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Our October 17th General Membership Dinner Meeting was very enjoyable. The dinner entrées were both truly excellent and we were happy to have 30+ attending. Thanks to Terry Blatchley for providing us such a terrific evening.

Our speaker, Scott Baker a Fisheries Specialist from North Carolina Sea Grant provided information regarding efforts that touch saltwater anglers, boaters and outdoor enthusiasts.

Scott helps the commercial and recreational fishing communities understand and apply the latest in fisheries management, research and technology. His latest activities include pilot testing electronic monitoring systems and by catch reduction devices in commercial fisheries, as well as developing and testing fish descending devices for use in the marine recreational fishing sector.



Sea Grant
North Carolina



Scott gave us a smattering of literally every aspect of his exposure to the efforts put forth on behalf of commercial and recreational fishing interests on the Carolina coast and inland. He was an eloquent spokesman for the continuing viability of fisheries in the Carolinas. Of times maligned for inhibiting free and unregulated fishing in our native

waters, it is obvious that this organization is one of a staggering number of multiple federal and state entities working daily in technically complex and scientifically oriented activities intent on inhibiting wanton overfishing and literal eradication of numbers of species of fish both migratory as well as endemic.

He currently serves as President of the American Fisheries Society Tidewater Chapter and Chair of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Information and Education Advisory Panel. He holds a master's in oceanography and coastal sciences from Louisiana State University and a biological science technician for NOAA Fisheries in Panama City, FL.

Scott was very effective in impressing an attentive Power Squadron of the importance of incessant and consistently disciplined management of the aquatic resources of our region. Thank Jim Blatchley for uncovering and bringing Scott Baker to our meeting, raising our conscience to this subject.

Commander's Corner

Cdr. Kay Graham, S



The District 27 Fall Conference was a smashing success. I really regret more of you were not able to experience this masterpiece of ingenuity and creative license. The Catawba Power Squadron really set a bar very high and put us all on notice. Mediocre efforts are no longer acceptable fare at our Conferences. With costumes, a dramatic presentation and even a meal served that mirrored the elegant victuals enjoyed by those unfortunates aboard the star-crossed vessel, it was a homerun!

There was an underlying thrust behind the entire program at this Conference. How do we stay vital and relevant in this changing world where membership in both service, civic and social organizations is slimming to alarming numbers. Even the Golf and Tennis Clubs are under pressure. Seem youthful Americans and their ilk are not into joining anything! Happily, we at PSPS are holding our own and staying nicely engaged, thanks to the sterling efforts of a number of hard working Pamlico peeps and lots of people that appreciate the pleasure of each other's company. Doubtless, we are an exception in many ways. I am so proud to be a member of such a great organization!

The recent scams that unfortunately affected several members of our Squadron continue to run rampant in cyberspace. I hasten to remind you of the sad realities of the clever criminal element running amok and seeking out the unaware or unquestioning. Please don't react to things that pop up on your email and social media without careful scrutiny. We are all marked for fraud and it's easier than one would imagine.

Isn't this fall weather incredible?? I am shaking my head and languidly appreciating the splendid Carolina Blue sky and gentle autumn temperatures. Hope you are out there enjoying this transitory glory that we are heir to every year round this time. Hoist your sails and start your engine! You need to be out there cutting lanes in the limpid water and chasing sea birds and contrails to nowhere but pleasure!!



*Have a
wonderful
Thanksgiving!*
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Executive Officer**Lt/C Walt Morrissey**

WOW, it's October and Fall weather is finally here and it is...Carolina Perfect. The Tropics are non-threatening (for now) so I hope we are all getting on the water and enjoying all that Eastern NC offers this time of year.

While 2019 is moving along there is still lots to look forward to. Coming up we will be asking for your help for Toys for Tots as well as our yearly support of the Salvation Army Bell Ringing on Tuesday, December 10th at the Washington Walmart. We will be finalizing the details and will provide more specific Information very soon. Both of these events remind us to share our gifts of time, talents and treasures. I would ask that you dig deep and try to support both of these initiatives while you also enjoy your time with your family this holiday season.

