Reynolds, S

Hello again fellow boaters! We are planning a 1/2 day local cruise and everyone is invited. Details are as follows:

Date - Saturday, July 28

Time - 9:30am

Place - Blythe Island Boat Ramp

Route - Fancy Bluff Creek to

- Little Satilla River to
- Jekyll Creek
- LUNCH at Jekyll Island

Bring - Water, suntan lotion, bug spray, hat, sunglasses, lunch money

If you are interested in participating, send an email to ejreynolds3@icloud.com, by July 21. Include how many people you are bringing and if you are bringing a boat (how many people you can safely take on your boat). We will take as many people as we have capacity on boats. We will fill the boats based on order of emails received. You will be notified prior to the date which boat you will be on.

Any questions, please call me at 423-341-2531

Boat safely,
Ed Reynolds

Upcoming Activities



Administrative Officer
Rick Hindery, P

The dog days of summer are upon us so relax, pour a cool drink and consider the adventures and social get together that we are charting for the next four months.

Our July meeting will be strictly social so plan on joining your boating friends at Moon Doggies on the 17th. We'll have a little pizza and a favorite drink with your boating buddies while we share the details of a little adventure that is in store during August.

Our August meeting will be held on the 21st but we'll be meeting and dining at a different spot.

We'll be gathering at 6PM at 1406 New Castle Street in Brunswick for a tour and tasting at the Richland Rum Distillery. The Robb Report named Richland "Best American Rum". We'll enjoy a tour and tasting with Bretta Van Bockel.

Rum has played an important role in Georgia's history and by the end of the tasting you'll have enjoyed a bit of the favorite beverage of pirates and colonial Georgians and learned a bit of rum related history.

Since we will be in historic Brunswick for the tasting we have made arrangements for a Caribbean themed buffet at "Island Jerk".

We'll enjoy Authentic Jamaican Cuisine and end our evening with a Richland Rum Cake desert prepared just for us by Bernie Gendron, "Island Jerk's" owner.

We'll be back at Moon Doggies in September where our master of Trivia, Tim Lahrs, has invited a special guest and an evening of trivia.

Temperatures should cool down as fall approaches and we hope to make our October meeting something special.

Our group has had an opportunity to tour the Colonel's Island facility of International Seafarers and visit the Roll on-Roll off ships that have made Brunswick the largest port for cars on the East Coast but there are adventures to be had at Brunswick's other port.

Our plan is to dine at the Seafarer Center on Newcastle St. and tour one of the bulk ships which visit that port. We hope to share our meal with the ship's crew and get a very firsthand idea of the life of seafarers direct from the crew.

We'll supply more details about that tour as October approaches and we lock in all the specifics.

Many of our plans and activities were suggested by you, our fellow members, so if you have an idea of something that you think would be worthwhile please let us know and we'll try to make it happen.

So until we meet on the 17th enjoy a safe and enjoyable summer.

ANCHOR NAVIGATION

Once you set the anchor and hoist the black ball day shape during the day or a 360° white anchor light at night, the final step in the art of anchoring involves noting your vessel's position. We can take bearings on landmarks (flagpole, dock, day marks) and record the bearing and time taken. Any substantial change in any of the bearings means the anchor is dragging. Bearings should be taken every hour; it helps if the landmarks have a light. Most anchor dragging happens at night.

My two methods are after the boat settles down I record the latitude and longitude to a thousandths of a minute. That is about six feet.

I enter the latitude and longitude with the time in my logbook. I record this every hour as well as the next morning.

I also let my chart plotter run on the largest scale. I can look at my snail trail and see where the boat is swinging. In non-tidal water, the next morning I see a smiley face as the boat swings on the anchor. In tidal water, I normally see a circle, because of flood and ebb.

We had 60-knot winds this week on Jekyll in front of a violent thunderstorm. That will test your anchoring skills.

Your ship's logbook becomes a legal record. Mistakes in logbooks are not erased but a line is drawn through the mistake and initialed. That is my reason for recording my position every hour if another boat drags into us and causes injury or property damage, I have proof we were not dragging.

When the thunderstorm wakes me up, I first look at my snail trail to confirm I am not backing out of my swing circle; I record my position with time and carefully make sure I am not dragging.

Most chart plotters have an anchor alarm. You set the number of feet to sound the alarm. Remember to set the alarm when you drop the anchor, not at the end of the rode. A 40-foot vessel with one hundred and sixty feet of chain is two hundred feet from the anchor.

Drag Queen is a free phone APP that works the same.

I have spent at least six hundred nights at anchor. It is a real peace of mind when 60-knot winds come through the anchorage to know I am not going to drag anchor.

Anchor by the book every time and sleep well.

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Treasurer Report



Treasurer Teresa
Wilsdorf, S

GISPS has a balance of \$5,915.57.

We had a fantastic time on the Dolphin tour and cookout. We also have plans for events in the future that sound awesome. Come one, come all, and join in the fun that we are having!

