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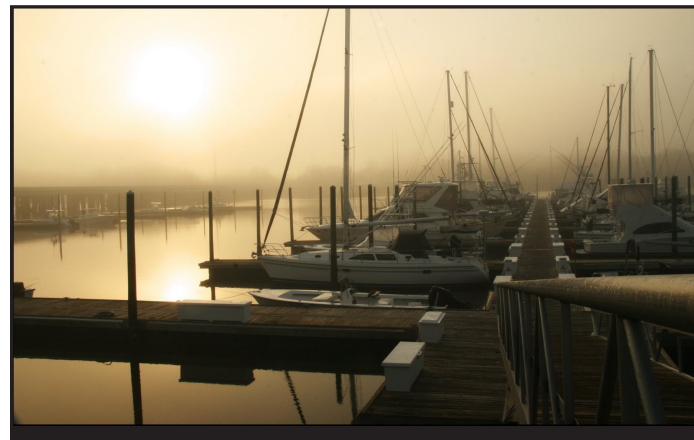
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Welcome New Members!



CDR Charles Wilsdorf

I would like to welcome our two newest members, Steven and Danielle Chambless to the GISPS. James and Danielle live in Brunswick and have two



children Hayen and Jace. The Chambless' spend plenty of time on the local waters cruising their 30' Searay cruiser and skiing behind their 18' Searay ski boat. The Chambless' became initially

acquainted with us through the USPS website that then referred them to us.

We are in the planning stages of a GISPS Fall Cruise. We have picked the last week in October (wk of Oct 27) for the

cruise hopefully just a little cooler than it is now without the treat of so many thunderstorms. Our preliminary cruise will put us at anchor at least one night up the Duplin River at Sapelo Island. Plans are to tour Sapelo Island one day lunching there on local cuisine. From there, we will head north for a cruise down Blackbeard Creek staying on the hook possibly a couple of more nights exploring Blackbeard Is by day. Members with smaller boats

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may launch at one of several public and private launch areas and meet us at any point along the way. Please give me a call if you are interested in participating so I can make arrangements for the Sapelo Island tour.

I would also like to thank both the Jones' and Holmes' for their generous offers to have a Fall Cookout gathering. Since the Holmes' have been host so many times in the past,

we will plan a cookout at the Jones' this time for our October 25 meeting. We will make the meeting short and informal. The Jones' have offered to furnish the shrimp. Please mark your calendar. We will keep you posted on the fixins to bring. From activities above, you can see that October is going to be a busy month starting with the District Change of Watch starting October 10-12. Again, I encourage you

to attend. It will not only be informative and fun, but will give you an idea what our challenge will be like in October 2010. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all of you of the "Power of One Program". Please encourage your friends and boating acquaintances to take a look at the advantages of being a GISPS member.

See you at the August 23 meeting. All for now. -Chas

Upcoming Events

12 August AP Class

0930-1600, class at Wilsdorf Resident

23 August Boat Smart

0900-1600, UGA Marine Extension

23 August Meeting

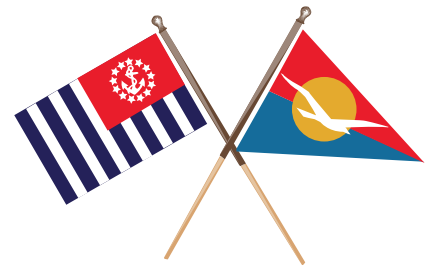
Bridge/Dinner Meeting at 1830

LaFuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant

2450 Perry Lane

Brunswick, GA

(Off I-95 at exit 38)



July Monthly Meeting

Teresa Wilsdorf, S



Saturday, July 23, 2008

Several members attended a meeting regarding the October 2010 Change of Watch (COW). We discussed a variety of facilities to hold the meeting, to include Brunswick, St. Simons, and Jekyll.

We also learned that

we do not have to make a final determination on a facility until the fall of 2009. We agreed to continue looking and would reconvene at a later date. Special thanks to Jeanne and Howard Kippel who put together a wonderful worksheet

of the various places they had examined and the pros and cons associated with them.

The GISPS July meeting commenced at 6:37.

Cdr Charles recognized Nettie Dumais with a Certification of Appreciation for all she has done to assist the Squadron this year.

The minutes for the June meeting were approved as submitted in the June newsletter.

