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## Membership Is Crucial To GISPS

Membership! Membership! Membership! Do I sound like a broken record or what? I can not stress how important it is to retain and attract new members. Adding members to our squadron is our future. Please remember the "Power of One Program", each member's goal is to bring in one new member this year. Please contact me should you have any ideas on how to meet these goals or if you have any questions.

The annual District 26 Conference in Anderson, SC is closing in upon us. I hope you can attend.



CDR Charles Wilsdorf



Past District 26 Cdr Ed Leibfarth presents Operations Training

Golden Corner Lakes Sail & Power has requested that all reservation forms be submitted by March 1. If you do not already have the reservation form, it can be downloaded from the District 26 website <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26/> or contact me. In addition to the breakout group sessions there will be two optional seminars, "Coop Charting" and "Planning Successful Boating Activities" which should be very interesting and helpful to our squadron. The district meetings are a great place to meet new friends, reacquaint with old friends, cross-pollinate ideas, and learn about all the latest USPS programs. I hope to see you all there.

Well, I have been boating my entire life, but I seem to learn something new about boating each time I look at a Boat Smart text, thumb through a "Chapman", or confer with a fellow boater. Last week was a good example. While chatting with a fellow GISPS member, Preston Lewis, who also holds a 1600 ton Master license and many more endorsements I learned something new. I explained to him how I was rammed by a pilot boat after successfully making it through the Panama Canal with no mishaps. I explained once the pilot transferred from our sailboat to the pilot boat that the helmsman on the pilot boat preceded to ram our starboard quarter bending our stern rail, pull-

## Dates To Remember

**23 February**

**1830-2130**

Monthly Meeting  
La Fuente De Pablo  
Mexican Restaurant\*

**23 February**

**0900-1500**

Boat Smart  
UGA Extension  
RSVP 912-634-7571

**19-24 February**

National meeting  
Dallas Texas

**28-30 March**

District 26 Conference  
LaQuinta Hotel  
Anderson, SC

**19 April**

**1830-2130**

Executive Meeting  
(All members welcome)  
La Fuente De Pablo  
Mexican Restaurant\*

**25-27 April**

Spring Cruise  
CoOp Charting  
(location to be announced)

**2-4 May**

District 26  
Cruise & Rendezvous  
North Strand  
Myrtle Beach, SC

ing the cap rail up, and peeling off some gelcoat off the topsides. I was completely dumbfounded why this happened since I held my course and speed. On other canal crossings Teresa and I had made with other cruisers, once the pilot was transferred, the pilot boat merely eased the throttle and peeled off. Preston explained to me that even though our pilot helmsman's move was inappropriate for our size of vessel what he did was standard for leaving a ship. That procedure is very similar to leaving a dock when the wind has you pinned. Leaving the dock involves turning the bow into the dock so that the stern

will kick out so you may back away. Of course when leaving the dock you employ a spring line and a fender. Preston went on to explain that when a pilot boat is next to a moving ship he can't just peel off because the suction of the ship moving through the water will keep the pilot boat against the ship just as the wind can hold you against a dock. I still don't excuse the pilot boat's helmsman action that day, but at least with Preston's explanation I understand what he was trying to do.

Congratulations to Preston Lewis and Jack Sterrett on receiving their Seamanship, Piloting, and Advance Piloting. Now guys, how about a couple of the elective courses?

I hope to see you all at our next membership meeting Saturday, February 23.

- Charles Wilsdorf, Commander



Preston Lewis, AP

## The Squadron Education Report



The United States Power Squadrons triangle logo promotes Civic Service, Self Education and Fraternal activities. But, Education is

one of the ways we make ourselves better and safer recreational boaters. Most of us strive to pass through the advanced levels of Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting, but we need not stop there as many members of USPS do. Often they will say they are waiting for a class to begin so they can take some of the elective courses such as Weather, Cruise Planning, Marine Electronics, Sail

ing or Engine Maintenance. Well, most of us can read very well, and any of these elective courses can be taken self-study. A good number of members who hold a full certificate did just that. In fact, any of the USPS courses can be taken self-study with the exception of Instructor Qualification. That one must be taught under a qualified instructor. But all the others may be taken at the will of an interested member, and all that needs to be done is to contact your Squadron education officer and make your interest known. Pick up the phone, make your request, and make your own hours. In a short time you will have one more course under your belt, and start getting ready for more! One call will do it all: **912-634-7571**

- Lt/C Audie Holmes, SEO

## XO's Remarks

The Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron got off with a great start on 2 February. Operations Training was presented by Ed Liebfarth and Company at the University of Georgia Marine Extension Service Center. The class was very well attended. We offer our thanks to Ed Liebfarth to an informative class and to Keith Gates and his staff at UGA for the use of their facility. GISPS has been invited to use this area for future Public Boating Classes; see 23 February "Dates to Remember".

Our first dinner/meeting was well attended also. Dues schedules, financial statements, and our various business functions were well received and dinner was enjoyed by all.

From both Georgia and South Carolina sources, the most often noted offenses committed by boaters were 1) Missing PFD's 2) Documents missing or improper marking (missing numbers and decals) 3) Drunk Driving 4) Missing or out-of-date visual distress signals 5) Fire extinguisher violations 6) Inoperable sound producing device 7) Missing navigation lights 8) Pollution placard violations 9) Negligent operation; 10) Dirty or no backflame arrester. All except items (3) and (9) can be avoided by a visit from your friendly VSC. Please add Preston Lewis to your list of VSC examiners.

