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Upcoming Events

- Jan 15-Feb 19, 2018 Seamanship Class on Mondays
- Jan 16, 2018 Club Dinner at Moondoggys Pizza @ 6:00 PM
- Feb 10 ABC Class 0800-
- Feb 18-25-USPS® Annual Meeting Orlando, FL
- Feb 20- Club Dinner at Moondoggys Pizza @ 6 PM

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Commander Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON

It was great to see everyone at the Christmas Party and we certainly missed everyone who could not attend. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Your Executive Committee (ExCom) has been busy trying our best to prepare for this year. You have already received communications concerning our proposed Club Dinner date change. I ask you to read carefully the Minutes of our Nov Ex Com meeting to see other items we are working on that are not covered elsewhere in this *Porthole*. And remember, you are always welcome to attend the ExCom meetings.

I would like to pass on some information regarding new ways to publicize our squadron. First, let me start with a little history. Even though the United States Power Squadrons has been an organization for over a hundred years, that does not necessarily mean it will continue in the future. Unfortunately, for many

reasons, our membership has been on a downward trend. Have the times changed, yes; have our past programs in education, fraternity, and public service changed up to now, no. As the old saying goes, "better late than never".

The good news is, in the past couple of years our national bridge and committees have been working hard to reverse this downward trend; first realizing that what we have done in the past is not working now; and then putting together marketing programs, educational materials, and a new more casual demeanor in running our squadrons. If you have been reading the Ensign and The Blast you have already witnessed some of the changes in our organization. Our education products are becoming more digitalized and relevant to today's boater. You might also have noticed new optional logos or the new tag line "For Boaters by Boaters SM" which should have more appeal in today's market.

With all that said, I am asking you as squadron members to embrace and promote these changes. You will see a new look in the *Porthole*. Our new editor, Cathy Stortz, AP has spent many hours putting together this *Porthole*. Good going Cathy! What else, our meetings. Let's start referring to them as "club dinners" with a more casual and social atmosphere. I am hoping we can do a better job in communicating

with you through the Porthole, our website gisps.org, Facebook, emails, texts, and phone calls so that we can omit most of the business meeting aspect of our monthly dinner. At dinner, I intend to request approval for the Minutes as published, swear in any new member, and ask if anyone has any quick announcements, and that is it. Rick Hindery, P, our Squadron's Administrative Officer, will continue to attract interesting speakers. I am very encouraged with the new events we are discussing, some of which you will be hearing about in an informational email very soon.

I look forward to serving as your Commander this year helping to make changes which will encourage more participation from you and hopefully be more appealing to prospective members.

Are we still an organization about boating education, fraternity, and public service? Yes, but we will continue to look for ways that will be more appealing in today's world to encourage new members and retain present members.

In closing, please feel free to contact me or any of the squadron officers if you would like to offer suggestions, comments, and ideas.

On November 10, 2017, I stepped down to my new (and coveted) Rank of Past Commander. The COW, which was again held at Bonefish Grill, was well attended. The food was good; our spirits were high, and the Spirits flowed as everyone enjoyed catching up with each other. D/C Roy Stevens attended as our District 26 representative to oversee our festivities and administer the Oath to the New Bridge. Other guests included other Squadron Commanders- Cdr. Dave Sapp of Tybee Light Sail and Power, as well as Cdr Cookie Stevens of Beaufort Sail and Power. Before we settled down to the ceremony, Tim Lahrs enlightened and entertained us with a surprising collection of nautical trivia about current and past members of the Squadron, I must say I definitely learned a thing or

This year's Catch the Spirit award was then presented by D/C Roy Stevens to Ed Reynolds for his enthusiasm involvement throughout the year, with both Boating Safety Week, CoastFest and for organizing & hosting the Barbeque after the Lady Jane Tour.

I must say I got a bit emotional as I released my Bridge of the past 2 years- I enjoyed their support and friendship through it all and continue to cherish both. Thank you Paul, Cathy, Teresa, Chas, Vicky and of course Rick... You all are the Best!

Then, of course, we cannot have a Void, so immediately after; DC/Roy Stevens welcomed the new Bridge for 2018 in Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON, XO Lt.C Ed Reynolds, A/O Lt.C Rick Hindery, P, SEO Lt.C Capt. Paul Truelove, SN, Secretary Lt.C Margaret Butler, SN, and Treasurer Lt.C Teresa Wilsdorf, S.... Tim Lahrs as Assistant A/O, P/C Vicky Jefferis, Bob Butler as At Large members round out the group. So for the first time in years we appear to have a full Bridge! And I am excited to say it is already showing! Congratulations to everyone.

