



Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron 2014 Commander's Annual Report

I am pleased to report that our squadron was very active during 2014, the 100th anniversary of the United States Power Squadrons. In fact it may be the most active year for PSPS in terms of Education, Activities and Civic Involvement. Our continued membership growth and renewals reflect that enthusiasm. Our excellent Communications Team kept interest high with our award-winning website, newsletter and timely emails.

The Executive Committee continued to conduct the affairs of the Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron in a businesslike manner focusing on our mission of promoting safe boating through education, civic service activities and fellowship activities. All officers and organizational chart members carried out their responsibilities satisfactorily.

Your squadron is financially sound and is operating within our budget. All financial records are properly maintained and audited. All reports required by USPS and District 27 were submitted on time, and our secretary maintained minutes of all meetings, which are available for membership review.



Education Report

National Awards Received in 2014

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|  | Distinctive Communication Award – PSPS Web Site |
|  | Distinctive Communication Award – Sound of the Pamlico |
| MIRA AWARD | Membership Involvement Retention Award |
|  | Co-Op Charting Honor Role |

Our Education Officer planned an array of different courses and seminars to both members and the public, while maintaining a long range plan to allow members to advance their education.

- Bridge Officers attended District 27 training in Raleigh in January.
- Delegates from PSPS attended all national and district meetings.
- 64 students attended 5 elective and advanced courses: ABC twice, Weather, Engine Maintenance and Marine Electronics.
- 46 students attended 4 seminars: Rules of the Road, Marine Radar, Anchoring and Trailing.
- 6 teenagers graduated from the ABC course taught at Beaufort County Community.
- 9 PSPS Instructors were recertified in January.
- 10 VSC Inspectors were Certified in January.
- Communicated with local newspapers, special publications and interviews promoting boating skill building opportunities for safer boating.



Civic and Community Involvement

The Squadron continues its efforts to strengthen our mission throughout Beaufort County.

- Vessel Safety Inspections were performed on boats by 10 certified inspectors
- Supported the Washington Harbor District Alliance by participating in the Annual Marine Market, raising funds for boating safety education and giving out information on PSPS.
- Promoted National Safe Boating Week with newspaper articles, a mayoral proclamation, & manned a waterfront information booth.
- Maintained an informative and award-winning website.
- Published our award-winning news letter, "Sound of the Pamlico" bi-monthly.
- Collected \$1,395 in newsletter ad revenue to support educational programs.
- Maintained membership in the Washington Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce.
- Provided 3 Port Captain services.
- Published regular monthly boating safety and information articles in the local newspaper.
- Maintained a store window display on main street promoting civic events and educational activities.
- Saved our members nearly \$5,000 on software purchases.
- Participated in USPS Co-Operative Charting program.
- Participated in the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program.
- Supported the Salvation Army's charity efforts by Bell Ringing an entire day.
- Squadron representation and involvement with waterfront improvements, such as the new light house facility
- Continued support for the Little Washington Sailing School including vessel safety checks and donated scholarship.
- Promoting boating safety by encouraging youth participation in the National Poster Contest.



Social and Fellowship Activities

In addition to our commitment to safe boating through education, we know how to have fun on and off the water.

- The Bridge and Executive Committee met 11 times to monitor and conduct the affairs of the squadron.
- Five general membership meetings were held.
- Members enjoyed our annual holiday party with dinner and dancing.
- 5 just for fun social events were held at local restaurants and 9 additional group dinners at cruise locations.
- 12 cruises both short and long and 3 raft-ups got members out on the water.
- PSPS was represented at all District 27 and National meetings.
- We had 15 new members, and our membership at the end of 2014 was 147.
- Our Membership Retention and Involvement Committee developed a plan for recruiting and retaining members.
- The bridge sponsored a welcome social to allow new members to meet bridge members and each other.
- 50 merit mark winners contributed many hours of volunteering to PSPS.
- This year's Nominating Committee developed and presented a slated for 2015.

I want to thank all the PSPS Members, Bridge, Executive Committee and Chairs who volunteered to make 2014 an active and exciting year for me. PSPS is lucky to have so many willing volunteers who keep the Squadron as strong and successful as it is. And, as more people take up boating, our dedication to safe boating will continue to be a vital part of life on the Pamlico.



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