



United States Power Squadrons®

Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron

2015 Commander's Annual Report

Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron marked its 15th anniversary in 2015 with another active and successful year. During 2015, the Squadron provided a plethora of educational offerings, civic, social and boating activities for our members. Our excellent Communications Team kept interest high with our award winning website, newsletter and timely email announcements.

The Executive Committee conducted monthly meetings focusing on our mission of promoting safe boating through education, civic service activities and fellowship activities. All officers and committees carried out their responsibilities in a professional manner.

Your Squadron continues to be financially sound and operated within its budget. All financial records have been properly maintained and audited. All reports required by USPS and District 27 were submitted on time and our secretary has maintained minutes of all meetings, which is available for membership review.

National Awards Received in 2015

	<p>MIRA AWARD</p>	
<p>Distinctive Communications Award – Sound of the Pamlico</p>	<p>Membership Involvement Retentions Award</p>	<p>Co-Op Charting Honor Role</p>



Education Report

Throughout the year the Squadron's Education Officer planned and produced a plethora of courses and seminars that were made available to Squadron members and the general public, promoting boating education and safety.

- ⇒ The Squadron's Education Officer planned and presented an assortment of courses and seminars for both members and the public. A long-range plan was been developed allowing members to advance the scope of their education.
- ⇒ 4 Bridge Officers attended the District 27 training in Raleigh during January
- ⇒ 21 students attended 2 advanced and 1 elective course: *Seamanship, Junior Navigation, and Marine Communications Systems*
- ⇒ 92 students attended 4 seminars: *Sail Trim, Man Overboard, Rules of the Road, and Using GPS*
- ⇒ 3 *America's Boating Courses* were offered including one at Beaufort Community College through the summer "College for Kids" program
- ⇒ Bridge Officer attended all 3 Leadership Development Courses
- ⇒ Provided boating articles for a monthly column in the local newspaper many highlighting the opportunity for additional public education through upcoming boating seminars and courses.



Social and Fellowship Activities

In addition to Boating Education and Civic Service, our members enjoyed a myriad of social and fellowship activities.

- ⇒ 6 General Membership dinner meetings were held with interesting and educational guest speakers
- ⇒ An annual Christmas Party with dinner and dancing proved popular
- ⇒ 6 social events were held at local restaurants
- ⇒ 47 Merit Marks were awarded to members having contributed volunteer hours to the success of PSPS
- ⇒ 9 cruises, both short and long, were enjoyed on the water by the membership
- ⇒ Our Membership Retention and Involvement Committee developed a plan for recruiting and retaining members
- ⇒ PSPS was represented at all National and District 27 meetings
- ⇒ Membership at the end of 2015 was 129 with 9 new members joining the Squadron this year



Civic and Community Involvement

One of the primary functions of our Squadron is involvement and participation in community and civic activities of Washington and Beaufort County.

- ⇒ 75 Vessel Safety Inspections were performed by Certified inspectors
- ⇒ 9 Vessel Safety Inspectors were recertified
- ⇒ Participated in the Annual Marine Market supporting the Washington Harbor Alliance, raising \$840 for boater education
- ⇒ Manned informational booth at all 7 Washington Harbor Alliance "Music in the Street" events
- ⇒ Supported National Safe Boating Week with an information booth and VSC inspections on the Washington Waterfront
- ⇒ Maintained an informative and award winning website
- ⇒ Published the *Sound of the Pamlico*, our bi-monthly, award winning newsletter
- ⇒ Maintained membership in the Washington Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce
- ⇒ Maintained a store window on Main Street in downtown Washington promoting the squadron's civic and educational activities
- ⇒ Raised \$1300 from advertising revenues in the *Sound of the Pamlico*, used to support Squadron activities
- ⇒ Provided 3 Port Captains to serve local boaters
- ⇒ Provided Squadron members with considerable savings during the annual software sale
- ⇒ Participated in UPSP Co-Operative Charting program
- ⇒ Participated in the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program
- ⇒ Squadron members supported the Salvation Army's annual Christmas fundraising effort, raising \$339.48 during a full day of Bell Ringing
- ⇒ Continued to support the Little Washington Sailing School with the donation of a scholarship
- ⇒ Met with schools and Girls & Boys Clubs to promote the Boardman Youth Poster Contest (94 entries)
- ⇒ Participated in the local boat show at Park Boat with an informational booth and VSC inspections.
- ⇒ Participated in the Belhaven Intracoastal Water Way Celebration on September 27, 2015 with an informational booth

A Special Thanks Again this year, many of our members stepped forward selflessly donating time and considerable skill to the success of our Squadron. I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their effort and support provided over the past year.

Commander Tom Graham, SN