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Power Of One Program, Membership, Membership, Retention!!!

Commander's Message Charles Wilsdorf, SN

Yes, I know I am like a pit bull on your leg and won't let go. Again, adding new members and retaining our present members is still our most important charge. That said, with Audie Holmes' superb "Boat Smart" class; Bob Woodman's and Howard Klippel's



CDR Charles Wilsdorf



"SEAFAIR" a 228' megayacht
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salesmanship; and Judy McPherson's closing abilities; I am pleased to welcome **two new members, Larry and Vicky Jefferis**. The Jefferis' cruise a 56' Searay Sedan Cruiser and slip it at the Golden Isles Marina. I would also like to welcome **Steve and Kathleen Batson** to our squadrons who have just transferred from the Atlanta Power Squadron. Steve and Kathleen are from Albany, Georgia and visit their second home on St. Simons Island frequently.

We encourage everyone to participate in our "First Annual GISPS Cruise" to Fernandina Beach, Florida since there should be something for everyone. By now,

you should have received the cruise flyer either by mail or email and another one in the "Porthole" just in case you missed the last. I urge you to please contact Howard Klippel, our cruise captain, and Jack Sterrett who is taking care of slippage ASAP no later than March 19.

E-mail excerpt:

I have been asked by our District Cdr John, to please pass-the-word regarding the D26 Summer Council, Cruise & Rendezvous being held this year 2-4 May in North Myrtle Beach, SC, and hosted by the North Strand Sail & Power Squadron. A lot of work goes into preparing for this event as many of you know, and it

Dates To Remember

28-30 March

District 26 Conference
LaQuinta Hotel
Anderson, SC

19 April*

1830-2130

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

25-27 April

Spring Cruise
CoOp Charting
Fernandina
Beach Florida

26 April

0900-1500

Boat Smart
UGA Marine
Extension

would be great news indeed, if we would support NSS&PS by joining in on the fun in North Myrtle Beach in May (*Why May? Because it is BEFORE the rates go UP!*).

But hurry as time is running out on **discounted rooms**. The deadline for room reservations shown

in the LOG has been **extended now to March 15th**. But don't wait, make plans and **call in a reservation NOW!!** You will be happy you did. Information and reservation form may be obtained from:
www.usps.org/localusps/d26/news.htm .

Boating around the Golden Isles has been to the extremes this last month. "Seafair" (228' megayacht which is actually a East Coast cruising art gallery) is now docked at the Brunswick Landing Marina. Boy does it change the scene down here. I understand it is here for some extended repairs. At some point, I have been told it will be open to the area public for a day. Get your check books ready!! The other extreme was the local high school 470 competition held on Saturday 1 March. The fleet had good wind and some exciting

rounding around the marks. I hope to see you all the District 26 Spring Conference and if I miss you there I will see you at our next meeting April 19, all for now.



The Local High School 420
sail boat competition *rounding the marks*

The Squadron Education Report

Audie Homes, SEO



Very often, when we are recruiting participants for a BoatSmart class, we hear, "I don't need a boating class. I grew up with boats. You can't tell me anything about boating!" I wonder sometimes if this is the person who needs the course more than anyone else! Would-be experts abound in this world, and the recreational boating fraternity is no exception. Just look at the

boating accident and fatality statistics, and we can easily see that there is a definite need for the continuance of the United States Power Squadrons' mission: Safer boating through education! Surely, many of us believe we are safe boaters. We've had the courses, and many of us have advanced well beyond the basic boating courses, but we are not the only ones on the water. We can always learn just a little bit more. What better way to improve and refresh our memories than to recruit a friend, a relative, a neighbor, or even a stranger? And wouldn't any of them feel more comfortable in a classroom taking the BoatSmart course if we sat in there with him/her?

Strangers often feel omitted if left to their own devices in a room full of more strangers. Even now, I remember it well. In the future, when we recruit for the Boat Smart class, try to find the time to join during the instruction period. It will make the participants more comfortable, and, therefore, more acceptable to joining our Squadron. If this sounds like a recruiting pitch---well, it is.

We should all be salespersons...selling the concepts and ideas of USPS. Those who attended the last BoatSmart class in February, 2008, witnessed the exuberance, spirit, and enthusiasm of Paulette Harris when she presented the BoatSmart students as to why they should become members of the GISPS! We must continue that trend.

We have a number of events coming up related to education. Co-op charting, some educational seminars, a cruise, all of which are opportunities for furthering our boating experiences. What's wrong with combining education with entertainment and socializing? There is no reason at all why we can't enjoy ourselves while learning new things. Look to our Squadron website to keep abreast of upcoming events. Take an active part in our educational offerings and all other events that our squadron offers. You'll be so glad that you did!

