



# Sound of the Pamlico Newsletter

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## 2021 Change of Watch

Our Annual Meeting and Change of Watch this year was held via Google Meet, a virtual interactive conference meeting. As we've all become adaptive to this form of communication, we are happy to report the meeting was well attended.

We were joined by District Secretary, D/Lt/C Connie Shay, S and her husband P/C Greg Shay, JN who presided over the installation of the 2021 Watch Year Bridge Officers shown below. We appreciate their willingness to volunteer and look forward to supporting them in their efforts on behalf of our Squadron.



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This meeting also announced the return to normal Squadron activities following our interruption of Covid. We are all energized to be returning to our mission!

**Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends <sup>SM</sup>**

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**Commander's Corner****Cdr. Kay Graham, S**

Squadron friends, we are living in interesting times. The last year has been filled with personal challenges and struggle. The Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron has weathered this deadly storm and like any worthy vessel is emerging from dark and confused seas with her ensign unfurled and snapping proudly. Her squadron members are resolved to continue the voyage we have all fervently wished for.

Beginning with our Change of Watch, we are proclaiming our organization is stepping forward and casting off for a new year...of fun, fellowship and nautical education.

Plans for our social dining out has been solidified with our first, Marbella's. An ABC course is scheduled, books gathered and instructor primed for early June to be followed with more opportunities. Our on water boating plans are already in place for a very exciting, active year. Key Civic Service events are in the midst of planning to support safe boating within the local Pamlico Sound and our recreational boating community. In addition, we will have our first independent Marine Flea Market this year. We are all ready for new adventures after our own "Winter of discontent."

We are launched and ready to recapture the fun and frivolity associated with our squadron members. Our roster has suffered from the interminable enforced inactivity. We need to focus on recharging and renewing our efforts to bring both old and new members into our fold once more. A new slate of officers stands at the ready with enthusiasm and resolve. The new Bridge is anxious to get underway. The PSPS stringently adhered to national, state and local guidelines with regard to COVID. We feel our time is now. Our river awaits, all it offers is ready. It has languished as have we, but let's put aside where we've been and focus on where we are going and the pleasures that await.

We are all anxious to push off and recapture all that we have missed, we are ready to capture the fun and frivolity our sport offers to everyone.

Welcome back, welcome aboard, hold on tight, cause we have much to make up. Peals of laughter, moments of shared natural splendor, great meals enthralling educational presentations....sounds like fun, sounds like old times made new.

## **Join or Renew Your Membership**



## **We appreciate you!**

## Executive Officer

## Lt/C Walt Morrissey



I hope this finds everyone enjoying our NC Spring. After a long COVID 2020 and a somewhat wet and unfriendly Winter it is finally time for us to enjoy everything Eastern NC offers. The Pamlico and surrounding rivers and sounds are ready for us to enjoy as we look forward to safe boating in 2021.

Since the Washington Harbor District no longer sponsors the Marine Market, we are happy to announce PSPS will have a **Marine Flea Market** this year on May 15<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Chocowinity Fire Department's annual Sprint Head car show. So gather up anything that you are interested in donating and we will arrange for a pickup or drop off. Control & Click [here](#) for more details. Since this is the single major portion of the PSPS's funding please be generous and come out and support us at the Marine Flea Market. Contact me with questions, volunteer sign up to man the tent or for donation pick up at [executiveofficer@pspsnc.com](mailto:executiveofficer@pspsnc.com).

**National Safe Boating Week** is scheduled for the week of May 22-28, 2021. We are still working on some details that will include partnering with the USCG Aux at the waterfront and will share details as plans are finalized.

### 2021 in-person Vessel Safety Inspections are kicking off!

Recreational boating activity has increasing throughout our local waterways and increased the desire for a return to in-person Vessel Safety Inspections. Vessel Safety Checks are key to a safe boating season. Fred Schroeder will again be helping lead the charge for the PSPS for VSC. Due to COVID, few VSC's were performed in 2020. This will make 2021 VSC's all the more important for safety on the water.



For even the most experienced boater, having another set of eyes checking your vessel condition and equipment is smart. Our VSC Inspectors will adhere to guidelines using mandated masks and be mindful of appropriate social distancing. We will communicate our plan to conduct our typical VSC Events in 2021, with specific dates for inspections. In addition, individual inspections can be scheduled. You can contact Fred Schroeder, our Vessel Safety Inspection Chair, at [VSC@pspsnc.com](mailto:VSC@pspsnc.com) or give him a call at 948-0682 to schedule your 2021 VSC Inspection when convenient to you. We hope you take full advantage of a Vessel Safety Check.

