



# the port hole



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GISPS Commander  
Cdr Sharon Hindery, AP

It is hard to sit down at the computer and write when the warm weather this winter begs me to spend time outdoors.... Although we are about to celebrate the beginning of our 4th year in the south, I still have a hard time realizing that it is February, the flowers are blooming and I am still wearing shorts and flip flops most days...

We had a fantastic turnout to our January meeting at Moondoggy's with 19 members and 13 guests attending. Brandon Eyre, ship manager of Ocearch entertained and enlightened us all with his presentation on life on the



ship spending 9 months a year. Although only 7 crew operate the ship, they can support up to 22 people. The Ocearch crew tracks, captures the sharks on a handline, maneuver it to the deck off the side of the boat. They use a deck lift to bring the shark out of the water so the Scientists can collect their samples and make measurements. At the same time the shark is tagged with a transmitter on the dorsal fin.

All of this is done in about 15 minutes, then the shark is released back into the water. The transmitter allows the shark to be "pinged" by satellite any time it surfaces- and sophisticated software allows the scientists- and anyone who is interested- to

follow the movements of any particular shark..

In the couple of months they have been docked here in Brunswick, they gave several Outreach programs with talks, School visits and ship tours... Several of our members had the opportunity to tour the ship and have provided pictures at the end of the PortHole. Be sure to check out their website [Ocearch.org](http://Ocearch.org). ....and perhaps follow YOUR favorite shark.

Our next meeting is on Feb 25th, again at Moondoggy's. We will officially welcome some of our new members – Maddy Russell and Linda Thompson at that time.

As you all might be aware- Hurricane Matthew decided to visit the same weekend as our Fall District conference. We had to cancel the physical meeting due to the weather most of us had to contend with is lesser or greater degrees. For the first time in USPS history, the conference was held via Conference call including the Change of watch in November.



We also used Facebook to vote on youth poster contest entries. I am happy to say that we had a 2nd place winner and a 3rd place winner from the Entries submitted by GISPS!



Administration Officer  
Lt/C Rick Hindery, P

Looking forward to our March Meeting- One of our new members, Maddy Russell has offered to share with us... if her bosses don't decide to send her off somewhere...

Maddy Russell moved to Georgia from Lewes Delaware, another lovely port city.. She got a masters degree in Marine Policy from the University of Delaware and can talk for hours about the issues along the coast. Since coming to Georgia she has spent many hours learning about the history of the region, the current coastal issues, and even became a Low Country Master Naturalist, getting to know all the snakes, bugs, butterflies, trees, wildflowers, wild animals, forests, birds and native habitats in the region. She works here for Georgia Sea Grant, a NOAA program sponsored by the University of Georgia, as the Local Government and Natural Hazard Specialist. She has been working with Tybee Island and St Mary GA, the Georgia coastal floodplain managers, hazard communication and response, and cultural resilience. Her talk will feature Hurricane Matthew and recovery along the barrier islands.

If you haven't already signed up for the Spring Conference in Greenville SC on March 3-5, hosted by Lake Hartwell- do check it out. Information is on the District 26 website.

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26/>

Also...the Cruise and Rendezvous at Charleston May 19th-21

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26/info/2017D26CnR-RegFm-1.pdf>

As for boating activities closer to home.... We are looking for some Ideas- what would y'all like to do? Come up with an Idea, and we'll see if we can make it happen!



Secretary  
Lt/C Cathy Stortz, AP

GISPS MEETING  
January 28, 2017

Cdr Sharon Hindery, AP, called the meeting to Order at 6:18 PM.  
She welcomed our 14 guests and 19 members.  
Secretary's Report – Cathy Stortz, AP.

We will continue to print the meeting minutes in the Porthole.

Treasurer's Report – Teresa Wilsdorf, S. Our bank balance is \$7,064.50.

Education Department – Paul Truelove, SN

- The next America's Boating Course (ABC) will be on February 18, 2017.
- Paul is asking everyone to take an ABC flyer and post it somewhere so we can get the word out about the class.

Awards – Cdr. Sharon recognized our award winners.

- Tim Lahrs, S received the squadron Catch the Spirit Award and Sharon presented him with a Certificate of Achievement.
- Mike Moye, N was our nominee for the Chapman Award for education excellence.

Sharon presented Mike with a Certificate of Achievement.

- Paul Truelove, SN and Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ACN were both presented the Order of the Mariner Awards at the Change of Watch in November 2016.
- Our squadron received two Distinctive communicator Awards in 2016 for both our newsletter, The Porthole, and our website.

