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Annual Meeting & Change of Watch – February 11th

America's Boating Club of the Pamlico, held its Annual Meeting and Change of Watch on Saturday, February 11, 2023. The Change of Watch was a bit less formal and the members enjoyed a Luncheon at the Washington Yacht & Country Club. We were joined by our District Administrative Officer, Otis J. White, P and his wife Barbara who traveled from Cape Fear to preside over our Change of Watch and Installation of the new Bridge Officers. We originally had 38 attending, however, a few illnesses reduced our count to 34 with Liz and Lew dropping off their meals following the luncheon. Special thanks to Liz Wheeler and the planning committee for the attention to details in making this annual meeting and Change of Watch such a success.

Our Commander Walt Morrissey expressed his pleasure serving as Squadron Commander this past year as he opened up the Annual Meeting. He appreciates the many who have been supportive and encouraging. Last year was outstandingly successful with many skill building Educational courses, Vessel Safety Inspections, Civic efforts and membership enjoying interesting speakers, many boating and social events throughout the year. Take a moment to review our [2022 Squadron's Accomplishment Report](#).

Tom Graham provided the financial review: Bill Waite confirmed the financial Audit of the 2022 financials. Tom proposed 2023 budget and the members approved that budget. Sharon Alligood provided the Nominating Committee's report for 2023 elections which was approved by members.

Before moving to the Change of Watch agenda, a highlight was the recognition of outstanding efforts and Awards for Achievement given to various members for their contribution to the Squadron mission. Those awards included:

Commander's Award to Cathy Karlovich for her leadership and skill building plans in the Education programs over the last 3 years.

Past Commanders Award to Liz Wheeler who provided great speakers, productive General Membership Meetings.

Hatala Education Award to Mike Karlovich who played a key role in Education and instruction.

Colwell Perseverance Award to Susie Templeton who has been our dedicated Historian for 9 years.

Community Award to Bill Sholl for his commitment as Vessel Safety Inspector and his continued role in Education.

Achieving Life Membership



Scott Mackenzie, AP joined USPS in May of 1990 and through years volunteering as an instructor in education and other volunteer efforts, he has earned 25 Merit Marks and now has Lifetime Membership status.

Thank you and congratulations Scott!

Change of Watch continued....

Commander Morrissey recognized other members whose efforts had a very positive impact for our Club. They were Rio DeGennaro, Bill Ramsden, Chris Young and Tadd & Karen Herron.

Commander Morrissey then introduced our District representative, D/Lt/C Otis White who provided meaningful comments regarding our Squadron before proceeding to the installation of our 2023 Commander and Bridge Officers.

Our 2023 Bridge consists of: Returning Commander Walt Morrissey; returning Executive Officer Rio DeGennaro, P; Education Officer Bob Vecchi, P; returning Administrative Officer Liz Wheeler; returning Secretary Marisa Morrissey; and returning Treasurer Tom Graham, SN.

Assistants to the Bridge Officers include: Assistant Educational Officer Cathy Karlovich, JN; returning Assistant Administrative Officer-Boating Tadd & Karen Herron, P; returning Assistant Administrative Officer-Social Loren Hope AP; returning Assistant Secretary Edith Hope; and returning Assistant Treasurer Bob Young, AP.



The above photo is our newly elected Bridge Officers. From left to right they are Tom Graham, Marisa Morrissey, Liz Wheeler, Bob Vecchi, Commander Walt Morrissey and at the far right, the D27 Administrative Officer, Otis J. White. Our Executive Officer, Rio DeGennaro, was unable to attend the Change of Watch.

Commander Morrissey wrapped up the meeting letting us know that he is excited for 2023 and looks forward to another fun, productive and rewarding year ahead.



District 27 Spring Council/Conference And Change of Watch COW

When: March 17 to 18, 2023

Where: New Bern, NC

[Click here](#) to view the Call to Meeting,
Announcement, Agenda & Registration.

Early Bird Prices good until 24 February!

Registration Deadline 3 March!

