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## The D26 Conference is Upon Us.



CDR Larry Jefferis

September and we're within 4 weeks away from the D26 Conference and



Change -Of-Watch – 15-17 October, 2010. I'm pleased to let you know that we have 63 room reservations and 90 conference

registrations. We will be accepting registrations thru 4 October. We've been busy with continuing preparations for the

conference. We have D26 Bridge concurrence with our schedule. Bob and Dee Morrison have agreed to stuff the ditty bags for us and the silent auction continues to grow with excellent articles. We still need members to assist with various activities. Please contact me and express your interest.

Again, since the conference is being held here in the Golden

### GOLDEN ISLES SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON 2010 BRIDGE

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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.

It's Coastfest time again. Next month, on the Saturday, 2nd of October, Georgia DNR will be hosting their annual Coastfest at the DNR site below the Lanier bridge. We will need volunteers to man our GISPS Booth between 9AM and 4PM. If you're available and will to assist, please contact Steve Batson, AP, me, or Charles Wilsdorf, SN.

Our membership now stands at 57. We are no longer the smallest squadron in the district.

All candidates who were taking the Sailing elective have completed the course work and the exam and have passed!! 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 started on 7 September. We've held two classes. If you have a friend or acquaintance who would like to attend, it's not too late to get them into the class. Please have them contact P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN, to sign up.

Elsewhere in this edition of the Porthole you will find the slate of officers that the nomination committee have interviewed and are proposing for the membership's consideration. Voting will take place at the September meeting. 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 25 September at the Golden Corral in Brunswick. We'll be meeting in the large banquet room. Enter the restaurant, turn right and the room is in the far right corner. 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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## Secretary's Report

**Vicky Jefferis, AP Secretary**



Cdr Larry Jefferis, AP, called the meeting to order at August 28, 2010 at 6:10 PM. P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Larry provided the invocation. Cdr Jefferis introduced

Past Commanders Audie Holmes, JN, Paulette Harris-Holmes, JN, John Rodgers, SN, and Charles Wilsdorf, SN. He also introduced new members Steve Bove and Emil and Jennifer Hoffman.

Secretary Vicky Jefferis, AP, confirmed a Quorum was present. She provided a brief summary of the Executive Committee proceedings. July Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Linda Mahoney, S, reported the treasury Balance on Hand as of 28 August is \$4,154.87 in the regular Squadron account and \$2,134.00 in the D26 Change of Watch account.

SEO Audie Holmes, JN, reported that two students completed Boat Smart today. Four students, Steve Bove, Jim Bridges, Tim Lahrs, and Bill Gauthier, recently passed Seamanship. Steve Batson, AP, passed Electrical Systems. Nine students completed testing for the Sail class. Twelve additional Vessel Safety Checks have been completed.

A/SEO Charles Wilsdorf reported he is considering holding another Boat Smart class in September and another ABC class will start September 7. A Piloting class will be held beginning in late October, following the D26 COW. Charles mentioned he's considering continuing Boat Smart since some people are interested in one day intro courses. Paulette Harris-Holmes commented that although that class is being phased out, we may continue it until the end of 2010.

Cdr Jefferis complemented Membership Chair Wilsdorf on the growing membership. We now have 51 Active members and 5 Associate members. Compared to one year ago, this is a net gain of 10 members, growth of 24.4%.

#### **Old Business:**

Cdr Jefferis provided an update on the D/26 COW: He reported that the Jefferis, the Wilsdorfs, and the Klippels taste tested the proposed banquet meals and they were delicious. Forty one people have registered to date. Cdr Jefferis gave a detailed overview of committee activities to date and mentioned he will be contacting members to ask them to volunteer for specific jobs. John Rodgers asked if it is necessary for someone to act as an Aide to the National Commander's Representative and if so, he will volunteer. Larry will contact the D26 Bridge to clarify the requirement. Joe Scirica, P, reported that JPs Liquor has agreed to donate the ice we'll need in the Hospitality Room. Larry encouraged everyone to consider attending part or all of the event and reminded them that registrations forms are on the D26 and Squadron websites and also were included in the August Porthole.

