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April 20th General Membership Dinner Meeting



This month membership dinner meeting, Liz provided an exceptionally interesting guest speaker, Alvin Powell, Founder & President of Inner Banks STEM Center.

Al's career consisted of a Supervisory Special Agent and Special Operations pilot in the FBI. He retired after 30 years as the Chief of a Counterterrorism Unit at FBI HQ working with the CIA, NSA and Military Operations.

After retiring and after years of literally chasing terrorists made him consider that helping youths prior to making poor life decisions with drastic consequences, could have considerable merit.

Al retired to NC and shared with us the humble beginnings of his group known as Police Athletic League (PAL). As the organization grew, partnering with many community organizations they began to apply for and receive numerous grants to support equipment and classroom needs to support their mission. The name changed to Inner Banks STEM Center to better describe the objective of this non-profit which is to create an innovative science enrichment program that will expose at-risk youth under-represented 5th – 9th grade students to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

Their hands-on STEM program can be considered as an introductory workforce development pipeline to expose youth to some of the skill sets that employers, including local employers, will require in the 21st Century. Their STEM programs compliment the NC school science and technology core subjects with an emphasis on project based learning. Program offerings expose students to aviation, drones, boating and renewable energy sources. Many of the students do not receive adequate family support or encouragement. They stress to their students that education, not violence, hate or criminal activity is a way to a better quality of life.

In 2023 IBX STEM will conduct 7 drone mini-camps in 4 counties and 2-3 week science and technology camps at their facility at the Warren Airport.



Visit ibxstem.org to learn more about their mission, programs and program partners.

Commander's Corner

Cdr. Walt Morrissey



The spring sunshine is feeling a bit warmer and more familiar to me,...and much better than the months past. I hope this note finds you all well and excited for the warmer weather that is coming. I am ready.

I was able to attend the recent D27 Change of Watch and Awards Ceremony in New Bern. It was my pleasure to accept multiple awards presented to our squadron on behalf of many members that worked so hard for them. I also accepted the Lifetime Membership award on behalf of Scott Mackenzie at the meeting. Congratulations Scott. Please read the related article on Page 5 for more details about the awards given to our club.

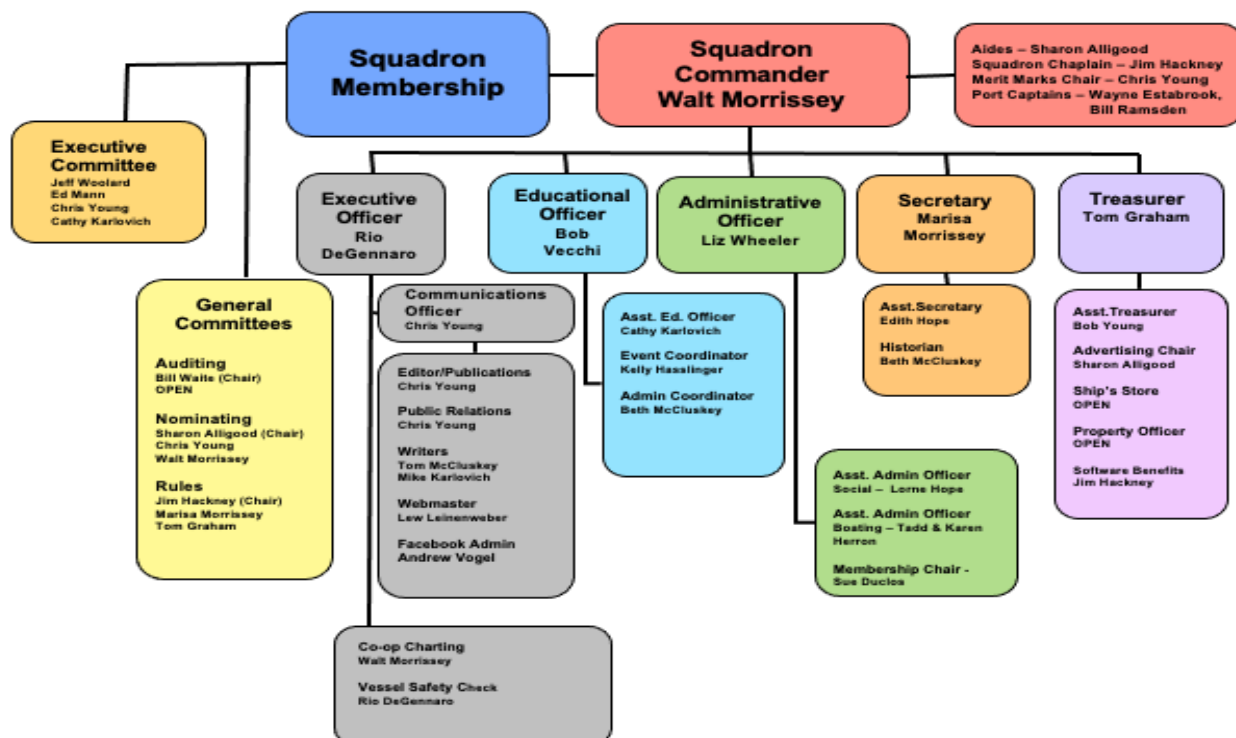
I was disappointed to learn that the April Washington Marine Flea Market was cancelled. We are waiting for any update or rescheduling information so stay tuned for that update. In the meantime, we have generous donations that we need to temporarily store. We are hopeful that some members will be willing to help with storage options. Please email me to coordinate that effort at commander@pspsnc.com.

