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Upcoming Events

February

- 17 - Liberty Park (formerly Sidney Lanier Park) Litter Pickup 0900-1100
- 18-24 - USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida
- 19 - Club Dinner at Moondoggys Pizza in Brunswick at 1800

March

- 8-10 - District 26 Spring Conference hosted by Long Bay at

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Commander's Message



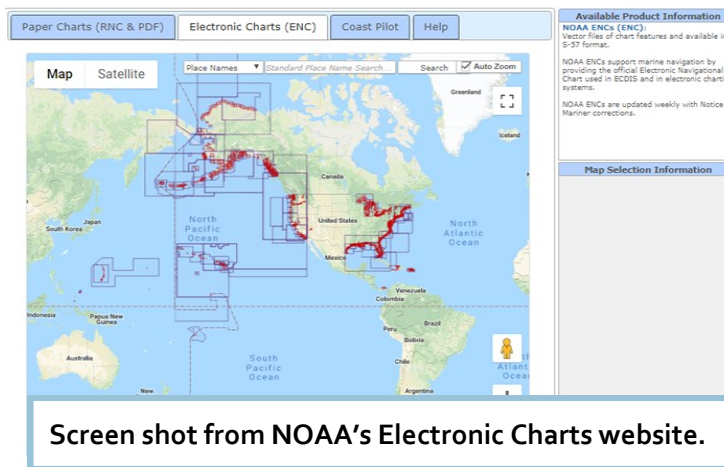
Cdr Charles Wilsdorf,
SN-ON

Work on the May's District26 Cruise & Rendezvous is progressing, but there is still many details to be completed. This event is a team effort, so I ask all club members to let Ed Reynolds, S know that you are willing to help.

We had a great January club dinner, but it was a little short on attendance. We missed you for those of you that did not attend and hope you can make it to our February 19 dinner.

How many of you have paper charts with you while boating? Chartplotters are good when they are operating, but even then, they are not handy to see the big picture compared to a paper chart. Therefore, for getting the big picture and in case your chartplotter becomes inoperable, paper charts should still find a place on your boat.

Where is the best place to find an **up-to-date** NOAA nautical chart? I suggest the NOAA Chart Locator <http://www.charts.noaa.gov/InteractiveCatalog/nrnc.shtml>. This one-click will give you all of the NOAA charts on an interactive chart so you may easily pick the chart you want. Once selected, you may download the chart as an RNC (raster nautical chart), ENC (an electronic nautical chart or vector chart), PDF, PDF- Booklet Chart, or you may purchase a chart. The RNC's and ENC's will run on your computer's charting software. Remember, the OpenCPN software is a free download. The PDF-Booklet



Screen shot from NOAA's Electronic Charts website.

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Charts may be printed in 8.5" x 11" sections on your home printer, but the details will be too small to see clearly. So, I suggest taking the PDF file on a thumb drive to the local printer to have it printed in the size and paper type you prefer. Remember, with your club membership, you can get a big discount on printing at Office Depot.

An update, Club member Mary "Chri" Gray, P, has been cruising for the last several months on her sailboat, *The Island Lady*, and is presently on the hook at Cat Island just off Exuma Sound. Wish I was there!!

I am looking forward to our first America's Boating Course class this year, Saturday, February 9, 2019. Our SEO, Michael Moye, N has been hard at work organizing the class. We are also very appreciative to the team effort from Ed Reynolds, S and Stephanie Krause-Jones to get the word out about the course. Our class will be completed by the time you get this article, but please help us get the word out for our April 6 ABC class.

Chas



Pictures of Mary "Chri" Gray, P. in The Bahamas. Top left and right: Chri on Bobo Hill at Warderick Wells. Bottom left: *Island Lady* anchored at Warderick Wells, Exumas.