This has been the year that I found out that the friends we gather around us in the Squadron & District are truly great. We have only been in the south for 4 ½ years, but we find that we have found our home. Yeah, it did get a bit soggy a couple of months ago, but it is now another of life's adventures! We have the positive attitude we have because of the support we find around us...

So now I get to fly the best flag, that of Past Commander, but it does not mean that I plan to sail quietly into the sunset.



Past Commander Sharon Hindery, AP

"This has been the year that I found out that the friends we gather around us in the Squadron & District are truly great."



GISPS Cdr. Sharon Hindery, AP with D/C Roy Stevens, SN-IN



GISPS Catch the Spirit Award winner Ed Reynolds with D/C Roy Stevens, SN-IN and Cdr. Sharon Hindery, AP



GISPS Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON takes his Commander oath of office



GISPS 2018 Bridge Officers: From left, Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf, SN-On; Lt/C Paul Truelove, SN; Lt/C Rick Hindery, P; Lt/C Ed Reynolds

Additional Change of Watch pictures are on page 11.

Looking Forward to 100% Involvement this Year!

Executive Officer Ed Reynolds

Greetings! For those of you that I have not met, let me take a moment to introduce myself. I transferred into this chapter last year from the Johnson City, TN. Power Squadron. I have been a member for 26 years with all of my power boating experience on TVA lakes. Since moving to Saint Simons Island, I was glad to find this Squadron. I need lots of help becoming a knowledgeable ocean boater and I consider GISPS involvement my "lifeline".

During our 2018 bridge installation

ceremony, our District Commander, Roy Stevens, presented his theme for this year: BE INVOLVED!. I would like to request that each one of us accept this challenge. In order for our Squadron to remain a viable organization, we need to retain and recruit members by providing attractive activities and educational opportunities.

Can I count on you to be involved this year? If each one of us does at least one thing to support our Squadron, we can increase the value and enjoyment we all receive from our Squadron.

A few examples of what one thing you could do are:

- 1. Recruit one new member.
- Coordinate one social or boating event.
- 3. Participate in one educational course.

Thank you in advance for accepting the challenge to BE INVOLVED!

A New-Year Dawns and with it Unlimited Possibilities.



Administrative Officer Rick Hindery, P

I hope that where ever you are and whenever you read this that you have something that excites you for the new year.

It seems to me that if we have a dream and have a bit of energy, 2018 will be a great year for The Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron.

2017 was a good year because when we needed them the most one of us came through with a great idea.

The Lady Jane adventure and our Morning Star cook out with Tybee, Ships tours of "The Peacemaker and the "Ocearch" wouldn't have happened if someone hadn't said " Wouldn't it be fun if".....

2018 is shaping up to be a great year because somebody thought "Wouldn't it be fun if" and spoke up at a meeting.

During our January meeting Tim Lahrs will excite you when he shares an adventure in the works that he is putting together for a weekend at Lake Blackshear because he and Sharree Lott thought wouldn't it be fun if.

Sharon and I are spending a weekend with our friends at 100 miles this month and we'll have an opportunity to meet some very talented people who love our coast and I'll try to get the best of them to share their visions and ideas as guest speakers at future monthly meetings. Our guests have a mission and we'll have the chance to ask if it would be fun and valuable to participate in their dreams.

As we have done in the past we'll have a table at First Friday events and we'll share info about our ABC class and other courses. People we have yet to meet will become part of our classes and have an opportunity to join with us. The trick this year will be to have fun and get more people to decide that it would be fun to join us.

So as I see it our job for 2018 will be to come up with more ways to have fun. Simply stated if we can think of the best fun activities we will fulfill our mission to bring boating safety and education to the most people we can and help more people stay for the fun.

So I wish you a happy New Year and with it more ways to have fun.

SHRIMP BOATS, LIGHTS AND DAY SHAPES

ALERT ALERT!

We have many shrimp trawlers in our local waters. A 20ft beam shrimp boat with 80ft outriggers when trawling with the outriggers down is now 180ft wide and nets are 1000ft behind. This shrimper is now occupying the same space as a ship!

Outriggers are not lighted. Be alert in restricted visibility and darkness.



NAVIGATION RULE 26: A vessel when engaged in trawling, by which is meant the dragging through the water of a dredge net, shall exhibit:

- ⇒ Two all-around lights in a vertical line, the upper being green the lower white or a shape consisting of two cones with apexes together in a vertical line one above the other.
- ⇒ When making way through the water also sidelights and a stern light.

