



Celebrating over 12 Years of Community
Boating Education and Civic Service

Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron 2012 Accomplishments Report

I am pleased to report to membership that 2012 has been an outstanding year for the squadron. The Executive Committee held 11 formal meetings at the Chamber of Commerce and one social meeting at the Commander's home. The Executive Committee conducted the affairs of the Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron in a businesslike manner focusing on our mission of promoting safe boating through education, reviewing civic service opportunities and enhancing our fellowship activities.

All Officers and Organizational Chairs carried out their responsibilities to the satisfaction of their office and positions. Your squadron is financially sound and operated within budget. All financial records and reports have been properly maintained and audited. All reports required by national and district were submitted timely and our secretary maintained minutes of all meetings, which are available for membership review.

I am happy to report the following significant accomplishments of your squadron during 2012.



Education

Our Education Officer, supported by 15 qualified instructors, offered an array of seminars and courses opportunities including a customized seminar geared specifically to Beaufort County.

- ✚ District 27 Winter Officer Training in Raleigh, NC was attended by Bridge Officers.
- ✚ Leadership Development Training in Jacksonville, Fl; Detroit, MI and Wrightsville Beach, NC conducted by USPS National and District 27 was attended by PSPS delegates.
- ✚ 40 students attended four elective and advance courses: Cruise Planning, Weather, Seamanship and America's Boating.
- ✚ 57 students attending four seminars: How to Use a Chart, Emergencies on Water, VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio, Marine Radar Class and Using a Chart.
- ✚ Developed a customized Hurricanes & Boats Seminar for Beaufort County, attended by 24 area residents. Speakers included various emergency managers within the county.
- ✚ Developed a three-year plan providing a schedule of seminars and courses geared to enable a progression of skill development for our members and local boaters.



Civic and Community

A concentrated effort has been made to continually highlight and strengthen our Squadron and the USPS mission as a source of education opportunities for boating safety throughout Beaufort County.



- ✚ Vessel Safety Inspections were performed on 106 boats in Beaufort County by 7 certified inspectors. This community service was provided at public and private docks, marinas, and yacht clubs and at seven special publicized VSC events.
- ✚ Sponsor with the Washington Harbor District Alliance in the planning and organizing of the Annual Nautical Market at the waterfront; proceeds from sale of nautical items donated by the squadron members to be used for public boating education.
- ✚ Promoted National Safe Boating Week by gaining a mayor proclamation and manning a booth at the Washington Waterfront providing boating accident statistics, safety recommendations, supporting the “Wear It” campaign, as well as providing Vessel Safety Inspections at multiple locations.
- ✚ Redesigned our web site “Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron.org” providing a single source for information, upcoming activities, boating references and promoting our mission.
- ✚ Publish bimonthly an award winning newsletter, Sound of the Pamlico, filled with information, events and useful boating information.
- ✚ Sound of the Pamlico generated \$1,450.00 in advertising revenue in 2012.
- ✚ Maintain membership in the Washington Chamber of Commerce.
- ✚ Appeared on local television station promoting our squadron’s efforts in boating safety and education.
- ✚ Communicated with the community through local newspapers, special publications and interviews. Included communication to surrounding boating and yacht clubs, marinas, residential bulletins and posters throughout the communities promoting boating education opportunities.
- ✚ Three members provided Port Captain resource to local and transient boaters by providing information, reliable advice and comradeship.
- ✚ Supported the Downtown of Washington and promoted our squadron by having a window display of our events and educational programs.
- ✚ We were again able to save our members significant dollars in software sales through our discount program.
- ✚ Produced a Squadron New Membership Brochure for 2012 for new member development and placement with surrounding boating retailers.
- ✚ Donated a scholarship, valued at \$250, to a youth otherwise unable to attend the Little Washing Sailing School.
- ✚ Partnered with the United States Marine’s in the Toy’s for Tot’s campaign.
- ✚ Supported the Salvation Army by Ringing the Bell for entire day at the local Wal-Mart.
- ✚ Partnered with Washington to lead a flotilla welcoming the Elizabeth II to our waterfront.
- ✚ USPS National awarded PSPS with the Distinctive Communicator and Doing It Right recognition in 2012.



Social and Fellowship

In addition to our serious commitment to promoting safe boating through education, the natural end result of gathering people who love both water and boating is increased social activities, new friendships and real fun on and off the water...and we do know how to enjoy ourselves.

- ✚ Our elected officers and chairs met at eleven Bridge/Executive Meetings monitoring and conducting the affairs of the squadron.
- ✚ Five General Membership Meetings were conducted providing informative speakers and enjoyable dinners with record attendance by members.
- ✚ Members also enjoyed the annual Christmas dinner-dance.
- ✚ Four social events were held at local restaurants along with organized dinners during local cruises for both boaters and non-boaters.
- ✚ Boating opportunities included five cruises to favorite local destinations and two long range cruises to multiple destinations, organized by various cruise coordinators.
- ✚ A Golf Challenge was held at the WYCC and became a request by members to become an annual event attended by both serious and novice golfers.
- ✚ Our squadron was represented at all District 27 and National meetings and events.
- ✚ Membership increased by 14 new members. Our membership count at the end of 2012 was 118. In addition, 5 couples completed the America's Boating Course and joined as trial members during the latter part of 2012.
- ✚ The Bridge sponsored a new member social which was held to welcome our new members and to meet with the bridge/executive group.
- ✚ 1,341 hours of volunteer service were performed by 40 Merit Mark recipients in 2012.
- ✚ Nominating Committee presented a slate of officer candidates for 2012.
- ✚ A committee of six was formed to plan for the Change of Watch in 2013.

Let me say, "THANK YOU" to the terrific Members of our Squadron, the Bridge, Executive Committee and Chairs for making it possible to complete our mission. Without your support, attendance and volunteering none of these things could have been accomplished.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Commander.

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