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CDR Vicky Jefferis

Hello, everyone, fall is upon us and it's been a busy time for squadron members. Besides our dinner meeting in September, several members were lucky enough



Charles Wilsdorf, Jennifer Hoffman, Carolyn and John Vann had a busy day at the DNR CoastFest

to take advantage of the Brunswick Port Tour arranged for us by AO Skip Roeder, P, and International Seafarer's Center Executive Director, Valerie Crumpton. On

September 21, members were treated to an up close look at one of the car carrier ships that we frequently see moving in and out of the port. More details are provided elsewhere in

this edition, so be sure to check it out. The first weekend of October was an extremely busy one for the Squadron.

Saturday, October 5 was the date of the local DNR CoastFest and GISPS was there in full force!

Thanks to everyone who helped out – Charles Wilsdorf, SN, Bill Gauthier, P, John Vitale, P, Chuck, P, & Sandra, AP, Boynton, Skip, S, & Mary, S,

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The communications console on a car carrier isn't all that different from the ones on some GISPS boats!

Roeder, Bob, SN, & Margaret, N, Butler, John, P, & Carolyn Vann, and Emil, S, & Jennifer, S, Hoffman. According to P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN, the children's' bean toss game created and constructed by the Boynton's proved to be a huge hit, and the large turnout of members made successful contact with adult attendees possible. Public events like CoastFest are the perfect venue to tell people about GISPS! Earlier in the week, Teresa Wilsdorf, S, and I viewed the posters created by children throughout the area and selected the one drawn by Sky Daniels, a St. Simons Elementary Fifth Grader for the GISPS Safe Boating Special Award. We'll deliver her prize shortly.

From October 4 - 6, members attended the District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch in Columbia, SC. Asst SEO Jack Sterrett, SN, attended Education Officer and Boat Operator Certification seminars, Lisa Noetzel, JN, and I attended the Commander/XO seminar, Legal seminar, and Hosting a District Event seminar (presented by P/C Larry Jefferis, AP). P/C Audie Holmes, SN, and Bucky Harris, P, also represented GISPS at the Conference. We all learned a lot. Several items are of particular interest. A new member admin fee will be implemented beginning Dec 1, 2013, so if anyone is considering joining USPS for the first time, let's get them signed up before then to avoid this fee. The USPS Insurance Carrier has changed in order to keep premiums from increasing significantly – the new carrier is American Modern Insurance. Leadership Development courses offered by USPS can now be used to earn Continuing Education credits, so if you need to earn these credits, consider this source. Don't forget, District 26 offers to reimburse some of the cost of taking these courses. Contact me for more information.

Although not traditionally an awards conference, GISPS and our members were recognized in several areas. Congratulations to all!

Educational Proficiency –

George Bloodworth, AP, and Bob Quinn, AP

Squadron Charles Chapman Award Nominee –

Coy Hodges, SN

2012 Membership Growth Award – GISPS

2013 Coop Charting Honor Roll

– GISPS, Pat Rodgers, AP, Chuck Boynton, P, Sandra Boynton, AP

Welcome to our newest GISPS members, Bill and Sandy Hoskins! We're really glad to have you join us!



GISPS members toured this ship at the Port of Brunswick

Our next meeting is October 26 at Nazarro's on St. Simons Island (near Bonefish). Don't forget, this is our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, it's very important for you to attend and select your new Bridge and Committees for next year! Frank Barron, AP, was unable to make the September meeting and will be our guest speaker.

At the September meeting, a member suggested the squadron make a donation to the International Seafarer's Center, but the motion was tabled in order to allow more research on use of squadron funds. There currently is no policy in place to address such donations, so I intend to pose this question for the incoming Bridge to decide. In the meantime, though, additional members have indicated they would like to donate. As a result, we'll "Pass the Hat" at the next meeting and members who would like to contribute can do so (cash or check, please) and we'll send a note from GISPS along with anything we raise.



