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## Back From a Wonderful Cruise



CDR Charles Wilsdorf

Well, I have finally returned to my familiar sleeping routine. It is amazing how just a couple of overnights can get you out of sync. Captain Coy Hodges, AP and I had a wonderful cruise to the



Captain Coy Hodges, AP

Abaco Islands. We sure experienced the cruising life with: beautiful tropical clear water, boat cuisine, friendly people, breath taking scenery, camaraderie ship, and of course good ole boat fixing. Did I

mention "Happy Hour"? Remember CP students, "Cruising is working on your boat in exotic places". We put to good use all of the skills we had learned from USPS courses.

I strongly encourage all members to attend the upcoming OT (Operations Training) course June 27, 0900 at the UGA Marine Extension on Bay St. downtown Brunswick. Associate GISPS member Ed Leibfarth, SN will be presenting the class. Ed's presentation is interesting and informative. This class covers all aspects of the USPS from its history to our current organization. Ed has really streamlined this course so it moves quickly and keeps your interest peaked.

We still have a few GISPS

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members who have not sent in their renewals to USPS. Please do so ASAP to keep your membership current. Please give me a call should you have any questions at (912)265-9550. I also encourage all GISPS members to encourage friends and boating acquaintances to check out our squadron. Encourage them to check our website: gisps.org. We desperately need more members who are interested in participating in our squadron and joining in on activities from: boating together, attending dinner meetings, enrolling into member USPS courses, participating as a VSC, participating in CoOp Charting, teaching others boating skills, making new friends, and taking on a bridge or committee chairmanship. Remember, "Boating is Fun, Let Us Show You How". Also, please don't forget to encourage all to attend the June 27 Boat Smart Class at the United Methodist Church/Miller Bldg.

Saturday, June 27 will also be our monthly dinner meeting. Steve Batson, AP, our Exec. Officer, has informed me that Mark Engle, Officer in Charge of the Brunswick USCG, will make a presentation which should be most interesting. We thank you Steve for your efforts. Please don't miss this meeting.

If you can get away, please join us this upcoming weekend at Fort McAllister Marina for the District 26 Summer Cruise. If you drive over/up/down Saturday there will be a Poker Run, Picnic Lunch on Ossabaw Island, and a Buffet Dinner/Dance at the marina restaurant. Please give me a call if you can attend (912)265-9550.

Will see you all soon.

-Chas

See More pictures from  
the Bahamas cruise on page 5.

## Upcoming Events

12-14 Jun D/26 Cruise & Rendezvous & Summer Council -Tybee Light Savannah, GA

27-Jun 0900-1500  
Boat Smart First United Methodist Church/Miller Bldg

27-Jun 0900 - 1300  
Operations Training Class UGA Extension

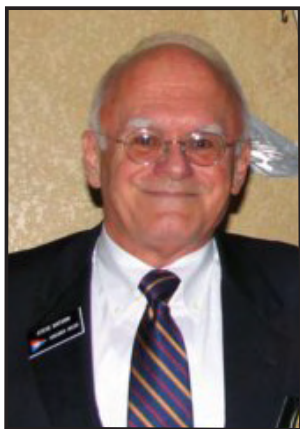
27-Jun 1730 - 1830  
Executive Committee Meeting La Fuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant

27-Jun 1830 - Monthly Meeting La Fuente De Pablo Mexican Restaurant

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## Administrative Offices Report

Steve W. Batson, AP



As I have said before, the USPS educational programs are outstanding. I just successfully finished the Advanced Piloting (AP) course. Although I had previously taken and taught all of the CG Auxiliary courses, taken the Sea School course, and am a licensed Captain, I found AP both interesting and challenging. The Advanced Grades courses include Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation, and Navigation. In addition, there is a series of Elective Courses: Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Instructor Development, Marine Electronics, Sail, and Weather.

If you complete at least Advanced Piloting and three Elective Courses, you receive the Educational Proficiency Award. If you complete all Advanced Grade navigational courses and all Elective Courses, you will receive the Educational Achievement Award, also known as the Senior Navigator Award. This outstanding series of courses results in a very proficient boater with strong seamanship and navigation skills. All of us should strive for this level of boating expertise as we engage in our favorite pastime. This counterbalances the "boaters" who question where the "bow" and the "stern" are! Safe boating through strong educational programs! Officially, the committees under the AO include Membership, Membership Involvement, Boating Activities, Meetings and Programs, Entertainment, Operations Training, and Leadership Development. As activities develop in any these areas, this column will report on them.

