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Upcoming Events

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14 - Club Cruise #1

20-22 - Savannah Boat Show

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Commander's Message



Cdr Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON

Happy New Year to all America's Boating Club Golden Isles (ABC GI) members.

Kudos to Mary "Chri" Gray, P for delivering 12 Christmas gift bags and a mix of other personal products to the International Seafarers on behalf of our club. Next year we will try to be more organized so we all might participate.

Club Bridge Officers met Friday, Jan 3 and got off to a good start with many events planned for this year including great speakers at the club's dinners, boating education classes and seminars, cruises, docksiders, a fun fund raiser, and our cleanup obligations at Sidney Lanier/ Liberty Park.

The national America's Boating Club annual meeting will be held just down the road from us at Ponte Vedra, FL Feb 9 through Feb 15. If you would like to see what goes on at a national meeting this a good opportunity. Check out [National Meeting Info](#) and [Detail Agenda](#).

There are some new Georgia Boating Laws for 2020. There will be restricted anchoring around shellfish areas and waterfront homes. Georgia has adopted laws that pertain to Marine Sanitation Devices (MSD) which seem to reinforce the present state and federal laws. Your thru hull for your overboard discharge

must be closed and should be secured by a lock, or remove the handle, or with heavy duty wire cable ties. For detail info see [New GA Boating Laws](#). In addition, boat titling will come into effect when your state boat registration is renewed see [GA Boat Titling](#). So far, I have seen no information on anchoring permits; hopefully there won't be any.

NOAA has updated their National Charting Plan with a five-year Sunset Plan ending the production of Raster Paper Charts and digital Raster Nautical Charts (RNC). For details see [Ending Raster Charts and RNC](#). This is a pretty big change if you have always used paper charts. Electronic Nautical Charts (ENC) will be replacing the RNCs. ENCs are vector charts which look very similar to the charts on your boat's chartplotter. The ENCs have been available for several years for major shipping areas, but now cover almost the same areas as RNCs. NOAA will be adding more ENCs and the ability for users to go online and download any area they would like as a PDF file which can be printed yourself or at your nearest office supply store. There is a custom printing paper chart prototype website where you can download charts now at [Custom Prototype Charts](#). In the end, it will take a little getting used to, but since the ENCs are layered, you can choose what information you want to display.

Sorry for all the hyperlinks, but just wanted to make sure you had detailed information from the source.

Hope to see you all at our upcoming club dinner.

Chas

Welcome Aboard!

Say hello to our newest members ~

Eileen & Frank Berta are both life-long boaters who love to pleasure boat. Starting with rowboats and outboards of all kinds, they used to do a lot of water skiing near Philadelphia. Recently they moved from a Chris-Craft cuddy cabin to a NauticStar which is now berthed at Morningstar Marina. They are enjoying the ease of getting offshore from the marina's location near the inlet and are sometimes into fishing. For several years they have made their home in the Golden Isles but are looking forward to exploring new areas in the local waterways with our Club. Thank you, Vicky Jefferis, for introducing the Bertas to us! Welcome Eileen and Frank!

Kathy & Steve Druckenmiller both also grew up on the water. They spent about 25 years boating in the Northeast US, and on Lake Lanier near Atlanta. A Carver cabin cruiser was their boat of choice at the time. They visited St Simons as their home-away-from-home, and "working to" retire, they chose to relocate to the Golden Isles to continue their boating lifestyle. They especially like social boating, "beaching it", picnics and finding dolphins – much different experience than in the Northeast or inland lakes. Today they have a Chaparral Bowrider they launch at St Simons Marina. Like many people, the Druckenmillers are thinking about when the right time is to get a new boat, and plan to sign up for Club cruises. Yay! Welcome Kathy & Steve!



At the Club's Change of Watch in November 2019, D/Lt/C Dave Sapp, AP, on left, administered the membership oath to Eileen & Frank Berta and Steve & Kathy Druckenmiller.

