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Upcoming Events

March

- 19 - Jerk Shack Restaurant
– EXCOM Meeting at 1700
– Club Dinner at 1800

April

- 6 - America's Boating Course at UGA Marine Extension 0800-1600
- 16 - Club Dinner at ember restaurant on St. Simons Island 1800
- 27 - Liberty Park Litter Pickup 0900-1100
- 27 - Lynx 1812 Privateer Sailing Ship Tour 1400 - 1600

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Commander's Message



Cdr Charles Wilsdorf,
SN-ON

They say, "Time flies when you are having fun", so I must be having fun since it seems like I just submitted the February's Porthole contribution. But, here we are again.

Many thanks to Lt/C Terry Osman, P for securing February's club dinner speaker, Paul Medders from Georgia DNR. Paul's enthusiastic presentation gave us all a new appreciation of our local beautiful and complicated eco system. I, for one, would really like to learn more.

Plans for our hosting of the District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous (C&R) are taking shape. Info from District 26 Club commanders indicates we will have good attendance. Our C&R Committee Chair, Lt/C Ed Reynolds, S has been working hard with committee members, P/C Sharon Hindery, AP, and Lt/C Terry Osman, P securing sites, finalizing menus, getting permissions, calculating prices, and post-

ing PR and forms. And yes, we still need help, so I ask you to please contact Ed and let him know you are willing to help.

Even after a little club member prodding, it looks like P/C Vicky Jefferis, JN, Lt/C Teresa Wilsdorf, and myself will be the only club representatives at the District 26 Spring Conference, but I understand, it is a long way to travel. This will be the last Spring Conference, as we know it, a combination C&R Spring Meeting will be taking its place. We look forward to visiting with district friends, picking up tips from other district clubs, attending a few meetings and seminars. We will report our take-a-ways in the April Porthole.

Now, I would like everyone to mark on their calendar for the D26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch, October 18-20. Only a short drive N, this conference is being hosted by Tybee Light in Savannah. I hope this will entice more of our club members to attend.

I request that all club members help us get the word out about our upcoming April 6, America's Boating Course. Contact Ed Reynolds for posters to put in any high traffic areas you visit. And, remember, all club members are serving on the Membership Committee.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our March 19 club dinner.

Chas

LOTS OF FUN COMING UP!



Hello again fellow boat lovers! As we spring forward into peak boating season, please consider the following activities:

1. 2019 Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) - these are free courtesy inspections that help ensure that your boat is properly equipped. It normally takes about 30 minutes to conduct one. So please invest this small amount of time to have one done. Charles Wilsdorf, Mike Moyer and I are certified examiners and will be happy to inspect your boat as well as your friends' boats. Feel free to contact me if interested.
2. ABC boating skills class is scheduled for April 6. This class is not only for new boaters but will be beneficial refresher for "old salts" as well. Also remember that your children or grandchildren born after 1998 require this course in order to pilot a boat. Please encourage your boating friends to attend.
3. Lynx 1812 Privateer Sailing Ship will be docked at Saint Simons Island Pier April 25-28. Daily sailings are offered from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Adult charge \$55, children under 16 charge \$30 (plus a \$6 service charge). It is open admission but let's plan on our group going on the Saturday April 27, 2:00pm-4:00pm Cruise. Please sign up early as these will sell out quickly! Go to tallshiplynx.com to register.
4. Our District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous will be hosted by us May 17-19. A copy of the registration form is on page 11 in this newsletter and soon you may download a fillable pdf on the District 26 website <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26/>. Please consider participating! We still need volunteers to assist making this event a success. Our goal is for every member to assist in some way. Even if you can't attend, there are advance preparation activities you can help with. The list (partial) of needs are as follows:
 - Prepare registration packets
 - Staff registration tables Friday evening
 - Take guests on their boat Saturday afternoon
 - Transport guests to lunch in case of rain on Sat.
 - Set up/break down tables and chairs at Mary Ross Park Friday evening
 - Set up/break down tables and chairs at Mary Ross Park Saturday evening
 - Clean up after dinner Saturday night
 - Transport boaters to Seafarers building for lunch Sunday morning
 - Prepare a dish for Sunday morning breakfast.

Many people have already volunteered. Please contact me if you have not.

Thank you in advance.

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Squadron Administrative Officer Report



AO Terry Osman, P

ICW Dredging Slated for Georgia

(Excerpted from AIWA eNews)

The highest non-disaster amount in years for maintaining the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) was awarded the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for 2019: a total of \$23.9 million. See the table below for the huge funding increase earmarked for Georgia waterways as compared to other states. A number of waterway maintenance projects are underway along “Marine Highway 95” this month in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida, with projects on the horizon for Georgia.

The Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association (AIWA) is a leader in the growing group of stakeholders who fund, maintain and advocate for the Atlantic ICW. One of the AIWA priorities is defining projects that more creatively manage dredge material. In many areas of the ICW, upland disposal sites are becoming filled to capacity. The state of Florida is currently the only area with enough capacity for the next 10-20 years.

Recently a dredging contract was awarded to remove material from the ICW in Jekyll Creek, Georgia. Some of the dredge material will be used beneficially (“more creatively”) on the northern end of Jekyll Island in a pilot project to restore and enhance existing marsh. The project’s design will be monitored for success by multiple stakeholders for potential future use along other segments of the ICW. The work should begin as early as this spring 2019.

Chart reprinted from AIWA eNews.

Federal Funding Table for FY18 and FY 19

The Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway received over \$23 million in federal funding for FY 19. Below is a comparison of federal funding compared with FY18. Disaster supplemental funding is not included for comparison, but totaled over \$24 million in FY18 for a total of over \$60 million in federal funding in FY18 and FY19.

State	Final FY 18 Funding	FY 19 President's Budget	Final FY 19 Funding
Virginia	\$5.479 Million	\$4.082 Million	\$5.426 Million
North Carolina	\$2.812 Million	\$5.59 Million	\$5.59 Million
South Carolina	\$0.2 Million	\$3.487 Million	\$6.948 Million
Georgia	\$0.181 Million	\$3.0 Million	\$3.0 Million
Florida	\$5.784 Million	\$2.98 Million	\$2.98 Million
Total for the AIWW	\$14.456 Million	\$19.139 Million	\$23.944 Million (\$9.488 Million over FY18)

March Club Dinner Location

Let's Visit the Caribbean on Tuesday, March 19th!



Photos above and below are the outside of the Jerk Shack restaurant.

In case you haven't heard, monthly Club Dinner's will periodically visit different restaurants to add some variety to our gatherings. Watch the newsletter each month carefully for information on dinner locations.

This month, we've selected the laid-back venue of the Jerk Shack, with a menu characteristic of life in the islands. Jerk Shack serves authentic dishes and is known locally for their Conch Fritters, Curry Chicken and Rum Punch.

Program: "Caribbean Social" (Bring what you know!)

Come prepared to share your experiences visiting the islands. Whether you have been cruising, vacationing or fishing in "the islands", let's compare memories! Do you have a "once in-a-lifetime experience" while in the Caribbean? (I heard its famous for those ...) Or did you find one of its reefs or sandbars? Have you been stuck there waiting for weather? On the other hand, do you have HOPES or PLANS to wander into the islands in the future? Let's compare notes and come up with some new ideas by sharing our combined experiences. Bring what you know! Bring pictures!

Location: "Jerk Shack"

5719 Altama Avenue

(912) 289-2984

Time: 6:00 pm

I need feedback on how you like the "moving around" routine, so don't be shy as our Squadron periodically visits new locations! See you March 19th !!!



Have a great day,

Terry

Squadron Education Officer Report



SEO Mike Moye, N

Remember Y2K? It was real and caused a few problems—but for most of us it was just bluster. I don't think anyone has given the impending problem a catchy name yet, but our Global Positioning System (GPS) units could possibly be in trouble. It all has to do with a date rollover similar to the rollover to January 1, 2000 with computers.

The GPS satellites provide timing information for lots of applications around the world. Many are critical—such as information for power grids and emergency services. Location information for boats, cars, and airplanes is pretty important too. Basically, the satellites provide date and time by giving information on the current week and the number of seconds into that week. As we know from our Celestial Navigation courses—that's critical information when it comes to determining your location. The GPS units must have absolutely accurate time to be able to make location calculations.

Within the firmware of your GPS is a field representing the week and seconds. It is written as a 10-bit binary number supplied to your GPS by multiple satellites. The fact that the code is written this way limits the range of the number to a total of 1024 weeks—almost 20 years. Our GPS system kicked off on January 6, 1980. The first 20 years of weeks ran out on August 21, 1999 and the counter reset to zero. The next roll over to zero is April 6, 2019. (I checked Furuno's web site and they say March 17 for their units.) The rollover worked fine in 1999 so why should we be concerned about 2019? Frankly, you probably don't have anything to worry about if your GPS receiver is newer or if you are receiving firmware updates to your older units. Some of us probably should worry though. If your GPS unit has not had firmware updates in 10-15 years, frankly you might want to be a little concerned if you're out in your boat on April 6 and find yourself in a major fog while trying to find the entrance to St. Simons Sound.