Congratulations to Teresa Wilsdorf, Stuart Stratton, Karl Peters and James Byrd who are about to be tested for Seamanship. Let's give them our moral support!

- Lt/C Audie Holmes, SEO



Report from the Administration Department; Howard Klippel, AP



New member: The Boat Smart course on February 23 was a great success and we met several folks in the course who showed interest in the USPS. Among those were Larry and Vickie Jefferis who joined us for dinner and we now welcome them aboard as our newest members. We hope to see the GIS&PS pennant flying from their 56' Sea Ray sedan Cruiser, "Odyssey", currently berthed at The Golden Isle Marina. The Jefferis moved from Atlanta now making the Golden Isles there home.

Cruise: April 26-27

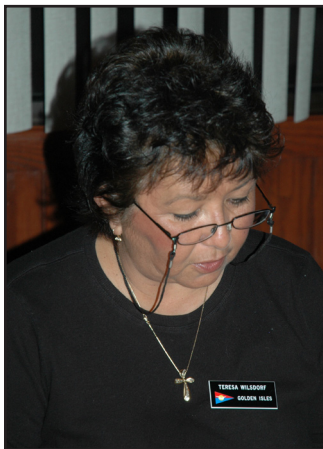
The cruise planning is coming together. Jeanne and I joined Teresa and Charles in a visit to Fernandina Florida on March 3. This appears to be an ideal destination for our 1st overnight cruise. There are good docking or mooring facilities available, a number of overnight lodgings, numerous restaurants and many side trips. And, it is a nice

run from the Golden Isle, and boats can be trailered and launch at the Fernandina Municipal dock at There are a number of navigation and seamanship opportunities between the Golden Isles and Amelia Island. These include crossing St Andrews Sound which brings you past the Colreg Line into the Atlantic (some times rough, don't try to cut across what seems to be a broad expanse of water). The channel, though well marked, requires the navigator's attention. At Kings Bay, the markers change from Intracoastal (red right South) to sea channel (red right returning from the sea). This occurs right in front of the Naval Base. There is generally a patrol boat with blue light patrolling, which lends to possible confusion. The markers switch once again after leaving the St Mary's River into the Amelia River. It is about a 30 Mile run from Jekyll Is. or about 1 1/2 hours at a moderate speed.

Let me know (912) 832-3318, or email:

klippel@darientel.net if you will be joining us, by March 19th so we can make reservations for dinner at Britt's Waterway Cafe on Saturday, April 26. . If we have enough boats we can put together a flotilla for the trip down. *See the separate cruise flyer for making reservations for your slip and overnight accommodations.* You also may want to join the CoOp charting planned for Saturday morning. email and mail distribution.

From the Squadron Secretary; Teresa Wilsdorf



Minutes from the meeting on February 23, 2008 at La Fuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant

Member certificates have been resolved. Audie will receive certificates and distribute to members that joined the GISPS prior to 1/1/08.

Jack Sterrett has volunteered to assist with press releases that go out to the community.

There will be a member cruise in April. We will have a meeting April 19th to finalize all the details for the cruise. Thus far, we are planning on going to the south end of Cumberland Island. Call Charles Wilsdorf on any ideas you may have. Once everything has been confirmed, Charles will email all the plans to all members to sign up to attend. All agreed that we need to come up with signs to direct people to the Boat Smart class.

All were reminded of the "Power of One".

It is agreed that information for the Port Hole should be sent to Charles no later than the 5th of each month and Charles will send the information to Joey. Joey will email back to Charles by the 15th of each month for email and mail distribution.

XO's Remarks
Bob Woodman, AP



Congratulations to the nine (9) students who attended and passed the 23 February Boat Smart Course. These fine students were very patient when, due to a minor communications glitch, we were delayed on the start of class. Our SEO is due special recognition for accelerating the presentation with no loss of content. Thanks again Audie!

The lagging economy seemed to adversely influence the crowd we expected to see at the Boat Show in Savannah. There were fewer interested purchasers than we, and the local dealers that manned the booths and docks anticipated. Tybee Light Squadron graciously shared their booth with us and the Golden Island Boat dealers were very well represented. We at least picked up three potential Boat Smart students and made some friends from Tybee Light. Maybe a Fall cruise/rendezvous with Tybee meeting in the middle?

Happy Easter!!
-Bob



Rosemary McPherson
supports the Boat Smart class.



Sunset on St. Simons Island
-photo by Joey Herzberg





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
*or DISCOUNTED Rate for all events	\$75		\$0
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			\$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

Calabash, NC 28467

Questions? Call Roger @ 910-575-7316

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