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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron was treated to a very special evening September 14, 2017. Coupled with sumptuous Pork Tenderloin or Fried Soft Shell Crab, the membership was recipient of a very interesting 30 minute program delivered by USPS Tall Ship of America Liaison, and USPS life member, P/D/C Don Starks.

Don and his wife Margie have been active for some years in this program and the depth and breadth of his knowledge was both impressive and interesting for all in attendance. Don had numerous pictures and explanatory comments on the various types of vessels associated with the international program and described in detail the sizable impact USPS volunteers have had on the nonprofit organization. Through aggressive volunteerism, the USPS has become a significant supporter of the program and has made an indelible imprint on the Tall Ships leadership. USPS volunteers have provided avenues for the Lake Michigan Coast Guard to enable utilization of newly developed SERAT Search and Rescue team events and participate in Tall Ship Parade of Sail activities. Through ongoing supportive efforts, USPS has been able to have educational booths incorporated into the Tall Ships Programs. The numerous booths have played significant roles in establishing our brand in the sailing and power boating public that attended and will continue to attend the Tall Ship programs

Tall Ships Challenge® Gulf Coast 2018

Commander's Corner

Cdr. Bill Templeton, AP

During this year the squadron enjoyed the inspired and enthusiastic leadership of our Commander, Joe Sevick. Although Joe was a recent addition to our squadron (2015), he volunteered to lead the organization and did a great job. His friendly style and passion for boating along with a leadership background in industry made him a perfect fit. Joe embraced our mission and was hands on in terms of supporting all of our programs. He was a cheer leader for our Vessel Safety Check program and quickly qualified as an inspector.

As was mentioned in the last SOTP issue Joe is caring for his beloved uncle George who was diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer. Joe's letter of resignation as Commander sent to all of us in September explained that his uncle's care is primary and requires both time and focus in George's remaining days. We will miss Joe's dedicated leadership and friendship in the short term, but admire his tremendous dedication to and love for family. Please keep Joe and his uncle in your thoughts and prayers.

In the meantime, I have volunteered to finish out Joe's term as Commander and the Executive Committee has graciously voted to allow me to do that. I am honored to fill in for Joe and will do my best in these coming months. We are blessed, as I think has long been the case, with tremendous members who routinely volunteer and a talented and dedicated bridge. Accomplishments thus far in 2017 have been terrific. Just to mention a few, we have implemented a new website, a nice jump in vessel safety checks over the prior two years was achieved, high membership levels have been maintained, fantastic educational offerings with extraordinary levels of attendance have taken place, great social programs that included impressive speakers at membership dinners were held and we've had some great food and fun at dinners out. AND, the year is not over!

The balance of this year will hopefully provide some beautiful Fall boating days. We have thankfully, thus far, dodged the awful weather that has plagued places like the gulf states and the Caribbean. May our luck continue! Enjoy your time out on the water.

Safe Boating!

The season is slowing and coloring with autumn light. Fall's soft hues playing on the river surface make for a soothing tranquilizing experience. I have always referred to periods afloat as a very personal prozac on the water. This is a perfect time. Hope you are availing yourselves of this special season.

Our October Dining out experience will be held in conjunction with Rob Dare's Smoke on the Water festivities, at Washington's On the Waterfront at 6:30 pm, Friday 20, October. That whole weekend should prove to be a really great time. BBQ, judging and tasting, Chili, Arts and Crafts, a fund raising benefit breakfast. Lets hold our breath for good weather .

Ray McKeithan of PotashCorp will be our featured speaker in November . Reputedly quite the raconteur , Ray promises an entertaining and informative evening. Sure hope to see you on the evening of the 9th

Just a reminder that our Christmas Party is scheduled for December 9th. Hope you will mark your calendar.

United States Power Squadrons Digital Media Library

Our third video from the USPS Digital Media Library relates to how to bring your boat to a full, safe stop within twelve inches of a mooring or at an appropriate shoreline. Also learn what problems to avoid.

Click on the link below to see the video:

http://uspsdml.org/mooring-shoreline-landing

Watch for additional short, informative videos developed to provide a focus on boating safety

YOUR BOATING DOLLARS AT WORK

Produced under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Communication Chair — Lt/C Chris Young, S

So, what do you think of the new **PSPS Website**. Hope you've had a chance to look through it and appreciate the work Steve Neckyfarow and the web team has put into the site.

