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## An Exciting Spring For the GISPS!



CDR Larry Jefferis

It has been another great month for our squadron and April and May are going



to be really enjoyable with all the activities we have planned.

Our trip to the District Spring Conference

was informative and rewarding. Seven of our squadron members made it to Greenville to participate. We had representatives at

the Friday afternoon training sessions, the Friday night "Chinese New Year" festivities, the Saturday business meetings and the Saturday Banquet.

The Saturday Banquet was a very rewarding as P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN was recognized as Squadron Commander of the Year! This distinction is awarded by the District Commander to the Squadron Commander she feels has made the greatest contribution

### GOLDEN ISLES SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON 2010 BRIDGE

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to the goals of District 26.

Awards the Squadron received included:

- Distinction in Journalism Award for our Monthly Newsletter - Congratulations to Lt Joey Herzberg, P, our Porthole editor for producing a consistently fine product.
- Website Excellence Award – Congratulations to D/Lt Joe Scirica, S, for his excellent work in maintaining our website.
- District Membership Award – 26% increase – 10 new members – presented for having the highest percentage of increase in membership from 1 Jan - 31 Dec 2009
- Prince Henry the Navigator – Second Place – (just hundredths behind Savannah River) – presented for the greatest improvement in Advanced Grades as a percentage of membership.
- Wolfe Ewing Educational Achievement – 2nd Year – presented for overall Education Achievement based on members passing courses and achieving Educational proficiency .

We have completed the March America's Boating Course sessions. Our class grew to 14 students and all passed our course. Course instructors included Lt/C Steve Batson, AP, Lt/C Steven Chambliss, P, Lt/C Vicky Jefferis, AP, Jack Sterrett, AP, P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN, and Cdr Larry Jefferis, AP. My thanks to all instructors who participated to make this a very successful course for the students and the squadron.

We have had several more members volunteer to assistance with the 2010 D26 COW. I have included a roster of D26 COW Volunteers for everyone's reference. Our thanks to all who have volunteered. There are still open positions for chair persons and volunteer workers.

National Safe Boating Week You'll hear more about that from the Executive Officer.

At our March meeting, our three visitors, Dr. David Curtis, SN, from the Cape Cod squadron and Bob Butler, N, and Margaret Butler, N, from the Richmond VA Power squadron, returned for another visit. We were extremely pleased to see them and to make them feel at home with us. We hope to see them back soon.

I'd like to welcome our newest Associate Member from the Savannah River Sail and Power Squadron, Lt/C Moses McIntosh, P. Moses is the SRSPS Executive Officer. Moses we're extremely glad you've chosen to "associate" with us and we hope to see you soon.

I'd also like to welcome our newest Active Member who has joined us from our March ABC Student body, Ralph Hanline and his wife Sandy. Welcome Ralph. We're pleased to have you and Sandy join our Squadron.

I've included an updated Squadron Activities Calendar with this edition of the Porthole. There have been several changes I'd like to highlight. Changes are indicated by the ">>" symbol:

>> 30 Apr – 2 May Spring Cruise cancelled - Coop Charting event instead.

>> 8 May – Coop Charting Activity – from Golden Isles Marina aboard ODYSSEY and

SUMMERTIME to survey "Bird Island" and to verify Ranges near Saint Simon Sound. Return to Golden Isles for "Burgers and Dogs" on the dock. Bring your own lunch and drinks. (departure time to be finalized). PS - Please bring your own PFD if you have one. ODYSSEY only has PFDs for 8 adults and 2 children.

15-17 May – District Cruise and Rendezvous @ Georgetown Marina, Georgetown, SC  
Cruise in or drive in and stay at the Hampton Inn across the street from the Marina. Find the link for reservations and more info on our website, [www.gisps.org](http://www.gisps.org).

>> 20 November – Squadron Change of Watch – changed from 13 November to accommodate District 26 Officer attendance at the event.

>> 11 December – Squadron Holiday Party – Location TBD ( previously no date set)

We are always on the lookout for alternative meeting sites but the 4th of May Cafe has made great strides in improving their food quality and service over the past 3 months. I'd encourage any who are skipping meetings to avoid the 4th of May Café food and service to give them another try. They've been trying extra hard to provide us good quality food and service.

As I said earlier, April and May are going to be busy and exciting.  
Hope to see all of you at some of the activities!  
Safe Boating to all!

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### Secretary's Report

**Vicky Jefferis, AP Secretary**

Cdr Larry Jefferis, AP, called the meeting to order 27 March 2010 at 7:00 PM. He provided the invocation, and Joe Scirica, S, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Larry introduced Past Commanders Charles Wilsdorf, SN, and John Rodgers, SN. New member Ralph Hanline and his spouse, Sandy, were introduced and guests David Curtis, SN, Cape Cod Sail & Power Squadron, and Bob, N, and Margaret Butler, N, Richmond Sail and Power Squadron were introduced and welcomed back.



