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## GISPS Contributions Are Growing!



CDR Larry Jefferis

This month has boosted my spirits! Not that I was disappointed or



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discouraged before now but activities during the recent two weeks have been a shot in the arm for our growing squadron.

Because of the proximity of the National Conference to our home location, our squadron had several members and

associate members in attendance in Orlando.

We had a very supportive article published in the Brunswick News concerning our purpose and our boating safety activities. The article included a confirming comment from the commander of the Brunswick Coast Guard Station about how important boating safety is and how it contributes to the overall safety of our local waterways.

### GOLDEN ISLES SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON 2010 BRIDGE

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We confirmed our class and instructor schedule for our March America's Boating Course sessions. At the time of our coordination meeting we weren't confident we would have more than 3-4 students. We continued our planning and preparation to start the course on Tuesday Evening, March 2. We decided to post an advertisement in the Brunswick news to hopefully make the public aware of the course. That ad ran for three days. At the time of our February meeting we still were not convinced we'd have many students. On March 2 the Brunswick News published a notice of our ABC course. Partially because of that notice, when we held the first training class, we had twelve students in that first class. The class went well and all instructors did excellent jobs of presenting their sections.

At our February meeting, we had three visitors from other Power Squadrons. Dr. David Curtis, SN, from the Cape Cod squadron and Bob, N, and Margaret Butler, N, from the Richmond VA Power squadron paid us a visit. We were extremely pleased to meet them and to make them feel at home with us. We hope to see them back soon.

Before and after the meeting we gained several more volunteers to help us with the 2010 D26 COW event our squadron is sponsoring. It is such a large undertaking and there are so many things to check to ensure a successful event that each member who volunteers helps to ensure that success. Thank you to all who have volunteered. There are still open positions for chair persons and volunteer workers. I'll publish an updated list shortly and you'll all get a copy.

We are working to prepare for a significant event for National Safe Boating Week which we plan to hold on Saturday, May 22, during the day before our Squadron monthly meeting. You'll hear more about that from the Executive Officer.

At the time of this writing, at least seven of us are planning to attend the D26 Spring Conference in Greenville, SC on 5-6 March. Also, we will be making a presentation to the conference concerning our preparations for the 2010 D26 COW. I'm looking forward to the conference and the awards ceremony that is part of the Spring Conference.

These are the contributors to my upbeat attitude and my soaring spirits. I hope you all feel the same level of encouragement and pride in our squadron that I do. We are doing good things for the community, just as we should be, we are providing continuing boating safety and education to the public, and we're having fun and sharing the camaraderie of other members. We are fulfilling the three aspects of the US Power Squadrons objectives. Congratulations to you all!!

Safe Boating.

## **Upcoming Events**

**2-5 February 1715**

National Meeting  
Orlando, Florida

**9 March  
ABC Class 2**

**UGA Marine Extension**  
Brunswick, GA

**16 March  
ABC Class 3**

**UGA Marine Extension**  
Brunswick, GA

**23 March  
ABC Class 4**

**UGA Marine Extension**  
Brunswick, GA

**30 March  
ABC Class 4**

**ABC Class  
– Final & Exam  
UGA Marine Extension**  
Brunswick, GA

**27 March 1715-1830**

Executive Meeting  
1830-2130

**Member Meeting**  
4th of May-  
Downtown Brunswick

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## Secretary's Report

Vicky Jefferis, AP Secretary



Cdr Larry Jefferis, AP, called the meeting to order 27 February 2010 at 7:00 PM. He provided the invocation, and P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Larry introduced Past Commander Charles Wilsdorf, SN. Guests David Curtis, SN, from Cape Cod Sail & Power Squadron, and Bob, N, and Margaret Butler, N, from Richmond Sail and Power Squadron were introduced.

Secretary Vicky Jefferis, AP, confirmed a Quorum was present. January Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Linda Mahoney, S, presented the Treasurer's Report for February 28, 2010. Balance on Hand is \$2465.99.

Asst SEO Charles Wilsdorf, SN, announced that the new America's Boating Course will be presented at the UGA Marine Extension Center each Tuesday in March from 7 – 9:30PM. For boaters needing a one day course, Boat Smart will be offered on the 4th Saturday in April. Charles also reminded the membership that any of the USPS courses may be taken via self study. Cdr Jefferis asked everyone to encourage friends to attend the ABC, Boat Smart and other safe boating courses.

Cdr Jefferis thanked Jack Sterrett, AP, for writing a nice article about GISPS for the Brunswick News. He added that XO Steve Batson will be working to intensify our Squadron Public Relations activities.

There was no New Business.

Old Business:

Cdr Jefferis provided an overview of the D26 Change of Watch meeting held with the hotel point of contact 26 February at the Jekyll Oceanfront Resort. Due to a transition in the resort staff, there were some gaps in understanding for meeting space, hospitality room, and credit requirements. He's confident all is again on track and thanked Howard, AP, and Jeanne Klippel for attending the session. He mentioned we still need individuals to volunteer for committees.