I look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces again in 2021....on the water, restaurants, PSPS meetings! Sweet!



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## Educational Officer

Lt/C Cathy Karlovich, JN



Happy Spring Everyone! Mike and I are having fun playing with our new Nordic Tug 37. She's got more room than our beloved little red tug and she's got lots of bells and whistles including a Fly Bridge! We're looking forward to our Shake Down cruise to Belhaven and then a summer of boating.

I'm happy to report that we are slowly getting our squadron education rolling. It's an education process for me to learn the procedures and tools, and Mike and I have had to get creative in finding places to hold our trainings.

Our first offering will be an **America's Boating Course** will be held on June 5th. This all-day class is an excellent introduction to boating. It's great for new boaters to gain knowledge to keep your passengers, yourself, and your boat safe. In North Carolina all persons born on or after January 1, 1988 are required to take a NASBLA approved training craft to operate any watercraft of 10 HP or greater. Completion of this course meets that requirement. Any student passing this class also receives 18 months rather than 12 months membership if they join the Squadron following the class. Control & click [here](#) for more details.

We're also planning a **Boat Handling Course**. (This course replaces the retired Seamanship course.) This course is the foundation for other skill building USPS courses. We are planning to start on June 15 from 6pm – 8pm and meet for six consecutive Tuesdays evenings. Something different about this course is the way that it is organized. Each week an independent topic is presented, so you can choose to attend the entire 6 week course and be awarded a grade of Seaman, or choose to attend only the topics of interest to you. Topics presented and tentative dates are:

June 15 – Rules of the Road: A Practical Approach

June 22 – Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow-Speed Maneuvering

June 29 – Boating with Confidence: Handling Your Boat Underway

July 6 – Anchoring with Assurance: Don't Get Carried Away

July 13 – Emergencies on Board: Preparation to Handle Common Problems

July 20 – Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know

These trainings will be officially announced and available for registration very soon.

I'll working on additional education offerings for the remainder of the year. If there are any courses or seminars that you'd like to have in 2021, please let me know at [pspsed@gmail.com](mailto:pspsed@gmail.com). You can find the list of America's Boating Club seminars at <https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/education-matters/all/all-seminars>. You can find the list of America's Boating Club courses at <https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/education-matters/all/all-courses>.

I am also looking for instructors. We have many experienced boaters and, you recognize how important the skills are that you have developed, so please let me know if you have a desire to share your knowledge and participate as an instructor this year.



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## Administrative Officer

**Lt/C Louise Bonadies**



Hello all, although the Change of Watch virtual meeting was interesting, we are ready to return to our in-person General Membership Dinner Meetings. We have reviewed with the WYCC Chef and the dinning room set up has continued to distance tables appropriately to insure comfort while dinning.

Watch for more details on our first dinner meeting, dinner selections and our program for the evening. Any future speaker suggestions would be welcomed just email me any time at [administrativeofficer@pspsnc.com](mailto:administrativeofficer@pspsnc.com)

## Assistant Administrative Officer - Social

**Lorne Hope, AP**



Our first step toward in-person gatherings will simply be a social dinner at one of our favorite restaurants, Marabella Pizza & Grill on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. We have 16 attending to date, come join us! Control/click [here](#) for more details.

If you have ideas for our next dinning or lunch destination, let me know at [social@pspsnc.com](mailto:social@pspsnc.com).



## Assistant Administrative Officer - Boating

**Tadd & Karen Herron**



We love boating, we love having fun and we are very happy to coordinate the Boating Activities for this year. For us, boating was an excellent way to break away from Covid restrictions in 2020 and we can all enjoy it even more this year.

The plan will be that Tadd will communicate with the various marinas of our group of boaters planned cruise and ask for a block of slips. It will be each boaters responsibility to contact the marinas to claim one of the slips well in advance of the cruise. Following that, more details on each cruise will be provided prior to the event.

Here's a preview of the **2021 Plans** and you can see further details on our [PSPS Website Page](#).

May 08 – May 16	Bald Head Island
June 11 – June 13	Anchorage Marina, Ocracoke Island
Sometime in June	On-the-Hook, Location TBD
July 30 – August 01	River Dunes Marina, Oriental
Sometime in August	1 or 2 Raft-Ups to be scheduled
Sept 03 – Sept 06	Beaufort Docks Marina, Beaufort
Sept 09 – Sept 13	Albemarle Plantation Marina
Oct 15 – Oct 17	Washington Waterfront Docks for Smoke on the Water

Depending on sail, motor or cruising speed; some boaters might expand these times at each location or stop at other marinas along the way. The plan is flexible for everyone.