We have lots of work to do this spring. We are preparing for Vessel Safety Check opportunities, National Safe Boating Week (May 20) and some awesome General Meeting speakers continuing through 2023. Educational Officer, Bob Vecchi, and the team (Cathy, Beth, and Kelly) are digging in and the course offerings are relevant and helpful. Check them out.

Enjoy the beautiful waters that we call home and stay safe and stay in touch.

America's Boating Club of the Pamlico Organizational Chart

February 2023



Executive Officer

Lt/C Rio DeGennaro, P



I hope everyone has had a pleasant Spring so far. I mean, aside from the gale force winds, heavy rain, and a cold snap, it's been great, right? As most, if not all, of you know by now the Marine Market has been postponed until further notice without explanation. Ours is not to reason why! However, the organizer has suggested that a Fall date is not beyond the realm of possibility. On that note, I encourage everyone to continue digging around for boating related donations. Please talk to friends and neighbors that are boaters and let them know about our collection efforts! To make your

Donations, contact me at executiveofficer@pspsnc.com or call 678-313-4583 or Walt Morrissey at commander@pspsnc.com or call 252-833-9060.

Our next event is the kick off of National Safe Boating Week, May 20 - 26. We will be at Wal-Mart's main entrance on Saturday, May 20th, meeting with the public to highlight the importance of safety by wearing lifejackets, lifejacket care and the value of Vessel Safety Inspections. It's also an opportunity to share ABC-Pamlico's focus on public education and safety for our local recreational boaters. Join us to help by working an hour or two shift on Saturday. Further details will be coming out very soon. If you can't work a shift, please stop by to support this civic effort anytime between 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Mayor, Donald Sadler will signed a proclamation declaring May 20th to 26th as Safe Boating Week in Washington further highlighting the importance of safe boating.



Vessel Safety Inspections have begun! Feel free to contact anyone on our VSC Team to arrange an individual inspection. See the list of Inspectors to the right or email Rio at VSC@pspsnc.com to arrange an inspection.

VSC Inspectors

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Bob Vecchi	518-703-4881

My wife, April, and I recently acquired a "new to us" boat. We love the boat as it is but wanted to change its name. We had learned last year that it is very bad luck to change a boat's name without first ceremoniously vanquishing the boat's previous name or names. April's research lead to the discovery of ceremonies with different lengths and styles. All, however, involve calling upon Poseidon with wasteful spilling of wine or champagne. That would be the fun part but only after every reference to the boat's previous names were removed from the vessel to avoid bad luck!

Check it out: Sailor's superstitions!

