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CDR Vicky Jefferis

Once again time has just flown by and it's October already. Even though there isn't much evidence of leaves turning color



P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN, receives the D/26 Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching from D/C Robert Boal, SN, on left, and V/C Gary Cheney, SN, right. Charles now becomes the District's nominee for the National USPS Charles F. Chapman Award. This awards honors outstanding USPS instructors.

in the Golden Isles, I notice the days are a little cooler, which I'm sure everyone is

enjoying. Looking forward, we have many exciting events ahead, so be sure to look

through this edition of the Porthole to learn about some of them. Speaking of exciting, we've just increased our membership substantially! Welcome to Karla Lahrs, Denise Schultze, Janet Sturgis, and John A., Belinda, John D. and Vanessa Vitale – we're so glad to have you with us.

In October, we'll be a busy group. Twelve GISPS members attended all or part

GOLDEN ISLES SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON 2011 BRIDGE

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Coy Hodges, SN, receives the Educational Achievement Award from D/C Robert Boal, SN, on left, and V/C Gary Cheney, SN, right, at the D/26 Fall Conference held in Greenville, SC.

of the District 26 Fall Conference. As most of you know by now, Coy Hodges, SN, and 1/Lt Jack Sterret, SN, received their Educational Achievement Awards for completing all the courses and electives required to be designated Senior Navigators. What you haven't heard is that P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN, our nominee for the Charles F. Chapman Award, won the district competition and is now the District's nominee to compete at the National level. Congratulations, Charles! This is a huge honor for Charles, and I want to thank those who helped by writing letters and providing detailed information for the nomination package. Margaret Butler, N, also received the Educational Proficiency Award. We also received recognition for placing 32nd in the Nation for our Co-op Charting program

and our Co-op Charting Chair, Pat Rodgers, AP, placed 36th nationally in the individual rankings. Now that's impressive! Last but not least, we won third place in the District Teaching Aids competition. Congratulations to All!

October 6 found Lisa Noetzel and a number of you manning the GISPS booth and the DNR Coast Fest. Check Lisa's article for more details. Thanks to all for helping out. This year, GISPS was asked if we would sponsor a prize for the Youth Art Contest and we agreed to do so. Teresa Wilsdorf, S, and I had great fun picking our favorite art from over 1200 entries from students throughout the local area. We found a great picture depicting Clean and Safe Boating. The winner received a child's fishing pole and tackle box and a ribbon on the picture indicating GISPS was the prize sponsor. It's a great way to get the word out about us.

We have some important events on the horizon. First, our Annual Meeting will take place at our regularly scheduled October meeting, which is October 27. The Annual Meeting is when members vote for next year's Bridge and Elected Committee members. This meeting won't be all serious business, we're going to have a cookout and covered dish meal at the Jekyll Harbor Marina picnic area, so come let your voice be heard at the election and plan to enjoy some great food and camaraderie with your GISPS friends. The GISPS Change of Watch is scheduled for November 17 in the Coastal Kitchen's party room. The members voted to be your 2013 leadership will be installed at this event by two District 26 Bridge Members. This will be a good



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opportunity to meet the new Administrative Officer, D/Lt/C Andy Hyman. Last, but not least, our annual Holiday Party will be held December 1 in Joe Scirica's home. Details for all these events will be provided as they get closer. Hope you can come join us for all of them!

Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron 2012 Activities Calendar

| Date | Time | Function | Location |
|------------|------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Oct 27 | TBD | GISPS EXCOM Mtg | Jekyll Harbor |
| | 1700 | GISPS Membership Mtg | Marina |
| Nov 17 | 1800 | GISPS Change of Watch | Coastal Kitchen |
| | | | Golden Isles Marina |
| December 1 | TBD | GISPS Holiday Party | Joe Scirica's Home |

OCTOBER 27 PICNIC AND ANNUAL MEETING

TIME: 5:00 PM

Note this is earlier than usual since we'll be outside and need to be finished before dark.

PLACE: Jekyll Harbor Marina Picnic Area (between CJ's and the docks).

Once you're on the island, look for the signs to the marina, and make a right off the main road.

THE PLAN:

The Squadron will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, paper goods and plastic eating utensils. Members provide a dish to share, serving utensils, and your own beverages. We also recommend bringing some bug spray.

