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GISPS Commander
Cdr Sharon Hindery, AP

Ok, I am late again! It is so hard to sit at the computer when the weather is so great! So here we go ...

I sent out an email earlier this month about the April 22nd meeting at Moondoggy's with the program on "America Waterway Watch" provided by Mark Craig Wronowski, ADSO-MS-AWW USCG Aux D7. Meeting is at Moondoggy's Pizza at 6pm (ExCom at 5pm). Be sure to stop by Mary Ross Park in Downtown Brunswick at 4 pm before the meeting to tour the tall ship **Peacemaker**.



This beautiful ship is 158 ft and is built of Ironwood, with a beautiful interior of mahogany, Bronze and Stained Glass built in Brazil in 1989. If this gives you a case of the tall ship fever, be sure to check out the Spring Cruise and Rendezvous may 19-21 in Charleston, which coincides with the Tall Ships Charleston festival!

Although our friends on the Oearch will still likely be



docked nearby, also at Mary Ross Park, they will not be available for any more tours. Brandon tells me that they are very actively repairing engines and generators in

preparation for leaving for Cuba in a few days and cannot have guests on board.

At our March meeting we talked about and are looking forward to some interesting and fun things to do this summer. We need to know who would be interesting in participating in the following Adventure...

An outing on the **Lady Jane** in June or July- We can Charter the whole boat for a date that has not yet been booked, the cost per person would be dependent on the number of folks interested... This would be a fun way to include friends and family (Grand Kid alert!) ...

The ship can accommodate up to 49 people! June 1st is generally the beginning of local Shrimp season, so a June or July outing could be fun. The following description from their website:

“LADY JANE- a United States Coast Guard certified passenger steel shrimping vessel recently retired after years of loyal service to the shrimping industry. She has been painstakingly refurbished for your cruising pleasure. .Take Time out of the day and spend it aboard Lady Jane. If you like, help the crew : John Tyre, Cameron Ako, Jeffery Benson, sort the catch of Bonnethead , Blacktip, Sand shark, Horseshoe Crab, Puffer Fish, Amberjack, Crocker, Spot, Whiting, Bluecrab and Skate. , If you’re worried about bad weather, relax! Each cruise will be in protected waters of St. Simon Estuaries System of the Marshes of Glynn and it tributaries . Lady Jane provides an air conditioned cabin, restroom, large open covered deck with ample room for you to walk around and enjoy the view.”

Highlights of our March meeting and Other things on our horizon...



Maddy Russell is one of our newest members and the Local **“Government Outreach and Natural Hazard Specialist for the Georgia Sea Grant “** (whew!) . She put on her Sea Grant hat and gave us an interesting and fun (really!) program on FEMA, and her role in helping local governments understand and work together to minimize risk in flood hazards... the actions they can take to help reduce insurance premiums for businesses and residents.

On March 11th, Pat and John Rodgers – along with some help from Paul Truelove, set up a table at the annual marine flea market at Morningstar marina on St Simons Island. They were able to sell some no longer needed items and donated the profit to GISPS. They passed out fliers on the ABC class ,GISPS, as well as an informative notice on how to properly display marine flags & burgees . I have included it in this Edition of the Porthole. Thank you Pat, John, and Paul!



Ed Reynolds has offered to set up a table in front of the new Academy Sports Store in Brunswick on May 20th for Safe Boating week... **we are looking for folks to help man the table**, Introduce ourselves, & distribute GISPS & USPS literature . An exciting program from Sea Tow will be introduced. The **“Take the Pledge to be or Designate a Sober Skipper”** program.. with wrist bands and stickers given to boaters who take the pledge. Thank you Vicky Jefferis for getting the materials, which we hope to place in marinas and possibly other places boaters frequent.

Ed Reynolds has also offered to Host a social meeting at Morning Star Marina, we are looking at June 17th.

We are also looking to have a joint social with the St Simons Surf Sailors (SSSS) probably in July. They hold informal **Hobie Cat** Races on alternate Saturday afternoons off East Beach on SSI, followed by a potluck and cook out and social at their Facility. We can gather in the afternoon to watch the races and then join in the social evening... I will suggest either the July 15th or 29th. A few of you met Malcolm Wright at our meeting in January who not only races the Hobies, but is an avid Wind surfer!

We have been asked by District 26 to have our Annual Change of Watch on November 10th this year to allow a Dist Officer to manage 2 COWs on one trip south.... This is a Friday, and is Veterans Day instead of the usual Saturday. I need to know if there is any reason we should not do this. Also I would like to hear any thoughts about incorporating a wine cruise or some other afternoon event as with COW. Looking for Ideas!