Happy Safe Boating  
- Bob Woodman, AP





# DISTRICT 26 SUMMER COUNCIL, CRUISE & RENDEZVOUS

May 2 – 4, 2008

Host: *North Strand Sail & Power Squadron Little River, SC*

## Reservations



|           |            |       |       |          |              |
|-----------|------------|-------|-------|----------|--------------|
| Last Name | First Name | Rank  | Grade | Squadron | email        |
| Address   | City       | State | Zip   | Phone    | Spouse/Guest |

### Friday, May 2, 2008

1300-1830 Registration @ NSSPS Welcome Suite  
 1300-1830 Refreshments @ NSSPS Welcome Suite  
 1300-1830 **SILENT AUCTION** @ NSSPS Welcome Suite  
 1900-2300 Down Home BBQ & entertainment @ **House of Blues (HOB)** - \$24

### Saturday, May 3, 2008

0800-0900 Registration  
 0800-2100 **SILENT AUCTION**  
 0900-1200 District Meeting  
 1200-1300 Lunch @ **HOB** - \$17 (circle choice)      Pulled Pork      Blues Burger      Elwood Chicken      Chicken Salad  
 1400-1700 Kayak Races  
 1700-1830 Refreshments @ NSSPS Welcome Suite  
 1900-2300 Dinner & Dancing @ **HOB** - \$35

### Sunday, May 4, 2008

0800-1000 Continental Breakfast @ **HOB** - \$8

| <u>EVENTS</u>                             | <u>cost per person</u> | <u>Number Attending</u> | <u>Subtotal</u> |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Friday night dinner                       | \$24                   |                         | \$0             |
| Saturday lunch                            | \$17                   |                         | \$0             |
| Saturday night dinner & dance             | \$35                   |                         | \$0             |
| Sunday morning breakfast                  | \$8                    |                         | \$0             |
| <b>*or DISCOUNTED Rate for all events</b> | \$75                   |                         | \$0             |
| <b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>                   |                        |                         | \$0             |

### Accommodations: Premier Resorts at Barefoot Resorts

4980 Barefoot Resort Bridge Road  
 North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582  
 1 Bedroom, 1 bath, 2 people \$89++ (total \$98.79/night)  
 Toll Free 877-237-3767 or local 843-390-7900  
 Use reservation reference #13B3JD

Are you interested in child-sitting services Saturday night? (pls circle)      Yes      No  
 Do you plan to cruise by boat to the D26 C&R? (pls circle)      Yes      No  
 Do you plan to trailer a boat to the D26 C&R? (pls circle)      Yes      No

### Boat Dockage @ Barefoot Resort Yacht Club – MM 354:

**Dock Master:** Bill Rathborn Phone: 843-390-7928 VHF Channel 1-16 **Fuel: Gas & Diesel** 53' max length  
 \$2 per foot per night (\$1.50 per foot for **BoatUS** members). Cost includes power, water, and cable TV  
 Marina has access to a swimming pool, laundry facilities, shower facilities, and a Ship's Store

Launch sites are located under Hwy 17 bridge over ICW on both sides of ICW in North Myrtle Beach

Mail your completed form with your check made out to **North Strand Sail & Power Squadron** to:

**Roger Lesnewski**  
**722 Wild Oak Lane**      **Questions? Call Roger @ 910-575-7316**  
**Calabash, NC 28467**

**Mail your completed reservation form and check  
 to Roger Lesnewski not later than April 18, 2008**

### Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron 2008 Schedule

| Date      | Time      | Function                                   | Location                              |
|-----------|-----------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 2 Feb     | 0900-1500 | Operations Training                        | TBA                                   |
| 2 Feb     | 1830-2130 | Monthly Meeting                            | La Fuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant |
| 23 Feb    | 1830-2130 | Monthly Meeting                            | La Fuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant |
| 23 Feb    | 0900-1500 | Boat Smart                                 | UGA Extension                         |
| 19-24 Feb |           | National Meeting                           | Dallas, Texas                         |
| 28-30 Mar |           | District 26 Spring Conference              | LaQuinta Hotel in Anderson, SC        |
| 19 Apr*   | 1830-2130 | Executive Meeting<br>All Members Welcome   | La Fuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant |
| 25-27 Apr |           | Spring Cruise<br>CoOp Charting             | TBA                                   |
| 2-4 May   |           | District 26 Cruise & Rendezvous            | North Strand- Myrtle Beach, SC        |
| 24 May    | 1830-2130 | Monthly Meeting                            | La Fuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant |
| 24 May    |           | National Safe Boating Week<br>VSC Weekend  |                                       |
| 28 Jun    | 1830-2130 | Monthly Meeting                            | La Fuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant |
| 28 Jun    | 0900-1500 | Boat Smart                                 | UGA Extension                         |
| 26 Jul    | 1830-2130 | Monthly Meeting                            | La Fuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant |
|           | 0900-1500 | Boat Smart                                 | UGA Extension                         |
| 23 Aug    | 1830-2130 | Monthly Meeting                            | La Fuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant |
|           |           | Report of Nomination Committee             |                                       |
| 23 Aug    | 0900-1500 | Boat Smart                                 | UGA Extension                         |
| 2-7 Sep   |           | National Fall Governing Board              | Detroit, Michigan                     |
| 27 Sep    | 1830-2130 | Monthly Meeting<br>Annual Squadron Meeting | La Fuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant |
| 4 Oct     |           | Coast Fest                                 |                                       |
| 17-19 Oct |           | District 26 Fall Conference and COW        |                                       |
| 25 Oct    | 1830-2130 | Monthly Meeting                            | La Fuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant |
| 22 Nov    | 1830-2130 | Monthly Meeting                            | La Fuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant |
| 29 Nov    |           | COW  |                                       |

La Fuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant  
2450 Perry Lane  
Brunswick, GA