



United States Power Squadrons® Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron

2017 Commander's Annual Report

I am pleased to report that 2017 was a busy, but enjoyable year for the Squadron. We successfully continued with our mission of promoting safe boating through education, staying active in civic service activities and having fun in a variety of social and boating events. As in the past the strength of our squadron lies in our talented and hard-working membership. A dedicated leadership team coupled with a wide-spread willingness from all members to stay involved keeps us moving ahead smoothly.

Perhaps one of the most stellar examples of our squadron's 2017 achievements was the hosting of USPS District 27's Spring Conference last March in New Bern, NC. The tremendous success of the conference was in great part due to Sharon Alligood's leadership and coordination. The Change of Watch at the conference represented the end of our Past Commander Gene Alligood's term as District Commander. The event came off without a hitch!

Our squadron completed the year in a strong financial position. Our financial records were reported monthly to the Executive Committee throughout the year and were found to be fair and accurate following an end of the year audit. All reports required by national and district offices were submitted accurately and in a timely manner. Minutes of all meetings were maintained by our secretary and can be made available for membership review at any time.



Boating Education

- Our Education Officer planned courses and seminars for members, surrounding yacht clubs and the public.
- PSPS delegates attended District 27 Training Seminars and meeting in Raleigh in January.
 - Delegates from PSPS attended all national and district meetings.
 - Two America's Boating Courses were offered in March & June graduating 19 students.
 - 30 students attended Cruising & Cruise Planning and Piloting courses.
 - 74 students attended 4 seminars: Partner In Command, Knots/Bends/Hitches, Using VHF/Marine Radio & Hurricane & Boats.

National Awards Received in 2017

	Website Distinctive Communication Award PSPS Web Site
	Newsletter Distinctive Communication Award Sound of the Pamlico

For Boaters, By BoatersSM



Civic and Community Involvement

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

- 122 Vessel Safety Inspections were performed on boats by 11 certified VSC Inspectors
- The Squadron participated in Marine Market sponsored by the Washington Harbor District Alliance. The event netted \$1,042 for boating safety education.
- Maintained membership in the Washington-Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce.
- Promoted National Safe Boating Week with newspaper articles, a mayoral proclamation, & VSC Inspections at the waterfront.
- Provided 2 Port Captain services.
- Participated in the Marine Corps “Toys for Tots” program.
- Supported the Salvation Army’s fund raising efforts by Bell Ringing an entire day.
- Published our award-winning newsletter, “Sound of the Pamlico”, bi-monthly.
- Raised \$1,000 advertising revenue for the Sound of the Pamlico newsletter.
- Published regular monthly boating safety and information articles in the local newspaper.
- Replaced our old website with a new/improved website, resulting in annual maintenance savings.
- Awarded the Website Distinctive Communication Award. The PSPS site brings resources to the community through links to USPS, other Squadrons, weather marinas, yacht clubs, mobile apps and much more.
- Supported the USPS National Poster Contest promoting boating safety with local elementary school students providing monetary awards in three age categories.

Boating Education Cont’d

- An Introduction to Boating Safety class was held for the Police Athletic League’s summer camp, utilizing the Boating Safety Virtual Trainer. 18 students/adults attended
- The District’s Boating Safety Virtual Trainer was used at the Marine Market and in the ABC class at Department of Water Quality.
- Communicated with local newspapers, special publications and interviews promoting boating skill building opportunities for safer boating.



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 12 times to monitor and conduct the affairs of the squadron.
- Five general membership meetings were held involving dinners & interesting speakers.
- Merit Marks were awarded to 50 Members representing many, many hours of volunteer support to PSPS.
- Members enjoyed our annual holiday party with dinner and dancing.
- 5 “just for fun” social dinners were held at local restaurants and were all well attended.
- 6 Cruises to multiple destinations, both near and far including a restaurant dining out event.
- 2 raft-ups got members out on the water with one drone video-taped; reported in the local newspaper.
- We had 12 new and/or reinstated members and 19 trial Members in 2017.
- The Squadron saved our members substantial dollars on software purchases.

Familiar teamwork phrases like “many hands make light work” apply in spades to our squadron and its many members who give selflessly of their time and expertise to further the USPS mission. Both P/C Joe Sevick, P and I thank all of you for your hard work and friendship in making 2017 a success.

Commander Bill Templeton, AP