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Upcoming Events

October

- 12 - America's Boating Class at UGA Marine Extension in Brunswick 8AM to 4PM
- 15 - Club Dinner and election for 2020 Bridge at Olive Garden Restaurant
- 18-20 - District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch - Hosted by America's Boating Club Tybee Light

November

- 15 - Annual GISPS Change of Watch at Bonefish Grill on St. Simons Island

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Commander's Message



Cdr Charles
Wilsdorf, SN-ON

The next few weeks are going to be busy, busy. Our club will be participating in the GA DNR's annual CoastFest October 5th. Then the following Saturday Oct 12th is the club's Fall America's Boating Class at the UGA Marine Extension. Then to top it off the following weekend is the District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch. Oh, forgot to mention our club's dinner Oct 15th. So, you can see it's a lot of club activity during the month of October, all good worthwhile activities. These club activities just happen to coincide with usually a good time to be out on the water.

Speaking of on the water, Ed Reynolds, S sure put together a fine day on the water last Saturday September 28th up to Mudcat Charlies for lunch. I encourage all members and their boating friends to participate in future club cruises. And, remember, you don't have to own a boat to participate.

I would like to clarify a comment I hear from many, in fact most, boaters concerning the relationship between tides (the vertical movement of water) and currents (horizon movement of water).

Why do we care? We like to know the tide movement so that we can judge the water depth at a specific location to avoid hitting the bottom or other obstructions. We like to know the current movement so we can plan our cruises with a favorable current (pertaining to slower boats, fast boats don't usually need to take current into consideration while cruising) and of course, we want to take the current in consideration when departing and returning to our slip or launching area. And, you boating fisherman want a current since this is when the bait fish are moving. Slack current (no movement) is our preference at the dock or launch ramp.

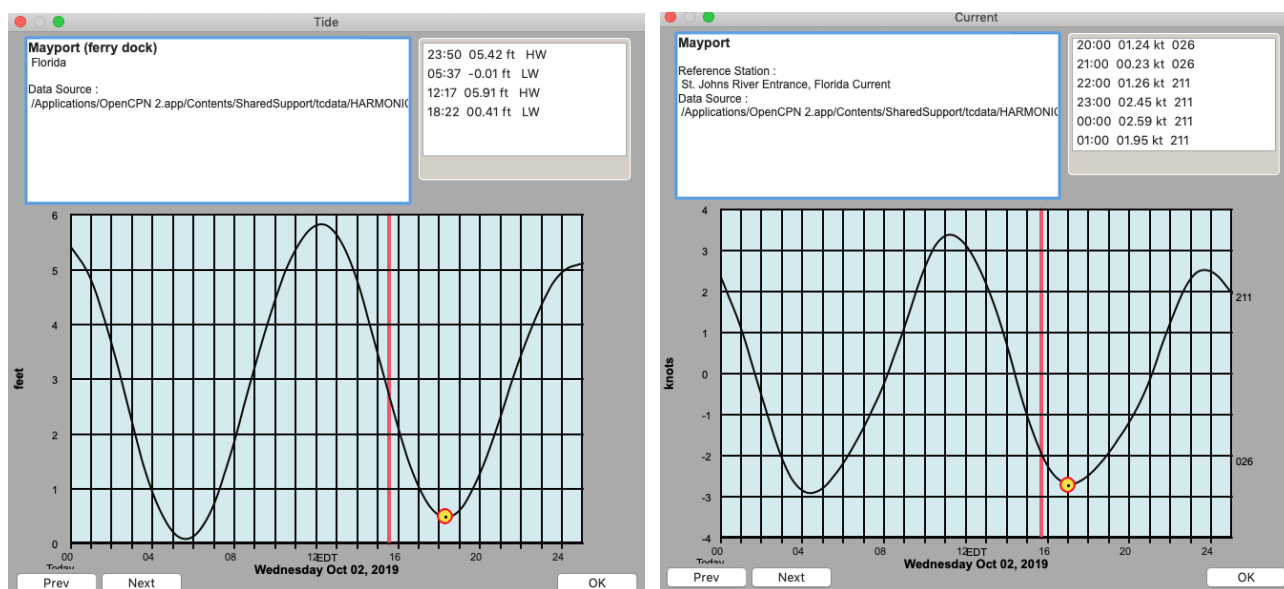
Now, where do we find this info? An app on your phone is helpful, tide data from your chartplotter, newspaper, internet, or from a local tide table (notice there is no local tidal current table).