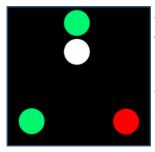
MEMORY AID: "GREEN OVER WHITE TRAWLING AT NIGHT"



This graphic shows the lights required when making way at night.

Day shapes are black and have the same meaning as lights at night.





The graphic to the left shows the lights of the same trawler above at night. Can you answer these questions?

- Is this trawler heading toward you or away?
- 2. Is this trawler making way or not?

(See the answers on the bottom of page)

NAVIGATION RULE 18: A power driven vessel or a sailing vessel shall keep out of the way of a vessel engaged in trawling.

EDUCATION CALENDAR

Seamanship Class scheduled for January 15 through February 19, 2018. The six classes are on Mondays from 6:00PM - 9:00PM.

ABC Classes scheduled for February 10 and April 7, 2018. The class hours are 8:00AM - 4:00PM. Any person born after January 1, 1998, must have completed a boat education course to operate legally a motorized vessel on Georgia state waters. The ABC course meets this requirement.

WHERE
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Answers

- 1. The trawler is heading toward you.
- 2. The trawler is making way.

Tim's Trivia

Assistant Administrative Officer Tim Lahrs, S



How well do you know GISPS members and recent past members? How many questions can you answer? Tim will share the answers to these questions at our next Club Dinner on January 16, 2018.

Who has a wing keel sail boat and did not deploy a sentinel as taught in Seamanship class?

Why do newer sailboats have wing keels?

Who has a sailboat named after a famous Cocktail?

What club member on 12/4/17 was located at 26 32 48 N 77 03 10.5 W?

Treasurer's Report



Treasurer Teresa Wilsdorf, S

GISPS ended 2017 with a balance of \$6,437.47 in the bank.

If, at any time of the year, you have any questions regarding our finances, please don't hesitate to give me a call. I will try to either answer your question(s) or get the answer from someone else.

Charles and I hosted the annual Christmas Party at our home. We had approximately 20 people, some old members, some current members and some friends. I think a good time was had by all. We were happy to see Lynn Barron, a longtime member that we don't get to see much, past member Joe Scirica and John and Carolyn Vann and active members Bob and Margaret Butler, Vicky Jefferis, Tim Lahrs, Sharree Lott, Joe and Cathy Stortz, Joanna and James Bridges, Ed and Cindy Reynolds, Paul and Linda Truelove, and Terry Osman. This year everyone participated in the gift exchange. We had fun opening and stealing presents. Of course, the alcohol was a big steal! There was an abundant amount of appetizers and spirits that was brought by guests. When the evening was over, all went home happy, full, and with a new present.

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Secretary's Report - GISPS Bridge Meeting on November 29, 2017

Secretary Margaret Butler, SN

These meeting notes were provided by Cathy Stortz, in the absence of Margaret Butler, Secretary.

GISPS Bridge Meeting on November 29, 2017

Present at meeting: Charles Wilsdorf, Teresa Wilsdorf, Ed Reynolds, Paul Truelove, Vicky Jefferis and Joe Stortz.

Absent: Sharon Hindery, Rick Hindery, Margaret Butler and Bob Butler

Guest: Cathy Stortz

- 1. Squadron Meetings We discussed changing the day of the week and using the term "Club Dinners" instead of "Meetings."
- 2. Squadron Boating Classes We discussed where and who to distribute class and event posters. Ed and Paul took some Seamanship posters. We will make a new ABC poster. We also discussed using PayPal or a credit card so people could pay when they registered for classes.
- Safe Boating Week Charles suggested we set up a tent at Blythe Island Park and perhaps offer vessel safety checks.
- 4. Cathy will put all district events on the 2018 calendar.
- 5. Social Events We will contact Tim on the possibility of another ship tour. Paul gave us the price of a Dolphin Tour of \$750.00 to charter the entire boat or \$25 per person if we do not charter the boat. The trip is approximately 1½ hours, primarily around St. Andrews sound. Another outing possibility is a trip to Lake Blackshear. It is a 3-hour drive from Brunswick, but there are cabins and a restaurant at the lake. Some could go as a day trip while others may choose to spend the night at the lake.
- 6. Community Service We selected December 28 for the next litter pick-up at Sidney Lanier Park. Let's start at 9 AM. Vicky will send information to members on the International Seafarers' Center 'Christmas at Sea" gift donations program.
- 7. Membership We will continue to furnish lunch for the ABC students.
- 8. Porthole The Porthole will continue to be distributed to members the 15th of each month. Articles submissions are due to Cathy by the first of each month.
- 9. Squadron Communications Add GISPS website to our list. Our newsletter is published on our website, which is a public website. The bridge contacts names, telephone numbers, and email addresses are published in The Porthole and therefore, the public would have access to that information. Cathy will send an email to all bridge members asking what information they will or will not share.
- 10. Budget 2018 Teresa will complete the 2017 report and compile a budget for 2018.

