



For Boaters, By Boaters™

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Upcoming Events

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 Moondoggy's Pizza at 6:00 pm
- 29 - Squadron Cruise to Mudcat Charlie's

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Commander's Message



Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf,
SN-ON

Recently, The National Squadron Development and Support Committee requested that I complete a Squadron Development/Support Squadron Self Evaluation. The survey helped to invoke some thought on the positives and negatives of our club, similar to a report card.

It took me several days to ponder the areas that were a Yes, Need to Improve, or Need Help. Of course, we can always improve, but I was able to mark yes in the majority of statements.

These Yeses were a result of our bridge, who has been working hard with the help of membership who have volunteered to make it all happen. A sampling of the yes statements are: do we have a regularly published newsletter; general meetings/dinners held regularly; dinners generally have 50% of membership attending these dinners; is the squadron offering America's

Boating Course; is the Nominating Committee currently active; have we had on-the-water activities; and do 35% or more members earn a merit mark. Overall, in my opinion, we are doing a great job.

That said, the areas where we Need to Improve are public relations; increase and retain membership; develop membership interest in advanced and elective courses; and coop charting.

Last, but not least, is the Need Help area of filling the bridge without recycling.

The Need to Improve area and the Need Help area items are where we need to concentrate while maintaining all of the mentioned Yeses. If we could improve attracting and retaining membership, some of the other deficient items would take care of themselves. New members with new and necessary skill sets and the ability to spread the load of chores would be very beneficial. I ask all of you; please help us attract new members. Remember, all club members are on the Membership Committee. Please let fellow boaters know we have fun activities, have a great boating education program, accompanied with many member money saving benefits. Please contact me should you need literature to support your promoting.

Hope to see you all at our next dinner.

Chas

SQUADRON CRUISING!

Executive Officer
Ed Reynolds, S

Hello again fellow boating lovers!

On July 28, we had a wonderful 6-hour cruise circumnavigating Colonels' Island and lunch. 17 members and guests participated. In addition to my boat, Charles Wilsdorf, Mike Moye, and David Jones provided boats. Fortunately, the weather held so we could complete our journey with fair skies and light wind.

Commander Wilsdorf led the way. We met at Blythe Island and proceeded to explore the beauty of Fancy Bluff Creek and the Little Satilla River. At noon, we docked at the Jekyll Island Marina and enjoyed lunch together at Zachry's Riverhouse Restaurant. After that, we navigated through Jekyll Creek to our homeports.

Based on the positive response from the cruise participants we are planning another one:

Date: Saturday, Sept 29

Time: 10:00am

Starting point: Morningstar Marina

Route: North on the Mackey River (ICW)

Lunch at Mudcat Charlie's

Return south on the Mackey River

Please reply to me at ejreynolds3@icloud.com by Tuesday, Sept 18 if you are interested in participating. As you might guess, we really need boats so let me know if you can provide one (and how many people you can carry). We will assign people to boats based on earliest replies.

See you on the water,

Ed Reynolds
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XO Ed Reynolds, S
at the helm of his boat.



The picture at the top of page shows three boats rounding a curve in Fancy Bluff Creek. Picture on left is Cdr. Charles and above is David in front and Mike right behind him.

Terry Osman, Tim Lahrs, Sharon Hindery and Cathy Stortz provided all the photos in this edition for the squadron cruise.

Upcoming Activities



Administrative Officer
Rick Hindery, P

What makes you happy? By the time you read this school will have resumed here in Glynn County. This actual event has no real bearing on the lives of the Hinderys but somehow this change of seasons affects us both in very different ways.

Sharon is happy with memories of new shoes, fresh note books and a shiny new classroom. I feel sick at the loss of freedom and the limitless possibilities that summer promised.

School ended by Memorial Day and resumed the Tuesday after Labor Day. Three months to chase dreams and adventure. The beauty of the summer was not that I was out of school but that I could wake up every morning to sunny days of unlimited possibility.

Summer jobs entered the picture. Life was good but gone were the days of waking up in a world where absolutely anything could happen if you and your friends made it so.

Life was good but summer jobs gave way to higher education and real jobs. Life was good but there were mortgages to make.