Changing the name of a boat without ceremony is just one of many superstitions sailors believed for hundreds of years. As there are too many to list, here are a few more examples:

1. No redheads were allowed aboard believing that they were bad luck and had fiery personalities. Hmmm... April is a redhead!
2. No women were allowed on board. *Uh Oh!!!*
3. Bananas are banned. This one is still practiced! Have you ever seen the huge banana spider? They are known to hide in the bunches. Maybe the bananas attract those pesky, marauding bands of Sea Monkeys?
4. Red sky at night, sailor's delight. Red in the morning, sailors heed warning! Come to my weather seminar in July and I'll explain this one!!

There is also the superstition that saying "good-by" is bad luck. Instead, sailors said "break a leg." April and I also thought it bad luck to say "good-by" when we parted or ended a call. Instead, we said "Ti Amo" which is Italian for "I love you," which is also the name of our new boat.

Educational Officer

Lt/C Bob Vecchi, P



When I was approached by the nominating committee to consider taking the Education Officer position over from Cathy, I had mixed emotions. First, I wondered why they would think I was qualified for the position. I've only been a member for two years or so, and I am still getting to know some of the other members' names. Then I looked at what I observed from taking classes with Cathy, and how organized she seemed to be. So I figured with her guidance as my assistant, what could go wrong. Then they asked for a 3-year commitment. So when I told Joni of this she looked at me like I had three heads. Do you have the time, she asked? What about all of the other things that involve your time?

And then I looked around at the people who make up the squadron, and especially at the Bridge members, and how they all seemed to work together to get the job done. So after much thought, and who knows, maybe not enough, I did what any less intelligent person would do. I said YES.

The Education Department had been intending to expand prior to me coming on board. So, with Cathy's expert guidance, we have put together a "core of four" as I've come to call us, consisting of Beth McCluskey as Admin Coordinator, Kelly Hasslinger as Course Coordinator, and Cathy as my all-important Assistant SEO. Without her we would all be treading water, for sure.

It took a few meetings with the team for me to get with the program and understand all that Cathy was explaining to me. Along with all her expertise came a truckload of "stuff". A laptop computer, all kinds of literature, records, forms, manuals, brochures, cds, and a bunch of these big funny things you look through to admire the stars. Oh, they are sextants. I thought they went out with sailing ships. So now I will be rearranging to make space for it all. But enough of that, let's get down to the business of education.



*Left to right,
Kelly, Beth, Cathy and Bob.*

The "core of four" are already getting quite organized and we all seem to understand our jobs more than we did at first. Our seminar, Rules of the Road, was held April 13th with 26+ attending. Special thanks to Capt. Ed Galston for his presentation including his many career experiences. [More Photos!](#)



We have released the requested [Cruising & Cruise Planning Course](#), an eight week course starting May 16th. Also the public [America's Boating Course](#) for May 19-20. We are in the planning stages of a number of other seminars as well as elective and advanced courses. Watch for those updates.

Don't be surprised if you hear from me looking for instructors. I am sure that many of you may have done your share of instructing in the past, so I will give you some slack. But I also see that in recent years most of the instructing has been by a select few people who have always come to the plate. As I said, I already have what is shaping up to be a great team, and we can make this Education Department as successful as we want but like any organization, we won't be able to do it alone.

Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends SM

Awards Presented to our Squadron during the District 27 Change of Watch, March 18th

D27 Membership Growth Award 3rd Place – Tier 1

ABC-Pamlico welcomed 18 new members in calendar year 2022. Thanks to Cathy & Mike Karlovich and Tom Graham for their efforts in providing education programs that encourage new members. As well as all members who introduce friends to our Squadron and what we offer, resulting in membership.

Educational Achievement Recognition

This award highlights the course completion of members who participate in skill building taking many elective and advanced courses as a percentage of our total squadron membership. This was achieved through Cathy Karlovich's careful planning of courses meeting many of our members desire to develop those advanced boating skills. Thank you Cathy!

Website Recognition Distinctive Communication Award

We've been fortunate to receive this recognition over the years. Thanks to the efforts of our Webmaster, Lew Linenweber and Chris Young.

Publication Recognition Distinctive Communication Award

The *Sound of the Pamlico* is produced every other month and is a combined effort highlighting achievements and our upcoming events. Thanks to our various Bridge Officer's interesting articles and Editor, Chris Young.

