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Pausing to Combat COVID-19

Since the start of the pandemic, North Carolina took early action to slow the spread of the virus, manage shortages of testing and PPE supplies, develop hospital surge plans, and build testing and contact tracing capabilities. These collective actions prevented our health care systems from being overwhelmed and provided valuable time to build our state's capacity to respond to the crisis.

Still, the risk of COVID-19 remains as North Carolinians are leaving their homes for work and we address our children's needs to return to school. Knowing when to dial up or down measures that slow the spread of the virus depends on North Carolina's testing, tracing and trends. There are an overwhelming list of sites to obtain information. The following link is a NC Dashboard which provides an overview on the metrics and capacities that the state reports.

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard>

Also, as you are probably aware, Beaufort County's Health Department webpage can be accessed using the following link:

<https://co.beaufort.nc.us/departments/human-services/public-health/2019-coronavirus-covid-19>

With the continued persistence of the COVID pandemic, Governor Cooper announced on 8/5 that North Carolina's Phase II "Safer at Home" order has been extended for 5 additional weeks (thru 9/11). The governor encouraged us to remember that in this phase we do have students returning to school education and college campuses.

As medical researchers the world over give COVID-19 their undivided attention, each week brings new information, opinions and breakthroughs. Let's do our part and follow our county, state and federal requirements for a return to normalcy. Stay the course and we will get through this, brighter days are ahead.



NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER

A good source to monitor for timely updates:

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

And then we have our **Hurricane Season**! Thankfully Isaias was reduced to a tropical storm before reaching our area, but the spinoff of tornados has been devastating for many communities. The season is just getting started folks. Be aware, be prepared and protect your home and your vessels.

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

Wild Bill had it right, this has really been the winter, spring and summer “of our discontent”. At the end of 2019, If someone had asked me how 2020 would turn out, I never would have guessed the entire civilized world would be laid low by a pernicious virus that just may have originated in a laboratory in China. To be sure, it is the stuff of fiction and some wildly imaginative author squirreled away with his laptop. The frighteningly massive loss of life, the weird, otherworldly face masks that are required to cover everyone’s identity, the dearth of toilet paper, Clorox wipes, alcohol and the constant, real fear of that invisible contagion, is hard to fathom.

We find ourselves unwilling actors in a really bad B movie! The erosion of civility and the explosive and illogical political theatre we have witnessed of late is another step into a surreal world of discontent.

I am writing to assure you, dear nautically oriented friends, that someday and I hope it is sooner rather than later, we will emerge from this cinematically worthy nightmare and once again warmly embrace each other and stand close and not give a thought to microscopic particulates afloat in the air! Tests to insure ones safety will be an amusing memory.

I wanted to write and remind you that the only thing we can depend on in this life is change and to assure you that this year of strife is not going on interminably. It is imperative that we not lose our sense of optimism and determination and push on toward the normalcy we all passionately wish to recapture. Everyone needs to focus on moving forward and ignoring the unsettled depression that has floated down and enveloped us in this involuntary inaction. We thank and appreciate all those who have renewed their membership during this time. As you receive your membership renewals, please continue and not give up your focus on the future and the reinvigorated opportunities we all are looking forward to.

Although our organization is unable to marshal our nautically oriented forces just now, the people, the squadron and its mandate are ready to pick up where we have left off and begin to again socializing with the special people whose company we have had the privilege of enjoying.

Our National organization is alive and well as you have seen in communications you continue to receive. Their focus in the Educational Department is providing additional interactive online seminars and new webinar series to meet the need for eager students seeking boating education until we can return to in-person classes.

While the realities of our day-to-day activities have been altered, our mission has not. Our 2020 elected Bridge Officers look forward to returning to their roles and activities. Our Squadron is a close group, so in the meantime....continue to look out for each other, check in regularly on family, friends and neighbors and support our communities where we can.

Covid-19 has taken many things from us as a nation, friends, as well as opportunities. Don’t give up your forward thinking optimism, stand with us and keep the faith. It is said that difficult roads lead to glorious destinations, with that in mind, let us all keep trudging and keep our eye on the end of this tunnel!

