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Change of Watch – February 19th

America's Boating Club of the Pamlico, held its Annual Meeting and Change of Watch on Saturday, February 19, 2022. This year the Change of Watch was a bit less formal and the members enjoyed a Luncheon at the Washington Yacht & Country Club. We were joined by our District Administrative Officer, Cdr Mark A. Fairman, JN and his wife, Liz, who traveled from Goldsboro to preside over the Change of Watch and Installation of the new Bridge Officers. We had 46 attending enjoying the three excellent luncheon meals. Thanks to Louise Bonadies for thinking of everything, including coordinating cookies for dessert.

Our 2022 Bridge consists of: Commander Walt Morrissey; Executive Officer Rio DeGennaro, S; returning Education Officer Cathy Karlovich, N; Administrative Officer Liz Wheeler; returning Secretary Marisa Morrissey; and returning Treasurer Tom Graham, SN. Assistants to the Bridge Officers include: returning Assistant Educational Officer Mike Karlovich, AP; returning Assistant Administrative Officer - Boating Tadd & Karen Herron, S; returning Assistant Administrative Officer - Social Loren Hope AP; returning Assistant Secretary Edith Hope; and returning Treasurer Bob Young, AP.



The above photo is our newly elected Bridge Officers for 2022. From left to right they are Tom Graham, Marisa Morrissey, Liz Wheeler, Cathy Karlovich, Rio DeGennaro and Commander Walt Morrissey.

See more photos on Page 10.

Change of Watch continued....

Retiring Commander Kay Graham expressed her appreciation of the many bridge officers and members who contributed to our Squadron's outstanding successful 2021, as well as, her pleasure serving as our Commander for the last two years. Take a moment to review our Squadron's very impressive Accomplishment Report on the PSPS Website by clicking [here](#).

In addition to our Annual Meeting and the installation of Officers for 2021, a highlight was the recognition of outstanding efforts and Awards for Achievement given to various members for their contribution to the Squadron mission. Those awards included:

Commander's Award to Walt Morrissey
 Past Commanders Award to Cathy Karlovich
 Hatala Education Award to Tom Graham
 Unable to attend, but recognized
 Colwell Perseverance Award to Steve Neckyfarow
 Community Award to Fred Schroeder

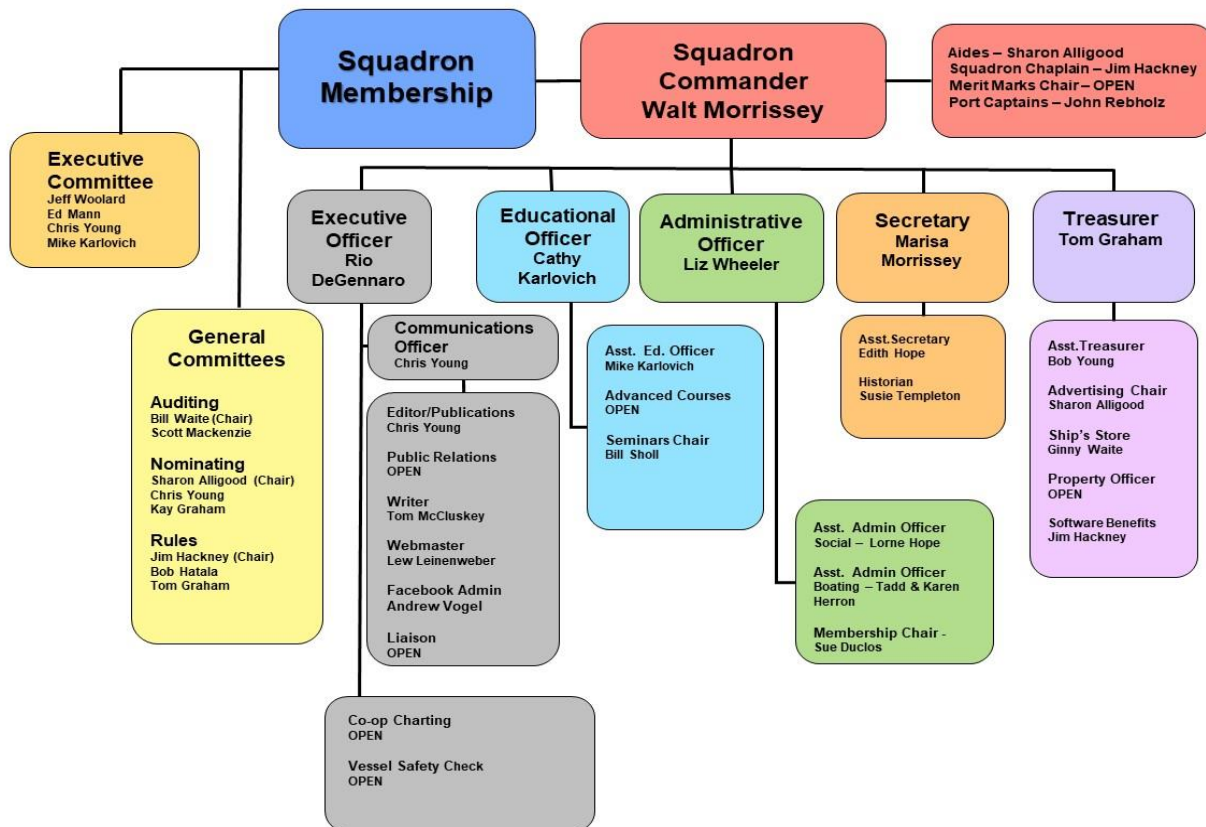
George Keen, SN was awarded for his 50 years of membership beginning in Detroit, others squadrons, and settling in ABC-Pamlico.