Subsequent to this meeting, the Bridge agreed that the Squadron membership should vote on changing our Club Dinner from the 4th Saturday night to the 3rd Tuesday night. The membership voted to make this change.

Happy Birthday to Squadron

Members in January!

- 14 Bob Butler
- 14 Renee Leben
- 24 Kurt Glass
- 24 Dorothy Jones



MERIT MARKS AND YOU!

Past Commander Vicky Jefferis, JN

Have you ever heard folks talking about Merit Marks and wondered what it is, or if you think you know, what makes it worth talking about?

A "merit mark" (MM) is awarded to a member for substantial personal effort in furthering the interest, programs and objectives of USPS, its districts and squadrons. The concept was conceived by Chief Commander A. B. Bennett, who first presented them in 1920. His vision proved to be one of the most enduring customs of USPS.

A merit mark is the only "pay" we get for contributions we make to USPS. Of all the awards conveyed by the organization, the merit mark is the most prestigious. It is by and large the only official recognition members receive for their efforts. Only one merit mark may be awarded in a year, no matter how extensive the contribution. Five merit marks bring senior member status and 25 merit marks accord a member life membership, exempt from national dues. A merit mark is awarded to a member by the Chief Commander based upon a recommendation by the member's squadron commander. Active, family and apprentice members may be recommended.

So, what does this have to do with you? GISPS is lucky to have many members who contribute valuable service to our club! That's great news! It also means that it's sometimes hard for our Commander to keep track of all those good things and make sure they're included when it's time to make the merit mark recommendations in the fall. Here's how YOU can help: when you volunteer to help out with a Squadron activity, make a few notes about what you did and how much time you spent doing it. Here are a few examples, but this list isn't all inclusive:

Attended Meetings - Attending meetings is a privilege of membership and does not count towards a Merit Mark unless the person is attending in an official capacity and/or reporting to the members such as an officer, committee chairman making a report, representative to a District Conference and making a report, etc.

Taught Educational Courses - Number of classes TAUGHT, Number of classes PROCTORED, Name of Course (e.g. Advanced Piloting)

Served on an Activity Committee - Did you plan the activity (check locations, contact marinas, etc.)? Did you help in docking or tying-up boats? Did you cook, serve, clean-up, buy food (not donate)?

Worked on Squadron Publication - Did you write articles? take photos?

Worked at Coast Fest/First Friday/Other Events - Which events? How long in the booth? Did you help set up or take down the booth?

At the end of the year, give that list of things you've done to the Commander. The Commander WILL thank you for effort! It's no small task to try to keep track of everything all of you do for GISPS and every bit of help is truly appreciated, especially when it helps give GISPS members the recognition YOU deserve!

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Kidde Recalls Fire Extinguishers with Plastic Handles

Kidde Recalls Fire Extinguishers with Plastic Handles Due to Failure to Discharge and Nozzle Detachment: One Death Reported

Name of product:

Kidde fire extinguishers with plastic handles

Hazard:

The fire extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard.

Remedy:

Replace

Recall date:

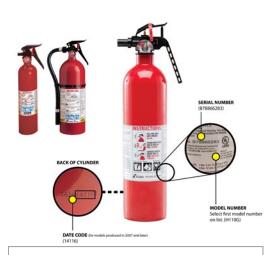
November 2, 2017

Recall number:

18-022

Consumer Contact:

Kidde toll-free at 855-271-0773 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET Saturday and Sunday, or online at **www.kidde.com** and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information.



Kidde fire extinguisher with plastic handle



Kidde push button fire extinguisher

Editor's Note: Check all your Kidde fire extinguishers. The extinguishers on our boat were fine, but we had one under the sink at home that was part of the recall. Visit the Kidde web site. All the information you need to determine if your fire extinguisher is part of the recall is there. Kidde sent me a new extinguisher and I returned the old one in the same packaging.

