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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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The July Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron Dining In featured one of Belhaven's finest; a working vessel historian, Dave Rieves, and his impressive collection of self constructed, model boats of the region. Dave regaled the membership with the depth and breadth of his expertise concerning local oystering borne of the greedy over fishing in the late nineteenth century in and around the Chesapeake Bay. Dave brought along his paintings of the numerous types of craft that plied the waters of the mighty Pamlico to further enhance his presentation.

How interesting it was to learn of a huge aquaculture industry that rose up on the Pamlico to feed a growing nation after oyster supplies began to flounder in the Mid-Atlantic. During the latter portion of the 1800s the expansive industry in Maryland and Virginia faltered due in large part to the ineptitudes and failing husbandry that literally destroyed oystering in the Carolinas. Lack of discipline, reasonable control and freewheeling greed severely depleted what many thought to be a limitless, ever developing, never depleting supply of bivalves. Viewing the different flat bottomed vessels designed to facilitate harvesting and management of the oyster crop gave us all a thorough understanding of the tools of that short lived water oriented trade.

It is very odd to consider the fact that oystering was a massive industry involving large numbers of regional fishermen for some years in this area. Considering the size of the industry and the vast sums made, it is astounding that regional oystering is virtually non existent in the Carolinas at this time. Undoubtedly, the river has been cleaned up and the unrestrained pollutants that besmirched the waters during a developing industrial era is no longer an issue. Oysters have never recovered their vaunted position.

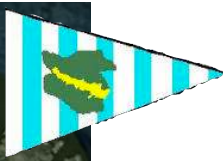
Dave's presentation gave us all a thorough appreciation for the historical ghost trade that was vibrant and extremely profitable.

Oystering as an industry has lain dormant for over a century and few Carolinians are witting to its significant past.



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We just learned that National has approved the use of the name "America's Boating Club™" as part of the marketing and branding of United States Power Squadrons®. This is in addition to all other standard branding for USPS and PSPS.



PSPS will shortly begin using the tag line:
United States Power Squadrons® is America's Boating Club™.

The above logo will also be used once they have the art work delivered for marketing.
It's good to see the updated, fun look!

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BOATING VIDEO



We have an aerial video showing just how much fun our Squadron has on the water!

This combined PSPS & CLYC event was videoed by a drone manned by Jeff Gould of Cypress Landing. It was a great time and you can click here to view the video:

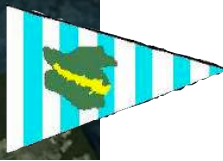
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALZI_2GTLDY&feature=youtu.be

Enjoy your summer! It's warm and humid out there folks, so be cautious and take care of yourself.



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On June 28, Joe Sevick and I spent the day with 18 campers at Beaufort County's Police Athletic League STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering &

Math) Camp held at Washington-Warren Field Airport. The children, who ranged in age from 10-14, got to watch a DVD on boating safety, presented by Bill Nye the Science Guy, and time to practice piloting a Boston Whaler through a slalom course using the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer (BSVT). For many kids, this was their introduction to boating. As you can imagine, the virtual trainer was well received.

Bill Sholl, professional as always, facilitated the USPS Hurricane Preparation for Boaters seminar on July 15, at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Washington. We had 13 registered and the seminar was full of timely information. Thanks Bill!

Cruising and Cruise Planning begins Wednesday, August 23, and will be taught by a wonderful team of some of the Power Squadron's most

seasoned boaters, led by none other than Don Peterson. This class will be 9 weeks long, culminating with an examination in October. This course covers just about everything you need to know about cruising and is not to be missed! The class will be held at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Washington.

In September, we will partner with Park Boats in Washington to bring local boaters the USPS seminar Using VHF and Marine Radio. The seminar will be held on Saturday, September 23, at 10:00 am and will be taught by Steve Neckyfarow. As many of you know, Steve is one of our lead instructors for several other courses, including our Piloting course, as well as our web master who has made it possible to pay for our dinners and classes on-line. Kudos to Steve!

And speaking of Park Boats...their management has asked us to partner with them again in the spring to provide Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) to their customers. Of course, we are thrilled to do that as well as use the opportunity to bring a USPS Trailer Seminar the same day. Sounds like a win all around!

Still working on Advanced Piloting and Partners in Command for the fall. Stay tuned.

Safe cruising!



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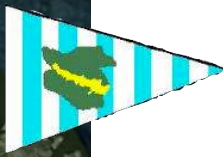
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Thanks to Jim Hackney, once again our Squadron was able to offer popular software at deep discount prices to our members for their personal use. The 2017 project is now complete and we obtained nearly \$8,000 (\$5,271 at Amazon's low prices) worth of software purchases for our members at a total cost of only \$678. This alone is certainly a huge benefit of being a PSPS Member. In addition to the savings for our members, the Squadron made \$217 on the project due to Jim's diligence in effectively managing the ordering process.

This is Jim's 14th year handling this software project for PSPS. He invests 30 plus hours in researching available software for the offering, ordering and burning & distributing the software. Thank you Jim for your work in bringing this benefit to our Squadron.



