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December 9th – A Christmas Celebration

Our Christmas Celebration was a terrific gathering amidst the lovely Christmas decorations of the Washington Yacht & Country Club. Both meals were excellent and member cookies were a big hit as well. Such a great party to kick off the holiday season. Thanks to Liz for her efforts...she thought of everything!



The evening started with the enjoyable musical performance by a Jazz trio from ECU including a piano, bass and drums. Thank you Jayden Brown, Tucker Sanders and Jonah Smith. What a great atmosphere to enjoy the music and greet friends during cocktails.

The majority of our group brought photos from their youth...many just too difficult to identify. However, numerous votes were right on target for Gene Alligood's youthful photo! Following dinner, Liz wrapped up of the photo "guesses" with the help of Kelly Hasslinger. And then...our Elf Kelly jumped into action with such spirit! It was so enjoyable to watch her pull out the member's excitement into the White Elephant Gift Exchange, with the help of her magic wand of course! Enjoy more photos on Page 9 or click [here](#).



It became very clear, Cathy scoped out the heaviest gift!



Commander's Corner**Cdr. Walt Morrissey**

It seems hard to believe 2022 is almost behind us. I have been honored to serve as your Squadron Commander.

As we get ready for the Holidays, I am excited to see the traditional events of Toys for Tots and Bell Ringing are being supported by our members. A day of smiling faces were certainly found at the Washington Walmart on December 7th.

We strive to deliver training and interactions that are helpful to our Membership and the local boating community. We are always interested in your feedback but also need your help. Many people are not sure they can help or don't know how or where. It's easy, simply reach out to me or others and we have a spot for you!

Please consider helping us in any way you can. We need help for a Treasurer Assistant and a Property Manager. If your background is Training/Education, I would enjoy talking with you and supporting you to help us deliver basic NC State Required Training. These positions may seem overwhelming but they are straightforward and you would be provided with the full scope of instructor materials needed for the various courses and seminars.

Our Club has been effective because of volunteers helping out in so many ways. Most of our vacant Club positions require little effort but we need you. Please contact me to help us, help our Club.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

Save the Date
Change of Watch
Saturday, February 11th
Luncheon, Elections and Awards



Executive Officer

Lt/C Rio DeGennaro, P



The result of this year's *Toys for Tots* collection effort was fantastic! At least 5 equivalent boxes of toys were collected from our Marabella's dinner, Cypress Landing Marina and the Washington Yacht & Country Club. The obvious thoughtfulness that went into choosing quality toys is sure to bring wide, bright smiles to the children receiving these gifts on Christmas morning.



I want to thank everyone who donated this year and those who helped me with getting the word out to so many generous donators.

We also participated in our annual Bell Ringing in support of the Salvation Army on December 7. This is an important fund raiser for the Salvation Army to support our local community. Many thanks to John Rebholz, Chris Young & Ginny Waite, Bill & Susie Templeton, Mike & Cathy Karlovich, Ed & Shirley Mann, Liz Wheeler & Lew Leinenweber, Darrell & Kelly Hasslinger, Lorne & Edy Hope and Bob Vecchi & myself. A fun time for a good cause and a rewarding experience to see so many folks giving what they can. Have a very Merry Christmas and joyous, healthy New Year.



First just a reminder, our Vessel Safety Team of Inspectors remain available for your VSC Inspections for members as well as all recreational boaters. Feel free to email me to set a date for your inspection at VSC@pspsnc.com or give me a call at 678-313-4583.



Educational Officer

Lt/C Cathy Karlovich, JN



Happy Holidays to you all! This is the time of year that I reflect on the year gone by. Mike and I had a great year with trips to the British Virgin Islands and Costa Rica. Our scuba diving skills have improved a lot! The weather gods finally cooperated and we got in our long awaited boat trip to Bald Head Island. It was wonderful and I highly recommend it to other cruisers!

We conducted a couple ABC classes in this year as well as Piloting, Sailing, and Boat Handling. We'll be conducting a Marine Electrical Systems class on January 7 & January 14 from 9 am - 4 pm. This will be the first time that we've done one of these long courses on a Saturday and I can't wait to see how it goes.

Chris Young and Sharon Alligood are getting a group of folks together to develop the education plan for next year. I am stepping down as Squadron Education Officer but I'll still be highly engaged as the Assistant Squadron Education Officer. If you have an interest in helping with education in any way (organizing, developing schedules, instructing, etc), this is your time. Please contact Chris, Sharon, or myself and we'll be sure to include you. It really is worthwhile and a lot of fun. Many hands make light work!

