

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

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Upcoming Events

- **April 17** – Club Dinner at Moon-doggys at 6:00 pm
- **May 11-12** – 80th Annual Blessing of the Fleet in Brunswick
- **May 11-12** – Lake Blackshear Outing
- **May 15** – Club Dinner at Moon-doggys at 6:00 pm
- **May 18-20** – D26 Cruise & Rendezvous in Seneca, SC
- **May 19-25** – Safe Boating Week

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Commander's Message



Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf,
SN-ON

Our year has started out like a whirlwind and I do not see it slowing down any time soon. I cannot believe it is already April and it is time to get the ole boats out on the water.

Our Club Administrative Officer, Rick Hindery, P and Assistant Administrative Officer, Tim Lahrs, S have been right in the center generating part of that whirlwind. Rick has been very busy working on dinner speakers, the upcoming June Dolphin tour/ Cookout, and a possible rum distillery tour and tasting/dinner. In addition, Tim and his crew, Karla Lahrs and Sharree Lott, have certainly been working hard on every possible detail to make our Black-shear Lake outing a real success. Our members owe these members a big at-a-boy for all of their hard work.

On the boating education front, Captain Paul Truelove, SN our club's SEO, has al-

ready offered an America's Boating Course (ABC) class with 10 passing students and a Seamanship Class with 5 passing students. In addition, he has another ABC on the near horizon. Many thanks to Paul and his instructors, Vicky Jefferis, JN, Tim Lahrs, S, Mike Moye, SN, and yours truly. Please share with Paul any courses or seminars that you would like to see offered.

Our Executive Officer, Ed Reynolds, S has not had any grass growing under his feet either. Ed has worked tirelessly making sure the word gets out about our club with the newspaper, billboards, posters, boat show booth, and the radio with Sharon Hindery's connections. Ed has also promoted and organized a much-needed reinvigorated Vessel Safety Check program with three new Vessel Examiners, Mike Moye, N, Terry Osman, P, and himself. Please ask them how easy the open book VSC exam was.

Margret Butler, SN, our club's Secretary has been busy recording and publishing the club's minutes along with renewing our corporation charter. Margaret and Bob Butler SN, her husband, with their long tenure in USPS and years of boating experience have been a real asset in the club's ExCom. Our club is so fortunate to have the Butler's as members.

Now, please recognize Teresa Wilsdorf, S as she is the one that keeps our funds

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Commander's Message Continued

safe and balanced. I hate to admit it, but she keeps me pretty balanced as well, and I promise that is a challenge.

Our club's past commanders, Sharon Hindery, AP and Vicky Jefferis, JN help Teresa keeping me in line. Sharon and Vicky work tirelessly on club activities both current and down the road. Sharon keeps our name out there with all of the other civil groups, which she belongs and Vicky is our liaison to District 26 where she is active on their staff. These two are a valuable sounding board, which I frequently use soliciting their guidance, suggestions, and advise.

Joe Stortz, P is not only a valued member of the ExCom, but he encourages Cathy Stortz, AP to take time off from building workshops and studios to work on the club's newsletter "Porthole". I know you agree that the "Porthole" speaks for itself. Being editor of the club's newsletter is probably the hardest job in the club to fill. We thank you both.

Vicky Jefferis, JN, Teresa Wilsdorf, S and myself attended the District 26 spring conference. It was great to visit with district friends and to exchange ideas on how to make our clubs better. All of the Friday and Saturday sessions were very informative. In the sessions I attended, my thoughts were wishing more of our members could have attended. The District 26 Conferences provide an important forum for our regional members to share information both formally and informally. Meeting and making friends at the conference is a real asset and once home having the ability to email or pick up the phone to get questions answered or discuss your ideas from someone you personally know, who has probably already been down the road you are embarking is another asset.

Unfortunately, we have not attracted any new members so far this year. I think our largest challenge is conveying to prospective members what we are all about and the many benefits membership offers. Taking advantage of the club benefits drastically reduces the cost of membership and in some cases becomes a positive cash flow even though the fun factor is always positive. **Please remember, every member of the club is also a member of the Membership Committee.** I ask all members to always have club literature available, membership forms, a club dues schedule, and be familiar with the benefits. Do not be afraid to ask a prospective member to apply (sign them up). Should you have any questions or need literature, forms, etc. please contact me.

Hope to see you all at our Tuesday, April 17th Club Dinner at 6:00 PM at Moondoggy's. Please feel free to attend the ExCom meeting at 5:00 PM at same location.

