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**Happy New Year
To The GISPS!**



CDR Larry Jefferis

Happy New Year to all! I hope your holiday season was a joyous and happy holiday.



Introducing the 2010 GISPS Bridge

I am proud to have been elected as your commander for 2010 and I will do my best to make us all proud of our Squadron and I will work hard to

make our collective efforts enjoyable and productive. 2009 Member of the Year: Joe Scirica, S, was recognized as our GISPS Member

of the Year for 2009 at our Squadron Change of Watch for his dedication to the promotion of our Squadron and his extraordinary level of participation during the past year. Congratulations Joe. We look forward to more of your excellent work as you continue as webmaster of our Squadron website and take the reins as webmaster of the District 26 website as well.

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Distinction In Journalism:

I want to congratulate our Porthole editor, Joey Herzberg, for the continuously high quality product he manages to create with the information the bridge and other GISPS members provide. Our newsletter has been selected as one of the USPS Newsletters which are authorized to display the Distinction In Journalism logo beginning with this issue. Congratulations to you Joey for the great work you have done for the past years as editor of the Porthole!

2009 Change Of Watch:

There were several folks who spent a lot of time preparing for the COW. Their preparation contributed to a very well attended and executed COW. Thanks go to Teresa Wilsdorf, S, Vicky Jefferis, AP, and Linda Mahoney, S, for their work on the invitations, programs, menus and place cards and getting the room setup for the event. They were supported by Charles Wilsdorf, SN, with technical support and assistance. Jim Mahoney was our "mixologist" and took care of our bar preparation and operation. Thanks to you all. The event was a success but suffered a bit of a set back as a result of the food presentation.

I can assure you all, having been involved in the entire coordinating process, that the quality and presentation of the meal were not as advertised and, although our next monthly meeting will be held at the 4th of May Café in Brunswick, and we'll order from the menu, we are again on the search for other potential locations for the meeting and our next Change of Watch.

Instructor Development:

By the time of our 23 January meeting the Squadron should have six newly prepared instructors that we will employ shortly thereafter to present the new America's Boating Course. We'll present the course over a 5-week period on Tuesday evenings in March and September. This is an expanded Boat Smart type course and we anticipate using some or all of the new instructors. The folks who have been attending the Instructor Development Course are Vicky Jefferis, AP, Charles Wilsdorf, SN, Steve Batson, AP, Jack Sterret, Coy Hodges, AP, and Larry Jefferis, AP. We look forward to their first sessions.

2010 GISPS Calendar of Events:

in the Porthole, I have included a copy of the proposed 2010 Squadron Schedule. Some of the highlights include the **March ABC Course, a Spring Cruise, Fall Cruise, September ABC Course, several one-day Boat Smart classes, our squadron Change of watch and, possibly the biggest and most important event, the District 26 COW** which we will host at the Jekyll Island Resort at Jekyll Island in October.

D26 COW October:

The 2010 D26 COW is our opportunity to SHINE and I hope all of you will enjoy carving out a piece of that action in which you would like to participate. Audie and Paulette are hosting pot luck lunch organizational meeting on 23 January to discuss the Silent Auction operation. All who are interested, please contact myself, Vicky Jefferis, Linda Mahoney, or Paulette. 2010 Committees: I would like to highlight some of the committee and point-of-contact assignments that have been made for the 2010 Bridge Year. Some of The assignments reflected still need to be coordinate as of publication time. More assignments may follow later.

