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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Bill Doar, N, Sailing the Atlantic Circle

P/Lt/C William Doar, N, of the Tar River Sail & Power Squadron, was the featured speaker at our squadron's General Membership Meeting on 17 November. Bill and his wife, Normandie Doar, AP, started blue water sailing in 1990 when they headed off to Bermuda in their 28 foot Pearson Triton. Since then he has logged over 50,000 nautical miles, including a circumnavigation and a single-handed trip to Turks & Caicos, delightfully described to us at our July 2012 General Membership Meeting.

Born and raised in Raleigh, Bill was an engineer, taught at ECU, and has worked with the government in Washington DC. Most of his career was spent with Brown & Root, now known as KBR. A lifelong boater, Bill continues to sail his 36-foot custom steel French sailing sloop, *s/v Advent II*.

This time, Bill regaled our Squadron with stories from his latest voyage, undertaken from June 2015 through March 2016. The journey consisted of five stages: (1) sailing from NC to New Bedford, MA and Block Island, RI, for the most part with nephew John; (2) sailing from New England to the Azores/Madeira/Canary Islands accompanied by crew member, Adnaan; (3) a lengthy stay in the Canaries; (4) sailing from the Canaries, past the Cape Verde Islands back across the Atlantic to the Caribbean, accompanied by crew member Sterling; and (5) solo sailing home to North Carolina. Though Normandie could not accompany Bill on this trip, she followed his posted locations, cheering him on through the vagaries of wind and weather.

You can read about this Atlantic crossing and his other successful sailing adventures on his blog, Adventtwo.blogspot. 



Cruising is doing boat maintenance in exotic locations



Commander's Corner

Cdr Tom Graham, SN



The crispness in the air, along with the approaching holiday season reminds us that yet another year has flown by. The boating season draws to a close for all but the hardiest of our winter sailors. This year there have been a plenty of activities for our members.





On 10-13 November, members participated in our Fall Cruise to Belhaven. One of the high points of the weekend was dinner at "The Tavern at Jack's Neck." Many thanks to Rob Dare, P, our boating activity coordinator, for a great job. On 17 November, we had our bi-monthly General Membership Meeting with a most interesting presentation by Bill Doar of the Tar River Squadron, on his latest trans-Atlantic crossing.

December has been another busy month for our Squadron. On 10 December, we held our annual gala Christmas party with a great dinner provided by the WYCC chef, along with very special Christmas cookies created by a team of some of the Squadron's most talented kitchen technicians. Music was provided by DJ Jackie Haislip who played his repertoire of old favorites along with special requests. On 14 December, Squadron members volunteered for our annual Salvation Army bell ringing in front of the Washington Walmart. A big thank you to those magnanimous members that gave their time and effort to support this charity that does so much for our community.



The Bridge and various committees are busy this time of year formulating and scheduling our Squadron's activities for next year. Keep an eye on our website's [calendar](#) for an update that will include the schedule of 2017 activities.

Events scheduled so far for next year include:

-  District 27 Training in Raleigh on 7 January (open to all members);
-  Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron's Change of Watch on 18 February;
-  The National Meeting in Orlando, Florida the week of 19-26 February;
-  The District 27 Spring Conference and Change of Watch in New Bern that will be hosted by our Squadron, 17-19 March.

As the year draws to an end, I would like to thank members that contributed to our success with their time and talent over the past year. I urge all members to step forward and participate in the Squadron this coming year. Enjoy your membership. Take an active role. It follows that, like many other things in life, the more you contribute, the more you get out of the experience.

Wishing you and your family the very best of the holiday season!

Happy Hannukah and Merry Christmas!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Executive Officer's Report

Lt/C Bill Templeton, P



Once again PSPS continued its generous tradition of donating toys to Toys For Tots. At November's General Membership dinner meeting members dropped off a large assortment of toys

including board games, dolls, footballs and remote control toys.

Toys for Tots is sponsored by the United States Marine Corps Reserve and was started in 1947 in Los Angeles by USMCR Major Bill Hendricks. That year they collected 5,000 toys, many of them refurbished or home made. In 2015 over \$270 million was collected by Toys For Tots for new toys. Including donated toys, over 16.8 million toys were donated to almost 7 million local underprivileged children. Toys For Tots is a top charity in the Philanthropy 400 and is accredited by the BBB Wise Giving Alliance.

What a great program! Thank you all for your generosity. All toys are distributed locally to kids in needy families. ⚓



Communication Chair

Lt/C Chris Young, S



It's hard to believe the holidays and the end of the year is upon us. Reflecting back through 2016, our Squadron has had a very good year with lots of terrific efforts by so many.

