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Opportunities, Opportunities, Opportunities



CDR Charles Wilsdorf

Boy, do we have bunches of opportunities: enlist new members (remember "Power Of One



Program"), fill 2009 bridge and committees, attend district 26 meetings, boating education, VSC's, Coop Charting, planning for District 26 2010 COW, planning for October 2008

CoastFest, and the list goes on. I ask that all members access their skills and join in to build our squadron. All of these opportunities can be very enjoyable and very rewarding.

Is anyone interested

in chairing a Fall Cruise and/or Fall Cookout/Party? If so, please let me know ASAP. Also, are any members interested in a 2 hr seminar on VHF/DSC or Using a GPS? These seminars can be offered to members and non-members. Just let Audie Holmes or me know if you are interested.

The District 26 COW is fast approaching. I encourage you to attend. It will be fun and informative. If

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you have never attended, this would be a great time to see what a district meeting is all about. Enclosed in the "Porthole" will be a registration form and the schedule of events to be held. Come on, join the fun. If you are interested in car pooling, just let me know.

I want to thank all of our members and potential members for attending our last monthly membership meeting. It was the best attended meeting this year. If you weren't there, please

join us for the July 26 meeting. Nettie Dumais will be present and will give us some insight into our responsibilities in hosting the 2010 COW.

Please take time to read the latest "The Ensign". One article on DSC/VHF radios is particularly interesting. Cell phones can be useful aboard, but they don't take the place of a VHF radio. Also check out our Associate Member, John Rogers' great article.

See you at the July meeting. Chas

Upcoming Events

July Piloting Class
0900

26 July Boat Smart
0900-1600, UGA Marine Extension

28 July Meeting
Bridge/Dinner Meeting at 1830
LaFuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant
2450 Perry Lane
Brunswick, GA
(Off I-95 at exit 38)



June Monthly Meeting Teresa Wilsdorf, S



Attendees: Howard and Jeanne Klippel, Larry and Vicky Jefferis, Paulette Harris-Holmes and Audie Holmes, Buckey

Harris, Ed Leibfarth, Corey Hodges, Karl Peters, Joe Scirica, Stewart and Gigi Stratton, Pat and John Rodgers, Charles and Teresa Wilsdorf, and guests

Mark and Eve Kakos. It was a wonderful turnout, and hopefully we will continue to have more and more members attend our monthly meetings.

The meeting was opened at 6:47 and a quorum was present. Cmdr, Charles swore in

Joe Scirica, Vicky Jefferis, and Larry Jefferis.

Teresa Wilsdorf read the treasury report and no questions were asked. Their were no minutes to be approved as we did not have a meeting last month.

Paulette Harris-Holmes read the SEO report for Audie Holmes. (Hope you feeling better Audie). The SEO reported that all seven participants in the Seamanship passed with flying colors, and five of them have continued on and are preparing to take Piloting exam. There was a Boat Smart class on June 28, and there were 9 people that attended and all passed the course with flying colors. A lot of credit should be given to the great teachers we have in GISPS. Audie is currently talking Navigation along with Sam Tannahill who took his book to Scotland to complete the course; in addition, associate members Ed Leib-

fath and Paulette Harris-Holmes are also taking Navigation. Good luck to all of you.

The next Boat Smart class will be July 26, 2008. We can also do independent courses or elective courses if desired, just let Audie Holmes know. All five letters were submitted for our Chapman Award nominee, Cdr Charles Wilsdorf.

We gave Paulette Harris-Holmes a big round of applause for receiving the District Educational Leadership Award. Paulette is the SEO for the Savannah Rivers Squadron.

A long conversation was held regarding the 2010 District Change of Watch (COW) that will be held in October 2010 and for which GISPS will host. Nettie Dumais is the person we will coordinate with for financial oversight. Paulette Harris-Holmes developed a listing of duties that detail the 15 major subcommittees we will need to have. Paulette will go into more detail elsewhere in this newsletter. Please review the list and sign up...we need co-chairs, workers, etc. Nettie will also be attending the July meeting so please come to the meeting to hear Nettie speak. As Cdr Charles said, this will take a lot of work and dedication and with such a small membership base, we all need to help. He also suggested that anyone that can should attend at least one district meeting to see what takes place to better understand the work involved.

Cdr Charles reported that new member Coy Hodges completed Seamanship.

