



Scuttlebutt

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People make an organization great!

PSPS is now in its 11th year and, thanks to the work of our many volunteers, we have shown our community the value and importance of our mission as promoters of safe boating and civic involvement. As a result, PSPS is frequently asked to participate in community events which allow us to raise awareness of safe boating. In addition, we have expanded our education programs, offering more courses and seminars to both members and the boating public. Finally, let's not forget the all-important social activities of the squadron.

We can't do any of these things without the support of members who volunteer their services. Simply put, we need your help. Your support and involvement can be as much as you like, and your personal time allows, in a one time event, or you can serve on, or assist, a PSPS committee.

We are dedicating this issue of the *Scuttlebutt* to the volunteer opportunities available to you. Included you will find job descriptions, times and dates for several events.



Washington Marine Market

Saturday, April 30 – 9AM to 5PM, and Sunday May 1 – 11AM to 4PM

The Washington Harbor District Alliance (WHDA) will present the first ever open-air nautical Market on the waterfront in downtown Washington. WHDA is already advertising what is hoped to become an annual event of “anything and everything nautical”.

(For more information, go to <http://www.washingtononthewater.com>)

This is a perfect fit for PSPS and we have committed to assist WHDA. Now we need you. Are you available anytime on to work in the following areas?

Boat Corral 6 Volunteers are needed 8 - 10 in the mornings for both days.

If you have ever wanted to tell people where to go, this job is for you! An area will be set aside at the market for anyone interested in selling a boat. The boats will arrive at least 1 hour before the market opens. PSPS volunteers will be responsible for directing all participants in parking area and insuring they have a receipt for their paid registration to the market.

Flea Market 8 Volunteers are needed in 4-hour shifts during the hours of the market each day.

Here is your chance to help your fellow PSPS members sell their still usable, unwanted marine gear and make money for PSPS education funds. Even if you can't work at the market, you can still help by donating your stuff. WHDA is providing PSPS with 3 free parking spaces at the Flea Market to sell any member-donated articles. Your donations are tax deductible; PSPS will issue you the paperwork

PSPS Booth 3 Volunteers are needed in 4-hour shifts during the hours of the market each day.

This is a very informal job. You will have a chance to talk with folks about PSPS and give away stuff. WHDA has been provided PSPS a free booth and we will set up our tent, with plenty of material on boating safety, education and membership. Also, our Education Team will present demonstrations on Nautical Knot tying during the days of the market.

Vessel Safety Checks 1 Volunteer needed in 4-hour shifts during the hours of the market each day.

If you like to look at boats, this is the job for you! Volunteers are needed to perform VSC's on boats both in the water and on trailers. If you would like to become a certified inspector, contact Fred Schroeder for information on how to join the team performing this very important piece of boating safety.



I hope you can help us be part of this exciting community event. If you can volunteer, or have any questions, contact **Gene Alligood** by clicking on this link: galligood@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org or calling **252-946-5720**. Please let us know as soon as possible.



National Safe Boating Week

May 22 through May 27, 2011

National Safe Boating Week is sponsored by the National Safe Boating Council and supported by USPS. Each year, PSPS plans events to emphasize the importance of safe boating and, in particular, wearing a life jacket. We will again have a booth on the waterfront to talk about boating safety and distribute materials. In addition, the Education Team will offer a free Seminar on VHF Radio.

If you are willing to share your knowledge and concern for boating safety in a very easy, laid-back setting, we need your help to staff the tent. We need volunteers to serve two-hour shifts. Contact Gene Alligood @ galligood@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org or call 252-946-5720 and volunteer to help.

Education Team

Recently, P/C Bill Waite chaired a committee to develop a plan to support and promote PSPS education programs. The committee put together an Education Brochure for 2011, as well as a plan for distribution and placement in the community. Now we need your help. If you have a connection with local boat dealers, boating-related sales or repair services in Beaufort County (not just Washington), we need you to assist by working with these businesses to make the Education Brochures available to their customers. This is a very flexible job, you can do it when your schedule allows. If you can help, please contact Bill Waite at bwaite@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org or call him at 252-946-0322.

Advertising Support

As you know, the funds raised through ads in the *Sound of the Pamlico* provide support for squadron safe-boating education activities. PSPS has been fortunate to have the long time support of many of our advertisers. Since we have increased the number of courses and seminars, many of them free to the public, we also need to increase our financial support. P/C Bill Waite is looking for volunteers to help him contact local businesses for their support. Or, you could ask one business that you frequent join the effort. You can review the most

recent publication of the *Sound of the Pamlico* available on our website to see the other businesses that currently advertising. Either way, contact Bill at bwaite@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org or call him at 252-946-0322 for the details on the various sizes and costs of the ad spaces.

Cruise Planning

This is the fun part! The weather is warming up and we can see the cruise season fast approaching. A glance at the 2011 Calendar shows that L/C Chris Young and her committee have a number of cruises already planned. We would love to have you help in the social planning for one of the cruises. If you have never attended a cruise, be prepared to join in the fun and games! Also, if you have a favorite destination or cruise idea not yet on the calendar, let's talk about it. Contact Chris Young at cyoung@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org or call 252-946-7853.

Some important dates for your Calendar!

- 3/17 - General Membership Meeting - Speaker: Jim Craig & Kevin Geraghty from The Emerald Isle
Sea Turtle Protection Program
- 3/12 - Basic Coastal Navigation Seminar
- 3/17 - America's Boating Course
- 3/26 - Mastering the Rules of the Road
- 3/31 - Seamanship Course

For more information, check the calendar at: <http://pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/cal.html>