I'm not an electronics guru and most likely could not perform the testing procedures, but there are simulation programs that can be used to test your unit. Critical users of GPS systems are most likely doing testing to make sure their units are going to be fine. But this rollover event is a very real threat to some older units. For more information I'd suggest checking the website for the manufacturer of your equipment. Some have identified units that will be OK, however, they will also tell you to be careful on that date and check the accuracy of your unit. Some sites will also say the problem could occur long after April 6. So, what do we do that day? One blogger said that he was going to put fresh batteries in his Radio Direction Finder (bet many of you have never heard of an RDF!). Another said that his answer was going to be posting a crew member by the anchor. I think *My Sharona* and I will just stay tied to the dock...

Mike Moye, N
Squadron Education Officer

REMEMBER—The next ABC class is April 6. Please pass the word. The class flyer is on page 10 of this newsletter.

Treasurer's Report



Treasurer Teresa
Wilsdorf, S

The club balance is \$5,550. I also wanted to give you a friendly reminder that we are looking for items to raffle at the Cruise and Rendezvous. The item should be something that you would want to buy tickets for a chance to win. We are thinking about maybe 5 items. If you know any merchants that would be willing to donate something of value that would also work. If you have any questions give me a call.



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Secretary's Report

America's Boating Club Golden Isles - GISPS EXCOM Meeting

Tuesday, 2/19/2019 5:06 PM MoonDoggys' Pizza

Board members:

Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf- Present

EXO :LtC Ed Reynolds- Present via phone

SEO: LtC Mike Moye- absent

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-Present

Vicky Jefferis-Present

Bob Butler- Present

Other Club members present: Margaret Butler

1. After short discussion, the bridge agreed to reserve the Virtual Boat Simulator for Coastfest on Oct 5th.
2. Briefly discussed plans for distributing ABC signage for April class. Ed Reynolds suggested that we again try the Fendig billboard at the intersection of Hwy 17 and the Torres Causeway at \$160/ day. Ed also offered to donate \$100 to this cost. Bridge will decide at March meeting.
3. UGA/Georgia Sea Grant donation. Bridge decided to donate \$250 to UGA Marex specified to go to the Brunswick station in appreciation for the years of use of their facilities for our ABC classes. We will also offer membership to contribute individually as they might feel appropriate. Individual and Club donations will then be combined and presented formally in a ceremony to the local Staff as donation.
4. Ed Fund – Teresa moved that the Club donates \$1/member to the USPS Educational fund from Club funds. Sharon Seconded. All present members approved. Members will be reminded that they may make individual donations at the USPS website.
5. Update on D26 C&R – Ed and Terry reviewed the draft Registration form with the Bridge. Edits were suggested for clarity. Schedule reviewed
 - a. Friday 3-5 pm check in Hotel/ registration at hotel
 - b. Friday 5-7pm registration/Social at Pavilion at Mary Ross Park
 - c. Dinner on your own (Registration packet will have a listing of Down town restaurants as well as by the hotel.
 - d. Saturday 9am Skipper meeting at Brunswick Landing Marina
 - e. 9am to 4pm Cruise with Lunch at MudCat Charley's. The break-even price suggested \$30 for Low country boil.



Secretary Sharon
Hindery, AP

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- f. 6-9pm Party in the Park featuring Caribbean Island buffet and cocktails Suggested price \$35 to cover meal, setup, rental costs.
- g. Sunday 8 to 11am Brunch at International Seafarer's center on Newcastle. Breakfast items will be supplied by club members

Costs needing to be absorbed include rental for Mary Ross Park \$160 for the two evenings. A \$25 liqueur license from the State is required. Decorations, dining implements and a potential server needs to be figured in.

- Sharon to proceed with obtaining the liqueur license and finalize the lease of the park with the city. Sharon will also check with Island Jerk as to cost of a server for the Sat dinner.
- Need chair people for committees

Registration- Terry

Bartenders- Bob and Margaret Butler

Set up at Mary Ross Park- Rick and Sharon

Sunday Brunch- Charles

Raffle- Teresa- Each club member is encouraged to donate 'something they would like to buy' Items are preferred as Experiences would only appeal to local members. Rick and Sharon will request donations from a few of their downtown contacts.

Transportation- Need someone to coordinate transportation for folks who are not traveling by boat to Saturday's Lunch or anyone with special needs who are leaving from the marina Friday and Saturday evening to Mary Ross Park.

New Business-Next month's meeting may be at Ember or Jerk Shack. For Variety.

Excom Meeting adjourned @603 pm

General Meeting

Notes: Cdr. Chas requested that members step up to volunteer to help for the C&R. Last month's Minutes were approved by the membership.

It was announced that we had 8 students at the ABC class on Feb 9 and that all passed.