Teresa

CAN YOU SPOT THE PROBLEM?

Vessel Safety Check Examiner Ed Reynolds, S spotted a problem on this boat recently. Do you see it? The answer is below.



The bow light is reversed. The red light should be on the port side and the green light should be on the starboard.

GISPS Executive Committee and Club Dinner Minutes

Secretary
Margaret Butler, SN

GISPS ExCom meeting June 19, 2018

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

Financial report on the Dolphin Tour and picnic event: GISPS basically broke even on the Dolphin Tour. However, we had to add additional funds for the cookout. An additional approximately \$250 was needed to pay for food and reservation of the picnic space on Jekyll Island. Everyone agreed that the space was well worth the cost, the area was wonderful, the food was great – everyone raved about all of it. There were just about as many GISPS members as there were guests from Tybee and member guests. In all, everything was a success!

Facebook Marketing – we had a discussion about how much money to spend on Facebook advertising.

Possible boating club activities – as far as reporting to the district goes, we are only to report activities that have been sponsored and/or sanctioned by the bridge (i.e. Lake Blackshear, Dolphin Tour). It was discussed that the bridge could send out an email with, for example, an X launch date going to X place and members could take their own boats or they will know who is going with a boat that they could request a seat on. Approval was given to Ed to set up boating events.

More fun stuff (Rum Distillery) – Rick will check into organizing a tour of the Rum Distillery on the third Tuesday (our normal dinner meeting night) and followed by dinner at Island Jerk. There is a free tour and a \$25 extended tour that includes tastings. We will have to make a decision of which type of tour we will have at one of the next ExCom meetings.

ABC class – the commander asked for a coordinator for the October 20 ABC class. Sharon agreed to get us connected with radio. Sharon and Rick will do First Friday. Ed offered to be our voice on the radio, and we will look at advertising on Facebook. A registration fee of \$10 per person was discussed. The \$10 would go toward the purchase of their book.

Square – Sharon will revisit using Square for registration. She will also check with other Squadrons to see how, or if, they use the Square.

We are considering requesting Brunswick News to publish an article, explaining the new name and direction of the club. This will be timed before our next ABC class.



Happy Birthday to our members
celebrating their birthdays in July.

Joshua McCollum
&
Linda Thompson

Dolphin Tour and Cookout

Past Commander

Vicky Jefferis, JN

Members of America's Boating Club Golden Isles and their guests gathered at the Jekyll Island, GA wharf on June 16 to embark on yet another on-the-water adventure. This time we boarded Corsair, a 49-passenger pontoon boat outfitted for passenger comfort and piloted by our very own Squadron Educational Officer and boat Captain, Paul Truelove, SN. Paul was ably assisted by Mates Pablo Allen and Linda Thompson, also a club member.

Even before we left the dock, Paul and Pablo had everyone's attention, weaving tall tales and humor into the safety briefing and preview of the tour to come. We had no more than pushed away from the dock when we enjoyed our first sighting of Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphins cruising the Jekyll Creek portion of the intra coastal waterway and feeding on small marine life carried on the outgoing tide. As we headed south on the waterway, Paul and Pablo filled the group in on the fascinating history of Jekyll Island and pointed out interesting things to see as we travelled along. In addition to more dolphins feeding in the shallow waters, we observed roseate spoonbills, the only truly pink bird found in Georgia, egrets and other water birds living in the area. Our tour took us into Saint Andrews Sound between Jekyll and Little Cumberland Islands and up into Umbrella Creek and the surrounding marsh where we got an up-close view of the spartina grass that gave the Golden Isles area its famous name and an unusual sighting (for June) of a flock of white pelicans. Long before anyone was ready, we were heading back to the dock and ending our fun and informative adventure, but our newly acquired knowledge, coupled with the images of the beauty of our local area and its inhabitants remained with us as we bid farewell to Captain Paul, his crew and Corsair.

Fortunately, our day didn't end at the dock since our event committee had also planned a cookout to satisfy the hearty appetites we developed on our tour. Because the forecast had threatened rain, Administrative Officer Rick Hindery, P, pulled another rabbit out of his hat and on short notice acquired a wonderful covered picnic pavilion at Jekyll's South Dunes Picnic Area, just a short drive from the dock. The club provided pulled pork and chicken and more sides and desserts than anyone could eat were provided by the attendees. Enjoying the evening along with club members were friends from Tybee Light Sail & Power Squadron and the Golden Isles Sail Club. Huge thanks go to our organizing committee – Bob Butler, SN, Margaret Butler, SN, Rick Hindery, P, Sharon Hindery, AP, Ed Reynolds, S, and Teresa Wilsdorf, S.

Another reason to Come for the Education and Stay for the Friends!



A dolphin is checking us out while we look at it!

Photo by Sharon Hindery

More pictures on next page.



A few pictures from the Dolphin Tour.

Above: Mate Pablo Allen and Captain Paul Truelove, SN.

Center: P/C Vicky Jefferis, JN and Capt. Paul.

