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

### Upcoming Events

#### September

- 8-15 USPS Governing Board Louisville, KY
- 17-Club Dinner, Moon-doggy's
- 21-Club Cruise - Circumnavigate SSI

#### October

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### Commander's Message



Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON

What a trying week or so. I think Dorian put all of our nerves on edge if nothing else. Overall, I think the forecasters did a great job. Remember, the further out the projected forecast, the less accurate. We dodged the bullet this go around, I just hope we can continue. It is still pretty early in the hurricane season, so don't be surprised if we are put through the paces again before the end of hurricane season.

Several months back, I was asking many of you which side you preferred to dock when wind and current wasn't an issue. This question was posed to me from David Jones and I said starboard. The overwhelming majority who I asked said starboard as well. The America's Boating Channel video on docking says dock on your port side. Chapman Piloting & Seamanship says dock on your port side. Reasoning being, you can use the reverse rotation of the prop (most props are right-handed – turning clockwise in forward and counterclockwise in reverse) when coming up to the dock at an angle to bring the stern into the dock and check forward motion. Ok, that makes good sense, so why do others and I have the habit of docking on the starboard?

My habit for docking on the starboard side evolved from my earliest boats which were outboard engine tiller steered (tiller on port side so you sit on the starboard side) and runabouts which all had the helm on the starboard side. Also, I think I remember Captain Truelove explaining the helm was put on the starboard side on most boats since the starboard side is the danger zone area. And, when bringing the boat to dock steering from the right gave me more visibility on the starboard side as well as being able to handle dock lines from the helm if needed. It worked for me and I sup-

pose that was when the habit started. Sometimes, ignorance is bliss, and this might have been one of those times. Later, owning outboard center cockpits and sailboats I just never broke the habit. Another habit I developed was always "taking my medicine first", so my thinking was/is I had much rather use that reverse thrust getting away from the dock when conditions might have changed that impact me leaving. If you have ever been pinned to the dock by wind or current and used your reverse thrust after you have gone forward on the spring line, makes clearing the dock much easier. Guess I have always gone against the grain as generally backing into slips. Advantages, can get out of the slip more quickly and easy if needed, can use a shorter shore power cord line (easier to handle and less voltage drop), and you can see all the goings and comings along the dock (in my case just plain nosey). Like so many things in this day in time, I don't know how relative this info is with the advent of thrusters, new joystick controls and even automatic docking. And, not much needed for a large segment of today's boat buyer market that purchase kayaks and paddle boards. Oh well, sometimes it is just hard to let go of the past habits.

As usual, I request all club members keep on the quest for new members. Our membership is holding steady at present, but it would sure be nice to get a few more members who could enjoy the camaraderie and the fun within the club. I also ask you to keep current on annual dues. There are a couple of members presently overdue. Please give me a call if you should need help or have questions for online payments.

I would like to thank Ed Reynolds, S for his organization of the club's Plum Orchard cruise. I think all participants had fun exploring new areas and waters. And, there's more cruising in store. Make sure to check with Ed about the next cruise.

FYI – Bahama donations. <https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/bahamas-hurricane-relief-fund/>  
<https://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=11648>

Hoping and praying the four crew members have been rescued from the *Golden Ray* before you receive this newsletter.

I hope to see you all soon at our next club dinner.

Chas

## LET'S GO CRUISING AGAIN!



**Executive Officer  
Ed Reynolds, S**

Last month's cruise to Cumberland Island was a tremendous success! Thirteen of us in 3 boats navigated through low tide to Plum Orchard Dock for a wonderful picnic under the canopy of live oak trees.

So, let's go cruising again! This one will be just as challenging. The plans are as follows:

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 21 (11:00am - 3:00pm)

**WHERE:** Circumnavigate SSI

- Journey up the ICW To the Hampton River
- Cruise the Hampton River to Hampton Marina
- Hampton River to Pelican Spit
- Return via open ocean to SSI Sound

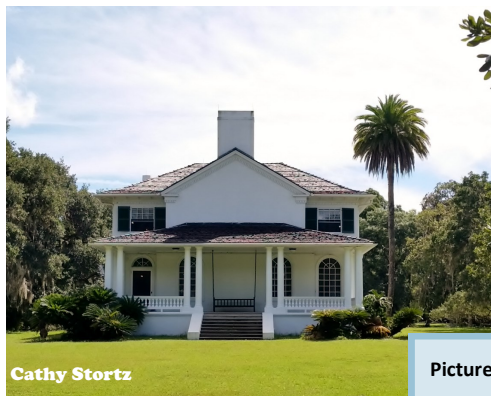
**WHAT:** Bring your own food and drink as there is no restaurant.