Looking toward 2017, District 27 holds a full day of training in Raleigh. This is for all members, including present Bridge members, those holding Chair positions as well as anyone who feels they would like to hold those positions in the future. It is a perfect

opportunity to learn more about how our Squadron works and how your talent and contribution can make a difference. I have attended this training for several years and have found them very worthwhile.

The Annual Winter Training is scheduled for Saturday, 7 January at the Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 West Lochmere Drive, Cary, NC. Typically those going will car pool, so be sure to let any of your Bridge members know that you are interested.

The detailed Agenda and the Registration Form is on our District 27's website; simply click [here](#). ⚓



Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Kay Graham



The year is drawing to an end. It's been a busy one and a constant and error-rich learning experience for this Administrative Officer. What is a certainty is a

considerable amount of appreciation for the skill and resourcefulness of our former Admin Officer, Chris Young.


Rob Dare's first foray into arranging Fun Afloat experiences was a smashing success. Belhaven Jack's Tavern provided a lovely venue for our squadron's merry makers in November. The ambiance and decor of the tavern added something extra to the evening. The proprietor showed his appreciation for our presence with numerous little expressions of welcome. Whether you floated in on the wind, zoomed in on gasoline or diesel fumes or motored out for the evening, it was great fun. This group of nautically attuned folk really know how to make the best of any dining experience.

The Christmas party is a mere memory. The sizable crowd of revelers, the expansive spread of lovingly prepared cookies, the incredibly tasty filets and crab offered up in the usual flair by Washington Yacht and Country Club's able chef, Colin Miller, and the music of Jackie Haislip made the night remarkable. The meals delivered to our holiday celebrants were

especially remarkable. This kitchen can please the most discerning diner. Large numbers do not seem to be a problem for this capable group.

January's dining out is still being developed. Backwater Jack's Tiki Bar & Grill has shuttered prematurely for the season. They had originally intended to remain open for the winter months but waning numbers of munchers brought about the change in plans. It helps to stay flexible. Watch for news of the site for our next dining out in your email.

The **Change of Watch** is our next big activity on the calendar, scheduled for 18 February. Commander Graham and his bridge have been working hard to ensure a smooth change of command for the Squadron.

Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron continues to find success in the eastern Carolina boating community. At a time when some power squadrons are constricting or struggling to maintain a membership equilibrium, we continue to flourish. The chemistry of the people and the educational efforts to enhance and embellish on-the-water skills of our members and the public at large are unifying and bring out the best in everyone. Let's hope the coming year finds us on the same track and continuing to grow and have a positive impact on boating safety and education in the Pamlico Region. 


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Education Report

1st/Lt Manuel Núñez, S Assistant Educational Officer



The new Education team, to be led by Linda Erickson, S, is preparing a comprehensive program for the coming year.

It will start in January/February with **Knots, Bends & Hitches**, a hands-on seminar geared to a wide range of audiences, and **Piloting**,

the first in a sequence of navigation courses. Piloting covers the basics of coastal and inland navigation using both GPS and traditional techniques. Topics include charts, course plotting, navigation aids, compass (true and magnetic) and ways to determine position and monitor progress.

At the beginning of the boating season, in March/April, the Education Department will present two courses: **America's Boating Course (ABC)**, an introductory course for novice boaters; and **Cruising and Cruise Planning**, covering cruise preparation, boat and equipment, anchors and

anchoring, security, chartering, cruising outside the US, crew and provisioning, voyage management, communications, navigation, weather, and emergencies. Also, the seminar **Mastering the Rules of the Road** which explains both US Inland and International Rules and the laws relating to boating, will take place.

Early in the fall, we will start **Advanced Piloting**, a ten-week course, building upon the skills learned in Piloting and covering advanced coastal navigation techniques under challenging conditions. Topics include advanced GPS usage, other electronics (radar, depth sounder, autopilot, chartplotter, computer software), hazard and collision avoidance, and navigating with tides, currents and winds. Also planned is **Paddle Smart**, a fun seminar that discusses terminology, safety, equipment and other important topics for kayakers and canoers.

As dates and venues are firmed up, you will be notified. Check the [Education Calendar](#).



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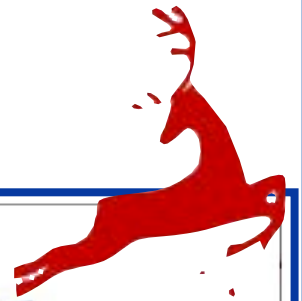
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2016 Merit Marks

The USPS Chief Commander awards a “Merit Mark” to a member for personal effort in furthering the interest, programs, and objectives of USPS, 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 ten hours in the past year.

Only one merit mark may be awarded in a year to a member, no matter how extensive the contribution.

We are pleased to honor the following list of volunteers for their effort and teamwork throughout 2016. Our Squadron is stronger because of your effort.