#### **New Business:**

Charles Wilsdorf announced that the nominating committee has been working hard to identify candidates for the 2011 Bridge and other offices. They have a number of qualified candidates for the slate, but are still looking to fill a few more spots. If anyone is interested in a Bridge or other position, please contact Charles, Audie Holmes, or Howard Klippel, AP, soon.

Cdr Jefferis acknowledged that our focus has been primarily on the D26 Change of Watch, but noted we need to remember we have our Squadron COW just a few weeks later on November 20. He reported that the Executive Committee has approved the concept of having a cocktail party with heavy appetizers (enough to substitute for dinner) since members will have spent substantial money attending the D26 COW.

We are having a difficult time finding adequate facilities for our group's size that doesn't require paying a large rental fee to accommodate a banquet and that will only add to the cost of a banquet type meal. The committee agreed to the concept of a catered cocktail party, but Larry will check with the D26 Bridge to ensure this is acceptable to them before proceeding and will report back to the membership.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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## The Squadron Education Report

Audie Holmes, JN



Aren't we excited that GISPS is hosting its very first D26 COW. I hope everyone is coming so that we shall have a great showing and an opportunity to learn so much about USPS. It is not too late to register for the D26 COW. Remember, all events are right here on Jekyll Island. What a great opportunity to show off our beautiful Golden Isles! Paulette and I look forward to hosting the Sunday brunch and do hope you plan to attend that culminating event as well!

We wish to congratulate our newest graduates. This time our graduates have completed and passed the Said Course. We have nine new graduates of SAIL. Thanks to P/C Wilsdorf, instructor. The graduates are:

\*J. Larry Jefferis | \*Vicky L. Jefferis | \*Linda B. Mahoney | \*John Harold Sterrett | \*Coy L. Hodges  
\*Stuart M. Stratton | \*George E. Bloodworth | \*Joe M. Scirica | \*Scott D. Bloodworth

Congratulations to all!

We also had a Boat Smart class on the 4th Saturday of August. We had two to pass that course. I enjoyed teaching the course and meeting two potential new members of GISPS.

The ABC course is underway.

Our education program is exemplary.

We should all be very proud of the newest squadron in D26.

Respectfully submitted,

Audie Holmes, SEO

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## XO's Locker

### Steve W. Batson, AP



As I write this month's article, I am preparing hit the road again. This trip takes me to New Bern, North Carolina to consult with one of my clients, the East Carolina Episcopal Diocese, to design a campaign for their camp and conference center on the coast.

New Bern is a great place to be headquartered for my work. There's a West Marina two miles from my hotel! Pepsi-Cola was created here...I love Diet Pepsi. New Bern is located at the confluence of the Trent and Neuse Rivers with the Neuse flowing to Pamlico Sound. What a great boating location! And the Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron meets here monthly. We were worried that Hurricane Earl would interrupt this trip but he's headed north now.

Two great web sites are the National Hurricane Center and Boat U.S. Hurricane resource Center. While I was in Tupelo, MS this past week (another

one of my clients is the Elvis Presley Birthplace Museum), Charles informed me that I had passed the exam for Marine Electronics (I was sweating that one) and subsequently would receive the Education Proficiency Award. This makes studying worth it.

Now back to Junior Navigation! I hope to master the sextant before 2010 ends. By the way, Weems and Plath is offering a 25% discount on their equipment and materials for USPS members.

By the way, Kathy and I did get to take Georgia Lady for a spin on Lake Sinclair last weekend. It was great after such a long absence. Now we're planning a fall leaf cruise.

Just think: CoastFest, District 26 COW and Conference, and GIPS COW. The end of 2010 will be busy.

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.



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7 – Mike Moye  
10 – Dee Morrison  
17 – Bill Gauthier  
22 – David Boothman  
27 – Mae Tannahill  
29 – Judy McPherson  
30 – Joe Scirica

Please review the following nominees and volunteers to serve the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron for 2011. Please contact me ASAP if you would like to volunteer or should you have any questions.