Commander's Corner

Cdr. Walt Morrissey

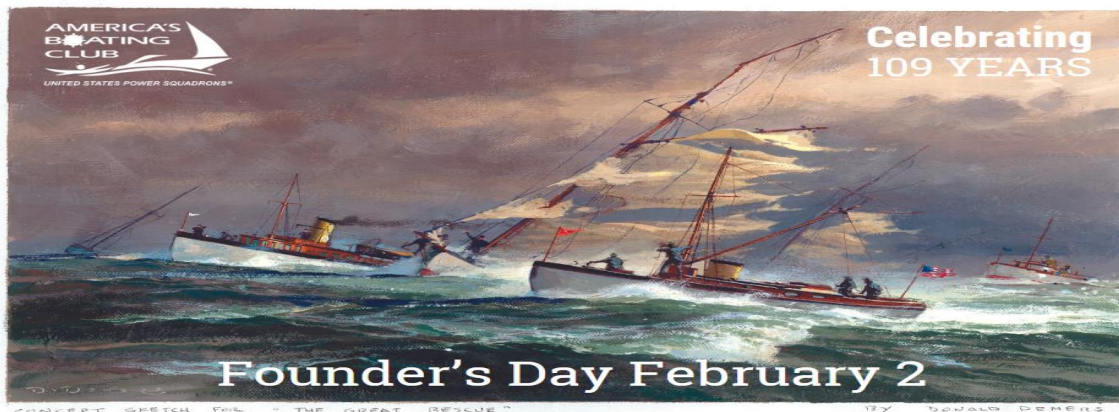
As I write this we have just completed our Annual Meeting and Change of Watch Celebration. The Bridge is in place and we are energized and looking forward to 2023.

The Bridge has many returnees and with their experience they know what needs to be done. One new face is Bob Vecchi - Educational Officer, I am excited to have Bob as part of the team helping us in such an important area. Cathy Karlovich has offered to stay on as Assistant Educational Officer which will support a seamless transition for Bob as they team up for 2023. I look forward to helping and learning from them both.

The 2023 Bridge is busy establishing and executing plans that will continue to provide quality educational opportunities, boating cruise plans, informative and fun membership meetings and social opportunities. These are the events that make our club what it is and they await all of us as we kick off a new year.

There is always room for new ideas and input. We want to hear from you. Don't wait, jump on board and make the most of your membership. Become more involved, if only to support one time efforts or a committee opportunity. Your efforts will be rewarding and very much appreciated by the membership!

Ahead of us is warmer Spring weather and the routine events that we enjoy. These include the Marine Flea Market and National Safe Boating Week. Hope to see you all on or around our local waterways.



Richard & Linda Moyer
Chocowinity, NC

Executive Officer

Lt/C Rio DeGennaro, P



I was unable to attend our recent Change of Watch. April and I have purchased a cruising boat and I, along with Mike Karlovich, have undertaken the exciting adventure of cruising the boat back from the West Coast of Florida to North Carolina. Looking forward to sharing those details!

I am very happy to continue as ABC-Pamlico's Executive Officer. Last year was enjoyable and rewarding as we expanded our Vessel Safety team of inspectors promoting safe boating as well as other organized Civic events.

Spring Vessel Safety Inspections will begin soon including several scheduled events at local marinas. Stay tuned for those dates at CLYC, WYC and PPYC. However, feel free to contact anyone on our VSC Team to arrange an individual inspection. See the list of Inspectors to the right.

We have at least one member who would like to become a Vessel Safety Inspector....anyone else?

It would be terrific to set up certification training for a few more Inspectors. If interested, email me at

executiveofficer@pspsnc.com

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Chocowinity, NC	
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Chocowinity, NC	
Bob Vecchi	518-703-4881
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As we look to Spring, several events are coming up beginning with the **Harbor District Maritime Festival on April 29th** this year which includes the popular Nautical Flea Market. Our Club will again participate in this collecting items and recycle selling. This is our single fund raising effort and all proceeds go directly to supporting public boating education and civic programs. [Click here](#) for more details on donations.

This is the time of year that many boaters are cruising through their storage areas, attics and garages in an attempt to recycle old boating gear, parts, supplies and accessories, anything marine related.

