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CDR Vicky Jefferis

Boating season is definitely in full swing now and I hope you're able to get out on the water and take advantage of all that the Golden Isles



D/LtCdr Tim Tate, left, P/C Larry Jefferis, and D/LtCdr Andy Hyman prepare to cast off for the Saturday morning cruise on the Savannah River.

area has to offer – or even destinations much farther afield. As you prepare for your various outings,

be sure to take some time to check your equipment and make sure your safety gear is current, is in good

shape and is readily available on your boat should you need it. If you need a little refresher, now's the time to think about boating safety since National Boating Safety Week is May 19 – May 25. Our XO has us lined up to spread boating safety information at our booth at West Marine on May 19 and May 25. There's also some great information for you on the USPS Website, [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org).

## GOLDEN ISLES SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON 2011 BRIDGE

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**Electric powered replicas of Petersburg cargo boats carry visitors to the Augusta Canal on scenic guided tours.**

Larry & I just returned from the District 26 Cruise & Rendezvous hosted by the Savannah River Sail & Power Squadron in Augusta. We really had a great time catching up with friends from other squadrons and it was a wonderful opportunity to see a number of GISPS members and associate members who live in the Augusta area: Nettie Dumais, Bucky Harris, Paulette Harris-Holmes, Audie Holmes, Joey Herzberg, Shari Herzberg, Veronica Maguire, and Moses McIntosh.

On Saturday morning, we enjoyed a cruise on the Savannah River and saw first-hand how valuable local knowledge is in helping boaters avoid hidden hazards such as the concrete wall just a couple of feet under the water surface that was used years ago to

divert the river for commercial boats. Thanks to our cruise guide, there was never an issue as we knew what to look for and what to avoid! Saturday afternoon we were back on the water. This time, it was on the Augusta Canal cruising in an electric boat under the command of a Savannah River member and volunteer cruise boat captain. We learned a great deal about the history of the canal and its impact on the city of Augusta and enjoyed a peaceful ride through unspoiled natural areas.

As I look ahead, we have a couple of special treats coming up in June! First, Co-op Charting Chair Pat Rodgers, AP, and John Rodgers, SN, are planning our Co-op Charting event on June 9. We'll be gathering

at the Golden Isles Marina and if we have enough interest, we'll have a covered dish cookout at the covered area on the dock following our outing. More details will be



provided to everyone as they're finalized. When we meet for our June 23 Membership Meeting, we'll have a very special guest, District 26 Commander Robert (Bob) Boal, SN. I know you'll all be anxious to meet and speak with Commander Boal as well as partaking in the fantastic food served at Skipper's Fish Camp in Darien, which will be our June meeting place. Mark your calendar now for our June 23 Membership Meeting!

**Numerous textile and other mills were responsible for Augusta's growth in the mid 1800's. The smokestack in the foreground is all that remains of the Confederate Powder Works built during the Civil War.**



**BDAirComp: P/C Larry Jefferis, left, D/Cdr Bob Boal and D/LtCdr Ed Kridler examine a belt driven air compressor on display at the Augusta Canal Interpretive Center.**

One last thing, for many of us, our USPS/GISPS memberships are..... coming up for renewal. You've probably received an email notice and also an invoice in the mail. You hear your Bridge members talking about the importance of a vital group of members to keep our squadron active and growing. I can't stress enough how true this is! **Each and every one of you brings something unique to our squadron and each of you is an important part of GISPS.** We need your ideas, your support, your smiles, and your presence to make us great. Please don't forget to renew your membership!

### **Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron 2012 Activities Calendar**

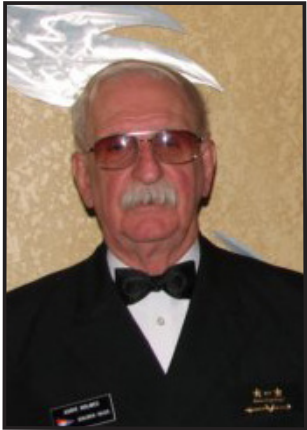
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Function</b>	<b>Location</b>
May 19-25		Safe Boating Week	
May 26 – 28		Memorial Day Weekend	
		No Membership Mtg	
Jun 11	1800	Piloting Begins	Wilsdorf's
Jun	TBD	GISPS EXCOM Mtg	TBD
Jun 23	1800	GISPS Membership Mtg	Skipper's Fish Camp, Darien
July	TBD	Weather/Other Seminar	TBD
	TBD	Skipper Saver	TBD
Jul 28	TBD	First Aid/CPR Training	UGA Extension
		GISPS EXCOM Mtg	TBD
		GISPS Membership Mtg	TBD
August 11, 18	TBD	ABC	UGA Extension
August	TBD	Advanced Piloting	TBD
Aug 25	TBD	GISPS EXCOM Mtg	TBD
		GISPS Membership Mtg	TBD
September	TBD	Weather	TBD
Sep 22	TBD	GISPS EXCOM Mtg	TBD
Sep 22	TBD	GISPS Membership Mtg	TBD
Oct 27	TBD	GISPS EXCOM Mtg	TBD
		GISPS Membership Mtg	TBD
Nov 17	TBD	GISPS Change of Watch	TBD
December	TBD	GISPS Holiday Party	TBD



