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Skip Roeder showing children the boat simulator.

HI GISPS members,

This is my last Porthole column as your Commander. I'd first like to thank everyone who has served on the Bridge this past year – Chas, Teresa, Sharon, Rick, Rebecca, Joey, Sandra and Vicki. I'd then like to thank you, the members, for your help and support in the various events such as the D26 Conference and Coastfest, in which GISPS has either acted as host or participant. I know how busy all of us are with jobs, families, hobbies, etc. so the fact that you made time for GISPS is greatly appreciated. This last year has been a tough

one for our group. We've lost two past Commanders—Audie Holmes and Larry Jefferis—and our membership is down by fifteen percent. While these facts make us pause and reflect somberly, we also need to consider the positives. We celebrated our tenth anniversary as a club, we continued to participate in Co-Op Charting (thank you Jim and Pat!), we attracted new members, we had members teach various classes and attain the N rank, and we had some great meetings with guest speakers (thank you Sharon!). All that said, I believe that GISPS is at a crossroads. We are

struggling as an organization, and we need your help. As you will have noted in the last Porthole, there are several empty positions within our next bridge. Our new commander, Sharon Hindery, has a lot of good ideas, but she needs our support. So, please, if you have time to contribute to GISPS, consider filling one of these positions. Your participation will be greatly appreciated! Again, many thanks for allowing me to serve as your commander these past two years.

Best wishes,
Cdr. Lisa

Treasurer's Report
Teresa Wilsdorf, S



As of October 7, 2015 GISPS has 9,260.59 in the bank.

Teresa Wilsdorf, S

Charter Commander's Report
Paulette Proctor Harris

On Saturday, October 10, 2015, at the Paine College Chapel in Augusta, GA a beech tree was planted in memory of the GISPS first commander, Audie Holmes, SN. This was done by Delta Kappa Gamma and the Paine College faculty and administration. A scholarship is being established also in Audie's memory at Paine College.

-Paulette

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September's meeting turned out to be a lot of fun and informative. We enjoyed the island flair & Caribbean fare served at the Island Jerk in Brunswick. Lea King-Badyna gave a great presentation on all the things that "Keep Golden Isles Beautiful" does. By the questions and other interaction by our members, litter and recycling is close to most of our hearts. I was thrilled that we enthusiastically voted for GISPS to sponsor Sidney Lanier Park as part of their "Adopt A" program. Several folks have signed up to help with quarterly (4 times a year) pickups. KGIB supplies all the supplies (gloves, bags, pickers, & the bright orange vests) and will post a sign at the park with our sponsorship noted.

We would like some feed back as to how best to schedule the pickups. Generally in the morning, for a couple of hours, leave the bags for KGIB to pick up. Would we want to schedule for meeting days? Have a lunch after-words to marvel at the variety of items we find?? Anyway, would like to get these on the calendar early on, so folks can participate. Thank you!

October Meeting Oct.24th at 18:00: We will have the meeting at the Hindery house in 142 Belle Point Pkwy, off of Route 17, north of Brunswick ... as a Halloween Party- nautical themed costumes are encouraged! So, mates, start putting together that great rendition of sea creature, pirate or, wench you want to portray. This will encourage us to finally finish our "game room". Hopefully the weather will be fine, and we can enjoy the outside space as well.

We (the Hindery's) will provide Brunswick Stew & iced tea. Also, there's some beer/wine/mixers left over from past events. Beyond that... it will be potluck & BYO!

We would like to also collect small items for the International Seafarer's Centers Christmas presents. You can bring them to the October meeting, we will have a collection box.

The list of items they would like to make up Christmas Gift Boxes/Bags can be found at:
<http://www.seafarerscenter.org/christmas-at-sea.html>

If you bring a few of the items on the list, we'll put together some boxes and arrange to deliver them to the center. Let me know if you want to help with the organizing, wrapping, and delivering of the Christmas boxes.

Change of Watch... November 14th. Mark your calendar for this date... We should be sending out evites mid month, so keep an eye on your inbox out for it!

Squadron Education Officer
Charles Wilsdorf, SN



I am happy to report that our N class has been completed; now only two more sight folders are needed before our squadron will have three more N's. All three students aced their exam and Lt/C Rebecca Yeomans, N is our first new N in the three years having completed her sight folder.

Lt Coy Hodges, SN has finished the Weather Class. All seven students had near perfect scores on the exam. We owe many thanks to Coy for sharing his weather knowledge, hours of preparation, and his enthusiastic instruction.

To adequately staff the bridge for next year Your squadron still needs an executive officer, squadron education officer, assistant squadron education officer, and two more members at large. Please contact Vicky Jefferis or I if you can help, have questions or suggestions.

Looking ahead, our squadron has plenty of activities with upcoming Annual Meeting/Halloween Party, District 26 Fall Conference the weekend of October 10, and our November COW. Sure hope to see you at some of these activities.

Fair Winds and Good Fishing

Secretary
Sandra Boynton, AP

This weekend we enjoyed the Coastfest where GISPS hosted a booth. Coastfest is an integral part of the community that educates the public on all the natural resources right here and has a lot of entertainment as well. We had a boat simulator and a toss game that drew people to the booth.

To all fellow GISPS members: I want to thank everyone for all the support while in the office of Secretary for these few years, especially the excom members. Also, for those that have stepped in while Chuck & I were traveling and we're not able to fulfill duties, my sincere thanks. Chuck & I have enjoyed being apart of GISPS and wish the best for the club.

Signing off and best wishes,

Sandra

Squadron Executive Officer
Rebecca Yeomans, JN

Hello GISPS members,

First, thank you to all the volunteers (Charles and Sandra Boyton, Chri Gray, Sharon and Rick Hindery, Vicky Jefferis, Jack McMenamin, Mary and Skip Roeder) who worked at the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron booth at Coastfest this year. All of these members seemed to have a way with kids. Although we were very busy there were also a few moments for camaraderie as well. We had a steady line of kids waiting to practice their boating skills on the skills trainer. If all the kids grow up to be boaters the industry will be steadily growing. There was also a line-up for the bean bag toss. Even after we ran out of candies for rewards, just playing was reward in itself. Check out our website soon for pictures of everyone.

Second, I participated for the first time in the charting activities this year and now can recommend it to everyone. I was aboard Charles and Teresa Wilsdorf's powerboat along with Chri Gray. We confirmed what we all knew, that the passage behind Jekyll Island is harrowing due to the depth. It is even more shallow than we thought! I hope we have more participation next year. It is necessary but fun work.

Hope to see you all soon at the October meeting in your nautical costumes.

GISPS Calendar of Events

January	Time	Location
18-25 USPS Annual Meeting	All day	Jacksonville, FL
24 GISPS Meeting	1800	Moon Doggies
February		
27-28 D26 Spring Conference	All day	Jekyll Island
March		
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
April		
20 Seamanship begins	TBD	UGA Marine Extension
25 GISPS Meeting	1800	Buccaneer Club
May		
16 GISPS Meeting	1800	Moon Doggies
16 ABC Class	0800 - 1600	UGA Marine Extension
17-23 Safe Boating Week	All Day	Nationwide
June		
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	Sanctuary Cove
July		
25 GISPS Social	1800	Jekyll Island
August		
22 GISPS Social	1800	Brunswick
31 AP Class begins	TBA	Wilsdorf Home
September		
26 GISPS Meeting	1800	Island Jerk Restaurant
October		