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A Christmas Celebration to be Remembered!



Our Christmas Party Celebration was lots of fun, entertaining and as always truly outstanding meals. The dining room was beautifully decorated and very festive. A special evening to kick off the holiday season...thank you so much Louise!

The Jazz Trio from the Music Department at ECU was very, very good. They played prior to dinner and after, with seasonal and standard selections. Members genuinely enjoyed the music and even stayed for a bit of dancing. The Trio was made up of Joshua Rorrer saxophonist from Eden, NC; Jayden Brown bass player from Greenville, NC and Jonah Smith pianist from Raleigh, NC all studying jazz performance and pursuing undergraduate degrees at ECU.



The White Elephant Gift Exchange following dinner was more than a bit lively! All participated and came prepared to bring home something special from someone else's re-gifted treasures. The interest in each other's gifts and the repeated stealing was hysterical. One gift in particular was in high demand....maybe we'll see it again next year! Kay did a great job of "trying" to coordinate the Exchange!



Be sure to check Page 11 for more photos.

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

The Yule is upon us and all the stress and seasonal pressures that it visits liberally on us all. Hope you have tightened all you screws and battened your hatches. I think we are in for a characteristically End of year blow and I don't speak of weather! And as most seasoned mariners or wannabes profess...You cannot ever be too secure as far as water tightness or emotional resiliency is concerned. They both are invaluable!

This glorious weather has done a great job of extending the fall boating season and giving boaters, old and new, the opportunity to investigate the mystical Pamlico and Tar, further still. People in my neighborhood are venturing out into the little overhung creeks that feed both rivers in search of Mistletoe. Everyone seems to seek that apple green "mother lode." Oddly that little semi parasitic plant seems to be the only way one can manage to acquire a seasonal Kiss! Don't know what the big deal is? I never have been a kiss hoarder!

We have enjoyed our annual Christmas celebration at the Yacht Club. It was a wonderful evening of seasonal celebration! The meals were exceptional as usual, the decorations shimmered and The White Elephant gift exchange put a different spin on the evening. The young musicians from East Carolina added a modicum of subtle sophistication and the crowd seemed genuinely pleased with the final soiree. The generosity and baking skill of the Bridge brought delectable cookies for all to savor! With the behind the scenes scrambling of Chris Young, Louise Bonadies, Sharon Alligood, Walt and Marissa Morrissey and Tommy Graham, this year has gone beautifully. I salute you, hardworking crew!

Things are winding down quickly. The COW looms in early February. It promises to be a bit different with a luncheon served with a midday ceremony as opposed to the regularly scheduled evening festivities. Watch for information. The Change in leadership will be a welcome one. Doubtless, people can take but so much of my screwy-humor and exuberant nature. COVID has given a little more of me than was expected. I do appreciate the privilege of serving as your Commander for this unexpectedly extended period. I am very fortunate to be a part of this great crew of diehard boating enthusiasts who don't quibble and snark but embrace every moment with enthusiasm and unabashed enjoyment. I have always maintained that life is too short for brown bananas and there isn't even a brown spot amongst this crowd.

Thank you for your support and indefatigable attitude these several years. They have made a tough couple of years fun and certainly not insurmountable.



Executive Officer

Lt/C Walt Morrissey



Well, we are in the final days of 2021 and it's been a blast. Our Squadron participated in Toys for Tots again this year. We were able to deliver an SUV full of toys plus a second load. This was the largest collection in the few years that I have been involved. These toys are collected on behalf of Beaufort Hyde Partnership for Children. Our donations support our local kids. Thanks to everyone that donated.

We also participated in our annual Bell Ringing in support of the Salvation Army on December 14. This is an important fund raiser for the Salvation Army to support our local community. Many thanks to Bill & Susie Templeton, Ed & Shirley Mann, Tom & Kay Graham, Bob & Chris Young, John & Shelly Rebholtz, Mike & Cathy Karlovich, George and Nannette Kean and Marisa Morrissey. A fun time for a good cause.