Secretary Vicky Jefferis, AP, confirmed a Quorum

was present. February Minutes were approved. She summarized Executive Committee Meeting business:

- XO Steve Batson, AP, presented a proposal for Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron to set up a display at West Marine and special activities for the membership meeting to kick off National Safe

Boating Week on Saturday May 22.

- Admin Officer Steven Chambless, P, announced he's working on getting volunteers for his committees and Frank Barron will fill one of the positions. He also reported he's looking at scheduling some on the water activities including meeting at the various local marinas as part of this program and is planning to line up speakers for Membership Meetings.

Vicky announced the Squadron was honored by D/26 with a Website Award and a Distinction in Journalism Award for the Porthole. She thanked Joe Scirica and Joey Herzberg, P, for their great work.

Treasurer Linda Mahoney, S, presented the Treasurer's Report for March 27, 2010. Balance \$2969.55.

XO Steve Batson announced details for the May 22 – 28 Safe Boating Week activities will be published in the Porthole.

Admin Officer Steven Chambless asked for member input for activities at the docks and also ideas for speakers.

Co-op Charting Chair Pat Rodgers, AP, announced that there will be a Co-op Charting event on Saturday, May 8. She plans for everyone to meet at Golden Isles Marina and cruise on one or two boats to chart ranges and the sand island in nearby waters. More details will be announced at the next meeting and in the Porthole. Cdr Jefferis asked Pat to contact D26 Co-op Charting Chair Ron Lynch with this information since he expressed interest in participating in Squadron events.

Commander Jefferis announced that GISPS won several awards at the D/26 Spring Conference in addition to those mentioned by the Secretary. They are:

- D/26 Commander of the Year 2009 – PC Charles Wilsdorf, SN
- Membership Award – 10 new members in 2009, a 26% increase
- Prince Henry the Navigator Honorable Mention – for greatest improvement by a squadron in members completing advanced grade courses
- Wolfe – Ewing Educational Achievement – for overall education achievement based on members passing courses and achieving Educational Proficiency status

Cdr Jefferis announced that National USPS has posted the Squadron's membership goal for 2010. Our goal is to grow the Squadron by a net of 2 new members. With everyone's help, we can far surpass this goal. He also thanked new volunteers for stepping up to help with the D/26 Fall Conference:

Pat Rodgers, Table Decorations

Coy Hodges, AP, Friday Night Activities MC

Richard, AP, and Dorothy Jones, Hospitality Suite Co-Chairs

The D/26 Cruise and Rendezvous is scheduled for May 14-16 in Georgetown, SC. Joe Scirica will create a link on our GISPS website so members can get more information.

Asst SEO Charles Wilsdorf, SN, announced that the new America's Boating Course been presented at the UGA Marine Extension Center each Tuesday in March from 7 – 9:30PM. Thirteen students are expected to complete the course. For boaters needing a one day course, Boat Smart will be offered on the 4th Saturday in April. Another ABC class will be offered in September.

Joe Scirica moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

**13 - Lynne Barron**

**15 - Audie Holmes**

**18 - Stuart Stratton**



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## **Treasurer's Report**

**Linda Mahoney, S Treasurer**



Bank balance as of 3/31/10 is \$2,969.55

Silent Auction update:

I am delighted that there are lots of you who have informed me of your intention to donate to the

Silent Auction portion of our hosting of the District Change of Watch in October. Reminder it's just not too early to think of what you can contribute to "support the cause"; I encourage you to bring items to our monthly meetings.

This month's thought worth sharing is:

Do you have or know someone who may be willing to donate a stay at a vacation home. Those who will be in attendance are a very well traveled group, so it does not even have to be a local spot.

Please let me know if you have something in mind;

And remember that all items donated are tax deductible.

**Linda Mahoney 912-265-6715**

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## The Squadron Education Report

Audie Holmes, JN



Ahoy, all! What a beautiful spring we are having, and here in Augusta, GA we shall begin the Masters' Golf tournament in the morning! I have a feeling some of you enjoy golfing and boating, and well we should! Our guests from Chicago for the week have just arrived, and I have been busy telling them about beautiful St. Simons, and the best USPS squadron in the nation, our growing Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron!

Our GISPS Education Department is proud to say that we have had 12 students over the last few weeks actively enrolled in the ABC course. We are proud of the group of instructors and students, and we shall list all names of those involved in our next Porthole!

In addition, we shall be offering Boat Smart on Saturday, 24 April 2010 at the UGA Marine Extension Service on Bay Street (the lower end). Please invite your friends who

did not just complete the ABC course with us to join us for an all day course that Saturday.

How about the awards that we keep receiving at the district level? No one could be prouder than I of all that everyone as members are accomplishing. Did you notice tat both of our past commanders (most recently, P/C Wilsdorf and two years ago, myself) have been chosen District Commanders of the year?

