



Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron

2016 Commander's Annual Report

Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron marked its 16th anniversary in 2016 with another active and successful year. During 2016, 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. 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 2016

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|  |  | MIRA AWARD |  |
| Distinctive Communication Award – PSPS Website | Distinctive Communications Award – Sound of the Pamlico | Membership Involvement Retentions Award | Co-Op Charting Honor Role |



Education Report

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

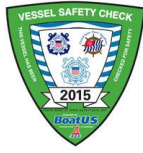
- ⇒ The Squadron's Education Officer planned and presented courses and seminars for both members and the public.
- ⇒ 4 Bridge Officers attended the District 27 training in Raleigh during January
- ⇒ 15 students attended 2 advanced courses
- ⇒ 97 students attended 3 seminars: *Basic Weather Forecasting, Anchoring, and Rules of the Road*
- ⇒ 2 *America's Boating Courses* were offered
- ⇒ Bridge Officer attended 2 Leadership Development 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
- ⇒ 5 social events were held at local restaurants
- ⇒ 42 Merit Marks were awarded to members having contributed volunteer hours to the success of PSPS
- ⇒ 7 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 2016 was 138 with 14 new members joining the Squadron



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.

- ⇒ 74 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 \$1349 for boater education
- ⇒ Manned informational booth at Washington Harbor Alliance “Music in the Street” events
- ⇒ Supported National Safe Boating Week with a booth 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 \$1060 from advertising revenues in the *Sound of the Pamlico*, used to support Squadron activities
- ⇒ Provided 2 Port Captains to serve boaters
- ⇒ Provided Squadron members with considerable savings during the annual software sale while raising \$957
- ⇒ On the UPSP Co-Operative Charting Honor Roll
- ⇒ Participated in the Marine Corps “Toys for Tots” program
- ⇒ Squadron members supported the Salvation Army’s annual Christmas fundraising effort with a full day of Bell Ringing
- ⇒ Met with schools and Girls and Boys Clubs to promote the Boardman Youth Poster Contest with 48 entries

A Special Thanks

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.

**Tom Graham, SN
Commander**