Cruise Plans for 2020



Executive Officer
Ed Reynolds, S

Hello again fellow boating lovers!

Your Bridge has decided to expand our number of cruises for this year. We are in the process of planning 6 events. The first 2 spring cruises will be on March 14 and April 11. Please save these dates. More details will be in next month's *Porthole*.

In the meantime, when a really nice day occurs, and you are itching to take your boat out and want a crew, please contact one of your fellow America's Boating Club members. I am sure many of us would welcome the opportunity to join you.

See you on the water!

Ed Reynolds

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Monthly XCOM meetings will now be available by request. Just email me at sharona53@comcast.net and I will send you a copy. They are generally in their final by the first of the month following the meeting.

I do hope everyone had a great Holiday season!

For those who were unable to join us for the Change of Watch and the Annual Christmas celebration, well you did miss some good times. We did have 20 members join us for our COW Deja Vu. Our District 26 representative- Dave Sapp performed the honors of re-upping our Supreme Commander for another year! He also presented the Catch the Spirit Award to a very deserving Terry Osman, P. The Bent Prop Award was presented to Ed Reynolds, S ...someone who apparently likes his stuff nice shiny and new! :) Michael Moye, SN received an Educational Achievement Award and Cathy Stortz, AP received the Member of the Year award.

The Christmas party was again hosted by Teresa and Charles Wilsdorf (thank you, thank you) We had a lot of fun- ate too much very good munchies and enjoyed the fun game of giving, getting and stealing of coveted Christmas gifts.

Hope to see you at the January 21st meeting! -Sharon



Secretary Sharon
Hindery, AP



2020 Bridge Officers SEO Mike Moye, SN (from left); Secretary Sharon Hindery, AP; Treasurer Teresa Wilsdorf, S; AO Terry Osman, P; XO Ed Reynolds, S and Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON.

More COW pictures on page 7.

Administrative Officer Report



AO Terry Osman, P

First, I have to say – Wow! What a great end-of-2019 we had at the Change of Watch at Bonefish and the Christmas Party at the Wilsdorf's home - thank you everyone!

And welcome to a new decade! This year, the Administrative Officer priorities remain dedicated to membership involvement & growth:

- Make the Club known to people who love boating but are currently missing out!
- Foster membership involvement and connection, keeping our Club Dinners and activities strong

Recently, a friend said to me "I'm not sure what this year will bring, but I'm going to make sure it's *DIF-FERENT*".

Well, different is certainly something we can count on – change! - no matter what year it is. But my question is **WHAT KIND OF DIFFERENT DO WE WANT?** It's a great time of year to think about it. Bring it up in your next chat with me or another Club leader and we'll DO it!

How do you want to see the Club's activities play out this year?

Is there anything specific you'd like to do?

Dates Be ready to mark your calendars with pre-planned Club dates; this year, the published calendar at www.gisps.org will show the full year of events so we can plan better, especially for Club Cruises. Check back often because it will be updated regularly.

Club Dinners Always the third Tuesday of each month at 6pm, we start with an update from Club leaders. Several times during the year we have guest presenters and the other months we take the opportunity to socialize. We will continue to meet at different venues, so watch the Newsletter for location. Moondoggy's Pizza, Olive Garden and Ember are popular but if you have another suggestion, let's hear it!

Online Information Don't forget these sites as a resource on our Club:

Your Club Membership: www.americasboatingclub.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/GISPS

Website: www.gisps.org

Public Social: www.meetup.com/Americas-Boating-Club-Golden-Isles (or just search "boat" at www.meetup.com/find/groups !)

"Docksiders" Would you like to visit the marina, dock or BOAT of another member? How about the chance to pick the brain of someone who has had experiences you're interested in? Or a boat you've wanted to learn more about, but haven't had time to talk about at a club meeting? Let me know and I'll set it up as a Docksider event!

