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Dog Days of Summer Are Here



CDR Charles Wilsdorf

It looks as though the "Dog Days of Summer" are almost here. But, let's don't let that stifle us in our quest



for new membership. New membership and 100% renewals (*dues must be received before June 30*) are what GISPS must have to survive and thrive as a squadron. Of course, members must also be willing to devote time serving the squadron on committees, in the Education Department,

and bridge. So please, I urge you to seek new members.

I would like to thank the following for their and time help at the recent West Marine Boat Show:

**James Byrd
Tommy Cox
Bucky Harris
Larry Jefferis**

**Vicky Jefferis
Howard Klippel
Preston Lewis
Karl Peters
Stuart Stratton
Teresa Wilsdorf
Bob Woodman**

There were plenty of boats, hotdogs, cokes, good weather, and much member participation at the West Marine Boat Show. Unfortunately, there just weren't many people interested in looking at new boats, so the turn out was not what we expected. Also, Monday morning quarterbacking, we should have been right

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next to West Marine's front door where there seemed to be more traffic. Next year we will get it right. At least we had a good time being together. Again, thank you all who helped in the West Marine Boat Show.

I would like to urge you all to make plans to attend the District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch which is being held in Columbia, SC and hosted by the Lake Murray Power Squadron. This is a great opportunity to meet other squadron members and really get a feel of what the USPS is all about. I will be happy to provide you with the necessary form at our June 28 membership meeting or you may download the form from District 26 website: www.usps.org/localusps/d26/. If we preplan, maybe we could put together several carpools to minimize our transportation cost.

I encourage all members to attend the June 28 membership meeting at La Fuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant. There are many important items for discussion; and several types of certificates and our 2008 Member Directories to distribute. Hope to see you all there for a great dinner.

Upcoming Events

June Piloting Class

0900

28 June Boat Smart

0900-1600, UGA Marine Extension

28 June Meeting

Bridge/Dinner Meeting at 1830

LaFuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant
2450 Perry Lane
Brunswick, GA
(Off I-95 at exit 38)



Admin Officer Remarks

Howard Klippel, AP



Activities: May 16th ,17th 18th was a beautiful weekend for the boat show hosted by West Marine located on US 17 in Brunswick. There were two dealers represented, who displayed some dozen or so boats. Beside GISPS the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Sea Tow and Georgia DNR were represented. Many thanks to West Marine for their hospitality. We enjoyed their donation of food and refreshments. Thanks to our crew, Commander Wilsdorf, Karl Peters, Buck Harris, Tommy Cox, Stuart Stratton , Larry and Vickie Jefferis, Preston Lewis, James Byrd, Teresa Wilsdorf, Bob Woodman and myself. Unfortunately, there was a noticeable lack of public interest. The boat dealers indicated that the demand for the larger, more expensive boats remains fairly strong but smaller boat sales have been slow.

In the planning cycle: Openings on the bridge and committees. GISPS is ending our first year as a stand alone squadron, and we need your active participation to continue as a viable organization. There are openings at all levels, to fit your skills and preferences. Please let the nominating committee know what you would like to do or where your talent lies. You may call: **Howard Klippel (912)832 3318, Audie Holmes (706)737-8113**

or (912)634-7571, or Charles Wilsdorf (912)265-9550.

District Change of Watch: GISPS will be the host for the District 26 change of watch in the **Fall of 2010**. Jekyll Island is under consideration as a location. We are starting our planning for this occasion and there is much work and details to consider. We would appreciate your help on this major undertaking. *Remember, it will be a fun event.*

XO's Remarks

Bob Woodman, P



We had to move the "Fantasea" over the weekend of 24 May. Ken (number five son) needed lodging for his family in Hilton Head for, at least, the summer.

We got underway at 0900 on Saturday - - - down the Altamaha to Buttermilk Sound and out to sea via the Altamaha Sound - - - (mighty shallow water) - in preference to the ICW. At the 10 fathom line we headed up to 015 degrees to intercept Savannah River (Tybee Roads) channel, seas of 2 to 5 feet, wind SSW 10 knots. The Sky was glorious, with only an afternoon shower off St. Catherines. Normally, in the ICW, we would overnight in Buckhead Creek, but, offshore, we made such straight line distance that we opted to continue at our sedate 7 knots to Calibogue Sound.

