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Dear GISPS Members,

I hope this monthly letter finds you all well. It is popularly said that April showers bring May flowers. We've certainly had our share of rain and, rather than flowers, May is filled with numerous events.

AO Sharon Hindery and her husband, Assistant AO Rick, are busy organizing different events for this month – the Blessing of the Fleet, which is May 9th – 10th, and Safe Boating Week, which is May 16th -17th. Volunteers are needed, so if you have any free time, your presence and assistance are

greatly appreciated!

Next month GISPS will celebrate its 10 year anniversary! At our ExCom meeting in April, we voted to dedicate funds for a special dinner celebration. Details about this dinner will be forthcoming, but it will be held at one of our summer social gatherings. We are looking now to coordinate this party with another event such as Co-Op Charting, which is one of our annual summer events led by Pat and John Rodgers. I'd also like to see GISPS out on the water to do some Raft Ups and

OTW exercises such as Man Overboard. Remember, boating is fun!

Looking ahead to this month, our meeting will be on the 16th at the Moon Doggies at 1800. AO Sharon Hindery has arranged for a great guest speaker: Gary Ingram from the National Park Service at Cumberland Island and Fort Frederica.

Please save the above date! I hope to see you all there at our monthly meeting.

Cdr. Lisa M. Noetzel, JN

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Treasurer's Report  
Teresa Wilsdorf, S



GISPS currently has a balance of \$9,635.61 in the bank.

Quite a few of you should have received an invoice for membership renewal that is due June 1st. If you received notice please don't forget to renew, we would hate to lose you. If you have any questions on the dues just give me a call.

Remember, we are celebrating the GISPS 10th anniversary in June. Has anyone come up with any good ideas on what we should do to celebrate?

I hope to see you this weekend at the Blessing of the Fleet and at the meeting this month.

Teresa Wilsdorf, S



**May**

13 Lynne Barron  
01 Chuck Boynton  
02 James Bridges  
04 George Bloodworth

16 Jennifer Hoffman  
26 Frank Barron  
28 Betty Whisnant  
30 Rick Hindery

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A Message from Paulette  
Paulette Harris, SN

It was with much sadness that we received the call from P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN stating sadly that P/C Larry Jefferis, JN had died. We shall never forget the day that Audie Holmes taught the basic boating course to the Jefferis. We were working hard to bring the United States Power Squadrons to the Golden Isles and adding Larry and Vicky Jefferis to the new squadron. He will surely be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go to Vicky.

Sincerely, Paulette

Paulette Harris-Holmes, SN



**Savannah Splash!**

USPS District 26  
**Cruise & Rendezvous**  
5-7 June 2015

Hosted in Savannah by  
Tybee Light Sail & Power Squadron



**Your Savannah Home!**

- Savannah Hilton DeSoto
- Savannah Bend Marina

**On-the-Water Fun!**

- ICW Cruise—Long Bay to Thunderbolt via Charleston & Hilton Head (starts Wednesday)
- Savannah River Cruise—Mile marker 104 to Thunderbolt (Friday)
- Cruise to Wassaw Beach & picnic (Saturday)
- Guided Kayaking & picnic (Saturday & Sunday)

**Landlubber Delights!**

*Friday Evening*

- Hearse-Driven Ghost Tour

*Saturday*

- Guided walking tours of
  - AM: Savannah's Squares
  - PM: River Street
- Hop-on, hop-off guided trolley tour of historic Savannah

**Savor Savannah!**

*Friday*

- Hospitality Suite
- Complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres
- Dinner at the restaurant of your choice

*Saturday*

- Breakfast on your own
- Box lunches for boaters
- Hospitality Suite
- Banquet Dinner & Entertainment (Dress: "Splashy" Casual)

*Sunday*

- Complimentary Farewell Breakfast at the historic Pirates' House

**Sweet Souvenirs & Silent Auction**

Enjoy your complimentary goodie bag and be sure to check out the treasures that await you at our silent auction!



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Administration Officer  
Sharon Hindery, P



Our Monthly meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the (perhaps too) new **Buccaneer Club** restaurant in downtown Brunswick proved to be an interesting evening for the 25 or so who attended. The staff was challenged with only one chef (unplanned) for the evening, so it was a bit rough sailing. But the food was well prepared when eventually served. Our speaker, Joe Lawson of the “Historic Brunswick Seaport” shared his passion and gave us a little insight to his vision of what the development and Marketing the port as an educational and tourist attraction can do to boost the economy of the Brunswick downtown as its own merit. His ideas of building a period sailing schooner locally, and ultimately using it as an attraction for both educational and tourist activities seems like it could help draw interest to the downtown area.

Our next meeting is at 1800 on **May 16<sup>th</sup> Moon Doggies Pizza** -at 36 Canal Road, Brunswick. This is a week earlier than usual due to the Memorial Day weekend then next week. Our speaker, Gary Ingram, is a Superintendent with the National Park Service. He is at Cumberland Island, and recently added Fort Frederica on St Simon’s Island to his responsibilities. ***Please consider bringing a boating friend along to introduce them to our group- let’s make your friends ours!***

**Boating Activities-** Skip Roeder has stepped up & offered to document our Members boating activities this year. To do this well, and to get the credit for our squadron, everyone needs to email Skip with the information so that he can log it into the Spreadsheet. So, whenever you enjoy a cruise, or Sail, or fishing trip, or even a paddle up the creek in a kayak, take a few moments to email Skip with the particulars- don’t wait until after the summer is over, our memories aren’t what they were, and surely you will under document your boating activities. ☺

Remember, these activities by members are recognized by the district at the Squadron level!