Other decisions that we need to make:

Coastfest- This year Coastfest is the same weekend as the Fall conference. We have supported Coast fest for many years with a booth, kids games, the Virtual Trainer. Rick and I will be at the District Conference.. We will be asked to register next month for Coast fest... we need to know if we have the volunteers to man the booth, and if we want the Virtual trainer as part of the booth.

Poster Contest 2017-The Golden Isles YMCA would like to participate with the USPS poster contest again this year. This time as part of their Summer Camp Program. I have not found the theme for this year yet. Once it is available, we can put together an age appropriate water safety program following the theme and together with the Y. Looking for volunteers with Ideas and to help with this effort!

Education:

Alas, in spite of posters, Radio PSA, face book and other efforts by our local active members, we did not get enough students to sign up for the ABC class in April. I guess the weather here is too nice to spend a Saturday inside... We have retained the names and will offer the class again in October. If anyone interested in a USPS advanced class or seminar should let Paul and Chas know so that they can get try put something together. I, for one, thoroughly enjoyed the classes we have had, and would happily join in another one when offered.

We are still looking for folks willing to learn to become a Vessel Safety Check Examiner. This is a valuable service that we offer to boaters...But we need additional Examiners certified! Call Chas Wilsdorf for more information.

Please read both the Feb and March meeting minutes later in this newsletter for other events we are planning....this is getting a bit long....sorry!

Hope to see you at some or all of the events we have planned...

Have a Safe and Fun time boating!



Secretary
Lt/C Cathy Stortz, AP

GISPS MEETING
February 25, 2017

Cdr Sharon Hindery, AP, called the meeting to Order at 6:40 PM.
She welcomed 4 guests and 15 members.

Treasurer Report – Teresa Wilsdorf, S stated our bank balance is \$7,020.53.
Education Department – Paul Truelove, SN

- The next America's Boating Course (ABC) will be on April 8, 2017.
- Paul is asking everyone to take a new ABC flyer for the April class and post it somewhere so we can get the word out about the next class.

Request for ideas on speakers for meetings, socials and on-the-water events. - Cdr. Sharon

- Mary Roeder, S suggested an activity would be an outing on the shrimp boat Lady Jane. They can handle up to 40 people. Lt/C Rick Hindery, P knows Capt. Kamron and will check availability and price for a May 20 outing. We could have a social gathering afterwards instead of our regular May meeting date, which falls on Memorial Day weekend.
- Cdr. Sharon suggested a social gathering with the Surf Sailors at their location on East Beach on St. Simons Island. She will arrange a date.
- Lt/C Cathy Stortz, AP said other ideas include tours of Cumberland or Sapelo Island, or a dolphin tour from Jekyll Island. Paul is currently a captain for the dolphin tour boat.
- Please let us know if you have any other ideas for meeting speakers, social or boating activities.

We need to schedule our next Sidney Lanier Park clean up. Cdr. Sharon will send an email to everyone with the clean up date.

Safe Boating Week is May 20-26, 2017. We talked about having a table outside a business, perhaps the new Academy Sports & Outdoors, on May 20. Ed Reynolds volunteered to help. We will need more volunteers. This is the same date as our proposed shrimp boat outing and we may need to adjust the date. More information will come in March.

Skip Roeder, AP reminded everyone to report any boating activity to him. He prepares an annual report of our squadron's boating activities.

GISPS needs more Vessel Safety Check (VSC) examiners. Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ACN described the process to become a certified examiner. Contact Charles if you are interested in becoming an examiner or know someone who needs a safety check on his or her boat.

John Rodgers, SN gave us an update on the Coop Charting Program. We may get the green light in the next few months to continue with the on-the-water portion of the Coop Charting Program. There will be different reporting procedures if a discrepancy is found on charted information.



Secretary
Lt/C Cathy Stortz, AP

GISPS MEETING
March 25, 2017

Cdr Sharon Hindery, AP, called the meeting to Order at 6:40 PM. She welcomed 2 guests and 16 members.

Treasurer Report – Teresa Wilsdorf, S stated our bank balance is \$6,935. Education Department – Paul Truelove, SN

- The next America's Boating Course (ABC) will be on April 8, 2017.
- We will offer a light lunch to the course participants.

