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Upcoming Events

October

- 16 - Annual Club Dinner at the International Seafarers Center
- 19-21 - D/26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch hosted by Thurmond Lake
- 20 - ABC Class

November

- 16 - Change of Watch at Bonefish Grill

December

- 8 - Christmas Party

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Commander's Message



Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf,
SN-ON

P/C Sharon Hindery, AP and Lt/C Teresa Wilsdorf, S have worked out a convenient way to order and pay for the new America's Boating Club nametag. The nametags may be obtained on the club's website: gisps.org by hitting the **About Us** button, and scrolling down to the bottom. Many thanks to the hard and time-consuming work by Sharon and Teresa.

To be on the safe side, our Sep 29 cruise to Two Way, was cancelled due to the forecast of rain and thunderstorms. Still, without keeping a time schedule and staying relatively close to departure points, many of us were able to get on the water for a while. Mike Moye, N and Sharon Moye, S along with Braxton Sorg, AP Hilarie Brush, P, Teresa, and myself were able to do a little Coop Charting checking ICW Aids to Navigation (ATONs) in Jekyll Creek. As you well know, boating is always an adventure as our boat, *Top-water*, went aground at ICW Beacon #6. This grounding might have been avoided if I had studied the chart closer and had been focused on where we were going rather than looking at the Light List. The noise from the bottom of the boat and then the engine was excruciating. Well, my boat wasn't holed, and seemed to perform as usual. I knew I was going to see a long gash in the

bottom and a bent or nicked propeller, but upon inspection at the loading hoist all looked good and no fiberglass or prop repair in the future. Boy, was I lucky. I am afraid Teresa would have taken my boat keys away. I don't know why I always have to learn the hard way. Inspect your charts closely and look where you are going. Where have I heard that before?

GPS Failure

While researching GPS system failures for the new Navigation II course, I ran across an article in *The Atlantic* magazine which describes what can happen if the GPS network of satellites have a failure.

We all think of the GPS as a device to locate our position, but in fact, it serves another function, which today is more important than its location function. The GPS system provides time synchronization for telecom networks, electrical power grids, banking (ATM, Credit Cards), market transactions, Doppler radar, digital TV and radio, and other areas.

Have there been failures, yes. The system failed in January of 2016 when a satellite was taken offline and an incorrect time was uploaded into several other satellites. It was twelve hours later before the correction could be made. If the problem had gone much longer, it would have been a major catastrophe. In many cases private short-term backup systems averted problems, but in North America many fire, police, and EMS department's radios were affected.

The bottom line is the government needs a backup time system, which they have been studying for the last 15 years. I encourage you to read the article at <http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2016/06/what-happens-if-gps-fails/486824/>.

Hope to see you all at the Seafarer's Center, Tuesday, October 16. We will carve out a few minutes to serve as our annual club meeting to elect 2019 club officers.

Chas

A GREAT TIME OF YEAR FOR BOATING!

Executive Officer
Ed Reynolds, S

With the temperature beginning to moderate and hurricane season coming to a close, it is certainly a great time of year to be out on the water. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our 1/2 day cruise to Mud Cat Charlie's on September 29 due to safety concerns of forecast thunderstorms. This will be rescheduled.

Speaking of cruises, I would like your suggestions on future cruise destinations. I think it would be fun to take some longer cruises (entire day or overnight). Of course, we would need some larger boats to undertake these endeavors.

On another topic, look at the [Freedom Boat Club](#) advertisement at the bottom of this page. We are working with this organization in an effort to reach out to new boaters. Hopefully, we can encourage them to attend our boating safety courses and possibly join our wonderful Squadron. We also wanted to inform our current members of the "boat sharing" opportunity that the Freedom Boat Club provides. For approximately 10% of the cost of a new boat and a monthly fee about the cost of a monthly storage fee, one can have access to 4 boats (size 19 - 22 feet). More boats will be added to their fleet as membership grows.

Hope to see you on the water!

Ed Reynolds
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Squadron Administrative Officer Report



Administrative Officer
Rick Hindery, P

If you traveled the Mediterranean from the Strait of Gibraltar past Sardinia, Crete, and Cyprus to where the sea ceased to be, your journey would end at Doryol. Our next adventure began at Doryol on August 29 when the *Fuat Bey* left port for Constanta, Romania.

If we are lucky, the stars align and things go according to plan the, *Fuat Bey*, a Turkish flagged, 180 meter cargo ship will arrive in Brunswick in time for our October monthly meeting.

No, we won't be at Moondoggy's this month. We will meet at The International Seafarers Center, 307 Newcastle Street in Brunswick: Our visiting Seafarer's home away from home.

We will enjoy an evening with our guests who have traveled across an ocean to see us.

