



For Boaters, By Boaters™

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## A monthly publication of the Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron

### Upcoming Events

#### June

- 16 - Dolphin Tour and Cookout
- 19 - Club Dinner at Moon-doggys at 6:00 pm

#### July

- 17 - Club Dinner at Moon-doggys at 6:00 pm

#### August

- 12-19 - USPS® Governing Board in Minneapolis, MN
- 21 - Club Dinner at Moon-doggys at 6:00 pm

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### Commander's Message



Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf,  
SN-ON

Club Members who missed the Blackshear Lake outing really missed out. I did not run across anyone who did not tell me they had a great time. Again, many thanks to Sharree Lott, and Tim and Karla Lahrs for their planning and all of the hard work that made the event all come together. You will find a detailed account of the weekend in a following article in this Porthole. So, hope you don't miss out on our next outing, the Dolphin Tour and Cookout afterwards.

Membership is still about even with 44 members. We have lost a few and gained a few. I would like to welcome our newest members, P/C Paulette Harris, SN and Stephen Ruby who transferred from the Savannah River Sail and Power Squadron. Paulette was very instrumental in originating our squadron.

At this time, we have seven club members who have not yet renewed. Please contact me if you have lost your invoice, need assistance, or would like to comment. Our club certainly does not want to lose any members.

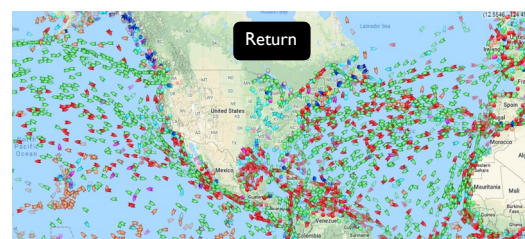
As a reminder, our club dinners will continue

in the summer, ExCom at 5:00 PM and Club Dinner at 6:00 PM. Remember, all members are welcome to attend the ExCom Meetings.

Ever wonder how many ships are at sea? It's fairly obvious when you are boating around the area of a port, but how about if you are boating offshore? How about if you are in the middle of the Pacific or Atlantic Oceans. I once sailed from New Zealand to Tahiti and never saw a ship (or any other vessel for that matter) or even an airplane out of sight of land. After ten days it gets a little lonely out there. That said, I was amazed when I saw the below real-time graphic.

From - <https://www.marinetraffic.com>

If you are using Adobe Acrobat to view, click on map center to enlarge. Then click the black return button to come back to this view.



Legend: Green-Cargo, Red-Tankers, Blue-Passenger, Orange-Fishing, Purple-Pleasure

Notice that it does not show any Naval Vessels.

Suppose you must just put it into scale and perspective. I sure hope they all have a lookout or two posted.

Hope to visit with you all at the Dolphin Tour Outing and our next Club Dinner.

## Wearables and Membership Drive

Executive Officer  
Ed Reynolds, S

Hello again fellow boaters!

May certainly was a busy month for the Squadron. It started off with a wonderful weekend at Lake Black-shear. Despite the heat and the gnats, members and guests thoroughly enjoyed the boating and social activities. The following Saturday, Charles Wilsdorf and I promoted National Safe Boating Week by offering free Vessel Safety Checks at the Blythe Island Boat Ramp. Although we only had 8 inspections, they were all very appreciative of our service as each one of them was found to be out of compliance. Hopefully, they will all correct those deficiencies and be safer boaters as a result.



Ed Reynolds, S (pictured) and Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON provided free Vessel Safety Checks at the Blythe Island Boat Ramp on May 19.

As you know, we have been publicizing our new America's Boating Club wearables as well as the need for new members. To continue these efforts, I am announcing that the member, who recruits the next new member, will win a men's large white polo Eddie Bauer shirt with our new logo. See you on the water!



You could win this polo shirt for recruiting the next new club member!