Below: Some of the participants on the Dolphin cruise.

Photos by P/C Sharon Hindery, AP and Cathy Stortz, AP



More pictures are on our Facebook page. Click on this link <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.2620688011290721.1073741840.378429445516600&type=1&l=9fc9050130>

If you already have Facebook open, visit our America's Boating Club of the Golden Isles page.



Below is a letter from our Chief Commander who was responding to a lady who was concerned about a child's lifejacket video on the internet. To see the video, click on the link at the bottom of the page.

July 2, 2018

Dear Charles Wilsdorf,

Many of you are aware of the video going around that shows an adult putting a [child's] life jacket on his granddaughter, taking her into a swimming pool and demonstrating what happened when the child was allowed to float on her back. Your USPS Bridge is aware of the video and would like you all to consider the following when you are asked for your thoughts on the video.

USPS is a leading advocate that all recreational boaters should wear life jackets. This is especially true for children! States have differing laws regarding children and life jackets. Regardless of what your state's laws are, we believe that all children should always wear life jackets when on recreational boats or on the dock. We are not advocates of any particular brand of life jacket as long as it is USCG approved and is appropriate for the individual who will wear it and the conditions for which it will be used. Please consider the following:

It's important that children always wear life jackets when on or around the water.

Life jackets must always be USCG approved.

The life jacket must be appropriately sized for the specific child.

An adult's life jacket is inappropriate for children.

The size ratings on the life jacket should correspond to the size/weight of the child.

Regardless of the size rating on the life jacket, be sure the child's head and arms cannot slip through the openings for head and arms.

When the life jacket is put on the child, all belts and ties should be properly secured.

If the child is old enough, s/he must be able to put on his/her own life jacket.

Children on boats or in and around the water should always be properly supervised by one or more adults.

All life jackets should be periodically inspected to ensure that they're in good, serviceable condition.

All life jackets should be tested in calm shallow waters under controlled conditions.

If you have any doubts as to whether a specific life jacket is the right one for your child, check with the manufacturer and the USCG.

Sincerely,

C/C Gary P. Cheney, SN

Good valid points and advice to consider. But, as Paul Harvey used to say, "And now for the rest of the story". Please see: <https://www.thebump.com/news/life-jacket-you-bought-for-your-child-might-not-be-a-life-jacket>

National News - Hurricane Preparation

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How to ready your boat for a major storm

If you live in a hurricane susceptible area, you need to create a hurricane plan for your boat. Ask your marina management about their hurricane plan and what procedures they have in place to handle major storms. This will help you formulate your own plan.

Given the severity and unpredictability of hurricanes, it's best to act early, even before a hurricane watch is issued. The best hurricane plan is useless if you don't have enough time to implement it. Remember, other boat owners will be securing their boats, too. Your hurricane hole may be full, your marina jammed, and access roads and bridges may be closed if you wait too long.

Regardless of where you decide to store your boat, you should take part in a few common preparation activities.

Reduce windage

High winds can hurl objects that normally appear secure. Strip all gear that wind can catch: canvas covers, sails, Bimini tops, outriggers, antennas, anchors, running rigging, booms, life rings and dinghies. Anything on deck that can't be taken off should be lashed securely. If you can, point your boat into the wind. If possible, remove sailboat masts. Run halyards to the masthead and secure them with a single line led away from the mast to the rail.

Chafe protection

Nylon line's ability to stretch and absorb shock is important for in-water hurricane tie-up. However, this spring action will cause the nylon to abrade and heat up where it comes in contact with cleats, pilings, chocks and dock edges. As nylon strands heat up they break, causing line failure. You can achieve chafe protection by some combination of increasing line diameter, covering lines or using polyester tails on lines at tie points. Don't seal the chafing protection. Let the rain or sea water cool the line.

Securing lines

Many boats have cleats and chocks that are inadequate and possibly unusable when additional and larger diameter storm lines are used. Add adequate cleats and chocks ahead of time. Make sure all cleats are backed with stainless steel or aluminum plates so they can handle the load. Under most circumstances two lines per cleat is the maximum. Cleats are most reliable when lines are led parallel to the horn, distributing the force across the length of the cleat backing.

Water damage

If on land, remove drain plugs so that any water that gets in will drain out. For boats in the water, seal all possible water entry points. Remove cowl ventilators and seal all vent openings. Use duct tape to cover instrument gauges, and around hatches, ports and lockers to prevent water entering. Close all but the cockpit drain seacocks and plug the engine's exhaust ports, usually one of the lowest openings on a boat. Check that your battery is in good condition and top it off. Test the bilge pump and check the wiring to make sure it's functioning properly.

To learn more about how to prepare your boat for a hurricane, take our Hurricane Preparation for Boaters seminar.



America's Boating Club of Golden Isles Calendar June – December 2018

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6 - CoastFest

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

16 - Annual Club Dinner at Seafarers

20 - America's Boating Course

November

16 - Change of Watch

December

TBD - Christmas Party

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