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## D26 Conference and COW Plans Are Underway!



CDR Larry Jefferis

August has brought the D26 Conference and Change -Of-Watch closer yet



— just over eight weeks away – 15-17 October, 2010. We've been busy with continuing preparations for the

conference. We've tested the menu and have found Chef Tim's creations to be flavorful and well prepared with

excellent presentation. The food selection committee has done well!!! Plans for the silent auction are progressing. The plans for the hospitality suite are well in hand. We've conducted a near final review of preparations with the resort and are confident we have the facilities and schedule that will make the conference a success. We have D26 Bridge concurrence with our schedule.

### GOLDEN ISLES SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON 2010 BRIDGE

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Since the conference is being held here in the Golden Isles on Jekyll Island and we are sponsoring the event, I'd like to encourage as many members as possible to plan to attend some or all of the events included in the full schedule. It is not necessary that you stay at the resort to participate but in order to avoid late night/early morning travel, several of us are planning to stay as well as participate. This is an especially good opportunity to see what a district conference looks like and to meet several USPS members from our neighbor squadrons. A copy of the conference registration form is included elsewhere in the news letter and can be found at our website **[www.gisps.org](http://www.gisps.org)** or at this URL: **[http://www.gisps.org/D26\\_COW\\_Reg\\_Fm\\_r4a.pdf](http://www.gisps.org/D26_COW_Reg_Fm_r4a.pdf)** . Please consider joining us in order to share an enjoyable time and help make the conference a success.

Our membership has grown again. New members George and Scott Bloodworth have joined us this month. Welcome aboard and good luck with your sail class. 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.

We also have new graduates from our Seamanship class! Congratulations on your successful completion. The sailing class has started and should be completed in August. We have four members bootstrapping the Engine Maintenance Course. We'll have the exam when they are ready. Our next 5 week ABC Boating Safety Class will start in September. If you have a friend or acquaintance who would like to attend, please have them contact P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN, to sign up.

Our 24 July Boat Smart class has been rescheduled for August. P/C Audie Holmes, JN, will be presenting the class. 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 held 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 next meeting will be 28 August, 6PM, at the Golden Corral in Brunswick. We met there last month. They have gotten the air conditioner repaired and the room is comfortably cool. Please plan to join us there. 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.

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## XO's Locker

### Steve W. Batson, AP



Between my work and Kathy's recent surgery, we have yet to be on Georgia Lady this summer! Luckily, our marina crew keeps her well maintained even in our absence.

Unless you dock at your own private pier or trailer, your marina is a very important element of your boating life. We have had good ones and not-so-good ones. Two elements are extremely important: (1) management attitude and capability and (2) communication.

One marina maintenance person in Alabama (to remain nameless) used to question every time I asked him to change the oil. "Why?" was his proverbial response. "Because I want it changed!" was my rejoinder. Occasionally he would reluctantly change the oil under duress! In my opinion, good marinas cater to their customers, go beyond the call of duty to properly maintain their vessels, put marina

and customer safety first, and support boating education and safety courses.

Of course, we customers have an obligation to be observant and cautious in the marina environment.

Another very important organization in our boating life is the U.S. Coast Guard. If you haven't recently seen it, go to U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center website and review the myriad of resources for you – GPS and DGPS and AIS information, Local Notice to Mariners, Light Lists, and news and alerts. Stay up-to-date with relevant information. Be a good marina customer, and constantly be aware of your environment---who, what, where, when? Continue to enjoy summer boating!

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.

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## Secretary's Report

### Vicky Jefferis, AP Secretary



Cdr Larry Jefferis, AP, called the meeting to order July 24, 2010 at 7:15 PM. He provided the invocation and Stephen Chambliss, P, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry introduced Past Commanders

John Rodgers, SN, and Charles Wilsdorf, SN. Guests Jim Walker, Werner Oppen and Emil and Jennifer Hoffman

were introduced and welcomed. Secretary Vicky Jefferis, AP, confirmed a Quorum was present. June Minutes were approved. Treasurer Linda Mahoney, S, reported the treasury Balance on Hand as of 24 July is **\$3,789.54**.

A/SEO Charles Wilsdorf reported that five students, including three new members, completed the Seamanship class.

George Eshliman completed and passed Piloting and Richard Jones, AP, and Larry Jefferis completed and passed

Engine Maintenance. Richard has now earned Educational Proficiency designation! A Sail course will begin August 2.

Charles also reported that he, Jim Grimshaw, AP, and Linda Mahoney attended the Boat Operators Certification (BOC) event at Tybee Light, completing the On the Water Certification portion.

Several members are nearing completion of the courses required for BOC – Engine Maintenance, Weather, and VHF.

Three students are starting Engine Maintenance. Charles also reported that James Bridges, Steve Bovie and Bill Gauthier recently joined the Squadron.