## What We Did During our Summer Vacation



Administrative Officer  
Rick Hindery, P

Summer vacation for school kids has just started here in Glynn County and this looks like a summer when we will be staying close to home but we did take a short vacation of sorts during the last week in May when we journeyed north to "The Land between the Lakes" in Kentucky.

Sharon's sister, Judy and her husband Terry are selling their house in the country, the boat and much of what they collected during their 48 year marriage and moving into a house in town.

Since we will be rebuilding our house and Terry has a barn full of tools that need a new home we drove up to collect things that were no longer needed.

Terry has been an avid fisherman since he retired to Murray KY twelve years ago. Sharon and I had a fairly extensive collection of fishing gear that we bought at an estate sale five years ago but we never find the time to go. Terry decided that our visit

would be a perfect time to show off his boat which would be going up for sale so we got an opportunity to spend a beautiful day on Kentucky lake though the fishing has been in decline for the past ten years. About ten years ago Asian Carp found their way into the lake and fishing has been in decline ever since.

The Carp may soon find themselves on the endangered list though as the lake will soon be home to an 18 million dollar processing plant that will turn the horrible invasive creature that no one here wants into Asian Carp fillets that are a delicacy in China.

The first 40,000 pound shipment was a hit in the orient and the plant will be processing orders in 100,000 pound shipments upon completion.

Reminds me of the Jellyfish plant in Darien. It might be interesting to investigate the third largest volume export in Georgia. Since 2013 some of our Shrimp boats have been using modified nets and catching Cannonballs during the February 1st to July 15th season. The sole processing plant is in Darien where the Cannonball Jellyfish are dehydrated, sealed in five gallon buckets and loaded onto pallets to ship from Savannah to Asian ports.

Unlike Asian Carp that are a main course, Jellyfish are a popular condiment, a tasty topping.

Might be an interesting tour. Let me know if you have a taste for something a little bit unusual. Always looking for something different to investigate and we should be able to get an invitation.

## GISPS Executive Committee and Club Dinner Minutes

Secretary

Margaret Butler, SN

GISPS ExCom Meeting May 15, 2018

Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. Those attending were XO Ed Reynolds, S, Treasurer Teresa Wilsdorf, S, Joe Stortz, AP, AO Rick Hindery, P; Sharon Hindery, AP; Bob Butler, SN; Secretary Margaret Butler, SN; and Vicky Jefferis, JN. Not present was SEO Paul Truelove, SN.

The Dolphin Tour on June 16 has 17 members and 6 guests paid, with a possibility of 8 more guests from the Tybee Light Club. We will order meats for the picnic and attendees will bring sides. The planning committee, consisting of Rick, Sharon, Ed, Margaret and Teresa will meet at Margaret's home on June 5 at 7 pm. The Captain for this tour is our own Paul Truelove, SN with Linda Thompson as mate.

Vessel Safety Checks will be done at the Blythe Island boat ramp on May 19, beginning at 8:00 am. This is a kick-off for Safe Boating Week.

We are still working with The Brunswick News on publishing our ads. The Vessel Safety Check event has been included in the Community Calendar.

Margaret will research the procedure and costs for registering our name America's Boating Club Golden Isles.

Charles asked everyone who has pictures from the Lake Blackshear event to send them to him so he can put them all on Google Drive.

Charles had asked the committee members to suggest things that might entice them to attend D-26 Conferences. Items mentioned were having good speakers and fun things to do as well as conduct business. Perhaps there could be only one conference per year and it could be a bit longer.

Charles brought our first order of wearables from Queensboro and we were able to look at the various items.

Sharon reported on PayPal and Square as ways of paying for our courses, etc. PayPal charges a monthly service charge rate plus a percentage of each transaction. The Square and its software are free; the only charge is a percentage of each transaction. We will continue researching payment options.

Sharon will research the use of Facebook for marketing.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

During the Club Dinner, Charles recognized past commanders Vicky Jefferis and Sharon Hindery. He also welcomed our guest speaker, Dr. Norm Leonard.

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

Our newest members, David Jones and Stephanie Krause-Jones, were sworn in.