We are really planning a great D26 COW in October. I hope it is on everyone's calendar.

Just let me know any course, too, that you would be interested in taking as a group or as self-study. After all, Safer Boating through Education is a theme we want all to realize as they are truly safe on the water...wherever that water happens to be!

See you soon (on the water or at our meetings).  
Audie Holmes, SEO

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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.

On Saturday, May 22, we will have a Safe Boating Week event at West Marine in Brunswick from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will have volunteers (want to volunteer?) for shifts to staff an information table, distribute safe boating materials, and conduct two workshops for young people and their parents. Then, at our regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at The 4th of May Deli and Café, we will have a program focusing on safe boating. More details later.

BUT, we need you to wear your PFDs (regular, inflatable, inflated, whatever). Hopefully, we will have special guests and reinforce our boating safety mission.

**CALENDAR ALERT:** May 22-28 is National Safe Boating Week. The theme is "Wear It!" again promoting the use of PFDs.

I hope you're enjoying this great weather and the start to a beautiful boating season. Be safe and prepare for our Safe Boating Week events in May.



# 2010 Events Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Location</u>
24 Apr	0900-1500	Boat Smart	UGA Marine Extension
24 Apr	1715-1830	Executive Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> of May Restaurant, Brunswick
	1830-2130	All Members Welcome	
<del>30 Apr – 2 May</del>			<del>Spring Cruise – Fernandina Beach (t)</del>
>> 8 May		CoOp Charting	
15-17 May		District 26 Cruise & Rendezvous Sponsored by North Strand	Georgetown, SC
21 - 27 May		National Safe Boating Week VSC Weekend	
22 May	0900-1600	National Safe Boating Week Event	West Marine, Brunswick, GA
22 May	1715-1830	Executive Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> of May Restaurant, Brunswick
	1830-2130	All Members Welcome	
26 Jun	0900-1500	Boat Smart	UGA Marine Extension
26 Jun	1715-1830	Executive Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> of May Restaurant, Brunswick
	1830-2130	All Members Welcome	
2-7 Sep		Report of Nomination Committee 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 <sup>th</sup> 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
23 Oct	1715-1830	Executive Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> of May Restaurant, Brunswick
	1830-2130	All Members Welcome	
>> 20 Nov		GISPS COW	TBD
>> 11 Dec	1830	GISPS Holiday Party	TBD
4 <sup>th</sup> of May Café			UGA Marine Extension Jekyll
Oceanfront Resort			
Main Street		715 Bay Street	Jekyll Island, GA
Brunswick, GA			Brunswick, GA 31520

>> Denotes Change

## D26 COW Committees

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations (Motel/Conference rooms/hospitality/etc)

1. Chair: ***Lt/C Howard Klippel, AP and 1Lt Jeanne Klippel***
2. Volunteers:
  - a. ***Cdr Larry Jefferis, AP & Lt/C Vicky Jefferis, AP***
  - b. ***P/C Nettie Dumais, AP***

Public Relations

1. Chair: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Volunteers

Registration

1. Chair: ***Lt Teresa Wilsdorf, S***
2. Volunteers:
  - a. ***Sara Grimshaw***
  - b. ***Joe Scirica, S***
3. Record Keeping
4. Desk during COW
5. Meal Tickets

Ditty Bags

1. Chair: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Volunteers: ***P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN*** – to find the bags.

Silent Auction

1. Chair: ***Lt/C Linda Mahoney, S***
2. Volunteers:

Hospitality Room

1. Chair: ***Lt Richard Jones, AP & Dorothy Jones***
2. Volunteers:
3. Bartenders: ***Jim Mahoney , P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN***

Teaching Aids

1. Chair: ***P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN***
2. Volunteers:

Events:

1. Friday Night

- a. Chair: **Coy Hodges, AP**
- b. Volunteers: **Cdr Larry Jefferis, AP – to build boats**

2. Saturday Meeting

- a. Chair: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Members Lunch

- a. Chair: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Spouse/Guest Activity

- a. Chair: **Jeanne Klippel, S**
- b. Volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Saturday Banquet

- a. Chair: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Sunday Brunch

Chair: **P/C Paulette Harris-Holmes, JN and P/C Audie Holmes, JN**

Volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_

Meals:

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_

Decorations

Chair: **Lt Pat Rodgers, AP**

- 1. Friday Night
- 2. Banquet

Gifts for USPS Chief's Rep

Printing

- 1. Tickets for meals
- 2. Weekend Agenda
- 3. Map from hotel to event locations
- 4. Name Tags
- 5. Program for Banquet Saturday Evening
- 6. Place Cards for head table (and other tables if doing assigned seating)

Transportation – **Lt/C Steven Chambliss, P** will provide SUV for boaters to “self transport”