Retiring Commander Kay Graham was presented a Land Cruising Gift from the Squadron in appreciation and thanks for her leadership and steady hand serving two years as our Commander bringing us successfully out of the turbulent pandemic years. Our new Commander Walt Morrissey wrapped up the meeting with a recap of the many efforts each of the Bridge Members have kicked off in such a short time....and we've only begun!

America's Boating Club of the Pamlico Organizational Chart

April 2022



Commander's Corner

Cdr. Walt Morrissey

After a 2 year hiatus it was a pleasure to participate in this years Annual Change of Watch *IN PERSON*. No Zoom, no computers, just very real smiling faces. Simple pleasures are sweet. I want you all to know that I am proud to be your Commander and excited about our plans for 2022 and the Bridge that is making it happen. Those that attended the COW know that our organization is in place, energized and already digging in to make 2022 fun, educational and responsive to our boating community.

The 2022 Bridge is busy establishing and executing plans that will continue to provide quality educational opportunities, boating cruise plans, informative and fun membership meetings and social dining opportunities. We also plan to continue to support Vessel Safety Checks and other community outreach opportunities such as National Safe Boating Week, and Toys for Tots to mention a few. These are the events that make our club what it is and they await all of us in 2022. There is also room for other ideas and input. We want to hear from you.

As winter begins to ease it's grip on the rivers and sounds that we love, we are ready to get started with all the enthusiasm that Spring 2022 and the boating life offers. As I walk around local docks and boatyards it is obvious that work is in progress within our boating community. ABC-Pamlico is also ready to cast off and get underway.

We have a spot for you. Don't wait, jump on board and make the most of your membership. Become more involved, if only to support one time efforts or a committee opportunity. Your efforts will be rewarding and very much appreciated by membership!



Bob Vecchi & Joni Caputo
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Ken & Bea Pilcher
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Chocowinity, NC

Thomas & Maureen Mitchell
Chocowinity, NC



Lee & Sue Shaffer
Chocowinity, NC

Eddie & Julie Patton
Chocowinity, NC

Also, welcome to full membership!
Karen Tucci-Herron
Liz Wheeler
Beth McCluskey

Executive Officer

Lt/C Rio DeGennaro, S



I am honored to serve as ABC-Pamlico's Executive Officer. I proudly served for 17-years as a Naval Aviator flying P-3s and C-130s followed by 23-years with Delta Air Lines. In 2021, I retired as Captain on the Boeing 757/767 in September and my wife, April, retired in January after a 30-year teaching career. We moved to Chocowinity in February 2021 to build a home in Cypress Landing. We have a son, daughter, and 1 ½ grandkids in who live in Jacksonville, FL.

I'm excited to be working on several upcoming Spring events with Walt and Squadron members. The first will be the 2022 Marine Flea Market held mid-May 2021 at the Chocowinity Middle School. I'll get back to you with more details on that fund raising event. Please contact me with items you would like to donate. The second event will be the kick-off for National Safe Boating Week of May 21 – 27.

