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### WHO REALLY WAS CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

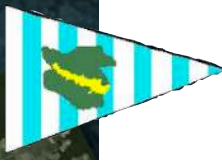


Longtime member of the Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron, Scott MacKenzie provided an interesting look into the inscrutable story of historical figure Christopher Columbus at the May Dining In at Washington Yacht and Country Club.



In his own inimitable style, Scott related his decades of historical inquiry into the true identity of this fabled seafarer to a packed and appreciative house of Squadron diners. He brought to the forefront all the half truths and fiction wrapped around the storied adventurer, Columbus. Through Scott's historical prospective and research, we came quickly to the conclusion that the fabled captain of the expedition purportedly featuring the sailing vessels, Pinta, Nina and Santa Maria is a man of myth and misinformation. Columbus, under the microscope of Scott's close scrutiny, lost the sheen of authenticity. Historical facts simply don't hold up and he fails to stand without challenge as a historically genuine hero. Scott methodically outlined the many illogical facts that cast doubt on Columbus's lineage as an Italian, questions relating to familial support and substantial arguments relating to the actual expedition in the long held historical legend. Fables of a fearless, swashbuckling adventurer that sold his idea to monarchs and with their financing, pursued his dream of finding the elusive trade route to the east are perhaps just that. Fables.





## Commander's Corner

Cdr Joe Sevick, P



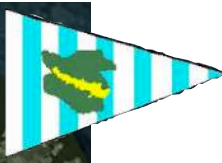
It seems like yesterday when we were battenning down the hatches and stowing our gear away for the season. Now, summer is upon us. With the season comes the enjoyment of family and friends on our waterways. While I look forward to my boating adventures, I always try to remain diligent in observing all safety checklists, rules and regulations. Therefore, I am devoting my message this month to boating safety and, specifically, drowning. I have unfortunately seen too many boating or personal water incidents involving family and friends that have resulted in injury and in one case, loss of life.

A Vessel Safety Checklist that can be found at [www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org](http://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org), under the Vessel Safety tab, is a courtesy examination of your boat (Vessel) to verify the presence and condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and Federal regulations. The Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron Vessel Examiner is a trained specialist and a member of the United States Power Squadrons®. They will make certain recommendations and discuss safety issues that will make you a safer boater. Some of the checklist items include:

- Required Boating and Safety Equipment
- Display of required numbers
- Registration and Documentation
- Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's)
- Visual Distress Signals (VDS or flares)
- Fire Extinguishers
- Ventilation
- Backfire Flame Control
- Sound Producing Devices
- Navigation Lights
- Pollution Placard (vessels of 26+ feet)
- Marpol Trash Placard (vessels of 26+ feet)
- Marine Sanitation Device (head)
- State Regulations
- Navigation Rules
- Overall Vessel Condition (Deck free of Hazards, Electrical/Fuel Systems, Galley/Heating Systems)



This is not a "boarding" or a law enforcement issue. No citations are given as a result of this encounter, simply suggestions to improve your safe boating experience.



**Executive Officer**

**Bill Templeton, A.P.**



## USPS COOPERATIVE CHARTING

The new Cooperative Nautical Reporting System is now up and running. The process involved to submit a Cooperative Charting Nautical Report is as follows:

Gather all the data related to your observation and organize as supporting documents on your computer. Examples include:

- A nautical chart that contains the features that you are reporting on (NOAA chart number, edition number and chart date)
- Photographs if appropriate
- Descriptions of hazard(s) or discrepancies
- Comments

Label the above and save as files on your hard drive.

Login to the member sign-on at the USPS.ORG website.

Go to the site index tab and choose Cooperative Charting.

Select Nautical Reporting from the column on the left.

Follow the United States Power Squadrons Nautical Discrepancy Report forms input prompts where you will add information and upload your supporting documents.

Print a copy of the report for your records and submit the info to NOAA.

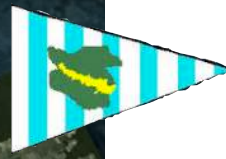
While the process is new, it is said to be easy. Watch this space as our squadron becomes familiar with this new procedure. John Holloway, our Coop Charting Chairman, and I will work hard to learn the new system and provide guidance to those who may wish to participate in Coop Charting. Feedback to NOAA on these important matters is key and it involves safety to boaters.....right at the heart of who we are as an organization.





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## Communication Chair

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You may have heard....USPS has launched a Digital Media Library developed to provide a repository for videos focused on boating safety and safe boating education. We will be using these videos in our newsletter publications to share additional messages and reminder tips for boating safety.

Our first video is on Vessel Inspections and lasts approximately 5 minutes. Learn how a VSC will improve your understanding of safety equipment and federal/state regulations.