Shifting to 2022 we have lots to look forward to. In February we have our annual Change of Watch meeting. We will also begin to plan for National Safe Boating week later in the Spring.

We will plan to conduct our Marine Flea Market in 2022. When we get a date established we will send out some communications. It's never too early to look in your garage to find items for donation. We appreciate whatever you can offer. We'll see you in the New Year!



Annual Meeting
February 19-27, 2022
Ponte Vedra, Florida

Educational Officer

Lt/C Cathy Karlovich, JN



Happy Holidays! I am glad to see 2021 nearing the rear view mirror. Covid definitely slowed down our educational efforts as did some family health issues. My new phrase is "All is New in 2022"!

We are jumping into the new year with the Marine Navigation Course. It will be held Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 8:30 pm for 9 weeks starting January 5. For those who have not taken Piloting previously, I highly recommend this course. It incorporates the use of both paper charts and electronics, and it's always good to know more about the numbers on your electronics. Control & click [here](#) for more course details.

I am also planning an **America's Boating Class** (tentative March), which gives you the basics you need to get out on the water safely, and it meets most state boating education requirements. The **Sail Course** (starting March 23), lets you learn about basic sailboat designs and nomenclature, rigging, and safety from experienced sailor instructors. Also, **Boat Handling** (tentative start April) builds your competence and confidence on the water with an in-depth look at the practical boating skills.

Mike and I are working on the schedule for some 2 hour seminars which are great additions to course work. As always, if there is a particular seminar/course that you'd like offered, or if you'd like to help teach a particular topic, please reach out to me at pspsed@gmail.com.

If you would like recommendations for a personalized education plan, please give me a call at 919-208-1893! Your education team is here to help you reach your boating goals. Let's build our skills, get on the water and enjoy 2022!



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Boating Tips Column Washington Daily News

We are happy to announce Tom McCluskey has agreed to fill the role of Writer for the Squadron's monthly article in the Washington Daily News. You may have seen examples of his writing, he's entertaining as well as informative. This is an important role for our Squadron as it keeps America's Boating Club of the Pamlico in the minds of our local recreational boaters as the recognized organization for boating education and skill building.

To see all past articles by our late member, Biff Matthews, and other Squadron news articles, visit the website at <http://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/index.php/news-info/psps-blog>

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Louise Bonadies



Our December 10th Christmas Celebration was another success! I'm happy to report that we had a great member turnout that included many new members. The Jazz Trio was outstanding and the three meal selections were delicious. A special thanks to our Bridge Officers who provided home baked cookies for all. It was a high energy group who stayed for dancing following the Christmas White Elephant Gift Exchange.



Mark your calendar, our first meeting in 2022 is the **Change of Watch Luncheon** scheduled for February 19th at the Washington Yacht & Country Club. This is a special meeting for the election of our Officers for 2022. Watch for more details.

Happy New Year all as we wrap up December!

Assistant Administrative Officer - Social

Lorne Hope, AP



Hello friends, we had an amazing luncheon at Spoon River on November 13th. Although Teresa, was concerned about service delay due to staffing shortages, they hussled and we all felt very pampered right down to a glass of "bubbly" on the house. For more photos, [control & click here](#).

Stay tuned for our first social outing in the new Year, later in January. If anyone has ideas for a location, let me know and I'm happy to check it out. Wishing you all a Happy New Year!



America's Boating Club of the Pamlico

2022 Watch Year Nominations

2022 Bridge Officers

Commander	Walt Morrissey
Executive Officer	Eugene (Reo) DeGennaro, S
Administrative Officer	Open at this time
Education Officer	Cathy Karlovich, N
Treasurer	Tom Graham, SN
Secretary	Marisa Morrissey

2022 Assistants to Bridge Officers

Asst Admin Officer-Social – Lorne Hope
 Asst Admin Officer-Boating – Tadd Herron, S
 Asst Education Officer – Mike Karlovich, AP
 Asst Treasurer – Bob Young, AP
 Asst Secretary – Edith Hope