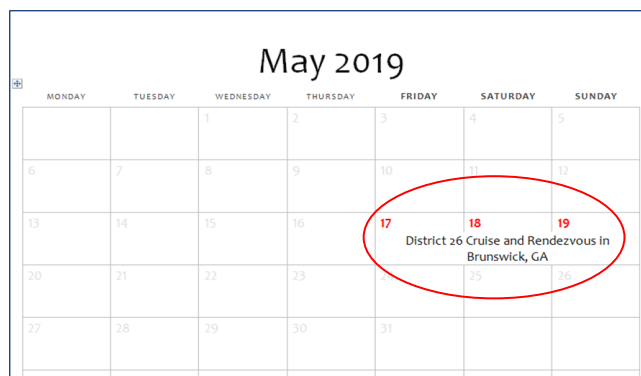
Photos by Rebecca Yeomans.

BOATING SEASON IS ALMOST HERE!

Executive Officer
Ed Reynolds, S

Hello again fellow boat lovers! If you are like me, you are watching the weather forecast for warmer days so you can get back on the water. I am so glad to live in an area where we can enjoy boating almost all year!

As you know by now, we are busy preparing to host the District Cruise & Rendezvous May 17-19. Please save the dates as this is as much intended for our local squadron members as our out of town guests. Key events will feature a Friday evening reception, Saturday lunch cruise to Mudcat Charlie's as well as a Saturday night dinner social at Mary Ross Park. To finalize our plan and execute on it, I need volunteers to coordinate the following committees. As a coordinator, you will not be expected to do all the work - just arrange for other members to assist you in making it happen.



- Registration
- Table and chair set up (transport to Mary Ross for reception and dinner)
- Bartender (sell beer and wine Friday and Saturday night)
- Transportation of out of town guests to lunch or motel
- Raffle - obtain some donated items and sell tickets

Please contact me at ejreynolds3@icloud.com or 423-341-2531 to volunteer.

Finally, you may want to mark your calendars for April 25-28. The tall ship *Lynx* (replica of an 1812 privateer sailing ship) will be docked at Saint Simons Island pier. We may organize a Squadron outing (2-hour cruise costing \$30-\$55 per person) during this time. Additional information can be found at tallshiplynx.com.

See you on the water!

Ed Reynolds, S
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Squadron Administrative Officer Report



AO Terry Osman, P

Our year is off to a great start! Watch for announcements in coming months about a periodic change in our meeting location. For a change of pace and interest, we are scoping out different venues.

For this month, Tuesday February 19th at 6pm we are again gathering at Moondoggys for an evening of camaraderie and fun.

At the club dinner, we will welcome as our special guest Paul Medders, of the Coastal Resources Division of the GA Dept. of Natural Resources. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has statewide responsibilities for managing and conserving of Georgia's natural and cultural resources. From artificial reefs and restoration of marine habitat, the Coastal Resources group within DNR concerns itself with managing Georgia's marshes, beaches, and commercial marine fishery. They issue permits concerning coastal wetlands, and manage shellfish harvest areas.

If you haven't visited their site in a while, familiarize with it at www.Coastalgadnr.org. Our Tuesday night meeting will be the perfect opportunity to get answers to your questions about the status of our beautiful waterways and wetlands.

Did you know? It's Free!

At the DNR Coastal Resources office in Brunswick, you can get a Georgia coastal wall map! Pick up your very own copy, free of charge!

I look forward to seeing you all!

Terry Osman, P



Georgia coastal wall map.

Squadron Education Officer Report



SEO Mike Moyer, N

I remember well the time I announced to an ABC class that the labeling standards for life jackets was “about” to change. I just didn’t know when “about” would occur. I figured it would take a year or two. How wrong I was. On October 22, 2014 the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) cancelled performance terminology “TYPE” I through V. Manufacturers continued to use it, however, because the substitute language had not been developed. In 2018 manufacturers began using the new U. S. Coast Guard terminology. Life Jacket performance will be stated as “levels” instead of “types”. Labels are being standardized with Canada for cross border boating operations. Not to worry—life jackets with Type I through V labels remain useable, provided they are in serviceable condition. In fact, you will have a very difficult time even buying a life jacket with the new terminology. After a Google search I only found one source and it was a high dollar safety equipment company. And no, you won’t find any life jackets with the new label at our own West Marine or other local sources. I suspect there are many thousands of life jackets in inventory around the country and even in the manufacturing pipeline that will use the old label. The key point is that at present if the life jacket is in good condition the old label is just fine.

