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CDR Larry Jefferis

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I cannot help but be
upbeat as our squadron's
activities continue



to surprise me. We
have gained another
new member over
the last month! Tim
Lahrs from Douglas
has joined after
some great recruiting

from Howard, AP,
and Jeanne Klippel!
Welcome aboard
Tim, we look forward
to having you and
Karla among us!
Keeping with

membership, I need
to remind ALL of
you that you need to
check to see if your
membership renewal
is due. You can check
your dues status by
following the link
<http://www.usps.org/dues>
<<http://www.usps.org/dues>> . Select the
first option. Enter your
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select "Request Invoice
Number". The system
will ask you for your
certificate number again
and your area code. It
will show your invoice
number which you need
to write down. Close
that window and enter
your invoice number

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in the window where it was originally requested. The system will display your invoice and will allow you to renew on-line using a credit card.

If you're interested in the 8 May Coop Charting event and haven't yet let us know you wanted to go, either email me or call me and let me know. Time is close. I've sent out an email with specifics about the event. If you haven't seen it, contact me and I'll get the information to you. Be sure to let us know you're coming and if you'll be having dinner with us so we can make sure we have enough food.

Remember, we're leaving from Golden Isles Marina at 10AM on 8 May. Please get there a little early so we can assign boats, fit our PFD's, and review the process for surveying the ranges on chart #11506. Bring your own lunch and drinks, a PFD, binoculars if you'd like and a handheld GPS could be helpful. Hamburgers will be provided for all who plan to participate in the cookout following the cruise. Please bring your own drinks and a dish to share with everyone after the cruise.

Don't forget the Safe Boating Week Activity on 22 May. XO still needs volunteers to man a booth at West Marine in Brunswick. Also, wear your PFD to our meeting on 22 May at the 4th of May Cafe in downtown Brunswick to call attention to Safe Boating Activities.

Check out the Admin officer's note about the 1st Marina Dockside Gathering which is scheduled for 16 June at Jekyll Island Marina. It's midweek so come on over and enjoy some camaraderie with your fellow GISPS members.

Please check out the Putt-Putt-Boat information on www.sciencetoymaker.org <www.sciencetoymaker.org>. We're going to be building 14 of these little ladies for the D26 COW Boat Regatta. Let me know if you'd like to be a "boat builder". They'll have to be built and tested so there'll be plenty of opportunity for volunteers to "play" with them. Email me if you'd like to help with the boats or the "regatta".

Safe Boating All.

Secretary's Report

Vicky Jefferis, AP Secretary

Cdr Larry Jefferis, AP, called the meeting to order 24 April 2010 at 6:55 PM. He provided the invocation, and Steven Chambliss, S, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Larry introduced Past Commanders Paulette Harris-Holmes,



JN, Audie Holmes, JN, and John Rodgers, SN. New member Ralph Hanline and his spouse, Sandy, and guests Bob and Dee Morrison from the Jacksonville Power Squadron were introduced and welcomed

back. Cdr Jefferis then presented Audie Holmes his Certificate of Completion for a recent Operational Training course.

Secretary Vicky Jefferis, AP, confirmed a Quorum was present. March Minutes were approved. Larry Jefferis reported that XO Steve Batson, AP, needs four volunteers (two for each two hour shift) for the GISPS display at West Marine and requests members wear PFDs for the membership meeting to kick off National Safe Boating Week on Saturday May 22. SEO P/C Audie Holmes, JN, announced that 14 students completed the new America's Boating Course and several of the five recent graduates of the Instructor Development course helped present the class. The next Boat Smart class will be held July 24 and plans for a Seamanship class are in the works – dates still TBD.

Old Business:

Cdr Jefferis asked all members to check their

status of membership renewal on USPS online. He asked everyone to renew their memberships in a timely manner and noted how it can be done very easily online. Those not renewing online should look for a paper invoice via regular mail.

Due to scheduling conflicts of the District 26 Bridge Officers, the GISPS Squadron Change of Watch has been changed from 13 to 20 November and the Squadron Calendar reflects the change. Larry mentioned that it's a quiet time for D26 Change of Watch preparations, but the proposed budget will be due in May or June. He thanked members for their Silent Auction donations and also thanked Joe Scirica, S, for the design idea for the boats to be used in the Friday night boat race.

There was no New Business.

To prepare everyone for the upcoming 8 May Co-op Charting event, Stf/C John Rodgers, Assistant Chairman of USPS National Co-op Charting, SN, showed an informative video that covered the history of charting in the United States and the mission of NOAA. President Jefferson originally

ordered a "survey of the coast" because transportation by water was so vital to the fledgling nation.