2022 Executive Committee

Ed Mann, AP
 Chris Young, S
 Jeff Woolard, S
 Mike Karlovich, AP
 All 2022 Bridge Officers

2022 Rules Committee

Jim Hackney, P - Chair
 Bob Hatala, SN

2022 Audit Committee

Bill Waite, S – Chair
 Scott Mackenzie, AP

2022 Nominating Committee for 2023 Watch Year

Sharon Alligood, S
 Kay Graham, S
 Chris Young, S

*Save
the
Date*

Saturday, February 19th

America's Boating Club
of the Pamlico

Change of Watch Luncheon

Officer Elections and
Membership Awards



Congratulations on your Merit Mark!

A "Merit Mark" is awarded by the USPS Chief Commander to a member for personal effort in furthering the interest, programs, and objectives of the America's Boating Club, its districts and local squadrons. It is often the only official National recognition members receive for their efforts. Merit Marks are awarded to those individuals who have volunteered at least 12 hours in the past year. Only one merit mark may be awarded in a year to a single member, no matter how extensive the contribution.

We are pleased to honor the following list of ABC-Pamlico volunteers for their effort and teamwork throughout 2021. Your name and effort was submitted by your Bridge Officers who appreciate your support of the Squadron especially in a comeback year like 2021. Thank you, our Squadron is stronger because of your efforts!

Alligood, Gene R.	Hope, Edith	Rebholz, John C.
Alligood, Sharon	Hope, Lorne	Schroeder Jr., Frederic
Bonadies, Louise	Karlovich, Catherine A.	Sholl, William C.
Doar Jr, William R.	Karlovich, Michael	Templeton, Bill L.
Duclos, Susan H.	Mackenzie, Scott J.	Templeton, Susie E.
Graham, Thomas J.	Mann Jr., Ed S.	Waite, Ginny
Hackney III, James A.	Morrissey, Marisa	Waite, William J.
Hatala, Mary Jo	Morrissey, Walt	Young, Christine L.
Hatala, Robert J.	Neckyfarow, Steven W.	Young, Robert F.
Herron, Tadd	Ramsden, William J.	

At District 27 Level, Kay Graham has received her Merit Mark in honor of her effort and leadership as our Commander.

This year we have a Member, William "Bill" Doar has earned 25 years of merit marks over his membership period. This means he is designated as a life member and no longer pays the national portion of his dues. Congratulations Bill!



Communication Officer

Lt/C Chris Young, S



With the retirement of Stee Neckyfarow as our Webmaster, we began the search for a member with the right skill set to take on this role. We are happy to announce that Lewis Leinenweber has volunteered to take on the role of Squadron Webmaster. He and Steve will work through a transition period during the first quarter of 2022. We're very fortunate to have within our membership an individual with Lew's talent. Lew is actually an engineer and far exceeds the experience needed to manage our website. As I've mentioned, this is an important role as our website is the backbone of our

public outreach and America's Boating Club of the Pamlico's efforts to support the local recreational boating communities. Please take a moment to thank Lew when you see him for his willingness to take on this role as he becomes familiar with our website, our webhosting service and Joomla application all used to maintain our website structure.

We are appreciative of Steve's years of effort in this role and wish he and Janet, our past Secretary for many years, success in their new home building and move to beautiful northern Florida.



More good news....we have completed the migration of our new Trade Name, **America's Boating Club of the Pamlico**, for public marketing and branding. Our website has been made updated to show the new banners and tag lines. All individual pages have been reviewed and text changes completed to support the new branding. Take a moment to check out our new look.

While there, you may want to register for your User Name and Password that gives you access to the Member Only Page. You'll find our most recent Roster, our event photo albums and our PSPS By-Laws. Simply email our Webmaster at webmaster@pspsnc.com; Lew will set you up and forward your personal Login and Password. This registration can be used for both you and your spouse.