Executive Officer

Lt/C Walt Morrissey



What a spring/summer it has been for our community and country. It's a challenge. Although our group is still in a temporary pause, we are looking forward to USA and NC moving through this and declaring in-person larger group opportunities.



Typically we would have kicked off National Safe Boating week in May as we did at last year's special event at West Marine. That opportunity has been missed, but the safety message remains.....**Wear It!**

The United States Coast Guard has precluded in-person Vessel Safety Inspections due to the exposure to and spreading of COVID-19. However, the USCGAux will provide **Virtual Vessel Safety Checks**. The examinations will be conducted through mobile communication devices equipped with cameras to facilitate visual verification of safety equipment and standard safety items per vessel criteria. Examples of video sharing applications include Facetime, zoom, Skype, etc. Follow this link to explore this alternative:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=virtual-safety-check>



Our Squadron Calendar events have been cleared through the end of November. There are two events that are meaningful to our community which we have supported for 20 years. They are the Toys for Tots program and the Salvation Army Bell Ringing. It is unknown at this time if those efforts will change or be redirected for support in another way. We will learn more and will provide specific information as it becomes available.

SWIM GUIDE

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Text SWIM to 33222 to receive water quality text alerts, or visit our website to view our results: soundrivers.org/swimguide

SOUND RIVERS

Administrative Officer

Lorne Hope, AP



What a Spring and Summer we've had! Can we really be heading toward Fall? It seems so hard to believe. a reminder that we must still be careful, wear our masks, and practice social distancing as the virus is still around. We are such a social group, it is hard to be disconnected. But, it's important to stay safe and protect others.

Our boating members have continued to enjoy their boats and took advantage of outings on the water continuing to maintain stay a safe distance at the same time. Here are pics of just a few!

Wayne & Janet Estabrook rafting up
With other boats in Bath Creek.



They kept their social distance and each stayed aboard their own boat...but sure enjoyed each other's company.



Andrew Vogel has enjoyed numerous enjoyable getaways on the river with a few members as crew.



Karen & Tadd Herron - Sitting aboard the Wild Herron social distancing. Reading about our next venture...Living Aboard!... ah yes!!



Steve & Susan Schwing - one of the first out....social distancing!



Gail & Pat Kenefick - Enjoyed a great day of sailing on the Pamlico River. A true Sailing day. The winds carried us from Bath to Washington. A family of dolphins followed on a beautiful day in May.



New 'Social Distancing for Boaters' Video

Visit [America's Boating Channel on YouTube](https://AmericasBoatingChannel.com) or [americasboatingchannel.com](https://AmericasBoatingChannel.com) to view the newest title added to Season Four videos in response to COVID-19. "Social Distancing for Boaters" offers valuable tips for getting back on-the-water safely.

<https://AmericasBoatingChannel.com>

Educational Officer

Lt/C Cathy Karlovich, JN



We, along with countless other organizations, remain limited in what we can do because of the pandemic. While we do miss the camaraderie of face-to-face meetings, most of us are not anxious to put ourselves at risk while the number of cases continues to climb.

Continued education is something we can do. Boat Handling, the new squadron course that replaces Seamanship, is now available in a virtual classroom. The online version of Boat Handling includes student-controlled narrated slide presentations for each of the six sections, an e-book version of the full Boat Handling student guide and an online test. If you've taken America's Boating Course....Boat Handling is next!