With the help of the International Seafarers staff, a dinner invitation was extended to Captain and Crew through their U.S. based ships agent. If scheduling is perfect, Sharon and I will do a ships visit when the *Fuat Bey* arrives on Sunday the 14th to personally extend this invitation and arrange potential ship visits for our members. Our cargo ship will be in Brunswick for about a week and things should progress right on schedule.

International Seafarers will tell us about the wonderful services that they offer our visitors. Our hope is we will have the chance to visit the ship in small groups, enjoy a Southern style meal of fried chicken and fixins' from Grandy's with the crew. Suffice it to say that we are working on the plan. I'm excited, enthused, and only a little nervous.



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M/V Fuat Bey arrives in Brunswick on October 14, 2018. Picture from MarineTraffic.com.

We have entreated King Neptune to keep the *Fuat Bey* on course and on time.

I'm writing this on Oct 2nd and details are still being worked out so expect an email from me about the same time as this Port-hole arrives. We'll include the specifics, cost of the meal and RSVP info.

It will be a BYOB evening and we have a great place to meet and hope you will keep Oct 16th open for a real seafarers evening.

Squadron Education Officer Report

Our next America's Boating Course® will be held October 20 at the UGA Marine Extension building. Please contact your boating friends and invite them to join in October 20th. A full sized course announcement is on the last page of this newsletter. You are encouraged to print it out and give to a friend or post it on a bulletin board.

THANKS

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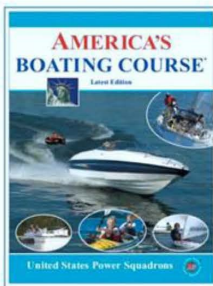


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Saturday, October 20, 08:00 AM to 0400 PM

Location:
UGA Marine Extension
715 Bay Street
Brunswick, GA

For registration, info, call: 912 265-9550 or email: chaswi@aol.com
Online Registration: <https://beyondboating.org/find-a-course-near-you/>
Class is no cost. Optional suggested text is \$35.00



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Treasurer Report



Treasurer Teresa
Wilsdorf, S

GISPS has a balance of 6,155.69 in the bank.

PayPal worked great for the name tags. I am looking forward to using it more in the future. Since I am so slow getting to the bank, it helps in getting the money into our account much faster.

I look forward to seeing everyone on October 16th!

Teresa

Tim's Trivia



Assistant Administrative Officer
Tim Lahrs, S

1. What current member designed a piece of equipment in this picture?
2. Can you find it?
3. What is it for?

Attend the October monthly club dinner to hear the answers to these trivia questions.



Picture provided by Tim Lahrs, S.

Secretary's Report

September 18, 2018 Excom Meeting

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

Sharon and Teresa reported that credit card usage is available through PayPal. They discussed that our website is being set up to permit the ordering of name tags and to pay for classes and textbooks.

Vicky is attending the District Fall Conference.

Our ABC class is being held on October 20. For advertising, Ed will place posters on St. Simons Island. Rick and Sharon will place posters in downtown Brunswick. Paul will handle Jekyll. Ed is working with Morningstar Marina for more extensive advertising there as well as with the Freedom Boat Club. Sharon will contact the newspaper for inclusion in the Community Calendar. We will also research radio coverage.

Our October meeting will be held at the Newcastle site of the International Seafarer's Center. Dinner will be catered by Grandy's. Rick will communicate costs and the RSVP time table. We hope there will be a ship in port which we can tour. If so, we will invite seafarers to join us for dinner. Sharon made a motion, and Vicky seconded, that the Club pay for dinner for any seafarers. Motion passed.

Margaret reviewed the current status of registering America's Boating Club Golden Isles as our trade name or trade/service mark. Vicky feels this subject will be discussed at Fall Conference and she will report back to us.

Ed reported that Freedom Boat Club is being set up at Morningstar Marina. They have indicated an interest in working with us, promoting our educational programs. The committee agreed to put their advertisement in our "Porthole" at no charge.

A local cruise is planned for September 29. Ed, Charles and Cindy have cruised the route up the McKay River to Mud Cat Charlie's and have reserved a room there for lunch. We may be able to do some co-op charting on that trip. Ed is working up a Float Plan.

Vicky presented the nominating committee's slate of officers for the coming year. Charles directed the secretary to email the new slate of officers to all members.

We agreed to print more tri-fold brochures about our Club to share with the Freedom Boat Club and to use at Coastfest.

The Visual Trainer is on the way for us to use at Coastfest. Charles will set it up at his home and perhaps members can come by and use it.

We decided not to publish a December "Porthole." We will publish a December/January issue in January.

We reviewed the Merit Mark list provided by the Commander and agreed with his recommendations.

Teresa reported that the COW will be November 16 at Bonefish Grill. Their staff suggests that, for our small group, we should order from the menu. Teresa will provide more information and menu selections so we can order early during cocktail time.

