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Commander's Message



Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON

The Fall Governing Board August 28-September 5 is now in the past. The minutes for this meeting will be available sometime in the future. There were six USPS Bylaws changes proposed. Some of the areas most concerning to our club were the approval of letting the club decide who their Commander and Squadron Education Officers are without approvals from District or National. One of the changes NOT approved was the proposal to turn over all club assets to USPS in the event of club dissolution. Our club remains in control.

The District 26 Fall Conference will be presented on Zoom Friday, October 22, and Saturday 23. This is a great opportunity to attend a district conference and not have to travel. I will distribute the full schedule as soon as I receive it. One item of interest for all incoming bridge officers will be the officer's training seminars on Saturday.

D26 Fall Conference - October 22nd/23rd

• Saturday

- 1030 – 1145: Officer Training
 - Commanders & Executive Officers
 - Administrative Officers
 - Secretary
 - Educational Officers
 - Treasurer

I have almost "Come Full Circle" in boat ownership from my first boat at the age of 4, a small lapstrake row/motorboat, to my last boat a 17.5' Scout Center Console which is now for sale. Aluminum fishing boats, inflatables, runabout/ski boats, small power cruisers, center consoles, sailboats, and trawlers are boats I have owned and cherished between the above first and last boats. I grew up around boats on middle Tennessee lakes and rivers with family and friends, so I think boating is in my DNA. Spending 20 years boating on Lake Meade allowed me to pass my boating passion to my family and friends. But, "Coming Full Circle" has certainly not waned my interest in boating. I plan to become a full-time armchair sailor continuing to add to and refresh (a lot of refreshing) my limited boating knowledge. And of course, I will always have many fond boating memories which I can enjoy.

I would again like to thank our club's nominating committee, P/C Sharon Hindery, AP, and P/C Vicky Jefferis, JN for their time and work filling the slate of 2022 bridge officers and committees published in this newsletter. I congratulate the club members who "stepped up to the plate" and their willingness to employ their leadership and creativity skills to improve our club. This slate is the most beautiful and enjoyable document I have read in a long time.

Commander's article continues on page 2.

Commander's Article Continued

Just as a reminder, there is still plenty of room in our Zoom seminar "Basic Weather and Forecasting" on September 27-28 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. The cost of the seminar is \$35. Please let me know ASAP if you or your friends are interested (chaswi30@gmail.com) and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. The subjects listed on the right will be presented.

Please stay cool and safe.

Chas

- What causes weather
- How weather systems move
- Why winds blow
- What clouds tell us
- How storms and fronts create foul weather
- Why fog forms
- Where to get the best professional forecasts
- How to refine them using your own observations

September Cruise Plan



Executive Officer
Ed Reynolds, S

Our string of consecutive monthly cruises was stopped last month due to poor weather and the spike in local COVID cases. Hopefully, we can have a successful cruise this month! Our plan is to follow the same cruise itinerary we did in June 2020. This involves a cruise up the Hampton River and anchoring for an on boat picnic. Details are as follows:

WHEN: Saturday, September 25

WHERE: Meet at Manhead Sound at the beginning of the Mackay River at 11:00am.

ROUTE: Go north on the Mackay River until we reach the Hampton River entrance. Follow the Hampton River until we see Pelican Spit. Anchor close together at the mouth of the River. Picnic and socialize! Return via the same route or divert onto the Frederica River for different scenery.

WHAT TO BRING: Lunch, snacks, drinks, bug spray

BOAT RULES: Maintain contact via VHF channel 72, max speed 25 mph.

HOW TO SIGN UP: Reply to Ed Reynolds by text (423-341-2531) or email (ejreynolds3@icloud.com) by Wednesday evening, September 22. Let me know if you are bringing your boat or need a ride. All are welcome!

Commander Charles and I will review the pandemic situation as well as the weather forecast on Friday afternoon. If we determine it is not safe to proceed, you will be notified.

See you on the water!

Ed Reynolds

September ZOOM Social and Presentation

Out of an abundance of caution, we are going to stick with **ZOOM** for this month's get together. We have an interesting current topic and speaker lined up that you won't want to miss!

Presentation: Bryan Fluech, UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant Associate Director, will tell us about the new oyster farming initiatives off the Georgia Coast and also provide an update on the shrimping industry. Bryan welcomes your questions in advance, please submit them to Eileen to share with him.

When: Tuesday, September 21, 6:00pm

Where: Online ZOOM meeting

Questions/RSVP Call or email Eileen, 912-602-9500, eileenberta@gmail.com

ZOOM Instructions

Please log in on time

Go Online: www.zoom.us or launch the Zoom app

Login: Meeting ID 2388268407, Password: hRAZr5

Or click here to join: [Click Here to Join](#)

Join us virtually with your cocktails or dinner, or just get comfortable, log in, and enjoy the informative presentation!