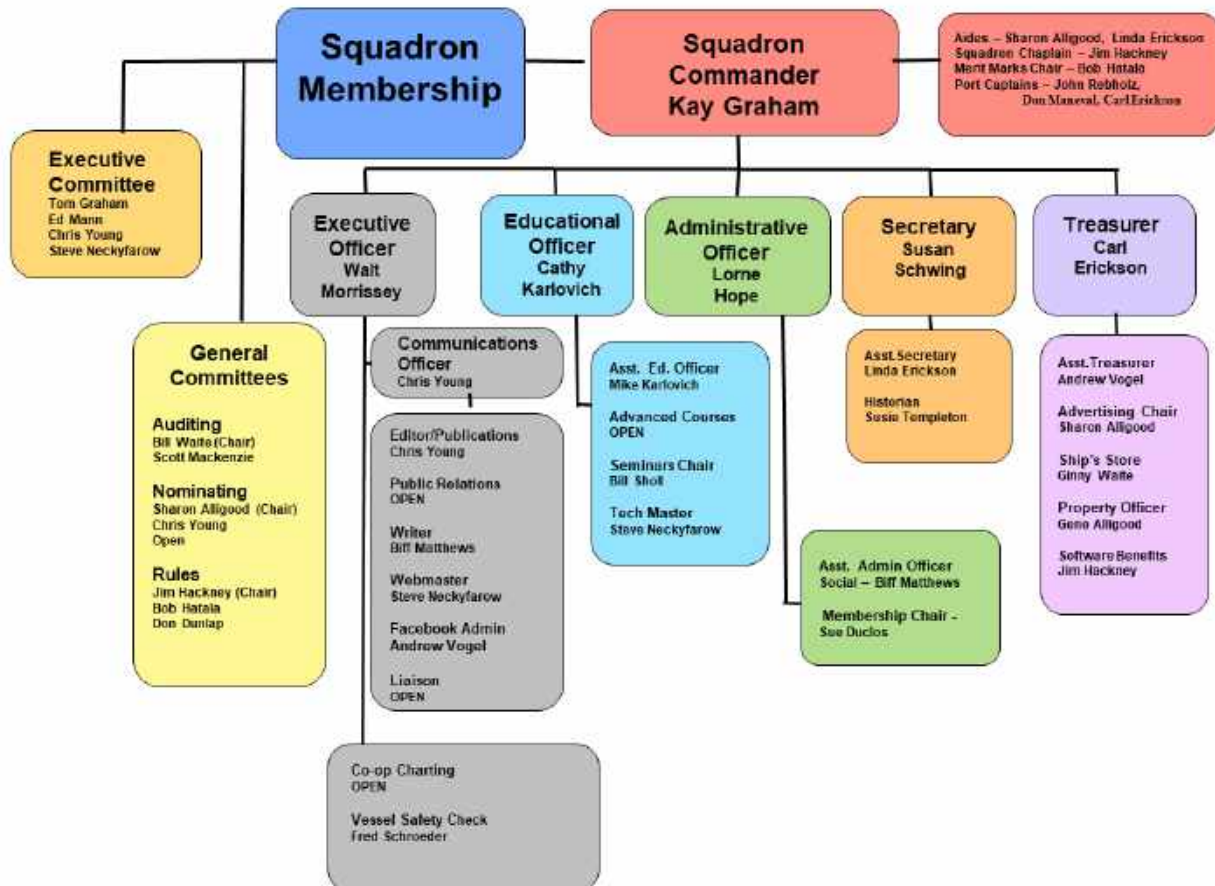


Now available online. Purchase, take the course, take the test, and earn your grade of Seaman all online. In this time of social distancing, what could be better than taking and passing Boat Handling at home? The course covers what all boaters need to know: Rules of the Road, Docking, Boating with Confidence, Anchoring, Emergencies on Board and Knots and Line Handling.

Go to [America's Boating Club Online Boating](#), click on the gray Virtual Classroom tile and purchase Boat Handling for \$67.50. You can also purchase the individual seminars that make up the Boat Handling course for \$24.95, but the full course is the best deal, saving you \$82.20!

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Communication Officer

Lt/C Chris Young, S



While the realities of our day-to-day activities have altered, there has been interesting, positive changes during this pandemic. Many of us have turned to social media and other online platforms to stay in touch with our families and friends. Although many of us had used Facebook and Facetime, we've developed other skill sets using Zoom, Skype, FreeConferenceCall, GoToMeeting and many others. Some of these options have been available for years. Our family has become creative for birthday celebrations and other family events using Zoom...being together while apart.

