



Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron 2013 Commanders Report

It is a pleasure to report to membership that 2013 has been another outstanding year for the squadron. The Executive Committee held 11 formal meetings at the Chamber of Commerce and one social meeting at the Commander's home. The Executive Committee conducted the affairs of the Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron in a businesslike manner focusing on our mission of promoting safe boating through education, reviewing civic service opportunities and enhancing our fellowship activities. All Officers and Organizational Chairs carried out their responsibilities to the satisfaction of their office and positions.

Your squadron is financially sound and operated with an executive committee approved budget. All financial records and reports have been properly maintained and audited. All reports required by national and district were submitted timely and our secretary maintained minutes of all meetings, which are available at any time for membership review.



Education Report

Our Education Officer offered an array of seminars and courses opportunities with the long range plan geared to enable a progression of skill development for our members and local boaters.

- ✚ District 27 Winter Officer Training in Raleigh, NC was attended by PSPS Bridge Officers.
- ✚ All meetings conducted by USPS National and District 27, including educational seminars, was attended by PSPS delegates.
- ✚ 59 students attended four elective and advance courses: Advanced Piloting, Sail, Seamanship and America's Boating Course.
- ✚ 52 students attended four seminars: Mastering Rules of the Road, Emergencies on Board, and Smart Paddle, which included practical on the water training following the seminar.
- ✚ Responded to Beaufort County Community College to teach the America's Boating Course for a summer youth program graduating 12 students.
- ✚ Tutored, tested and certified 5 new Vessel Safety Inspectors during 2013.
- ✚ Our Education Officer conducted a recertification training class qualifying our 14 instructors for the next two years.

National Awards Received in 2013

	Distinctive Communication Award – PSPS Web Site
	Distinctive Communication Award – Sound of the Pamlico
MIRA AWARD	Membership Involvement Retention Award – 3 rd Place Nationally
	Doing it Right Award
	Distinguished Civic Service Award



Civic and Community Involvement

Concentrated efforts were made to highlight and strengthen our Squadron and the USPS mission throughout Beaufort County.

- ✚ Vessel Safety Inspections were performed on 108 boats by 12 certified inspectors.
- ✚ Supported the Washington Harbor District Alliance and the Annual Nautical Market; proceeds used for public boating education.
- ✚ Promoted National Safe Boating Week by gaining a mayor proclamation; organizing TV appearance and newspaper press releases.
- ✚ Maintained an informative and award winning web site.
- ✚ Publish bimonthly our award winning newsletter, Sound of the Pamlico.
- ✚ \$1,795 in revenue raised for Sound of the Pamlico advertising in 2013.
- ✚ Maintain membership in the Washington Chamber of Commerce.
- ✚ Communicated with the community through local newspapers, special publications and interviews.
- ✚ Three members provided Port Captain resource to local and transient boaters.
- ✚ Provided articles for a new, monthly boating column published in the local newspaper.
- ✚ Utilized a Main Street window display to promote events and educational programs.
- ✚ Saved our members nearly \$10,000 in software sales through our discount program.
- ✚ Participated in the Co-op Charting program.
- ✚ Partnered with the United States Marine's in the Toy's for Tot's campaign.
- ✚ Supported the Salvation Army by Ringing the Bell for entire day at the local Wal-Mart.



Social and Fellowship Activities

In addition to our serious commitment to promoting safe boating through education, know how to have fun on and off the water.

- ✚ Our elected officers and chairs met at eleven Bridge/Executive Meetings monitoring and conducting the affairs of the squadron.
- ✚ Our Squadron Co-Chaired the 2013 Fall Conference held in Greenville, NC. 14 PSPS volunteers and attendees supported this effort.
- ✚ Five General Membership Meetings were conducted providing informative speakers and enjoyable dinners with record attendance by members.
- ✚ Members also enjoyed the annual Christmas Party with dinner and dancing.
- ✚ Nine social events were held at local restaurants and cruising destinations.
- ✚ Five cruises to favorite local destinations and two long range cruises to multiple destinations.
- ✚ Membership increased by 14 new members. Our membership count at the end of 2012 was 132 with 5 couples as Associate Members.
- ✚ Established a Membership Involvement Committee made up of 6 members; created a Membership Brochure placed in surrounding businesses and public locations for recruitment.
- ✚ The Bridge sponsored a new member social which was held to welcome our new members and to meet with the bridge/executive group.
- ✚ 1,359 hours of volunteer service were performed by 38 Merit Mark recipients in 2013.
- ✚ Nominating Committee presented a slate of officer candidates for 2014.
- ✚ A committee of four was formed to plan for the Change of Watch in 2014.

Let me say, "THANK YOU" to the terrific Members of our Squadron, the Bridge, Executive Committee and Chairs for making it possible to complete our mission. Without your support, attendance and volunteering none of these things could have been accomplished. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Commander for the past two years.

⚓⚓⚓ Commander, Gene Alligood, AP