Summer was short in Chicago and our life was a rush. Someone told me you don't stop playing because you get old; you get old because you don't play.

So if you had freedom and endless possibility what would make you happy?

What games could we play? If each of us could have a wish for an adventure what would you want? If your child self could talk to your grown up self what games could we devise with all the freedom and toys we have?

Anyone who was lucky enough to be on the water or at lunch with the club on the 28th must have been happy. The weather was perfect. We ventured into new waterways and spent the day with friends.

The food at Zachary's was great and it was wonderful to see a table filled with happy people. Our thanks to Ed who made this day happen and to all the skippers who provided transport.

I think I can honestly say that all the fun that we've had this year came because someone said let's take a break and do something.



From Left: James Bridges, Sharon Hindery and Rick Hindery at Jekyll Harbor Marina after lunch.

Happy people plan activities, we can't plan results but our August 21st meeting will be as much fun as you care to make it. Remember we'll meet at Richland Rum, 1406 Newcastle at 6PM for a tour and tasting. Dinner will be a buffet at Island Jerk, 1519 Newcastle. Bernie Gendron owner and baker extraordinaire will provide dinner, desert cake (made with Richland Rum) and beverages for the great price of \$10.00. Invite your fun loving friends. **RSVP to me at rfhindery@comcast.net by Thursday August 16.**

Bernie will be staying open just for us. There is room for about 25 souls so let us know early.

Squadron Education Officer Report

Upcoming classes

ABC America's Boating Class in October. Please reach out to your boating friends and encourage them to attend.

Boat Handling is the new replacement of Seamanship Class. This new course will be offered this winter.

Dates of both courses will be firm soon.

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Treasurer Report



Treasurer Teresa
Wilsdorf, S

The current bank balance is \$5,792.24.

Sharon and I have signed up GISPS to accept various payments with PayPal. I am going to test it all with the nametags that were ordered. When the name-tags come in and I receive the invoice, I will try to send out an invoice that can be paid with PayPal. If you use PayPal, I would appreciate you working with me so I can learn it all.

Teresa



Happy Birthday to our members celebrating their birthdays in August.

Vicky Jefferis

Victor Peirce

Ed Reynolds

Pat Rodgers

Steven Ruby

GISPS Executive Committee and Club Dinner Minutes

Secretary

Margaret Butler, SN

Excom Meeting July 17, 2018

Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Those attending were Treasurer Teresa Wilsdorf, S, Joe Stortz, AP, AO Rick Hindery, P; Sharon Hindery, AP; Secretary Margaret Butler, SN; Bob Butler, SN; Vicky Jefferis, JN; XO Ed Reynolds, and Porthole Editor, Cathy Stortz, AP. Not present was SEO Paul Truelove, SN.

We discussed a D26 survey forwarded to us by the District Planning Committee. The purpose of the survey is to get opinions on possible changes to current schedules for Conferences and Cruises and Rendezvous.

Ed reported on the cruise planned for Saturday, July 28. As of now, we have 18 folks interested and room for 20 on the boats available. Boats will leave Blythe Island and other launching points by 9:30 am and meet at Zachary's River House on Jekyll Island for lunch around 11:30. Charles and Ed will make final weather decision on Friday evening and communicate as necessary. There is no rain date.

Our annual meeting is October, which will be held on schedule. Candidates for the new Bridge will be published at least 30 days before that meeting. We have planned a tour of a Freighter at our Port in October. We won't know until nearer to the meeting date if the tour can be on meeting night or need to be scheduled for another night.

The August meeting will include a free tour of the Rum Distillery in downtown Brunswick, followed by a buffet dinner at Island Jerk. The cost of the dinner will be \$10 per person. Rick will find out if there is a limit on the number of folks that can be handled at these venues and what lead time for reservations they require.

Sharon reported that paid ads on Facebook don't get us anything.

We reviewed the draft of an article for the newspaper, for radio and other media. Article is good – covers the basic information – just needs a little tweaking. About a month before the October ABC course, Sharon and Ed will contact the media to get the press release out.