Daufuskie Island was having an Oyster Roast and they hailed us to join in. Far be it for us to turn down such excellent food and company. At 1900 we were again underway to Broadcreek Marina. We were very fortunate to have both charts and local knowledge for the last ten miles to dockside. Arrival was at 2215, all powered up, secure, and ready to retire before midnight!

All considered, a pleasant, easy, and informative trip that bypassed all of the uncertainties of the "ditch".

A word of caution - - - the channel thru the Altamaha is not recommended except at high tide. We recorded 7 feet under the keel at we crossed the bar - - - Fantasea draws 4 ½ feet. The charted depth, at MLW, is 5 feet, not a good place to be at low tide!

Passage Notes:

Jack Sterrett, AP has just returned in "Martini" after a trip to the Abacos lasting a little over a month. He and Jimmy Harrell from Milledgeville sailed outside to Fernandina Beach with the Power Squadron April 25 and continued down to Lake Worth on the ICW. George Bloodworth replaced Jimmy as crew May 2 and on May 5 they joined two other sailboats (one 23 feet and the other 25) and crossed to West End. The three boats toured the Abacos for three weeks and enjoyed near perfect winds and weather. In Spanish Cay the transmission cable on "Martini" unknowingly broke in forward, and when Jack tried to back her down she hit the dock. (Fortunately no one was hurt but the bowsprit is toast. Marsh Harbor stocked the replacement cable and the repair was done in a couple of hours.)

George flew home May 24 to be present at the birth of his first grandchild and Greg Phillips replaced him as crew. Greg and Jack sailed straight from Mangrove Cay (catching 13 barracuda and two yellow-tailed snapper while still in the Bahamas) to Brunswick with a 10-15 knot west wind and without tacking once. They did turn on the engine after passing Fernandina Beach when the winds went below 4 knots. The 305 mile return trip took 53 hours, and the total mileage was 1102. A great crew, a good GPS, the Forbes guide to the Abacos, a great autopilot, and a strong anchor with plenty of chain made the trip especially enjoyable.

The Squadron Education Report

Audie Homes, JN



Item 1. First, we recently congratulated the participants in the Seamanship class for passing the course who now having the letter "S" after their names. They are: James Byrd, Karl Peters, Stuart Stratton, James Jefferis, Vicky Jefferis and Teresa Wilsdorf. Please let them know how proud we are of them!

Item 2. Congratulations to our five active members of the new piloting class: Larry Jefferis, Vickie Jefferis, Stuart Stratton, James Byrd, and Coy Hodges. Their instructor is our own Golden Isles' commander, Charles Wilsorf, SN. They began the class on Monday, 2 June and will meet each Monday morning. Wish them best of luck when you see them! I know all of them will do very well. Congratulations are also in order for Arthur Buckner Harris (Bucky) who just completed successfully all parts of Marine Electronics under SEO and past-commander, Audie Holmes. Bucky is now working under our SEO to complete Advanced Piloting. Audie and Paulette, JN have just begun Navigation, their final course as has Sam Tannahill, JN.

Item 3. Speaking of the Commander, Charles Wilsdorf, SN is the Golden Isles' squadron nominee for the District 26 Chapman Award for his eager participation and fantastic instruction of the forementioned courses including Seamanship and now Piloting. We need at least five letters of recommendation for his nomination so let's get them in. We have several so far, and he gets my vote but we do need a few more by June 15th. Send them by e-mail to me at pharris@aug.edu. Charles is deserving of our nomination for this award. Please rush me your accolades as soon as you read this!

Item 4. The nominating committee will need to meet to begin preparing for the next squadron change of watch. Committee members include 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, Howard or Elaine know simply by telephone or e-mail. Let the commander know as well so we all stay in the loop!

Item 5. Sam Tannahill, JN, Paulette Harris-Holmes, JN and Audie Homes, JN are studying for "N". Keep us in your thoughts and prayers!

Item 6. 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! Please tell all that our next Boat Smart is scheduled for 28 June. The class will be held at the UGA Marine Extension Center in Brunswick beginning at 0900. Please have your friends and neighbors leave me a message at 912-634-7571 if they wish to join our class. The cost of the class is \$25.00 for materials. Encourage all of your boating friends and potential boaters to join us. The thrust of the class is on Boating Safety! All names and numbers that we have acquired as possible students for that class have been notified, but we welcome other names and numbers to join us! I certainly appreciate the work of Robert Woodman in securing the site for our Boat Smart class.

Thanks, Audie

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