**Respectively Submitted:**

GISPS Nominating Committee Chairperson  
P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN

**Names of Nominees for Bridge Officers for 2011 for GISPS**

*(These are our volunteers and tentative nominees for the following offices so far)*

Commander:	Larry Jefferis, AP
Executive Officer:	Steve Batson, AP
Squadron Educational Officer:	Charles Wilsdorf, SN
Assistant Educational Officer:	Audie Holmes, JN
Administrative Officer:	James "Jim" Grimshaw
Secretary:	Vicky Jefferis, AP
Assistant Secretary:	Jennifer Hoffman
Treasurer:	Linda Mahoney, S
Assistant Treasurer:	Teresa Wilsdorf, S
Past Commander:	Charles Wilsdorf, SN
Member at Large:	Howard Klippel, AP
Member at Large:	George Eshliman
Member at Large:	Jim Mahoney
Member at Large:	Richard Jones

**Nominations Committee for 2010-to nominate bridge for 2011**

*(consists of last 3 Past Commanders or others until GISPS has 3 past commanders)*

1. Audie Holmes, JN
2. Charles Wilsdorf, SN
3. Howard Klippel, AP

**Rules Committee for 2010**

1. Patricia Rodgers, AP
2. John Rodgers, SN (advisor)
3. Jim Mahoney

**Volunteers:**

Porthole Editor:	Joey Hertzberg, P
Information Technology:	Joe Scirica, S
Co-op charting, and Flag Etiquette:	Patricia Rodgers, AP

**Auditing Committee for 2010**

1. Vicky Jefferis, AP
2. George Eshliman, P
3. Richard Jones, AP

**Advisors to the Bridge-Associate Members:**

P/C Nettie Dumais, AP  
P/D/C/ and National Staff, John Rodgers, SN  
P/C Paulette Harris-Holmes, JN  
P/D/C Jack Peters, SN



## **The Surveyors Angle**

by Capt. Frank Barron

It's hot, dog days of summer seem like they'll never end, but soon enough Labor Day will have come and gone. Fall football will be here and maybe some good October fishing will be productive. So your faithful family boat will be put to bed for the winter. Think of it this way, preparing to put up properly is the first step in getting ready for spring.

But before you do that, consider where and how you put her up. In this two part series we'll look at a few items to do beyond the usual drain the hull, winterize the engine (huh ?), add Sta-Bil to the tank, close hatches and spray 'er off.

As a marine surveyor, in the spring, when I'm asked to survey a boat for a client looking at a boat to purchase, I can easily tell how the survey most likely will turn out from some simple tell-tale signs of how she was put to bed in the fall. Some of the things are simple, but important. And they will please not only you in the spring, but the life of the boat and your wallet if you decide to sell later (and trade up)!

I'll start with some of the cosmetic things – they sound trivial, but you'll be rewarded later.

- Don't just hose the boat down....wash...scrub the vessel all over, under the rub rails, empty hatches and holds – wipe till clean, wipe out tackle drawers (throw away old rubber bands & sunscreen). Look for that missing fishing hook in the corner – get it out or it will rust creating a stain.

- Damp a rag with vinegar and wipe the stainless rails, cleats etc. Then wipe a thin coat of petroleum jelly on...it'll come off in the spring, but will create a protective barrier.

- If you must keep your boat outside on a trailer, let's do it right. I see a lot damage from boats being improperly covered and prepared. Cover her well – get a custom cover or a good, quality tarp – not the cheapest the big box hardware store has to offer. Get plenty of tie downs and bungees. Create a support to keep that first drop of water off the cover. Pad it and ensure it will withstand some wind. What you're trying to do is keep as much water, leaves and unwanted critters from getting onboard. Not only can critters do damage, the tannin in the leaves will stain the deck and worse, they will clog any and all drains. Water will collect, thus pooling up and damaging hatch seals, electrical connections, hydraulics and other sensitive items.

Think about it and we'll get into systems next month.

Till then, be aware.....

**Capt. Frank Barrons** is a USCG 100Gt Master and a SAMS surveyor.

When not delivering boats along the US Eastcoast and Caribbean, he and his wife, Lynne, (also USCG Capt) spend a lot of time continually restoring their 1958 48' wooden Wheeler on Jekyll Island, Ga.