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Lots of Activities Planned For June



CDR Larry Jefferis

May was a very active and productive month for the squadron. June is going to be as well



with the 1st Marina Dockside Gathering and several D26 COW preparation activities. If you haven't volunteered

yet, please contact me. We will soon be in the "Assignment" process and I plan to give volunteers their first choice of duty.

Besides, it's "gonna be a lot of fun!"

Our Coop Charting Range Survey event went extremely well! We had 19 participants in the survey and 14 who stayed for dinner.

My thanks to John, SN, and Pat Rodgers, AP, for the initial organization, Vicky Jefferis, AP, and Linda Mahoney, S, for helping organize the food and "Chef" Charles Wilsdorf, SN, for his expert burger

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preparation. Karla Lahrs' Carrot salad was a winner and she's agreed to share the recipe you'll find elsewhere in this edition.

Our Safe Boating Week Activity on 22 May resulted in an active booth at West Marine. We completed 2 Vessel Safety Checks, and had 12 folks wearing PFDs at dinner later that evening. Senior Chief Jeremy McConnell and his wife Jackie were our guests at dinner and Chief McConnell shared his thoughts, objectives and some of his methods for approaching the Boating Safety Mission in the Golden Isles. My thanks to Steve Batson for organizing the event and Charles Wilsdorf, SN, Tim Lahrs, and Linda Mahoney, S, for manning the booth and thanks to Jim Mahoney and Jim Grimshaw, AP,, AP, for checking up on us..

Bob, S, and Dee, S, Morrison from the Jacksonville Squadron and Dr David Curtis, SN, from the Cape Cod squadron have applied to transfer their membership to Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron and by the time of the June meeting, they should be members of our squadron. Welcome to you!

Our meeting this month, 26 June, 6:30PM, will be held at the 4th of May Café in downtown Brunswick, GA. The restaurant is changing it's name to The Royal Café but they're still committed to host us at our monthly meetings.

Check out the Admin officer's note about the 1st Marina Dockside Gathering which is REscheduled for 15 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 <http://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". Charles Wilsdorf has managed to build one to verify the process. He said it's a lot of fun and really not that hard.

Most of you have now renewed your membership. This is another reminder to PLEASE renew. We have a healthy, growing squadron and it would be great to keep or progress alive and growing. You can check your dues status by following the link to <http://www.usps.org/dues>. Select the first option. Enter your certificate number and 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 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.

Safe Boating All.

XO's Locker

Steve W. Batson, AP



As we watch the oil continuing to spew from the pipe in the Gulf, various groups (environmentalists, fishermen, boaters, shrimpers, local Chambers, politicians, etc.) continue to call for resolution despite apparent slow responses and lack of ideas. We will all be impacted long-term by this disaster.

The CDC says that the dispersants can cause rashes and dry skin, eye irritation, and respiratory problems.

It may only be a matter of time until the "loop currents" bring the oil to the Golden Isles, up the eastern coast,

and across to Europe. If oil comes into our boating areas and marinas, USPS recommends:

Not crossing containment booms, not running motors with seawater intakes, hauling out boats if possible, call the BP Community Information Hotline at 866-448-5816 to make a report, and report the situation and any damage to your insurance agent.

Our prayers are with our boating colleagues and coastal neighbors to the west. We also are praying that this major disaster does not "round the horn" and head our way!

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.

Secretary's Report

Vicky Jefferis, AP Secretary



Cdr Larry Jefferis, AP, called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM on May 22, 2010. He provided the invocation and Joe Scirica, S, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Larry introduced Past Commanders John Rodgers, SN, and

Charles Wilsdorf, SN. Members George, S, and Lallah Eshliman were given a warm welcome back. New member Tim Lahrs and guests Bob and Dee Morrison from the Jacksonville Power Squadron were introduced and welcomed back. A special welcome was given to Sr. Chief Jeremy McConnell, Commander of Coast Guard Station Brunswick and his wife.

Secretary Vicky Jefferis, AP, confirmed a Quorum was present. April Minutes were approved. Treasurer Linda Mahoney, S, presented the Treasurer's Report. Balance on Hand as of 22 May is \$3,218.55 which includes income from recent

member renewals. Linda reminded everyone that we still need several more items to include in the D/26 Fall Conference Silent Auction. Proceeds will be used to benefit the Squadron. She encouraged everyone to think about items to contribute.

Cdr Jefferis reported for the SEO that the next Boat Smart class will be held July 24 at the UGA Marine Extension Center. Plans for a Seamanship class are in the works – dates still TBD. A Sail course will be offered in August. Sr. Chief McConnell offered to have one of his Coast Guard team attend our training sessions and present all or part of a course. SEO Audie Holmes, JN, is preparing the Squadron's nomination for this year's Chapman Award.

Old Business:

Cdr Jefferis reported that the Squadron kicked off National Safe Boating week by manning tables at West Marine on Saturday morning and afternoon. Members Linda and Jim Mahoney, Tim Lahrs, Charles Wilsdorf, and Larry Jefferis distributed literature, conducted two Vessel Safety Checks and visited with many shoppers about GISPS and boating safety.