This October my wife Marisa and I are expecting a new grandchild. Unfortunately it will cause us to miss the PSPS October General Meeting. I look forward to returning to the area in time to be part of the Toy for Tots Campaign and the Salvation Army Belling Ringing. Great ways to get into the Holiday spirit.



We are collecting Toys for Tots at the November Social Lunch Outing at Spoon River on November 16th. We encourage you to bring a new, unwrapped toy to support the children of Beaufort-Hyde Counties.

Alternative collection locations will have boxes set up at the Cypress Landing Marina and the Washington Yacht & Country Club foyer.

The Squadron Members will man our traditional post at the Wal-Mart (main entrance) location on Tuesday, December 10th.

We need volunteer, couples or twosomes, for just one hour each between the hours of 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. This is such a rewarding experience and certainly a personal feel good opportunity. Please contact me if you can help, at executiveofficer@pspsnc.com or feel free to give me a call at 252-623-1714.

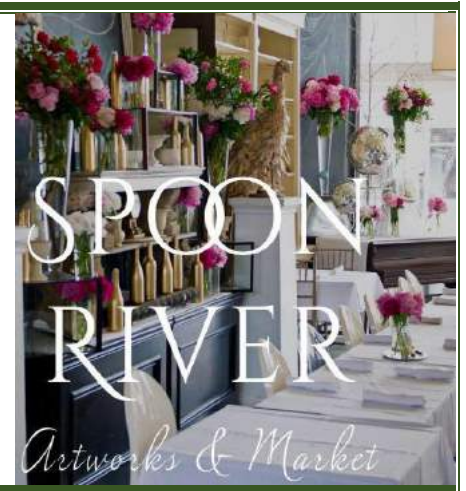


Administrative Department

IT'S A SOCIAL LUNCHEON, NOVEMBER 16, 12:00 NOON

Checks are individual for your meal and choice of beverage. [Control & click here for the Flyer details](#)

Please RSVP to Bill Ramsden at social@pspsnc.com or feel free to call him with any questions at 252-946-6307.



Tuesday, December 12th, 6:00 PM
at the Washington Yacht & Country Club
Get your dancing shoes on for music,
celebration and a very festive evening!

Save
the
Date



Pamlico
Sail & Power Squadron
Change of Watch
Thursday - February 20, 2020

Officer Elections and
Membership Awards

Educational Officer

Lt/C Linda Erickson, P



Hurricane season has passed and with it comes the end of our in-class education year. We are just finishing up Marine Electrical Systems, taught by the indomitable Wayne Estabrooks. Nine of our eager learners will be taking exams in early November. The class has been challenging for some (me, for example) but lots of fun as Wayne has provided ample hands on examples and experiments! Photos below show Cathy Karlovich helping Wayne demonstrate heat shrink tubing application and Mike and Cathy learning the fine art of crimping terminals to wires.



Whether you are preparing to spend the holiday season locally or heading south on your boat, your on-going learning need not end because our classroom classes are taking a break. We have some wonderful on-line classes you can take from the comfort of your sofa or cabin. Just some that might be of interest. Simply Control & Click on the link below each.

- ✚ [Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes](https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education/rivers-locks-lakes) – This covers everything you need to know to navigate inland including Wing Dams at high/low water, Bridge Opening Rules and courtesy and line ties at locks.
<https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education/rivers-locks-lakes>
- ✚ [Planning Your Cruise](https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education/planning-your-cruise) - Maybe you're not taking a month-long cruise this year but hope to do so in 2020. We have a great class for Planning Your Cruise. You'll learn the essentials of planning, chartering, crew, border programs and provisioning in this online offering.
<https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education/planning-your-cruise>

By January your education team will be hard at work planning the 2020 class schedule. Be sure to give them your suggestions.

Until then, keep safe and have a wonderful holiday season wherever you dock!



Congratulations to the following students completing the August/September Piloting Class.