I want to especially invite those of you who have not joined us on previous outings. We would love to have you!

Anyone interested in participating in this event, please email me at [ejreynolds3@icloud.com](mailto:ejreynolds3@icloud.com) or call/text me at 423-341-2531 by September 18. I need to know head count and whether or not you are bringing your boat or need a ride.

See you on the water!

Ed Reynolds, S



**Cathy Stortz**



**Cindy Simpson**



**Cathy Stortz**

**Pictures of our Cumberland Island cruise and picnic.**

From the top left picture moving clockwise; We had our picnic lunch under the beautiful live oak trees at the back of the Plum Orchard Mansion. Teresa Wilsdorf, S (on right) sets up the picnic lunch with the help of David Jones and Stephanie Krause Jones; 3Dogs and Ed Reynolds, S; Topwater with Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON; Pair-a-dice and Joe Stortz, AP. More pictures on page 9.



**Vicky Jeffers**



**Cindy Simpson**

## Squadron Administrative Officer Report



AO Terry Osman, P

Comrades,

As of this writing the commercial vessel has just overturned in St Simons Sound, and it frankly is difficult to think about anything else but fellow mariners in danger for their lives. Our hope goes to the horrid situation of those who have not yet been recovered.

Our community of boaters is a tight bond. At some times more than others, I am extremely grateful for the contribution our Power Squadron makes to awareness and safety. Many of us spend our lives on land AND SEA, but still the grave importance of boating education as well as community support can get lost in the daily grind. Not this week.

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

Third Tuesday, September 17th  
6:00 pm

Moondoggys  
36 Canal Road, Brunswick

Who do you know that might enjoy our social? Reach out and bring someone!!!

See you there!  
Terry Osman

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## Treasurer Report



Treasurer Teresa  
Wilsdorf, S

The current bank balance is \$7,314.99.

Look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

## Squadron Education Officer Report



SEO Mike Moye, N

### September 2019 SEO Report

A couple of weeks ago I sent everyone a note asking for your assistance in helping to identify seminars that might be of interest to members and folks that we might attract from the community. The response was small, but a couple of definite trends appeared. If you have not responded I'd like to give you another chance to do so. This is not a commitment from you to take a seminar, but rather just you giving an opinion. I'll send the email again and if you've already responded just hit delete.

Several folks have signed up for the October 12 ABC class and we expect more. As always it's a great opportunity for non-boaters, beginning boaters, and boaters who just want a review to get a helpful hand-up into the world of boating. If you know of folks who might be interested, please ask them to contact me or any of our instructors or just go to our national web site and sign up.

I believe that our boating education impacts the way we look at events that occur around us in the Golden Isles. Two cases at point. As hurricane Dorian was barreling toward the coast of Florida (with a bullseye on the area where my grandchildren live) we kept seeing reports saying it was going to take a turn to the north. Well, it did—but why did it do that? Charles and Coy taught a weather class a few years back that taught us about weather fronts and pressure systems and the impact they can have. If you had turned off The Weather Channel's talking heads and looked at the NOAA weather maps you could have studied the systems and their movements. No way that I could have predicted where Dorian was going, but when the smart guys in the back room analyzed things and others reported what was going to hopefully happen, from the weather maps I could say "yeah, I can see that." The National Hurricane Center, NOAA, and others do a great job to keep us informed. And, a big thanks to Charles for keeping us posted with information from the area Emergency Management offices.

