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March Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron's General Meeting and Dining in at Washington Yacht and Country Club featured the usual splendid meal and a speaker that gave us all a sense of wonder and appreciation for the indefatigable. We were privileged to see and hear from Al Powell.

The local, innovative Police Activities league, was spawned in the active imagination of a gentleman that sought out, pursued and attained significant successes throughout his life in government service and retirement. Al Powell recycled and redirected an aged, moribund program that sought to entice at risk children into gymnasiums and physical performance opportunities. Positives to overcome negatives. The PAL was initially developed to provide a modicum of success in lives that would never aspire to successes much beyond the sphere of innate athleticism. Al and his cadre of 'success counsellors' have turned the newly renamed Activities league into an aggressive avenue to lead

those same at risk youngsters into a finely tuned, well thought out theatre of state of the art technology. A brilliant strategy focused on bringing a sense of awareness and attainability to heretofore impracticable areas has been realized. Especially for this particular fraternity of children, a new and attainable world of science, mathematics and technological innovation has been set in place. There are waiting lists to join.

Seeking to imbue every participant with a 'If you can dream it, you can attain it' mantra, Powell and the PAL are newly housed in a techno-structure on property lying close by the airport administrative offices. Built with enthusiastic community and corporate funding, this facility is intended to expose children that might otherwise wither in the oblivion of unproductive lives, with computer driven planning, production and design. Thousands of dollars have been raised and expended to outfit the building with simulators and other tools of tomorrow's future. He has turned the local at risk world on its head. Those youngsters that seek to reach beyond the boundaries of provincialism, ignorance and poverty now have opportunities through his vision and drive. Al Powell is a very bright star in the eastern North Carolina sky. He has given us all something to be proud of in Beaufort County. PSPS is pursuing opportunities to play a part in this innovative community effort. We applaud Al Powell's vision.



## Commander's Corner

**Cdr Joe Sevick, P**

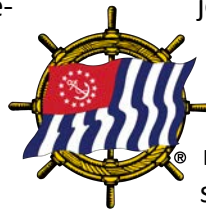


Spring has sprung. It's that time of year when nature seems to be in its most splendid glory. Flowers and trees bloom, wild animals

reappear, the

sun's rays and warmth beautify the landscape.

For us boat lovers, Spring beckons the call to begin unwrapping our boats from a long winter's nap, getting the elbow grease ready for the long and arduous cleaning process, de-winterizing engines, insuring that our safety equipment and vessel are in proper condition and working order and taking that first cruise of the season.



This time of year is especially important for our Squadron as most of us begin to prepare for the "busy" season. There are a myriad of activities planned for this Spring including:

- Marine Marketplace, Washington (4/29)
- Continuing Education Seminars (Check the website for details)
- Vessel Safety Checklist Examinations (Every Saturday in April/May at Havens Gardens and Masons Landing, Marine Marketplace 4/29, Nat'l Safe Boating Week 5/20)
- General Membership Meeting - Washington Yacht and Country Club (5/11), TBD (6/6)
- Planned Cruise (Belhaven 4/20-23, River Dunes 6/8-11)

- National Safe Boating Week (5/20-26)

Our organization strives to be the best we can be in providing educational opportunities to boaters, social activities for our members and community service. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed to support our many efforts. Your participation is key to our success.

Please read our Bridge Officers reports in this newsletter edition to find out the latest and greatest as well as visiting our website, [pamlicosailandpowersquadron.net](http://pamlicosailandpowersquadron.net) for additional information.

There are many personal reasons that you've joined the United States Power Squadron, "America's Boating Club." I am hoping your time spent has been as rewarding and enjoyable as mine. Let's not forget to reach out to our friends and neighbors to share with them our Squadron experiences.

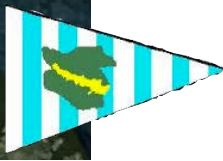
A simple conversation can lead to engaging a new member. Remember our motto, "Join for the Education...Stay for the Fun." I am wishing you a safe and happy boating season.

As always, I am available to discuss any matter that may be on your mind. Please call me on 215-589-5723.

**Quote of the Day:**

"My escape is to just get in a boat and disappear on the water."