Because the importance of maintaining up to date charts and safe waterways has grown over the years, USPS has become an important partner with NOAA and the Coast Guard in identifying changes in US waterways and aids to navigation. Through USPS co-op charting activities, charts are updated far more often than they might otherwise be done.

John went on to explain that Squadron members will be focusing on checking the range markers located in local waters on our adopted NOAA chart 11506. Co-op Charting Chair Pat Rodgers, AP, announced that everyone planning to attend should meet at Golden Isles Marina at 10:00 AM. Bring lunch and drinks; also there will be a cookout after the cruise. Hamburgers will be provided, please bring a dish to share and your own drinks. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Mahoney, S Treasurer



Bank balance as of 4/30/10 is \$2,697.73

Silent Auction update:

We have a few items being stored in our secure warehouse [Linda's basement] waiting their unveiling at the 2010

District COW. I have lots of room, so keep those items coming.

This month's suggested donation item is: jewelry... Perhaps you create pieces/ or have some estate pieces

you'd like to go to our worthy cause.

Reminder.... All items are tax deductible at the value you set. [e-bay is a great cross reference for appropriate values]

Please let me know if you have something in mind.

Linda Mahoney
Treasurer

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The Squadron Education Report

Audie Holmes, JN



The GISPS had five instructors complete the teaching of the ABC 3rd edition. These were GISPS members that I had the pleasure of instructing in the Instructor Development course earlier this year. The ones who were outstanding teachers for the ABC course were: P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN; Cdr. Larry Jefferis, AP; Vicki Jefferis, AP; Jack Sterrett, AP; and Steve Chambliss, AP. Steve Batson also completed Instructor development. From the class with its 14 students we are pleased to announce that we have a new member who was sworn in at our April dinner meeting. He is Ralph Hanline. His wife also was in the class; we hope she decides to join our membership soon. Seamanship for those who have just finished the ABC course and anyone else interested will be offered soon. Please see Charles Wilsdorf, SN, for details.

Please note that Moses McIntosh, the Executive officer, of the Savannah River Sail and Power Squadron has recently joined GISPS as an associate member. He has family in Brunswick, and he hopes to be very active in both squadrons.

The next Boat Smart will be held on Saturday, 24 July. Please remember that if you know anyone interested to encourage them to join us.

We need to think about this year's Chapman award nominee. Last year our commander, Charles Wilsdorf, SN, won for the district. I'll need letters of support for this year's nominee right away. Email me suggestions as soon as you read this edition of the Porthole!

About 4 years ago this spring we completed the Co-op training on the Summertime that will be offered this Saturday, 8 May 2010. If you haven't planned to do so, please reconsider it is an education in itself! Many thanks to John and Pat and Larry and Vicki for offering this on the water coop charting experience again.

See you soon!

Audie Holmes, SEO

XO's Locker

Steve W. Batson, AP



May 22-28 is National Safe Boating Week. The theme is "Wear It!" promoting the use of Personal Flotation Devices.

On Saturday, May 22, we will have a Safe Boating event at West Marine in Brunswick from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will have volunteers (want to volunteer?) for shifts to staff an information table, distribute safe boating materials, and conduct two informal 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. We need you to wear your PFDs (regular, inflatable, inflated, May West, comic, etc.).

Hopefully, we will have special guests and reinforce our boating safety mission. The CG Station Brunswick OIC has also been invited.

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. 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.

Administrative Offices Report

Stephen Chambless, P



As I write to you today, I am in a hotel in Tallahassee, FL on day four of six flying around the country. I need boat in a bad way. On May 8th, over 20 of our members will be on a boat, well let's call it a yacht charting our local coastal waters.

Coop charting is an important way the USPS helps the general boating public. I am sure everyone will have a great time on the water and at the gathering for dinner after the mission is completed. We are very lucky to have the Rodgers with all their coop charting knowledge.

Next month on June 16th at 5.30 pm we will have our first MDG (marina dockside gathering) at Jekyll Harbor Marina. The idea is to enjoy our love of boating at our local marinas once a month as a group. In the following months,

we will bring the event to both Golden Isles Marina and Brunswick Landing Marina. The setting will be for our members with boats at the host marina to position their boats close together and use the dock between them as party central.

The main course will be cooked dockside and all attending members bringing a small cover dish. More information will be forthcoming during the month of May. RSVP will be required to help plan the resources needed for each MDG. I hope many of you can attend this mid week event each month during the summer.

Happy and safe boating.

Adm. Officer Steven Chambless