Looking ahead - In October, Retired US Navy Captain Ray Woolrich, who retired after 27 years of active duty aboard six submarines, will provide a short overview of submarines, including types, capabilities and employment, followed by a brief question and answer period.

Save the Date: *Change of Watch* - Friday, November 5, 2021. Details to follow, but a memorable celebration is being planned at an outdoor venue. Look forward to another visit from Rebecca Burns and Event Libations!

Please continue to let us know your interests and suggestions for future events!

2022 Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron Proposed Bridge Officers and Elected Committee Members

COMMANDER

Jerry Lamb

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Cynthia Lamb

Vacant – Assistant

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Eileen Berta -

Vacant - Assistant

Sharon Hindery, AP – Website & Publicity

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

Mike Moye, SN

Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON – Assistant

SECRETARY

Whitt Wright

Cathy Stortz, AP – Newsletter

TREASURER

Teresa Wilsdorf, S

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Sharon Hindery, AP

Vicky Jefferis, JN

David Jones

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Vicky Jefferis, JN

Sharon Hindery, AP

RULES COMMITTEE

Mike Moye, SN

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sharon Hindery, AP

Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON

Administrative Officer Report



AO Terry Osman, P

Hello fellow boaters! When I look at all the boating fun we have coming up, I don't really know where to start! I had to miss the post-Labor Day **Litter Pickup** because I was still "holiday-ing", but sure was glad to know some of us were there to contribute. And the predictably typical turbulent daily storms messed up the **Cruise to Mudcats** in August (aarrrrgh) but that doesn't mean we won't keep trying!!!

Coming up, I am most excited personally about the educational event "**Basic Weather and Forecasting**". I consider Weather knowledge a safety issue but am particularly looking forward to it because most

weather training I've had was couched in such scientific jargon that I have a hard time absorbing it. In contrast, my experience with OUR COURSES is that they use familiar terms for normal people, designed by people who "get" the learning process, and our instructors DO stop the flow for questions! Also because for some reason, now I have to hear things a few times before they sink in :).

Then there is the BIG PARTY - the **Annual Change of Watch** event on November 5th where we celebrate the Club, our leaders and the year to come! From what I hear, the preparations are pointing to making it truly "the event" of our year. We plan a beautiful outdoor venue to keep everyone comfortable.

Even though we're looking at ZOOM again until further notice for our monthly Club Socials, I guess I'm tolerating them better out of necessity and can't wait for this month and next: "**Oyster Farming & Shrimp Industry**" and "**Nuclear Powered Navy Submarines**". Jack Sterrett and Chri Gray are on deck to share their life-size "**Cruising Adventures**" as soon as we get back together in person.

Eileen Berta and Cynthia Lamb are knocking it out of the park as our chief activity planners, along with contributions from the rest of the Bridge and Newsletter team. Pat them on the back next time you see them. Thanks team!

For a moderate-sized Club, we sure have a lot going on, don't we!

Terry Osman

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you haven't yet responded YES to the BASIC WEATHER AND FORECASTING course, contact Mike Moyer SOON to get on the list!

Quarterly Litter Pickup



Sharon Hindery, AP

Can you believe that summer is now a thing of the past- at least by the Calendar's traditional "Labor Day is the end of Summer" mind set. But here in the south, the summer heat tends to linger on and on, well into October. It was a bit toasty on Tuesday morning for our third quarter litter pickup at Liberty Ship Park under the Sidney Lanier Bridge... Thank you Cathy Stortz and Vicky Jefferis for joining Rick and I for a sweaty & buggy hour and a half of litter removal fun. We collected 7 bags worth in that short time! Our next pickup will likely be November or early December with cooler weather... It is a lovely park, with the boat ramp, fishing pier, and several picnic shelters with grills... a waterfront view of the river and sunsets... and now has a REAL bathroom!

Sharon Hindery
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Sharon Hindery, Rick Hindery and Cathy Stortz

Sharon Hindery



Vicky Jefferis

Sharon Hindery



The Haul for Liberty Ship Park Pickup on September 7, 2021

Sharon Hindery

Club Education Officer Report



CEO Mike Moye, SN

We have a great Weather Seminar lined up for later this month. Charles has put a lot of effort into arranging a Zoom class for September 27 and 28. Each class will last an hour and a half. If you're interested, please let Commander Charles or me know. We've had several folks sign up but would certainly like to have a few more.

There are a lot of hot spots around Georgia where Covid is hitting hard. Glynn County is one of them. Because of that we are cancelling the October ABC class. It's possible to do a Zoom class for ABC, but the preparation time is massive. We'll possibly look at that for February depending on how we're looking with the pandemic.

