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Congrats GSIPS!



CDR Charles Wilsdorf
Commander's Message

I am proud to announce that the GISPS was presented an award at the National USPS Fall Governing Board Meeting in Detroit at the Squadron Commander's



meeting for a 23% increase in membership for the 07-08 year. John Powers, our District 26 Commander received the award for us. I congratulate all GISPS members for their efforts in this area. Please, keep up the good work

and just remember the "Power of One Program".

Also, I would also like to announce that District 26 was one of the six Districts in the country achieving the Bowsprit award for this year. The Bowsprit award is

based on: total active membership, Public Education Classes, Membership Classes, Membership Retention, VSC, CoOp Charting. Again, I congratulate all GISPS members for their efforts in these areas.

At our September Membership Meeting I would like to propose a vote on whether or not the GISPS go on "Annual Anniversary Billing". We are one of the few squadrons in the country on the traditional billing system and the only hold out in District 26. We must let USPS headquarters know before December 1, 2008.

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If you have questions on "Annual Billing" please check the usps.org website or give Nettie Dumais or myself a call. Also, remember this September Meeting is the annual meeting where we will vote and ratified the 2009 bridge officers which are published in this "Porthole", so please attend this important meeting.

The Oct 25 Meeting/Cook Out is on the schedule. Richard told us at our August meeting that all we had to do is let them know how many members will attend. Please call Teresa Wilsdorf by Oct 17 at (912)262-9550 so that she may make a list of attendees so that the Jones' may be prepared. .

October is a busy, busy month. We have the CoastFest

Saturday, October 4. We really need help in manning our booth. Please call Bob Woodman at (912) 554-1780 to volunteer to help in the booth. We also have the District 26 COW Oct 10-12. Again, I encourage all members to attend. Then we will round the month out with the Oct 25 Meeting/Cook Out mentioned above and the Fall Cruise the following week. Then please make plans for our annual GISPS COW Nov 29.

I hope you all are looking forward to the Fall Cruise. It is not only a great time of the year to explore the Coastal Georgia Barrier Islands, but an opportunity to experience history of Sapelo Island and the Geechee/Gullah Culture. You may leave with a group to head north

Tuesday October 27 from Brunswick for Blackbeard Creek where we will spend several days on the hook or meet the group at Dulpin River Sapelo Island Friday by 1000, October 31 for a tour and lunch on Sapelo Island. Please contact me, (912)265-9550 if you would like to join or have questions. Take a peek at the following websites for info: <http://www.gacoast.com/geecheetours.html>, <http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Article.jsp?id=h-1063>, <http://www.gastateparks.org/info/sapelo/>. The bottom line, this is an opportunity to join a great cruise at your convenience to explore Coastal Georgia.

Hope to see you all at our Sep 27 membership meeting.
-Chas

Upcoming Events

27 September -Boat Smart
0900-1600, UGA Marine Extension

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

4 October -CoastFest
DNR at the north end of the Sidney Lanier Bridge.

10-12 October -District 26 COW



July Monthly Meeting

Teresa Wilsdorf, S



The meeting began at 6:41. Cdr Charles introduced guests Bob and Joann from Wilmington, Delaware, and cruisers Richard and Rita from Beaumont, Texas. It was nice having these guests attend our meeting. In addition, our newest member, Steven Chambless, was in attendance. And we were all honored to have Jack Sterrett attend his first

meeting. Hopefully he will attend more in the future. Cmdr Charles swore Steven and Jack in as members. A quorum was met and July minutes were approved.

Bob Woodman commented on how accommodating the Brunswick Newspaper has been in publishing our Boat Safety classes. We all appreciate what they have done for us.

I read the SEO report for Audie. His report will be in this porthole.

Everyone was reminded of the District 26 Change of Watch that will be in October. And of course, the Power of One was discussed. Have you brought in their new member for the year!?

Cdr Charles discussed the positions needed within the Squadron. Unfortunately, there are more positions

than there are people. CDs were available if anyone wanted one; they contained job descriptions of all squadron jobs, Operations Manual, and Membership Manual. These are all also available on the USPS website.

Cdr Charles notified everyone that by Dec 1 a decision had to be made regarding annual membership billing. We are the only squadron the D26 that is not using this option provided by USPS Headquarters. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Nettie Dumais or Cdr Charles. We will probably vote on what to do regarding this

matter at the Sep meeting.

We discussed the fall Shrimp cookout at the Jones' on Friday, October 25. The Jones' will provide all the food, we just need to give them a headcount. So, please call me, no later than October 17 at 912-265-9550 if you are planning on attending.

We will do the fall cruise the week of October 27. We can leave on Tuesday/Wednesday to Blackbeards Island then on the way back, we will tour the Sapello. Thus far we have five boats participating. Any questions regarding the cruise, call

Cdr Charles.

Don't forget about Vessel Safety Checks. We need to do a full court press in getting some done.

Don't forget, if you have pictures for the roster/website pass them on to Cdr Charles.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm

The Squadron Education Report

Audie Homes, JN



The Squadron Education Report by P/C Audie Holmes, JN:

Again, as SEO, I am proud to report that we have three students completing Advanced Piloting (Larry Jefferis, Vicky Jefferis and Coy Hodges) and one other completing Piloting, Joey Herzberg. Joseph W. Herzberg has recently received completion of Seamanship. Arthur Buckner Harris has completed Marine Electronics.

We are again offering Boat Smart on the fourth Saturday of the month (27 September 2008) at the UGA Marine Extension Service. Please encourage all those you know to join us in this class. The course is a great membership recruiter, and our commander reminds us in this Port Hole that some have not yet reached out to the "Power of One".