I have also joined the Vessel Safety Inspectors Team this year and looking forward to this important community outreach opportunity. Details of the upcoming training meeting is shown below. Feel free to contact Walt or chat with me if you think this would be of interest to you. Give me a call at 678-313-4583 it's not too late to become involved.



Members...let's build a Team of VSC Inspectors

As we preparing to kick off Spring 2022 VSC Inspections, this could be the year for you to become an Inspector. Bill Ramsden and Bill Sholl, seasoned Inspectors, will mentor a group of volunteer members through study material, forms used and even a VSC Practice Test. We will meet on Tuesday, March 15 at 1:00 PM in the Washington Room at the Cypress Landing Bay Club.

Once comfortable, the certifying test can be taken on line and is an open book test. Bill Ramsden and Bill Sholl will also assist in completing actual VSC inspections to complete your Certification. The Team can effectively respond to our local recreational boaters and insure our waters are filled with safe, knowledgeable boaters.

The typical volunteer effort for the VSC Team would be springtime each year.

It's not too late to sign up to learn more about this opportunity and participate on the VSC Team by contacting Walt Morrissey at wem107nc@gmail.com or give him a call with any questions at 252-833-9060.



Vessel Safety Checks

is a free yearly Vessel Safety Check (VSC) and an important safeguard to enjoyable adventures on the water. It is a courtesy examination of vessels to verify the presence and condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and Federal regulations. There are no consequences if the boat doesn't pass. In fact, we can offer them a 10% discount coupon at the local West Marine for any safety items needed. Our goal is simply to make boating as safe as possible in our local communities

Educational Officer

Lt/C Cathy Karlovich, JN



We jumped into the new year with the 9 week **Marine Navigation Course**. We had 17 enthusiastic students learning how to use GPS along with the traditional dead reckoning techniques for planning and laying out safe routes as well as ensuring we are on-course while underway.

The **Sail Course**, is scheduled to begin March 23 each Wednesday for 8 weeks, ending May 11. This course lets you learn about basic sailboat designs and nomenclature, rigging, and sailing. It's a great course for beginners and experienced sailors alike.

I am also planning an **America's Boating Class** (tentative April), which gives you the basics you need to get out on the water safely, and it meets most state boating education requirements. Also, **Boat Handling** (tentative start April) builds your competence and confidence on the water with an in-depth look at the practical boating skills.

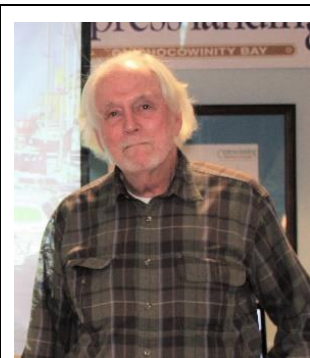
Mike and I are working on the schedule for some 2 hour seminars during the summer which are great additions to course work.

As always, if there is a particular seminar or course that you'd like offered, or if you'd like to help teach a particular topic, please reach out to me. I can also help with recommendation for a personalized education plan. You can reach me by email at pspsed@gmail.com or by cell phone 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!



Enthusiastic students at the ongoing Marine Navigation Class that will wrap up March 2nd.



We have been fortunate to have Bill Doar, N instructing our first two advanced classes, Marine Navigation and the upcoming Sail course. Bill is to be congratulated as has reached "Life Membership" in America's Boating Club. Bill is a Blue Water Sailor and World Circumnavigator, he has been a major contributor in Education efforts for both the Tar River Squadron and the Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron. Many members have benefited through his knowledge, skills and exceptional presentations.

Congratulations Bill!

Administrative Officer**Lt/C Liz Wheeler**

I am excited to assume the role of Administrative Officer and only hope I can meet the challenge provided by Louise in this area. I have met with the WYCC Chef, reviewed the dining room set up details, etc. We also covered the expectations relating to the increase in meal prices there just as we see in any restaurant you might frequent.