On a personal note, Sharon and I just arrived yesterday afternoon (9-8) from our cruise from St. Petersburg to Jekyll. It took twelve days. I have every intention of writing a more detailed description of the trip, but I'm already a day late submitting this to Cathy. I will say this though, "It was a heck of a trip!"

The attached photo is **Sharona, Too** resting at the dock in Sarasota after having a very bad weather experience on her maiden voyage. Nothing broken, still floating, and still determined to get to her new home at Jekyll Harbor Marina.

Mike Moye, SN

Education Officer



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THE "WHY" OF WHY USPS PERFORMS VSC'S

When I, as Executive Officer and VSC coordinator of North Coast Ohio Sail and Power Squadron, received the following e-mail message and then later the copy of the failed Form ANSC 7012 from one of NCO's vessel examiners, the first thing that came to my mind was, "let's publish this maybe life-saving incident." This email perfectly represents the reason "Why" we as Vessel Safety Check examiners, along with the USCG Auxiliary, assist the USCG to prevent boating accidents. Here is Jack's story.

By the way, great job Jack! P/R/C Elliott L. Manke, JN IN

"Elliott –

Hi! Just wanted to share this with you. Last evening I conducted a VSC, which I feel resulted directly in the saving of life and property.

After work, I met the owner of a 1995 31' Tiara who had just filled his fuel tank with gas, went out for a ride, returning to meet me.

When I met him at the dock, I smelled a strong gas smell. Looking at the overflow and surrounding water, no trace of excess gas.

I suggested that we start the VSC by examining the bilge first (I assume that most of us start with getting the required name/numbers from the registration)...

Looking in the bilge, I inches of gas! Long story made short, I figured a leaking hose, valve, fuel filter seal, or tank.

After a 10 min inspection of his motors, lines and bilge, I located the leak on top of his fuel tank, coming from a worn out gasket on his sender unit.

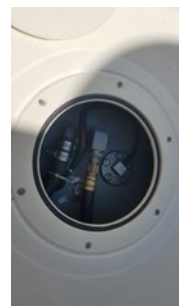
I followed up with him this morning after suggesting that he remove of and safety disposed of the spilled fuel in his bilge, thoroughly clean the area with soap/water and replace the \$12 gasket, (found it at West Marine downtown for him).

I'm certainly not telling you anything you don't know, but it's a good reminder to always check your bilge (eyes and nose and especially after re-fueling).

quickly saw a few He was getting ready to leave for a 4-day trip to the islands and I know he had not looked at his bilge area since he launched in the Spring, as I also found the battery box lids on top of his Port engine.

Guess we got lucky.

Best, Jack"



Tiara Access Point

Boating club donates to 'Foar from Home'



Submitted by Vicky Jefferis

America's Boating Club Golden Isles recently hosted "Foar from Home," four veterans who are rowing across the Atlantic Ocean to raise awareness and money to help combat PTSD and veteran suicide.

The Foar from Home team is partnering with the Cross the Line Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization, to raise awareness and funds for programs like "K-9 for Warriors" and others.

Pictured are **Terry Osman**, from left, **Frank Berta**, **Paul Lore**, **Cynthia Lamb** and **Eileen Berta**.

The Brunswick News printed our Foar from Home donation picture in the August 16 edition.

FOAR FROM HOME UPDATE

... has achieved \$448K of their \$500K fundraising goal as of September 6! Our continued best wishes go out to the FOAR team! To track their success as they prepare for the early-December 3000 mile rowing mission from Canaries to Antigua, follow them on Facebook or <https://foarfromhome.com>. Other news: The FOAR team announced they are now partnered with the veteran suicide Jacksonville initiative <http://www.firewatch.com> and are officially trained to serve as "watch standers" for vulnerable veterans.



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Club Burgees Have Arrived

If you were waiting, they'll be delivered to you asap! If you haven't ordered yet, there are a couple remaining - act soon! Contact Terry Osman and prepare payment to GISPS for \$35 (collected by Treasurer Teresa Wilsdorf). See us at the next meeting, or email/phone/text Terry at t.osman@att.net (414) 510-9338.



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Happy Birthday to:

George Carellas

Stephanie Krause Jones

Mike Moye

Keenen Krause

Dee Morrison

Russ Wright

CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

Please submit an article, picture, or even a link to a boating video that you feel other club members may enjoy. All newsletter content is due to Cathy Stortz cstortz777@yahoo.com by the first Tuesday of each month.



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LEARN boating skills

ENGAGE with boating friends

CONNECT with the boating community

The only requirements for membership are a keen interest in boating-related activities and an eagerness to meet like-minded people whether power, or sail, or paddle boaters; however, **you don't need a boat to join**. Contact us through our website or Facebook page if you would like more information.