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## **Charter Commander's Report**

### **Audie Holmes, SN**



Safety First! The age old advice that has been handed down to us for countless generations and yet is as shiny and new as the day the phrase was coined many, many years ago. Too bad that it is often ignored, and many friends and families are left to rue the day when that old admonition was forgotten. We all take chances-sometimes without often realizing it. Passing cars, swimming out too far, climbing tall trees, or even driving too fast through Ludowici, Georgia. Boating, however, adds another variable: 50% of drownings occur from collisions; and most who drown- though good swimmers, are not wearing their PFDs. They become another statistic for the National Safety Council's record keepers.

Friends, not just the month of May but actually every month should be National Safe Boating month. We must remember that we are all mortal, and all of us must experience the Last Horizon, but we do not have to look forward to it and hasten it by carelessness or foolhardiness. Let's celebrate this May and June by making a late spring/early summer resolution: Let's make every week of every month a safe boating week. If we do so, we may live longer, live happier, and share more good times on and off the water with family and friends. Remember that old adage: "a fool and his boat are soon parted." Ben Franklin wrote that motto or one like it many years ago. Or was it Calvin Coolidge? Or maybe Abe Lincoln? Well, whoever it was, it is still good advice! Please remember it, and I'll try to do so as well.

See you on the water!!

P/C Audie Holmes, SN

Founding Commander, Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron-the best squadron!!

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## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Teresa Wilsdorf, S Treasurer**



Financial Statement:

GISPS currently has \$7,183.54 in the bank.

Once again, for those of you that missed it, we had a meeting in April. P/C Larry Jefferis did a great presentation on Organizational Familiarization. Tickets for a fifty-fifty drawing were sold, and John Rodgers was the lucky winner. As long as people are willing to buy tickets, we will continue to do the fifty-fifty drawing at the meetings.

Remember, we are having a CPR class in July. We currently have 14 members enrolled, and have room for 6 more people. We do have a requirement of 15 attendees, so please sign up ASAP. Just send me a check for \$55.00 for each individual.

I am sure I don't have to remind you, but please do not forget to pay your dues this year! Most of our members have a renewal date of June 1st. The dues can be paid with a credit card over the internet on the USPS website. If anyone needs help in doing so, please give me a call at 265-9550. Also, don't forget to ask friends, neighbors, and co-workers if they are interested in joining the Squadron.

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## Secretary's Report

### Joe Scirica, S Secretary



Cdr Vicky Jefferis, AP called the meeting to order at 6:35pm at the Denny's Flying J. Past Commanders John Rodgers, SN, Charlotte and Larry Jefferis, AP, Golden Isles were recognized as present. Guest Velma Breaux was welcomed as well.

Admin Officer Richard Jones, AP led the Pledge of Allegiance and P/C Larry Jefferis, AP gave the Invocation. Cdr. Vicky Jefferis handed out a membership certificate to Linda Nelson, and everyone took the Power Squadron Pledge.

We took a dinner break.

Secretary Joe Scirica, S indicated that we had a quorum. Bob Morrison, S moved that the minutes be accepted, P/C Larry Jefferis, AP, seconded and the motion passed.

Admin Officer Richard Jones, AP is still looking for a place for us to meet. He is also planning a boating trip in either August or October 2012.

Pat Rodgers, AP said that the co-op charting will take place on Saturday, 9 June. It will start at their boat. P/C John Rodgers, SN will provide instruction. Their boat can accommodate 10 people; other boats are also welcome to join in. Where the charting is done will depend on the number of boats, but will be within our adopted chart 11506. Cdr Vicky Jefferis, AP will email a survey for people/boats that plan on being there. AO Richard Jones, AP will compile a list of all members and their boat size. Then we will have a fleet roster. Pat will reserve the BBQ

ahead of time for June 9 for a social outing after the charting.

Treasurer Teresa Wilsdorf, S gave her report. We have \$6,402.04 in the bank. The question was asked if the funds were in an interest bearing account, they are not, so Vicky will put that on the next agenda.

Congratulations went to the Seamanship Grads: Emil and Jennifer Hoffman, Linda Nelson and Bob Quinn. Margaret Butler was also congratulated for completing the Engine Maintenance class.

XO Lisa Noetzel, JN said that she will email a request for volunteers to man the Safe Boating Week booth at West Marine on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Cdr Vicky Jefferis, AP reported that as of April 17<sup>th</sup>, we are now officially Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron Inc. She also noted that our by-laws are in the process of being revised.

Bob Morrison, S commented on the Ensign article about DSC VHF radios and the advantages of your MMSI number.

P/C John Rodgers, SN won the raffle.

P/C Larry Jefferis, AP gave an Organizational Familiarization presentation that would be a good thing to put on the web site for all to view at their leisure. The presentation contained information on the history of USPS, uniforms, ranks, grades, and other information useful to all members.

There will be no meeting in May.