America's Waterway Watch by United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

America's Waterway Watch is a public outreach program encouraging participants to simply report suspicious activity to the Coast Guard and/or other law enforcement agencies. Unlike some Neighborhood Watch programs, for example, you are not formally joining an organization -- there are no meetings, membership cards or membership requirements -- and you do not become an agent of the Coast Guard or any other law enforcement agency.

As a person who spends time on or near the water, YOU already know what is normal and what is not, and YOU are well suited to notice suspicious activities -- activities possibly indicating threats to our nation's homeland security. As participant in America's Waterway Watch, we urge you to adopt a heightened sense of awareness toward unusual events or individuals you may encounter in or around ports, docks, marinas, riversides, beaches, or waterfront communities.

That being said, today's anti terrorism environment is changing as evident of what has transpired recently. Our focus is on facilities, ports, waterways, infrastructure and shipping. We must be vigilant. If we are not then we are susceptible to attack. We need your help.

In 2016 the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) reported an increase in the amount of vessels stolen in the USA. Florida is ranked number one. The number is 5116 Incase you were wondering. Which one of these can be used as a weapon? All 5116. Off the shelf technology has made it easier for those wishing to do us harm to carry out surveillance without alerting anyone to the activity.



We simply do not have the manpower to keep a constant eye. As with airplane pilots, most boaters have experience. Our approach is to use that knowledge and experience to our benefit. To solicit their eyes in helping us to determine things out of place or questionable activity. It maybe something as simple as somebody asking for the best fishing spot near a military base or a boat sitting directly under a bridge at night with no navigation lights on or a drone hovering over an oil transfer dock.

Recent actions have shown that the trend of people wishing to do us harm has moved from a larger cell down to a single person. This makes it even harder to detect. Even more is the need to keep our guard up. By enlisting help with American Waterway Watch adds another layer of security.

An added benefit is that areas that have fully embraced the American Waterways Watch have statistically seen a reduction in crime in those areas.

We have taken the approach to plaster American Waterways Watch all over social media, public presentations, signage, out-reach and refocusing our air crews and boat crews to be alert for suspicious activities. This all gets vetted through the National Response Center at 877-24WATCH. It is up to you to report suspicious activity.

There is no "one size fits all" approach that will serve in securing us from attack. We have over 12,000 miles of USA coast line. It requires continuous "out of the box thinking".

I would be more then happy to travel to you and meet when I return from sea and share ideas. In the meantime, if you have specific concerns or questions that must be addressed or if you would like literature then please contact me.

May you have best Holidays.

With Respect,

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National Safety Committee is promoting "America's Boating Club"

The Decal Awareness Program received a grant from the "United States Power Squadrons" Board of Governors to purchase 35,000 Vessel Examiner (VE) business cards and ship them to all VE's. This card serves as a segue for promoting "America's Boating Club" which also benefits the Vessel Safety Check program. Please expect your cards to arrive later this month, and thank you for your support.

Stf/C Bob Bales National Safety Committee



Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron Calendar Jan-June 2018

January

- 15 Seamanship class (weekly classes for 6 weeks) 1800 to 2100 at UGA
- 16 Club Dinner at Moondoggys
- 22 Seamanship class #2
- 29 Seamanship class #3

February

- 5 Seamanship class #4
- 10 ABC Class 0800-1600
- 12 Seamanship class #5
- 18-25-USPS® Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
- 19 Seamanship class # 6 (final class)
- 20 Club Dinner at Moondoggys

March

16-18 - D26 Spring Conference hosted by Lake Murray

20 - Club Dinner at Moondoggys

April

7 - ABC Class 0800-1600

17 - Club Dinner at Moondoggys

May

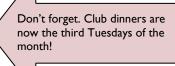
15 - Club Dinner at Moondoggys

18-20 - D26 Cruise & Rendezvous hosted by Golden Corner Sail & Power Squadron in Seneca, SC

19-25 - Safe Boating Week

June

19 - Club Dinner at Moondoggys



Additional Change of Watch Pictures Continued from Page 2



GISPS members Margaret and Bob Butler, both SN. Margaret is our newest 25 year member. Last year, Bob became a 25 year member. Congratulations to both.



GISPS member Tim Lahrs, S entertained us with nautical trivia.

Additional Change of Watch pictures are posted on our GISPS web page. Click on this link http://www.gisps.org

to visit our web page. Or if you prefer, copy the link and paste the link in your internet browser. Select the Photo Gallery link on the left of the page to view Change of Watch pictures.

Also, there are additional pictures posted on our Facebook page. Click on this link





to visit our Facebook page. If you already have Facebook open, visit our Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron page.