As always, choose a life jacket which is approved by the USCG for your intended type of boating. In the ABC class we always suggest attaching a whistle and a light. Open ocean life jackets should also have reflective tape to help with night recovery. Remember, **THE BEST LIFE JACKET IS THE ONE THAT WILL BE WORN ALL THE TIME!**

The picture below is a mock up of the new label. The number indicates the level of flotation, turning and stability in the water. The numbers on the new labels range from 50 to 275.

Mike Moyer, N
Squadron Education Officer

A mock up of the new life jacket label.



Treasurer's Report



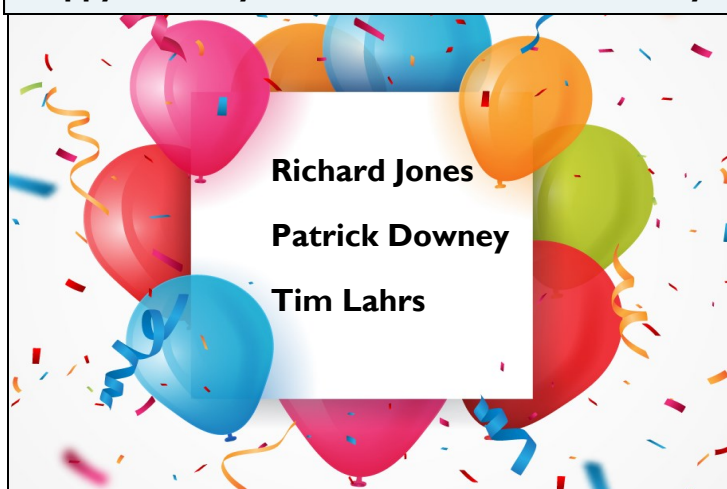
Treasurer Teresa
Wilsdorf, S

The GISPS account balance is \$5,580.94 as of January 30, 2019.

I sure hope to see you at the meeting this month! If anyone has any questions regarding our account please give me a call or send me an email.

See ya soon :)

Happy Birthday to Club Members in February!



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Secretary's Report

Jan 15 Excom Agenda time:

America's Boating Club Golden Isles - GISPS EXCOM Meeting

Tuesday, 1/15/2019 5:00 PM MoonDoggies' Pizza

Board members:

Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf- present

EXO :LtC Ed Reynolds-present

SEO: LtC Mike Moye- present

AO: LtC Terry Osman-present

Assistant AO: Lt Rick Hindery- present

Tres: LtC Teresa Wilsdorf present

Sec: LtC Sharon Hindery present

Members At Large:

Richard Jones- absent

Vicky Jefferis- present

Bob Butler- absent

Other Club members present: none at EXCOM

Agenda Items/Minutes

Education Fund – Email all members explaining what the Education Fund is and ask them if they would like to donate any amount.

Confusion as to whether this is on the annual dues bill as a suggested donation or not. Is this a request for further donation by USPS members? What actually does this donation go to? Chas and Teresa will check into how this is being handled before we email club members.

Teresa will report difference of 2017 and 2018 \$ Gain/Loss.

Teresa provided the yearend report of income/expense. Reviewed and corrections were suggested by the Bridge. Approx \$750 spent more than we took in over the year. Primarily on Education and COW expenses.

Stephanie will submit us with some marketing ideas.

Stephanie not in attendance. Per Ed she is working on putting something in the newspaper for the next ABC class.

Who will commit to posting a couple ABC signs?

Terry & Ed will post signs on SSL, and Chas will join them to post at Marinas, Boat shops etc.

Rick & Sharon will post downtown Brunswick and the YMCA

Vicky will collect comments on future D26 events.

Vicky will take any comments we made to the District Call she has on Wednesday. Bridge members felt there



Secretary Sharon
Hindery, AP

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was an over-reaction on Costs.

It was noted that C&R attendees might be less likely to balk at pricing for both room and meals, as this is viewed as a fun/vacation type of event. The Conference is business, so spending on meals might not be as favorable..

Ed – C&R

Suggest April 26 registration deadline- but accept until the 30th

Rooms in the block- 15 total- 10 doubles and 5 kings- will be held at the \$99 rate (\$82.50+tax) until April 9. So folks need to reserve Rooms before then to assure availability and pricing. Note that hotels do fill up along 195 during the spring snowbird travel season.