The second case is the tragedy that occurred in St. Simons Sound. We are all worried about the missing crew members from Golden Ray. We also know about the potential environmental impact that this event could have. We continue to offer prayers for all of those involved. At this point we can't help but wonder how it could have happened. The dynamics of a great ship like that are much different than our little boats. The construction and weight distribution of a massive cargo ship is something that most of us can't even begin to comprehend. The courses we take talk about tides, currents, depths, channels, lateral markers, traffic, and on and on. We think about all those things when we see the picture of the ship on its side outside the channel (see the green buoy in the pictures on the internet). Whatever happened is something that we will be interested in for a long time to come and our boating knowledge will come to bear on our understanding of the event. In any case, at this writing, lives have been critically impacted and we need to be respectful of that.

I end my report with some memories of the Abacos and Grand Bahama Island. If you've ever visited those beautiful islands and cays, you have similar memories. It is beyond comprehension that Dorian's destruction could have taken away something so special. Sharon and I had a great time exploring Freeport and Lucaya. Later, on a "boys trip" I cruised with others to West End, up to Walkers Cay (which had its marina destroyed a few years ago by a storm), over to Double Breasted Cay, down to Green Turtle Cay and the community of New Plymouth, on down to Great Guana Cay for drinks at Nippers, toured the harbor at Hope Town and ended up at Marsh Harbor. I had not seen that area before and it was truly a different world. I'm afraid that after Dorian that it is still a "different world" but not the kind I want to remember. Commander Charles has sent us some information on how we can contribute to the rebuilding of this boater's paradise. Help if you can.

Mike Moye, SN

Squadron Education Officer



## Secretary's Report

ExCom Agenda – August 20, 2019 America's Boating Club Golden Isles - **GISPS EXCOM Meeting**

Tuesday, 8/20/2019 5:00 PM at MoonDoggy's Pizza, Brunswick

### Board members:

Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf- present  
 EXO: LtC Ed Reynolds- present  
 SEO: LtC Mike Moye- present  
 AO: LtC Terry Osman- Absent  
 Assistant AO: Lt Rick Hindery- present  
 Treas: LtC Teresa Wilsdorf - present  
 Sec: LtC Sharon Hindery present

### Members At Large:

Richard Jones- absent  
 Vicky Jefferis- present  
 Bob Butler- absent

Other Club members present: Sharon Moye

National Strategic Plan- Mike, Sharon Moye, Chas have all reviewed and commented. Chas encouraged others to do before end of month

1. Mike Moye seminar survey- SEO Mike Moye presented a Survey he will send to all members titled SEO request for assistance. Purpose is to get a sense of seminars to present in the coming year. Seminars are short approx. 4 hour classes. Suggest that we use location such as Sunrise Diner as location. Bridge members all agreed to this effort & thanked Mike for his efforts. Sharon H suggested that, after we get the list pared down to a few, we try a Face Book pole to the public.
2. Ed Reynolds – Cruise to Cumberland Island canceled last week due to weather. The Date rescheduled to this Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup>, meet at either Morning Star marina or Blythe Island. 2 Boats scheduled to leave by 9:15 to Jekyll Harbor Marina then at 10am Cruise across the sound to Cumberland Island for a picnic lunch (Subway) provided by the club. Return by about 3pm.
3. Next cruise is slated for Sept 21<sup>st</sup>. Cruise to Mudcat Charlie's for lunch and an afternoon of football.
4. CoastFest –Date is Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have the Virtual Trainer again. Chas requested for help. Vicky, Ed & Cindy, Sharon & Rick, Chas have all committed to working during the day. Time slots to be determined.
5. 2020 Bridge prospects- Vicky reported good response so far with responses for officer & other positions on the Bridge with the one exception being Commander. Discussed options for creatively filling this position, including "job sharing" and moving some responsibilities off Commander's position to make the position less daunting. Discussed what impact no commander would have including OD2 entry.
6. Treasurer's Report – Teresa Current funds \$7715.53
7. COW November Teresa confirmed that this years Change of Watch will be 6 pm on November 12<sup>th</sup> at Bonefish Grill. The restaurant will extend happy hour until Dinner and Club members can order off the menu as in past. Vicky moved for club to provide appetizers up to \$300, Mike seconded and motion passed. Squadron will also pay for meal for District representative and guest. Vicky, Teresa, and Sharon H will set up room prior to event.
8. No distributing of Aug Porthole? Chas distributed via email to USPS University Students. Discussed ways, if possible, to download this data from national database & to create a workable email list of more or less local virtual members and USPS university users. Sharon H offered to look at it.
9. Newcomers' Ad – Chas presented the proposed copy for the ad in the St Simon's newcomer's guidebook. Some minor edits in text were and the ad was approved for publication.
10. Next ABC class date has been corrected to Oct 12.