Adams, James K.
Alligood, Sharon
Duclos, Sue H.
Dunlap, Donna J.
Dunlap Jr., Donald
Erickson, Carl
Erickson, Linda
Estabrooks, Wayne
Fiore, Lisa M.
Galston, Edward
Graham, Karen R.
Hackney III, James A.
Harris, Edward R.
Hatala, Mary Jo
Hatala, Robert J.

Holloway, John
Latta, Edward Timothy
Mackenzie, Scott J.
Maneval, Don V.
Maneval, Jackie M.
Mann Jr., Ed S.
Matthews, William
Miller, Edith C.
Miller, Thomas G.
Neckyfarow, Janet G.
Neckyfarow, Steven W.
Núñez, Manuel E.
Paulson, Mary E.
Ramsden, Mia
Ramsden, Stanley S.

Ramsden, William J.
Rebholz, John C.
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Schroeder Jr., Frederic J.
Sevick, Joseph F.
Sholl, Mary Lou
Sholl, William C.
Smith, Douglas C.
Templeton, Bill L.
Templeton, Susie E.
Waite, Ginny
Waite, William J.
Walker, Francis D.
Young, Christine L.
Young, Robert F.

The following members received Merit Marks in honor of their efforts and leadership at District 27.

Alligood, Gene R

Graham, Tom



25 Year Members



In honor of their 25 years as members of the United States Power Squadrons, our Squadron awarded pins to two members:

- ★ P/Lt/C Don Petersen, JN-CN
- ★ Raymond Bradshaw Jr, P

Congratulations!

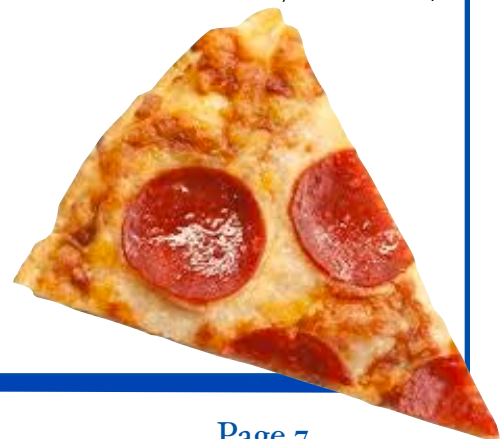




DINNER OUT AT FRANK'S PIZZA



Squadron members got together for a fun dinner at Frank's Pizza & Italian Restaurant on 17 October. ⚓





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Amazing

In the nearly twenty years that Inza and I have been cruising on "Salty Spouse" we had come to believe that we had seen just about everything possible, from the stupendous to the stupid. Many have become the subject of articles written for this newsletter.

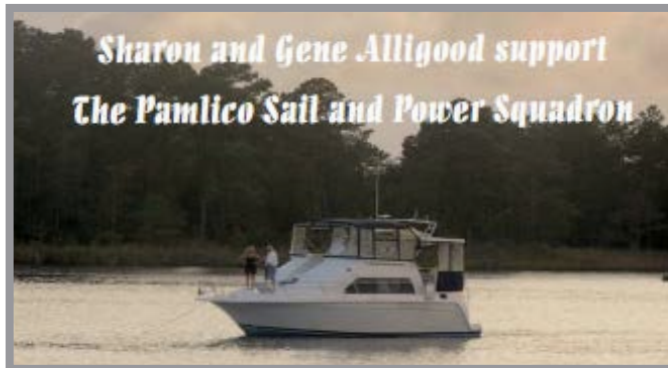
A few months ago we were docked at the Marine Corps Legion Park dock at Great Bridge on our way south via the Virginia Cut route of the Intracoastal Waterway waiting for a weather window to move on. The morning we were to move out we talked with the skipper of the sailboat behind us, and he asked if we had seen the police on the docks. We said no, and asked why they were there. He told us that the folks on the sailboat behind him got up to prepare to leave and found a man sleeping in the cockpit of their boat. Not wanting to deal with a complete stranger by waking him up, they chose to call the police who responded very quickly. It turned out that he chose their boat because it was the only one along the wall that had a "plastic house" shelter to keep him warm.

Scott Mackenzie, AP

Deemed to be harmless, the cops quietly sent him on his way.

The message here is that each of us should arrange a means to lock the access to our boat's cabin from the inside when we are aboard at night to prevent anyone from entering the cabin while we are asleep. This could be a deadbolt or a block on doors or sliding hatches.

We made it to Coinjock, NC where we waited for a weather window to cross the Albemarle Sound. ⚓



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Making New Year's Resolutions

Bill Hempel

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I'm an experienced boater: resolutions you ask?
Remembering rules is really a task.
To set the record straight and clear the confusion,
Let me explain my New Year's resolutions.

I'll turn on my blower, when cruising at slow
'Cause CO is odorless and deadly, you know.
I'll check all my flares especially their date.
In an emergency, there's no time to wait.