*Carl Hiaasen*



Once again our Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron generously gave of their time and property to make the Washington Marine Market sale a great success. Despite the prospect of a hot (91 degrees!) late April Saturday, volunteers Bob and Chris Young, John Osborne, Gene and Sharon Alligood, Joe Sevick, Tom Graham, Bill Ramsden and Susie Templeton all pitched in to help sell the many great contributions made by several of our

members.

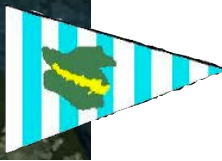
In addition to our flea market presence, Carl and Linda Erickson manned a booth promoting boating safety and offering market



goers a chance to use the district's Virtual Boating Trainer. The trainer simulates a power boat and gives 'Captains' a chance to drive, dock and manipulate a motor vessel using a helm and throttle in different weather conditions.



Over the course of the day, over \$900 was collected from the sales and many visitors, young and old, took a turn to operate the trainer. My sincere thanks go out to those who gave generously of their items for sale and to the fantastic volunteers who braved the heat and made the event a great success. All funds received will stay within the squadron and will be directed towards education.



## Vessel Safety Check Chairman

**LT Fred Schroeder**

### It's that time of year...Have you gotten your 2017 Vessel Safety Inspection yet?



A certified Vessel Safety Check (VSC) is an excellent way to make sure your boat is ready for fun-filled, worry-free outings. VSC is a courtesy examination of your boat to verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by State and Federal regulations.

As you know, this is not a "boarding" or a law enforcement check.

A vessel exam is conducted by one of our Certified Inspectors and typically takes 20 to 30 minutes. There is no penalty if your boat doesn't pass. Simple problems could be corrected on the spot; if not, the Inspector will gladly re-inspect your boat at a later date. certified Vessel Safety Check (VSC) is an excellent way to make sure your boat is ready for fun-filled, worry-free outings. VSC is a courtesy examination of your boat to verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by State and Federal regulations.

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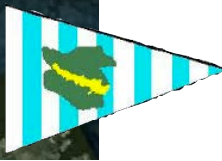
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Review our [VSC Page](#) on the PSPS website for more details on the actual inspection. Specific event dates are coming up, review them on the VSC Calendar or you can contact me at 948-0682 or email me to schedule your 2016 VSC inspection at [vsc@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org](mailto:vsc@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org)



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## Communication Chair

Lt/C Chris Young, S



We have completed testing the option of enabling members to pay for General Membership Dinner Meetings using a debit or credit card as an alternative to paying by check. (You will still be able to pay by check if you choose.) This is being accomplished by using a PSPS PayPal account to receive payments and track orders. You are not required to have a PayPal account to use your credit card; however, if you do have a personal PayPal account you can use that to pay if you are so inclined.



The link below will allow you to initiate this process:  
<http://pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/payment.html>

You will first select the meal you want from the dropdown menu and then click on "Buy Now". You will be taken to a page where you can select the quantity. This is a work in progress and we still need to determine how to combine different meal choices into a single transaction. In the meantime, if you want order one of each meal choice, you should complete payment for the 1<sup>st</sup> meal and then return to the first page where you can select the other meal option and follow this payment process again.

If you have a PayPal account that you want to use, you can log in and use that account. Otherwise, you can just select the "Pay with Debit or Credit Card" button to complete the transaction using your credit/debit card information.

We expect to use this payment option for educational classes open to the public as well as other areas and would appreciate any feedback you have relating to using this process for payments.

Contact either Steve Neckyfarow at [sneckyfarow@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org](mailto:sneckyfarow@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org), telephone 975-3242 or Carl Erickson at [cerickson@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org](mailto:cerickson@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org), telephone 964-3009.

