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2020 Watch Year – Bridge Elections

As you all know, our Annual Change of Watch planning went down a rocky road this spring. Weather impacting the initial date and then the COVID-19 pandemic. After conferring with District 27 officials, Commander Graham cancelled the 2020 Change of Watch and asked our membership to vote for our nominated slate via email. This was accomplished and we are happy to report to you the following Bridge Officers for 2020.



Commander
Kay Graham, S



Executive Officer
Walt Morrissey



Administrative
Officer
Lorne Hope, AP



Asst Administrative
Officer – Social
Biff Mathews



Educational Officer
Cathy Karlovich, JN



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We appreciate their willingness to volunteer and we all look forward to supporting them in their direction and efforts on behalf of the Squadron.

Commander's Corner

Cdr. Kay Graham, S



I want you all to know that I am very proud to be your Commander. Feeling humble and excited, I am also very hopeful that we will continue to strongly expand our numbers and extend our educational message to boaters and boating enthusiasts here in our communities. I can see no reason that will not happen with Education strongly being touted by the new Education Officer, Cathy Karlovich following Linda Erickson's stellar efforts.

The enthusiasm and sense of community we share at PSPS is significant and unifying. Our Squadron is changing and many are transitioning out of the cockpits and away from the helm, but our appreciation for the sheer pleasure garnered on the water will never change. That love of the river and what it offers is the adhesive that holds us all tightly together. It's a great blessing that we are part of an organization that affords the opportunities that PSPS does.

Walking the Washington waterfront and the Cypress Landing Marina Dock, near my home, it is evident that the boat of choice is transitioning, as are the boaters. I am seeing many more power units than sailing vessels tied snugly to the docks. I admit that I am simply an excellent example of a designated 'deck ape.' I haltingly acknowledge the fact that I cannot nimbly leap into action as the Captain turns into the wind. The stress quelling 'Prozac on the water' that my husband, Tommy, and I have experienced for so many years has been altered by necessity but the lessons imparted and the pleasure afforded can never be erased. We all must change with the times and the realities of our condition but we are forever Sailors.

The foul weather followed by this incredible crisis that has cloistered even the most active for the sake of safety has necessitated cancellation of our COW and District activities, as well. I want you to know how much I appreciate your flexibility and resilience in dealing with all of these unexpected recent contingencies. Thank you for voting via email to establish our new Bridge. When the locks are finally opened, you can be assured we will hit the water with billowed sail and roaring engine. Keep the faith, stay safe and focus on getting through this and a sense of humor certainly comes in handy!

coronavirus pandemic

We are truly living in unique times and circumstances. The coronavirus pandemic is impacting everyone from our families, to our businesses, to our healthcare workers and first responders who are bravely on the front lines. Fortunately we are obtaining daily updates, guidance on how to protect our families, how to prepare and limit exposure to others by remaining home as much as possible.

Beaufort County's Health Department webpage can be accessed using the following link as a method of keeping us informed about our county's response to COVID-19.

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

Above all else, our thoughts are with those affected by the virus, particularly those who are sick. We wish them a speedy recovery, and we remain inspired by our healthcare workers and others who are caring for people around the world. We are a strong nation that can endure this. Just look after yourself, your family and be kind to your fellow man. Blessings to you all. We will, together, get through this and be stronger for it.

Executive Officer

Lt/C Walt Morrissey



Looking past Spring of 2020, the Harbor District Alliance will not host the Marine Market this year. They are considering opening spaces in the Harbor District Market but will not hold anything on the Waterfront. This is disappointing as the Marine Market was our Squadron's single annual fund raiser to support our mission of providing education to local recreational boaters. We will be looking for other opportunities, other avenues to market marine items, etc. If you have any ideas, let's chat. You can contact me at executiveofficer@pspsnc.com.

Although cancelled at this time, we will be organizing our Vessel Safety Inspectors for event inspections at Yacht Clubs/Marinas once we move past the community impact of the coronavirus.

This could be the year to consider becoming a VSC Inspector. It's a meaningful volunteer opportunity and an important effort in keeping our boaters safe. Contact Fred or myself for more information.



National Safe Boating Week is coming up shortly, beginning May 16 through 22. Watch for more details and what we might be able to accomplish as our communities are healing and the date gets closer.