Bob and Margaret Butler enjoyed touring a car carrier visiting the Port of Brunswick

The GISPS Change of Watch is November 16 at Straton Hall (Upper Level), 1423 Newcastle St., Brunswick. Watch your mail for your invitations! We have a delicious selection of entrees and the evening promises to be a special one! Our new District 26 Commander will preside. Because we have to pay for the meals in advance, please be sure to RSVP with your checks by the date indicated on the invitation! Check our Activities Calendar for more information on upcoming activities.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 – Sharon Moye
- 9 - Carolyn Vann
- 12 – George Eshliman
- 15 – Margaret Butler
- 16 – Jack Sterrett
- 20 – Jim Grimshaw
- Jim Hamrick
- Teresa Wilsdorf
- 30 – Charles Wilsdorf



Squadron Education Officer
Charles Wilsdorf, SN



Our fall Piloting Class is in full swing now and we hope to finish by the end of the month with five new P's in our squadron. With the annual squadron meeting, our squadron's COW, Christmas Party, and the Holiday Season just down the road we will not be offering any more classes this year. But, please be thinking about what courses or seminars that you would like to see offered next year and let me know so we might start planning the 2014 Ed Calendar.

I helped out at the CoastFest, Saturday, Oct 5, so I missed the District Meeting, but our Squadron's Ed Department was represented by 1st Lt Jack Sterrett, SN who brought back much info on new and changing USPS Ed programs. Thank you Jack for your dedication and expertise!

The annual 2013 CoastFest was very well attended with over 9,000 attendees. Our booth was very successful. We were a big success with the kids with two first class bean bag toss fixtures which the Boynton's created and built with the kids earning candy, coloring books, and computer games. I was sure glad I didn't have to haul all those boxes back to my garage.

We also collected many names of people interested in the ABC class, USPS University, and VSC's. Our booth staffers were all preaching the boat safety gospel when not handing out goodies to the kids.

I would like to thank Chuck and Sandra Boynton, Skip and Mary Roeder, John Vitale, Bill Gauthier, Bob and Margaret Butler, John and Carolyn Vann, and Emil and Jennifer Hoffman for all their hard work in manning the booth. Great job guys!!!!

If you haven't already volunteered, please consider one of the squadron bridge or committee jobs that are still open. Your help is needed. Just contact P/C Larry Jefferis, AP or myself.

I would also like to welcome new members Bill and Sandy Hoskins. Bill and Sandy, who just moved to the area recently from Atlanta, are long time cruisers who have used Brunswick Landing Marina as their boating home base for many years. They now have the convenience of having their sailboat, Badonkadonk, tied to their own dock on the Little Satilla River. Now, that's what I call convenient.

Hope to see you all at our annual membership meeting Saturday, October 26.



AO Report
Skip Roeder, S



Hi crew,
September was a fine month; I got some boating activity reports and closed out the report with just over 5000 points. Now we get to start all over again.

Please send me your reports. Our port tour was fantastic; those that passed it up missed out. We got to see a Ro-Ro (auto carrier) from engine room to bridge. The crew could not have been more welcoming.

This month's meeting will be at Nazzaro's in the Retreat Village Plaza on Saint Simons. Brother Frank Barron will be our guest speaker. It should be an interesting evening, so y'all come.

For those that trailer their boats, some good news. The Blythe Island Regional Park hoist and ramp are now open. They even have bait- so go get 'em.

XO Report
Lisa Noetzel, JN



Hi GISPS members! Last weekend I had the pleasure of attending the District 26 conference up in Lake Murray, SC. Other GISPS members present were Vicky and Larry Jefferis as well as Jack and Linda Sterrett.

The conference was very well organized, and I had the opportunity to listen to a few very interesting presentations. One of those meetings concerned legal issues and USPS clubs. Because we live in a day and age when our society seems to be quite litigious, many groups are reluctant, if not paranoid, about their liability when it comes to cooperating with outside organizations or even aiding your neighbor in a time of crisis.

