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Dear beleaguered Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron members. I am hopeful that this pernicious virus has given you and your family a pass and other than utter boredom and possibly growing more wholesome as a direct result of the enforced inactivity we have all been subjected to, I hope you are all hale and hearty. I know you are as anxious as am I, to return to the lifestyle and stimulating experiences we all have enjoyed literally our whole lives.

To be candid, 2020 has been nonexistent. Our schedule of on and off the water social activities has never been put into play. Our fine educational effort, serving the citizens of Beaufort County and its extensive nautical community with splendid boating safety and preparedness instruction, hasn't had the opportunity to function. Our efforts regarding civic involvement too has been stifled.

As we march into a hopefully far healthier 2021, we will find an enlivened and engaged membership and an organization uninhibited by the virus that so effectively robbed each of us of a tremendous year of fun, fellowship and educational opportunities! With your continued involvement and the enthusiasm that typifies this incredible Squadron, I am certain that we will pick up right up where we left off in February.

I join you in hopes that the anxiety, frustration and boredom we have all endured will soon be slaked by the introduction of vaccines and therapeutics that have been conjured up in typical American can do fashion. Have faith in our government's efforts to hasten returning us to the lives that we enjoyed months ago. Stay safe and be vigilant! Continue to employ your regimen of safety and illness avoidance. Together, we will be better, stronger and far more appreciative of all we have taken for granted forever! Following the holidays, I look forward to soon joining you in the warmth of our venerable organization's embrace, sipping spirits again at Washington Yacht and Country Club's dining room and looking forward to the dawn of another great boating year!

Wishing you a healthy, happy Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays!



2021 Nominating Committee

P/C Sharon Alligood, S

What an extraordinary year we've had in 2020. Our Squadron Bridge simply never got an opportunity to kick off the year in our typical fashion. Our local anticipated educational effort, serving the boating community of Beaufort County with our boating skill building and safety was unable to flourish as usual. Our VSC inspectors have been halted and, like other efforts, turned to a virtual process. Many of our members miss the opportunities for community involvement as we all focused on taking action to slow the spread of the COVID virus.



We are all anxious to return to a healthier 2021 and a way to get started with that forward thinking is for our Nominating Committee to begin working on the slate of elected roles for 2021. Commander Kay Graham has reached out to our current volunteers filling those key roles and we are very happy to confirm that many are willing to continue in their roles for the 2021 Watch Year.

There are a few open roles that are needed and here is a list where you can make a difference to our revitalization of the Squadron in 2021. For newer members or those who have never held a position, doing so is a great way to meet other folks in the squadron/bridge and get to know everyone better. Also important to note, most of the positions require less than 10 hours a month.

Administrative Officer – Working with the Washington Country Club, arranges and coordinates the General Membership Dinner Meetings (tentatively planning for planned for 4 meetings in 2021). FYI, we do have a volunteer for organizing our “just for fun gatherings”.

Secretary – In addition to producing minutes of the Executive Meetings (8 tentatively planned for 2021), this role also maintains our roster and distributes emails to members as needed.

Assistant Secretary – In addition to filling in during the absence of the Secretary, this role also manages new member name tag ordering.

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. This role prepares a monthly report of income/expense to the Executive Committee as well as preparation of a budget with the input from that committee. Carl Erickson, our current Treasurer is very willing to work with someone through a transition.

2020 Nominating Committee

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You will find volunteering simply feels good and continues to be the **very heart** of our Squadron. Let us hear from you, contact Sharon or Chris with your questions regarding any of the open positions. Stay the course and we will get through this and plan for brighter days are ahead!

Heartfelt
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Executive Officer**Lt/C Walt Morrissey**

What a year 2020 has become with still no firm forecast for Spring 2021 at this time. As the heightened risk of Covid-19 continues, I hope you all stay the course and remain diligent keeping yourselves, family, friends and neighbors safe. Let's do our part for brighter days ahead!

I want you to know, I'm happy to agree to be your Executive Officer again and work hard to help return to normal for our Squadron as limited as it may be.

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. The details are:



Toy collection boxes are placed at the Cypress Landing Marina Lounge and at the Washington Yacht & Country Club foyer for toy donations. Donations will be accepted until December 3rd and all toys/boxes will be turned in by December 4th.

Our Squadron has been assigned our traditional post at the Wal-Mart (main entrance) location on Thursday, December 3rd.

