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## The D26 Conference a Huge Success!



CDR Larry Jefferis

Folks, it's November and we've made it through the D26



Conference and Change -Of-Watch in fine shape. We've been receiving accolades both during and after the conference. The final tally was 194 registered, 182 attended the Saturday

night banquet, 149 attended the Friday night dinner and Putt Putt Regatta. Overall we ended up with respectable proceeds which will go into our treasury. We had a 50% representation

was complete. You are the ones who made the conference a success and I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and remember that both the past and

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current District bridge have been very complimentary toward the conference we hosted. Thanks again ... now let's have some REAL fun!

We had a successful time at Coastfest on Saturday, the 2nd of October. We had several volunteers spend a couple of hours each to man the booth and the Putt Putt boats were an instant hit. The boats performance was hampered by the wind they drew a lot of attention with the younger crowd. The Watch List included:

Charles Wilsdorf, SN

Teresa Wilsdorf, S

Tim Lahrs, S

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Steve Chambless, S

Vicky Jefferis, AP

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Our membership now stands at 60. Lisa Noetzel has transferred in to GISPS from the Kent Narrows squadron in District 5. Welcome aboard Lisa! We look forward to getting you involved with the squadron.

We have had our election of officers for the 2011 and will hold our annual Change of Watch on the 20th of November at the Sanctuary Cove at St. Andrews Sound Community Riverhouse. Directions were mailed out with the invitations and are posted on our website. If you need directions, contact me, Vicky or Linda. Hope to see many of you there.

After our Change of Watch on the 20th of November, our next rendezvous will be 11 December at the home of our webmaster Joe Scirica. Joe will be providing directions and letting us know what we should bring. This will be a fun party and hopefully we'll have a good turnout.

I've not completed the 2011 calendar of events. I will send it out with the Porthole. Look for the calendar as a separate attachment to the email which transmits the newsletter.

We have a second installment from Frank Barron in which he provides the Surveyor's point of view and his articles contain valuable information.

Our next meeting will be 22 January at the Sanctuary Cove Golf Clubhouse. We're going to give this a try and see how it might work. We'll order from the menu. The Golf Club bar will be open during the meeting.

Safe Boating All.

-Larry

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## Secretary's Report

### Vicky Jefferis, AP Secretary



Cdr Larry Jefferis, AP, called the Executive Committee meeting to order 23 October 2010 at 5:35 PM. Attending were A/SEO, P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN; Secretary Vicky Jefferis, AP; Treasurer, Linda Mahoney, S; Richard

Jones, AP, Howard Klippel, AP and Jim Mahoney, Members at Large; and Jim Grimshaw, AP, Administrative Officer- Elect. Also attending were Joe Scirica, S, Webmaster; Sara Grimshaw; Dorothy Jones; Jeannie Klippel; Bob, N, and Margaret, N, Butler; P/C John, SN, and Pat, AP, Rodgers, and Emil and Jennifer Hoffman.

Cdr Jefferis asked Bridge Officers for reports. Secretary Jefferis had nothing to report. Cdr Jefferis asked if anyone had changes or additions to the Minutes of the September 25 Membership Meeting that was circulated to the membership via email. There being none, the Minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer Linda Mahoney presented the Treasurer's Report a/o October 23, 2010. Balance on Hand is \$2882.88 in the regular Squadron account with payment for the ABC ad that ran in The Brunswick News still outstanding. We have not yet received the Co-op advertising reimbursement from National. The D26 Change of Watch account balance is in flux with several bills having been paid and several outstanding, but the balance is sufficient to cover all known expense.

A/SEO Charles Wilsdorf reported that seven students are expected for the Piloting class that begins Monday, October 25. Charles also announced that Joe and Charlotte Caneva, recent graduates of the ABC class, have joined the Squadron. Lisa Noetzel who recently moved to the area from Maryland was introduced and requests we transfer her membership from Kent Narrows Sail &

Power Squadron.

Cdr Jefferis updated attendees on the highly successful D26 Fall Conference and COW. He thanked all in attendance for their unwavering support and noted that nearly everyone in the Squadron helped in one way or another. As testament to the success of the conference, he noted that he's gotten numerous compliments from the D26 Bridge and members who attended, with only two significant criticisms, those being about food service on Friday evening.