Click on the link below to see the video:

<http://uspsdml.org/vessel-safety-checks>

If you or your friends have not yet scheduled a courtesy VSC, at no charge, with a qualified United States Power Squadrons Vessel Safety Examiner, do it now by emailing [vesselsafety@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org](mailto:vesselsafety@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org)

More information on the importance of VSC Inspection is available on the PSPS Web Site: <http://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/ves.html>



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**Kay Graham, S**



The sweltering summer is upon us. Windows muddied with humidity and tee shirts stuck to ones back are certainly indications that North Carolina's reputation for summer heat and high relative humidity is being upheld. Absolutely perfect time to launch the boat! Cool breezes and the hypnotically soothing movement of the languid Pamlico is just the ticket.

Everyone is looking forward to Maritime historian, Dave Rieves scheduled appearance at the July 13 Dining In at the Washington Country Club. Dave, from the Belhaven area, is a reputed expert in the oyster industry that fairly flourished locally in years past, as well as being incredibly knowledgeable of the working vessels that plied the waters of eastern Carolina. Dave will bring his impressive collection of models and a wealth of information to share with the squadron's faithful. Make plans to be there! Attendees ability to pay for meals via Pay Pal is innovative and a time saver. Check your latest Dining In email announcement, crafted by Chris Young, for information.

Beach Music in Washington is the newest waterfront activity available for those shagging enthusiasts among us and folks that just want a stimulating evening out! Local victualer On the Waterfront, 1 Harding Square, is headlining Shag and Line dancing every Thursday evening from 6 to 9. Why not sand the soles, don your weejuns and give it a try?

Rob Dare continues to make our summer season fun filled and simulating with on the water opportunities to enjoy each others company and celebrate the inviting Pamlico and its environs. The Wilmington Rendezvous for District 27 is fast approaching. The weekend of August 25 through 26 should prove to be great fun. Remembering the hugely successful District Rendezvous here on Washington's waterfront last year, It is surely going to be a great time on the water as well as ashore. Wilmington is a lovely venue and fairly teems with historical and contemporary points of interest as well as fine food. A Cruise to Ocracoke is being developed for early September. The siren that is Silver Lake calls to her admirers. Fingers crossed and hoping the hurricane season doesn't dampen that fun weekend.

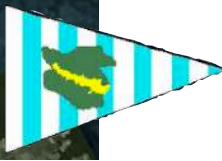
The Dining out held at Chocowinity's Ichiban Bistro in early June proved to be a wonderful time for all. The membership came out with an appetite for Asian cuisine and exuberant squadron fellowship. 39 hungry folks pitched up to share a raucous, flavor filled evening.

At a time when most organizations suffer inattention and low attendance, our Squadron continues to flourish and provide fun filled and interesting opportunities to share the riches that abound 'round the Pamlico. Don't miss out on all the opportunities that are intentionally focused on you and your love of boating, be it power or sail! Check our website calendar and make plans to join the fun. If you aren't there, you really are missing out!!



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## Educational Officer

## Lcdr Linda Erickson P



America's Boating Course was held June 20-21 for 12 employees of the Division of Water Resources at the Department of Environmental Quality. For the

first time, the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer (BSVT) was used to reinforce the concept of docking and trailering during high wind and currents. It was very well received.

The BSVT will also be used at the BCPAL STEM event being held at the airport facility on June 28. Approximately 24 middle-schoolers will get to try their hand at docking a boat for the first time.

Next month we are excited to offer the "Hurricane Preparation for Boaters" seminar on Saturday, July 15. This seminar will be facilitated by our own Bill Sholl at the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church in Washington at 10:00 AM. Call or email to register. This seminar will be \$15. per individual or couple sharing materials.

Starting Wednesday, August 23, Cruise Planning will be offered. We're looking forward to have Don Petersen lead a team to teach this 8-week course. This class will be held at the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church as well, starting at 6:00 PM and ending at approximately 8:00 PM. By the way, students can now pay for classes on line! Thanks to Steve Neckyfarow for making this possible!

Coming on the heels of Cruise Planning this fall will be Advanced Piloting to be held in late October. Dust off your plotter and divider. Details to be announced next month.

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July to all and safe cruising!



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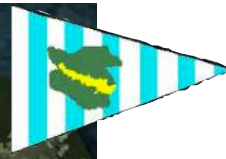
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**Greg Jordan**



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## 2017 Hurricane Season Awareness Webinars

Beginning 1 June we entered into the dreaded hurricane season. As we all know this brings special challenges to us not only with our boats but also our homes and businesses. Being knowledgeable about the many aspects of hurricanes is key to building a successful plan to minimize storm damage to you and your valuables.