Tim & Karla Lahrs and Denise Schultze are bringing Paper Thin Shell Oysters fresh from Sapelo Island, crackers & Tabasco Sauce as their dish to share!!!! Anyone who wishes to partake of this treat should bring your own Oyster Knife and towel or glove. Although many of us passed the First Aid class, we prefer not to have any cuts from knives that slip! You're also welcome to bring a bag to share in any leftovers.

RSVPs are Required: Contact our Picnic Committee Chairman, Denise Schultze
No Later Than Friday Oct 19: Home Phone: 912-384-3006 or email neiser@netzero.net

We need a count of attendees to make sure we buy enough food AND we also would like to know what you plan to bring!

Election: The Membership will vote for the 2013 Bridge and Elected Committees, but we'll keep the business meeting short so we can have plenty of time to relax and socialize!

GISPS Sapelo Island Trip



Guests Keith & Janee Lawrence along with Skip & Mary Roeder aboard the Sapelo Island Ferry



Richard & Dorothy Jones and Chuck Boynton on the Sapelo Island Ferry



Sandra Boynton, Jennifer & Emil Hoffman ready to depart on the trip to Sapelo Island.



Stephanie Herzberg, Paulette Harris-Holmes, and Joe Herzberg relax after lunch at Sapelo Island



Vicky & Larry Jefferis, Charles Wilsdorf, and Coy Hodges ready to tour Sapelo Island



Audie Holmes, Bucky Harris, and Ron Nelson on the Sapelo Island tour bus

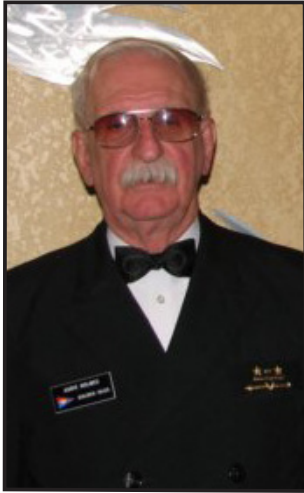
2013 GOLDEN ISLES SAIL & POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE OFFICERS

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| Flag Lieutenant | Larry Jefferis, AP |
| Members at Large | Emil Hoffman, S |
| | Robert Morrison, S |
| | Tim Lahrs, S |

GENERAL COMMITTEES

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| Nominating Committee | Richard Jones, AP | Chairman | (1yr) |
| | Charles Wilsdorf, SN | | (2yrs) |
| | Larry Jefferis, AP | | (3yrs) |
| Rules Committee | George Eshliman, P | Chairman | (1yr) |
| | Coy Hodges, SN | | (2yrs) |
| | Charles Boynton, P | | (3yrs) |
| Auditing Committee | Emil Hoffman, S | Chairman | (1yr) |
| | Dorothy Jones | | (2yrs) |
| | Karla Lahrs | | (3yrs) |
| Assistant Executive Officer | Chuck Boynton, P | | |
| Assistant Administration Officer | Tim Lahrs, S | | |
| Assistant Secretary | Linda Nelson, S | | |

Charter Commander's Report
Audie Holmes, SN



From: P/C Audie Holmes, SN

What's in a name? A skunk by any other name has the capacity of stinking up a place, doesn't it? I hit one with my car one time, and I renamed that skunk several times in a most pleasant manner, but when I was finished and called down a bit I realized that, after all, it was still a skunk!

Names are important to us. It's the one word we listen to hear when in a large crowd, for example. This is why it is important for us to wear our name tags at meetings, parties, conferences and any general gathering related to the Power Squadron. It makes us more comfortable if we know we are conversing with a person who has our name in front of them, and it removes the possible embarrassment of having to admit we have forgotten a person's name. It removes the possibility of an awkward moment.

Some organizations where I have been a member (e.g., Lion's Club, etc.) charged a fine for not wearing that organization's name tag. It might have been a quarter, a half dollar, a dollar, and that money was put into a special fund to be used for a special purpose. The collectors had some particular title for those missing their name tags, and it was all in fun. The Lion's Club call them tail twister, for instance.

For all that frivolity, the message was the same: wear our name tags and relieve one another of the pressure of trying to figure out to whom we are speaking, and relieve others of the same stress. At the D26 Power Squadron fall conference this weekend, I was always glad to see someone with the name prominently displayed. It is really a simple matter that makes us all easily identified at our squadron meetings, district meetings, cruise and rendezvous or at our next National Meeting in Jacksonville, in January, 2013. Just a little etiquette goes a long way! Hope to see you soon on land or on the water!