Cathy Karlovich
Mike Karlovich
Jeff Wollard
Kay Woolard

Morris Daniels
Lorne Hope
Don Maneval
Jackie Maneval



Aides to Navigation Sunset Cruise

Lt Cathy Karlovich, AP



Mike and I had the pleasure of attending the Aids to Navigation Sunset Cruise sponsored by the Fort Macon Sail & Power Squadron on October 19. It included an educational program and dinner at the Sanitary Restaurant in Morehead City followed by a sunset cruise on the Carolina Princess. The purpose was to help the attendees understand what navigational markers (buoys and beacons) tell boaters, and how to identify them day and night on charts and on the water. The squadron holds this seminar every two years. (Mike and I had been on a boat cruise to Morehead City and Beaufort the week prior so this was a timely topic for us). There were 74 folks in attendance with 20 of those being non Power Squadron Members.

The educational lecture was given by the Squadron's Education Officer, Joe Murphy. Joe was a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker. Most boaters know the terminology "red, right, returning" which means that you keep the red aids to the right of your boat when you are returning from open sea or proceeding upstream. That's a great start but there is so much more to them. Red aids are even numbered and triangle shaped. Green aids are odd numbered and square shaped. (It's very handy to understand the shapes as you may be able to see that long before the letters or numbers.) Buoys are aids that float on top of the water but are moored to the bottom of the body of water. A buoy with a cylindrical shape and a conical top is referred to as a "nun". A buoy with a cylindrical shape and a flat top is called a "can". Beacons are aids that are permanently fixed, most commonly to the bottom of a body of water. ". A buoy can be identified on a chart because the text identifying them is in italics and the symbol appears to be floating while the symbol for a beacon is written in regular (non-italic) font.

It was daylight when we left for our cruise on the Carolina Princess and it was dark when we returned. We were provided with a chart excerpt for the Morehead City area printed on waterproofed paper (especially handy because it was raining a little) and a little red light so we could read the chart. We were helped to understand what we were seeing on the water by a squadron member speaking over the sound system of the boat. It was fun to identify the characteristics of the flashing lights. For example, "Q" on a chart means quick flashing which is about 60 times per minute. F (2+1) R 6 on a chart means that the red light flashes quickly twice then again once and then there is a break with this sequence repeating every 6 seconds (we learned that this particular pattern is reserved for a preferred channel marker). It was particularly interesting to see how a spot light shining on the aids really lit them up. We were easily able to see the aid shape and number (or letters) due to the reflective material on the aids. (Note to self that we need to get a good spotlight for the boat).



We also really enjoyed seeing the lights that mark the ranges that the big ships coming from sea use to identify the entrance to the Beaufort Inlet. They line up these bright lights to ensure that they are in the middle of the channel, and there are three sets of different lights/markers that they use. It was also interesting to see just how many flashing lights that there were and it was very easy to lose track of where we were. Navigating at night (especially in this port) isn't for the faint of heart and it isn't anything that we plan to try ourselves anytime soon. There is a lot of "skinny water" in the Morehead/Beaufort area and squadron folks were happy to point out where many boaters had run aground on sand bars.

The people of the Fort Macon Squadron were very warm and inviting. Mike and I made friends with a couple who are going to take us fishing in the spring. I highly recommend this very interesting and engaging seminar to members of our squadron.

It was very well done and I'd love to attend with you next time it is offered!



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 United States Power Squadron, its districts and local squadrons. It is often the only official 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 volunteers for their effort and teamwork throughout 2019. Our Squadron is stronger because of your efforts!

Alligood, Gene R.	Karlovich, Michael	Rebholz, John C.
Alligood, Sharon	Kean, George E.	Schroeder Jr., Frederic
Blatchley, James A.	Mackenzie, Scott J.	Schwing, Steve
Blatchley, Terry	Maneval, Don V.	Schwing, Susan
Bucher, Stephen W.	Maneval, Jackie M.	Sholl, Mary Lou
Doar Jr. William R.	Mann, Shirley A.	Sholl, William C.
Duclos, Susan H.	Mann Jr., Ed S.	Templeton, Bill L.
Erickson, Carl	Matthews, William	Templeton, Susie E.
Erickson, Linda	Morrissey, Marisa	Vail, (Skip) Ira G.
Estabrooks, Wayne	Morrissey, Walt	Waite, Ginny
Graham, Thomas J.	Neckfarow, Steven W.	Waite, William J.
Hackney III, James A.	Osborne, John W.	Workman, James C.
Hatala, Robert J.	Ramsden, Mia	Young, Christine L.
Holloway, John	Ramsden, William J.	Young, Robert F.
Karlovich, Catherine A.		