We need volunteers, 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 civic opportunity during this strange year. Please contact me if you can help, by calling or sending a text to my cell phone, 252-833-9060. Thank you, Walt!



Happy Holidays

Administrative Officer**Lorne Hope, AP**

Hello all, unfortunately this COVID Pandemic has continued through 2020 into the holiday season. As you celebrate the Holidays in whatever manner you are able, continue to take all precautions to insure a healthy and happy celebration.

Our boating members have continued to enjoy the fall boating weather, one of the best times of the year in NC. Those living near or on the Pamlico Sound are enjoying the view of the boating migration south that is typical for this time of year.

Be sure to check out what is happening with our boaters by visiting and contributing to our PSPS Facebook. Our Facebook Administrator, Andrew Vogel, has provided us with a terrific way to keep in touch. Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PamlicoSailAndPowerSquadron>

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 continue to climb.

Mike and I are excited to continue in our role with the Squadron to lead the education team for 2021. As we return to our normal lifestyle, we will plan our educational schedule for next year. We have boaters at various skill levels in the Squadron and within Beaufort County. If you have any courses or seminars you would like to have included in the plans for 2021, please let me know at educationalofficer@pspsnc.com

However, continued education and skill building is something we can accomplish until that time. Boat Handling, the new squadron course that replaces Seamanship, is now available in a virtual class-room. 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! For more information visit: <https://www.americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education/americas-boating-course>.

Mike and I continued to learn new things this year. We both got certified in open water scuba this summer! We had classroom, pool work, and quarry dives. It was definitely mind over matter for the first couple dives but we've got the hang of it now. We look forward to some ocean dives next summer searching for shark teeth!



Thanks Scotty Rose for being such a good instructor!



U S Coast Guard Seeks Input on Shallow Draft Waterways

If you operate in navigable waters less than 12 feet deep along the East Coast, the U.S. Coast Guard would like you to take this 5-minute online survey to assess the East Coast Shallow Draft Waterway Systems. Your input will help the Coast Guard determine the Aids to Navigation (ATON) requirements in the shallow draft waterway systems. The survey will be open until Nov. 1, 2020. Please share the survey with fellow members and other boaters. If you have questions or comments, email CGNAV@uscg.mil using the subject line "Shallow Draft WAMS." Take the survey using the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShallowWaterWAMS>



Biff Matthews,
Writer

We will surly miss Biff's articles on Boating Tips that he has written for the monthly column in the Washington Daily News and our PSPS Website.

His last 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/pssp-blog>

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The new "Behavioral Consequences" video covers the importance to recreational boat operators of having a working knowledge of the Navigation Rules. Viewers will learn about the dangers of not following the rules of the road. Also featured are tips for responsible boating.

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

<https://americasboatingchannel.com/video/behavioral-consequences/>

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).



The one time set up cost of our 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.



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Contact Ginny at shipstore@pspsnc.com to place your orders 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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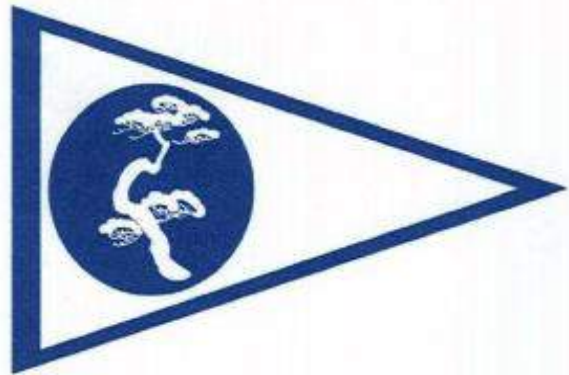


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2019 Distinctive Communicator Award PSPS Website



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

The following local events are planned for this holiday season, just know, they may change depending on COVID-19.

- Nov 24 Light up the City; 5 PM
Downtown Washington
- All December Toy Trains of Belhaven
Old City Hall, Belhaven
- Dec 3-5 Christmas Market; 10 AM
Harbor District Mkt, Wash
- Dec 5 Bath Christmas Flotilla; Dusk
Bath Waterfront
- Dec 6 Bath Christmas Parade; 2 PM
Main Street, Bath
- Dec 12 Belhaven Christmas Parade
11 AM Main Street, Belhaven
- Dec 13 Washington Christmas Parade
3PM Stewart Parkway, Wash

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