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## XO's Locker

### Larry Jefferis, AP



Successful Cruise: First I'd like to welcome Charles Wilsdorf, SN and Coy Hodges, AP back from their cruise to the Bahamas and congratulate them on a successful cruise. Many of us are looking forward to hearing the stories of the cruise during our D26 Cruise and Rendezvous.

Boating Safety: Think back to the Jaguars football players who had gone fishing in the Gulf. Florida Water Safety folks have suggested that the drowning of

2 players could have been avoided if any on the participants had taken a boating safety program. Remind all your friends and acquaintances that a refresher course can save their lives regardless of how long they've been boating. We want to help save lives and help folks enjoy boating .. let's push the agenda.

D26 Cruise & Rendezvous: 12-14 June. I'd still like to hear from everyone who's planning on attending. I'm planning and preparing. Reading for the Cruise Planning class, applying what I read to checking my vessel to make sure it's ready and wishing I had taken the Air Conditioning Trouble Shooting and Generator Maintenance Electives! (They don't really exist but I could use both). We'll be ready to go. We're planning on departing Friday AM and planning on an "outside" trip on

Odyssey. This will be confirmed after better weather information is available closer to departure. Checking back over the planned activities it sounds like a good time can be had by all. We have received several notes from the Tybee Light Squadron with way points and the results of the survey they did of the Ogeechee river and the best approach to Ft. MacAllister Marina. If you haven't received these emails and would like to have them, please let Charles or I know and we'll send them to you.

2010 D26 COW: Vicky Jefferis, AP, and I plan to meet with Howard Klippel, AP, and Jeanne Klippel to nail down the contracts with the Jekyl Island folks for the D26 2010 Change of Watch before the June Squadron Meeting so we can pass on the information to the squadron. We're going to need everyone's help to make this D26 COW a success so please be thinking about how you'd like to help and which particular area of interest you'd like to take part in.

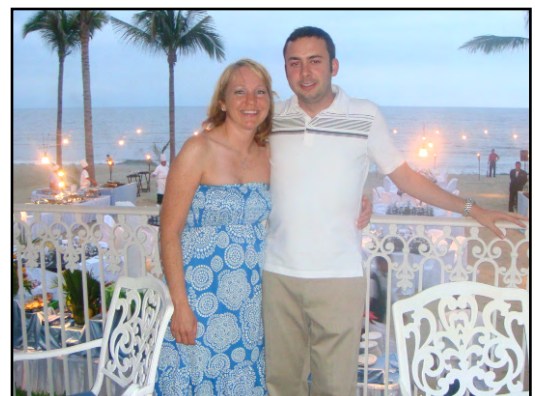
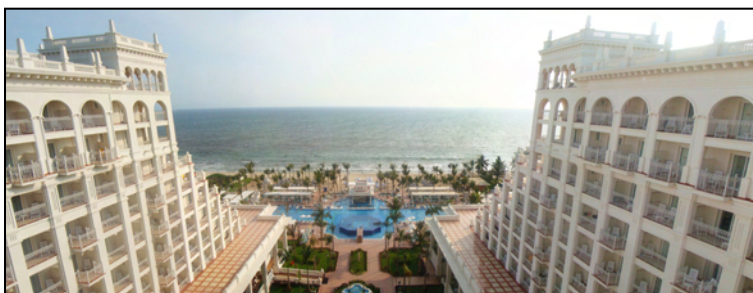
Squadron Logo Shirts: Don't forget to get your shirts embroidered for the D26 Cruise and Rendezvous. BRC Signs and Graphics in Brunswick are prepared to apply the GISPS Logo. They are near the intersection of Highway 341 and Community Road in Brunswick. We want everyone to know who we are and let them know that we've supported this activity in the southern part of the District AO (Area of Operations).