There were 194 members/guests registered for the conference, far exceeding our expectations. Fifty-five items were donated to the Silent Auction, bringing in proceeds of over \$1400 and the raffle for the two West Marine gift cards brought in over \$600. The Hospitality Room donations after expenses netted over \$300. These activities, along with the proceeds from meals and spouse activities will add over \$3300 to the GISPS Treasury, enabling the Squadron to further our mission of boating safety education, community involvement and fellowship for our members. He then explained to the group that the D26 Bridge is considering reversing the common practice of reimbursing Squadrons hosting conferences for costs to produce the conference (meeting rooms, audio-visual aids, etc.).

We were given this news just prior to the Conference, so Larry plans to request reimbursement anyway on the grounds that such changes should be implemented only after Squadrons are given notice in time to plan accordingly. Larry asked members to provide any after-action comments concerning preparation and execution of the conference to him prior to October 31 so he can incorporate them into his Conference Report. Again, Larry thanked the Executive Committee and all members who gave so freely of themselves to make the Conference a huge success.

Next, Cdr Jefferis discussed the upcoming GISPS

Change of Watch, scheduled for November 20, 2010. Since Squadron members have been working so hard and spending significant amounts of money on the D/26 Conference, Larry thought it would be nice to have a Squadron COW that is more informal and less expensive than GISPS has traditionally done. He spoke to the D/26 Admin Officer, who will be the District Commander's rep, as well as the Commander and got their agreement to this idea. There will still be a formal Change of Watch ceremony. If the Executive Committee approves, the GISPS Change of Watch meal will be a Cocktail Buffet with a cash bar. He proposed to get a catering company to provide food with a target cost of around \$25 per person, but charge only \$20/person and use Squadron funds to cover the difference, along with the costs for the District Rep and his spouse. P/C Wilsdorf moved to plan for a \$25/person buffet, charging members \$20/person. Richard Jones seconded. Motion carried. Larry announced he was able to reserve the Sanctuary Cove Subdivision Riverhouse at no cost since several members are residents and there is stationary left from last year's Change of Watch so administrative costs for this year's event should be minimal. Members volunteering to take on COW tasks are: Charles/Teresa Wilsdorf, printing & mailing invitations; Linda Mahoney, registration tracking; Richard/Dorothy Jones – cash bar; Larry/Vicky Jefferis, food catering and program printing.

In lieu of a December meeting, Cdr Jefferis proposed to hold a Holiday Party similar to the one in 2009. Joe Scirica has volunteered to open his home again for this event, which would be held on Saturday, December 11. Executive Committee Members fully supported this idea. Once again, attendees will be asked to bring an appetizer to share and their own alcohol/drinks and Joe will provide the paper products. Attendees are encouraged to bring a White Elephant for the Gag Gift Exchange since this entertainment was well received last year. Joe will provide the necessary driving instructions for his home closer to the event.

Finally, Cdr Jefferis ran through Special Events for the upcoming year: District Spring & Fall Conferences along with its Cruise & Rendezvous; Savannah Boat Show; National Safe Boating Week; Squadron Change of Watch. Pat Rodgers added a Co-op Charting outing May 14 – 15, and Charles Wilsdorf suggested a Spring and Fall Cruise. Larry will confirm the dates of these activities and include them in the 2010-2011 GISPS Calendar, which he will distribute to all members.