Let's have an active boating season and encourage all non-boaters to join us at the various destinations too!

Have you joined the PSPS Facebook Group yet? Our Facebook Administrator, Andrew Vogel, has provided us with a terrific way to keep in touch and exchange experiences. Visit at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PamlicoSailAndPowerSquadron>



## Nominating Committee – Open Role

P/C Sharon Alligood, S

Although our 2021 Watch Year elections have been completed, we do have an important role that needs a volunteer. Our Acting Treasurer, Carl Erickson, had hoped to work with someone new to transition the efforts of Treasurer. Carl and Linda have sold their home and will be moving to another chapter further north in proximity to their families.

Please review the description below and call or email me if could help out in this role at 252-946-5720 or email [shanglin@aol.com](mailto:shanglin@aol.com)



**Treasurer** – Some understanding of basic accounting is helpful in this role. The Squadron uses Quicken software for transactional tracking which is very easy to adapt to. The number of transactions are very minimal, a couple monthly. This role prepares a monthly report of income/expense to the Executive Committee as well as preparation of an annual budget with the input from that Executive Committee. Carl is very willing to work with someone through a transition period.

## Communication Officer

Lt/C Chris Young, S



In an effort to enhance your reading pleasure of our *Sound of the Pamlico*, we will be adding highlights of local interest to our newsletters as you will see on the Page 8. If you know of any other Beaufort County opportunities or endeavors that would be of interest to our membership, please forward details to me at [communications@pspsnc.com](mailto:communications@pspsnc.com)

You may have noticed our **newsletter advertisers** have declined for various reasons. A focus this year will be made to encourage more advertisers.

In addition to offering local boating retailers and groups visibility to our membership and the boating public through our website, the revenue is used exclusively to further safety and education to our local recreational boating community. The Bridge would like to refocus efforts to bring on more advertisers. The cost assigned to a business card size ad is only \$90/annually. This would include an ad position in our newsletter plus detailed information on our website page of PSPS Supporters. A flyer is available with all the details to explain the benefits. Can you think of any business you feel would be a good fit to approach for advertising? For a copy of the flyer details or suggest a business, email [communications@psps.com](mailto:communications@psps.com)

Lastly, there are a few chair positions that support our elected officers and their effort....one of these just might be the right fit for you. Here are two that have the added benefit of being able to accomplish on your own timeline without leaving home.

**Writer** – Our good friend Biff Matthews wrote articles for a monthly column published in the Washington Daily News. Topics can be pulled from a national database and modified for local interest or simply an article written from a boater's experience on various topics. We have many experienced boaters that have many stories to tell. It also gives PSPS the opportunity to reach our many recreational boaters. Please email for more details at [communications@pspsnc.com](mailto:communications@pspsnc.com)

**Safety Chair** – As current and past boaters, you all know that equipment, technology, new products, etc surface all the time to enhance our boating experiences or provide additional safety options. We are looking for a volunteer to write an introduction to an article for our *Sound of the Pamlico* highlighting a breaking news...an example would be the one that is shown on Page 7 of this issue. Interested? Simply email [editor@pspsnc.com](mailto:editor@pspsnc.com) we'd like to have you on board.

## Boating Safety

### Engine/Propulsion Cut-Off Devices – Federal Law Change

On April 1, 2021 a new federal law went into effect that requires the operator of any powerboat with an installed ECOS (Engine Cut-off Devices) to wear the ECOS link. The link is usually a coiled bungee cord lanyard clipped onto the operator's person, PFD or clothing and the other end attached to the cut-off switch, but there are plenty of variations on the market, including electronic wireless devices. The law applies on all "Navigable Waters of the US". The law applies to "Covered Recreational vessels" which means any motorized boat manufactured after 2018 with 3 or more horsepower that is less than 26 feet in length.

When an operator is wearing a link while underway, the engine will cut-off if the operator is separated from the operating area, an occurrence that can happen if the operator is ejected from the vessel or falls within the vessel. The shutdown of the engine is essential for safety reasons. If the operator is ejected from the vessel, the shutdown may prevent the operator from impacting the vessel's spinning propeller, and may aid the operator in safely returning to the drifting vessel.



