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CDR Vicky Jefferis

Congratulations to all who recently completed the Marine Electrical course and welcome to our newest member, Ron Nelson!!



Pictured from left: P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN, 1/Lt Jack Sterrett, SN, Coy Hodges, SN, and Cdr Vicky Jefferis, AP.

Ron is a power boater. Thanks again to Sandra Boynton, P, for arranging the superb trip to Sapelo Island

on September 8!

How in the world did Labor Day get here so fast?? Like most

of you, I suppose, the summer has been full of events and commitments that has made the time zip by. Fortunately some of those events have included boating activities – the GISPS Co-op Charting outing and our day trip to Cumberland Island, a few local outings on ODYSSEY, and a beautiful sunset cruise with friends on Lake Murray.

GOLDEN ISLES SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON 2011 BRIDGE

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Guest speaker Kevin Heying of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center presented an interesting and informative talk about the standardized training his Marine Training Branch provides to law enforcement officials across all branches of the Federal Government.

Our latest trip aboard ODYSSEY, along with a cruise that didn't happen at Lake Murray because of our Captain's savvy instincts, bring to mind one of the best pieces of advice I've had from classes taught by our SEO and mentor, Charles Wilsdorf, SN. That sage advice isn't anything exotic – not at all, it's simply to keep your eyes (and ears) open at all times and be aware of fast changing weather conditions!

Larry and I planned to take a short trip out through the St. Simons channel just to let ODYSSEY know we love her and just to see what's going on in the area. We checked the forecast, we noted that the sky was overcast but saw nothing unusual, and we knew August

thunderstorms are most common during the afternoons, so around 11:00 AM we left the Golden Isles Marina planning to come back in a couple of hours. We had just cleared the docks in the area when we noticed a nice big boat fender floating loose in the water, so we changed course to fish it out of the river (after all, have you checked the price of fenders lately??). A few minutes later, we're underway, proceeding as planned. We slowed down just off the south end of SSI to check with Raytheon tech support to resolve a little problem with the boat icon on the chart plotter and auto pilot. **AND THEN WE HEARD IT! THUNDER!!**

Sure enough, the western horizon had turned from light grey to blue-black in just those few minutes we'd been out and the clouds were moving our way. Deciding what to do was the easiest decision we made all day! Our story ended well – just over 45 minutes from our departure we made it back and tied up in the marina without incident, just a little wet. By 12:30 PM, rain was pouring, the wind was gusting and lightening was flashing way too close. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, don't think you can be too careful when you're out on the water, keep your eyes open and your ears peeled!

Looking ahead, our next meeting will be September 22 at Mudcat Charlie's at 6:00 PM. Mudcat Charlie's is located south of Darien on the east side of Highway 17. It's a very popular restaurant located right on the water and the menu prices are reasonable.

October is a big month for GISPS members. The District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch will occur in Greenville, SC October 5 – 7. Registration forms and all the information you need, including hotel reservation details are on the District 26 website. You can access this site via the GISPS website, www.gisps.org. There are some great seminars planned for the conference, our new Senior Navigators,

Coy Hodges and Jack Sterrett, will be honored at the Saturday banquet, and it's a wonderful opportunity to get to know boaters from other squadrons, so do consider attending. Closer to home, the DNR Coast Fest in Brunswick will be held that same weekend, on Saturday October 6.

We always sponsor a booth, so please check the XO's article and give Lisa Noetzel a call if you can spare a little time to help with the booth. This year, we've been asked if we can help judge the Kids Drawing Contest and sponsor a prize for an Honorable Mention winner. The judging will take place in early October just before Coast Fest. If you'd like to help, please give me a call. I'm told it shouldn't take a lot of time. Last, but certainly not least, GISPS members will elect the 2013 Bridge at the October Membership Meeting. The nominating committee is recruiting members to take several jobs, so if you can volunteer your time and talent, give Charles Wilsdorf or Larry Jefferis, AP, a call to offer your services. In order to remain relevant and fun for our members, we need your support!