In addition to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp, WeChat, SnapChat, TikTok, etc the social media options are exploding with possibilities, just ask your grandchildren! But, let's talk about Facebook for a moment. As you know, our Squadron began our Facebook Group in 2019. This is a perfect platform to interact with our fellow members and other friends during these times.

Our boat members have used the Squadron Facebook to share their cruising, call out for crew, ask questions, etc but it could be used much more extensively. Since we are unable to get together in person to catchup on each other's lives, share your experiences as we move through and out of this pandemic. Our Facebook is not just for boating activity. All members are encouraged to join our Facebook Group. Feel free to contact Andrew Vogel, our Facebook Administrator, at mediamonitor@pspsnc.com with any questions.



Andrew Vogel



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15' Sail & 18' Power Boat

the Ensign

The Ensign magazine has been offered for some time both digitally and mailed hard copy to members. Beginning with the Fall 2020 issue the magazine will be moved to a digital platform only.



Biff Matthews,
Writer

Have you read Biff's latest articles on Boating Tips published monthly in the Washington Daily News and our PSPS Website?

His articles since the last Newsletter printing are:

- How to Launch your Boat Safely
- Weathering the Forecasted Storm

To see all of Biff's articles and other Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron news articles, visit the website at

<http://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/index.php/news-info/psps-blog>

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Boating Channel



New Benefit: Americas Boating Channel Subscription

Sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard and produced by United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Channel is the official showcase for the nation's most highly viewed boating safety and boater education videos. Covered topics include important safety considerations for all aspects of recreational boat operations. Currently offering a new title every week, America's Boating Channel sends subscribers automatic updates each time a new video premieres on the service's YouTube channel.

Here's the link: <https://americasboatingchannel.com/>

Ship Store

Ginny Waite, our Ship's Store Chair is still taking orders for the 2018 boating season. She has also revised the PSPS Logo showing the new America's Boating Club logo, as well as, our squadron name. The PSPS Burgee shown below is in stock and available at a cost of \$25.00.



Ginny has an inventory of PSPS Hats (\$20/ea) and is now taking orders for men and women long sleeved Denim Shirts (cost \$30) Orders can be placed with her for all items.

The one time set up cost of the new logo has been paid for by the Squadron and available for all members. You can purchase items directly from A1 Awards & Promotions or bring your own article of clothing, bags or other boating accessories and have the new logo added at a cost of \$10 per item.

Contact Ginny at shipstore@pspsnc.com to place your orders for the items pictured or give her a call at 946-0322 with any questions.



Ship's Store is regrouping quickly to enhance our virtual presence and serve you better. Be on the lookout for extraordinary online promotions and fun new items to cheer us all up! Our direct ship site links for certified instructor and vessel examiner shirts and gear are almost ready to go live. Watch for announcements!

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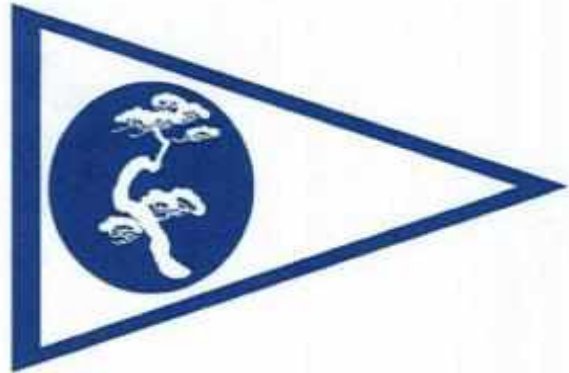


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Calendar of Upcoming Events

For more information go to our PSPS
Website Calendar [here](#):

Our planned 2020 events have been cancelled through the end of October due to the COCID-19 and the state/federal mandates.

We will resume activities when they can be accomplished safely and following guidelines.

**September 6 – 13
USPS National Governing Board –
Cancelled**

**October 23 – 25, 2020
District 27 Fall Council/Conference –
Cancelled**

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