



# Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron

## 2018 Commander's Annual Report

We started 2018 with many goals and ideas. Most included our ongoing efforts to provide boating education, promote boating safety, civic involvement and a variety of social events that appeal to our members. I am pleased that with our dedicated leadership team and our involved member contributions of time and talent we can say MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

Key Highlights of our Squadron's New Activities in 2018....

- Held a 2 week Boating Safety Exhibit at the Estaurium, culminating in a Seminar on Rules of the Road, with 28 attending.
- West Marine invited and we accepted a day in their store promoting safe boating along with relationship development. Excellent TV coverage of this event.
- Conducted a Member Survey and that plus the Membership Recruitment, Involvement & Retention Committee's efforts paid off with valuable feedback helping us better understand and support our Squadron members.
- Held our first ever membership Picnic hosted by our Past Commanders. We hope to make this an annual event.

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 offerings to Beaufort County boaters.

- PSPS delegates attended District 27 Training Seminars and meeting in Raleigh in January.
- Delegates from PSPS attended all national and district meetings.
- America's Boating Courses offered in September graduating 9 students resulting in 4 new members.
- 49 students attended Advanced Piloting, Engine Maintenance, Seamanship courses
- 92 students enrolled in 6 seminars: Rules of the Road-twice, Sail Trim and Paddle. Plus a

## National Awards Received in 2018

	Website Distinctive Communication Award PSPS Web Site
	Newsletter Distinctive Communication Award Sound of the Pamlico
	Only 1 of 2 Squadrons awarded for 2018

## Boating Education Cont'd

customized Celestial Navigation Seminar and a Basic Weather Forecasting Seminar held at the local NOAA location that included a tour.

- Minimum of 8 members are on a skill building track that will follow through all USPS Advanced Courses.
- Successfully communicated with local newspapers, radio and TV promoting our boating education opportunities.
- Multiple interviews promoting safe boating was conducted by local TV and newspapers.



## Civic and Community Involvement

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

- Vessel Safety Inspections were performed on boats by our certified VSC Inspectors.
- The Squadron participated in Marine Market sponsored by the Washington Harbor District Alliance. The fund raiser netted \$1,674.
- Promoted National Safe Boating Week with newspaper articles, a mayoral proclamation, & VSC Inspections at the waterfront/marinas.
- Participated in West Marine's Safety Exhibit assisting customers in safety practices and equipment.
- Recruited a total of 3 Port Captain services covering Belhaven and Washington.
- Participated in the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program.
- Supported the Salvation Army's Red Kettle efforts by providing Bell Ringing for a day.
- Raised \$1,090 advertising revenue for the Sound of the Pamlico newsletter.
- Published regular monthly boating safety and information articles in the local newspaper.
- Enhanced our public website to include a members only password protected section.
- Partnered with local NC Estuarium for a 2-week Boating Safety Exhibit.
- Awarded the Summer of Membership Award.
- Awarded the Distinctive Communication Awards for both our Website and Newsletter. Newsletter are shared with surrounding YC's.
- Supported the USPS National Poster Contest promoting boating safety with local elementary school students providing monetary awards in three age categories.
- Maintained membership in the Washington-Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce.
- Donated to the local Little Washington Sailing School by supporting a Vanguard Sailboat.



## Social and Fellowship Activities

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

- The Bridge met 10 times to monitor and conduct the affairs of the Squadron.
- Five General Membership Meetings were held involving dinners & interesting speakers.
- Continued as a National Honor Roll Member due to our donation to USPS Education Fund.
- Merit Marks were awarded to 47 Members representing many hours of volunteer support.
- Our Past Commanders planned and treated Membership to a delightful Picnic.
- Members enjoyed our annual holiday party minus dancing, but with lively story telling.
- 5 "just for fun" social dinners were held at local restaurants and were all well attended.
- 7 Cruises to multiple destinations
- 2 raft-ups got members out on the water and an overnight on the hook was new this year.
- We had 17 new, reinstated members and 9 trial Members in 2019.
- The Squadron saved members substantial dollars on our local software purchases.
- Conducted a survey to evaluate Membership.

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. Thank all of you for your hard work and friendship in making 2018 a success.

Commander Sharon Alligood, S