I wear a life jacket when voyaging around,
In most fatalities, the victim is drowned.
I'll vow CPR to learn and more
When emergency's aboard, help's away on the shore

When pumping my fuel I'll surely take care
Flying is fun, but not blown in the air.
When setting my anchor, it's 7 to 1
'Cause drifting on shoals is really no fun.

I'll monitor my fuel, the rule of thirds
Going to empty, is more than absurd.
I'll check the forecast and watch the sky
with rain you get wet, but with lightning you die.

I'll go into new waters; chart and GPS 'in hand
what looks tawny water, could actually be land.
There's navigational hazards, pilings, shoals as you know.
And local charts could save you a tow.

With a man overboard, my engines I'll stop
And avoid lancing him with my razor sharp prop.
And I'll never use alcohol when I'm the skipper
For under the influence we become Jack the Ripper.

I truly love cruising: avoid every mistake.
But there's times I forget my vessel's big wake.
In the spirit of the New Year I'll take time to pause.
Remembering the injuries that those waves could cause

These are my resolutions along with explanations
A safer boater is my expectation.
I'll do things right and forget my remorse.
Everyone needs US Power Squadron courses.



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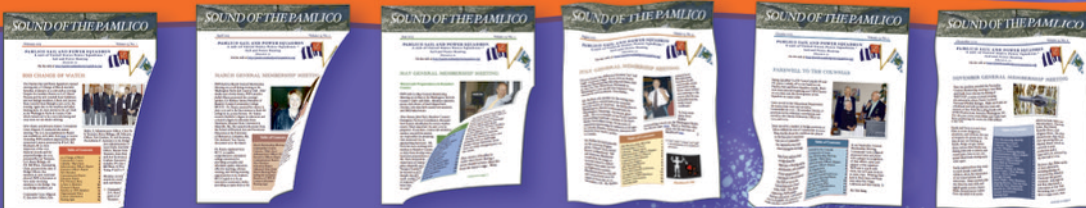
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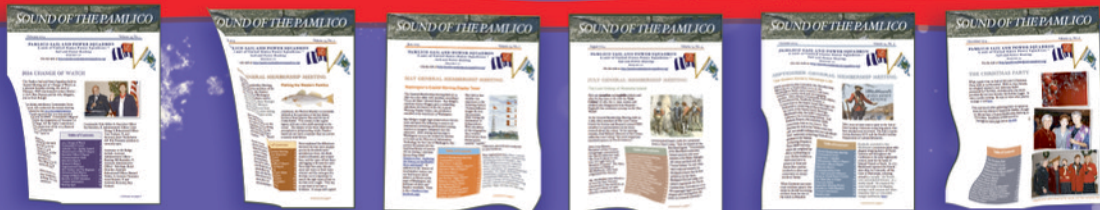
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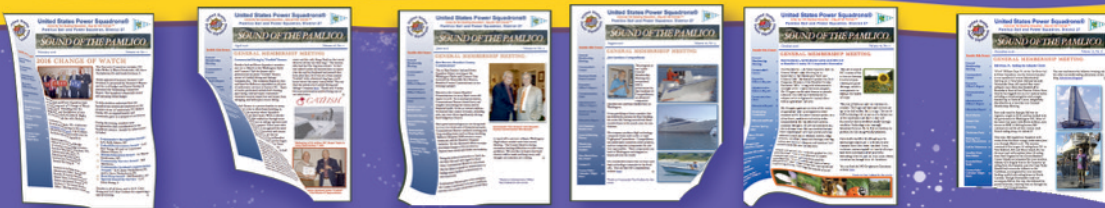
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2015



2016



Five years, 30 issues - it's been fun!
That's it from me!
Thanks and Happy Holidays!
Lisa Fiore, Editor of *Sound of the Pamlico*



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Dock: Cypress Landing



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Tom & Edie Miller
Bill & Ginny Waite
Bob & Chris Young

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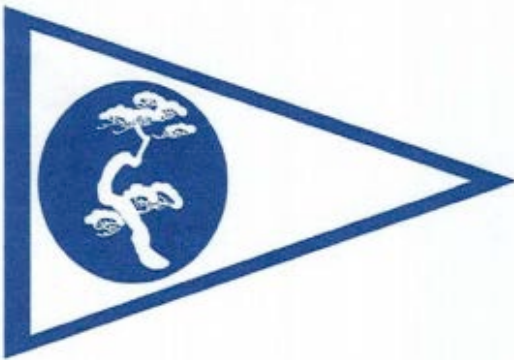
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January 2017

- 7 District Winter Officer Training
Resurrection Lutheran Church,
Cary, NC
- 9 **1600** Executive Committee
Meeting, Chamber of Commerce
- 17 **1700 Dinner Out**
Location: TBD
- TBD Knots, Bends & Hitches

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