More research has been done on PayPal. For a 501c(3) non-profit, there is no flat rate and a 2.2% plus \$.30 charge for each transaction. Any debit or credit card can be used. Teresa and Sharon will work on figuring out all the details. Sharon will determine if online payments can be made on our website.

Vicky updated us on the Cruise and Rendezvous to be held in our area on May 17 – 19, 2019. So far, she can't find a hotel/motel that is interested in hosting us for around \$100 per night per room. We would need 10 – 15 rooms. Teresa suggested that perhaps attendees could stay in members' homes. Vicky will continue to approach motels in Brunswick. Charles and Vicky have talked to Brunswick Landing Marina about dockage for participants and the possible use of their N end Cruisers Lodge. Plenty of room, but not conducive for the silent auction. Still searching for more alternatives.

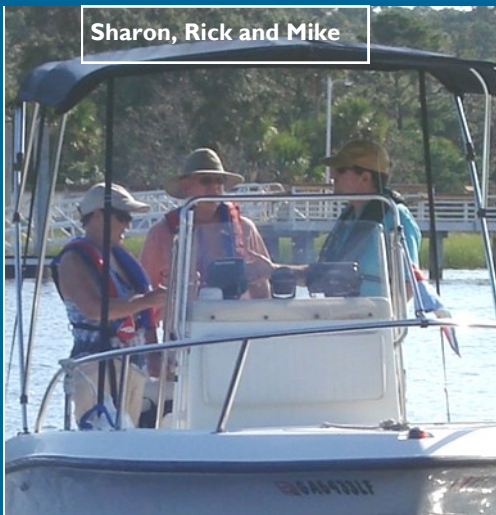
Charles reminded us to work on membership.

Sharon made a motion to adjourn. Teresa seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

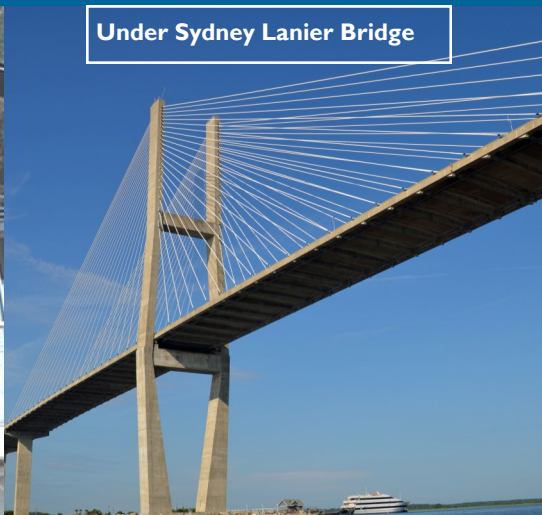
During the Club Dinner which followed, Charles recognized past commanders Vicky Jefferis and Sharon Hindery.

The minutes from the two previous meetings were approved as published in the "Porthole."

Sharon, Rick and Mike



Under Sydney Lanier Bridge



Charles, Cathy and Joe



The crew at Zachry's Riverhouse.



From left, Karla, Ed's sister, Sharree, Ed and Tim



National News - Membership and Safety Video

Membership thoughts:

Did you know that new members are living in your neighborhood? Try mass mailing to various neighborhoods when you have a class coming up. One squadron did that for a seamanship class and gained four new members.

Keep in contact with the list of contacts that you have—past students, contacts from information booths, contacts from events, cyber members, USPS university students, VSC contacts. You never know when they will pop up again at another event or a class.

R/C Robert Howd, SN-CN

Chair Membership Committee

Safety Committee reminds us of a timely video:

United States Power Squadrons®

“America’s Boating Channel Video Archive”

<https://www.facebook.com/pleasewearit/videos/207009399925790/>

Please view and share this very important child/infant PFD safety message.

Thank you.

Stf/C Bob Bales, AP



Clockwise from top left: On the water with Ed, David, Mike and all their “crew”.

Follow this link to our Facebook site for more pictures

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?>

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

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October

6 - CoastFest

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

16 - Annual Club Dinner

20 - America's Boating Course

November

16 - Change of Watch

December

TBD - Christmas Party

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