So, what do I hear so much from other boaters relating to the tidal currents and tides; that they're in sync, low tide = slack current, high tide = slack current. This "rule of thumb" works decently in our immediate local waters because usually there are just a few minutes difference between slack current and stand tide at a specific location.

But, this "rule of thumb" can get you in trouble in many areas, so it is a good idea to check both tide and current tables. On the next page is an example of just how much difference there might be.

Article continues on page 2.

Commander's Message Cont.



As you can see, the difference in slack current and stand tide is 1hr22min in this example just a little South of us in the St. Johns River.

My recommendation is to always check both the current and tide movement especially if you are going to be cruising or fishing in an unfamiliar area. For more in-depth tidal info checkout: <https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/faq4.html>.

Gang, I ask you to please check the club calendar for our events. And remember, you are all members of the membership committee, so please bring a boating friend with you to our club dinners or other events. Please don't forget our Change of Watch is Friday, November 15th.

Hope to see you all at the October Club Dinner.

Chas

NEED YOUR INPUT ON FUTURE CRUISES!



**Executive Officer
Ed Reynolds, S**

Greetings fellow boating lovers!

Our planned adventure to circumnavigate Saint Simons Island had to be postponed due to Small Craft Advisories. So we replaced it the following weekend with a trip everyone loves- lunch cruise to Mudcat Charlie's. Despite the fall lunar high tides and resulting rapid tidal currents, 10 of us on 2 boats made the journey.

We do not have anything planned for October due to Coastfest, America's Boating Course and the District conference consuming 3 weekends. So as we take a cruising break, I need your help in planning futures cruises. Please send me any suggestions of locations you would like to visit.

See you on the water!

Ed Reynolds, S



Tim Lahrs



Cathy Stortz

Pictures of our Mudcat Charlie's cruise.

**Top: Lunch at Mudcat Charlie's;
Bottom: Pair-a-dice at dock at Two-way Fish Camp;
Left: 3Dogs just coming under the Torras Causeway bridge to begin the cruise.**

More pictures on page 9.



Stephanie Krause-Jones

Administrative Officer Report



AO Terry Osman, P

October 2019 Club Dinner

Location Location Location!

Olive Garden

600 Glynn Isles

Brunswick, GA 31525

(912) 267-9896

When: Tues October 15th at 6:00pm

Get to Know Us!

Don't miss this program at our Club Dinner October 15th! Several years of accumulated boating factoids about YOU, our club members, will be shared in a game-style fashion at the October Club Dinner. One of our goals is to get to know each other and our various boating backgrounds – to help build our local America's Boating Club community. This is a great way to do that. So, come prepared to say a few words about your experience boating because you WILL have an opportunity to ad lib and defend yourself if necessary!!! Tim Lahrs will be our host.

Terry Osman



Squadron Education Officer Report



SEO Mike Moye, N

October 2019 SEO Report

In the interior counties of southern Georgia, where I live, it's too hot to think about anything except picking cotton and digging peanuts—boating is the last thing on most folk's minds. In fact, some of the locals in the area where I live have renamed this month "Hot-tober." It's not so hot on the coast though and I can't wait to get back to the cool(er) waters of the Atlantic.

I spoke with one of our club members today who is getting ready to splash his boat after a long stint in the yard at St. Mary's. It's amazing what a little buffing compound and wax will do to a hull—not to mention the new canvas and enclosures and let's not forget the replacement of a leaking fuel tank. It's also amazing how much lighter a wallet can be after such an adventure. It's expensive hanging out on the water, but I'd rather be there than any place else (see the accompanying shot of James and Joanna Bridges' Sea Ray, "*Kicking Back*").

If you live close to a marina or have an opportunity to hang out at one during October and November, you'll see the mass migration of birds that pass our way this time of the year.

The birds I'm referring to are locally called "snow-birds." A very large number of yachts head south on the intracoastal waterway during the fall as they travel from the frigid north to the much more inviting southern states and islands. We get to see some very impressive vessels as they stop over for a couple of days on their trip south. Many tell me that visiting the Golden Isles is a favorite landing spot during their journey. We welcome them all and they certainly have a big economic impact on our local marinas.

America's Boating Club—Golden Isles is winding down its education year with our last ABC class to be held on October 12 at the University of Georgia Marine Extension building. It's not too early to begin thinking about next year's classes and our dates have been set. They will be February 8, April 4, and October 10. Please help us spread the word.

Safe travels.

