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CDR Lisa Noetzel



Hello GISPS Members!

I hope this monthly letter finds you all well. April 2014 was a relatively calm month for GISPS! At our meeting on the 26th of that month, I reviewed the GISPS Survey results with the Executive Committee. Your input, which appears in the following section, sparked another meeting on 29th in which the ExCom met to identify 5 top-priority issues. The minutes of these two meetings can be found under our Secretary's report. Beyond our

ExCom meetings to discuss growing our membership and increasing our community reputation, **AO Emil Hoffman** organized another great speaker, **Frank Barron**, who spoke with his wife Lynne about the procedures and value of marine surveys. Additionally, our speakers revealed a new service offered by their company, **Blue Water Marine Services**, which focuses on boating safety and captain/crew preparedness. We all know from experience

that bad things can happen at any time to anyone, so Frank and Lynne's presentation was a spot-on reminder to be aware and be as prepared as humanly possible.

Looking ahead to this month, our meeting will be on the **24th at the Sanctuary Cove Clubhouse at 1800**. AO Emil Hoffman has arranged for another great guest speaker: **Billie Jean Gooch** from the **Merchant Marines**.

During the summer months—June, July

and August—GISPS will meet on the water for various on-the-water activities (Co-op Charting, Raft Ups, OTW exercises) and meet at different local marinas (Golden Isles, Jekyll Harbor, and Brunswick Landing, respectively) for social events. These social gatherings will be open to **all GISPS members as well as boaters at the aforementioned marinas**. GISPS will contribute \$200 to each social event in order to providing some basic food and drink, but we will be asking everyone who comes (GISPS members and marina residents) to bring a side-dish.

I look forward to seeing you all at this month's meeting. Spring is ending and summer is around the corner. Let's go out on the water and have some fun!

Cdr. Lisa M. Noetzel, JN



01 Chuck Boynton
 02 James Bridges
 04 George Bloodworth
 16 Jennifer Hoffman

26 Frank Barron
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 30 Rick Hindery

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Treasurer's Report
 Teresa Wilsdorf, S Treasurer



GISPS currently has \$7,079.22 in the bank as of 05/07/14.

Some of our members will be receiving or have received an email containing their invoice for membership renewal. Please don't forget to renew. If you have any problems, just give me a call and I will assist you. Every member is needed, appreciated, wanted, and encouraged to attend meetings, outings, classes, etc.

The membership committee is coming up with a lot of new ideas and I think you all will be excited about the outcome. Attend the monthly meetings and take a part in planning GISPS' future!

A detailed year-to-date income/expenditure spreadsheet is available for anyone that wants a copy, just email me a request and I will send it to you.

Happy boating!
 Teresa Wilsdorf, S

Squadron Education Officer
Charles Wilsdorf, SN



Well gang, with new 5 new Ss and ABC completions it's time for a Piloting class. GISPS will be offering a Piloting Class taught by Jack Sterrett, SN meeting on Tuesday's starting June 17 for five class sessions.

Student preference will determine the time of class and we will be announcing via email to registered students the location depending on the size of the class. For a class description please see: <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/p/main.htm>. You may contact Jack (478 232-2908 email: Isterrett@bellsouth.net) or myself (912 265-9550 email: chaswi@aol.com) should you have any questions. As mentioned in the last Porthole issue, GISPS will also be presenting a JN class this June on Monday mornings under the direction of Coy Hodges, SN .

Please contact me ASAP, if you haven't already, if you are interested in being part of this class.

GISPS would like to give a special acknowledgement to Rebecca Yeomans, AP who just joined the squadron in February of this year and has already reached the grade of AP. Way to "Fast Track", Rebecca!!! Something tells me Rebecca will be a JN before the end of the summer in between her sailing adventures.

Now, come on you AP's out there, it's time to engage yourself into a couple of electives courses. Some of you only lack one or two electives to earn the "Education Proficiency Award". Please let me know what courses you would like to see offered.

I am happy to report that we have completed our second ABC course for the year with five students and four completions. GISPS owes a debt of gratitude to our instructors Larry Jefferis, AP; Vicky Jefferis, AP; Bob Butler, SN; and Mike Moye, AP who have given their time and sacrificing Saturdays to teach the class. I continue to request from GISPS members their help and involvement in this class. For the class to be highly successful it really does "Take a Village" from promotion (getting the word out through word of mouth, newspaper ads, distributing literature, posting signage, etc.) to actual classroom presentation. Please help us! The ABC class is one of the big areas where we can give to the community sharing our boating knowledge and help make the local waters safer. As a member of the GISPS Membership Committee, as all GISPS members, I encourage you if you are one of the twenty-six GISPS members who have not renewed as of May 6 to please pay your annual dues by the May 31 deadline. We want and need you.

I would also like to encourage you to take a look at our website - www.gisps.org. Larry Jefferis, AP in-between his duties as D/Lt Cdr (D26 Treasurer), Co-Chair of the Spring 2015 D26 Conference, Squadron IT Chairman, Seamanship Chairman, and Engine Maintenance Chairman has continued to improve our website. It has a great new look and is highly functional even though Larry indicates it is work in progress. Take a little time and navigate around the site. It is packed full of information pertaining to our squadron and other boat related info. I am sure he would like to have your feedback and suggestions.

Hope to see you all at the May membership meeting.

Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ACN

Administration Officer

Emil A. Hoffman



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Whether you sail or power up, safe boating!