We had an unexpected surprise at the Christmas Celebration party! I would like to sincerely thank Dave Simons for donating a beautiful sextant to the squadron. I am looking forward to trying it out on a nice warm day. It will be a gift that will get lots of use from students in Junior Navigation Classes to come!



Paddle Smart - Seminar – On Demand - \$24.95

Whether paddling on a calm lake or taking a rip-roaring adventure on white-water rapids, this seminar is the place to start. Learn about:

- Types of paddle craft
- Making equipment choices
- How different paddle craft handle
- Basic paddling strokes
- Paddling safety and life jackets

Copy/paste this link:

<https://uspsonline.lmscheckout.com/Course/view/1843497>

Have you tried the online short seminars focused on specific aspects of the boating and/or personal watercraft? These winter months might just be the time to give it a try.



District 27 

Winter Focus Meeting
Cancelled for January 2023
Rescheduling Soon – Date TBD

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Liz Wheeler



We ended our 2023 dinners on December 9th with an attendance of 29 members. We were joined by 3 guests – Rick and Linda Moyer along with their son Michael. We were entertained by a jazz trio and enjoyed fellowship, fun and old photos, too. See page 1 for details and photos of our celebration.

Thanks very much to all of the Bridge and other members who brought delicious dessert treats. And, a special thanks to Kelly Hasslinger for her enthusiastic help with the evening's activities. As evidenced by the many positive compliments received it was a nice way to start the holiday season.

To kick off 2023, we will have our Change of Watch Luncheon on Saturday, February 11, so please save that date on your 2023 calendar. Our luncheon will again be held at WYCC beginning at 11:30am. More details will be sent to members in January.

Also, we look forward to scheduling our general meeting dinners and speakers for 2023. Some speakers currently under consideration are: 1) Rescheduling Shane Mason, Historic Interpreter from the Tryon Palace; 2) STEM director from the Washington, NC program for area students; 3) Whale presentation from Bonehenge Whale Center in Beaufort, NC and 4) History of the ICW. Please contact me at administrativeofficer@pspsnc.com with your suggestions for speakers, too.

Happy Holidays to all!

Assistant Administrative Officer - Social

Lorne Hope, AP



Our November social was a local favorite, Marabella's for a group dinner and Toys for Tots collection. We had 29 in attendance and the staff did a great job handling our group.

I've enjoyed organizing these social outings and look forward to next year. Any suggestions, let me know!
Happy New Year!



Assistant Administrative Officers - Boating Tadd & Karen Herron, P



Happy Holidays everyone, Karen and I are looking forward to planning the 2023 Boating Calendar and we hope you are too. What a great group of fun, active boaters we had in 2022 and we expect to have those as well as a few other boating enthusiasts joining us.

As we've chatted with many of you about favorite destinations and new ones to be experienced we've put together a wish list of possible cruises for 2023. The list isn't complete, so if you have a destination you would like to cruise to, let us know to get it included.

Just email us at boatingactivities@pspsnc.com a simple list of your desired destinations. Collectively, we will try to accommodate everyone, but of course, cannot guarantee all desires get accomplished within just one season. Here is the Initial Wish List of destinations so far....

Current List of Destinations	Approx "Distance using Washington as starting Destination	Minimum # of Days Needed
Washington (NC)	0	2
Belhaven – In Town	45	2
Belhaven – Dowrey Creek	50	2
Ocracoke	69	2 to 4
Manteo	121	4
Elizabeth City	131	4
Hertford (Albemarle Plantation)	132	4
Edenton	142	6
Norfolk, VA	180	6
Extended Chesapeake Bay	Over 250	TBD
Oriental – River Dunes	59	2
Oriental – In Town	64	2
New Bern	87	4
Beaufort	85	4
Morehead City	85	4
Swansboro	110	4
Wrightsville Beach/Wilmington	163	6
Bald Head Island / Southport	189	6
Myrtle Beach, SC (Little River)	224	8

The best way to ensure that your highest desired destinations are added to the plan is to volunteer to be the Cruise Leader. Keep in mind popular locations (like Ocracoke) or any holiday weekend needs to be planned as soon as possible. You are bound to enjoy being a Cruise Leader, it certainly adds to the fun and creative ideas for the entire group of boaters.

Often times, other members join us by car at various destinations and enjoy the group plans.