ExCom meeting adjourned at 6 pm moved by Sharon H and seconded by Teresa.

Immediately following, Cdr Chas welcomed our guest Kathy Druckenmiller. The group participated in the weekly Trivia Tuesday. Next meeting will be September again at Moondoggy's Pizza.

Additional members present for Dinner were: Stephanie Krause Jones, David Jones, Joe Stortz

Guest: Kathy Druckenmiller



Secretary Sharon  
Hindery, AP

## Assistant Administrative Officer Report



**Assistant AO Rick Hindery, P**

If we had not moved to Belle Point, if we had not met the Butlers, if we had not joined America's Boating Club, if Tim Lahrs had not suggested a tour of Colonels Island, if Sharon had not become so enthused about the huge roll-on roll-off ships we would probably have never heard about the International Seafarers.

Most of the time the lfs in our life are tinged with regret. Yesterday the lfs that touched our lives allowed us to be at the right spot at the right moment to offer a little service to people in need.

A few months ago, many of us sat in the large room at The International Seafarers enjoying a chicken dinner from Grandy's with the crew of the *Star Isfjord*. Some of us had the opportunity to enjoy an in depth tour of the ship.

This Sunday that room was filled with seafarers from the *Golden Ray* who shared a similar chicken dinner, this one donated by Grandy's. Through the International Seafarers and with the overwhelming generosity of groups and individuals from The Golden Isles we were able to respond and offer a home away from home to our brothers and sisters who travel on the waters and love the sea just as we do.

The ship was evacuated at about 2 AM. After the crew was checked out by medical teams International Seafarers was there to help with a comfortable familiar place to rest. We were able to provide clothing that the community donated, packages of toiletries donated by the wonderful church and civic groups that make up our community.

Our volunteers helped Seafarers reach their families to let them know they were safe. Many of our guests wanted to share in a religious service and we transported them to St Francis Xavier Church where Father Tim offered a mass of thanks and hope which our guests needed at that moment.

Our Newcastle Street facility offered the Shipping Company and the Korean Embassy personnel a place to meet and help the crew.

As a boating group that was formed over one hundred years ago to promote safety on the water, our lives and actions are tied to every event that occurs on our waters. Consider us to be our clubs representatives this past Sunday. I know some of you have volunteered for Seafarers and you are responsible for getting us on board. We were there simply because that is what we do on Sunday morning.

I received a couple of emails overnight asking if there were ways we could aid the survivors of the *Golden Ray*.

We made a donation to Seafarers this year as part of our service to various worthy groups here in The Golden Isles so of course money is always needed and your generosity would be appreciated.

Seafarers is an International Organization as the name says. There are centers at every major port around the world. In Brunswick our centers are open and staffed by volunteers from 9Am to 9PM whenever a ship is in port. We staff a center at both Newcastle and Colonels Island and the seafarers love to get off the ship. They communicate home with their families on our internet, they play pool and visit. Every ship is visited and we try to meet any need. Seafarers love Brunswick because we are a small port and we are fortunate to get them out and about which just can't happen in larger ports. A seafarer with an entry visa, shore pass and ship's ID can only leave port with a vetted escort and we fill that role. Last year seafarers spent over \$300,000 so they contribute to our economy.

So in answering what you can do to help you might think about joining us. I promise anyone who is interested in boating that they will get aboard some amazing vessels. You will meet wonderful people and you will touch lives and your life will be touched. There is a job for everyone and you pretty much can pick your hours so give a thought to giving the gift of time.

In closing a little fact checking about Sunday:

The reporter who rode with me Sunday spent a lot of time and asked a lot of questions.

Charles, I mentioned America's boating club at least three times and none of it made the news so, no free coverage for the club.

I told the reporter Sharon and I were involved with Seafarers for about five years and the Swedish cadet with the book story was heartwarming and rewarding but it happened about three years ago.

Same with the emergency room trip, really did happen, Easter Sunday about two years ago. This too is a great story but has nothing to do with last Sunday.