Meetings/Program Schedule - Cdr. Sharon and Lt/C Rick Hindery, P

- April 22 – For our next meeting, the guest speaker from USCG will talk about a Waterway Watch. Rick is also arranging a private tour for GISPS of the tall ship Peacemaker to take place in the afternoon before the meeting. The ship is in Brunswick now.
 - May – Because our normal meeting falls on Memorial Day weekend, we suggest have alternative activities for the month such as:
 - o May 19-21 is the Cruise and Rendezvous in Charleston. The tall ships will also be there that weekend. Perhaps we could caravan or carpool as a group. Check the District 26 website for more information.
 - o Safe Boating Week is May 20-26. Ed Reynolds volunteered to have a table outside Academy Sports on May 20. He could use more help.
 - June & July – Many activities possible including:
 - o Have a social at Morning Star Marina. Ed Reynolds offered to host.
 - o Have a joint social with the St. Simons Surf Sailors at their East Beach location. We could watch them race and join them for a cookout afterwards.
 - o Working shrimp boat tour on the Lady Jane. To charter the ship is \$495 and the ship will hold up to 49 people. There will be plenty of room to invite friends and family. If 49 people went, the cost would be just over \$10 each. If 20 people went, the cost would be around \$25 each.
 - o Sponsor a poster contest at the YMCA as part of their youth summer camp. We received some good posters last year from the YMCA.
 - August 21 (Monday) – The total solar eclipse will be around 2 pm just north of Charleston. Sharon and Rick will drive up for the day. No hotel rooms are available. Please let Sharon or Rick know if you would like to go.
 - September – Open as of now.
 - October – Coastfest is October 7 and this year it coincides with the District 26 Fall Conference. Many of our group will be going to the conference and we need people to work our table at Coastfest. Do we want to bring in the virtual trainer this year or just have the poster award?
 - November – Our Change of Watch (COW) requested date is Saturday, November 18. The District asked if we would change our COW to Friday November 10 so District Executive Officer Roy Stevens could be here. Please let Sharon know ASAP if this will be a problem for you.
- New member, Maddy Russel, took her oath to GISPS. Actually, everyone welcomed Maddy by retaking our GISPS oath with her. Then, she was our informative guest speaker for the evening.
- Our next meeting is April 22, 2017 at Moondoggy's Pizza. The meeting will begin around 6 pm.
- Meeting adjourned.

Calendar 2017

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 Renduzvous- Charleston

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

20- GISPS Information table display at Academy Sports.

22nd- 16:00 tour of tall Ship Peacemaker- Mary Ross Park, downtown Brunswick

18:00 Meeting at Moondoggy's Pizza, program "America water watch"

(XCOM at 17:00)

20-27th- Safe Boating Week

June

17th - Social meeting at Morningstar Marina- tentative (date change)

July

15th or 29 Social with St Simons Surf Sailors at East Beach,

St Simons Island tentative(date change)

August

Solar Eclipse (path of totality is north of Charleston)

26th Monthly Meeting

September

23rd Monthly Meeting

October

6-8th District 26 Fall conference North Myrtle Beach- Hosted by Dist 26

7th- Saturday Coastfest

28thAnnual Meeting- elections for Officers

November

COW- date TBD



Happy Birthday to Squadron members!

April

Craig J Westover	4/6
Lynne K. Barron, AP	4/13
Madeleine W. Russell	4/27
Lt/C Paul W. Truelove, SN	4/13

May

Betty W. Whisnant, S	5/28
George E. Bloodworth, AP	5/4
James A. Bridges, AP	5/2
Joseph R. Stortz, AP	5/2
Lt/C Rick F. Hindery, P	5/30
W. Frank Barron, AP	5/26

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FLY YOUR FLAGS PROUDLY (AND CORRECTLY)

Nautical flag display is based on longstanding traditions that date back over 300 years.

The United States Power Squadrons, the world's largest boating educational organization, developed an updated code for displaying flags on boats in 1998. This code, devised in consultation with the U.S. Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, New York Yacht Club, and other yachting authorities, eliminates confusion and will help you show proper respect for each flag and pennant you fly.

This code is primarily for use on private vessels because small craft are so different from large ships yet it is flexible enough to accommodate the wide variation in construction of most modern pleasure craft..

While points of honor have been established by long tradition, new configurations of boats, rigging and the like have modified these points. Using antennas, fishing towers, outriggers, sailboat backstays, portside halyards, and double hoisting are all new to the flag code. Even though traditionalists may think they are incorrect, these flag display techniques are appropriate today. If your boat's configurations requires you to use any of these techniques to fly your colors, do so, but follow this code to do so correctly.

Remember that the United States national flag (Ensign) is flown only between 0800 and sunset and never from the bow of the vessel.

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United States Ensign (Old Glory)



United States Yacht Ensign



United States Power Squadrons Ensign



United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
Ensign