Upcoming Events

23 January 1715

Executive Meeting
1830 Member Meeting
4th of May-
Downtown Brunswick

2-5 February 1715

National Meeting
Orlando, Florida

5-7 March

D26 Spring
Conference
Greenville, SC



Charles Wilsdorf presenting Joe Scirica
with the Member of the Year Award



Larry Jefferis being sworn in as
the 2010 GISPS Commander

2010 Bridge, Committee and Course Chairmen

Position/Committee	Course Name	Officer/Chairman
Commander		Larry Jefferis, AP
Executive Officer		Steve Batson, AP
Coop Charting		Pat Rodgers, AP
Admin Officer		Stephen Chambless, P
Membership Committee Chair		Charles Wilsdorf, SN
Secretary		Vicky Jefferis, AP
Asst Secretary		Joe Scirica, S
Historian		Vicky Jefferis, AP
Information Technology/ Webmaster		Joe Scirica, S
Porthole Editor		Joey Herzberg, P
Roster		Charles Wilsdorf, SN
Telephone Committee		TBD
Treasurer		Linda Mahoney, S
Squadron Education Officer		Audie Holmes, SN
Asst Squadron Education Officer		Charles Wilsdorf, SN
Education Course Chairpersons:		JN
	ABC Course	Jack Sterret, AP
	Seamanship	Steve Batson, AP
	Piloting	Stephen Chambless, P
	Advanced Piloting	Coy Hodges, AP
	Engine Maintenance Marine Electrical Systems	Larry Jefferis, AP
	Sailing	Jack Sterret, AP
	Cruise Planning	Vicky Jefferis, AP
	Weather	Stuart Stratton, S

Secretary's Report

Vicky Jefferis, AP Secretary



Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf, SN, called the meeting to order 14 November 2009 at 7:00 PM. P/C Audie Holmes, JN, provided the invocation. Following dinner, Cdr. Wilsdorf resumed the meeting and Stuart Stratton, S, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Charles introduced guests Velma Breaux, George Champion, Tim and Karla Lahrs, and Tybee Light members Ron and Liz Lynch, David Sapp, and Linda Riggs. He then introduced Golden Isles Past Commander Audie Holmes, JN. Next GISPS Associate Members, Savannah River P/C Nettie Dumais, AP, Savannah River P/C Paulette Harris-Holmes, JN, and Savannah River P/C Ed Liebfarth, SN were introduced. Finally, Charles introduced D26 XO D/Lt/C Eric Pearson, SN, Barbara Pearson, D26 Secretary D/Lt/C Ed Kridler, SN, and Cindy Kridler.

Following the introductions, Cdr. Wilsdorf presented the GISPS Member of the Year Award to Joe Scirica. Joe has been an inspirational member who has always been available to help out where needed. A very active member, Joe has been Squadron Webmaster, helped with Coast Fest and recently was tapped to serve as D/26 Webmaster.

Next, Cdr. Wilsdorf released the 2009 Bridge and presented thank you gifts to each. He also thanked the Past Commanders for the guidance and support and also the many students he taught and mentored for their perseverance in furthering their knowledge. He charged all GISPS members to continue their support of the Squadron, noting that individual ownership and commitment is vital to keeping the Squadron going. This commitment is the foundation of the growth that has enabled the Squadron to flourish since it was chartered in 2005. Finally, Cdr. Wilsdorf thanked the Squadron members for the opportunity to serve these past two years as Commander.

D/Lt/C Eric Pearson thanked Cdr. Wilsdorf for his commitment and service, and then formally relieved him from his GISPS Commander responsibilities.

Next, D/Lt/C Pearson offered Greetings from D/26 Cdr Betty Walton. He remarked that membership support is vital to carry on the mission of the USPS. Support consists of both financial and time commitment. Good leadership is also key, demonstrated by knowledge of the organization and by leading by example. He complimented GISPS by observing that the Squadron has shown its vitality by its growth and by the numerous awards won, especially in the educational area. He challenged us to continue to grow and to expand our efforts into civic and fraternal boating activities.

Next, D/Lt/C Pearson administered the Commander's Pledge and presented the Commander's Lapel Pin to incoming Cdr. Larry Jefferis. D/Lt/C Ed Kridler then administered the Pledge to the incoming 2010 Bridge, Administrative Officer Steven Chambless, S, Educational Officer Audie Holmes, JN, Secretary Vicky Jefferis, AP, and Linda Mahoney, S.

Cdr. Jefferis presented a Past Commander's flag to P/C Wilsdorf and thanked him for all he has done for the Squadron, then presented flags to the 2010 Bridge. Following the flag presentations, Cdr. Jefferis outlined his goals for 2010. He stated he intends for GISPS members to have fun as they participate in Squadron activities and to continue to strive for membership growth for the Squadron. In addition, he will lead the Squadron in preparing for and hosting the 2010 District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch.