Later in March, I'll be asking for volunteers to help set up and take a couple of hours at the Flea Market to sell items that have been so generously donated. Who knows what recycled treasures will interest the flea market buyers.

The second event will be the kick-off for **National Safe Boating Week of May 22 – 26**. Stay tuned for more details on this effort and how ABC-Pamlico can help focus on responsible boating safety and importance of wearing life jackets.

North Carolina ranks in the top 8 states for boater fatalities. Currently published USCG reports, 75% of fatal boating accident victims due to drowning. Of those drowning victims, 86% were not wearing a life jacket. It is clear that hundreds of those might have been saved had they worn a life jacket. It is further reported that 77% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction.



Educational Officer Assistant Educational Officer

Lt/C Bob Vecchi, P
Lt/Cathy Karlovich, JN

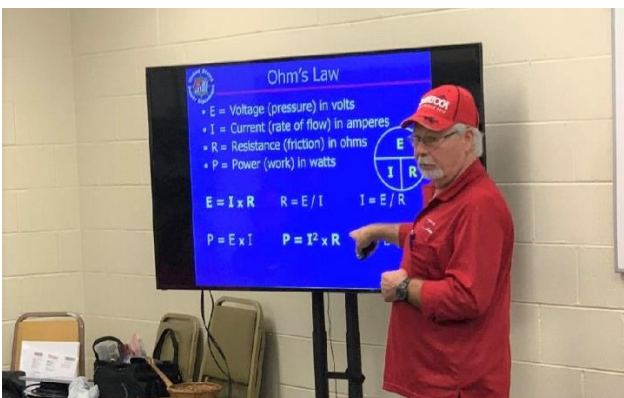


As the new Bridge Officers take office for 2023, I'd like to take a moment to thank you all for the support that I have received during my tenure as Squadron Education Officer. In fact, my first seminar as SEO was on March 14, 2020 which was the day much of the country shut down due to Covid. It was certainly a challenge trying to decide when and how best to resume classes. I thank all of you for your input and especially my husband Mike for talking me off a ledge many times.

It has been a true pleasure to serve you in this capacity. Mike and I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you and I hope that we've been able to help you along your boating journey. We've loved seeing brand new boaters in Boat Handling class learn to operate their boats and gain their sea legs. We've enjoyed seeing experienced boaters challenged with Marine Navigation (Piloting) class. (We told those students that the class would definitely challenge their brains but it wouldn't break them.) I'll still be active with the education team in my new role as Assistant Squadron Education Officer. Mike and I hope to get lots of cruising in this year and we are looking forward to finally getting to the Chesapeake!

Bob Vecchi has graciously agreed to take the reins as our new Squadron Education Officer and I am excited to be part of his team. Bob has been in the area for two and a half years, moving down in 2020 from upstate rural New York. He has many off and on years of boating experience in the salty waters of Long Island, NY as well as the mid-Hudson River region. He and his wife Joni currently own a 38' Cruisers Motor Yacht and they are looking forward to cruising with their dog Zoey. Bob's education background was in electronics, he transferred to being an electrical contractor. His other hobbies include playing his keyboard, instruments, pickle ball, and vintage electronic refurbish and repair.

The Marine Electrical Systems course has completed. Instructors were Bob Vecchi and Mike Karlovich. The class was originally scheduled to take place over two Saturdays in January. However that schedule was a little aggressive and we added a third Saturday that seemed to work fine with students. This is the first class that we offered both electronic student materials and printed materials. The response from the students to the electronic materials seemed to be mixed for this course. Nine of the 12 students took the exam and two others are planning to do so.



Enthusiastic students during the Marine Electrical Course in January.

We've recently surveyed the club about their education needs and we'll keep those responses in mind as we set up the education program for the year. There will be plenty of classes and seminars to keep us all engaged and learning. Best wishes for a safe and fun 2023 boating season!

Administrative Officer**Lt/C Liz Wheeler**

I am excited to continue in the role of Administrative Officer. Our Change of Watch meeting was a success. We reviewed and celebrated our 2022 achievements; recognized contributions from our intrepid crew of volunteers; and perused the notebooks and photos provided by our Historian Susie Templeton. Thank you to Susie (and Bill) for gathering and maintaining our historical records. Thanks to Chris for documenting the event with photos.

