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Great News, New Members for the GISPS



CDR Charles Wilsdorf

I reported last month that we had lost 3 active and 1 family members. Unfortunately these members have not renewed, but I am



Shrimp boat leaving Brunswick, GA

happy to report we have added 5 new active members. Mike Moye, P, a longtime GA educator, and friend of Coy Hodges, reinstated his membership with

GISPS. Mike was previously a member of the Muscogee Sail and Power Squadron. Mike has recently acquired a new boat, My Sharona, a 45' Carver Californian

which he slips at Jekyll Harbor Marina. James "Jim", AP and Sara Grimshaw, also from the Muscogee Sail and Power Squadron, transferred their membership to GISPS after moving to the Harris Neck area from Columbus, GA. The Grimshaw's sail Lone Ranger, a 45' Morgan ketch, which they will be moving from Brunswick Landing Marina to Sunbury Marina this month. I would also like to introduce Frank and Lynne Barron as new GISPS members. Frank, a pilot for ASA, and

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Lynne are longtime boaters who are both licensed USCG Captains as well as SAM certified Marine Surveyors. Frank and Lynne spent much of their time aboard their Milly B, a 48' 1960 Wheeler cruiser which they slip at Jekyll Harbor Marina. We welcome all the new members.

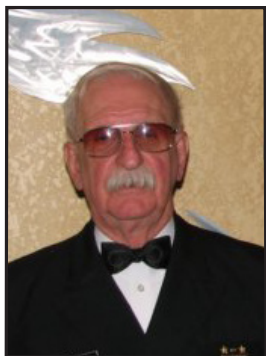
I would also like to report our last membership meeting was another great success with 23 members present. Drew Orr's, the local Sea Tow Manager, presentation was very informative about aspects of safe boating in the area. I think that Drew confirmed that the additional towing insurance we carry is well worth the cost whether we insure with Sea Tow or TowBoat US. He also pointed out that Sea Tow's towing vessels in the area can handle any size boat we have in the squadron and then some.

We found out the following day after the meeting that this would be our last meeting at La Fuente Mexican Restaurant. They closed their doors for good July 31. Steven Chambliss has volunteered to help us find another convenient meeting place, so keep watch on your email for the new meeting location for the August 22 meeting. Also, please let Steven or myself know if you have any ideas for a meeting location.

Since we will have a new meeting location for our Aug 22, I request that all members attend the meeting so that we can confirm what a great group we have. We will also have another superb speaker, Sgt. John Harwell, Law Enforcement Division, GA DNR whose presentation I am sure will prove interesting and valuable. See you at our next meeting.

Chas

The Squadron Education Report **Audie Homes, JN**



What a very active group we have with almost all members taking one course or another at all times. The USPS has promoted as a major slogan the phrase: "Safer boating through education". The facts bring out that when individuals who boat are well trained fewer

accidents occur. Please keep up the good work!

Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf has had two more finishers in Cruise Planning. As soon as the official results are returned all names will be recognized. In addition, we have a number of students actively studying under Cdr. Wilsdorf the new first section of what some of you will remember as Marine Electronics. Way to go, guys! We shall have more and more reach Educational Proficiency achievers and then some! As I begin the Navigation course exam today, I can tell all who read this that the array of courses offered by USPS University can't be matched anywhere at any price. With that in mind, please be reminded that we have Boat Smart on the

calendar for September. Let's try to have a large class. The course will be offered again at the UGA Marine Extension Service on lower Bay Street in downtown Brunswick. My thanks go to our Assistant Education officer, Bob Woodman, P, who does such an outstanding job of letting the media know that we are offering our public boating course, but we don't want to rely only on the media. Please tell your neighbors, relatives, friends and others to join us on Saturday 26 September at 0900 for the best initial boating course one can find! Many thanks for your support of these courses.

Please let me know if you would like to self-study any of our advanced grade or elective courses if your schedule is too busy for a regular class!

I am chairing the nominations committee for the final time (although I'll continue for the following two years on the committee along with our soon to be other past commanders). I shall be proud to report the many individuals in our new squadron who have offered their services on the 2010 Bridge. Again, thank you to all who have done so!

My best,
Audie Holmes, JN

Upcoming Events

22 August 1730-1830
Executive Committee
Meeting
Location TBA

22 August 1830 - Monthly
Meeting
Location TBA

18-20 September
Fall Cruise

26 September 0900
Boat Smart
UGA Extension
Downtown Brunswick

26 September 1730-1830
Executive Committee
Meeting
Location TBA

26 September 1830
Monthly Meeting
Location TBA

XO's Locker

Larry Jefferis, AP



Our July meeting was another success. Thanks to Steve Batson for arranging for our local Sea Tow manager to talk with us about their program and the activities they are involved in. It was a very informative session.

During conversations we felt maybe we should look for alternative meeting locations. As it turns out, La Fuentes is closing or is closed by now so

we're in dire straits for an August meeting location. We'll make sure all are notified via e-mail before the meeting.