Website Navigational Tip....if you want to review the calendar differently than month by month, you can click on week or day, or you can click on "List" and see a short look at all dates that have an event or meeting scheduled.

After this initial set-up, the maintenance on the site will be much easier and access for changes is simply through the website. As we indicated on the release Scuttlebutt, we are looking for someone to join our web team in addition to myself to update the typical changes of text, new events, photos, etc. to the website. The skill needed is someone with basic knowledge of Microsoft Word....nothing more. This is a perfect volunteer opportunity that allows you to support your Squadron but at your convenience. If you are interested, please contact me at 252-946-7853 or email cyoung@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org

Facebook - A feature we are considering next year is a PSPS Facebook presence. Have you viewed the USPS Facebook page? You can get to it through Facebook or click on the icon on the PSPS Home Page, right hand column at the bottom just under the Login Form. Please let us know if you see this as a positive addition to our communications options.

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Educational Officer — Lcdr Linda Erickson P

Fall has arrived and with it comes the migration south for many of our members. Your education folks are here to help make that trip south as safe as possible with an assortment of classes and seminars.

We are more than half way into our nine-week Cruising & Cruise Planning course and have completed chapters covering everything from Anchoring to Meals & Provisioning. We are having lots of fun and sharing of experiences. Don Petersen (team leader and instructor) has put together a program with lots of informative and professional instructors! It's a great group and if you couldn't take it this year, include it in your 2018 education plans as I hope to offer it again next year. Kudos to Don!

Last weekend we held the VHF & Marine Radio seminar and were pleased to have several non-members in the group who are interested in membership. Steve Neckyfarow did a great job facilitating this offering!

On October 24 we are holding the Partners in Command Seminar at the Cypress Landing Yacht Club. This seminar is very popular among couples so if you haven't yet registered, please give me a call.

A New USPS Ensign Book Reviewer

7 Steps to Successful Boat Docking
By Captain Ronald Redmond & Katherine Giampietro Redmond

Voyaging with Kids: A guide to Family Life Afloat
By Behan Gifford, Sara Dawn Johnson and Michael Robertson

Fiberglass Boat Restoration
By Wayne Canning

We have been very fortunate to have Biff Matthews support a boating column monthly for the Washington Daily News the last several years. I know many of you have read his articles and look for his next topic of interest….all are well worth the read. We have added his Boating Tips to our new PSPS Website under news & information.

But, did you know that his writing has stimulated another volunteer task for Biff? He has been recruited by National to read and write book reviews for the Ship's Library section of the Ensign.

He reviewed two books in the Summer (pg 31) and Fall (pg 15) editions that he highly recommends. Review his comments in the Ensign at:
http://www.theensign.org/imags/summer2017

Be sure to watch the Ship's Library section in upcoming Ensign editions. Thank you Biff for your efforts on behalf of PSPS and USPS!

TreasurerLt/C Carl Erickson, P

You may be aware that USPS has an Educational Fund to which squadrons and individual members are encouraged to donate annually. The purpose of the USPS Educational Fund is to promote the development and the furtherance of educational programs and techniques. PSPS has again made an annual donation to this fund for 2017. The donation is based upon our current membership count each September times $1, which is an amount suggested by USPS. This year the amount sent to USPS for the Educational Fund was $131 on your and the squadron's behalf.

The annual dues invoice you receive has a space for donation to the Educational Fund should you choose to donate additional dollars when paying your dues.

Squadron's Dinning Out At Ribeyes Steakhouse On August 10

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Man rescued from buoy after Canadian tanker hits his stalled boat…..

Captain Ed Galston has shared an article from Professional Mariner, a maritime industry journal that could have important impact to our recreational boaters and cruisers. Ed will be teaching the Mastering Rules of the Road Seminar on November 18, 2017.

The U.S. Coast Guard rescued a man from Lake St. Clair north of Detroit, Michigan after a loaded tanker ran into his stranded powerboat in the shipping channel. The Canadian-flagged *Esta Degagnes* hit the 17-foot powerboat about 1115 on June 4th, roughly two miles east of Grosse Pointe Farms. The recreational boat sank shortly after the impact and its lone occupant clung to a fixed aid to navigation awaiting rescue. He was not injured.