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



Special thanks to P/C Bob Hatala for his very conscientious efforts over the last five years as our Merit Mark Chair.



Transfer Members
currently in Chapel Hill, and will
soon reside in Oriental, NC

Philip & Meg Nyborg
38' Catalina Sailboat

Andrew Vogel
Washington, NC
34' Pacific Seacraft Sailboat – Bella

Melvin & Mary Jane Portnoy
Aurora, NC
40' Sailboat - Crescendo



D27 Training Meeting
January 11, 2020
Resurrection Lutheran Church
100 W. Lochmer Drive, Cary, NC



Bridge Officers and all members who may at a later date wish to serve as a Bridge Officer are encouraged to attend this one day training opportunity – car pooling planned.

Watch for more information on D27 Website:
<https://uspsd27.org/php/d27Calendar.php>

PSPS FACEBOOK – Coming Soon

A Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron Facebook Group is being created to provide PSPS members and visitors a central location to chat with each other. We are fortunate to have a new member, Andrew Vogel, offering to be our sites administrator. Thank you Andrew!

You will be able to, for example, ask questions, provide advice, plan informal cruises, and find skippers in need of crew or crew in search of boats. You can also tell the local boating community about your own adventures on the water and share pictures about them. In addition, this space can be suitable to announce nearby boating or waterfront events sponsored by other organizations that our members will want to support.

We hope that you find the group useful. As this development continues, please reach out to us with your comments, questions or suggestions at webmaster@pspsnc.com

2020 Nominations

It's that time of the year that the Nominating Committee will begin working on a slate of candidates to hold Bridge Officer positions, Executive Committee positions, Audit and Rules Committees. In this Squadron, we also seek members to serve as Assistants to the Bridge Offices. We have learned this is an excellent method of share individual's efforts as well as prepare effective leadership for our Squadron's future. Don't wait for them to contact you! Give one of them a call to let them know you are ready for more in support of your Squadron.



Being asked to serve is a testament to the respect members have for you. There is always lots of other members to help out and support you in any role you choose. You will find volunteering simply feels good and continues to be the *heart* of our Squadron.

2020 Nominating Committee

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If this isn't the year to volunteer as a Bridge Officer, consider serving as a Chairperson in various areas. We rely upon the commitment of volunteers to become course instructors, civic projects, cruise captains, event planners, members of the communication team, public relations, ship store and vessel safety inspectors just to name a few. It doesn't have to be a full time commitment, contributing in just a onetime event can be fun.

Chat with them, give them your feedback on how we can make the Squadron even more relevant and fun this next year. Your involvement insures our Squadron's success!

Let us hear from you,
Your Nominating Committee



Communication Officer

Lt/C Chris Young, S



The United States Power Squadrons/America's Boating Club Membership now includes valuable new travel safety benefits from DAN Boater (DB). This new worldwide safety and travel benefit is different from other new benefits. This is a membership based benefit and is automatically added into your membership.

There has been published information on this from National but we felt it important to highlight this change since it is an *"automatic enrollment"*. I'm sure we'll hear much more about this from National over the next couple of months.

Here is how it works....

This new safety and travel benefit is offered to current individual and family members beginning mid-October 2019 Free initially. These benefits will be automatically added to your USPS/America's Boating Club membership **at no charge to you**. You may begin using the benefits immediately and continue using them through the remainder of your current membership period.

At the time of each member's renewal, the \$25 for the DAN Boater benefit will be included as a separate line item on your renewal invoice. If we don't wish to continue the DB benefit, just delete the charge from your payment.

These travel benefits originate when you are over 50 miles from your home and cover you and your family for worldwide travel on water or land. What's included?