The terms Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) and Engine/Propulsion Cut-Off Devices are used interchangeably to denote a system that disables the propulsion engine when the operator is unexpectedly displaced from the vessel. Most U.S. boat manufacturers have voluntarily installed an ECOS on their boats for decades. It's important to know that, if your boat is equipped with a Cut-Off Switch, the law is that it must be used.

### Why you should wear your Engine Cut-off Switch link?

A typical three-blade propeller running at 3,200 rpm can inflict 160 impacts in one second so it is critical that you are aware of what is going on around you. Be aware:

- People in the water may not be visible from the helm
- Account for passengers before starting the engine
- Inform passengers about propeller hazard areas
- Be alert in congested areas and near swimming zones
- Take extra precaution around towed watersports
- Never permit riding on the bow, gunwale, transom, seatbacks, or other locations where an occupant could fall overboard
- Children should be watched carefully at all times – it only takes a second to fall overboard
- You would childproof your home so think about childproofing your boat
- Establish rules for swim platform use, boarding ladders, and seating
- If someone falls overboard, STOP the boat; once clear begin recovery procedures
- Warning - Never put your boat in reverse to pick someone up out of the water, always circle around going forward while keeping the person in the water visible to the boat operator at all times.

For more information regarding recreational boaters responsibilities, visit the link below:

<https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/>



## Local interests on and off the Water!

Spring is making its way to eastern North Carolina, and warmer weather means more people will be out kayaking and paddleboarding the local waterways. A new kayak launch at Havens Garden in Washington will ease their way onto the water and the Pamlico-Tar Water Trail. The launch has been years in the planning, a partnership between Sound Rivers, the City of Washington and the Wildlife Resources Commission, courtesy of a \$100,000 Recreational Trails Program grant.

Take a virtual tour of the new launch with Pamlico-Tar Riverkeeper Jill Howell!

Link: <https://soundrivers.org/take-a-tour-of-the-new-kayak-launch-at-havens-garden/>



The kayak launch is officially open as of mid-March awaiting paddlers.

## River Rover Tours



It's that time of year again and River Roving tours are back and open to the public. All it takes is a reservation to experience the treasures the Tar-Pamlico has to offer. It all fits in with the Estuarium's mission of promoting stewardship of the area's waterways. Taking sightseers upriver to explore Martin's Bay, the Tar River and Bear Creek, the river tours offer a scenic and educational way to experience the natural environment — the estuary that's so vital to many species.

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**Scotty & Tracy Rose**  
**Pamlico Divers – (252) 945-3725**  
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Scotty & Tracy are PSPS Members and recently introduced Cathy & Mike Karlovich to diving adventures.

## Day Dock Expansion

Did you notice, the waterfront dock addition has been completed. They have added 300 additional feet of alongside day docks that can be used for day trip boaters visiting the waterfront and downtown!





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## Personal Water Craft Operations

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Copy the link below into your internet address line for the video:

<https://americasboatingchannel.com/pwc-operations/>

These videos are developed to provide a focus on boating safety and safe boating education. Hope you find them of interest.

## Ship Store

Ginny Waite, our Ship's Store Chair, has PSPS Burgee shown below is in stock and available at a cost of \$25.00. As well as an inventory of PSPS Hats (\$20/ea).



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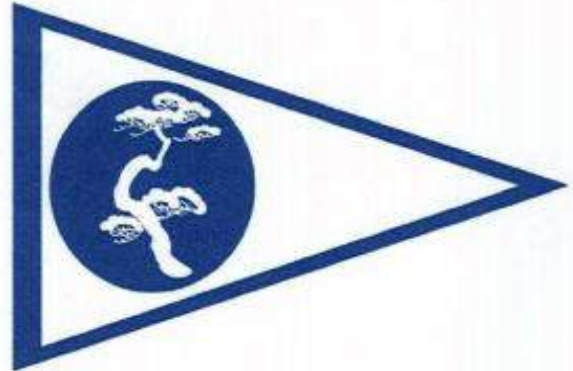
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### May

- 04 Social Dinner – Marabella's
- 09-16 Bald Head Island Cruise
- 15 Marine Flea Market
- 21 Washington Waterfront Boat Edu/ Safety Event
- 22-28 National Safe Boating Week
- 28-31 Rendezvous to Manteo Land & Water

### June

- 11-13 Cruise to Ocracoke Island
- 15 Boat Handling (ending 7/20)
- TBD General Membership Dinner Meeting - WYCC

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