National Power Squadron Meeting will be in Orlando, FL during Feb 23-26.

District 26 Meeting will be in Greenville, SC during March 3-5.

Request for Articles for the Porthole newsletter - Cdr. Sharon

- Sharon asks each member to submit an article sometime this year.
- Highlight an experience you've had or something about what boating means to you.
- A boating lesson learned that could be shared with all.

Request for Ideas for Boating Activities – Cdr. Sharon

- Would anyone be interested in traveling north (say North Charleston) for the August 21 total eclipse as it leaves the United States?
- Please let us know if you have any other ideas for boating activities.

Our next meeting is February 25, 2017 at Moondoggy's Pizza.

The meeting will begin around 6 pm.

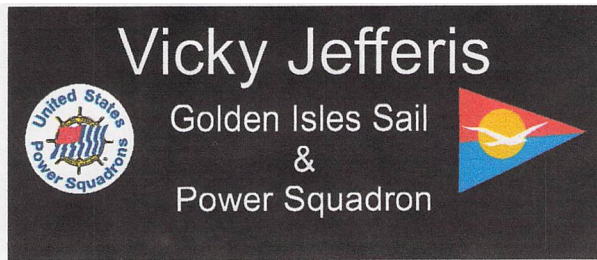


Meeting Adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Rick Hindery, P introduced our speaker, Brandon Eyre, the ship manager and photographer for the Osearch vessel. Osearch is a vessel that captures sharks alive and keeps them alive while scientists perform a variety of tests and gather samples for their research. A tracking device is attached, and the shark is released unharmed. The vessel is currently in Brunswick. The Global Shark Tracker is on the website [www.osearch.org](http://www.osearch.org).

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## Updated Nametags



Most of you know that USPS has been working to enhance the name recognition of our national organization and part of that push is to update the look of the logo on our shirts, caps, newsletters, websites and other items like nametags. Recently, the owner of the company making our nametags retired and we had to

find a new source, so at that time, your GISPS Bridge decided to update our nametag format to reflect the new look. The new format has the USPS logo on the left and our GISPS burgee on the right with your name and "Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron" in the center.

A few members were sporting our "new look" at the January meeting and we got the attention of several of members who asked if they could get a new one too. We're happy to report that new nametags can be purchased by anyone and at a very reasonable price too! You can get your new nametag with a pin back for \$6.00 and/or a magnetic back for \$8.00. New members will continue to receive nametags for no charge beyond the dues and fees we collect when they join.

If you're interested, contact Cdr Sharon Hindery at 630-323-1206 or [sharona53@comcast.net](mailto:sharona53@comcast.net) or P/C Vicky Jefferis at 912-264-1352 or [vickyjefferis@bellsouth.net](mailto:vickyjefferis@bellsouth.net). We need your name, how many nametags you want, and the style (pin back or magnetic). We'll group them into an order and will deliver them at the meeting following their receipt. You can pay our Treasurer at that time.

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Education Officer  
Lt/C Captain Paul Truelove, SN



By the time you read this we will have our February ABC class under our belt. Thank you to our dedicated Squadron members who give up their Saturday to bring boating education and safety to the public.

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Treasurer's Report  
Teresa Wilsdorf, S



Balance as of the January 28th meeting: \$ 7064.50

## 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*

### March

3-5 District 26 Spring conference Lake Hartwell- Greenville SC  
<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26/info/2017SpgConfPromo.pdf>

25th Monthly meeting

### April

8th ABC Class 0800 to 1600  
22th Monthly meeting

### May

13th Saturday- Brunswick Blessing of the Fleet- Sidney Lanier Park  
14th or 15th KGiB clean up of Sidney Lanier Park (tentative)  
19th- 20th Dist 26 Cruise and Rendezvous- 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



Happy Birthday to Squadron members!

**February**

Richard S. Jones, AP	2/1
Timothy K. Lahrs, S	2/25
Scott D. Bloodworth,	2/26

**March**

Terry L. Osman, P	3/16
Roger N. Taylor, P	3/19
Joey William Herzberg, P	3/19
Robert W. Woodman, P	3/22
John J. Mc Menamin, S	3/25
William G. Roeder, AP	3/27

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### OCEARCH Tour Photos



The lift and crane that makes this ship uniquely suitable for the task of tagging the sharks



OCEARCH



Impressive engines that power the boat



## OCEARCH Tour Photos



How to catch a shark...with a hook like this and a handline



8e Just had to get a pic with My Jefferson's Oceans bottle's decedents



Long lines for the last day of public tours