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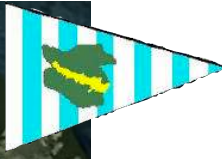
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Summer with its furious heat and light and sound performances is in full bloom. The shimmering waters of the Pamlico beckon to all that suffer the 'Boating Affliction.' There is no better time to succumb to the siren that quietly calls. The day to day routines stand in our way. It's so easy to dismiss the river song and bury it beneath the mundane things that push us through each day. How wonderful are those far too few times when care and responsibilities are thrown out the window and we follow our hearts to waters edge and it's tranquilizing surge. Hope you listen to the rivers song and remember how short life really is.

PSPS will celebrate August with a dining out at newly opened [Ribeye's on the Washington waterfront](#). Hope you plan to join us on the 10th at 5 pm. We eat early to insure attention and unencumbered wait staffers that can give us undivided attention.

Everyone is looking at the Pamlico with renewed interest after Dave Rieves presentation at the July Dining In. The idea that salty oysters were plucked from those shallows in such vast quantities is really hard to envision. The character and diversity of our river country is so much more complex than we could imagine!

We have a very special cruise coming up in early September. Ocracoke is always a great place to visit. How popular? Well, it goes without saying that The Ocracoke Music Festival is the high point in early summer for boaters and land lubbers alike! Our PSPS cruise on September 1-5 should prove to be an equally grand affair with cooler evenings, the lovely autumn light and the natural splendor of the Outer Banks. Some will enjoy the shopping, others will enjoy the island cuisine and all will surely find the charm that the island exudes worth the trip. [Start your planning now!](#)

There are slips on hold for PSPS members for The Smoke On The Water festival October, 20-22. Look for details coming shortly. How neat to be in the very center of the action during that fun weekend!

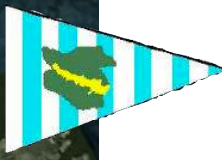
The upcoming Dining In for September will feature "The Tall Ships." We are fortunate to have Don Starks, a life member of USPS and Liaison to The Tall Ships of America provide the evenings program. Thanks go to Linda and Carl Erickson for their efforts to procure Don and his very interesting presentation.

Our membership continues to grow happily, but there are some seasoned enthusiasts that are beginning to think of marketing their vessels and taking a less water borne part in our programs. The really cool part of that action is the understanding that even without their much loved vessels, these folks remain passionate participants in the squadrons activities and feel a part of the organization. That is a clear and irrefutable sign that we are accomplishing our mandate. Keep boating or hanging with those that do. What better way to celebrate this river life!



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As many of you know, Commander Joe Sevick's Uncle George is very ill. George was diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer last month and is being lovingly cared for by Joe at home. George is a man of faith and his spirits are very good. He is always happy to see his family come to visit. Joe's sons, brother, sister, cousins and nieces and nephews are regular visitors to the house to spend time with Uncle George. George also has regular visits with a Hospice nurse and is being kept comfortable.

Joe will be by Uncle George's side as long as he is needed, just as Uncle George has always been by Joe's side when he was needed. If you see Joe and his big 'Chessie' walking around Cypress Landing or at the marina, please do stop and say hi.

[Close Encounters with Recreational Boats](#)

Captain Ed Galston has shared an article from Professional Mariner, a maritime industry journal that is important to our recreational boaters and cruisers.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has released a report regarding dangerous incidents between recreational and commercial vessels on the U. S. waterways. The report includes recommendations that a concerted effort to review and update guides for multiple use waterway management be made. According to the Coast Guard, just between 2014 and 2016, there were 93 casualties investigated. Of the 93 incidents, 57 of those occurred in harbors and rivers. It's very important that recreational boaters know that any approaching commercial vessel knows and will always follow the Rules of the Road on the waterway.

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

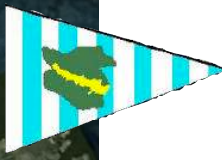
<http://www.professionalmariner.com/June-July-2017/NTSB-assesses-industrys-close-encounters-with-recreational-boats/>

Be aware, be safe.
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Our second video from the USPS Digital Media Library relates to Anchoring a Boat. In a little over 6 minutes, learn how to select the best anchor, chair and rode for your boat and the waters where you will be anchoring. Also learn what problems to avoid.

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

Click on the link below to see the video:

<http://uspsdml.org/anchoring-a-boat>

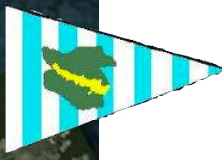


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UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS® 20th Annual Youth Poster Contest

USPS has announced the details of this year's Poster Contest. In the past we have had member's children and grandchildren participate in the program. It's a great opportunity to mix boating fun along with discussions with children on the importance of boating safety and education. If you are interested, contact Sharon Alligood at 946-5720 or email her at psps@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org for contest guidelines and specific materials that need to be used.

The Youth Poster Contest is open to all children, ages 6-14. The contest is designed as a teaching aid to create an appreciation and respect for recreational boating by promoting safe boating as fun boating.