Our first General Meeting dinner will be on April 20 with the Speaker confirmation in process. Our upcoming meetings, we will have Shane Mason, Historic Interpreter from the Tryon Palace is scheduled for June 15 and Keith Rittmaster, Director of the Bonehenge Whale Center in Beaufort is in process of confirmation for the August 17 meeting. This leaves October 19th and any suggestions would be welcomed, feel free to email me at administrativeofficer@pspsnc.com.

Assistant Administrative Officer - Social**Lorne Hope, AP**

Hello friends, I'm very happy to return as your Assistant Administrative Officer for Social Outings and look forward to testing out a few other interesting restaurants. I'll be working on a March outing so stay tuned for more details. As always, if anyone has ideas for a location, let me know and I'm happy to check it out.

Assistant Administrative Officers - Boating Tadd & Karen Herron, P

We are very happy to kick off the planning of the Boating Activities again this year. We continue loving the experience of our live-aboard boat and will take every opportunity to be on the water.

The boating cruise plans for 2023 are in the midst of the planning stage. Let us hear what destination you would like and do you want to participate in planning any cruise. Click on our [Cruise Destination Wish List](#) and email us at boatingactivities@pspsnc.com.

Some of the plans that are being kicked around are:

- Karen and I will have The Wild Herron in Washington during April & May. We encourage boaters to join us for a weekend or overnight. Or, drive over and stop to chat.
- Others are interested in a cruise to Norfolk/Chesapeake Bay early May.
- We've received votes for cruises to both Edenton and New Bern as possibilities. Could be very interesting.
- There's also interest in an extended cruise south to Myrtle Beach area with stops along the way.

We hope to schedule "on the hook" trips in the Sept/Oct time frame.

We'd like to also be open to last minute cruises to nearby destinations or raft ups...just because the weather calls out to us. Watch your email and/or Facebook for those opportunities that could be announced by any boater!

Depending on sail, motor or cruising speed; some boaters are sure to expand on cruise dates or stop at other marinas along the way. The plans are intended to be flexible for everyone.

We also encourage all non-boaters to join us too. Drive to catch up with the boaters for dinner at their various destinations or stay over and enjoy a few days.

Come on y'all, let's have another active boating season!



Be sure to connect with
PSPS Facebook Group.

Communication Officer

Lt/C Chris Young, S

Welcome 2023.... A press release has been published in the Washington Daily News regarding our Change of Watch and our mission efforts for residential boaters in our area. To read the article, [click here](#). In addition, our website calendar has been updated with currently planned educational opportunities, dinner meeting dates and other known events. But there's more to come! Save the website [link](#) to your favorites to stay updated on the upcoming events. Our returning and new Bridge Officers have really jumped on board and interesting plans is shaping up. Stay tuned!

We are happy to share with Membership that our Newsletter and Website both have once again received the Distinctive Communicator Award for 2022. The Website is packed with information and a resource for our local boating communities to understand America's Boating Club of the Pamlico's mission in boating safety and education, our Civic involvement and our very active social events and cruises shared by members of our Club.

As you know, our America's Boating of the Pamlico Website is a public website. But we do have a "Member Only" section. This will be managed with individual member Username and Password. The information available under the "Member Only" section is the Photo Gallery, our Roster and our Bylaws. Of course, to review all other pages besides the "Member Only" there is no Login required.

If you do not yet have a Login for the Member Only section, simply sign on to the website: <https://pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org>

Scroll to the bottom of the Home Page in the right column, lower portion of the page under the section of **Login Form** shown to the right.

Click on "Create an account" and enter your Username (suggest last name so both you and your spouse can use the login), then enter a password of your choice, containing 10 characters that is easily remembered. We suggest you **do not** use a password that you use on other secure websites since this site is public.

Our Webmaster, Lew Leinenweber, will automatically receive an email requesting a member approval for Login, he will notify you via email of your approval. The approval will show your Username and a password. You are then ready to go anytime you visit the site and Login from the Home Page. The Member Only section will appear in the Website Header to the far right. Anytime you wish to change your password you can do so in that same frame on the Home Page only.