The presenter--a lawyer from SC--gave some great, practical advice about what to do in a variety of situations and scenarios that might happen with a boating organization such as ours. While spatial limitations prevent me from going into great detail, the basic message is this:

- be smart (keep up your insurance),
- be nice (render assistance as a Good Samaritan)
- be prepared (document everything)

I'm happy to go into more detail at our next club meeting. Until then, safe boating!

Secretary's Report

Sandra Boynton, P Secretary



Cdr Vicky Jefferis, AP, called the meeting to order at 6 PM on September 28th, 2013 at Sonny's BBQ on Hwy 341 in Brunswick, Ga. Past commanders SEO Charles Wilsdorf, SN; and John Rodgers, SN were in attendance.

Cdr Vicky welcomed everyone for coming and introduced our guests, Rick & Sharon Hindery.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Cdr Vicky and the Invocation was spoken by Secretary Sandra Boynton, AP.

Cdr Vicky reminded us of the following upcoming events:

- D26 Fall Conference Oct 4 – 6 at Lake Murray, SC. There is still time to go.
- DNR CoastFest Oct 5 – This is a big event for GISPS. See Charles Wilsdorf for your signup time or if you want to work a 2 hour shift.
- The Squadron COW will be Nov. 16, the third Sat. of the month, invitations will be sent. Please respond by the date indicated as the food will be catered and the head count is important. The event will be held at Straton Hall in downtown Brunswick. Many thanks to Skip for a job well done in finding this excellent venue!!!
- GISPS will host the D26 Spring Conference in 2015. Cdr Vicky and Past Cdr Larry have agreed to head the chair positions. The planning will start soon. Any and all help will be appreciated.
- GISPS Holiday Party- Dec. 7 First Sat. of the month at Joe Scirica's house. Thanks Joe for volunteering your home once more!

Secretary Sandra Boynton, AP noted that we had a quorum. A motion was made for the Aug. meeting minutes to be approved. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Cdr Vicky recognized Pat Rodgers, AP for attaining the Co-op Charting Honor Roll. The squadron is ranked 32nd nationally and Pat is 36th individually. Also, Pat has made the Honor Roll for 10 years running. Way to go Pat!!!!

John Rodgers, SN reminds us to use all sources for navigation, not just the magenta lines or just the nav aids on the charts as they may not be accurate.

XO Lisa Noetzel, JN reports she will be attending the D26 conference so Charles Wilsdorf will be the contact for the Coastfest event.

SEO Charles Wilsdorf, SN reports that the slate of new 2014 officers is forming, however, several positions still need to be filled. The most urgent need is Admin. Officer. Other positions include

Rules committee, Flag Lt., Boat Show Chair, Boating Activities/Tours Chair, misc. classes chair, and etc.

Charles also let us know that he has hard copies of Navigation Aids Booklets. These are published by the government and will cease to be published so, make sure to get yours!! From now on they will only be available online in pdf format. He is offering an ABC class this Oct 12th, Sat. and a Piloting class starting Oct 1st. Charles wants all to turn in activities that would warrant a merit mark for an individual this year. He also states we have 68 current members and to invite others to keep our club vibrant.

AO Skip Roeder reports that the next meeting will be at Nazarro's on St. Simons. And, he best news, he has acquired Straton Hall for our COW!!! It's a great location and the food is divine!! Also, a Sinatra concert will be held in Jacksonville and anyone interested can contact Mary or him to find about about a package deal which includes a bus ride to Jax & back, meal, and ticket to the concert.

Mary Roeder introduced the issue of contributing to the International Seafarer's Center since the visit to the port was so informative and a hit with everyone. Cdr Vicky will check the Bylaws and determine the proper way to proceed in this matter.

Joe Scirica, S informed us that the Int'l Seafarer's Center will accept winter coats donations as well as other donations.