He 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.

The May Co-op Charting was a huge success. Nineteen members participated in helping to check and chart twelve ranges in the area. Thanks to all, especially to John and Pat, AP, Rodgers for their planning and Charles Wilsdorf for the computer/recording help. Fifteen people attended the cookout and the food and fellowship was excellent. Larry mentioned that it's a quiet time for D26 Change of Watch preparations, but we'll be gearing up with plans soon. He thanked Charles Wilsdorf for constructing a prototype and Joe Scirica, S, for the design idea for the boats to be used in the Friday night boat race.

Members need to watch for an email or the next Porthole with details about the next on-the-water event being planned by Admin Officer Steven Chambless, P. It will be held on June 16 at the Jekyll Harbor Marina.

New Business:

XO Steve Batson, AP, worked with Brunswick Mayor Thompson who signed a Proclamation declaring the week of 22 – 28 May as Safe Boating Week in Brunswick, the Golden Isles and SE Georgia waters. Cdr Jefferis and Sr. Chief McConnell posed for a photo featuring the Proclamation that will be sent to the Brunswick News for publicity regarding Boating Safety and the roles GISPS and the Coast Guard play to this end.

Following dinner, Sr. Chief Jeremy McConnell, Commander Coast Guard Station Brunswick gave an informative talk about the mission of the Station and shared his impressions on the state of boating safety in the local area. Following his presentation, he answered several questions posed by the members in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

9 – James Byrd
26 – Angie Lowe
30 – Lalla Eshliman



Treasurer's Report

Linda Mahoney, S Treasurer



Bank balance as of 5/31/10 is
\$3,218.55

Friendly Reminder:

Dues renewal was to be done
by the end of this month.
Remember it's fast and easy
on-line.

<http://www.usps.org/dues/>

This month's suggested item is: furniture – yes really!
Of course I mean smaller transportable pieces!

I have access to a volunteer "refinisher" so the
condition of the piece doesn't matter, I just need it
soon enough for her to work on it.

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.

Silent Auction update:

Remember to bring your items to me at our regular
meeting. It will help a lot to get our inventory and
bid sheets set up in advance.

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The Squadron Education Report

Audie Holmes, JN



First, I hope everyone is planning to attend the District 26 Change of Watch in October. Many of you joined GISPS as provisional members when we were just getting started. Then, you stayed on as charter members. In some cases I have not had the privilege of seeing you for some time. The district conference will give you the opportunity to meet individuals interested in boating from all over Georgia and South Carolina. Since we in GISPS are the hosts and the conference will be close by at Jekyll Island, we should all make every effort to be there. I look forward to seeing many of you again at that time if not sooner. The Education Seminar at the District COW will be held on Friday afternoon 15 October; plan to attend!

I know that all of us are interested in boating and boating safety. On Saturday, 24 July, we shall offer the Boat Smart course. Member participation in inviting friends, co-workers, neighbors, and others to the course will be most appreciated. A successful boating safety course is a team effort, and I truly appreciate your letting everyone who might be interested know that we'll be at the UGA Marine Extension Service on that Saturday!

Please consider taking additional courses. In 2008 and in 2009 the GISPS won the Wolf-Ewing Education Award as the squadron with the highest percentage of its members passing courses in all areas. Let's try to keep that award for 2010 for the third time!

I want to thank all of you who have submitted letters of support for our nomination to District 26 for our choice for the 2010 Chapman Award. As I am sure you remember our P/C Charles Wilsdorf was the most recent D26 recipient of the Chapman award as well as 2009 Commander of the Year award! Let's hope we can do it again!

I plan to submit, as SEO, a grant request to the USPS Educational Fund to support development of a boating safety education curriculum for individuals where English is a second language. Let me know if you are interested in this project, too.

See you on the water!

Audie Holmes, SEO



Marinated Carrot Salad by Karla Lahrs

- 4 cans baby or sliced carrots - drained
- 1 or 2 green peppers - sliced or cut into rings
- 1 medium onion - sliced

Mix:

- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup vegetable or canola oil
- 3/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1TBS Worcestershire Sauce - or a little more
- 1 TBS prepared mustard - or a little more salt & pepper

Mix all together - refrigerate

Administrative Offices Report

Stephen Chambless, P



Happy June to everyone. Our first dockside get together is scheduled for June 16th at Jekyll Island Harbor Marina. We are moving this event up one day to Tuesday June 15th at 6:00 pm. We will have several of our members boats dockside with food and drinks on and around them.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken breast, cokes and bottled water will be provided by the host (me). Please bring a small covered

dish or bag of chips with you. If you want beer or wine please bring your own. Please email or call and let me know if you plan to attend. Jekyll Harbor is and great laid back marina with a restaurant, pool, hot tub, showers and is located just to the right of the bridge as you come onto the island.

Happy boating and be safe.

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