Sincerely,

P/C Audie Holmes, SN
Charter Commander, GISPS

Squadron Education Officer
Charles Wilsdorf, SN



Our squadron was the best represented squadron at this year's Fall D26 Conference and Change of Watch with twelve members attending. We all were excited to see Jack Sterrett, SN and Coy Hodges, SN receive their Education Achievement Award by the Chief Commander's Representative, Vice Commander Gary Cheney, SN. Cdr Vicky Jefferis, AP also received an Educational Proficiency Award for Margaret Butler, N. Last, this old dog was awarded the D26 Charles F. Chapman Award nominee to USPS National. I thank all of you who submitted my name to D26 for the Chapman Award. We also received a third place in the Teaching Aid award contest. We all should be proud of our squadron's boating education whether you have taught a class or have taken a class. Either way it takes a lot of work. Let's continue to work together and keep our squadron up front.

As always, much info was conveyed at the D26 SEO meeting concerning present and future changes in the USPS Educational Department ranging from Manufactures Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for USPS text to the Brunswick Boat Dealer Program. But, one comment which really caught me off guard is that not all inflatable pfd's have to be worn to be counted in the vessel's carriage requirement. We have always taught in our classes that inflatable pfd's must be worn to count in the carriage requirement. So, for now, check the labels in your inflatable pfd and labels in any inflatable pfd you are considering purchasing. It seems neither the local USCG nor the pfd manufactures' customer service departments are up to speed yet. I hope to have some more definitive information in the future which I will pass on to you. And, I think we all know wearing our lifejacket is the safest way to go regardless.

Thanks to all the members who put up ABC signage last month: Frank Barron, AP; Richard Jones, AP; George Eshliman, P; Howard Klippel, AP and Jeanne Klippel; Bob Morrison, S; Jack Sterrett, SN. Your efforts paid off with eight students who completed the September 15, ABC class. We will definitely continue this type of advertising.



Coy Hodges, Charles Wilsdorf, Vicky Jefferis, and Marilyn Hyman, Lake Murray Power Squadron, relax as the GISPS D/26 Fall Conference attendees honor Coy, Jack, and Charles.

Membership is still on the rise. We now have 73 active members. A big thanks goes out to all of the Membership Committee members. Part of that increase is four new members from the ABC class and two of the members of the class were already members. Let's keep it up.

In the last Porthole I mentioned that I was going on a cruise up the St. Johns River as far as Green Cove Springs where many boaters use the boatyard located there. I crewed on Makana for Coy Hodges, SN. Jack Sterrett,



Freda and George Bloodworth, Jack and Lynda Sterrett, Teresa Wilsdorf, and Linda Hodges relax as the GISPS D/26 Fall Conference attendees honor Coy, Jack, and Charles.

SN buddy boated with us as far as Fernandina, but returned the third day out via the outside to Brunswick Landing. Jack's boat, Martini has done that trip so many times it knows its own way. What a great time on the St. Johns with stops in Fernandina, downtown Jacksonville, Plumbers Cove, and Hallows Cove, just across from Green Cove Springs. You can look at the chart and pictures, but until you have been there it is hard to believe how expansive and pretty the area is. The weather, with the exception of one night, was great with warm days and cool nights. We only ate out one night, but never went to bed hungry. It was truly a relaxing trip. I even got to finally try out my Kindle and read a couple of books that were not USPS text. This area is definitely worth

exploring particularly if you have a power boat and can continue south upriver past Green Cove Springs.

I also mentioned in the last Porthole that starting January 8 we will start a Weather Class. Please let me know ASAP if you are interested so I might order text and plan the class. As always, please contact myself, Jack Sterrett or any GISPS Bridge member if you are interested in any specific USPS course or seminar.

Well if the weather cooperates, I hope to take the Scout out Friday. With ethanol fuel sitting since the last time I used the boat back at the end of May, let's hope the ole Yamaha will start and run smoothly. Hope to see you all at the Jekyll Island Cookout/Annual Membership meeting Saturday, Oct 27.

XO Report

Lisa Noetzel, JN



Ahoy GISPS members! Since my last report, COASTFEST took place on Saturday, October 6th, 2012. The night before COASTFEST opened, Cecilia and I hosted a small get-together at our home to show volunteers how to tie the Turk's Head - a decorative knot which we would make into a bracelet.