Karen and I are planning to book the month of April at New Bern Grand and the Washington Waterfront for the month of May. Once the plans are confirmed, we will add those details to the cruise list for those who wish to join us at those destinations. Additionally, others may be planning an extended cruise north into the Chesapeake and that may be added to the cruise list as well.

We'd like to hear from you, just email boatingactivities@pspsnc.com or text Tadd at 252-916-4832 with any ideas. You'll be seeing more information on this very soon with more details.

It's been amazing...Come join us!

Congratulations Members on your Merit Mark!

A "Merit Mark" is awarded by the USPS Chief Commander to a member for personal effort in furthering the interest, programs, and objectives of the United States Power Squadron, its districts and local squadrons. It is often the only official recognition members receive for member efforts. Merit Marks are awarded to those individuals who have volunteered at 12 hours or more in the past year. Only one merit mark may be awarded in a year to a single member, no matter how extensive the contribution.

We are pleased to honor the following list of volunteers for their effort and teamwork throughout 2022 totaling 1,445 hours. Our Squadron is stronger because of your efforts!

Alligood, Gene R.
Alligood, Sharon
Bonadies, Louise
Rio DeGennaro
Doar Jr. William R.
Duclos, Susan H.
Estabrooks, Wayne
Graham, Karen
Graham, Thomas J.
Hackney III, James A.
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Mitchell, Thomas
Morrissey, Marisa
Ramsden, William J.

Rebholz, John C.
Sholl, William C.
Templeton, Bill L.
Templeton, Susie E.
Vecchi, Robert J.
Waite, Ginny
Waite, William J.
Wheeler, Elizabeth
Woolard, Jeffrey
Young, Christine L.
Young, Robert F.

At District 27 level, Walt Morrissey has received his Merit Mark in honor of his effort and leadership as Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron Commander for 2022.



We appreciate even the smallest efforts by so many of you. Including your attendance at dinner meetings, boat cruises, civic events and simply fun events. 2023 could be the year for you to become more involved by taking on a role or helping someone currently in a role that interests you. They would surely be happy for additional support. Any one of your Bridge Officers or Commander would be happy to chat with you about opportunities.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PHOTOS



We were joined by interested members and they've decided to join our Club. Welcome to Rick & Linda Moyer!



Visit our Members Only Photo Gallery by clicking [here!](#)

A lovely Christmas Goose gift but wait... what is Shirley hiding!



**USPS recently
awarded a
USCG
Nonprofit
Grant to
expand videos!**

INLET DRONE VIDEOS

The new "CAPE FEAR" video features drone videography to show boat operators what to expect and what to watch out for as they depart from and return through the Cape Fear River inlet in North Carolina. Lat/Long of inlet start and end points are provided. Use a GPS unit, mobile-phone app, or paper chart to identify your boat's position.

Copy the link below into your internet address line for the video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIItjB2Y226o>

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



The 2022 Ensign Fall Issue

In this issue...

Learn what gear you need for winter paddling in this issue's **Paddle Smarts**.

In **Key West Shakedown Cruise**, experienced cruisers join new live aboards on their maiden voyage.

See what's next for our intrepid 80-year-olds in **Part II of Octogenarian Odyssey**.

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Articles since the last Newsletter printing:

➤ [Aqua Maps Routes for Navigation](#)

To see all articles and other news releases, visit the website at <https://pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/index.php/news-info/psps-blog>

ABC-Pamlico Ship Store

Ginny Waite, our current Ship's Store Chair, has an inventory of America's Boating Club of the Pamlico's Burgee in stock as shown below. Burgee size is 12" x 18" - Cost: \$25.00



Contact Ginny at shipstore@pspsnc.com to place your orders or give her a call at 946-0322 to purchase. Ginny has been our Ship Store Chair for many years and would like to hand off this effort to someone else. Feel free to contact her if that interests you.



National's Ship Store of America's Boating Club apparel is available. See more at <https://store.shopusps.org/Apparel/>

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America's Boating Club of the Pamlico is very grateful for the continued support of our local community. Your confidence has measurably helped the Squadron move forward with boating safety as well as other educational and civic programs.

We appreciate our virtual home at WYCC.



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National Awards Received



2021 Distinctive Communicator Award PSPS Website



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District 27

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2022
CHAMBER MEMBER



Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

January
1/7 & 14 [Marine Electrical Systems](#) Course

February
11 Change of Watch Luncheon, Elections & Awards
19 – 26 USPS Annual Meeting Orlando, FL

March
TDB Social Outing

District 27



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