Click on the link below to read the entire article published September 2017:

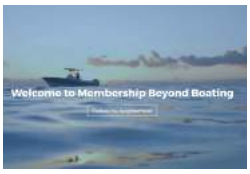
http://www.professionalmariner.com/September-2017/Man-rescued-from-buoy-after-Canadian-tanker-hits-stalled-boat/

Captain Ed reminds recreational boaters to stay out of commercial shipping channels. I was part of a study done on a simulator using experienced ship captains. Over 63% of those captains would aim for impact in the channel instead of leaving the channel and going aground to avoid a collision.

Be aware, be safe.
Captain Ed Galston

Membership Beyond Boating

Have you explored the new USPS Website recently released by USPS? The new site, Membership Beyond Boating, reflects the brand promise to bring education, community service and a Squadron/National membership that has been built by boaters, for boaters. It is a new site with great graphics, videos and easy to access information.



Click on this link to explore: https://beyondboating.org

You can also get to this public site any time through the USPS site. They've identified it as "access to public site".

Cruising Adventures On The Chesapeake Bay

With Scott & Inza Mackenzie

WEATHER, WHETHER OR NOT

From Broad Creek, off the Magothy River, MD:

You thought Washington had the only Broad Creek? The Chesapeake has lots of them. The remnants of hurricane Harvey was forecast to pass through this area, so we decided to buy ice, pump out, leave Rock Hall, cross to the west side of the Bay and go up the Magothy River for shelter. We chose their Broad Creek as we had been in there before and found it well sheltered for all directions, while providing plenty of swing room, (remember the riprap at Solomons?). The creek has a wide entrance, and is shaped like a right hand thumb. High land surrounds the upper end of the creek. The only concern coming in is when you make the turn to starboard at a point with a beach on it. Looking up the creek you see the beach on the right, a small island on the left and a line of orange and white buoys up the middle of the creek. They say "Danger-Shoal" on each one, but give no indication as to which side of the creek is shallow! Too late to locate and study your trusty chart? The locals don't mind, as they know where the water is, and the ambiguity probably keeps out too many visitors. Buy me a beer, and I'll share the local knowledge.

We stayed there five days over the Labor Day weekend – two waiting for the weather, too staying inside and one more deciding where to go next. This gave me a chance to recall what I had learned this year on our trip:

A. I had been raised to believe that a key element of seamanship was to always come to a fuel dock with all necessary dock lines out, one end of each securely tied to the boat. As you reach the dock, hand or throw the lines to the dockhand. Not so, dummy! It never dawned on me why fuel docks provide lines to pass to you to tie to your cleats that are now full of your lines. How easy is it to hire summer help who actually know, (or are willing to learn) how to tie a line to a piling or cleat? Answer? Not. The ones they get will take one line and simply hold it until you can get off the boat, then give it back to you to tie on. I learned it is quicker to leave your cleats clear, take their lines and tie them on to your boat. The dockhand still, however, expects a tip for this valuable service.

B. Don't anchor too close to Riprap.

We are now in our storm-dodging mode, heading south past the north bound storms, and hope to find the Dismal Swamp Canal open by the time we reach Portsmouth.

Cruising Adventures On The Chesapeake Bay

WATCHA GONNA DO WHEN IT DON'T HAPPEN

From St. John Creek, Solomons:

Sunday, Sept. 18: When we left you we said we'd let you know how we made out with the pending hurricanes that were approaching. Well, Inza now knows how a die-hard hockey fan feels when he gets a front row ticket for the big game and no fights break out.

We have created several alternate cruise plans so as to be able to deal with aggressive weather and "nuttin happened" so far. We skipped the Shaw Bay concert and a crab cake dinner at the Robert Morris Inn at Oxford, so we could arrive at Solomons several days early in case Jose swung closer to the coast. We are tucked into an elbow of the creek sheltered from the east around to the northwest, (yeah, the one with the rip-rap).

Presently, the forecast is a 10-20% chance of tropical storm force winds Monday night or Tuesday. Shopping and laundry were done at St. Michaels and tanks were filled and emptied as necessary. We had a windless day to move down the Bay on Saturday. I'm now up to doing the difficult Sudoku puzzles, and Inza is knitting. We feel better anchored out when it's windy, so plan to move to a marina after Jose passes, (crab cakes, anyone?)

Word is that the Dismal Swamp Canal should be open about September 30, so we plan to come home by that route.