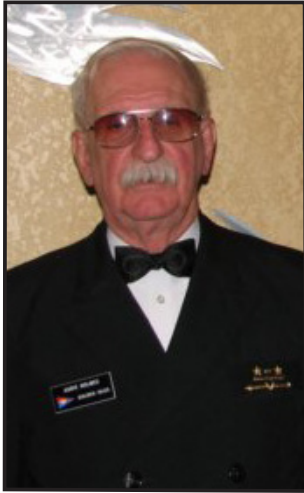
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7 – Mike Moye	29 – Sandra Boynton
10 – Dee Morrison	Judy McPherson
17 – Bill Gauthier	Jane Tapp
22 – David Boothman	John Vann
27 – Mae Tannahill	30 – Joe Scirica

Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron 2012 Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Function	Location
Sep 8	TBD	Sapelo Island Outing	Meridian, GA Ferry Dock
September	TBD	Weather/Other Seminar	TBD
	TBD	Skipper Saver	TBD
	TBD	Advanced Piloting	TBD
	TBD	Weather	TBD
Sep 22	TBD	GISPS EXCOM Mtg	TBD
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

Charter Commander's Report
Audie Holmes, SN



These new squadrons are giving me short time for fun and games but at least they are beginning to bear some success. We have had responses from Lake Sinclair and Lake Oconee and from the Statesboro area near the Oconee River. It is all so reminiscent because it reminds me of how the Golden Isles Squadron got started. At first a few interested former members formed a provisional unit. Then, the building momentum was like a snowball rolling down the hill, picking up more members as it rolled.

I hope these new squadrons will have some talented leaders from the beginning like Charles Wilsdorf with the energy to build the charge to make them grow and grow. I'm reminding those showing interest that by-laws are imperative. No approved by-laws! No charter! It's as simple as that.

Anyone interested in assisting will certainly be well received. We will need a lot of support, such as course instructors, greeters, and just plain smiling faces. We want the new prospective members in our ranks to feel like welcome additions to USPS. The Savannah River squadron has sponsored several new squadrons over the years into District 26 including the Golden Isles. I hope Golden Isles members will decide to really support one of the two new provisional units.

Please contact me and let me know what you want to do to support one or both of the new squadrons. Your help will be appreciated! We want more well-trained boaters on our Georgia waters, and these two new units are the way to guarantee just that!
See you on the water!

Respectfully,

P/C Audie Holmes, SN
Charter Commander, GISPS

Squadron Education Officer
Charles Wilsdorf, SN



I am happy to report that we have completed the Marine Electrical Systems course a couple of weeks ago. All students passed the exam with flying colors. Good going class!! - George Bloodworth, AP; Bob Morrison, S; Bob Quinn, P; Skip Roeder, S; John Vann, P and Dave Sapp, AP. I would also like to give a special thanks to Jack Sterrett, SN who acted as class proctor and also furnished great lunches and snacks for the group.

We are presently working on a 2013 GISPS Class schedule. Due to the many request from members and non-members we are tentatively scheduling a Weather Class starting January 8. It will run for five weeks, so mark your calendars now. Please let me know ASAP if you are interested. If there are other classes or seminars you would like to see scheduled please contact Jack Sterrett or myself so we can work on getting them scheduled.

Please contact me ASAP if you have an interest in obtaining an Inland Navigation (IN) Certificate. There is a good possibility that we will be having an IN session in Brunswick or Savannah in November. For more information about IN Certification please see: <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/main.htm> .

Unfortunately, our Aug ABC class was canceled due to a lack of interest. But, the good news is that we will be offering another class which will be a one-day ABC class on September 15 starting at 08:45 AM at the UGA Marine Extension, 715 Bay Street, Brunswick. Any interested students should register by giving me a call so I can add them to the list. Please let your boating friends know.

Our membership numbers are almost back to our spring level which was highest. We presently have 66 active members, up 14% since this time last year. I encourage all of you as part of the Membership Committee to keep up the hard work and help sell our squadron and its benefits.