Safe Boating to All.  
-Larry

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## Porthole Editor Visits Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

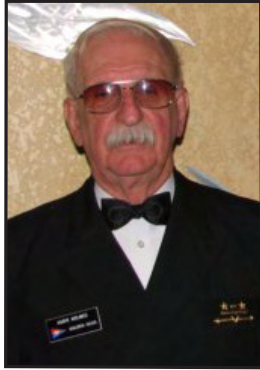
While avoiding the "Swine Flu" Shari and I managed to have a terrific time in this beautiful coastal town. Here are some pictures from our trip.  
-Joey



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## The Squadron Education Report

### Audie Homes, JN



Let's congratulate our administrative officer, Steve Batson, AP. He has completed AP and is charging ahead into JN. He is a great role model for all of our GISPS members.

We want to recognize as well that Willard Dub Collins' paperwork has been sent to National and over the phone I have been told that he will be awarded S, P, and AP for

his completion of the Coast Guard licensed Merchant Marine Master Captain's license. Great work, Dub! On 8 June Cruise Planning will take place at Cdr Wilsdorf's home; it's not too late to give him a call and get in on the action. Piloting and Marine Electronics will be offered soon, too. Operations Training will be held on 27 June at the UGA Marine Extension Service on Bay Street in Brunswick. As nominations chair, you want to remind all who are interested in serving as chairs or bridge members to take part. P/D/C Ed Leibfarth does a great job on O.T. I attended it under P/D/C Ed Leibfarth just a few weeks ago and although I have been commander of Savannah River Power Squadron and formed and was the first commander of the Golden Isles, I still learned a lot! All members are encouraged to attend OT so that they are aware of the rules and policies of the organization.

The next Boat Smart class will also be conducted on 27 June, but this time it will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Norwich Street in Brunswick. Please have your friends and future members come to the Church's Miller Building by 0900. I'll be there as instructor, and I would like to have a full house. In advance, thank you for encouraging many to join us in this class. Chapman Award! Our commander is in contention with the rest of the district's nominees for the Chapman Award. We are all pulling for Cdr. Wilsdorf for this instructor recognition!

And remember: Safer Boating through education is more than just a motto. It applies to everyone, but we must set the example.

**NOMINATIONS!!** For the final year I am chair of the Nominations' committee for 2010. Normally, the committee consists of the last 3 commanders. This means this time next year for 2011 Cdr Wilsdorf will chair the committee, and I'll be a member of the nominating committee. For the following year, 2012, Larry Jefferis, AP will be chairing nominations and Charles and I will be his committee. After that, nominations will consist entirely of past commanders of our squadron (the last three). What progress we are making. What a wonderful squadron we have due to the hard, hard work of all of our members. I am so proud to be a member of this squadron. That said, please, please email me ASAP and let me know what bridge offices you are interested in holding for 2010. Thank you all for being the best new squadron ever! -Audie

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## Secretary's Report

### Vicky Jefferis, AP Secretary



Many thanks to Teresa Wilsdorf for taking minutes of the May 16, 2009 GISPS meeting in my absence!

Cmdr Chas Wilsdorf, just back from the Bahamas on Friday May 15, called the meeting to order.

The Tybee Island D26 Rendezvous (June 12-14) was discussed and everybody was encouraged to attend and participate either by boat or by car.

Cmdr Chas stated that the Seamanship and Cruise Planning books had arrived and he would coordinate the distribution of the books.

Audie Holmes discussed Boating Safety Week. GISPS usually has a Boat Smart class, however there was a conflict with the Coast Guard and today we were unable to obtain our room at the Univ of GA Marine Extension building. Audie encouraged all Vessel Safety Checker's (VSC) to do 10 boats during Boating Safety Week, and all other

to sign up boats and to notify a VSC to conduct the safety check. The VSC in Brunswick are Bob Woodman and Chas Wilsdorf, and in Augusta it is Audie Holmes.

Audie also discussed the Operations Training class that will be held on Saturday June 27, the date of our regular June meeting. Ed Leibfarth will be the class instructor. There is very informative information in this class and everyone is encouraged to attend. It is especially important for any members that may have a desire to become a bridge member to attend the class.

The June Boat Safety class will be held at the United Methodist Church Miller building. Joe, our website manager, will update the Website to notify everyone of the change of location.

All input for the Chapman Award is due by June 15. Please email any input to Paulette Harris-Holmes.

### June Birthdays-

James Byrd	June 9th
Lalla Eshliman	June 30th

**Happy Birthday!**



Green Turtle Cay Beach



Sunset on the open sea.

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