Pat Rodgers, AP, attended the USPS National Conference in Orlando, representing GISPS. Due to inclement weather, she had to leave the conference early, but picked up information for the Squadron.

Cdr Jefferis presented a certificate to Pat Rodgers, AP, acknowledging her placement onto the Coop Charting Honor Roll for the seventh year. She is ranked 212 nationwide for her level of achievement. Congratulations, Pat!

Howard Klippel moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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## The Squadron Education Report

Audie Holmes, JN



I can't believe how time flies. It is almost St. Patrick's Day! In our Education Department we have a cadre of new Instructor Development graduates. They are ready, able, and going with teaching the new ABC course version 3 on Tuesday evenings. Congratulations to all! They scored 96-100 on their exams. We are so appreciative to have the UGA Marine Extension Service Building for our classes.

Please remember that we shall offer Boat Smart as a one day course on Saturday 24 April at the UGA Marine Extension Service Building. As we know, there are some who can only come on Saturdays, and we in the GISPS want to accommodate all. Do spread the word about this course offering.

It is time for member feedback. What classes do you want offered? Which ones do you wish to self-study? What seminars do you wish that we offer? Our classes will soon have both classroom and on the boat/water instruction. Our classes are now offered to members and the general public as well. Please let me or P/C Wilsdorf know what courses and seminars interest you the most!

See you on the water soon!

Respectfully submitted,  
Audie Holmes, JN

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## XO's Locker

Steve W. Batson, AP



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.

As we prepare to place our vessels back into commission this spring, thoughts should again turn to boating safety. The Golden Isles Power Squadron spends a lot of time addressing boating safety in our classes, striving for our students to be equipped for whatever emergency or unusual conditions come their way.

I recommend to all of our students and us a new book, "Not Without Hope." We are probably remember the tragic situation about a year ago when four friends and football players set out in a poorly equipped 21-foot fishing boat on the Gulf of Mexico. In cold, stormy waters, Nick Schuyler eventually saw his three fishing buddies slip away suffering from hypothermia and related behaviors. The Coast Guard rescued him alone after forty-six hours.

Among other problems, the Coast Guard determined that the boat was swamped by high waves when the crew decided to shift the stuck anchor from the bow to the stern...something we teach our students never to do!

Keep boating safety foremost in our minds as we enjoy beautiful days on the water this spring and summer.

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## Administrative Offices Report

### Stephen Chambless, P



Spring is in the air and summer is on its way to the Golden Isles and I urge all of our members to participate in an active way. As one of the newest and smallest squadrons in District 26, staffing our committees can be a challenge. From the committee level (grass roots level within the squadron)

your thoughts and ideas are used to move our squadron into the future.

The Administrations Officers primary job description is all things within the squadron. I work for you and need to know what you want and what you think. In the very near future I will be looking for some committee members. Its very easy to serve on a committee, and our squadron needs your input.

I have just finished attending the District 26 Spring Conference in Greenville, South Carolina and bring back to our squadron a better understanding of our mission to the boating public and my responsibilities to our members.

Boating education and safety on the water is our mission. Golden Isles Power and Sail is located in one of the best locations for boating on the entire east coast and we need to capitalize on this fact. Our squadron membership needs to have fun as we push toward our common goals.

I urge all our members to attend our monthly meeting on the 4th Saturday of each month at the Fourth of May restaurant located in downtown Brunswick. Please look around and bring your friends to our monthly meeting. We need to expand our squadrons membership. Very soon, with the help of our newly found committee members, we will have our cruises and other member functions set for the rest of the year.

I look forward to hearing from you. Serving our members (you) is my job. Please email me at [chamblessairandsea@yahoo.com](mailto:chamblessairandsea@yahoo.com) or call (912) 399-0147

Happy boating and be safe.

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## Treasurer's Report

### Linda Mahoney, S Treasurer



I am pleased to report our bank balance is healthy with balance as of 3/3/10 of \$3,027.99

I've received the first donation of goods for our Silent Auction for COW2010 from Kathy

Batson.... Yahoo! Thanks Kathy!!!! If you were at our last meeting I probably "hit you up" for a donation; if not - be warned - I'll be bugging you in the next couple of months to think of what you

can donate for "the cause".

Kathy and Steve Batson cashed in some of their frequent traveler miles for a Talbot gift card as one of the items they will be donating, so please "think out of the box" and remember that your donation is tax deductible.

This month's hint: Jewelry is an item that has done well at auctions past.

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## HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

8 – Lynda Sterrett  
16 – Jim Mahoney  
18 – Samuel Tannahill  
19 – Joey Herzberg  
25 – Elaine Boothman



*Happy Birthday to All!!*

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