I would also like to announce that the Golden Isles Sail Club is holding its 3rd Annual Parade of Lights Saturday, December 8. This event is a great way to give back to the community, have fun, and bring awareness to the local boating scene. Full details may be obtained at: <http://www.goldenislessailingclub.com/Events/detail.asp?eKey=337> and/or for questions contact Leslie Hamrick by email at leslie@deckedoutevents.com or call 912-275-7774.

With cooling temperatures, it is getting close that time of year for prime boating activities. For that reason, I hope to be on our local southern waters the last couple of weeks of the month. If anyone else is interested, several of us plan to leave Monday, September 18, and leisurely gunkhole south and

up the St. Johns River to Green Cove Springs and return making for a week and a half cruise. Please give myself, Coy Hodges, or Jack Sterrett a call if you are interested.

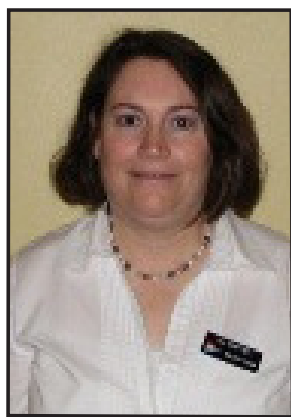
Last, but certainly not least, your Nomination Committee has been working hard to put together a slate of candidates for open bridge and committee positions for the upcoming year. We really need your help and participation. Remember, this is your squadron and all of us working together are what makes our squadron strong and viable. So, I am requesting that you take a look at your schedule for next year and see if you will give your squadron some time. Please contact Larry Jefferis or myself if you are willing to help.

Please remember the Annual CoastFest is Saturday October 6. Lisa Noetzel, JN has a great plan to encourage booth participation and bring our squadron public exposure. So if you are not attending the District 26 Conference/COW October 5-7, hopefully you will be helping Lisa with the GISPS booth. I am sure it will be fun and a good day to earn a merit mark.

Hope to see you all at the October membership meeting. Hopefully I will be kicked back in a serene anchorage with a cool drink while you guys have a great September membership meeting at Mud Cat Charlie's.

XO Report

Lisa Noetzel, JN



Hello fellow boaters!

October is right around the corner, and one word other than Halloween evokes this month: CoastFest! Similar to last year, this social / environmental gathering will be held on a Saturday at the GA DNR Regional Headquarters in Brunswick. The date is October 6th, 2012 and CoastFest is scheduled to run from 1000 - 1600. This is a great opportunity for GISPS to make its presence known to the general public. Because CoastFest attracts many families, GISPS will promote itself by showing children (and interested parents) how to make a Turk's Head knot bracelet

or a Monkey Fist knot keychain.

With CoastFest running for 8 hours (counting set-up and breakdown), GISPS will need 8 - 12 volunteers who can run shifts between 2-3 hours. This is great way to earn a merit mark as well as to partake in some all out fun. Please contact me via email (lisa.noetzel@gmail.com) or phone (912-264-2881) to sign-up. Once we have our corps of volunteers, I will host a "knot" party in which we will all practice our Turk's Head and Monkey Fist knots.

AO Report
Richard Jones,AP



The report I received from Vicky that the turn out for our August meeting was great. Hope the attendance for our September 22 meeting will be as good or better.

The September 22 meeting will be at 6:00 PM at a new place, Mud Cat Charlie's located 1 mi south of Darien on U.S. 17, just after the fourth bridge. Look for the Two Way Fish Camp sign.

The club and I are open to finding a permanent location for our monthly meetings. So let me thank you for the meeting place suggestions given to me at our last meeting. We will be trying one of them at future meeting.

Boating Activities

If you have any boating activities please give the information to Vicky by September 20 so she can include them in her Commander's Report for the District Conference.

Hope to see all of you on our Sapelo Island trip.

September 8 Sapelo Island Trip Ferry Boat Tour

Sandra Boynton has work hard putting together this trip. Hope most of you will be attending. The ferry will depart at 9:00AM from the dock located in Meridian, GA, which is just off GA hwy 99.

This is on the ground of the University of GA Marine Institute.

There is still talk of a trip to Green Cove Springs, details in the near future.

After September with the weather cooling would be a great time for a cruise, please offer suggestions.