Teresa, Wilsdorf, S moved that we adjourn, and XO Lisa Noetzel, JN seconded and the motion passed.

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**Squadron Education Officer**  
**Charles Wilsdorf, SN**



The Piloting class will be starting Monday, June 11 and will meet at my house at 06:00 pm each Monday evening until July 9. We presently have six students enrolled.

I encourage you to check out the Education page on [usps.org](http://usps.org) where descriptions of all the USPS courses and seminars are listed and let me know what classes you would be interested being offered.

GISPS is sponsoring a First Aid and CPR class Saturday July 28. We still have six openings, so it's not too late to register by mailing a check to our GISPS Treasurer for \$55.00 per student.

We also have another ABC course scheduled for Saturday August 11 and 18, so please let your boater friends know.

As Membership Chairman I would also like you remind all members to make sure you have renewed your GISPS membership for 2012-13. This may be accomplished in about two minutes or less at: <http://www.usps.org/dues/>. Please don't hesitate to give me a call should you need any assistance.

I would like to report we still have squadron members out cruising. George and Frieda Bloodworth aboard Celebration have headed off to the Exumas from Marsh Harbor. Jack Sterrett, aboard Martini is now soloing returning from the Bahamas along with John and Carolyn Vann aboard Indulgence. These guys have really covered some territory this Spring.

Update on Martini: Lyndia Sterrett joined Jack in St. Augustine as mate on the remainder of the trip to Brunswick.

Yours truly was the active mate for Captain Coy Hodges aboard Makana for the last several weeks making a wonderful trip north up the ICW to Myrtle Beach and returning to Brunswick. After the Bahamas and Keys this trip north was really different but no less enjoyable. I think I now



see the allurements of the ICW that so many cruisers share especially the Georgia and South Carolina portion. The scenery is diverse from meandering through the marshes to winding through the cypress swamps. We saw a very healthy contingent of eagles, alligators, and blood sucking flies.

The flies were finally chemically irradiated from Makana. We enjoyed all our port of calls and anchorages especially Georgetown, SC which is a very interesting smaller historical town and we had to hit Emily's Restaurant in Beaufort twice to get our fill of she-crab soup.

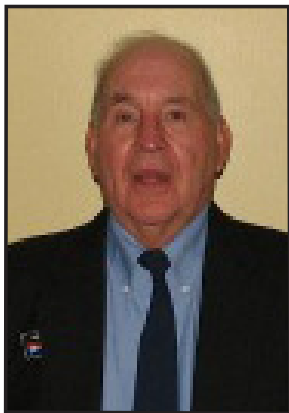
The perigean spring tides (occurs when the moon is either new or full and closest to Earth) generated strong currents creating some harrowing docking experiences (Makana just refused to back into these currents) as well as extremely slow and fast rides in the ICW. Many cruisers were turning the day legs into ½ day legs just to take advantage of these currents. Our seamanship and navigation skills were really put to test. Not everyone was as fortunate as shown in the picture below. Also, check out the water level at the daybeacon on the right.

All for now. Hope to see you all at the June 9 Coop Charting event and social.

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## **AO Report**

### **Richard Jones,AP**



Thanks for your attendance at our April meeting.

Past Commander Larry Jefferis was guest speaker who gave a very informative presentation on Organizational Familiarization.

Thanks to a suggestion from Jennifer and Emil Hoffman we will have the June 23 meeting at Skippers in Darien. The club and I are open to finding a permanent location for our monthly meetings. So please offer your suggestions.

Anyone who has been involved in any boating activities please let me know so I can include it in the boating activities report to District.

With your help we will increase our on the water activities this year. By doing this we will accomplish the two most important reasons for being a member of the GISPS, learning and having fun.

I look forward to hearing from you.  
Serving our members (you) is my job.  
Please email me at [rjones8@tds.net](mailto:rjones8@tds.net)  
or call (912) 882-3883



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## XO Report

Lisa Noetzel, JN



Hello GISPS members! May is generally a happy month filled with various activities: for students it is the end of school and (possibly) graduation, for naturalists and gardeners, it is the definitive move into Spring (can anyone still remember dancing around the Maypole?), and for men and women in the armed forces, it is a time of remembrance for those who sacrificed their lives while serving our country.

May is significant for us boaters too as it is the time in which we have National Safe Boating Week. Running from the 19th - the 26th, the slogan is "Ready, Set, Wear It!" The National Safe Boating Council, Inc. and affiliated web sites [www.ReadySetWearIt.com](http://www.ReadySetWearIt.com), <http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/> are hoping to set a world record on Saturday, May 19th at 12:00 by wearing life jackets and promoting boating safety. GISPS will have a booth at our local West Marine in Brunswick that day as well as the 26th.

We will be sponsoring a free raffle for a set of life jackets and other assorted safety items. Our booth will be open from 10:00 - 14:00, with set-up and break-down at 09:30 and 14:30 respectively. Please consider stopping by and supporting this worthy cause!

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Chuck Boynton
- 2 – James Bridges
- 4 – George Bloodworth
- 16 – Jennifer Hoffman
- 26 – Frank Barron
- 28 – Betty Whisnant