Charles Wilsdorf will be querying the membership to determine interest in various courses and seminars within the next several days.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

#### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4 – Steve Bovie  
a16 – Jack Sterrett  
20 – Jim Grimshaw  
Teresa Wilsdorf  
27 – Joseph W. Herzberg  
28 – Howard Klippel  
30 – Charles Wilsdorf

#### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 – Sara Grimshaw  
9 – Bucky Harris  
9 – Coy Hodges  
10 – Linda Mahoney



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## The Squadron Education Report

### Audie Holmes, JN



SEO Article

Audie Holmes

“The years roll slowly by, Lorena.  
Snow is on the grass again.  
The sun’s low down the sky, Lorena.  
Frost gleams where the flowers have been.”  
Rev. T. Webster, 1856

Seventy-one months have passed since the Golden Isles squadron was chartered in Charlotte, NC. Look how far we have come. From a handful of aspirants attempting to form a new squadron to now, the fastest growing squadron in District 26! And the accolades! Awards far too numerous to mention-both squadron and personal. If we have accomplished this much in 71 months, where shall we be in another 71 months from now. Other squadrons must give way, stay clear, and cross our wake for now it is full (steam, gas, diesel, sail, etc.) ahead! It is difficult to be humble, isn't it? Yet, we must all remember that no member can do it all alone. Teamwork is the answer to all successes. We must join hands and hold tight as we go forward. Failures, if any, are learning experiences and opportunities to find our way to do things better.

As this year fades away, I shall be looking for other areas having the potential for forming new squadrons. Any ideas from any of you will be gladly received and explored. I am now chairing the district 26 committee for forming new squadrons. We have identified 3 potential areas but we are interested in any that show potential.

The year comes to an end, and I am already looking to the next one. Education is the major thrust of USPS, and I look forward to P/C Charles Wilsdorf, my friend, being the GISPS SEO. I want to wish all the incoming bridge officers the best of successes and remind all of them I am only a phone call away should I be of any assistance to any one of them.

See you at the next meeting...unless it snows. Vaya con Dios and en ipsa loquature.

Friends forever,

Audie Holmes, SEO





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### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **Linda Mahoney, S Treasurer**



Bank balance as of  
10/31/2010 was \$3,172.48  
Bank balance in COW  
account as of 11/5/2010  
was \$3,790.64  
Thank you! Thank you!  
Thank you! to all who  
donated items for the  
District COW Silent

Auction. It was a real winner. There were lots  
of compliments on the selection of items.

I am hoping all who donated items have  
received a letter of acknowledgement for  
your donation. If not please let me know.

Linda Mahoney  
Treasurer

## **The Surveyors Angle**

by Capt. Frank Barron

Last issue we discussed some of the cosmetic things to accomplish before you put your boat up for the winter. In this article let's discuss some systems items that need attention before she goes to bed. A lot of my surveying work is that of a detective – does it work, when, how – and why not.... what can we do to keep it from breaking and have it ready in the spring. Well, I've got a few suggestions:

If you have a marine head, most likely it had a diaphragm pump. The cold, still winter is its enemy. Just before you take her out for the last time, put a table spoon of mineral oil in the bowl and pump a few times. This will give the diaphragm/gasket some protection and lubrication, thus keeping it ready and functional for the next season. You'll thank yourself for this, as a head never has a convenient time to fail. Also, empty any associated trash, pump out and sanitize the area.

After the boat is out, exercise the seacocks. If you have marlon, a drop of a light weight penetrating oil will do (not spray) and for bronze seacocks use a heavier grade grease. Work the seacock open and closed a few times – leave open. Now this assumes the boat will be on a trailer. If your vessel will be in the water, close the seacocks (make a note for the spring – we'll talk about that later). You really want sturdy, easily functional seacocks - per Boat US, 50% of their sinking claims are due to underwater fittings. Best idea? ....visit your boat often, if in the water.

Do you have a freshwater tank? If so, drain it.  
We'll flush it several times in the spring to get any stale smells out.

Spray all exposed electrical connections in the engine room, under the dash and below cabinets with a quality anticorrosion spray – do not use WD40. It "gums" up in a salt marine environment. I prefer to use Blaster CSP Corrosion Stop – hard to find but worth it. Bring electronics inside in a dry secure place.

Inside the cabin be sure to remove all food items...those left over crackers, loaf of bread etc.... hungry critters will find it before you do next spring. Also, open any cabinets, closets and lay cushions on their sides to minimize mildew. Maybe put a few dryer sheets around.

In these articles, I've intentionally omitted the topic of winterizing your engine – refer to your owner's manual. Don't worry; spring will be here soon enough – we'll talk about electrical mysteries next time. 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.