## Squadron Education Officer's Report

Commander Charles and I are offering a Piloting course in the near future, date to be determined later. Why should you take the Piloting course? I am running around fifty dolphin tours a month, that is seventy five to a hundred hours a month, I am appalled at the lack of knowledge of the local boaters.

How do you feel about your navigation skills on that dark and stormy night with your family aboard? The Piloting course covers charts and E-navigation.

Contact Charles or myself for more information and dates you are available.

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## Treasurer Report



Treasurer Teresa  
Wilsdorf, S

GISPS has a current balance of \$6,591.75

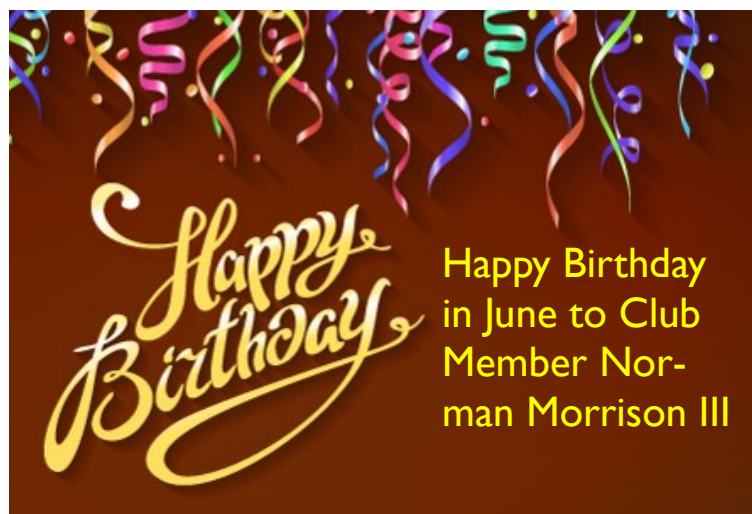
We all had a wonderful weekend at Lake Blackshear. Many thanks to Sharree for preparing the delicious food for Saturday night. Also, kudos to Sharree and Tim and Karla Lahrs for putting everything together, it all turned out absolutely great!

Now, looking forward to the Dolphin tour, I just love dolphins, and cookout afterwards at the Jekyll Marina on June 16th. I am sure we are going to have a great time and great food.

Have to say, we sure are having lots of fun lately!

Teresa

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## Lake Blackshear Outing

Past Commander

Vicky Jefferis, JN

Over twenty members from America's Boating Club Golden Isles, District 26 and Tybee Light, along with several guests, enjoyed a fun filled extended weekend at Georgia Veterans State Park & Resort May 10-13, 2018. The park is adjacent to Lake Blackshear, making it irresistible to boaters, fishermen/women, and all other water lovers.

Although the activities included in the planning done by Tim and Karla Lahrs and Sharree Lott were held on Friday and Saturday, several members arrived on Thursday to explore the surrounding area and enjoy a delicious dinner at Daphne Lodge, just outside the Park entrance.

Friday morning dawned bright and clear, making it perfect for the first outing of the weekend, the SAM Shortline Train. This 1949 vintage train is named for the original rail spur line that went from Savannah to Americus, GA and then on to Montgomery, Alabama. Club members found their seats in the beautifully restored Hawthorne car where they took the ride socializing with friends, eating lunch, and enjoying a scenic Georgia train ride through the rolling countryside. They travelled through Americas to Plains, the small Georgia town made famous by President Jimmy Carter, and Archery, featuring President Jimmy Carter's boyhood farm. Both stops offered plenty of historical sights to see and a unique opportunity to partake in some peanut butter ice cream. Following the all-day outing, later that evening most everyone found themselves at the Cypress Grill to enjoy refreshments, dinner and music, welcoming friends who had just arrived.