Lifetime Membership Certificate of Recognition

Scott Mackenzie, AP joined USPS in May of 1990 and through years served as an instructor in education and many other volunteer efforts. He has earned 25 Merit Marks and now achieved Lifetime Membership status. Thank you and congratulations Scott!

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Liz Wheeler



Our first general meeting dinner of 2023 was held on April 20. Attendees included: 32 members; 1 new member, Susan Stockman; our speaker Alvin Powell of IBX STEM Center; and 2 guests Debbie and Eric Mitchell. Because of the interest generated by Al Powell's talk we will be following up with him on scheduling a date for our group to tour the IBX STEM Center at the Washington, NC airport. Stay tuned for details on that date and time.

Our next meeting will be on June 15. Our guest speaker for this event is Shane Mason, Historic Interpreter from the Tryon Palace in New Bern. Also, mark your calendars for August 17 when we will welcome Keith Rittmaster, Director of the Bonehenge Whale Center in Beaufort as our speaker. We'll have a "whale of a time" at that meeting. Several members have shared some very interesting ideas for future speakers. Continue to email me at administrativeofficer@pspsnc.com with your suggestions for speakers. See some meeting photos on Page 10 or [click here](#) for all.

Assistant Administrative Officer - Social

Lorne Hope, AP



Hello friends, our first social outing was at Larsons On The Creek in New Bern for lunch. We gathered with 25 members and enjoyed a very good lunch. The weather was a little cool, so lunch was served inside. But that didn't stop some members going into town for ice cream! [More photos here!](#)

If anyone has ideas for a new location, let me know, I'm happy to check it out.



Assistant Administrative Officers - Boating Tadd & Karen Herron, P



Karen and I have The Wild Herron in Washington from now through early July 4th weekend. We encourage boaters to join us for a weekend or an overnight. The dock is such a fun atmosphere, just stop by!

The boating cruise plans for 2023 continues to evolve and destinations added. Let us hear what destination you would like to see in the schedule and do you want to participate in planning any of the cruises. Email us at boatingactivities@pspsnc.com.

Here's an update on cruises that have or will be coming together.

April 26	Dowry Creek Marina, Belhaven – Call marina 252-943-2728 for slip reservations
April 27-28	Manteo Waterfront Marina – Book slips on Dockwa or call 252-473-3320
April 29 to Mid-May	The Great Chesapeake Bay Cruise Details are being worked out, to be provided soon.
May 5-7	Tar River Oriental Rendezvous Invitation See Event Details
May 19-21	Beaufort Music Festival – Marina TBD
July 7-8	Oriental Cruise – Oriental Marina & Inn Call Marina 252-249-1818 for reservations
July 9-10	Continuing on to Beaufort – Marina TBD
August – Dates TBD	Possible Dowry Creek or River Dunes Cruise Destination TBD
Sept 1-4	Ocracoke Cruise – Anchorage Inn & Marina See Details ; Call Marina 252-928-6661 Get your slip reservation made ASAP!

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 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...just because the weather calls out to us. Watch your email and/or Facebook for those opportunities that can be announced by any boater!

Keep in mind, 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. The more the merrier!

Karen and I have a plan to move The Wild Heron to Wilimington, Port City Marina, in September for an extended time. Could be a great destination to consider joining us anytime or for a long weekend cruise.



Tim, Gail & Ryan McConnell
Greenville, NC



Susan Stockman
Bath, NC

District Educational Officer

D/Lt/C Tom Graham



An update from our Treasurer, Tom Graham, who was re-elected to his role as District Educational Officer for 2023 at the recent D27 COW.

Having attended the National Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL, at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, 19-26 February as the District 27 Education Officer, I would like to share with my fellow squadron members what is going on at National.

New Advanced Courses have been or are in the process of being developed. The new material covered in these courses should generate interest of both new and old members. The new Marine Navigation Course, previously known as *Piloting* is now available. This is a completely new, updated course with the inclusion of modern navigation methods including electronic navigation and charting. Although not yet complete, work is well along on the new Advanced Marine Navigation Course (previously known as *Advanced Piloting*). The National Education Department recognized the desire of membership for updated courses and is working towards that end.