- 24/7 Emergency Hotline
- Medical Information Line for non-emergency travel health questions
- Worldwide Medical Evacuation Assistance (up to \$150,000)
- Worldwide Medical Repatriation Assistance (up to \$25,000)
- Search and Rescue Expense Reimbursement (up to \$25,000)
- Free Travel Health and Safety Guides
- Travel Assistance Services including prescription assistance, medical and legal referrals, the emergency return of traveling companion or dependent children, and more

Active members can opt-out of this initial free coverage by logging into your Member Profile on the website using the link below and scrolling down to "Receive Dan Boater Benefits."

Control & Click on the link <https://danboater.org/abc>



District 27

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Control & click on the link below:
<https://uspsd27.org/php/d27BittsList.php>



The August social gathering was a great success! Bill Ramsden continues to out do himself. He selected a terrific restaurant for a late lunch and that allowed folks to enjoy a bit of New Bern. We had at least 25 members. Thank you Bill!!

We also had the opportunity to enjoy a visit with Don & Cindi Petersen, who returned to New Bern just in time for this last event with us. They have sold their sailboat after many years living on it in New Bern and will move full time to their condo in Fort Meyers. We'll miss you both!



See more photos from both events go to the Website Photo Gallery:

<https://pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/index.php/members-only/photo-gallery>

In September Bill took us back to our favorite haunt, Backwater Jack's! We had 40+ attending and, as always, it was a great time with a few new members enjoying this fun social. So what's next Bill?

**Backwater Jack's
Tiki Bar & Grill**





Biff Matthews, Writer

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

His articles since the last Newsletter printing are:

- Your Boats Electrical Systems
- Boater's Basic First Aid

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/pssp-blog>

USPS 2019 ANNUAL MEETING – PONTE VEDRA, FL February 9 – 16, 2020

Sawgrass Marriott

Ponte Vedra Beach
1000 Pga Tour Blvd,
Ponte Vedra, FL 32082

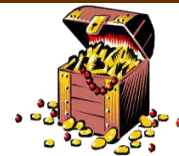
A new location for 2020. Watch for more details from USPS National



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>



Electronic Navigation with GPS

The new "Electronic Navigation with GPS" video shows how the Global Positioning System (GPS) can benefit recreational vessel navigation. Viewers will learn how to create waypoints and define routes for chart-plotting with GPS. Also featured are tips about additional GPS functions and displays.

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

<https://americasboatingchannel.com/video/electronic-navigation-with-gps/>

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 is still taking orders for the 2019 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.



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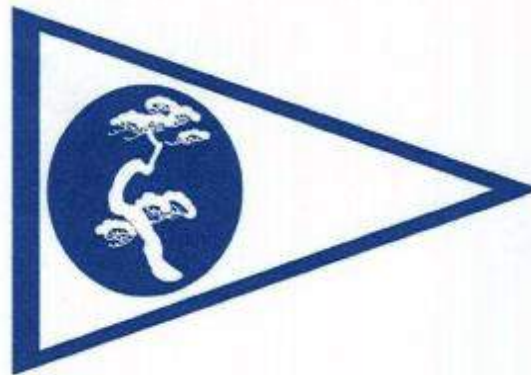
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**Thank you, PSPS, for your
continued promotion of
boating safety and education!**



**The Cypress Landing
Yacht Club**

2018 National Awards Received



**2018 Distinctive
Communicator Award
PSPS Website**



**2018 Distinctive
Communicator Award
Sound of the Pamlico
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**2018
SUMMER OF
MEMBERSHIP
AWARD**



Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

November

- 16 Social Luncheon Out
[Spoon River](#),
Belhaven, NC
- 16 [Toys for Tots](#)
Collection
- 28 **Happy Thanksgiving**

December

- 10 [Salvation Army Bell](#)
[Ringing at WalMart](#)
- 12 Christmas Party
with Entertainment
Washington Yacht &
Country Club
- 25 **Merry Christmas**

January 2020

- 1 **Happy New Year**
- 11 D27 Winter Training
Cary, NC

February

- 20 Change of Watch
Luncheon
- 9-16 USPS Annual Meeting
Ponte Vedra, FL

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