Docksiders is something new: informal 2-hour get-togethers to socialize and talk boats. It could be a small group "happy hour" 5-7pm on a weekday, or morning / afternoon -- whenever! Thank you to the members who have already agreed to provide the location and be the "host"... I can't wait!

I look forward to catching up with you at the monthly Club Dinner!

- Terry

Squadron Education Officer Report



SEO Mike Moye, SN

The 2020 calendar has opportunities for both new boaters and those who have been at it for a while. America's Boating Course will again be offered three times during the year. February 8, April 4, and October 17. Please help us spread the word regarding these courses. Another offering this year is Introduction to Navigation. We are providing this course as a two-hour seminar held on March 7. It will be a great refresher for more experienced boaters as well as a good introduction for folks just getting started in boating. Charles Wilsdorf will be our instructor for that Saturday morning activity.

We've mentioned before the new course/seminar Boat Handling. This course replaces Seamanship and contains some similar information but is a much different and more comprehensive introduction to the world of boating. It is primarily intended for those folks who have completed America's Boating Course but who want to gain more knowledge, skill and confidence in operating a boat safely. Successful completion of the course results in the rating attainment of "S". The following major topics are covered in the course:

- ◇ Rules of the Road: A Practical Approach
- ◇ Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow-Speed Maneuvering
- ◇ Boating with Confidence: Handling Your Boat Under Way
- ◇ Anchoring with Assurance: Don't Get Carried Away
- ◇ Emergencies on Board: Preparation for Handling Common Problems
- ◇ Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know

The thing that makes this course quite different from Seamanship, in addition to content, is the format. Each of the topics above can be taught as a self-standing seminar. Look for the same sort of format change in Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation, and Navigation. The names of the courses will be different, and the content will be broken out into bite sized seminars. A great deal of work is underway at present to improve and update these courses.

We're looking at a late summer/early fall time period to offer Boat Handling. Other courses in which we have had some interest are Weather and AIS. We'll keep you posted.

Registration for any of the courses or seminars that we teach can be accomplished on our website WWW.GISPS.ORG. That website will take you to a page site where you'll choose the course/seminar you want, provide registration information and it will direct you to our PayPal capabilities in order to pay for the course and purchase the book.

Mike Moye, SN
Squadron Education Officer



At the COW in November 2019, D/Lt/C Dave Sapp, AP presented a Certificate of Achievement Award to Mike Moye, SN.

January Club Dinner Information *



"Golden Ray: Update from Unified Command"

Stephanie Krause-Jones

One of the three leaders of the Golden Ray incident's "Unified Command" will address our group at the January dinner. Their operational priorities at the time will dictate who it will be. We will hear a summary of response activities to date, along with the status of future planned operations. See the links to background information on the right and the U.S. Coast Guard Bulletin below.

Date Tuesday January 21, 2020
 Time 6:00 pm
 Place ember Restaurant
 70 Retreat Village, SSI 31522
 912-434-9384
 Menu <https://emberf2f.com/menu/>

* Bring a friend!

Background Information on Golden Ray Salvage

Weblinks

- [In-depth Documentary of a Similar Previous Salvage](#) (or www.youtube.com search "Tricolor Salvage")
- [News4Jax Early Description of Salvage Options](#)
- [Official Site of Golden Ray Incident](#)
- [Atl Journal Const - Overview of Salvage Options](#)

U.S. Coast Guard Bulletin, Released 9/11/2019



United States Coast Guard
 U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Unified Command & Joint Information Center established for St. Simons Sound Incident

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — A Unified Command and Joint Information Center (JIC) have been established for the cargo vessel Golden Ray response and salvage efforts.

The Unified Command consists of the U.S. Coast Guard [Federal on-scene coordinator], Georgia Department of Natural Resources [State on-scene coordinator], and Gallagher Marine Systems [representing the interests of the owner]. Multiple federal, state, local and partner organizations are also assisting in the response.