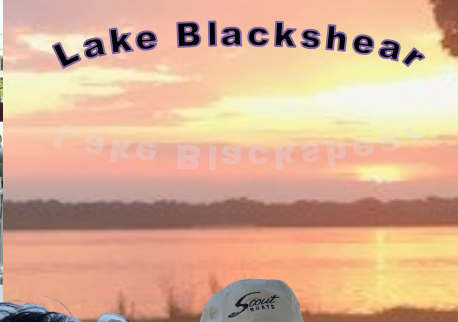
Tim and Sharree's hard work planning this event became crystal clear on Saturday, the day when there were more activities to enjoy than anyone could possibly do. Early birds set out on fishing trips on Lake Blackshear while others visited the Military Museum established as a memorial to U.S. veterans from the Revolutionary War through the present day, strolled around the manicured grounds, played golf, soaked up sun lounging by the pool and enjoyed boat rides to see the lake. Saturday evening, the group gathered on the beautiful Lady Liberty, an air-conditioned 45 passenger touring boat with a shaded top deck that provided stunning resort and lake views.

Prior to dinner, Commander Charles Wilsdorf welcomed everyone, introduced guests and recognized the key people who made the weekend so special: members Sharree Lott and Tim Lahrs, Karla Lahrs, District 26 Administrative Officer Braxton Sorg, and Jason Smith, General Manager of Lake Blackshear Resort & Golf Club. Sharree, Tim and Karla planned and coordinated every detail of the weekend, Sharree planned and prepared the Saturday evening meal, and Jason donated the use of Lady Liberty, arranged for several perks for attendees, and responded to numerous requests for assistance from Sharree. Without all their hard work, the weekend wouldn't have been such a great success!

Following the introductions, Sharree welcomed everyone to a fantastic buffet consisting of hamburgers, hotdogs, two kinds of potato salad, slaw and much, much more topped off with two kinds of cake. After the delicious meal, Sharree honored all the ladies with plants to take home to their gardens.

It was a wonderful Golden Isles weekend – one that'll be long remembered by those who attended!







## National News

New memberships require cooperation.

Everybody needs to think membership—the commander, the treasurer, the secretary, the public affairs person, the educational officer and of course the membership person. Everybody has an input and sort of needs to keep their eye on the goal of new members. Keep lists of contacts and re-invite, re-remind and just keep in contact. Make sure new members get the info they need, their name tags, rosters, etc. If you do any of these things, make sure the new members and prospects are on the list to get them.

R/C Robert Howd, JN-CN

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During the May Club Dinner, new members Stephanie Krause-Jones and David Jones take their club oath given by Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON. Photo by Vicky Jefferis, JN.

More on the Lake Blackshear outing in May. First, a special Thank You to Earl and Kim Mayo. They provided the free lake tour. Photo provided by Tim Lahrs, S.



View additional Lake Blackshear pictures shared by Sharree Lott on our Facebook page at [https://www.facebook.com/GISPS/?hc\\_ref=ARQJ7lflzivFcln0yw6XX-xQ0ZQMIQJEmFGVHLKgzCyGB8yRCraJcc22bOq2gpasK90](https://www.facebook.com/GISPS/?hc_ref=ARQJ7lflzivFcln0yw6XX-xQ0ZQMIQJEmFGVHLKgzCyGB8yRCraJcc22bOq2gpasK90)

## Golden Isles Sail and Power Squadron Calendar June – December 2018

### June

16 - Dolphin Tour (Club Party on the Water) begins at 4:00 pm. Cookout at Jekyll Harbor Marina follows tour

19 - Club Dinner at Moondoggys at 6:00 pm

### July

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### August

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21 - Club Dinner at Moondoggys at 6:00 pm

### September

8 - Litter Pick up at Sidney Lanier Park at 9 am

18 - Club Dinner at Moondoggys at 6:00 pm

### October

6 - CoastFest

19-21 - D/26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch hosted by Thurmond Lake

16 - Annual Club Dinner at Moondoggys at 6:00 pm

20 - America's Boating Course

### November

TBD - Change of Watch

### December

TBD - Christmas Party

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