Mike Moye, N

Squadron Education Officer



James and Joanna Bridges' Sea Ray, *Kicking Back*

Secretary's Report

America's Boating Club Golden Isles - **GISPS EXCOM Meeting**

Tuesday, 9/17/2019 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- present
Treas: LtC Teresa Wilsdorf - present
Sec: LtC Sharon Hindery present
Members At Large:
Richard Jones- absent
Vicky Jefferis- present
Bob Butler- absent



Secretary Sharon
Hindery, AP

Other Club members present: Assistant AO Rick Hindery

1. CoastFest- Brochures needed to be printed for the booth. Suggested that we have a poster showing pictures of our boating events.
 - a. GISPS will again award a prize for the Children's art contest. This year's art will be displayed at the recently renovated Brunswick Library. Sharon and Teresa will select the Winner for the GISPS. The Bridge approved a \$25 gift card as an award, which will be given to winner at an assembly at the winners school later in the month.
 - b. We will again have the Virtual trainer at our booth.
 - c. Volunteers to date are Rick & Sharon (setup), Chas, Ed and Cindy (tear down), Vicky, Chri.
2. Upcoming cruise: Saturday 21st. Currently 12 people signed up + maybe 2 more. 10 am cruise up the McKay River to Hampton River Marina, for a picnic lunch, to Pelican Spit, then down the ocean side of SSI back, or if too rough, back through the rivers on the marsh side. Chas will plot a route. Club will provide sandwiches from Subway, with attendees to provide own beverages.
3. Promoting October 12th ABC class.
 - a. Terry and Ed will make Signs and distribute them.
 - b. Ed will check if Fendig bill board sign is available for one Ad the week before class. Oct 5th and Oct 9th were both approved as possible choices, preferred closer to class date if possible.
 - c. Vicky and Terry will try to get something in the newspaper
 - d. Word of mouth, Facebook.
4. Rick's article about the Golden Ray experience will be edited by Cathy and Vicky and forwarded for possible publication in *The Ensign*.
5. Christmas Party. On December 13th tentatively, location is open. Members are encouraged to offer to host this fun annual pot-luck event.
6. District 26 COW is October 18 through 20th and registration is open until the 7th. Since it is close by, members are encouraged to attend even for an afternoon.
7. Membership numbers are about the same. Some new prospects may replace some lost membership. All members are encouraged to promote and invite friends to join us at meetings.
8. Vicky presented the Noncom's Slate of Officers for the 2020. All necessary positions are filled with candidates; however, there are still open positions for Rules and Audit committees. Elections will be at the October meeting and Candidates for any position can be nominated at that time from the floor.
9. Cdr. Chas suggested that we review and consider amending the club Bylaws to pare down to basics and fun. PC Vicky com-

Secretary's Report Cont.

mented that there are 4 things we need to define and maintain. 1. Elect Officers, 2. Offer a Boating Course, 3. File an IRS 990, 4. Submit Merit Marks

10. Litter Pickup at Liberty Park. Due to the MV *Golden Ray* recovery process, the boat ramp and park are currently closed to the public. We will not be able to do a pick there for some time. Members are encouraged to join other KGIB pickups in the interim.

EXCOM meeting Adjourned at 5:56 PM moved by Sharon, Teresa seconded.

General Dinner social and meeting followed with total 17 members attending. In addition to the Bridge Richard and Dorothy Jones, Sharree Lott, Tim Lahrs, Cathy and Joe Stortz, Chri Gray, David Jones, Lynda and Jack Sterrett.

Members were informed of the Slate of Officers for 2020 and that voting will occur at the October 15th club meeting.

Tim Lahrs informed and entertained us with his Member Boat trivia.

Submitted:
Sharon Hindery, Secretary

Treasurer Report



Treasurer Teresa
Wilsdorf, S

Our current balance is \$7,315 and there is ~\$1,000 outstanding to pay.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Change of Watch on Friday, November 15th, at Bonefish Grill on St. Simons. Like last year, the club will provide the appetizers and you will be able to order your dinner off the menu. In addition, Bonefish will allow us Happy Hour prices for drinks thru our cocktail hour. I will be sending out the RSVP the first week of November. Don't forget to save-the-date in your calendar!

Hope to see you at our next meeting!


Teresa

Safety - 2018 Recreational Boating Statistics

This table was taken from COMDTPUB P16754.32, U.S Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety. Follow this link for the full report <https://www.uscgboating.org/library/accident-statistics/Recreational-Boating-Statistics-2018.pdf>.