A little over a week after the National Meeting, the new National Education Officer (NEO) held a meeting with all District Education Officers where he reiterated his priority of keeping all offerings up to date. Now that essentially all course materials are available in eBook format, it will be much easier to incorporate update material in courses compared to when everything was hard copy.

A proposal approved at the National Meeting will be of particular interest to all SEOs. Each Squadron's SEO will be allowed to download a free eBook copy of all instructor's course manuals. This will allow SEOs to know in detail what each course covers without the expense of purchasing an instructors manual. Hopefully this will encourage the scheduling of more courses and assist in recruiting instructors for less frequently offered courses.

Also you will soon see that America's Boating Channel is going to the next level with a smart TV applications available as a free download. Just like Netflix, or Amazon Prime applications on your TV, there can be an America's Boating Channel on demand application. All programming will be free and not only include America's Boating Channel's award winning catalog of videos, but videos produced by the American Canoe Association (ACA), National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), National Safe Boating Council, Sea Tow Foundation, The Corps Foundation, and Water Sports Foundation (WSF). In addition to informational and safety videos, programming will include Boating News, US Sailing Team, Boat Races, Boating TV Programs, Hollywood produced movies having a boating theme, Cooking on Board, Boating Cartoons, as well as U.S. Coast Guard and Naval Films.

Watch a short video on the Smart TV Launch link below to learn more about the Boating Channel's Award Winning, Coast Guard Funded boater education video launch and subscribe now.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/AmericasBoatingChannel>



INFLATABLE LIFE JACKETS

The new inflatable life jackets video covers the advantages and disadvantages of inflatable versus foam-filled life jackets. Viewers will learn about manual and manual-automatic types of inflatables and their prescribed uses. Also featured are how to care for inflatable life jackets and how to re-arm them after discharge.

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

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M77a_F7lCXM&t=200s

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

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Read this issue, use this Link:

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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. Louise Bonadies, a Guest Writer, contributed in March!

Articles since the last Newsletter printing:

- [Cruisin' & Cookin' Checklist](#)
- [Why take a Boating Course?](#)

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.

Safety tips for DIY Boat Repair

Whether it's spring conditioning or when you finally get around to tackling those boat repairs you've been putting off, don't overlook the dangers many products pose to your health and the environment. You can minimize these risks by following a few safety tips for DIY boat repair.

Fiberglass

Always wear a mask any time you drill, cut or sand fiberglass. The resulting silica dust can lead to Silicosis, a type of obstructive lung disease, when inhaled. Although fiberglass is thought to be less carcinogenic than asbestos, it can still be harmful. Be aware that some older fiberglass boats also contain asbestos.

Paint

When repainting your boat's interior, consider using latex paint instead of smelly, slow-drying, hard-to-clean oil-based paints. When painting over oil-based finishes, look for a primer that allows recoating with water-based latex. If you must use an alkyd paint, work in a well-ventilated area and keep away from open flames. When painting in enclosed spaces, wear appropriate clothes, gloves and a good-quality respirator designed for organic vapors.

Heavy metals

When getting rid of batteries or anything else containing toxic metals like lead, antimony, cadmium and arsenic, dispose of them properly. Many retailers offer battery recycling, so you can return your battery to the place where you bought it. Some retailers may even give you a discount. Otherwise, find a local battery recycling center, such as a hardware or big box store.

Electronics

Many solder joints contain lead and sometimes antimony. Wear protective gear when working with solder, and work in a well-ventilated area if possible.

And always, be sure to wash your hands thoroughly afterward.

Source: USPS Compass

General Membership Dinner Meeting photos, see more [here](#).



District 27 Spring Conference and Change of Watch Photos



District 27 Bridge Officers for 2023



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.

Shipping Location: 1504 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27607

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National Awards Received



2022 Distinctive Communicator Award PSPS Website



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District 27

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

May

TBD

5 – 7

Social Outing

[Oriental Cruise & Rendezvous](#)

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[Cruising & Cruise Planning Course begins](#)

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[America's Boating Course](#)

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Kicking off National Safe Boating Week Event at Wal-Mart Entrance

20-26

National Safe Boating Wk

June

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Don't miss Washington's Summer Festival

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General Membership Dinner Meeting @ WYCC

July

TBD

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Social Outing

Basic Weather Seminar

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