Speakers for general meetings have been confirmed for April, June and August. The October meeting speaker is still in process. Watch for details on our April General Membership Dinner Meeting that should come out early March. Any specific interests or future speaker suggestions would certainly be welcomed, feel free to email me at administrativeofficer@pspsnc.com

Assistant Administrative Officer - Social**Lorne Hope, AP**

Hello friends, I'm happy to return as your Assistant Administrative Officer Social for 2022 and looking forward to testing out other interesting restaurants. First up is Mellow Mushroom in Greenville on March 24 at 5:00. Good location to tie in a shopping trip too!

As always, if anyone has ideas for a location, let me know and I'm happy to check it out.



Click [here](#) for details.

Assistant Administrative Officers - Boating Tadd & Karen Herron, S

We are very happy to coordinate the Boating Activities again this year. We are loving the experience of our live-aboard boat and will take every opportunity to be on the water. The boating cruise plans are in the midst of planning. Here's a preview to date with more to come.

Do you have any suggestions or want to be part of the planning? We would like to hear from you, just email at boatingactivities@pspsnc.com

April 29 – May 1	Shakedown Cruise – Washington Waterfront	In addition, plans are under discussion to include:
May 13 - 15	Cruise to Beaufort – then on to	-We hope to schedule “on the hook”
May 15 – 24	Bald Head Island Cruise	trips in the Sept/Oct time frame.
May 27 – May 30	Anchorage Marina – Ocracoke Island Memorial Day Weekend	Depending on sail, motor or cruising speed; some boaters might expand these cruise dates or stop at other marinas along the way. The plan is intended to be flexible for everyone.
June 11	Cruise to Bath for Pizza	We also encourage all non-boaters to join us too. Drive to catch up with the boaters for dinner at their various destinations or stay over and enjoy a few days. Let's have an active boating season!
Aug – Date TBD	Summer Cruise – River Dunes	
Sept 2 – 5	Anchorage Marina – Ocracoke Island Labor Day Weekend	
Mid-Sep – Date TBD	Dowry Creek Rendezvous – Combined Boaters & Land Cruisers	
Mid-October – Date TB	Smoke on the Water Cruise – Washington Waterfront	

Communication Officer**Lt/C Chris Young, S**

Welcome 2022.... A press release has been published in the Washington Daily News regarding our Change of Watch and mission efforts for the boaters in our area. To read the article, [click here](#). In addition, our website has been updated with 2022 contacts and currently planned educational opportunities and events.

Save the website link to your favorites to stay updated on the upcoming events. There is truly a sense of enthusiasm as we look forward to a very enjoyable 2022. Our returning and new Bridge Officers have really jumped on board.

USPS Restructuring Evaluation and Challenge

You may have seen in the latest issue of The Ensign that the National Board of Directors are discussing possible national reorganization. This has been presented at recent national meetings and is definitely in the information gathering stage at this time. Shortly all members will receive a short needs assessment survey to respond to the "proposal." Our District Commander, Hugh Hayes, wants our members to be aware of the topic and aware that a survey is coming and that you will have the opportunity to share your thoughts on the range of options.

The information to date has been released in addition to the details in the article link below. "The national Board of Directors has formed an ad hoc committee to examine our organizational structure and operations to better serve our members and local Squadrons/Clubs. We are considering options that may include restructuring districts, forming regions, and/or improving services directly to members from the national level. Please read the linked article published in The Ensign for more information."

LINK: <https://theensign.org/organizational-restructuring/>

At this time, there is no specific time line for the survey nor the possible proposal moving forward, but it could be within a few years.

**Boating Tips
Column
Washington Daily
News**

Tom McCluskey has kicked off the return of our Boating Column in the Washington Daily News. 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.

Articles since the last Newsletter printing:

- Winter Boating Tips
- Boating in Restricted Visibility

To see all articles and other news releases, visit the website at <http://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/index.php/news-info/psps-blog>

Would you be interested in participating as a Writer with Tom? A team of two or more writers would make the effort easier and we could benefit from many perspectives and topics. What do you think? Email communications@pspsnc.com if you want to learn more.



BASIC MARINE COMMUNICATIONS

The new "BASIC MARINE COMMUNICATIONS" video covers the evolution of boat-to-boat and boat-to-shore communications. Viewers will learn about VHF-DSC marine radios, EPIRBs, PLBs, and the new I-911 system. Also featured are tips for best practices.