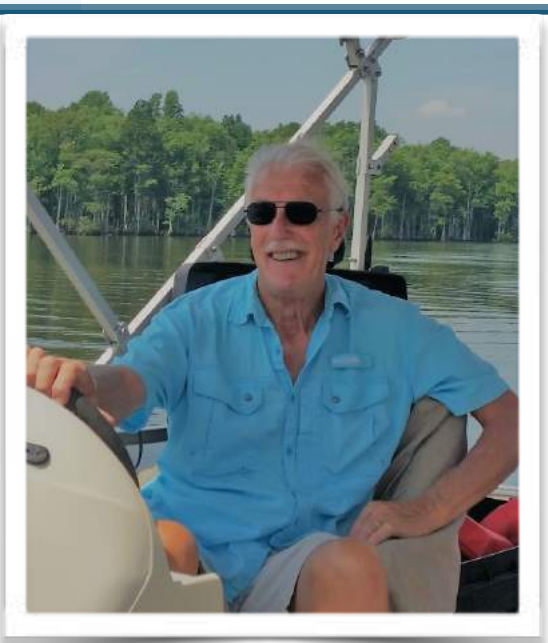
Monday, Sept. 19: NOAA has posted a Small Craft Advisory for the Bay at Cove Point starting at noon today, predicting 20 knot winds and 3-4' waves. We are anchored about 4 miles downwind from the Calvert Cliffs, so probably can eat lunch in the cockpit today. We saw that the forecast for the Pamlico River today is West winds. We expect to see low water when we check the WITN Washington cam.

Friends who have a sister ship to ours advised us that they planned to come down the Bay from the Choptank River today. While they will be going mostly down wind, they'll probably have sore shoulders from steering in the following seas for about 4-5 hours. I'll have to get out my recipe for Pain Killers when they arrive.

At about 1600 the friends arrived. They elected to anchor with members of their cruising club in a nearby creek, and stopped by for a pre-dinner social hour. They have no plans to move tomorrow. Neither do we.

Tuesday, Sept. 20: Jose is slowly grinding its way past us

River Rover Opportunities



River Rover Captain Bill Ramsden

Other PSPS Captains are ED Galston and Bill Sholl

Fellow PSPS Members,

Do you like to be out on the water? Do you like nature with some history sprinkled in? Are you between boats, boat too big to get under a bridge or maybe you would just like to relax and let someone else take the wheel?

A number of our Squadron members have been River Rover Captains over the years and truly enjoy sharing our local history with visitors and friends. You're may see Blue Herons, Bald Eagles, Ospreys and for sure the Yellow Belly Slider Turtles.

The boat cruises can be scheduled by calling the NC at 948-0000. Their schedule includes Wed. thru Fri. at 10:30 and 1:30 and Saturday at 10:30 only. Or get a group together, 10 maximum and contact Bill Ramsden at 252-946-6307 who can take your group out on a Monday or Tuesday with 10 days advance notice.

Let us show you why we enjoy volunteering and sharing these tranquil waters.

Bill Ramsden, AP

2018 Volunteers

If this isn't the year to volunteer as a Bridge Officer, consider serving as a Chairperson in various areas. We rely upon the commitment of volunteers to become course instructors, civic projects, cruise captains, event planners, members of the communication team, public relations, ship store, vessel safety inspectors and co-op charting participants just to name a few.

Being asked to serve is a testament to the respect members have for you. Volunteering simply feels good and continues to be the heart of our Squadron.

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USPS 2018 Annual Meeting
Orlando, Florida
18 Feb-25 Feb, 2018

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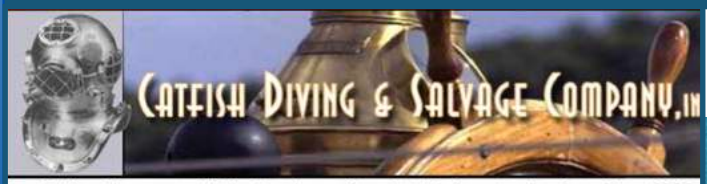

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Calendar

For more information, go here:

October
20-22 Smoke on the Water CruiseWeekend
20 Dinner Out @ Smoke on the Water
24 Partners in Command Seminar

November
9 General Membership Meeting & Toys for Tots
18 Rules of the Road Seminar

December
9 Christmas Party

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