Karl Peters and Stewart received their Operations Training Class Certificate.

GISPS needs bridge and committee members for the future. Please sign up to run for office. You can contact any bridge member to ask any questions. Also, don't forget about the "Power of One"! Have you all gotten your one new member to join

in 2008? Also, if anyone has any pictures they would like included in the newsletter or Website, send them to Joey Herzberg and Karl Peters.

Howard Klippel gave a great presentation on the Jekyll Island Club as an option for the 2010 COW. Again, please attend the July meeting as we will discuss this information again then. It was also mentioned again by Ed Leibfarth for people to go to Columbia, SC to attend the fall COW on Oct 10-12. If any of you would like to attend, or are considering attending, please contact me for any information or to get forms, the deadline for registration is September 10, 2008.

Paulette Harris-Holmes offered her guest house,, she lives about an hour or so away from Columbia, SC.

We were also informed that GISPS can choose the date in October for the 2010 COW. However, we have to keep in mind that we do not conflict with any major football weekend. We figured that meant any Georgia, Florida or South Carolina team games. We also learned that we are required to notify District of the hotel we will host our 2010 COW in October 2008. So again, please attend the July meeting so we can hear Nettie explain our responsibilities, start making decisions, and get our committees going.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

The Squadron Education Report

Audie Homes, JN



Item 1. All participants in the Seamanship course have passed the exam with "flying colors". The six new Seamen are: James Byrd, S - Karl Peters, S - Stuart Stratton, S - Teresa Wilsdorf, S - James Jefferis, S - and Vicky Jefferis, S.

Item 2. Five members are preparing to take the piloting exam. Thanks to Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf, SN the instructor for both Seamanship, Piloting and our nominee for the Chapman award. Best of luck to all the five students. With our Commander as instructor, we expect outstanding results from all!

Item 3. Nine students recently completed Boat Smart at our course on 28 June at the University of GA Marine Extension Service. Completers included new member: Joe Scirica and potential members: Joan Cordle, Neal Cordle, Eve Kacos, Julia Kacos, Mark Kacos, Joseph McClure, Sandra McClure and Jack Prince. P/C Audie Holmes, JN served as instructor for Boat Smart.

Item 4. Coy Hodges has received credit for Seamanship based on certified past experiences that were submitted by the GISPS SEO to national. Congratulations, Coy Hodges, S!

Item 5. SEO reminders: any member may take a course independently; this approach is especially attractive if a class does not have enough students at the time to make it a go. This is also a good way to take electives and others. Just let me know and as SEO, I'll be glad to order any of these for you at any time!

Item 6. As noted previously our GISPS Chapman Award nominee was submitted. I thank all of you for your letters of support. Cdr., Charles Wilsdorf, SN, was our nominee!

Item 7. Associate member, Paulette Harris-Holmes, SEO for Savannah River recently received the District 26 Educational Leadership Award named in memory of Carol McVey, SN, DSEO.

Item 8. As reminded in this issue by Cdr Wilsdorf, all of us in the GISPS are excited to host the D26 COW in 2010. This will be the very first District COW that our new squadron has ever hosted. Our commander, Charles Wilsdorf, SN reminds us that we shall all have the opportunity to participate in the planning and implementing of this exciting event. Paulette and I offered last fall to host the Sunday brunch during the conference at our villa at Marbella on St. Simons. This will save the cost of renting a facility for the brunch. What we do need is our own squadron building! Some of the squadrons in our district have such a building. Let the commander know if you have such a spot for us! Other squadrons hold meetings in their own squadron buildings.

Item 9. Other Related Items: Judy McPherson, S, our treasurer, continues to convalesce after a horrible fall where she broke her leg in four places. Get well soon, Judy! Many thanks to P/C Nettie Dumais, for all her and associate member, P/D/C Ed Leibfarth's continuing support.

Item 10. Please encourage friends and neighbors to take our basic boating course on 26 July urge them to join us at 0900 at the UGA extension service for the class!

The GISPS Nomination's committee continues to encourage your continued involvement. Please let us know what position you would like to hold for 2009. I may be reached at 912-634-7571 or 706-737-8113, or contact Howard Klippel, AP at 912-832-3318 or our Commander Charles Wilsdorf, SN. Thanks, Audie P/C Audie Holmes, JN pharris@aud.edu