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GISPS Commander
Cdr Sharon Hindery, AP

Oh My, where does the time go. I cannot believe that it is December already and we are about to embark on another year. Although we are starting our 4th winter here in the south, I still have a hard time believing that this is winter...

Hmm, what's been going on... At Our October meeting our new slate of officers for the next watch year was approved. You can find the minutes of the October meeting under Cathy's Secretary report. Our guests David and Pam Heine from the Golden Isles Community Sailing Camp spoke about the week long



summer sail boat camps for kids through high school age that are held at Brunswick marina and outlined how GISPS folks can help out.

We have been pretty busy with the Change of watch being on November 19th. Those who attended will agree that Teresa's selection of Bonefish Grill was an excellent choice. The service was wonderful, and the food was great & We had fun! The members of last year's bridge had a short moment of freedom between release and being sworn in for another year. I cannot say how much I appreciate the work and support from the bridge last year, AND that they are joining

me for another stint. The addition of P/C Capt. Paul Truelove, SN to our Bridge as SEO will help us to continue our Educational Goals. Do check out his impressive BIO. Welcome Paul.

Be sure to also read Cathy's report on the COW later in the Porthole. D/Lt.C Joe Etter again joined us this year to swear in the new Bridge, as well as to present both Charles Wilsdorf and Paul Truelove the "Order of the Mariner" designation. Congratulations to them both as well as to Tim Lahrs, GISPS's recipient of the "Catch the Spirit" Award for 2016.

We are looking forward to some new things this coming year. Our January program looks to be very interesting- Check out Rick's report describing the Speaker he was able to "tag".

Last week Rick and I attended a meeting of the New SEA Scout "Ship" being started on St Simons Island. These Scouts range from Sophomore to Seniors in High School. Most are migrating from traditional Scouting and a couple are working on their Eagle

Scouts as well. We are inviting them to Join as associate members, come to January's meeting, and to sign up for February's ABC class. They in turn are looking to us to help them with their boating education. As we go we will need to work out the details of our relationship. This, and with our introduction to the Golden Isles Sailing Camp at the October meeting gives us several ways we can really involve ourselves in youth boating education... . Moondoggy's have graciously agreed to offer us the monthly use of their room for our regular meetings.

Speaking of youth, the real young kind. We had a great response with the YMCA and the poster contest. With our winners earning a 2nd and tie for 3rd place at the district level! Next month we will post some pictures of some very happy young people.



Since I procrastinated on getting this issue to press, I get to thank Skip and Mary Roeder for hosting our Christmas Party last Saturday evening. Mary caught the redfish in NOLA, Skip made the Redfish Courtbouillon.... Everyone brought a little something.... And we made short work of it! <delish!> from this... to not much left when we were through.

We had a nice turnout, food was great, everyone was un-characteristically NICE in the grab bag/ steal game- I think it was because everything was so nicely & enticingly wrapped! Thank you also to those who brought something for the Seafarers Center.

Finally, we hope to find some way to get on the water as a group ... But as P/DC Andy always said....this is YOUR organization! So, let's talk about your ideas , and see if we all can put it together and make it happen!

Finally, Finally- we wish each of you the best of the Holiday season. We count our blessings daily for Family & Friends both on and off the water. May each of you find joy and peace in your heart at Christmas and for the New Year..

Cdr. Sharon



Administration Officer
Lt/C Rick Hindery, P

After our visit to Colonel's Island and a tour of the car carriers last April Sharon and I decided to volunteer at The International Seafarers' Center.

Each ship that enters port is visited on it's arrival, ships info and any needs are documented. If crew members have visas and shore pass they can visit us. Sharon and I work Hospitality and if needed I handle transportation.

Sharon loves the ships visits even more then I do so I was a little bit disappointed when she couldn't join me when I was asked to greet the "M/V Ocearch" last month. I was swapping out vans between our two locations when I got the call asking me to swing by Mary Ross Park where the "Ocearch" had just tied up.

The crew had been invited for a Thanksgiving feast by one of the local churches and we were asked to extend the invitation and offer transportation. I was asked to visit ASAP.

The crew was happy to see my smiling face and I was greeted warmly. I got all the info for my report: number of crew, last port of call, purpose of their visit etc. and got a brief tour of the ship.

The "M/V Ocearch" is a 126 foot Bering Crab Boat that has been converted into a research vessel. She will be here in Brunswick for till early February while she undergoes maintenance and her crew takes a break to fly home to visit families after eleven months tracking sharks along the east coast.