Login Form

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ABC-Pamlico Facebook, have you visited lately it is another source of information, photos and events. Our cruisers and non-cruisers are encouraged to post fun photos, check it out! We will begin to post local training videos as they become available this year.

Andrew Vogel does a great job of managing this social media presence open to members and the public. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2991825634374936/>



NAVIGATION RULES FAQ

The new "Navigation Rules FAQ" video answers the most frequently asked questions regarding Nav Rules for recreational boaters. Viewers will learn about the US Aids to Navigation System (ATONS), right-of-way, look-outs, wake effects, lights, and related regulations. Also featured is information about how to obtain print and electronic copies of the Navigation Rules.

Copy the link below into your internet address line for the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jjx9ELuSxyM>

These videos are developed to provide a focus on boating safety and safe boating education. Hope you find them of interest.

The Ensign Winter 2023 issue



Read this issue, using this Link:

https://theensign.org/imag/winter2023/?mc_cid=4600d496bf&mc_eid=bfac945e46

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Boating Tips Column Washington Daily News

Tom McCluskey and Mike Karlovich is our team of writers for our Boating Column in the Washington Daily News. This is an important role for our Squadron as it keeps America's Boating Club of the Pamlico in the minds of our local recreational boaters as the recognized organization for boating education and skill building.

Articles since the last Newsletter printing:

- [Aqua Maps – Advanced Features](#)
- [Stray Current and Your Boat](#)

To see all articles and other news releases, visit the website at <http://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/index.php/news-info/psps-blog>

Do you have a boating topic you would like to share for publication? We could all benefit from many perspectives and topics. What do you think? Email communications@pspsnc.com if you want to learn more.

America's Boating Channel™

Promoting Boater Education to Members and the Public

As production of **America's Boating Channel™** Season Seven gets underway, remember the channel has six seasons of videos archived and available to help educate ourselves and others. An outstanding example is the video "[Boater Education](#)," which underscores the importance and value of taking boating safety courses. Viewers learn about online, classroom, and on-the-water educational offerings. Screening boater education videos is an excellent way to prepare for safer experiences on the water. "Boater Education" reminds us about required safety equipment and that we need to know the Rules of the Road when operating our boats.



Taking the concepts in the above video a step further, America's Boating Channel produced a sequel entitled "[Knowledge Versus Skills](#)." It covers differences between boating knowledge and boating skills and why it matters. Viewers learn approaches to take to improve their boating abilities and what pitfalls to avoid in boater education.



These videos also are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them what our organization has to offer nationally and our local boater communities.

Available on YouTube, **America's Boating Channel** offers quick and easy access to professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos. [America's Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund

Provided by P/C Debra Allen, AP – USPS/ABC Communications Liaison

Change of Watch photos, see more [here](#).



America's Boating Club of the Pamlico Ship Store

Our Administrative Officer, Liz Wheeler has PSPS Burgees, shown below, in stock and available at a cost of \$25.00/each.



Contact Liz at administrativeofficer@pspsnc.com to place your order or give her a call at 301-928-1056 with any questions.



Our National Ship's Store is set up for direct ordering of many articles including shirts, sweatshirts, wind shirts, ties, belts and boating accessories. Certified instructor and vessel examiner shirts and gear are already available, gift items and much more.

See more at <https://store.shopusps.org> and review catalog of items.

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Squadron move forward with boating
safety as well as other educational and
civic programs.**

2023 ABCLUB ANNUAL MEETING

**Orlando, FL
Feb 18-Feb 27 2023**



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National Awards Received



2022 Distinctive Communicator Award PSPS Website



2022 Distinctive Communicator Award PSPS Sound of the Pamlico Newsletter

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

For more information go to our PSPS Website Calendar [here](#):

February

19-26 [USPS/ABC National Annual Meeting](#)

March

17 - 18 [D27 Spring Council/Conference & COW Meeting](#)

TBD Social Outing

April

20 General Member Meeting
29 [Maritime Festival – Nautical Flea Market](#)

May

TBD Social Outing
20-26 National Safe Boating Wk

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