Inviting friends and neighbors to come to this course often leads to that "Power of One".

Feel free to contact me at 912-634-7571 to suggest ideas for education for 2009. I hope each of you are planning to take courses in the GISPS for 2009. Remember the USPS motto: "Safer Boating Through Education"

See you safely on the water.

Audie
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XO's Remarks

Bob Woodman, P



Most of the folks in Glynn County and environs are aware that the County Commission is spending tax payer funds on legal fees in an effort to expand the Detention Center in downtown Brunswick. This action in direct contradiction to the will of the majority of the citizenry is beyond comprehension. My sympathies go out to

the boaters at Brunswick Marina and co-owner Bob Torres. Having a forecast of a vista like the back side of a jail and the influx if its residence and their visitors is indeed daunting. We can only hope that the county commissioners respond to the citizens before bankrupting Mr. Torres.



Nominations

(Eventually, following USPS protocol, the nominating committee will consist each year of the last three past commanders and the administrative officer will automatically move up to executive officer and executive officer to commander).

The Nominations' Committee recommends for member voting the following slate for the following elected positions for 2009:

BRIDGE OFFICERS:

Commander-Charles Wilsdorf, SN
Executive Officer-James L. (Larry) Jefferis, P
Assistant Executive Officer -Preston Lewis, AP
Administrative Officer-Steve W. Batson, P
Assistant Administrative Officer-Howard Klippel, AP
Education Officer-Audie Holmes, JN
Assistant Education Officer-Robert W. Woodman, P
Secretary-Vicky L. Jefferis, P
Assistant Secretary-Jeanne Klippel
Treasurer-Judy B. McPherson, S
Assistant Treasurer-Sandra A. Cox, S
Most Recent Past Commander-Audie Holmes, JN
Member at Large-Richard Jones, AP
Member at Large-Stuart Stratton, S
Member at Large-Joe Scirica

GENERAL COMMITTEES

Auditing

Chairman (3 years) James Byrd, S
Member (2 years) Betty Whisnant, S
Member (1 year) Jeanne Klippel

Nominatng

Chairman(3 years) P/C Audie Holmes, JN
Member (2 years) Howard Klippel, AP
Member (1 year) Elaine Boothman

Rules

Chairman(3 years) Patricia E. Rodgers, AP
Member (2 years) Jack Sterrett, AP
Member (1 year) Robert Woodman, P



2009 Bridge Officers will confirm suggested appointments to the departments.

Commander's Staff-Report to Commander, Charles Wilsdorf, SN

P/C and Advisor to Commander- P/C Audie Holmes, JN

Flag Lieutenant-Teresa Wilsdorf, S

Chaplain-Thomas Cox, S

Merit Marks-Charles Wilsdorf, SN

Fleet Captain-Preston Lewis, AP

Port Captain-Robert Woodman, P

Executive Department-Report to Executive Officer, James L. Jefferis, P

Assistant Executive Officer-Preston Lewis, AP

Public Relations-Robert Woodman, P

Boat Show and Related Events-Stuart M. Stratton, S

Co-Op Charting-Lt Pat Rodgers, AP and Jack E. Peters, AP

Legislative and Law officer-Joseph W. Herzberg, S

Liaison-P/D/Lt/C John Rodgers, SN; Kurt Glass, S (Liaison to

Paralyzed Veterans' Boating/Fishing organizations)

Boating Safety-Paulette Harris-Holmes, JN

Flag Etiquette-Patricia Rodgers, AP

Vessel Safety Examiners-Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN(Chair), P/C Audie

Holmes, JN, Robert Woodman, P, Preston Lewis, AP

Operations Training/ Advisor-P/D/C Edward Leibfarth, JN

Education Department-Report to Education Officer, Audie Holmes, JN

Assistant Education Officer, Robert Woodman, P

*Local Board Chair/Boating /Basic Squadron Boating

Course-Teaching Aids-Paulette Harris, JN

Supplemental Programs and USPS University, Wes Zamzow, Chris Herzberg, S

*Local Board Chair/Advanced Grades: David Boothman, AP

Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation, Navigation

*Local Board Chair/Elective Courses: Betty Whisnant, S

Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, Sail, Weather,

Cruise Planning, Instructor Qualifications



Administrative Department-Report to Steve W. Batson ,P

Assistant Administrative Officer, Howard Klippel, AP
Boating Activities – Jack Sterrett, AP
Membership-P/C Nettie Dumais, AP
Membership Involvement-Teresa Wilsdorf
Program- Lynda Ann Sterrett

Secretarial Department-Report to Vicky L. Jefferis,P

Assistant Secretary-Jeanne Klippel
Directory-Teresa Wilsdorf, S
Newsletter Editor (The Porthole)-Joey Herzberg, S
Photographers-Judy McPherson, S and Shari Herzberg
Advertising-Robert Woodman, P
Historian-Kathleen L. Batson,S
Ships' Store-Sam Tannahill, JN and Mae Tannahill, S
Sunshine-Thomas Cox, S and Arthur Buckner Harris,P
Telephone Committee-Rosemary McPherson, S and Jeanne Klippel
Property and Supply Officer-Charles Wilsdorf, SN
Webmaster-Joe Scirica

Financial Department-Report to Judy McPherson, S

Assistant Treasurer-Sandra Cox, S
Budget / Finance Advisor-P/C Nettie Dumais, AP

Planning

Chairman (3 years)Coy L. Hodges, P
Member (2 years) Dorothy M. Jones
Member (1 year) James S. Chambless