The gathering was quite fun, although the Turk's Head was a bit difficult to learn! The following day, as predicted, the GISPS table was a popular stop amongst the children. Located in tent F, GISPS shared space with Mosquito Control and Brantley County Hunting and Fishing Club.

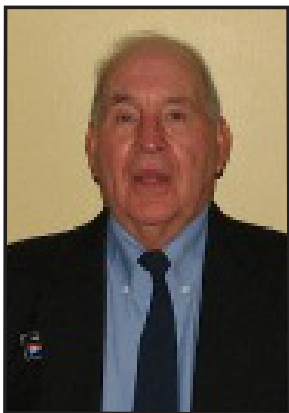
With the help of multiple volunteers in the morning -- Steve Chambless, Linda Mahoney, Sandra and Chuck Boynton, and me, your XO-- we made more than 110 bracelets in approximately 75 minutes (going through more than 400' line). As mentioned above, the original plan was to do a Turk's head knot (knot in white line) -- but a steady stream of demanding children required us to think on our feet. Thanks

to Linda Mahoney, she made more than 60 half-hitch knot bracelets, which the children loved as well. Faced with no more line at 11:30 a.m. GISPS volunteers--Cecilia Mameli and me---taught children how to tie a square reef knot (purple and pink lines) with the remnants of various lines used earlier for bracelets. Joe Scirica arrived after the bracelet frenzy, but he played the all important role of booth breakdown! While COASTFEST was an important event for GISPS to attend, most of the adults attending the venue were not boaters themselves and had little interest in boating.

Thus, regretfully, I report that GISPS did not sign up anyone for ABC classes or club membership. Steve Chambless did, however, make two contacts for Vessel Safety Checks. I hope, nevertheless, that our bracelets will be a reminder to the children and their parents of our boating organization when or if they decide to learn more about boating.

AO Report

Richard Jones, AP



My wife and I missed not being able to attend the last meeting, but the wedding of our Granddaughter in September something we would not miss. The bride was beautiful; the weather was great and no bugs. What else could the bride or her beaming grandparents hope for in an outdoor wedding in South Georgia especially in September. Hope to see you at our October 27 meeting.

The October 27 meeting will be at 5:00 PM at Jekyll Harbor Marina. We are planning a cookout. The club will supply the meat, buns, condiments, charcoal and paper goods. Each member should bring a dish to share and their own drinks.

Boating Activities

If you have any boating activities please give the information to Vicky so she can do her report.

Our Sapelo Island trip on September 8 was a fun time for the 33 members and guest that made the trip. The pictures of the trip in this Porthole will allow the ones who went to remember the good times and the ones who could not make the trip see what a fun time they missed. Again I would like to thank the Boynton's for all their efforts to assure the trip was such a success.

After October 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. We will accomplish the two most important reasons for being a member of the GISPS. Boater education 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 \$7,238.27 in the bank.

We had another great meeting in September at Mud Cat Charlie's. We ended up with about \$15 for the squadron's portion of the 50-50 drawing. Skip Roeder bought the winning ticket.

A few of us returned on Sunday from the D26 Change of Watch in Greenville, SC. We all had a great time and learned quite a bit. I attended a combined Secretary/Treasurer meeting conducted by our very own D26 Treasurer P/C Larry Jefferis and D26 Secretary P/C Andy Hyman. I learned quite a bit of information that will be very helpful in the future.

I am finalizing the final details of having our Change of Watch at Coastal Kitchen (located at the Golden Isles Marina near St. Simons Island) on November 17th. I will have everything finalized by our next meeting at Jekyll Island. I am real excited as the room, food, and view is wonderful and I think we will have a great time.

Speaking of our meeting at Jekyll Island, I look forward to seeing everyone there. The picnic meetings are always a good time. Bring your side dish and drinks and be prepared to have a friendly visit with everyone in attendance.

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.



Turk's Head bracelet at Coastfest.



Chuck & Sandra Boynton and Linda Mahoney making bracelets for children at the DNR 2012 Coastfest.

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.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 – Steve Bovie
- 9 – Carolyn Vann
- 12 – George Eshliman
- 15 – Margaret Butler
- 16 – Jack Sterrett
- 20 – Jim Grimshaw
- 20 – Teresa Wilsdorf
- 28 – Howard Klippel
- 30 – Charles Wilsdorf