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Marina Dockside Gathering a Success!



CDR Larry Jefferis

First -- My apologies to all for being late with my input. A loss in the family



and a separate family commitment interfered with my preparation. We're now into the mid-July timeframe and

the press of the D26 COW is upon us. We're going to be busy this month with that preparation as well as some

significant training and education opportunities the Squadron is undertaking.

Our first Marina Dockside Gathering which was rescheduled for 15 June at Jekyll Island Marina was pretty well attended and gave us an indication that another later in the summer might be well received. I want to extend my thanks to Steve Chambless, S,

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for organizing and hosting the event. Let's hear from our Brunswick Landing contingent for a volunteer for the next Marina Dockside Gathering.

Our membership seems to be in good shape. We've lost a few but have a net GAIN in membership for the year. My thanks to all our new members and especially to our Membership Committee Chairman, P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN, for his dedication to our growth.

The Seamanship class is going well with finals being administered mid-July. Good luck to the six students. We have a sailing class tentatively scheduled for August. Contact P/C Wilsdorf to sign up and gain some valuable sailing knowledge through this course. Two of our members have successfully completed the Engine Maintenance Course.

We have Boat Smart scheduled for 24 July. Please help promote boating safety by encouraging your friends and neighbors who have boats but haven't been to a boating safety class to attend. The class will be on 24 July at the UGA Extension facility on Bay Street in Brunswick.

We're nearing the time for our nomination committee to recommend our bridge slate for next year. If you're interested in serving the squadron as an officer, please contact P/C Audie Holmes, JN, or P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN, to discuss the options.

Our meeting this month, 24 July, 6:30PM, will be held at the Royal Café (formerly 4th of May Café) in downtown Brunswick, GA. We are still on the lookout for no/low cost alternatives so if you have a candidate, please let the bridge know so we can check it out for the membership.

Safe Boating All.

XO's Locker

Steve W. Batson, AP



Two of the responsibilities of the Executive Department are liaison and public relations. As we approach the time for the District 26 COW, this is an opportune time to emphasize both.

We all should work hard on the "relationship" of our Squadron to the relevant organizations

and businesses in our area. With our May meeting, we made great strides with connecting to the US Coast Guard, Station Brunswick. This unit safeguards our waters and as we pursue our favorite activity. We need to insure constant communication with them for information, clarity of mission, and mutual support.

There are other relationships we should continue to strongly cultivate. Boat dealers sell boats to customers who should be our prospects for classes and membership. Our local West Marine dealer supported us strongly in

celebrating “National Safe Boating Week” in May. They are our natural partners for all things boating.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is another enforcement agency protecting our waters and the boating public. We need to work closely with them to enhance the Golden Isles boating environment.

Our local newspapers, radio, and television should be constantly cultivated to insure that information regarding our programs and classes are being disseminated to the public. This also strengthens our budget and membership.

As you go about your daily activities, think about those businesses and agencies that will strengthen our mission as the Power Squadron in the Golden Isles and communicate with them or remind the Bridge about them.

ENJOY THE SUMMER!

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 7:05 PM June 26, 2010. He provided the invocation and Bob Morrison, S, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Larry introduced Past Commanders John Rodgers, SN, and

Charles Wilsdorf, SN. New members Bob and Dee Morrison, S, from the Jacksonville Power Squadron and David Curtis, SN, from the Cape Cod Squadron have recently transferred to GISPS and were introduced and welcomed.

Secretary Vicky Jefferis, AP, confirmed a Quorum was present. May Minutes were approved. Treasurer Linda Mahoney, S, presented the Treasurer’s Report. Balance on Hand as of 26 June is \$3,716.55 which includes income from recent member renewals.

Linda thanked several members for their donations and 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 Administrative Officer, who is working, that the event at the Jekyll Island Marina was a great success. There were about 15 attendees, the weather held, and everyone had a great time.

XO Steve Batson, AP, announced he and Charles Wilsdorf will be working on a safety program for members in the near future.

A/SEO Charles Wilsdorf reminded everyone that the next Boat Smart class will be held July 24 at the UGA Marine Extension Center.

The Seamanship class is underway. Five students, all new members, are in the class, with one member auditing. A Sail course will be offered in August, tentatively 3, 10, and 17. If anyone is interested, please respond soon. Charles also reported he administered Engine Maintenance tests to two members today.

Old Business:

Cdr Jefferis provided an update on the D/26 COW:

Jeanne Klippel has worked with the Jekyll Island Club and has the luncheon details in hand, along with a tour of the Historic District. Charles Wilsdorf has built a prototype of the boat to be used in the boat races and is ready to proceed with the updated engine mounting instructions. Cdr Jefferis will be meeting again with the Oceanfront Resort event/catering managers to confirm event details and set up a food tasting session to ensure meal quality.

New Business:

Pat Rodgers, AP, reported she will represent GISPS at the USPS Governing Board meeting in Seattle in September. Following that meeting, she and John will participate in a sixty boat cruise, so will prepare a program with lots of pictures for a future membership meeting. Pat also noted there is a beautiful classic schooner currently docked at the Golden Isles Marina, St. Simons Island.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

24 – Terry Harris

26 – Dub Collins



Treasurer's Report

Linda Mahoney, S Treasurer



Bank balance as of 6/30/10 is \$4,301.05

Silent Auction update:
I'm starting to panic. Although we have a number of great items;More would be better.

I was so hoping to receive something in donation from each family of our membership. PLEASE think of anything auction worthy that you have/have access to from gift cards, to jewelry, small furniture that my Mom can refinish, wine, linens, silk arrangements, stay's at your condo/time shares.... Nothing too small/ large.

The more we have the more \$ we make to help offset the cost of hosting this event.

Remember to bring your items to me at our regular meeting; or call/e-mail me if you need pick up. Just let me know as soon as possible what you might have that I don't know about. It will help a lot to get our inventory and bid sheets set up in advance.

Reminder: All items are tax deductible at the value you set.

(e-bay is a great cross reference for appropriate values)

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The Squadron Education Report

Audie Holmes, JN



This is July, 2010. Do we remember about six months ago when some people were complaining about the cold? Where are they now? Well, the weather is what it is, but we must remember the impact it has on us, especially as we go to "sea". Hot weather and cold beer are good company but only on the deck-the backyard deck. Let's keep weather in mind at all times as we prepare for going to sea, lake, river, or pond.

Good news! The Engine Maintenance course can now claim two new graduates, Richard Jones, AP and our Commander, Larry Jefferis, AP. We can also congratulate George Eshlimann, P, who has just passed piloting. Richard Jones provides the squadron another Educational Proficiency member, too. How many more will we gather in to the education graduate fold before the end of this year? Wouldn't

you like to be one?

I called Bob Woodman, P, yesterday. During our years as a provisional and as a new squadron Bob would often call the Brunswick News urging them to announce that we have a Boat Smart course on the horizon. Yes, we do have one scheduled soon at the UGA Marine Extension Service on Bay Street. Please bring your friends, neighbors, and relatives on Saturday, 24 July at 9 a.m. This is a one day, intensive boating safety course. Let me just say, "All come"! We hope to have a good show and the more attendees the better. The instructor will be a talented, energetic and experienced member of GISPS –famous for his spirited Boat Smart presentations. Who could that be? Come and see.

The Seamanship course is underway, and Sail will be held on 3,10 and 17 August. Please remember that education makes all of us safer on the water. See P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN, for the details.

See you on the 24th.

Respectfully,

Audie Holmes, SEO

Pictures from the June Dock Party