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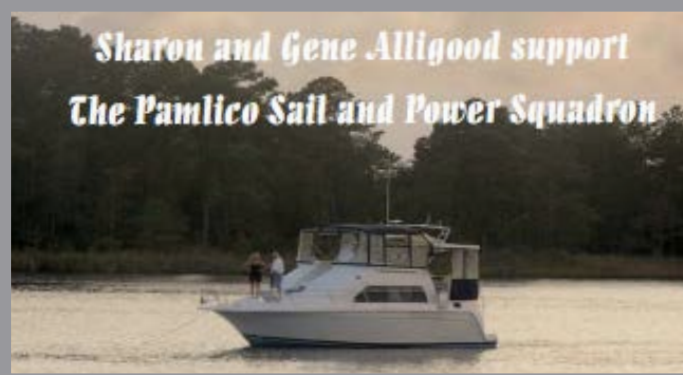
The approaching General meeting and Dining in at the Washington Country Club slated for 11 May will feature our own Scott Mackenzie who plans to illuminate and expound upon the subject of explorer Christopher Columbus. There are many myths and misconceptions about the life and times of this iconic historical mariner. Hope to see you there. Scott will make the evening interesting and Brickhouse grill maestro, Colin and his able staffers, will certainly fulfill your culinary wishes.

Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron has invited us to a "Coastal Cruise from Little Washington to Belhaven on May 19 to 21, 2017. Dinner Friday evening will be in a local restaurant within walking distance. All RSPS members and guests that do not have boats or prefer to travel via land are encouraged to join quayside for boat hopping starting around 1800 or 6pm, while partaking of a beverage or two and some type of finger food before wandering to a restaurant to be named. On Saturday May 20, the boats will leave Washington at a reasonable time en route to River Forest Marina in Belhaven. The docks and facilities have been restored to its prime. Contact Dock master Henry Boyd at 252-943-0030 to make slip reservations. It is recommended that you make your slip reservation as soon as possible as time at River Forest will be during the peak "snowbird" season."

June 6, 2017 will find our squadron returning to Chocowinity's Ichiban Bistro. at 6 pm for our June Dining out. They handled a huge turn out last year and are certainly up to the task again this season.

A cruise to River Dunes is planned for June 8-11. Mark your calendars. That cruise opportunity is a nautical adventure not to be missed!

July's Dining In with feature Dan Rieves from Belhaven Yacht Club with a cogent topic to enthrall us. "Working Boats of Eastern North Carolina." Linda and Carl Erickson were instrumental in our opportunity to have Dan to join us. Thanks for the help, you guys!



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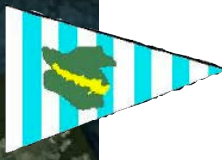
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## Education Report

## Lcdr Linda Erickson P Educational Officer



While classroom training such as America's Boating Course (ABC) and Seamanship, as well as seminars like Tides & Currents, impart

solid boating knowledge, nothing can compare to on the water experience. In acknowledgement of that, USPS offers On-the-Water training for members and is rolling out the Jump Start Program for New Boaters discussed in last month's column. However, as we all know, getting out in the water is not always practical or possible.

One of the best training tools USPS offers is the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer (BSVT), a premier interactive simulation-based boating program. Many of you may have seen the virtual trainer at Squadron events. Our plan this year is to use the simulator in classes and seminars as appropriate, as well as a public relations tool at squadron events. If you will be attending the Marine Market April 29, please stop by the PSPS booth and take

the simulator's Boston Whaler out for a 'ride'. Its graphics are realistic and the experience of docking and maneuvering is impressive, and, dare I say, loads of fun for both the inexperienced and experienced boater.

We are excited to be partnering with the NC Division of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Water Quality Division in Washington to provide a Boating Safety course to their 12 employees. We will be teaching this over two days, on their site, in May. This is another great opportunity to get the Power Squadron's mission out into the community. We're hoping to use this class as a pilot for using the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer (BSVT).

Please consider sharing your knowledge with the community via a course or seminar. Team teaching is a great way to teach an advanced class, where you can teach the chapters which may be your area of expertise. Seminars are great for those subject matter experts to share knowledge in a short, fun, informal format. Please call me (703.431.2228) or email me at [PSPSED@gmail.com](mailto:PSPSED@gmail.com) for more information. I promise, it's a no-obligation call or email!