In an effort to help us educate ourselves regarding major storms NOAA has completed a webinar series and posted them on <http://www.regions.noaa.gov/secar/index.php/highlights/noaas-2017-hurricane-season-awareness-webinars/>. On that site you may select free webinars with following titles:

**New NOAA Satellite Capabilities and Tropical Cyclone Research  
Storm Surge Warnings and Graphics  
NHC and Local NWS Offices Overview of New Products and Services  
Hurricane Inland Flooding – Risks and Warnings**

Once on the site you should request the individual webinar that you are interested in as the advance registration link to all of the webinars is now closed. I recommend “Storm Surge” and “Inland Flooding” as must see for us.

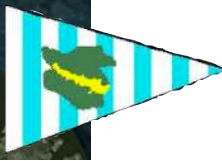
The most important part of preparedness is having a good plan and sticking to it. In many instances your marina may require you to have a written plan on file and some insurance companies also require them. As a guide to preparing a plan for all of your needs I suggest that you visit our very own Beaufort County Disaster and Emergency Preparedness site: <http://co.beaufort.nc.us/departments/human-services/public-health/departments/disaster-and-emergency-preparedness>.

Be Prepared. Be Safe, Don Petersen



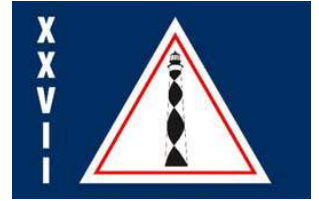
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## District 27 Rendezvous Wilmington, NC

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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## *General Membership Meeting and Dinner Out at Ichiban Bistro*

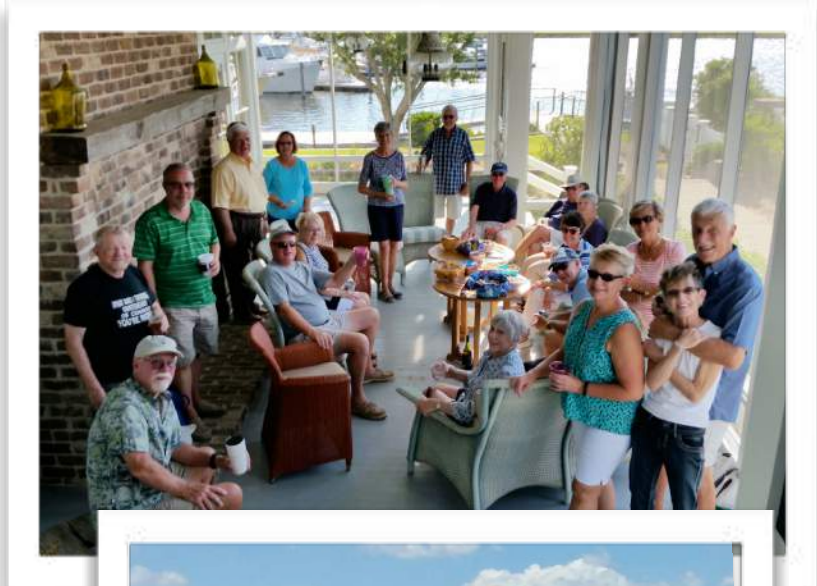




## Squadron Cruise To River Dunes



Thanks to Rob Dare, our Boating Activities Officer, we had a great turnout of boaters, 12 in total, terrific weather and a very calm Neuse for our cruise. Dinner at the on site River Dunes Harbor Club was excellent and the additional cocktail parties, pool, golf cart rides, trips into Oriental was relaxing and fun. The weekend finished off Sunday night with a picnic/grill at the gazebo.





## A June Brunch Raft-Up

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Following so many rainy days, our Squadron joined with the Cypress landing Yacht Club for a Brunch Raft-Up in Chocowinity Bay. We rafted 12 boats and enjoyed a beautiful North Carolina day on the water. The weather was perfect, a light wind to keep us comfortable and lots of terrific brunch food.

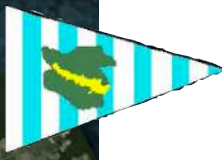


Thanks to Tom & Jean Jung for being our “anchor”. We also had the opportunity to be part of on the water and in the sky drone video recording conducted by Jeff



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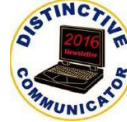
## Ship Mates' Roster

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

William Lloyd  
Bill Faison  
Terri Young

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

Scott Vinson  
Allen Clark  
Justin Davis  
William Hart

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## Calendar

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

### July

13 General Membership Meeting  
Speaker Dave Rieves on Working Boats of North Carolina

15 Hurricane Preparation for Boats Seminar

### August

10 Dinner Out

23 Cruise Planning Course (9 weeks)

25-26 District 27 Rendezvous

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