The Officer's report was done by Bob Woodman. Bob noted that there were fewer and fewer boaters interested in attending the Safe Boating Class...maybe we should reconsider

having a class each month during the heat of the summer. There were only two participants in the class that day. The Brunswick Newspaper has done great in putting our information, when requested, under the Community Calendar.

I read the Educations Officers' report for Audie. Hope you are feeling a lot better Audie.

Nettie gave a treasury report. We are in great shape for the year. So far, there are only two non renewals for the year. Great job all. Now remember the "Power of One". Have you signed up your one new member yet!?

There was no unfinished business to report on.

New business. Carl has someone to build us a flag box. Bob stated that he thought the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) programs need to get looking at again. We should be able to do more VSCs in October and November. We agreed to start planning for a cruise for October. Cdr Charles reminded everyone of the D26 conference in October, and that it was worth attending. 2009 Bridge-To volunteer or nominate someone contact Howard Kippel or Audie Holmes.

We need to show everyone how to have fun. How about a cookout/cruise. Paulette and Audie have stated they would like to have a cookout/meeting in September/October. We can all contribute. We will let everyone know through the Porthole when this will happen.

We discussed a fall cruise to Sapello Island/ Blackbeard Island. We could have a private tour of the island along with a catered lunch. Since it is about 40 miles one way, we thought that maybe going for 4 or 5 days might be worth consideration. Cdr Charles will email information.

Richard and Dorothy Jones stated that they would like to have a meeting or a dinner, shrimp or low country boil, at their house on Crooked River. Cdr Chas will contact them and get a date and notify one and all. I am sure you will not want to miss it!!

The meeting adjourned at 7:07.

The Squadron Education Report

Audie Holmes, JN



On Saturday, 28 June 2008 eight students successfully completed Boat Smart; two additional students completed Boat Smart on Saturday 26 July 2008. Ten students completing Boat Smart is great, but we want more for Saturday 23 August 2008. As requested by our District commander, John Powers, SN, we are offering Boat Smart monthly leading up to the District 26 conference on 10-11-12 October in Columbia. This means we shall also offer Boat Smart on 27 September 2008.

Everyone, please, invite a student to attend our August or September Boat Smart class! Classes will be held at the UGA Marine Extension Service on Bay Street in Brunswick. Due to the District 26 COW and our own COW we shall offer a final 2008 Boat Smart in December. Last year, that, too, was a large group.

Piloting has been offered and instructed by Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN. Three students passed piloting with high scores. Our new pilots are: Coy Hodges, Larry Jefferies and Vicky Jefferies. All three have continued into Advanced Piloting under our commander as instructor. With Audie Holmes,

JN, as instructor we have one new "Seaman" and one new Marine Electronics' grad. Congrats! Since we are hosting the D26 COW in 2010, it is hoped that many of our members and all our new officers and chairs will go to Columbia, SC on 10-11-12 October to see how the largest Boating Education Organization in the world celebrates at a District Change of Watch. A great time will be had, by all attending! We have a guest house in Augusta (1 hour from Columbia); you are welcome to stay there as our guests as you enjoy the District Change of Watch. Just call me to reserve: 912-634-7571.

Thanks, Audie
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The Squadron Nominations' Report **Audie Homes, JN**

As past commander and chair of the nominations committee, it is necessary for the nomination committee to secure names of individuals interested in serving the GISPS for 2008-2009. Howard Klippel and David Boothman join me on this important committee mission. Let them know, too, of your willingness to serve and any questions that you may have! Please remember that it is customary in the USPS that the line of succession to commander follows the following sequence: administrative officer, executive officer, and then commander. Thank you in advance for agreeing to serve your squadron! Please leave a message for me at 912-634-7571 with your name and the office you are willing to hold. I shall return your call right away and answer any questions that you may have. We must report and vote on a full slate of officers and chairs for the GISPS on Saturday 27 September 2008. These officers will be installed at our Change Of Watch on Saturday 29 November 2008. All new officers are expected to attend District functions. Please plan to join me and our commander in Columbia on 10-11-12 October. This experience will prepare you for your new positions of leadership in GISPS.

By The Way....

Judy McPherson, our treasurer, is on the mend. She broke her leg in four places, but she and Rosemary are planning to be at our District 26 fall COW in Columbia. Please plan to see them there!