The Unified Command's operational priorities are ensuring the safety of the public and responders, protecting wildlife and the environment, ensuring economic activities in the area are minimally affected, and the eventual salvage and safe removal of the vessel.



Vicky Jefferis



Vicky Jefferis



Carl Ericsson



Vicky Jefferis



Carl Ericsson

Additional Change of Watch Pictures

Top Left: Cdr. Charles Wilsdorf, SN-ON addressed the club members. **Top Right:** D/Lt/C Dave Sapp, AP presented the Catch the Spirit Award to Terry Osman, P. **Center:** Dave Sapp officiated at our COW. **Bottom Left:** Charles Wilsdorf presented the Bent Prop Award to Ed Reynolds, S. **Bottom Right:** Charles Wilsdorf presented the Member of the Year Award to Cathy Stortz, AP.

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Happy Birthday to Club Members in January!

Bob Butler
Kurt Glass
Dorothy Jones

America's Boating Club of Golden Isles Calendar January - June 2020



January

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 13-14 Peaches to Beaches Yard Sale
 14 - Club Cruise #1
 17 - ExCom meeting at 5:00pm and club dinner at 6:00pm
 20-22 - Savannah Boat Show

April

4 - ABC Class at UGA Marine Extension in Brunswick 8:30am - 4:30pm
 7 - Articles due for April *Porthole*
 11 - Club Cruise #2
 14 - *Porthole* distribution to club members
 17 - Co-hosting the movie "Maiden" at St. Simons Casino Theatre 7pm
 21- Liberty Park litter clean up 9:00am
 21- ExCom meeting at 5:00pm and club dinner at 6:00pm

May

1-3 - District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous hosted by North Strand Sail and Power Squadron
 5 - Articles due for May *Porthole*
 12 - *Porthole* distribution to club members
 16-22 - National Safe Boating Week
 19 - ExCom meeting at 5:00 pm and club dinner at 6:00pm
 30 - Club Cruise #3

June

2 - Articles due for June *Porthole*
 9 - *Porthole* distribution to club members
 16 - ExCom meeting at 5:00pm and club dinner at 6:00pm
 27 - Club Cruise #4



2020 Club Cruise Dates

March 14
 April 11
 May 30
 June 27
 August 8
 September 26



CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

Please submit an article, picture, or even a link to a boating video that you feel other club members may enjoy. All newsletter content is due to Cathy Stortz cstortz777@yahoo.com by the first Tuesday of each month.



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Our Club is part of the world's largest recreational boating organization with more than 30,000 members. We learn together, boat together, and help each other and other boaters on the water and on land.

Consider joining our Club to:

LEARN boating skills

ENGAGE with boating friends

CONNECT with the boating community

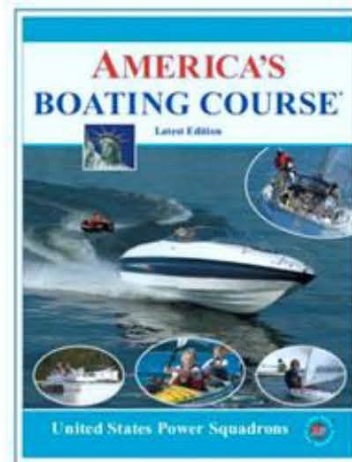
The only requirements for membership are a keen interest in boating-related activities and an eagerness to meet like-minded people whether power, or sail, or paddle boaters; however, **you don't need a boat to join**. Contact us through our website or Facebook page if you would like more information.

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- ***If you were born after Jan 1998 you must have completed a Georgia DNR approved boating education course to legally operate a boat in GA***
- ***All types of boating, local inland and coastal***



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Saturday, February 8, 08:30 AM to 04:30 PM

Location:

UGA Marine Extension

715 Bay Street

Brunswick, GA

For info, call: 229 454-6791 or email: mmoye@surfsouth.com

Online Registration: www.gisps.org

Registration Fee \$10.00, credited to optional suggested text \$40.00

Lunch Provided



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