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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c_rFyt1fGqvdiSauAijAg

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

The Ensign Winter 2022 issue—a new format

The Ensign magazine has a new format! This change is part of our transition to a digital format that works well on all devices. We're not there yet, but we're moving in that direction. Let National know what you think of the changes so far. Email ensign@hq.usps.org.

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Inside this issue, using this Link:

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Safety - How to prevent propeller strikes

Always be aware of at the helm of your propeller. A typical recreational boat propeller can travel from head to toe on an average person in less than one-tenth of a second. Fortunately, propeller strikes can be prevented.

1. Wear your engine cut-off switch lanyard and your life jacket at all times. If the lanyard is removed from the switch, the engine will shut off.
2. Assign a passenger to keep watch around your boat's propeller area when people are in the water.
3. Consider purchasing propeller safety devices for your boat.

Propeller strike safety tips

- Before starting your boat, walk to the stern and look in the water to make certain no one is near your propeller (people near the propeller may not be visible from the helm).
- Never allow passengers to board or exit your boat from the water when engines are on or idling (your propeller may continue to spin).
- Educate passengers about the location and danger of the propellers.
- Call attention to and discuss any propeller warning labels around your boat.
- Be especially alert when operating in congested areas and never enter swimming zones.
- Take extra precautions near boats that are towing skiers or tubers.
- Never permit passengers to ride on the bow, gunwale, transom, seatbacks, or other locations where they might fall overboard.
- Children should be watched carefully while on board.
- Establish clear rules for swim platform use, boarding ladders and seating. (If possible, passengers should remain seated at all times.)
- If someone falls overboard, stop. Then slowly turn the boat around and keep the person in sight as you approach. Assign a passenger to continuously monitor the person in the water. Turn your engines off, and then bring the person to safety. Never reverse your boat to pick up someone out of the water. Go around again.

Propeller strike safety devices

A variety of devices are available to help prevent propeller strikes, they include:

- Wireless cut-off switches
- Propeller guards
- Ringed propellers
- Propulsion alternatives
- Interlocks
- Sensors
- Anti-feedback steering

Source: America's Boating Compass – January 2022

The U.S. Coast Guard is asking all boat owners and operators to help reduce fatalities, injuries, property damage, and associated healthcare costs related to recreational boating accidents by taking personal responsibility for their own safety and the safety of their passengers.

More photos from our Change of Watch!



Local interests on and off the Water!

Tar River kayak launch coming up!

The Port Terminal boating access renovation is near completion, which means a new kayak launch will soon be available to paddlers. Another river area to enjoy!



The Port Terminal kayak launch is the third of three ADA accessible kayak launches Sound Rivers has partnered on with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and city governments in Washington and Greenville. The other kayak launches were completed in March 2021 at Runyon Creek at Havens Garden in Washington and in June 2021 at Mason's Landing on Tranter's Creek in Washington. The projects are funded by a grant Sound Rivers received from North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources' Recreational Trails, and other funding from the North Carolina Division of Water Resources.

Need a new water location to paddle? The kayak launch is expected to be completed and ready to launch paddlers at the end of February.



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WHEN
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1PM

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Washington NC

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<http://www.hawkmanorfalconry.net/education.html>



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Learn their environmental value



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.



2580 Railroad Street
Winterville, NC 28590
Phone: 252-321-7701

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



Ship's Store has been enhanced to support our virtual presence and serve you better. Certified instructor and vessel examiner shirts and gear are already available, gift items and much more. See more at <https://store.shopusps.org> and review apparel.

Join or Renew Your Membership



We appreciate you!

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District 27 Spring Council/Conference And Change of Watch COW

When: March 19 to 20, 2022

Where: Cary, NC

Watch for details [Here](#)

Final mail-in registration date - March 11, 2022

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National Awards Received



2021 Distinctive Communicator Award PSPS Website



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2021 CHAMBER MEMBER



Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

March

- 15 [VSC Inspector Training](#)
- 19-20 D27 Spring Council/Conference & COW Meeting - Cary, NC
- 23 [Sailing Course](#)
Each Wednesday - 8 wks
- 24 [Mellow Mushroom Social](#)
Greenville

April

- 21 General Member Meeting

May

- TBD Marine Market
- 21-27 National Safe Boating Wk
- 29-5/1 Shakedown Cruise to Washington Waterfront

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