We agreed to have our Christmas Party on December 8. The committee approved the Club paying for appetizers for this party. Vicky will check with Riverhouse and the Sanctuary Cove Golf Club as possible venues for this party. Cindy Simpson will also check on the availability of Coastal Kitchen to host the Christmas party.

The Cruise and Rendezvous is scheduled for May 17 – 19, 2019. We have signed a contract with LaQuinta for rooms for guests. No Club money is involved here. Committee Chairs are needed for this event. We discussed various items related to the Rendezvous.

Margaret made a motion to adjourn. Ed seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

During the Club Dinner, past-commanders Vicky and Sharon were recognized.

Vicky made a motion, and Sharon seconded, to approve minutes as published in the "Porthole." Motion passed.

**2019 Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron
Nominations for Annual Election of Bridge Officers and Elected Committee Members**

COMMANDER

Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ed Reynolds, S

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Terry Osman, P

Sharon Hindery, AP – Website & Publicity

Rick Hindery, P – Programs

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

Mike Moye, N

SECRETARY

Sharon Hindery, AP

TREASURER

Teresa Wilsdorf, S

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Bob Butler, SN

Vicky Jefferis, JN

Richard Jones, AP

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Margaret Butler, SN

Vicky Jefferis, JN

Open Position

RULES COMMITTEE

Mike Moye, N

2 Open Positions

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Vicky Jefferis, JN

Sharon Hindery, AP

Quarterly Litter Pick-up

As part of our community activities, our squadron participates in the Adopt-A-Park Program with the Keep Golden Isles Beautiful Program. We completed our quarterly litter pick-up of Sydney Lanier Park (also known as Liberty Park) on September 8. This effort is led by Sharon Hindery, AP and Rick Hindery, P. Also on pick-up duty were Bob Butler, SN and Margaret Butler, SN; Ginny and Pat Downey; Joe Stortz, AP and Cathy Stortz, AP. Our group of 8 collected 5 bags of trash and 3 bags of recycling material. Not bad for an hours worth of work! Thanks to Sharon for all the pictures.



Joe Stortz and Sharon Hindery



Sharon and Rick Hindery



From left: Ginny and Pat Downey and Cathy Stortz



Bob and Margaret Butler

America's Boating Club of Golden Isles Calendar Oct – Dec 2018

October

6 - CoastFest at Mary Ross Park

16 - Annual Club Dinner at the International Seafarers Center

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

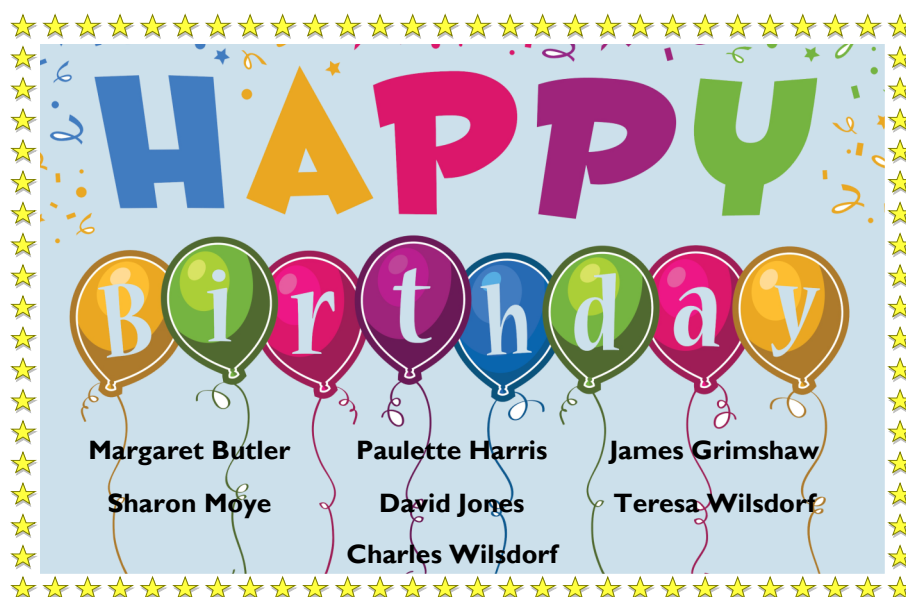
20 - America's Boating Class, UGA Marine Extension, 8am - 4pm

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December

8 - Christmas Party



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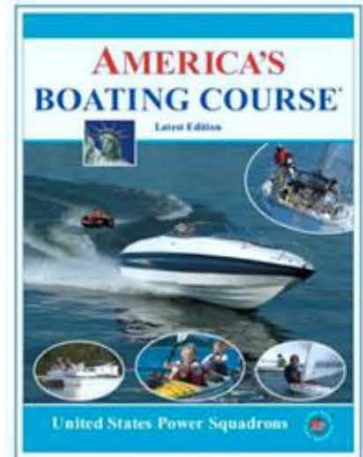
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