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GISPS Commander  
Cdr Sharon Hindery, P

I am honored and a bit overwhelmed at being asked to step up to the GISPS Helm for 2016. I know, however, that I have a strong group of friends and past commanders that will help me navigate these challenging waters...

Both in reality, as Rick and I gain more experience on the water and in our nautical education, and metaphorically in the leadership of our group of boating enthusiasts. Rick and I are excited and hoping to plan a year of meetings and activities that both engage our current



## 2016 Bridge:

Lt Chas Wilsdorf, SN - Assistant SEO, Lt/C Teresa Wilsdorf, S -Treasurer, Lt/C Cathy Stortz, P- Secretary, Lt/C Rick Hindery, P – Admin. Officer, Cdr Sharon Hindery, P- Commander

members and serve to attract new folks to join our squadron. Some of you only know me from this newsletter and my position last year as AO, I hope that we get a chance to meet and know you all by the end of the year!

We are looking forward to making this year interesting

and meaningful one for our members, and are very open to ideas and suggestions as to what would make this happen for you-as every GISPS member is important and valuable. Feel free to call or email me at any time!

Our new Bridge- of which I refer to as "skinny" is manned

by enthusiastic good people who are committed to growing the Squadron, continuing to provide the superior education that we are known for, and reach out to attract new members. We have Lt/C Rick Hindery as AO, those who have know him cannot help but be infected by his enthusiasm, Lt/C Cathy Stortz as Secretary who is enthused and , I am sure will keep me on track! Returning as Treasurer is the one and only Lt/C Teresa Wilsdorf, and finally as ASEO we are honored to have Lt (and Past Commander) Charles Wilsdorf.

We are still looking for someone to step up to the SEO position so that Charles can mentor this person to success with his valuable experience. A volunteer for EX officer would round out the Bridge nicely. Many hands make light work & is a lot more fun!

Be sure to check below the Officer reports for some brief comments & pictures from our Halloween party, and the Change of Watch in November.



Past Commander  
Lisa Noetzel

Hey GISPS members! I have been enjoying my new position as past commander for exactly one month. Many thanks again for your past support, and special thanks to my bridge for the paddle souvenir.

If you didn't make it to the COW, you missed a great event in the SoGlo Art gallery. It was a great crowd and a cozy ambiance. Please come out to our meetings and support our new commander as she begins this New Year!

#### GOLDEN ISLES SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON 2015/16 BRIDGE

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Administration Officer  
Lt/C Rick Hindery, P

Catch the Spirit every month during 2016.

Welcome to my first posting to the Porthole. I am your brand new, freshly minted Admin officer. While I am not the highest ranking officer in the squad and I am certainly not the most experienced or important I am fortunate to have our Commander as my editor. My wife Sharon reminds me that there are many have people who know nothing about me and I have not met the many loyal members who support our squadron from a distance.

It might be that many of us forget or were never aware that about half of our group lives far from Glynn County. That slipped my mind too in the excitement of writing my first article but it should not have. I guess you could say that part of the experience that makes Golden Isles so important to us directly involves people who we don't see very often.

On February 1st 2013 we left Chicago with three suitcases and our computers packed in the back of our car. Our other car and furniture was in storage. We had been in touch with realtors in three states since October and had a list of houses to look at. Our search for a new place to live lasted two months but we had spent many more months talking about a new way to live. We knew we did not want to live with snow. We wanted to be close to water. We wanted to live a life where we could be of service but we did not want to be in charge of anything. We would be helpers in some good cause but we would not be in a management role.

Sharon concluded that she wanted to live on the marsh and have both palms and pine trees in her back yard. We had considered a small sail boat. Sailing seemed like a nice "someday" dream.

Life works in mysterious ways and we casually mentioned our very minor desire for a boat to our neighbors and things started to take on a life of their own. Bob and Margaret Butler are long time Power Squadron members and they invited us to join them at their boating club. They drove us to the first three meetings and so we were introduced to the United States Power Squadron.

We became regulars at the monthly meetings, took the ABC course and signed up for some of the more advanced courses. We started to look for something to sail. After some months we concluded that a small catamaran would suit our finances and fit our lifestyle. We joined the Y to recapture our swimming skills and try to gain back some of the strength and agility that had evaporated over the years.

While taking the Squadrons "Piloting" course we mentioned our search for a catamaran to our instructor, Jack Sterrett. Jack was curious about what a used cat boat would cost and when we told him our price range felt that he could help us do better.

Jack found us a well used but refurbished Catamaran at Lake Sinclair. We negotiated the purchase but Jack and his wife Linda helped us negotiate the training and transport of the boat to St. Simons where "Little Audrey" now lives.

Because we don't have a vehicle to trailer "Audrey" Jack enlisted a help of another Golden Isles member George Bloodworth. We had never met George but with wonderful power squadron spirit Jack and I were on the road from Milledgeville in George's truck with Sharon following in our little Miata.