This important meeting will be an opportunity for the Squadron and its members to excel. We will also be active in updating the Charts covering nearby waters that we now "own". Cdr. Jefferis will build on the outstanding educational track record of the Squadron by planning to offer the ABC Course in the Spring and Fall, providing on-water training, continuing monthly Boat Smart offerings, and continuing advanced and elective educational courses.

No regular monthly meeting will be held in December. There will be a Holiday Social on December 5 hosted by Joe Scirica. P/C Audie Holmes offered the Benediction.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM.

The Squadron Education Report

Audie Holmes, JN



Happy New Year to All! I am so excited to see the progress that has been made with Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron since its chartering in June, 2005. It has been a little more than four years, and we have one of the best squadrons anywhere. Thanks to all of you for making this happen!

In the Education Department I am proud to report that we shall be offering the new ABC course for all five Tuesdays in March at the UGA Extension Service in Brunswick. In addition, we shall offer Boat Smart at the same location on 24 April. That way, if individuals are available on Tuesdays, they may take our ABC course. If they are unable to follow the Tuesday schedule, they may still take Boat Smart on a Saturday.

How is all of this happening you may be asking? Let me tell you that I am proud to report that we have Larry Jefferis, Vicky Jefferis, Jack Sterrett, Charles Wilsdorf, Coy Hodges and Steve Batson completing the Instructor Development course. I have enjoyed working with each of them on Instructor Development to build our educational leadership team. In addition, it is great to report that both Frank and Lynne Barron have been upgraded to Advanced Piloting status.

In December, we had two individuals to complete Boat Smart with us as well. They are Sarah Wright and Christine O'Meara. We hope they decide to join our squadron. Thanks go to Veronica Maguire for recruiting them for Boat Smart.

On Saturday, 23 January at our St. Simons Island home we shall host the D26 COW Silent Auction committee with a luncheon. Do consider coming at noon to 998 Beachview Drive, Marbella, for our luncheon planning session. We are located down the street from the King and Prince ocean side.

Don't forget, too, that you may take any class except Instructor Development as an independent study. Just let me or our assistant SEO, Charles Wilsdorf, know what you are interested in seeing us offer or for you to take independently.

Hope to see you soon on the water or in the classroom.

Respectfully submitted,
Audie Holmes, JN

Treasurer's Report

Linda Mahoney, S Treasurer

We finished 2009 in good standing.
Bank Balance of 2,784.51.
Reminder:

Audie and Paulette Harris-Holmes have
graciously invited all to a pot luck lunch on

Sat. Jan. 23rd at noon at 998 Beachview
Drive on St. Simons Island.

We will be starting to plan
solicitations for District COW.

October will be here before you know it.

Please RSVP to:
Linda Mahoney 912-265-6715
or lbmahoney@yahoo.com

Administrative Offices Report

Stephen Chambless, P



I would like to thank past Commander Charles Wilsdorf for his distinguished service and personal interest in my GISPS involvement. Almost two years ago, Charles returned my telephone call about the United States Power Squadron.

He encouraged for me join GISPS and further my education through the classes offered to members. I think we all know what an asset Charles has been and will continue to be for our Squadron and District.

As the Administrative Officer, am focused on all things within the Squadron but am especially enthusiastic about education and membership. I invite each member to further their boating skills by taking USPS classes this year. Through knowledge we can operate our vessels safer.

We all know people at could be great members of our Squadron, I encourage you to bring them

to a meeting. If each member recruited just one new member we could double our size in one year. We have an excellent opportunity to shine this year with the district COW at Jekyll Island. I want all the attending Squadrons to return to their home ports and be proud of the work their newest Squadron in the Golden Isles is doing.

We will have several boating trips to north and south destinations along the ICW. Last year the sailing yachts stayed in port during our boating trips. I hope this year we can put together some sail friendly trips and outings. One idea may be an annual GISPS regatta with sailing yachts from other Squadrons.

I look forward to a fun year on the water, in the class room, and at all of our Squadron functions. Remember this is your Squadron, be an active member and a proud member of GISPS. Please feel free to call or email me with ideas or questions.

