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## The Spring Cruise Fun, Fun, Fun



**CDR Charles Wilsdorf**

The Fernandina Cruise was a lot of fun. We had five boats participate: Martini, River Girl, Epilogue, Odyssey, and Summertime. With



the exception of River Girl, we all arrived on Friday night. River Girl arrived Saturday morning. Cocktails were served Friday afternoon on Odyssey where Larry Jefferis admitted to being passed by a sailboat on the passage to Fernandina, a position he previously stated "would never happen". With a little

diving work Saturday, Larry made sure that wasn't going to happen again. I awoke around 0700 Saturday morning to see Jack Sterrett's Martini's mast pass by my port window on the way to Lake Worth and then on to the Bahamas. We all wish Jack smooth sailing and hope to see him in about a month. Saturday

morning we all boarded John and Pat Rodger's Summertime for a Co-op Charting exercise. We enjoyed watching a boomer submarine exit St. Marys entrance, which requires all other non-military vessels to move out of the channel. Once the sub cleared, John turned us around and on a zigzag course we called out marks to check the main channel entrance range. John and Pat are old pros at this, so we were all taking mental notes on how to do this on our own. We also checked a location of the forward marker Range "C" since it was marked as PA (position approximate).

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Now it will have a definite position. Afterwards, with growling stomachs, Pat provided us with a great lunch on the hook at Cumberland Island. Saturday night we all had a fantastic dinner at Brits Waterway Café. Joining the boating group were Richard and Dorothy Jones who had driven from their home on the Crooked River. Sunday morning came too quick, but it was time to shove off of the dock and head to our prospective destinations. Howard and Jeanne on River Girl and Epilogue with Hilda my sis, Jack my bro, and myself were the only boats taking the ICW north. Epilogue left several hours early only to have River Girl pass us at St. Andrews Sound.

As we passed Jekyll Island Marina, Howard and Jeanne gave us a wave as we prodded on to Brunswick Landing. Hopefully, our next cruise can last a little longer and have even more participation.

On another note, I am happy to report Teresa has encouraged Joe Scricia to be our newest member. Joe is a veteran sailor who single-handed for six years in Mexico, Central America, South America, and also made a solo Pacific Ocean crossing. Welcome Joe to our squadron. Well, guess that satisfies Teresa's "Power of One Program"; how about you? Membership is a team effort, so please be scouting for new members. I should also mention at this time that May is time to renew your annual dues, so please remit your checks to Nettie Dumais ASAP. Please contact me for if you did not receive an invoice or if you should have any questions concerning renewing.

I would also to mention that May 17-23 is National Safe Boating Week. GISPS will host a booth at the West Marine boat show. This will be a good opportunity for squadron exposure to the public. Please contact Bob Woodman or myself if you could spend time in the booth.

I hope to see you all soon.  
-Chas Wilsdorf



## Upcoming Events

**May 17-24 Safe  
Boating Week**

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**No Monthly  
Membership Meeting**

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**June 2, Piloting Class  
0900**

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**June 28 Boat Smart  
0900-1600, UGA Marine Extension;**

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# April 19, 2008 GISPS Executive Meeting Minutes

Attendees were: Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, Larry Jefferis, Vicky Jefferis, Mae Tannahill, Sam Tannahill, Howard Klippel, Joe Scirica (guest and potential new member), Bill Johnson (guest from Las Vegas) and myself. Thank you to all of you that showed up for the meeting!

The meeting was brought to order at 6:40pm with Howard Klippel doing the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

A preliminary GISPS directory was distributed for review. It was agreed that we would do a matrix identifying courses completed by members. This matrix will not include associate members as we do not have access to their educational information.

Teresa read Audie's SEO report and will forward a copy of Audie's email to members that participated in the Seamanship class that were not at the meeting.