Let's Go Boating

Executive Officer
Ed Reynolds, S

I spent last weekend completing my certification as a Vessel Safety Examiner by inspecting 5 boats under the guidance of our wonderful Commander, Charles Wilsdorf. Being at several marinas really got me excited about the spring boating season. I can't wait to spend more time on my boat accompanied by friends. I want to encourage you to do the same thing. Invite your friends to join you for a boat ride. I am sure they would jump at the invitation. If you are currently "boat less", reach out to your boating friends and volunteer to crew for them. Then, take this opportunity to promote membership in our Power Squadron. Increasing our membership is critical to maintaining our viability as an organization. We would also welcome the chance to meet your boating friends!

Dolphin Tour in June



Administrative Officer
Rick Hindery, P

By now, I hope most of us contacted Teresa Wilsdorf to lock in discounted "early bird" tickets for our 4 PM Saturday June 16 Dolphin tour.

The Dolphin Tour is one of the best activities in The Golden Isles. We'll start out from Jekyll Marina and after the 90-minute tour; we'll enjoy a cook out too. Over the next few months, we'll share all the details of this on the water activity but today I want to try to describe the reception Sharon and I got when we dropped off the contract for our private excursion.

I had spoken to Captain Phillips quite a few times over the past month as we tried to work out times and pricing for a private tour. One thing seemed to be inflexible and that was the pricing.

I was excited when I picked up a voice mail informing me that the Captain was sending an agreement that went beyond my expectations for the various things we had discussed.

What was really pleasing was that we had received a significantly discounted price for a private excursion.

Captain Phillips was familiar with the GISPS but wasn't completely aware of the depth and variety of programs that we are involved in to educate boaters and work for safe, fun boating here in the Isles.

The Captains Truelove, Linda and Paul who sail out of Jekyll and are very involved with the Dolphin Tours gave Captain Phillips an overview of our programs from ABC and beyond. I guess our boat safety checks were mentioned too and the fact that our upcoming ABC class is free and open to the public. All these factors earned you a discounted price

It was great to meet Captain Phillips face to face and hear his wonderful comments about America's Boating Club.

For a moment, Sharon and I were the face of our organization and for that moment, we got to see our club as others see us. If there is a message to this little article, it is that all your efforts have made had an effect on the boating community. Our educators, our classes, all the hard work to come up with ideas for boating safety month have had a positive effect and I only wish everyone could have shared a very positive moment with us.

Plan to join us in June. It will be fun. We'll try to come up with more enjoyable things to do as the summer unfolds. May and June have more activities in store than we have shared since we joined the club and that is due to your efforts. Many people have answered the challenge and are building great moments for us to enjoy. Take a moment too and realize that all the efforts to share your knowledge and love of boating are appreciated and take a bow!

Treasurer's Report



Treasurer Teresa
Wilsdorf, S

The GISPS has a bank balance of \$6,140.79, however we do have pending payment of a little over \$450. I am anxiously awaiting your email/phone call/check to sign up for the dolphin tour excursion and cookout at Jekyll Island. Remember, on the 16th we are opening it up to other squadrons and friends, plus all rates will then be \$20. Sign up and pay now to get you GISPS member discount.

Happy Birthday in April to Squadron Members!

13 Lynn Barron

13 Paul Truelove



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GISPS Executive Committee and Club Dinner Minutes

Secretary

Margaret Butler, SN

GISPS ExCom Meeting March 19, 2018

Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Those attending were Vicky Jefferis, JN; Sharon Hindery, AP; AO Rick Hindery, P; Bob Butler, SN; Secretary Margaret Butler, SN; and XO Ed Reynolds. Those not present were Treasurer Teresa Wilsdorf, S, SEO Paul Truelove, SN, and Joe Stortz, AP.

The costs of student manuals for non-members have been increased - \$10 for a seminar and \$20 for advanced courses and electives. Also, there are additional charges to all students for a single student kit order.

The committee asked Rick to determine a date in June for a Dolphin Boat tour and then to email all members to get feedback on this outing. We would prefer to rent the boat for a private trip and may open it up to the Tybee Light Squadron. We are considering a charge of \$20 for our members and \$25 for others. This would include a tip for the Captain. We would want to have a cookout at Jekyll Marina after the boat trip.

Rick also suggested a tour of the new Rum Distillery and dinner at Island Jerk afterward. The committee asked him to check on the possibility of having this event for our August Club Dinner.

Three folks are working on becoming certified for Vessel Safety Checks. They plan to do vessel checks on March 31.

Ed and Cindy set up a table at the Morningstar Marina Boat Show on March 10 and 11. They distributed a lot of information about our Club.