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XO's Locker

Steve W. Batson, AP



It is an honor to serve as your Executive Officer for 2010. The Executive Department is responsible for the functions generally described as "external." Committees assigned to the executive department include boat show, cooperative charting, liaison, legislative, public relations, radio technical, safety, and vessel safety check.

Each month in this column, and throughout the Porthole, we will explore what we can do as a squadron and as individual members to meet our responsibility in these and other critical areas.

We will strive to staff these committees with eager, interested members to accomplish a full slate of objectives for 2010. Please indicate your willingness to participate. I look forward to coordinating these activities along with Commander Larry and the other Bridge officers. Happy New Year!

Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron 2010 Schedule

Date	Time	Function	Location
23 Jan	1715-1830	Executive Meeting	4 th of May Restaurant, Brunswick
	1830-2130	All Members Welcome	
2-5 Feb		National Meeting	Orlando, FL
27 Feb	1715-1830	Executive Meeting	4 th of May Restaurant, Brunswick
	1830-2130	All Members Welcome	
2 Mar	Evening	ABC Class 1	UGA Marine Extension
5-7 Mar		District 26 Spring Conference	The Weston Poinsett in Greenville, SC
9 Mar	Evening	ABC Class 2	UGA Marine Extension
16 Mar	Evening	ABC Class 3	UGA Marine Extension
23 Mar	Evening	ABC Class 4	UGA Marine Extension
30 Mar	Evening	ABC Class – Final & Exam	
27 Mar	1715-1830	Executive Meeting	4 th of May Restaurant, Brunswick
	1830-2130	All Members Welcome	
24 Apr	0900-1500	Boat Smart	UGA Marine Extension
24 Apr	1715-1830	Executive Meeting	4 th of May Restaurant, Brunswick
	1830-2130	All Members Welcome	
30 Apr – 2 May		Spring Cruise	Fernandina Beach (t)
		CoOp Charting	
??? May		District 26 Cruise & Rendezvous	North Strand- Myrtle Beach, SC
22 May	1715-1830	Executive Meeting	4 th of May Restaurant, Brunswick
	1830-2130	All Members Welcome	
24 May		National Safe Boating Week	
		VSC Weekend	
26 Jun	0900-1500	Boat Smart	UGA Marine Extension
26 Jun	1715-1830	Executive Meeting	4 th of May Restaurant, Brunswick
	1830-2130	All Members Welcome	
24 Jul	0900-1500	Boat Smart	UGA Marine Extension
24 Jul	1715-1830	Executive Meeting	4 th of May Restaurant, Brunswick
	1830-2130	All Members Welcome	
28 Aug	0900-1500	Boat Smart	UGA Marine Extension
28 Aug	1715-1830	Executive Meeting	4 th of May Restaurant, Brunswick
	1830-2130	All Members Welcome	
		Report of Nomination Committee	
2-7 Sep		National Fall Governing Board	Detroit, Michigan
7 Sep	Evening	ABC Class 1	UGA Marine Extension
14 Sep	Evening	ABC Class 2	UGA Marine Extension
21 Sep	Evening	ABC Class 3	UGA Marine Extension
28 Sep	Evening	ABC Class 4	UGA Marine Extension
25 Sep	1715-1830	Executive Meeting	4 th of May Restaurant, Brunswick
	1830-2130	All Members Welcome	
2 Oct	0730-1700	Coast Fest	Georgia DNR Site
			At the foot of Sidney Lanier Bridge
5 Oct	Evening	ABC Class – Final & Exam	UGA Marine Extension
15-17 Oct		District 26 Fall Conference & COW	Jekyll Island, GA
25 Oct	1715-1830	Executive Meeting	4 th of May Restaurant, Brunswick
	1830-2130	All Members Welcome	
13 Nov		GISPS COW	TBD
?? Dec	1830	GISPS Holiday Party	TBD
4th of May Café		UGA Marine Extension	Jekyll Oceanfront Resort
Main Street		715 Bay Street	Jekyll Island, GA
Brunswick, GA		Brunswick, GA 31520	

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 – Larry Jefferis
- 3 – Karen Hutcheson
- 13 – Steven Chambless
- 19 – Christopher Herzberg
- 20 – Veronica Maguire
- 24 – Kurt Glass



Happy Birthday to All!!

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