First, second and third place winners are selected in each of three age categories:

1) Ages 6 – 8

2) Ages 9 – 11

3) Ages 12 – 14

The 2017 Contest Theme is:

“All Boaters are Welcome to the Neighborhood!”

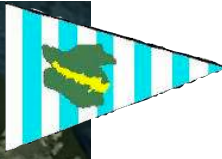
Artwork should capture the spirit that all types of boats and boaters are welcome, and that USPS welcomes every new boater by sharing our skills and safe boating knowledge.

Deadline for poster submissions:

Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron will collect all posters by **November 15th**. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place posters in each age category will be selected and taken to the District 27 January meeting.

All winning 2017 District Posters must be delivered to the National Meeting by 23 February 2018 in time for judging during the Annual Expo in Orlando, FL. National Awards available: 1st place \$150; 2nd place \$100; 3rd place \$75 in each age category.

Sharon has organized and chaired this program for the last three years introducing this program to many boys & girls in Beaufort County. She's worked with the Northeast Elementary School giving children the opportunity to participate. Chat with her about it and join her or co-chair with her for 2017. It is a rewarding process and fun to speak with the children on boating safety



COULDA, WOULD, SHOULDN'T, DIDN'T

By
Scott and Inza Mckenzie

Have you ever seen the perfect picture to take, but passed up the opportunity? Been there, done that, with no regrets. Inza and I had tied up Salty Spouse, our 36' Morris Justine at Alligator Marina, (under new management, as Ms. Wanda has retired) on our way north for the summer in Chesapeake Bay. NOAA radio had just finished broadcasting a severe thunderstorm alert for the Alligator River and eastern Albemarle Sound. The forecast included high winds, heavy rain and large hail. I went out to our cockpit to look around. Looking to the east I saw a fantastic weather photo opportunity which the local TV station would love. There was a very bright, low rainbow with bright sunshine below it and black clouds showing a slightly less bright second rainbow above.

The water surface in the entrance to the marina was slightly rippled, and about 30' beyond the jetty the river surface was strewn with whitecaps on about 2'-3' waves. The contrast was amazing. Problem? Dead center in the picture would be a lightly built 22 year old 36' sailboat motoring out into the storm.

We had met the folks on that boat the day before at Belhaven Marina, and learned they had just bought the boat and had only been on board one day since taking possession of her. There were husband, wife, a 15 year old son, an older man and a small Beagle. The new owners were intent upon making the approximately 200 mile run from Oriental, NC to Deltaville, VA in four days to deliver the boat to their yacht club there. A perfect opportunity to meet the unexpected surprise on an unfamiliar boat in unacceptable weather on the Albemarle Sound.

We have often seen or heard of new owners of old boats surprised by sludge in the fuel tank which accumulated while the boat was laid up for sale. Had the seller polished the fuel, included fresh filters and told the buyer where they were? Did he include a brand new raw water impeller in the pump, or consider the old dried out one would be good enough for a while? If the engine quit that would not be the time to start learning the ins and outs of sailing their new boat in a storm.

I was afraid I might jinx them by memorializing their setting out on their last voyage, so I left the camera in its case. Inza and I did not hear any distress calls that evening, and we hope they made their destination with nothing more than wet heads and an interesting cocktail hour story.

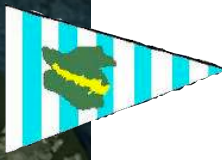
We left the next morning, crossed the Albemarle Sound and made Coinjock before happy hour as planned. However, In the interest of full disclosure, we must report that we experienced a noticeable mild engine temperature increase in the ICW which we controlled by reducing speed, and made Great Bridge OK. On Thursday, at Portsmouth I did an engine check after 150 miles and found I had to replace the raw water impeller AND the primary fuel filter insert due to some sludge in the bowl.

Reef Early, Inza & Scott



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District 27 Rendezvous Wilmington, NC

August 25 & 26, 2017



Our District 27 has planned the summer Rendezvous in Wilmington, NC this year. A great location for a weekend and enjoy meeting boaters from other squadrons. This is just a fun event, no planned meetings and includes a Caribbean theme cruise on a 60' pontoon boat.

Come by car or plan a cruise by boat to the Hilton Wilmington Riverside Hotel. Click on the following for more details on BOAT SLIPS and the Rendezvous.

[Boat Slips and Registration Information](#)

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Wilmington Riverside. For HOTEL reservations and details, click on the following link.

[Hotel Restervation Information](#)

The District Web Site. <http://www.uspsd27.org/calendar.htm> has more details and the ability to pay for your rendezvous reservations via PayPal. You can also check back to the District Web Site for



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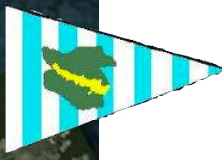
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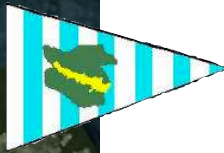
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Calendar

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

August

- 10 Dinner Out
- 23 Cruise Planning Course
- 25-26 District 27 Rendezvous, Wilmington

September

- 1-5 Cruise to Ocracoke
- 10-17 USPS Governing Board Meeting
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