Sharon reported that our booth at the Peaches to Beaches yard sale event raised \$200 for our education program. She thanked Vicky, Ed, Margaret, Terri and Rick for their donations to the sale. Those working the booth included Sharon, Rick, Vicky, Margaret, Bob, Cathy, Terri, Teresa and Charles. We also got a few names of folks interested in future ABC classes.

Charles told us that all members may access the DB2000 for read-only. He will provide instructions for getting to it.

We have eight folks already signed up for the April 7 ABC class. The billboard is lined up.

We need to be able to get wearables and nametags with the America's Boating Club logo. Charles will work on the wearables and Vicky will check on nametags.

John and Pat Rodgers will be in the area August 4 – 11. We hope to arrange some time with them while they are here; however, a co-op charting event may not be possible.

Charles, Teresa and Vicky attended the D-26 Spring Conference. They took part in a very good seminar on Squadron Revitalization. Nothing has changed in the focus of USPS, but the new name is more descriptive. Our Cruise and Rendezvous date of May 17 – 19, 2019 was approved.

Ed made a motion to adjourn; Bob seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

The Club Dinner followed the ExCom meeting.

Charles welcomed members and guests. He thanked Ed and Cindy for organizing the table at Morningstar Marina's Boat Show and Rick and Sharon for doing the Peaches to Beaches yard sale.

The minutes were approved as published in the "Porthole."

Rick will finalize details for the Dolphin Boat Tour and picnic at Jekyll Marina.

At the Spring Conference, Sharon received the 2017 Distinctive Communicator's Award – Website.

The Lake Blackshear Resort is allowing us to use – free of charge – their 65' boat for our dock party on Saturday evening. We have thirteen folks signed up for the train ride on Friday.

Charles asked that all members keep track of the time they spend on squadron business and send this information to him. This will aid him in working on Merit Marks.

Squadron Education Officer's Report

This report will be short. In the March Porthole, I was on fire and screaming MAYDAY MAYDAY on my VHF. No one has come to aid me. I listed seven positions and seven position photos to match up. I have yet to get a response. Cathy checked my positions and found one incorrect. So Cathy wins the big prize for matching sevens positions with seven photos. Good show Cathy. I think we know who will be wearing the navigator hat on your boat.

NAVIGATORS DILEMMA

Where am I?

Reading your GPS position is of little value, if you cannot find it on a chart. Are you heading into danger (live fire zone)? The Coast Guard position you hear on the VHF may not agree with yours. Are you in degrees, minutes & tenths; or degrees, minutes & seconds; or degrees & minutes?

A little piloting practice on a paper chart may be in order.

- ⇒ What if your chart plotter screen turns black, can you safely pilot your boat?
- ⇒ Running the ICW, do you mark the aids when you pass to know your position?
- ⇒ Can you take bearings and plot a fix or a running fix?
- ⇒ Can you do a bow beam bearing to determine distance off a charted object?
- ⇒ Can you create a danger angle on your chart?
- ⇒ Can you create a dead reckoning plot?

If it has been a while since you have used these skills, I suggest you review Chapman Piloting & Seamanship book. Chapman's is a wonderful reference book of all things nautical including flag placement on your vessel. Someday you will lose your E-NAV and it will not be a nice sunny clear day. BE PREPARED LIKE A GOOD SCOUT. My friend Capt. John sailed a hundred and ten foot schooner from the Caribbean to Maine with light sticks taped to the compass. He had a catastrophic electrical failure. We need every navigation trick possible. So, on that dark and stormy night when your mate asks, "Where are we?" Your answer is "We are in a safe place". I have doubled checked my navigation.

If you are depending on E_NAV only, you are one lightning strike from seventeen-century navigation.

Members may take the Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation Courses to increase their knowledge in piloting and navigation. An e-mail survey for potential students will be out soon.

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Peaches to the Beaches Yard Sale Down Highway 341 March 9 & 10 Report



P/C Sharon Hindery, AP

With the help of some of our club members and donations from more, we were able to clear over \$200 to help cover our ABC boating class educational expenses. Additionally, we revealed our new branding with our hot off the press “America’s Boating Club Golden Isles” banner. With a collection of a somewhat random selection of items to sell to the general public who apparently treat this particular weekend event as an annual spending spree... Brunswick’s Mary Ross Park had about 70 “vendors” and was the official terminus to this pilgrimage. Many folks were determined to gather the requisite 22 official “stamps” from the sale sites along the 220 mile run from Barnesville to Brunswick. (This made them eligible for prize drawings) Some folks were just looking for something interesting... others were definitely on a mission for something specific! Regardless, those of us who “worked” the event (translate to mean sit around and chat with each other and those who visited our booth, promoting our club and the next ABC class as well.) all enjoyed the cool, gnat less & mostly sunny weather. Thanks to donors: Cindy & Ed Reynolds, Vicky Jefferis, Terry Osman, Margaret and Bob Butler, and Hindery’s. Also big thanks to those who joined us in manning the booth: Vicky, Terry & Sweetie, Cathy Stortz, Chas and Teresa, Bob and Margaret!