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**Greg Jordan**



 **May 11, 2017**  
**Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron**  
**General Membership Meeting**

**Time: 1800 (6:00 PM)**  
**Location: Washington Yacht & Country Club**  
**Main Dining Room**  
**Cost: \$25.00 per person (includes tax & gratuity)**

**Menu**

*House Salad*

**Entrée choices are:**

<b>Blackened Salmon with Cucumber &amp; Avocado Relish Roasted Red Potatoes Asparagus</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>Seared Frenched Chicken Breast Dijon w/Tarragon Cream Roasted Red Potatoes Asparagus</b>
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*Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea*

**Speaker: Scott Mackenzie**  
**Topic: Who really was  
 Christopher Columbus?**



Make your check payable to PSPS,  
 indicate your entrée choice and drop  
 off or send to: Kay Graham  
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**Please RSVP by 5/8**

Hope you can join us! Any questions, contact  
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[kgraham@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org](mailto:kgraham@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org)





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## PAMLICO SAIL & POWER SQUADRON CRUISE

### June 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>



Web site: <http://www.riverdunes.com/harbor.php#UzGhvqLU2M0>

**We have slips on hold for PSPS until May 18th** – to claim a slip, contact Rob Dare at 252-402-7704 or email him at [boatingactivities@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org](mailto:boatingactivities@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org)

**River Dunes Marina** by boat is approximately 50 miles, easy access from the ICW. Leave Piney Point Light (4" FL R 2.5 S 15ft. 4m Rq Ref); to starboard and head for Marker #1 at entrance to Broad Creek (# 1 is located at 35 05 30 N x 76 35 00 W). Harbor depth measures 8' at MLW. They have floating docks, 30/50 amp shore power slip rates of \$1.90 per foot/night plus electric. Also, the Marina has fuel and courtesy cars.

We have also a **PSPS Group Dinner** planned for a dinner Friday night at the River Dunes Harbor Club. Be sure to let Rob know if you are planning to attend and how many. The restaurant is typically open for lunch and dinner on Friday, Saturday and a Sunday Brunch from 11 to 3 PM should you wish to partake individually.

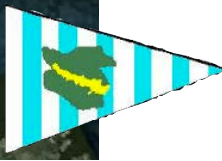
The Provision Company is now open and fully stocked, we have the use of the Club House and the pool. The plan is to simply relax and enjoy the various amenities at River Dunes. Sit by the pool, read a book, enjoy a game of billiards, bike ride, go for a walk, kayak, use the fitness center, spa, etc. Whatever might appeal to you!

They do also have cottages for rent for people who do not boat down. These are available Thursday and Friday nights. The two nights would be a cost of \$426 and would need to be separately reserved. Call 252-249-0253 and ask for Matt.



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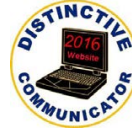
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## Ship Mates' Roster

Gene & Sharon Alligood  
Tom & Edie Miller  
Bill & Ginny Waite  
Bob & Chris Young

## National Awards Received in 2016



**Distinctive Communicator Award**  
**PSPS Website**



**Distinctive Communicator Award**  
**Sound of the Pamlico Newsletter**

**MIRA AWARD**

**Membership Involvement Retention Award**

## Welcome Aboard to New Members

Richard & Carol Montgomery  
T Register & Deborah Paige

Congratulations to the following who have completed the recent America's Boating Course and have earned a 6-month Trial Membership with USPS/PSPS.

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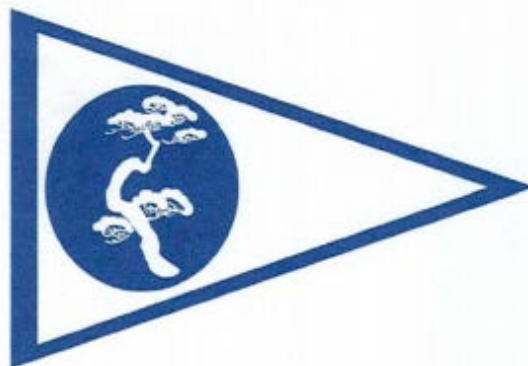
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## Calendar

For more information, go [here](#):

### May

- 11 General Membership Meeting
- 19-21 Belhaven Cruise with Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron
- 20-26 National Safe Boating Week
- 20 Vessel Safety Checks at Washington and Cypress Landing

### June

- 8-11 Cruise to River Dunes
- TBD Dinner Out

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