Members present # 15

Terry introduced the guest Speaker: Paul Medders, of the Coastal Resources Division of the GA Dept. of Natural Resources. Paul explained that his division serves the 11 coastal counties that are "tidal Influenced" and out to 200 miles offshore listed as the "federal exclusive economic zone". From there he enlightened and informed us on the role of the DNR in the balanced importance of our coastal estuaries ecologically, economically, culturally and historically.... By the questions and discussion asked by our membership, the presentation was very well received.

Submitted 2/20/2019

Lt/C Sharon Hindery, Secretary

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Have a great day,

Terry Osman

Litter Pick up at Liberty Ship Park on February 17



Sharon Hindery, AP and Rick Hindery, P, a.k.a. "Queen & King of Garbage" pose in front of the massive amount of garbage produced during the Bridge Run in Brunswick. Rick and Sharon went through all the garbage and pulled out anything that could be recycled. Thus, greatly reducing the amount of garbage that goes to the landfill. Well done guys!

Photo by Cathy Stortz, AP.

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

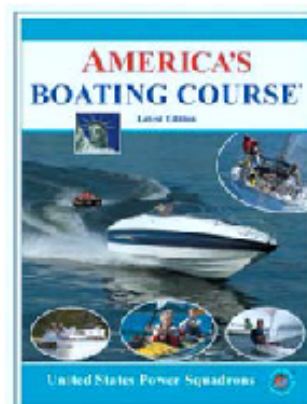
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Saturday, April 6, 08:00 AM to 04:00 PM

Location:

**UGA Marine Extension
715 Bay Street
Brunswick, GA**

For info, call: 229 453-6791 or email: mmoye@surfsouth.com

Online Registration: <https://americasboatingclub.org>

Registration Fee \$5.00, credited to optional suggested text \$35.00



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District 26 Cruise & Rendezvous Registration
May 17-19, 2019 Brunswick, GA

Rank/Name/Grade	Street/City/St/Zip	Squadron	Email Address	Cell Phone #

Please Complete If Arriving by Boat or Trailering

Vessel Name, Type & Length:	Number of guests I can accommodate on my vessel for Saturday Cruise	#
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- For slip reservations, contact [Brunswick Landing Marina](#) 30 days prior at (912) 262-9264.
- Trailer parking is available at the LaQuinta Inn. Launch your boat via hoist at [Blythe Island Regional Park](#) for a nominal launch fee: 912-279-2812, 6616 Blythe Island Hwy, or [Sydney Lanier Bridge](#) ramp and courtesy dock.

Please Indicate the Number of Persons Attending

Friday May 17		#		
1500-1700	Registration @ La Quinta Inn or			
1700-1900	@ Mary Ross Waterfront Park adjacent to the marina			
1700-1900	Welcome Social (cash bar) Mary Ross Waterfront Park , Bay & Gloucester Street, adjacent to the marina			
	Dinner on Your Own			
Saturday May 18			\$/ea	\$ Tot
0900	Cruise Skippers Meeting, Brunswick Landing Marina Dock #1			
0900-1530	Mackay/Frederica River Cruise with Low Country Boil at MudCat Charlies, Two-Way Fish Camp Marina (12:00)		\$30	
1800-1900	"Party in the Park" Cocktails (cash bar), and		\$35	
1900+	Caribbean Buffet Dinner @ Mary Ross Waterfront Park			
Sunday May 19				
0800 - 1000	Breakfast at International Seafarers' Center , 307 Newcastle, Brunswick			
	Total Registration – Requested by April 26, 2019			
	Pay by Check: Mail this form and check payable to "GISPS" to Teresa Wilsdorf, 14 Berryhill Lane, Brunswick, GA 31523	-	-	
	Pay by PayPal: E-mail this completed form to Teresa at tmwilsdorf@aol.com for invoicing (will include 3% PP fee)			

Hotel: La Quinta Inn, Brunswick (I-95 Exit 36)

- Make your own reservation. **Deadline: April 9**
- 165 Warren Mason Blvd, Brunswick GA 31520
- 912-265-7725 Option 5. Ask for "D26 Power Squadron"
- Rate: \$96.84 (incl tax) - Two doubles or one king non-smoking. Includes breakfast.
- After 4/9, the D26 block of rooms will be released.

For special needs or further info, contact: Ed Reynolds at ejreynolds3@icloud.com or 423-341-2531.

America's Boating Club of Golden Isles Calendar March- August 2019



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May

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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

August

6 - *Porthole* articles due for August edition

12-19 - USPS Governing Board in Minneapolis, MN

13 - *Porthole* distributed to members

20 Club Dinner

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Our Club is part of the world's largest recreational boating organization with more than 30,000 members. We learn together, boat together, and help each other and other boaters on the water and on land.

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ENGAGE with boating friends

CONNECT with the boating community

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