Howard Klippel mentioned a meeting that was scheduled for May 17, 2008 by Audie to discuss pre-planning for the District COW in 2010 to be hosted by GISPS. Cdr Wilsdorf was unaware of this meeting and will check to have it rescheduled since it could possibly conflict with the upcoming West Marine Boat Show. It was decided that a planning committee was needed and it is wise to start on coordinating everything sooner rather than later. We will discuss coming up with committees at the next meeting.

Everyone that is going on the cruise has contacted the appropriate people and we are ready to go!

As mentioned above, GISPS is participating in a Boat show the weekend of May 17. We need volunteers!!! Please contact Bob Woodman to participate. Ideally we would like to have at least 2 individuals man our booth for four hour increments. Please volunteer as this will be great PR for GISPS.

Our COW has been scheduled at Bonefish Grill for Thursday, November 29, 2008. Yes, unfortunately this is Thanksgiving weekend. So, if you are staying in town and was to go out to a nice dinner, that is not turkey, please come and join us. More information will be provided as the date nears.

The Commander has asked for Betty Walton and Ron Osborne to attend as representatives of District 26.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Vessel Safety Checker please contact Commander Wilsdorf. We could use more in the squadron. We could divide up and go to various boating ramps on Saturday mornings.

May 17 kicks off Safe Boating Week.

## Spring Boating Safety

Hello Boaters!

It is springtime, the weather is warm with a light breeze. This is the time for boaters to test the water. But before you start your boat, **SAFETY FIRST!** Here are some tips:

- 1. Learn to swim**
- 2. Always wear a life jacket.**
- 3. Take a boat safety course**
- 4. Watch the weather**
- 5. Remember alcohol and bating don't mix.**

Too often pleasure outings turn into tragedies. You as the boat operator is responsible for everyone on your boat. Make sure everyone wears a life jacket. The USCG statistics indicate that on an average, over six (600) hundred people drown annually in boating accidents. About 88% could have survived if they wore a life jacket.

**Have a vessel check done before you start navigating in any body of water!**

Have a float plan when you go out. This important if you get lost, or your boat is delayed because of an emergency, or any other problems.

So have fun, enjoy!

A tip from your Safety Officer

Margarete Velasquez



## The Squadron Education Report

### Audie Homes, SEO



**Item 1.** First, we must congratulate the participants in the Seamanship class for passing the course and now having the letter "S" after their names. They are: James Byrd, Karl Peters, Stuart Stratton, James Jefferis, Vicky Jefferis and Teresa Wilsdorf. Several of these members are looking forward to the next step: The Piloting Course. We must also congratulate Buck Harris for completing the exam for Marine Electronics. It's always a pleasure to have members who are active participants in squadron education. To quote from the Commander, "Let's keep the ball rolling".

**Item 2.** Speaking of the Commander, Charles Wilsdorf, SN is the squadron nominee for the District 26 Chapman Award for his eager participation and instruction of the forementioned courses. We need at least five letters of recommendation for his nomination so let's get them in. We have three so far and he gets my vote but we need a few more by June 15th. Send them by pony express or E-Mail at the address below. Charles is deserving of our nomination for this award.

**Item 3.** The nominating committee will meet soon to begin preparing for the next squadron change of watch. Committee members are Audie Holmes, Howard Klippel and Elaine Boothman. While some of the Bridge officers simply move up, we are always seeking interested members for certain offices. This is what makes a successful squadron work. Any member interested in taking an office may let me or Howard or Elaine know simply by telephone or E-Mail.

**Item 4.** Sam Tannahill, JN and Audie Homes, JN are both studying for "N". Keep us in your thoughts and prayers!

**Item 5.** Please, please encourage your friends and neighbors to join us for Boat Smart. It is essential that our class "make" so that we help our District 26 compete for the Bowspirit award. Please, come one, come all on 28, June 2008! Let's have a room full for Boat Smart! I'll be waiting to hear from y'all.

Thanks, Audie

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Joey and Shari Herzberg vacation at St. Kitts.