Both Photos

Working the Peaches to Beaches Yard Sale are from left Terry Osman, Rick Hindery and Vicky Jefferis.

Photos by Sharon Hindery.



District 26 Spring Conference

P/C Vicky Jefferis, JN

The D/26 Spring Conference, hosted by Lake Murray Power Squadron, was held in Columbia, SC from March 16 – 18. CDR Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON, Teresa Wilsdorf, S and Vicky Jefferis, JN attended.

Attendees participated in several seminars, classes and business meetings where they were updated on the latest news from the US Power Squadrons' Annual Meeting and new happenings within D/26. The biggest news of interest to all is the decision to move ahead with a new name, America's Boating Club, which will be used in conjunction with the US Power Squadrons name. The new name and logo will help non-members understand just what our group is and does. The use of "boating club" will explain that our organization welcomes all kinds of watercraft enthusiasts, including sail and paddle craft along with powerboats. The new logo depicts a kayak, sailboat and powerboat, reinforcing the boating club idea.



Conference attendees weren't limited to seminars and business only. On Friday evening, members attended a St. Patrick's Day dinner and celebration, which included a tasty buffet, entertainment by a bagpiper, and a contest for the best Irish costume. The annual Awards Banquet occurred on Saturday evening. Members heard brief remarks from the Chief Commander's Representative, R/C Ralph Bernard, AP. Awards were presented to members who have earned 15 Merit Marks, 50 years of membership, Educational achievement, and more. Capping off the evening, Golden Isles' friend from Tybee Light Sail and Power Squadron, CDR David Sapp, AP, was named the District's 2017 Commander of the Year.

Right Photo: CDR Hilary Brush, Dreher Shoals Sail & Power Sqd and Lt/CDR Braxton Sorg, D/26 Administration Officer at the St. Patrick's Day Party.

Bottom Photo: Members of D/26 enjoying the St. Patrick's Day party entertainment.



Tim's Trivia

Assistant Administrative Officer
Tim Lahrs, S



How well do you know GISPS members and recent past members? Tim will share the answer at our next Club Dinner.

Who is a current club member with a completely restored 1957 Ford Convertible?

The answers to March's trivia question.

Who at the age of 12 held a professional drag racing certificate and won 20 out of 25 races?

Sharree Lott!

Who is a current member, lives in the Brunswick area, and keeps their boat in Jacksonville, FL?

Terry Osman, P

Terry's boat, shown below, is a Shannon 28 that she named *Willow*.



Morningstar Marina Boat Show



Ed Reynolds, S and Cindy Simpson set up a table at the Morningstar Marina Boat Show on March 10 and 11. They distributed a lot of information about our Club. Photo by Cindy Simpson.

Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron Calendar April – September 2018

April

17 – Club Dinner at Moondoggys at 6:00 pm

May

11-12 - 80th Annual Blessing of the Fleet in Brunswick

11-12 – Lake Blackshear Outing

15 – Club Dinner at Moondoggys at 6:00 pm

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

19-25 – Safe Boating Week

June

16—Dolphin Tour at 4:00 pm and Cookout following tour on Jekyll Island

19 – Club Dinner at Moondoggys at 6:00 pm

July

28 – Club Dinner at Moondoggys at 6:00 pm

August

25 – Club Dinner at Moondoggys at 6:00 pm

September

18 – Club Dinner at Moondoggys at 6:00 pm

National News

DO-A-CANOE

The Safety Committee has initiated a campaign requesting Vessel Examiners seek out CANOE/KAYAK RENTAL paddle craft outlets for Vessel Safety Checks. This should be considered an excellent source of promoting “America's Boating Club®”.

Recreational paddle craft establishments benefit from displaying the United States Coast Guard approved Vessel Safety Check decal on their rentals by making the public aware of their annual vessel safety check compliance.

For additional information on Rental, Club, Association Outlets, VSC inspection procedures, Required Equipment, Recreational Boating Statistics and Paddle Craft web sites please explore these suggested idea's and links. Thank you.

