



the port hole



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GISPS Commander
Cdr Sharon Hindery, AP

I can't believe it is September!!! Where oh where has the Summer gone. I hope that everyone fared well with their encounter with our latest Tropical storm Hermine. Some considerable damage locally with trees vs powerline and rooftops. But it could have been worse, as the storm moved through fast enough to minimize flooding. I was amazed that by Friday evening how beautiful and calm it was on the Atlantic.



The (very) small group of us who gathered in the wee hours of Aug 12 on the beach at Jekyll Island to watch the Perseid meteor showers were rewarded with clear dark skies and quite

a show. In the 2 hours before sunrise, we saw more than 50 meteors- some quite spectacular. A beautiful sunrise, and a stroll to check Sea Turtle nests with Maddy Russell our

newest member, completed our adventure. No pics of the meteors to share- too dark-go figure. We enjoyed the spectacle so much that Rick and I returned early the next



Capt Sharree at helm, first mate Karla Lahrs relaxing

morning to witness even more – I estimate maybe as much as 100! During the August meeting at Moondoggies, folks reconnected after the summer's recess.



Bob Butler was somewhat surprised to learn that He has been a USPS member for 25 years. I had the honor of advising him of his feat and to present him his pin.

Please see the Minutes for an accounting of the meeting details.

KIDS POSTER CONTEST

Most of us have grandkids or nieces & nephews who are of the ages 6 to 14. This is a great opportunity to show off their imagination and talents, not to mention the dedication to safety on the water that you all have instilled in them.

This year's theme is:

***"Make it Personal!
It's Your Life ... It's Your Lifejacket!"***

The contest requirements can be found on
http://www.usps.org/national/membership/memcom/awards_index.html

If your young relative or neighbor wishes to enter their artwork. We need it by Oct 1st so that we can judge the entries before the district meeting the next weekend... you can give or mail them to me-

Sharon Hindery - 142 Belle Point Pkwy, Brunswick, GA 31525.
630-323-1206.

First place entries in the 3 age groups(6-8, 9-11, & 12-14) will be awarded a prize by GISPS, and forwarded to the District for Judging at that level. Winners of the district (more prizes) will go on to National competition to be judged in January 2017...

GISPS will also honor an art entry by one of the School Student entries at Coast Fest. This is a separate contest that does not qualify for the USPS contest as it is not a designated theme poster. We judge these based on the aesthetics and the demonstration of boating safety. Winners of both contests will be announced in upcoming Port Holes.

October 1st is the annual Coast Fest:

GISPS will have a booth again with the Virtual trainer. We will need volunteers to help out in the booth. PLEASE call or email me with a time that you can help with either the VT or with children's games. Event goes from 10 am to 4 pm so we would need at 2 to 3 people for each 2 hour shift.

Oct 7-9 Fall conference in Augusta GA.

It is not too late to sign up- check the district website for

Hotel information:

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26/info/2016FallConfInfo.pdf>

Conference registration :

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26/info/2016FallConfRegFm.pdf>

Oct 15- ABC class-

we will be needing some help with the class...please let Chas know you can help out, if you haven't already.

Oct 22 Meeting –

Annual elections for Bridge. Vicky is in the process of developing the slate of next year's officers. Please, if there is a job that needs doing, offer & accept the challenge to serve. Everyone has a talent that can help the Squadron. Don't wait to be asked.

Hope to see you at some or all of these events!

Cdr. Sharon Hindery

P.S.

At the end of our Port Hole I have included a few pictures that some of our members wanted to share with other members... Seems like Sharree Lott, Tim and Karla Lahrs, and Denise Schultz have been having a bit of fun cruising earlier this summer on lake Seminole. Looks like a good time. I invite you to share any photos of your boating adventures for publication in future Port Hole editions.

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Lt/C Cathy Stortz, AP

GISPS Membership Meeting – August 27, 2016

Commander Sharon Hindery, P, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at Moondoggy's Pizza restaurant. She led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was to recognize Bob Butler, SN, with his 25 Year pin. Sharon announced upcoming events:

September 24 Geodetic Activity – meet at 2:30 PM at Morningstar Marina. John Rodgers will provide information on geodetic markers on land that members need to find and confirm the location. The regular meeting will be held after that.