**USPS Dist 26 “Savannah Splash” Cruise and Rendezvous** hosted by Tybee Light Sail and Power Squadron is June 5-7 in Savannah Ga. There is a weekend of activities both on and off the water.

By the time you read this, the 77<sup>th</sup> annual **Brunswick Blessing of the Fleet** will be History- I hope folks found time to check it out. GISPS is being represented under the Education tent. We hope the Virtual Power Boat Trainer can help draw some interest in boating safety and Our squadron. We will be advertizing and collecting names and contact information for those interested in future classes – including the ABC class on May 16, Vessel Safety inspections, GISPS membership. We will hold a drawing after the end of safe boating week of all names gathered for an inflatable PFD and Jekyll Island Marina mooring certificates.

**May 16- ABC Boating class & the last of Safe Boating week.** We hope to again have a table at West Marine in the morning to increase awareness of our organization. I am still looking for folks to help out, so let me know if you can spend a couple of hours with us. We will collect names for the drawing as well.

If you have any ideas for future speakers or meeting themes... please let me know. We want the meetings to be relevant to our membership’s interests & want them to be fun and informative.

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Secretary's Report  
Carolyn Vann

**Location:** Buccaneer Club, Brunswick

**Call to Order:** 5:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Lisa Noetzel, Sharon and Rick Hindery, Carolyn and John Vann, Charles and Teresa Wilsdorf

**Purpose:** Monthly Meeting

**Quorum:** ?

**Action:**

Discussion of Safe Boating Week May 16 and the need for volunteers to staff a table at West Marine. Treasurer reports balance of \$9,535.61. Discussed 10th Anniversary Party in June. Motion by Sharon Hindery to budget up to \$600 for the 10th Anniversary Party. Seconded by Carolyn Vann and Approved by those in attendance (quorum?)

Discussed the Brunswick Blessing of the Fleet, May 9-10 A Motion was made by Charles Wilsdorf to budget up to \$200 for a nice PFD for a prize drawing at the Blessing of the Fleet. Seconded and Approved. Discussion of ABC Class scheduled for May 16.

Adjourn: 6:00 p.m

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Squadron Education Officer  
Charles Wilsdorf, SN



They say "time flies when you are having fun", so I must be having fun since this year seems like it just started rather than approaching the halfway mark. Our Navigation Class is half over, one ABC class completed, and a Seamanship Class is nearly over. We have scheduled another ABC class for May 16, a Piloting Class starting June 8, and a First Aid/CPR June 13.

Many of you have asked about a Weather Class, so one is in the works for August. I will keep you apprised. Our membership is still at 64; we haven't added any new members this year.

Remember all members are on the Membership Committee, so please encourage your boating friends to take a look at us and what we have to offer. I might also mention that June 1 is the ending date for 2015 annual dues to be paid for many members. Please check your invoice and remit your payment. You may pay online via a credit card if you don't want to use a check and mail.

Boating season is on us. When completing your spring commissioning make sure your VHF is operable and it is interfaced with your GPS (give me a call if you need help in making this connection). As a reminder, channel#27 may be used locally for radio checks. Don't leave the dock or ramp without doing a quick radio check.

See you all at the May 16 membership meeting.

Charles, SN-ACN

## GISPS Calendar of Events

<b>January</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
18-25 USPS Annual Meeting	All day	Jacksonville, FL
24 GISPS Meeting	1800	Moon Doggies
<b>February</b>		
27-28 D26 Spring Conference	All day	Jekyll Island
<b>March</b>		
01 D26 Spring Conference	All day	Jekyll Island
05 Navigation Class begins	TBD	Wilsdorf Home
14 Instructor Recertification	0830-1230	Wilsdorf Home
21 ABC Class	0800-1600	UGA Marine Extension
28 GISPS Meeting	1800	Copper Pig
<b>April</b>		
20 Seamanship begins	TBD	UGA Marine Extension
25 GISPS Meeting	1800	TBA
<b>May</b>		
16 GISPS Meeting	1800	Moon Doggies
16 ABC Class	0800 - 1600	UGA Marine Extension
17-23 Safe Boating Week	All Day	Nationwide
<b>June</b>		
08 Piloting Class begins	TBD	Brunswick Landing Marina
11 Navigation class part II	TBD	Wilsdorf Home
13 CPR/ First Aid	08000-1600	UGA Marine Extension
27 GISPS Social	1800	St. Simons Island
<b>July</b>		
25 GISPS Social	1800	Jekyll Island
<b>August</b>		
22 GISPS Social	1800	Brunswick
31 AP Class begins	TBA	Wilsdorf Home
<b>September</b>		
26 GISPS Meeting	1800	TBA