We have gotten our Squadron By-Laws back from the initial review. I will be distributing electronic copies to all registered email addresses so that individual squadron members will have an opportunity to review the By-Laws before voting on them at the next meeting.

I am still working with the Brunswick Coast Guard Station for a facility tour, orientation and exploration of possible cooperative efforts we might engage in with the Coast Guard. Again, I'll alert everyone via email when the tour is scheduled.

We still need volunteers for the booth at Coast Fest, October 3, and the Coast Guard/DNR site near the Lanier Bridge in Brunswick. Please notify me if you're interested. Remember this may be the last Squadron activity which

would support Merit Mark recommendation. Support the organization and yourself by volunteering to help man the GISPS booth for a period that is convenient for you.

I want to thank Steve Chambless, S, for volunteering to help find an alternative meeting site.

We'll be publishing more info about the 18-20 September GISPS Cruise next month. I want to thank Jack Sterrett for volunteering to help plan the cruise.

Lastly, I'm going to make another pitch for all members to continue to support our Boating Safety education. There has been a report of another boating fatality in the St. Marys area. The Tribune & Georgian on Wednesday, August 5, reported that a 24-year old Navy sailor drowned in the St. Marys River after falling from a boat. His body was recovered in about 24 hours and possible charges are pending against the driver of the boat who is also a sailor. There was alcohol involved and the sailor who fell overboard was NOT wearing a life jacket and was not a skilled swimmer. One would not expect sailors to be involved in this kind of accident but the fact they were really reinforces the idea that accidents can happen to everyone and allowing alcohol consumption to jeopardize the safety of boat occupants is certainly NOT a smart idea.

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Larry

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Administrative Offices Report

Steve W. Batson, AP



This summer is flying by at a rapid pace. As I mentioned last month, August 8 is National Marina Day. USPS and the Association of Marina Industries (AMI) are joining forces to encourage local marina events, including vessel safety checks, seminars, demonstrations, and short classes. Think about what you can do to

honor marinas and strengthen boating safety on August 8. Also, don't forget to thank your marina staff for the many services they provide to the boating public...safe storage, maintenance, fuel, snacks, docking assistance,

and the other services they render on a daily basis. Our speaker for the August 22nd program will be Capt. Steven Adams of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division. He will present a brief overview of their work and mission. This is another important government function making the environment in which we "play" much safer. Come and hear what Capt. Adams has to say. Also, invite someone to Boat Smart at 9:00 a.m. on August 22nd and refresh your knowledge on the basics! Safe Boating! 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.

Secretary's Report

Vicky Jefferis, AP Secretary



Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf, SN, called the general membership meeting to order 25 July 2009 at 7:00 PM. Howard Klippel, S, provided the invocation, XO Larry Jefferis, AP, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Charles introduced Past Commander

John Rodgers, SN, new members Jim and Sara Grimshaw and Mike Moye, all transferring from Muscogee SPS, and guests Sharon Reinhart and speaker Drew Orr from Sea Tow. Secretary Vicky Jefferis, AP, confirmed a Quorum was present. June meeting Minutes were approved. She summarized business conducted at the Executive Committee meeting:

-Treasurer Linda Mahoney reported she has the Squadron financial records and transferred the checking account to the local Wachovia Bank branch. Following Nettie Dumais' advice, Linda requested an audit of the account as of the changeover. Linda and Jeanne Klippel, Audit Committee member, will work out the details. Linda presented the July Treasurer's Report, projecting the balance will be \$2886.08.

-XO Larry Jefferis will arrange a Coast Guard tour on an upcoming Saturday and has completed the application for GISPS to adopt Chart 11506 (St. Simons area) for Co-op Charting.

-Admin Officer Steve Batson announced the August speaker will be from GA Dept. of Natural Resources.

-Cdr Wilsdorf introduced several items of business to the Bridge:

- Distributed the 2009 GISPS Directory and asked for input if any errors are discovered.

- The Fall Cruise is scheduled for September 18 – 20. Most members prefer staying in a marina rather than anchoring out. He asked for ideas for a destination and emphasized this will likely be the only squadron boating activity this year, so hopes for a good turnout. Charles asked for a volunteer Cruise Captain during the membership meeting. Jack Sterrett, AP, volunteered.

- Coast Fest is the first weekend in October. This will be the last community activity members can support this year. Members are needed to make our booth a success. Volunteers should contact Larry Jefferis.

- Due to Squadron growth, we need a new meeting location. Steven Chambliss volunteered to take this action and will look for a location that can accommodate our group. Teresa Wilsdorf, S, presented the SEO Report for Audie Holmes. Four members recently completed Seamanship and seven completed Cruise Planning. Marine Electrical Systems will begin July 28, the next Boat Smart class is August 22, and Piloting will begin in September. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. Cdr Wilsdorf introduced Speaker Drew Orr, Brunswick Sea Tow Manager who provided an interesting and informative presentation on common sense and safe boating in the local area.