Oct 1 DNR Coast Fest. We'll again have a booth and sponsor a prize for the DNR poster contest

USPS Youth Poster Contest – we'll promote the contest independently of Coast Fest since the theme and requirements are different from the DNR contest. Please check the website for USPS requirements and tell any children you know about this opportunity.

D26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch is Oct 7 – 9 in Augusta. Several good classes will be presented. Check the District website for details.

GISPS Change of Watch is Nov 19. Teresa Wilsdorf will be looking at venue possibilities. GISPS Christmas Party date and location is still to be determined.

Sharon urged members to consider becoming Vessel Safety Check examiners. The study material and exam is on the USPS website. Once the exam is passed, new examiners will make checks with P/C Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ACN, to complete their certification requirements.

P/C Vicky Jefferis, JN, announced that the Nominating Committee is seeking interested volunteers to serve on the GISPS Bridge and several committees. Please contact her if interested in any position. She also reminded members of the D26 Leadership Development seminars upcoming Sep 9 & 10 in Beaufort, SC.
Meeting adjourned 6:55 PM.



Administration Officer
Lt/C Rick Hindery, P

John Rodgers has put together a fun and useful activity for the afternoon of Saturday Sept 24. Those who participate in this interesting project will get a chance to share their successes – and adventures in searching out and documenting Survey markers that were installed in our area over 40 years ago... This is Pokemon GO with a purpose! Join us !

Geodetic Mark Treasure Hunt



Geodetic marks are highly accurate reference points established on the surface of the earth by local, state, and national agencies and are used in land surveying. At one time there were over one million of these marks in the US, however, many have been destroyed by construction, new roads, erosion, or other causes. The National Geodetic Survey (NGS), a division of NOAA has solicited our help in locating and reporting on the condition of these surveying aids.



Normally, geodetic marks are round bronze or aluminum discs, roughly 3 inches in diameter, firmly imbedded in concrete, bedrock or on a long rod driven into the ground. There are basically two types, horizontal reference and vertical reference. Although the advances in GPS technology have made the horizontal reference marks less of a necessity, GPS cannot measure elevations accurately so the vertical reference marks are still necessary for accurate surveying. Descriptions and locating information are detailed on data sheets available from an on line data base maintained by NGS.

We will have a hunt for some of these marks on September 24nd before our regular meeting. We will meet at the Observation Deck at Morningstar Golden Isles marina at 1400 on the 24th. There we will have a brief orientation, break up into groups of 4 or 5, pass out maps and data sheets to each group and send you on your way. We will reconvene at Moondoggies at 1700 to compare results and see which group earned the most points.

We are required to take a photo of each mark to document the stamping on the mark, its Latitude and Longitude and the date of recovery. The best way to do this is with a smart phone app. We recommend Solocator for iPad and GPS Map Camera for Android. Alternatively you can use a handheld GPS which displays Latitude and Longitude and Date on the same screen and a digital camera. Other items you might like to bring are a probe (a long screwdriver will do), a small shovel or trowel, a 50 foot tape measure and a compass. Don't worry if you don't have any of this, we should have plenty to share.

So, join us on the 24th for a fun event that will help us keep our commitment to provide civic services.

Treasurer's Report
Teresa Wilsdorf, S



Bank Balance at the end of August: \$ 8455.47



Happy Birthday to Squadron members!
September and October

Margaret, Butler, SN 15-Oct

James M., Grimshaw, JN 20-Oct

Charles H., Wilsdorf, SN 30-Oct

Teresa M., Wilsdorf, S 20-Oct

Betty Delores, Morrison, S 10-Sep

Michael D., Moye, N 7-Sep

Sharree D., Lott 25-Sep



Denise Shultz a club member on Lake Seminole with Karla and Tim Lahrs, guest of Sharree Lotts' all club members.



The lock on South end of Lake Seminole that dumps u into the Gulf of Mexico