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
or call (912) 882-3883

Treasurer's Report
Teresa Wilsdorf, S Treasurer



Financial Statement:

GISPS currently has \$6,985.79 in the bank.

We had another great meeting in August at Skipper's. We ended up with about \$34 for the squadron's portion of the 50-50 drawing. Coy Hodges bought the winning ticket.

I received a total of 35 confirmations for the Sapelo Island ferry trip, tour, and lunch on September 8th. I am looking forward to spending the day with members and friends.

Don't forget, we will be meeting at Mud Cat Charlie's this month!

Secretary's Report
Joe Scirica, S Secretary



Cdr Vicky Jefferis, AP called the meeting to order 25 August, 2012 at Skippers Fish Camp, Darien, GA. Past Commanders John Rodgers, SN, Charlotte, Larry Jefferis, AP, Golden Isles, and Charles Wilsdorf, SN, Golden Isles were recognized as present. Vicky also mentioned that Nettie Dumais' son George was in an automobile accident and is in the hospital. We wish George and Nettie all the best.

Next, she welcomed the seldom seen members, John Vann, P, Steve Batson, AP, Kathy Batson, S, and Bill Bartlett, S. Then she recognized our other guests: Jan Sturgis, Jim Mahoney, Ron Nelson, Chris Eshliman and our guest speaker Kevin Heying and his wife Jane.

PC Larry Jefferis led the invocation and Secretary Joe Scirica, S, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

P/C Larry Jefferis passed out the First Aid and CPR certificates to the members who passed the course.

Cdr Vicky Jefferis brought SEO Charles Wilsdorf, SN and the two new SN members; Coy Hodges, SN, and Jack Sterrett, SN. Charles talked about the significance of earning the SN designation and Vicky presented both men with blazer flashes designating their new grade. She then mentioned Coy and Jack will be honored at the District 26 Fall Conference and COW and described the conference agenda which includes many seminars and workshops. Among them will be DB2000, navigating the National web site and specific sessions for each bridge officer. Much to learn, many new people to meet. She also asked for a headcount for those who plan on attending.

Secretary Joe Scirica, S indicated that we had a quorum, he then moved that the minutes be approved, SEO Charles Wilsdorf seconded, and the minutes were approved by a voice vote.

XO Lisa Noetzel, JN, talked about the upcoming Coast Fest 6 October, 2012 at the DNR facility. She said that in order to help attract the younger people attending that we would have the materials for the young ones to make string bracelets with a major knot in the center.

Cdr Vicky Jefferis mentioned the upcoming Sapelo Island outing on 8 September, 2012 and that there are still spaces available.

Education Officer Charles Wilsdorf reported that 6 students took the Marine Electronics class and all passed. He thanked Jack Sterrett for all of his help. He may put a weather class together in the near future.

P/C Larry Jefferis mentioned the nominating committee and that they are looking for people showing an interest, without a specific bridge office in mind for now, just interest. He also said that we need members at large, not just bridge officers. He mentioned that there are two squadrons in District 26 that are in trouble. Their membership is way down.

Treasurer Teresa Wilsdorf, S announced that we have \$7483.54 in the bank.

Coy Hodges, SN won the 50/50 raffle.

Pat Rodgers, AP, mentioned that our squadron placed 12th overall in this year's USPS Co-Op Charting rankings. She and John Rodgers recently did some charting in Hilton Head Marina and St Andrews sound.

Teresa Wilsdorf, S, will head up the fall COW site selection committee, Linda Mahoney, S and Cheech Mameli will help.

Cdr Jefferis discussed the District 26 Children's Poster Contest and determined there is no interest from the membership to go forward.

Our next meeting will be at Mudcat Charlie's in Darien on September 22. We will have a pot-luck at Jekyll Island Marina in October.

George Eshliman introduced our guest speaker Kevin Heying of FLETC who proceeded to give a very good presentation informing us about the standardized training his Marine Training Branch provides to law enforcement officials across all branches of the Federal Government.

It was moved and seconded that we adjourn, the motion passed and we adjourned.