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Lorne Hope, AP



Hello all, I am happy to be serving as your Administrative Officer this year. We hope to have lots of fun and please, let me know if you have any suggestions relating to speakers or topics you might enjoy.

Our next General Membership Dinner Meeting is scheduled for May 14th, however, it will be some time until we learn if that is an appropriate time for gathering.

Biff Matthews, has gathered an extensive list of some very interesting options for our social gatherings. He is awaiting that time when our communities are clear for group social gathering and restaurants are again open.

PSPS Facebook Group

On a more positive note, the weather has given us a number of beautiful days that absolutely call us to the water. Boating is an opportunity to get out, remain sheltered from others and simply enjoy our coastal day cruises. Be sure to check in on our PSPS Facebook to see who and what our boaters are up to. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PamlicoSailAndPowerSquadron>

If you haven't joined the group, now is a good time!

Educational Officer – Lt/C Cathy Karlovich, JN & Lt/C Linda Erickson, P



As the new Bridge Officers take office for 2020, I would like to take a moment to thank you all for the support I received the past three years as Education Officer. I was fortunate to have willing, knowledgeable instructors, a mentor in Tom Graham who was always a phone call away when I had questions and classrooms full of eager learners. I enjoyed getting to know so many of you and have learned so much along the way.

Two members I have gotten to know the last few years are Cathy and Mike Karlovich – two of the most engaged learners ever! They brought so much fun and enthusiasm to every seminar and class they attended! I am so excited that they will be our new Educational Officer (Cathy) and Assistant Educational Officer (Mike).

Cathy and Mike are both recently retired. They purchased a 32 foot Nordic Tug in 2017. Having no boating experience (except for kayaking) they were eager to learn how to use their new boat. They've taken many USPS boating classes and seminars from Rules of the Road to Junior Navigation. Cathy has already earned her JN! Quite an achievement! They especially enjoyed meeting the other students and sharing ideas and taking the *Sandy Paws Tug* out for local trips with other boaters. They look forward to helping others to find the joy in boating that they have.



Cathy already has some great training lined up for this year. Once our nation is protected and we can get back on track, doing so prudently and without risk, Cathy can continue rolling out educational opportunities.

In the meantime, with a bit of time on your hands, check out the America's Boating Channel™ featuring safe boating videos and boater education digital media. <https://americasboatingchannel.com>



Congratulations to the following students completing the Marine Electrical Systems Course finishing last fall.

- Lorne Hope
- Morris Daniels
- Lewis Leinenweber
- Cathy Karlovich
- Mike Karlovich

The first seminars in 2020, Intro to Navigation and How to Read a Chart was held March 14th. The students were engaged and enthusiastic and our instructor, Skip Vail, was excellent.





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:

- Underway in a Fog
- Winter – Inspect, Repair, Replace
- Living Aboard

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/psp-s-blog>

Member Benefit Highlight

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To see all USPS Member Benefits, visit

<https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/14000/1450001/benefits-alphabetical>



COLD WATER SURVIVAL

The new "Cold Water Survival" video shows the dangers of cold water immersion and how to improve your chances for survival. Viewers will also learn about three critical stages: cold-shock response, incapacitation, and hypothermia. Also featured are tips such as using the HELP position and huddling.

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

<https://americasboatingchannel.com/video/cold-water-survival>

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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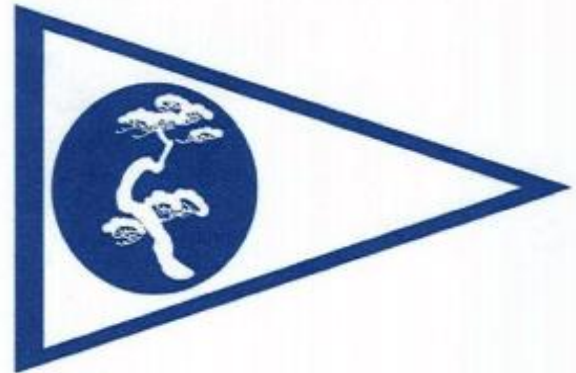
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2019 National Awards Received



2019 Distinctive Communicator Award PSPS Website



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Latest District Newsletter is Available, control & click on the link below:

<https://uspsd27.org/php/d27BittsList.php>



Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

*Note:
All events are pending at this time.*

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