#### **Old Business:**

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

He met with the resort staff and has confirmed prices and meal selections. Right now, he and the Bridge are working hard to determine how to plan a top notch conference while minimizing expenses to keep prices reasonable. He'll be asking everyone to plan to

participate to make the event a great one.

Special thanks to John and Pat Rodgers, AP, for making the 15 lighthouse centerpieces for the Saturday evening banquet. One of the lighthouses is displayed on the table near the door.

District requires GISPS to provide a photographer for the entire Fall Conference. Joe Scirica, P, volunteered.

#### **New Business:**

Because Royal Café is in such turmoil, tonight's meeting had to be moved. We're still looking for suitable meeting locations. In addition, we'll need to be looking for a site for our own GISPS Change of Watch, scheduled for November 20, 2010 since Bonefish Grill is now too small for our group. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

#### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

10 – Pat Rodgers  
13 – Rosemary McPherson  
19 – Vicky Jefferis  
20 – Steve Batson



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### **The Squadron Education Report**

**Audie Holmes, JN**



The Long Hot Summer! I've read about it, and I saw the movie several times, but this is the very first time I have experienced it so much! I would never have believed it was even too hot many days to go boating. Summer is usually a great time to get on the water, but we must remember that this is also a more potentially dangerous time as well. Heat strokes, heat exhaustion, overheated engines, the need for more hydration are just some of the dangers we face in the summer, not to mention the possibility of hypothermia. Yes! Even in the summer dangers lurk. Some of you may be on mediations that must be considered, too. Let's all continue with a long, safe summer.

Now, let's congratulate our latest Seamanship graduates: Steve C. Bovie, James A. Bridges, William M. Gauphier, and Timothy K Lahrs. All may now place "S" after their names. We thank P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN, for instruction in Seamanship as well.

Don't forget Boat Smart on Saturday, 28 August at the UGA Marine Extension Service on lower Bay Street. We have a couple signed up. Please encourage others to join us for that one-day course. Hope to see you there!

Audie Holmes, SEO



**USPS D26 FALL CONFERENCE & COW**  
**15-17 October, 2010**  
**Jekyll Oceanfront Resort**  
**Jekyll Island, GA**



**Friday, October 15, 2010**

1200 - 1800 Registration – Clubhouse Mezzanine

1200 - 1800 Silent Auction/Cash Bar – Hospitality Room

1300 - 1700 Friday Seminars

1830 - 2100 Golden Isles Putt-Putt Challenge – Lo Country Boil, Poolside ☐ @ \$25.00 =

2100 - 2300 Silent Auction/Cash Bar – Hospitality Room

**Saturday, October 16, 2010**

0800 - 0930 Registration – Clubhouse Mezzanine

0800 - 1800 Silent Auction/Hospitality Room - Silent Auction Closes at 1730

1100 - 1230 Trolley Tour of Jekyll Island Club and Historic District . . . . . ☐ @ \$20.00 =

1230 - 1400 Spouses' Jekyll Island Club Luncheon. . . . . ☐ @ \$23.00 =   
Choose entree ☐ (#) Granny Smith Chicken Salad ☐ (#) Crab Cake Sandwich

0900 - 1200 District Conference – Clubhouse Mezzanine

1200 - 1330 Member Lunch – Pulitzer Patio . . . . . ☐ @ \$15.00 =

1330 - 1630 District Conference – Clubhouse Mezzanine

1600 - 1800 Cash Bar in Hospitality Room

1800 - 1845 Reception – Clubhouse Mezzanine – Cash Bar until 2000

1845 - 2130 COW Banquet – Pulitzer Patio . . . . . ☐ @ \$36.00 =

2130 - 2400 Cash Bar – Hospitality Room – Pickup Silent Auction Items

**Total:**

☐ (#) members of this party are interested in playing golf Friday AM or Sunday

☐ (#) members of this party plan to attend the drop-in Sunday Brunch at 8:30AM – 10:30AM  
Sunday on neighboring St. Simons Island. Maps to brunch will be provided at check-in.

Last Name	First Name	Rank	Grade	Squadron	Entree
					Code

Enter the entrée code: PR = Prime Rib PCG = Pecan crusted grouper

Address	City	State/Zip	Telephone	Email

**Conference Hotel: Jekyll Oceanfront Resort, Jekyll Island, GA** **Contact the resort @ (800)-736-1046**

**Room Rates:** Islandside Guestroom \$ 99.00 Partial Ocean view Guestroom: \$109.00

Oceanfront Guestroom: \$119.00 One-Bedroom Villa: \$149.00

Two-Bedroom Villa: \$169.00

**Hotel Rate Cutoff: 15 September, 2010** **Deadline for Event Registration: 4 October, 2010**

Make Check Payable to: "Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron" or "GISPS"

Mail completed form and check to "Teresa Wilsdorf, 14 Berryhill Lane, Brunswick, GA 31523"