Everyone has a dream. For some the dream never is realized but with the help of our fellow Golden Isles Sail and Power Squad members we have had our first summer on the water and look forward to more enjoyment next summer. This October our granddaughter Audrey Grace Davis visited us from New York and saw her namesake boat. Audrey is now two and loves the water and the beach and, if she chooses, she will not need to wait till her retirement to live a part of her life on the water.

In my heart I know that none of this would have happened without our Golden Isles Sail and Power squadron family. You and the Squadron are now part of our lives and none of the parts can be separated from what is now whole. The Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron is a tremendously important part of our life.

By the end of my tenure as Admin Officer I'm afraid you'll hear some of the same themes repeated over and over but I have found in my life these themes repeating and repeating themselves again and again in new and wonderful ways. Let's take a moment and think about "stay for the fun".

You can "Catch the Spirit" over and over and Sharon and I had a memorable moment during the last session of the weather class.

Something wonderful was happening on that day and you will hear about that class from time to time but today I want to share a magic series of moments.

As I recall Charles was asked about his personal experiences in watching the weather forecasts during his days sailing the Caribbean. With enthusiasm He shared his experiences and Rebecca chimed in about her adventures. Within moments our experienced sailors were recalling the scenes and stories of their travels. The stories were so natural and exciting that I can't imagine anyone who could not see iridescent seas, star filled nights and smell salt air. The room was filled with the spirit of adventure.

Bo was about to set sail on an adventure that might last two years. Cree was getting her boat ready to sail. Rebecca planned to crew and hoped to be off for three to five months.

At the end of the class Sharon and I sat in our car slightly overwhelmed by the stories that had been recounted.

We wondered why we had not started on our personal adventure and I realized that our little band of boaters had helped us see that amazing sights could be in our future. We were so happy to be part of a group of people who were part of a great adventure.

If our goal is growth then the mission seems to be to get our amazing group of educators and members in front of a bigger audience. Our challenge is to make this happen.

We have been welcomed back to Moondoggie's Pizza (36 Canal Rd, Brunswick) for our regular 2016 meetings. We enjoyed their private room and the menu and beverage pricing were well received. Please join us there on January 23rd 2016 at 1800(ExCom at 1700). I promise that this program (and future ones) will be filled with interesting ideas & stories to engage, inspire and amuse.



Secretary  
Lt/C Cathy Stortz, P

After 33 years of working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, I retired in December 2012 and After 33 years of working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, I retired in December 2012 and decided to stay in the Brunswick area.

My first boating experience was a week-long live aboard sailing course from Miami to Key West on a 40 ft. Hunter sailboat. I then purchased a Sunfish type boat and continued sailing on a much smaller scale. After I retired, I took two ASA basic sailing classes and crewed on a local boat during two racing seasons to get some valuable sailing experience. My husband Joe and I bought a Motorsailer boat (which we named Kompromiz) several years ago and joined the Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron GISPS) to gain some much-needed boating knowledge. In addition to taking many GISPS courses, we recently conducted squadron Cooperative Surveys with the help of Vicky Jefferis and John Rodgers.



Assistant SEO  
Lt Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ACN

First and foremost our squadron still needs a Squadron Education Officer, SEO. I need a boss in the worst way. If you don't believe me, just ask Teresa. Left unchecked, I can be dangerous. I am more than willing to help and support a new SEO.

It has been requested by members that we have an Advanced Piloting, AP class this winter. If you are interested, please let me know by December 15 so I have time to get all the materials ordered. The class will start Monday, January 11, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and meet each Monday evening through February 13 at my house. A description of the class may be found at: <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/ap/main.htm#description>.

Please give me a call should you have questions.

It has also been requested by our bridge to offer three America's Boating Course, ABC classes next year. Instructor's willing, I have scheduled Saturdays February 13, April 9, and October 8 for one day classes.

Please let me or a bridge officer know if there are other classes you would like to see offered in 2016 and remember you are welcome to "boot strap" (take a course on your own) at any time. Either I or other members will be happy to help you with the course.

If you missed the Annual GISPS meeting and Halloween Party or the Annual GISPS Change of Watch I am here to testify you missed a good time. So, please don't miss the GISPS Christmas Party which will be held at Skip and Mary Roeder's.

Hope to see you there.

News since last Porthole...

### **Dist 26 Fall conference:**

Was held in North Myrtle Beach... inspite of all of the flooding and the Interstate 95 being closed... The folks who attended from GISPS were Charles and Teresa Wilsdorf, Vicky Jefferis, Rick and Sharon Hindery. At the District COW Dinner we accepted Awards for our Squadron and its members.

- Coy Hodges, SN is Squadron nominee for the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- Pat Rodgers received Honor Roll for Cooperative Charting.
- Golden Isles also received Honor Roll for Cooperative Charting.

Congratulations to Coy, Pat and GISPS!