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XO Report

Skip Roeder, S



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Charter Commander's Report
P/C Audie Holmes, SN



PLEASE ASSIST ME IN THE FOLLOWING:

I am the D26 New Squadron chair. I need assistance reaching individuals near Statesboro, GA and Lake Oconee/Lake Sinclair where we wish to start new squadrons.

If you have any interest in helping or would like more info on how to help, please email me asap as follows:

pharris1@gru.edu

Many thanks! Audie

Secretary's Report
Sandra Boynton, P Secretary



These minutes are the courtesy of John Vann, who filled in as Secretary. Thank you, John!

GISPS EXCOM MEETING April 24, 2014:

The Executive Committee was called to order by Cmdr. Lisa Noetzel at approximately 16:30. In attendance were Charles & Teresa Wilsdorf, Tim Lahrs, Emil Hoffman, Skip Roeder, John Vann, and Jack Sterrett.

- Cmdr. Lisa payed the GA Corporation Fees (\$30) on April 9, 2014; she updated the GISPS corporate structure information; she will submit the receipt to Teresa Wilsdorf for reimbursement; Cdr. is unsure if she filed too late and if GISPS will have to pay a late fee in 2015.
- Cdr. informed ExCom of ABC class completion: 4 certificates issued.
- Cmdr. informed ExCom of survey results. Considering data from survey and the action plan from the AdHoc Membership Committee, the GISPS members indicate they want more on-the-water activities.
- ExCom agreed to hold a special meeting on April 29 to determine the top 4-5 priorities for the club in 2014-2015.
- ExCom approved \$200 budget for social event at the Golden Isles Marina on June 14; the social event will be in conjunction with the Co-op charting, and the social is open to all GISPS members as well as Golden Isles Marina members.

- ExCom approved \$200 budget for social event at the Jekyll Harbor Marina on July 19; the social event will be in conjunction with a boating activity (raft-up), and the social is open to all GISPS members as well as Jekyll Harbor Marina members.
- ExCom approved \$200 budget for social event at the Brunswick Landing Marina on August 9; the social event will be in conjunction with the Co-op charting, and the social is open to all GISPS members as well as Brunswick Landing Marina members.
- Jack Sterrett informed club of possibility to monitoring activities for a youth boating/sailing summer camp in Brunswick.
- Meeting adjourned at 17:35.

These minutes are the courtesy of Cdr. Lisa, who filled in as Secretary!

GISPS EXCOM MEETING April 29, 2014:

- The Executive Committee was called to order by Cmdr. Lisa Noetzel at approximately 1830. In attendance were Charles & Teresa Wilsdorf, Tim Lahrs, Skip Roeder, John Vann, and Vicky Jefferis.
- ExCom reviewed the 24 recommendations submitted by the Ad Hoc Membership Committee; Cdr. asked the group to choose 4-5 items for this year and 2015.
- The five items chosen by ExCom were: A) designate GISPS Marina Ambassadors who will report to the Administrative Officer B) create a strong Mission Statement that all GISPS members will remember C) create a 2015 Annual Calendar in advance D) designate club meeting in September 2014 as "Bring A Guest to GISPS" and E) establish a Social Committee which will report to the AO.
- ExCom identified the following GISPS individuals who are members at local marinas: the * designation is our intended GISPS Ambassador
- Golden Isles Marina – Jefferis*, Rodgers ; Jekyll Island Marina - Barrons*, Bridges, Moyes, Hoffmans; Brunswick Landing Marina – Bartletts, Hamrich, Hodges, Sterretts*, Vanns; Hickory Bluff Club – Hoskins, Vitales*, Wilsdorfs; St. Simons Boating & Fishing Club - Roeders*; Golden Isles Sailing Club - Hamricks*, Sterretts
- GISPS Ambassadors will be the GISPS liaison at the respective marinas and clubs; the Ambassadors will distribute flyers (electronic or hard copies) at the respective marinas and be the first point of contact between GISPS and the respective marina managers/club presidents.
- the GISPS mission statement needs to be a catchy line – like a 30 second commercial saying.
- GISPS needs volunteers to establish a Social Committee – the group that will organize and plan the social (e.g. picnics, the COW) and post-boating activities of the club. For activities that involve a down payment for reserving spaces e.g. the COW, the chairman of the social committee must have pre-authorized approval from the Cdr. and the ExCom.
- Meeting adjourned at 2100.

GISPS Calendar of Events

January	Time	Location
May 17-23 Safe Boating Week 24 GISPS Meeting	0800-1600 1800	West Marine Sanctuary Cove Clubhouse
June 2 Junior Navigation Class 14 CO-OP Charting & GISPS Social 17 Piloting Class 30 Jr Navigation Class ends	1000 0800-1300 1600-2000 TBA 1000	Chas Wilsdorf's Residence Satilla River / Nye's Cut Golden Isles Marina TBA Chas Wilsdorf's Residence
July 19 Raft-Up & GISPS Social	1000 - 1300 1600 - 2000	Brunswick River Jekyll Harbor Marina
August 9 On-the-water exercises & GISPS Social	1000 - 1300 1600 - 2000	Turtle River Brunswick Landing Marina
September 10-14 Governing Board Mtng. 27 GISPS Meeting	All day 1800	Arlington, VA Sanctuary Cove Clubhouse
October 4 Coastfest 23-27 CPS General Meeting 25 GISPS Meeting	All day All day 1800	Brunswick Canada Sanctuary Cove Clubhouse
November 15 GISPS COW	TBA	TBA
December 6 GISPS Holiday Party	TBA	TBA