Our Facebook has also been updated and for those of you who have not yet joined our Facebook Group, this would be a great time to do so. This is a public group, so feel free to recommend it to your other boating friends outside the squadron. For those of you who are participating, be sure to share your activities, photos and on the water experiences. It's a great place to announce an informal boat cruise or raft up, find crew or ask questions of other boaters. Feel free to contact Andrew at mediamonitor@pspsnc.com with any questions.

You will begin to see our trade name used almost exclusively for our newsletter, education flyers and our event announcements. You will notice we will continue to use PSPS indications behind the scene as officially and legally we are still Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





COLD WEATHER BOATING

The new "COLD WEATHER BOATING" video covers special considerations that should be given when boating in cold weather. Viewers will learn about mechanical issues and special gear to bring along. Also featured are tips for encountering bad weather.

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

<https://americasboatingchannel.com/video/cold-weather-boating/>

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



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Safety - Boat Battery Care

A boater's safety depends on its batteries being able to start the engine and run the boat's systems and instruments. Proper boat battery care ensures that they'll be ready when you need them.

How batteries die

If you take good care of your batteries, they should last you at least four years. Eighty percent of all battery failure is related to sulfation build-up, which occurs when sulfur molecules in the acid discharge onto the plates. When this happens, the lead plates become coated, and the battery dies. Here are a few things that can cause sulfation and shorten your battery's life:

- sitting too long
- dirty or loose battery cables
- storing without power
- undercharging
- letting the electrolyte level get too low, exposing the plates to air
- sitting in extreme heat (over 100 degrees Fahrenheit)
- cold weather, which slows down the chemical reaction and provides less energy
- being drained without being charged (A short or running electrical equipment, such as an automatic bilge pump, could discharge a battery completely.)

Preserving your battery

Battery charging is important. Energy must be put back, and the sooner, the better. Your engine's alternator is a battery charger, but be aware that it can overcharge. While most boaters charge their batteries before taking the boat out, it would also be wiser to charge them upon returning to the dock. This would leave the battery fully charged and ready for the next outing.

Check your batteries' age. (The month and year of manufacture should be printed on them.) You can check the specific gravity with a hydrometer and the output with a voltmeter. Compare these numbers to those recommended for your battery.

If a new battery is in order, determine the type you need. Starting batteries should have the highest reserve capacity available. Deep cycle batteries should have the greatest amp hour rating available. Make sure that the battery type and size are appropriate for your boat and that the terminals match your boat's cable hookup. Also make sure you purchase a fresh battery by checking the date to see how long it has been sitting on the retail shelf.

Wintering your battery

If you have a trickle charger, this is a good time to put it to work. A trickle charger will keep your battery charged throughout the winter months without overcharging the battery.

If you are removing your batteries, storing them in a cool, dry place where they won't freeze. (On wood surfaces, in garages or storage facilities, is recommended.) If you cannot trickle charge batteries, charge them monthly. This prevents self-discharge and extends lifespan.

Source: America's Boating Compass - 2021

More photos from our Christmas Party!



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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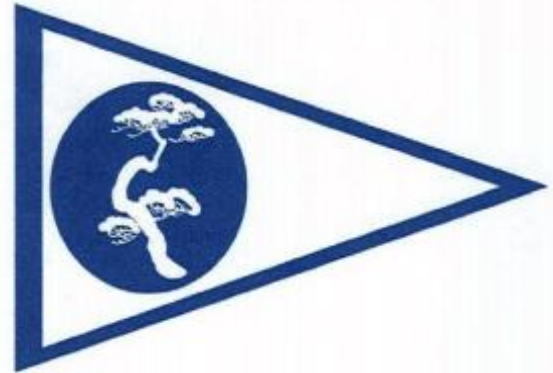
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January

Cancelled D27 Winter Training
Cary, NC
5 [Marine Navigation Course](#)
Each Wed for 9 Weeks
TBD Social Outing

February

19 Change of Watch Luncheon
Election of Officers &
Award Presentations
21-27 America's Boating Club
[National Annual Meeting](#)
Sawgrass Marriott, Ponte
Verda, FL

March

TBD Social Outing
19-20 D27 Spring Council/
Conference Meeting
Cary, NC

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