We will post Event Registration information on March 8th during Spring Conference

Need to link our website to the District website C&R page

Need Brunswick Landing Marina Dockage cutoff date

Friday Afternoon Happy Hour Requested in the clubhouse. Ed to follow up

Sat lunch at Mudcat Charlies is penciled in. No menu as of yet

Mary Ross Park Pavilion is reserved for Sat evening cost \$100. Island Jerk will provide a catered buffet meal. At \$10/pp before tax gratuity. This will allow us some room to build in costs of decorating and service- plates, cutlery, table cloths, cups etc. Tables and chairs will be arranged. Will need volunteers to monitor food service, set up and tear down.

Sunday Breakfast. We can use International Seafarers' Center facility on South Newcastle for the location. There is a Kitchen, conference room and a large deck. Plenty of parking.

Chas requested that we consider a financial donation to the UGA marine Annex, as we have used their facility at no charge for several years for our ABC classes. Discussion was tabled for a later date as the meeting was running long.

End time: Meeting ended at 6:00 pm with the start of the Social part of the evening

General meeting notes

Attendance to the General club dinner was 15 members

Members were reminded of the C&R coming up in May 17-19

Members were encouraged to volunteer in planning and or during the event.

Members were reminded of the Feb 9 ABC class and asked to post flyers – obtainable from Chas or ED

Members were informed that the 1st quarter KGIB litter pickup at Sidney Lanier Park- now known as Liberty Ship Memorial Park- was slated for Feb 16th- changed to 9am Sunday Feb 17, due to the annual SGHS Bridge Run on the 16th... Will send out a reminder the week before.

Submitted 1/17/2019

Lt/C Sharon Hindery, Secretary

USPS® National News

Membership

This month we have a suggestion from Membership Chair R/C Bob Howd, SN-CN:

“Have you ever queried those that do not renew? Maybe there is a fixable reason.” Check out the short questionnaire below. This is available on the National website in the Forms section.

Squadron Non-Renewal Survey

Squadron Name: _____ Date: _____

Total # members now:		Total # non-renewals	
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Please summarize these statistics for non-renewals:

Category	Under 3	Over 3
Years of membership		
Merit marks earned		
Educational Classes taken		

Highest Grade	S/P	AP/JN/N
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Please solicit and forward any recommendations for improvement or additional USPS benefits. Use the reverse of this form or additional sheets for other comments. Please use **legible** handwriting or print

Reasons for joining Squadron/USPS?	How Many
Educational Classes	
Cruise and Rendezvous	
Social Programs	
Boat Insurance	
Other	

Specific reasons for not renewing	How Many
No longer own boat or interested in boating	
Lack of friendliness or interaction from members	
Busy (Other outside activities compete for time)	
Not enough boating activities	
Meeting locations	
Lack of variety at meetings/speakers	
Lack of participation opportunities	
Business, family interference, or personal	
Health problems or death	
Dues increase or financial difficulties	

This is an informal survey seeking ways in which we can improve or make it more desirable to be a member of USPS. Reasons for non-renewal will not necessarily equal the total number of member non-renewals.

America's Boating Club of Golden Isles Calendar February - July 2019



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18-24 - USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida

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March

5 - *Porthole* articles due for March edition

8-10 - District 26 Spring Conference hosted by Long Bay at Myrtle Beach

12 - *Porthole* distributed to members

19 - Club Dinner

April

2 - *Porthole* articles due for April edition

6 - America's Boating Course at UGA Marine Extension 0800-1600

9 - *Porthole* distributed to members

16 - Club Dinner

27 - Liberty Park Litter Pickup 0900-1100

May

7 - *Porthole* articles due for May edition

14 - *Porthole* distributed to members

17-19 - D/26 Cruise and Rendezvous hosted by Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron in Brunswick

21 - Club Dinner

18-24 - Safe Boating Week

June

4 - *Porthole* articles due for June edition

11 - *Porthole* distributed to members

18 - Club Dinner

July

2 - *Porthole* articles due for July edition

9 - *Porthole* distributed to members

16 - Club Dinner

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ENGAGE with boating friends

CONNECT with the boating community

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