I did not transport 20 seafarers, we log everything in and the most I had was eight at any one time. There were three vans and one belonged to a group other than the seafarers.

There were other volunteers but no one runs the internet, does Facebook and helps with emails like Sharon Hindery and without her and not wanting to add more spectacular attributes to my wonderful spouse, none of the communications to foreign lands would have occurred as smoothly as they did.

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## AAO Report Continued from Page 6

Those are the facts as I recall them. As you know I am an emotional old fellow and I wish it did not sound like I was about to burst into tears when I talked about our day. I pray that the four missing crew are found safe. One of the crew could not eat because it was his friends that were on duty and were missing. Great tragedies touch our heart and it has been a bad week for so many folks. It is a painful task to sit next to those who suffer and know you can only do what seems to be so little. It is some comfort to know that our guests who lost so much left us with the necessities and knew that they were loved.



Rick Hindery, P (standing below exit sign) assisted the *M/V Golden Ray* crew at the Seafarer's Center in Brunswick.



The *M/V Golden Ray* crew having a meal at the International Seafarer's Center. Rick Hindery, P (standing at right) and Sharon Hindery, AP (not shown) helped with the crew's support just hours after their ship capsized in St. Simons Sound.

## 2020 Nominations for Bridge Officers

### 2020 Golden Isles Sail & Power Squadron

#### Nominations for Annual Election of Bridge Officers and Elected Committee Members

##### **COMMANDER**

Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON

##### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Ed Reynolds, S

##### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Terry Osman, P

Sharon Hindery, AP – Website & Publicity

##### **EDUCATIONAL OFFICER**

Mike Moyer, N

##### **SECRETARY**

Sharon Hindery, AP

Cathy Stortz, AP – Newsletter

##### **TREASURER**

Teresa Wilsdorf, S

##### **MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Bob Butler, SN

Vicky Jefferis, JN

Stephanie Krause-Jones

##### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Margaret Butler, SN

Vicky Jefferis, JN

Open Position

##### **RULES COMMITTEE**

Mike Moyer, N

2 Open Positions

##### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Vicky Jefferis, JN

Sharon Hindery, AP





More pictures from the Cumberland Island Cruise.

Clockwise from the top left: The live oak trees near our picnic site; passing by the northern part of the island, notice how calm the water was; on the way back to the boats after lunch are Sharree Lott, on left and Cindy Simpson; waiting at our rendezvous point of Jekyll Island Marina are Sharree Lott, on left, Kathy Druckenmiller and Cindy Simpson.



## USPS® National News

### Membership

There is a new updated MEMCOMI, new member form on USPS.org under FORMS.

Membership and Squadron Development have several seminars at the Governing Board in Louisville the second week of September.

New Member Benefits are also being announced at the Governing Board.

Bob Howd

[rhowdl@ec.rr.com](mailto:rhowdl@ec.rr.com)

### District 26 Fall Conference & Change of Watch

Our District 26 Fall Conference & Change of Watch is October 18-20, 2019 in Tybee Island, GA. The Tybee Light Sail and Power Club was very supportive of our Cruise & Rendezvous in May so let's support them in October. Check out the information on our D/26 website and register to attend all or part of the event.

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

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## America's Boating Club of Golden Isles Calendar September - December 2019

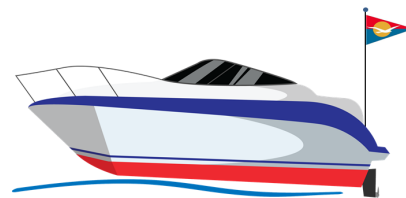


### September

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Scheduled Club Cruise Dates  
Sept 21 - Circumnavigate SSI

### November

- 5 - *Porthole* articles due for November edition
- 9 - Liberty Park litter pickup 9-11 am (4th quarter)
- 12 - *Porthole* distributed to members
- 15 - Annual GISPS Change of Watch at Bonefish Grill on St. Simons Island

### December

- TBD - Christmas Party



**Happy Birthday** to our members celebrating their birthdays in September.

Keenen Krause	Stephanie Krause Jones	Sharree Lott
Betty Morrison		Mike Moye



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