### **October Meeting:**

Was held at the Hindery home on the 24th. The short business meeting consisted of voting in the nominating committees slate for Bridge officers for 2016. We also discussed the upcoming Change of Watch dinner in November. Once business at hand was completed, we settled down for a little halloween potluck party. Brunswick Stew was provided by the Hindery's, the sides and deserts everyone brought were delicious.



How is it everyone always hangs in the Kitchen?



Oh and yes, we do recycle those cans!

## November Change of Watch:

The setting was SoGlo Gallery in downtown Brunswick. Those who attended enjoyed the atmosphere of dining on excellent food surrounded by art. We were honored to have as Dist. 26 representative, D/ Lt/C Joe Etter, AP from Hilton Head head the COW formalities. The new Bridge was installed and are ready for the coming year. Outgoing commander Lisa Noetzel was presented a beautiful engraved paddel to recognize her service to the Squadron.



D/Lt/C Joe Etter with P/C Lisa Noetzel present the "Catch the Spirit" Award to a very Deserving Charles Wilsdorf.



District Lt/C Joe Etter was our guest speaker



GISPS Socializing in the Gallery before dinner



Desert table featured an artistic carved fruit centerpiece.



Pat Rogers Co-op Charting Honors with Cdr Lisa Noetzel.



GISPS Socializing in the Gallery before dinner



### Coast Fest Update:

At Coast Fest Student art Fair, we chose a Student painting that best represented Boating, and Safety on the water as our winner. I was able to present St Simons Elementry 5th grader Dashir Durant his award at an all school assembly this morning. The young man and his art teacher Erin Geer were thrilled with the recognition. Erin looks forward to involving her students USPS poster contest next year.

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### Treasurer's Report Teresa Wilsdorf, S



Our Bank account Balance currently is: \$ 8595.48



## Happy Birthday to Squadron members!

*(some might be a little belated, but heart felt none the less!)*

### October

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Sharon Moye      | 1st  |
| Margaret Butler  | 15th |
| Jack Sterrett    | 16th |
| Teresa Wilsdorf  | 20th |
| James Grimshaw   | 20th |
| Charles Wilsdorf | 30th |
| Rebecca Yeomans  | 31st |

### November

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Sara Grimshaw       | 4th  |
| Arthur Harris       | 9th  |
| Coy L. Hodges       | 9th  |
| Mary C. Gray        | 10th |
| Freida Bloodworth   | 14th |
| Tamara C. Westover  | 24th |
| Catherine A. Stortz | 25th |

### December

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Michael D. Heath    | 1st  |
| Karla Lahrs         | 6th  |
| Greg Stucky         | 13th |
| Maya Stucky         | 13th |
| William C. Bartlett | 16th |
| Susan C. Taylor     | 17th |
| Rami Stucky         | 21st |
| Sharon C. Hindery   | 22nd |
| Cecilia M. Mameli   | 27th |

### January

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Gracia T. Stucky   | 12th |
| Susan C. Heath     | 12th |
| James S. Chambliss | 13th |
| Robert D. Butler   | 14th |
| Dorothy M. Jones   | 24th |
| Lisa M. Noetzel    | 24th |
| Kurt, S. Glass     | 24th |



## **Squadron Calendar:**

*Check back each month for updated and new items!*

**Note:** Regular Monthly meetings are at 1800 with EXCOM meeting at 1700.

**\* Moondoggies Pizza is located at 36 Canal Rd, Brunswick, GA**

### **January**

- 11, 18, 25 & AP class at Wilsdorf's 6 to 9pm
- 23- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

### **February**

- 1, 8, & 15 – AP classes continue at Wilsdorf's 6 to 9pm
- 13- ABC boating class- UGA Marine Center, Brunswick 9-4pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>- USPS National Meeting –Orlando
- 27<sup>th</sup>- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

### **March**

- 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>- Spring District 26 meeting- Hilton Head
- 26<sup>th</sup>- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

### **April**

- 9<sup>th</sup> ABC boating class- UGA Marine Center, Brunswick 9-4pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup>- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

### **May**

- 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Brunswick Blessing of the Fleet
- 21-27<sup>th</sup>-Safe Boating Week
- 28<sup>th</sup>- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

### **June**

- 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>- Cruize & Rondaveu-Beaufort, SC
- 25<sup>th</sup>- GISPS Social- TBD

### **July**

- 23<sup>rd</sup>- GISPS Social- TBD

### **August**

- 24<sup>th</sup>- GISPS Social- TBD

### **September**

- 24<sup>th</sup>- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza

### **October**

- 8<sup>th</sup> ABC boating class- UGA Marine Center, Brunswick 9-4pm
- 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>- Dist 26 Fall Conference- Savannah River
- 22<sup>nd</sup>- GISPS Squadron meeting –Moondoggies Pizza- Annual Elections

### **November**

- 12<sup>th</sup>- Change of Watch- (tentative) TBD

### **December**

- 10<sup>th</sup>- GISPS Christmas Party (tentative) TBD