Table 1 • 2018 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



TOP FIVE PRIMARY ACCIDENT TYPES

Accident Rank	Accident Type	Number of Accidents	Number of Deaths	Number of Injuries
1	Collision with recreational vessel	1028	40	661
2	Collision with fixed object	470	62	296
3	Flooding/swamping	443	68	97
4	Grounding	367	16	236
5	Falls overboard	274	159	120

VESSEL TYPES WITH THE TOP CASUALTY NUMBERS

Casualty Rank	Type of Boat	Drownings	Other Deaths	Total Deaths	Total Injuries	Total Casualties
1	Open motorboat	218	93	311	1277	1588
2	Personal watercraft	11	31	42	634	676
3	Canoe/kayak	109	19	128	120	248
4	Cabin motorboat	13	20	33	193	226
5	Pontoon	30	5	35	129	164

LIFE JACKET WEAR BY TOP FIVE KNOWN CAUSES OF DEATH

Known Cause of Death Rank	Cause of Death	Number of Deaths	Life Jacket		
			Worn	Not Worn	Unknown if worn
1	Drowning	449	69	356	24
2	Trauma	97	37	55	5
3	Cardiac arrest	16	6	10	0
4	Hypothermia	13	8	5	0
5	Carbon monoxide poisoning	8	3	4	1

TOP TEN KNOWN PRIMARY CONTRIBUTING FACTORS OF ACCIDENTS

Accident Rank	Contributing Factor	Number of Accidents	Number of Deaths	Number of Injuries
1	Operator inattention	654	50	437
2	Improper lookout	440	27	316
3	Operator inexperience	387	40	213
4	Machinery failure	321	9	86
5	Excessive speed	276	25	231
6	Alcohol use	254	101	204
7	Force of wake/wave	209	10	153
8	Weather	205	40	96
9	Navigation rules violation	184	19	144
10	Hazardous waters	169	61	70

Mudcat Charlie's Cruise Pictures



Pictures from the Mudcat Charlie's cruise.

Top left: Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON takes the *Pair-a-dice* helm on the return trip.

Top right: *Pair-a-dice* in the Mackay River.

Bottom: In the Turtle River just west of the Sidney Lanier Bridge. Workers deploying a boom to clean up an oil spill from the capsized M/V *Golden Ray*. We could smell the oil as we passed by.



Litter Pick-up Opportunities

Dear fellow America's Boating Club Golden Isles members...

As you may be aware, our "Adopt a Highway" location, Liberty Ship Park under the Sidney Lanier Bridge, is currently being used as the staging area for the cleanup and monitoring activities for the MV *Golden Ray*, which capsized in St Simonds Sound on Sept 8th. This cleanup and recovery activity is likely to take months to complete & the park and boat ramp are currently closed to the public. I encourage club members to join other Keep Golden Isles Beautiful (KGIB) cleanup events during the time our adopted park is off limits. If you do, please let me know, and we will document your participation to satisfy both our commitment to KGIB and towards merit mark credit with the squadron. Please consider joining either of these events in November.

1. Nov.2 Beach Sweep. This is the morning after the annual GA/FL beach party
2. Nov. 16 Golden Isles Boat Ramp Cleanup -a one-day blitz to cleanup each of the public boat ramps in Glynn County.

For more information and to register to participate in either of these cleanups contact

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Thank you!

Sharon Hindery

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



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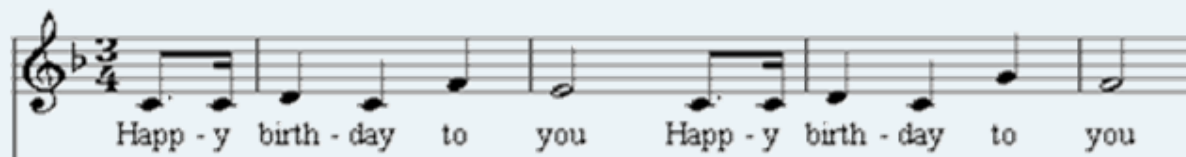
- 5 - *Porthole* articles due for November edition
- 12 - *Porthole* distributed to members
- 15 - Annual GISPS Change of Watch at Bonefish Grill on St. Simons Island

December

- 13 - Christmas Party, location TBD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY in October to Squadron Members!

Margaret Butler	Paulette Harris	David Jones	Sharon Moyer
Jack Sterrett	Charles Wilsdorf	Teresa Wilsdorf	



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LEARN boating skills

ENGAGE with boating friends

CONNECT with the boating community

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