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## **2006 FALL CONFERENCE COMMANDER'S REPORT**

The GBSPS continues to work on our Watch Year Goals. Currently the only one that unfortunately is looking unachievable is our membership growth goal of 1%. We had 10 new members join after our spring Basic Boating Course. However, our non-renewals currently number 19. Some of these are spouses whose husbands remain as members, but they have chosen to drop their membership. If this is happening elsewhere, I think the USPS needs to address this issue. Maybe a start would be to change the three-tier organizational structure to education, civic, and social doing away with the word fraternal which certainly doesn't sound inviting to some women.

Our spring Boating Course saw an increase in students over the previous year, and we had 48 graduates. It was gratifying to have a number of these graduates express an interest in joining the GBSPS.

Another one of our goals this year was to put on a GPS Course for the general public. We successfully did this on a Saturday in May. We had 30 students sign up for the course that was held at the GBYC. Also in May we held a safe boating event in conjunction with National Safe Boating Week. We demonstrated and allowed the people attending the opportunity to shoot off flares with the approval of the Coast Guard. At the same time we performed VSCs. We had five members performing VSCs this year, and the final count is not in, but we are well ahead of last year.

Our Coop Charting activity has also improved over last year. Currently we are rated No. 2 in the nation in Coop Charting.

Socially, we managed to have a couple of events this summer including a pig roast in June that was well attended. In August we participated in a rendezvous with the DCSPS in Menominee, MI. This had been another one of our goals, and it was successful in spite of the less than ideal weather for the weekend.

Seamanship is scheduled to start in October. If enough graduates are interested, we will begin the Piloting Course shortly after Seamanship ends.

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