Sharon was disappointed that I got to have all the fun that afternoon till I told her but I wrangled an invitation for her to visit the next day.

Our commander was familiar with "Ocearch" and their exploits tagging and tracking great white sharks. For some time, she had been following Katharine, a great white namesake of our daughter who was hanging out off the Georgia coast last year...

I had meet Brandon Eyre on my visit and it only took Commander Sharon a few minutes to gain his promise to be our first guest visitor for 2017.

Please plan on meeting Brandon Eyre of the "M/V Ocearch" on Saturday January 28th 6 PM at Moondoggy's Pizza. Brandon will give a 30 minute presentation covering life aboard ship and fill us in on how the science of shark tagging works. Our first meeting of the year should be a great way to start another fun and informative year on and around the water.



Brandon Eyre joined OCEARCH in 2008 as marine animal consultant and specialty camera operator during expeditions. Previously, Brandon studied marine biology at the University of the Virgin Islands, taking part in oceanographic studies with NOAA and coral/fish propagation studies on the Caribbean reefs.

For over 10 years he worked in aquariums and aquatic wholesalers and eventually becoming Curator of Animals for The Living Planet Aquarium in Utah. In 2013, Brandon became a full time member of the crew and lives on board the M/V OCEARCH year round. He plays a key role in attaching the SPOT

tag to the shark's dorsal fin. He is also a GoPro expert and responsible for most of the underwater footage of the sharks. (Photo and Bio Copied with permission from Ocearch website)

Education Officer

Lt/C Captain Paul Truelove, SN



Introducing our new Squadron Education Officer. Lt/C Capt. Paul Truelove, SN has been a USPS member since 1994. A Past Commander, Paul has had several honors including Dist.24 teacher of the year in 1995. Paul's most recent honor is the Order of the Mariner awarded to him at our recent Change of Watch.

He has ASA instructor certification through Coastal Navigation as well as USCG 100 ton Masters License.

Paul has been an instructor at Annapolis Sailing School for 5 years and for the past 10 years he has taught at the Annapolis school of Seamanship. After making nine trips to Jekyll, Paul and his wife Linda made the move to live here permanently in 2015. They live aboard their Shucker motorsailer at Jekyll Marina. We welcome Paul and Linda to GISPS and look forward to his sharing his extensive marine knowledge.



Secretary
Lt/C Cathy Stortz, AP

GISPS ANNUAL MEETING
October 26, 2016

Cdr Sharon Hindery, AP, called the meeting to Order at 6:21 PM. Admin Officer Rick Hindery, P, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting.

Next, she welcomed transfer member Ed Reynolds and Cindy Simpson, coming from the Johnson City, TN squadron along with Paul Truelove, SN, and his wife Linda Thompson, coming from Annapolis, MD. Also introduced and welcomed were speaker David Heine and his wife Pam.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sharon announced tonight is our Annual Meeting and we will elect the 2016-2017 Bridge, Members – at – Large, along with Audit, Rules, and Nominating Committee members. The Acting Secretary stated that the required Quorum was presented. The proposed Slate of Officers was presented at the September meeting and published after that by the Secretary. Tim Lahrs, S, noted the vacancy on the Slate for the SEO, and having received agreement that he will serve, Tim moved to add Paul Truelove

to the Slate for election, motion seconded and carried. Sharon asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, Ed Reynolds moved to accept the Nominating Committee's Slate with the addition of Paul Truelove as SEO. Motion seconded and carried.

New Bridge and Executive Committee members are:

Commander	Sharon Hindery, AP
Executive Officer	Vacant
Administrative Officer	Rick Hindery, P
SEO	Paul Truelove, SN
ASEO	Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ACN
Secretary	Cathy Stortz, AP
Treasurer	Teresa Wilsdorf, S
Members at Large	Joe Stortz, AP Bob Butler, SN Vicky Jefferis, JN
Nominating Committee	Vicky Jefferis, JN Lisa Noetzel, JN
Rules Committee	Mike Moyer, N Vacant Vacant
Auditing Committee	Margaret Butler, SN Vicky Jefferis, JN Vacant

The GISPS Change of Watch will be held at Bonefish on SSI November 19, 2016. Invitations will be sent electronically.

OLD BUSINESS:

Coast Fest was well attended again this year. We had numerous adults and kids trying out the simulator we set up and the bean bag toss game was also a big draw. This year's winner of the GISPS sponsored poster award was Ann Burdell who will receive a gift card.