John Rodgers, SN stated that NOAA has some nice charts available for \$10-15. A new Chart 1 showing the symbols used on all other charts is available. Just email them for a copy.

Leslie Hamrick informed everyone that the Golden Isles Sailing Club will host this year's Christmas Boat Parade of Lights on Saturday, December 7. The parade begins at 6PM at the Brunswick Landing Marina, with a post-parade reception following at the marina.

Treasurer Teresa Wilsdorf presented the Treasurer's Report a/o Sept. 28th, 2013. Balance on Hand is \$7,110.23. She conducted a 50/50 raffle.

Cdr Vicky thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Teresa Wilsdorf, S Treasurer



GISPS currently has \$6,721.90 in the bank as of 10/08/13.

I have a spreadsheet that can be emailed to anyone that wants a copy of our year-to-date financial information. Just email me a request and I will send it to you.

Don't forget to arrange your schedules to attend our Change of Watch on November 16th at Straton Hall restaurant downtown Brunswick and our Christmas party on December 7th at Joe Scirica's house. And, of course, I hope to see you at the monthly meeting on October 26th.

Happy boating!

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



Vicky asked me months ago to prepare some articles this year that related to O.T. (Operations Training).

I think this was an excellent topic. I'd like to make this October edition of my article center on USPS Merit Marks. Recognition in some form, we all must admit, we strive for, beg for, and even cry for. We all as human desire to be noticed. As adults, we choose our clothes because we want to make a statement and be noticed, for example. Little children often whine, cry, throw tantrums, etc. to be noticed.

Some turn on their charm to be noticed. Service men and women are often adorned with medals to display their rank and grade. Even peacocks and other gaudy birds know how to get noticed. So it may be that some of us ,too, are fond of USPS merit marks-a means to get noticed for what we have contributed to the USPS.

As we near our 100th anniversary of the USPS, we are reminded that merit marks were initiated in the USPS long ago as a means of bringing notice to those members who have "shined" during the last year. For some members of the USPS merit marks seem to have little attractions, but for others they are eagerly sought and valued. While some members may care little about merit marks, other members may become disgruntled when the expected award is not forthcoming. Unfortunately, some members have even resigned or decided not to renew their memberships in USPS over such disappointments.

Merit marks, if and when awarded, should be fairly achieved. They should represent a job well-done. They represent an award for extra effort or for many extra hours of dedication to the USPS cause. Awards of merit marks should never be prostituted by awarding them simply because of personal relationships, encouragement to renew memberships, nor for feelings of remorse in tragic circumstances.

Merit marks have a meaning, a valued meaning, and some of really like to receive recognition and enjoy displaying our merit marks when appropriate. A merit mark should be viewed as a badge of honor for dedication and service to a most respected organization such as ours.

Seek them, gain them, wear them with pride! We are members of the USPS because we want to participate actively in safe boating through education. Let's show everyone how much we care about the USPS at its 100th anniversary by demonstrating the kinds of behaviors that result in receipt of merit marks. For those of you who will earn a merit mark this year and for years to come, I would like to end by saying: congratulations for a job well done!

Respectfully,
Audie Holmes, SN

Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron 2013 Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Function	Location
Sep 28	1645 1800	EXCOM Meeting Membership Mtg	Sonny's BBQ Brunswick
Sep 30		Piloting Class Starts	
Oct 4-6		D26 Fall Conference & Youth Poster Contest	Lake Murray, SC
Oct 5		CoastFest	Brunswick DNR
Oct 12	0845	ABC Class	UGA Marine Ext Ctr, Brunswick
Oct 26	1645 1800	EXCOM Meeting Membership Mtg	Nazzaro's St. Simons Island
Nov 16	1800	Change of Watch	Straton Hall 1423 Newcastle Brunswick
Dec 7	1800	Holiday Party	Joe Scirica's Home