1. National, State, County, and City recreational parks.
2. Your local Paddle Craft, power boat & Sail rental companies.
3. Your Squadron Canoe/Kayak club.
4. Sailing & Paddle Craft schools/clubs.
5. Recreational Boating Associations.
6. There is a treasure chest of Information which can be obtained from “America's Canoe Association” (ACA) (www.americancanoe.org). For your states ACA locations/events refer to the main page on the upper right click on “Community” then click-on State Director Program.
7. For Paddle Craft VSC inspection procedures and needed equipment refer to form 7012A (forms.cgaux.org/archive/a7012A.pdf).
8. Recreational Boating Statistics refer to (www.uscgboating.org). From main page click on upper right “Statistics”.
9. Web search Paddle Craft/Canoe/Kayak.
10. Web search (www.usnwc.org) U.S. National Whitewater Center.

THE POWER OF ONE

If everyone recruited just ONE person each year we would double in size in about a year.

Sounds so simple but, it is difficult because many of us don't like to ASK someone to join us (it is selling). The worst they can do is say no. ASK a friend. ASK the person whose VSC you did. ASK the person who wonders about the insignia on your shirt or cap. ASK the person who took a class or seminar. Just ASK someone!

R/C Robert Howd, JN-CN

Membership Chair

D/C George Prescott, SN, from the National Youth Activities Committee asked that a flyer about the National Youth Poster Contest be included in our newsletter.



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2018 Youth Poster Contest

Sponsored by the National Membership Committee

(New Contest Period: Contest ends August 17, 2018)

The USPS Youth Poster Contest Awards promote youth appreciation and respect for recreational boating, and the message that safe boating is always fun boating.

The Contest is open to children ages 6–14, which is divided into three age groups:

1) Ages 6 – 8 2) Ages 9 – 11 3) Ages 12 – 14

Squadrons should conduct local contests and submit winning posters to their respective District for judging. Posters submitted to the National Membership Committee for judging must be endorsed by each District Poster/Membership Chair as the point of contact.

The 2018 Poster Theme:

"America's Boating Club Saves Lives"

Artwork should illustrate how safe boating through education, on the water skills, and proper use of equipment save lives.

Rules

- Each district may submit one poster in each age category.
- Each entry must be submitted on poster board or heavy construction paper; size 15"x20" or 14"x22"
- Entries must be judged at the district level to select winning entries for submission at the National contest level.
- Squadron and District judging deadlines are a local decision.
- Only District First-Place winners in each age category will be accepted for judging at the National level.
- Posters may be sketched lightly with pencil, but the result must be in color suitable for photography.
- Professional illustrations, photos, copyrighted or trademark material, purchased or computer generated are not allowed and will disqualify the entry.
- Posters must not to be folded.
- Posters will be judged on the Theme, message and artistic representation.
- Only one entry per person is allowed. All entries become the property of the United States Power Squadrons, which reserves the right to display and reproduce.
- Contest entry forms must be complete, legible, and attached to the back of their poster.
- Annual Contest entries must now be delivered to the Fall Governing Board Meeting. This year's meeting will be held in Minneapolis, MN. Posters must be received by Friday, 17 August 2018, for judging.
- First, Second and Third Place Winners will be announced for each age category during the Minneapolis Meeting. Awards are underwritten by a grant from the OMC Foundation.

See the 2018 Youth Poster Submission Form on the next page.



2018 Youth Poster Contest Submission Form (Attach to back of Poster)



Artist Age Category: 6-8 ☐ 9-11 ☐ 12-14 ☐

Artist Age is determined to be the day the poster is submitted for local judging

Artist Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Was this a School/Group Entry? Yes ☐ No ☐ (If Yes, enter School/Group Info Below)

School/Group Name:	
School/Group Address:	
School City:	Teacher Name:

MANDATORY SQUADRON & DISTRICT INFORMATION

Squadron Name:	District Number:
Squadron Contact Name:	
Contact Telephone #:	Email:
District Contact Name:	
Contact Telephone #:	Email:

- Please complete submission forms as neatly as possible.
- Unreadable and incomplete forms will be disqualified.
- Attach all completed submission forms to the back of each poster entry.
- Squadrons must work with their respective Districts to determine District submissions to National Contest.
- District 1st place winners in each age category should be submitted for National Judging.
- The District Poster Contact/Chairperson is responsible for delivering all 1st Place winners to the National Annual meeting and returning awards to respective winners. Contact information must be provided.
- National submissions become the property of USPS, which reserves the right to display or otherwise use the submission.
- Further information on the National Competition will be posted on the National Membership pages of www.USPS.org.
- All submissions are due 17 August, 2018

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