We had good response from the YMCA and have 14 entrants for the D26/USPS Poster Contest from GISPS. Due to the D/26 Fall Conference being cancelled, we will submit photos of the posters and the winners will be selected by votes on Face book.

There were eight students in the October 15 ABC session. Thanks to the instructors. If you didn't see the great interview with Charles Wilsdorf about Boating Safety and the class in the newspaper, please get a copy and look it over.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The GISPS Christmas Party will be held December 10 at the Roeder's home. It'll be a Pot Luck and we'll have a gift exchange where we're allowed to steal other people's gifts. If you want to participate, bring a gift costing no more than \$15.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Sharon introduced our Speaker, David Heine from the Golden Isles Community Sailing Camp. David spoke about the various sailing opportunities offered to local children, grade school through high school age. Summer Camp is offered in the summer to the younger children, older kids practice year around. Local schools had to cut funding as their budgets shrunk 2008 – 2010. When asked what the most important things they need, David responded "manpower on boats for camps and regattas and money." They are a nonprofit group. He also expressed some interest in partnering with GISPS to provide age appropriate safe boating education, although they do have certified instructors teaching sailing.

Change of Watch (COW) Ceremony

The COW was held on November 19 at the Bonefish Grill on St. Simons Island. The purpose of this ceremony is to retire the past year's officers and bridge and install the newly elected officers and bridge. GISPS was fortunate to have District Representative D/Lt/C Joe Etter, AP from Hilton Head make some of the COW presentations. Our 2016 bridge did a great job organizing this event. I thought the Bonefish Grill served us an excellent meal.

We had four recipients receive awards. Congratulations to all four!

Charles F. Chapman Award recognizes outstanding USPS instructors. Each year our squadron nominates one outstanding instructor to our District 26.

Mike Moye, N is our GISPS nominee for this award.

The **Order of Mariners** is by District 26 to recognize exceptional service and achievement by individual members. Those so honored receive a certificate of membership and the Order insignia, which is a Silver Star lapel pin. To qualify as mariner, a member must have earned 15 Merit Marks and attained Educational Proficiency Status (Advanced Piloting plus 3 electives).

Paul Truelove, SN and Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ACN both received this honor.

Catch the Spirit Award acknowledges the recipient is one who promotes a positive spirit in their support of Squadron activities, fosters a spirit of cooperation among their fellow members, and serves as a guiding beacon for what the ideal member would represent and cause others to emulate.

Tim Lahrs, S received this award.

Treasurer's Report
Teresa Wilsdorf, S



Our bank balance is 7630.97.



Happy Birthday to Squadron members!

Michael D.Heath, P - 12/1

Karla Lahrs - 12/6

William C. Bartlett, AP - 12/16

Susan C. Taylor , P - 12/17

Sharon C. Hindery , AP 12/22

Cecilia M. Mameli - 12/27

Susan C. Heath, P - 1/12

Robert D. Butler, SN - 1/14

Veronica A. Maguire, S 1/20

Dorothy M. Jones - 1/24

Kurt Glass, S - 1/24

Lisa M. Noetzel, JN - 1/24

Calendar 2017

*Note: Monthly meetings are the 4th Saturday of the month at 1800, (1700 for EXCOM)
MoonDoggy's Pizza 36 Canal Road Brunswick GA unless otherwise noted*

January

28th Saturday- Meeting 1800 Brandon Eyre of OCEARCH is guest speaker

February

18th Saturday - ABC class 0800 to 1600

19-26th USPS Annual convention, Orlando Florida

http://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=20

25th Monthly meeting

March

3-5 District 26 Spring conference Lake Hartwell- Greenville SC

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26/info/2017SpgConfPromo.pdf>

25th Monthly meeting

April

ABC class- date pending

22th Monthly meeting

May

13th Saturday- Brunswick Blessing of the Fleet- Sidney Lanier Park

19th- 20th Dist 26 Cruise and Renduzvous- Charleston

<http://www.usps.org/cps/InternalPages/D26CandR-2017.htm>

20-26th- Safe Boating Week

27th Monthly Meeting (tentative)

June

24th- social –TBD

July

22nd-Social –TBD

August

26th Monthly Meeting

September

23rd Monthly Meeting

October

7th- Saturday Coastfest

28th Annual Meeting- elections for Officers

November

COW- date TBD

December

9th (tentative) Christmas Party- location TBD

GISPS Change of Watch
Nov. 19, 2016



Tim gets the Catch the Spirit, Joe presents Paul and Charles with the "Order of the Mariner", Your 2017 GISPS Bridge



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Christmas Party December 10th at
Skip and Mary Roeder's

