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## June 15th General Membership Dinner Meeting



This month's dinner meeting provided two excellent meal choices. Liz provided our very interesting speaker, Shane Mason, Historic Interpreter and the Tryon Palace Fife & Drum Coordinator.

As part of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources 250<sup>th</sup> Revolutionary War Anniversary Committee, Shane has researched the historical significance of the tunes that his group performs and provided us with a very interesting history of the value of the Fife & Drum. Comprised mostly of volunteers, the Tryon Palace Fife & Drum Corps has a stellar reputation of recreating 18th-century military tunes and is easily one of the most visible and popular programs at Tryon Palace.

What does Tryon Palace have to do with fife and drum music though? Turns out quite a bit actually. We know that in 1771 Governor Tryon purchased six field drums which he took with his forces when he marched out to engage the Regulators at the Battle of Alamance. Because during this period, fifes were used in conjunction with drums in the British army, it is likely he would have had a similar number of fifes as well. Furthermore, American soldiers in the Revolutionary War (like those depicted by the 1st NC Line Living History Unit) would have been accompanied by fifers and drummers as the 18th century equivalent of radio operators. In addition to photo slides, Shane provided several recordings of New Bern's Fife and Drums as well as other samplings.

Musicians were an important part of the 18th-century military. Fifes and drums played from sunrise to sunset and served as a primary mode of communication from commander to troops during battles. The high-pitched sound of the fife made it the perfect instrument to be paired with the drum, as it could be heard over the noise of combat. Music also served more mundane functions in daily camp life by signaling meals, drills, and inspections.

Musicians often wore the reverse colors of the soldiers that they marched with in order to be more easily picked out by officers who needed them to quickly relay orders.

It may be time for another visit to Tryon Palace, here's their schedule:  
<https://www.tryonpalace.org/calendar>



## Commander's Corner

**Cdr. Walt Morrissey**

I always anxiously await Summer and now it is almost here! Seems like not long ago we were cold and wet and now Summer Solstice is coming at us. With the warmer weather comes the days that I have always enjoyed on the water. I hope this note finds you enjoying or planning to enjoy the Summer boating Season. It is here!

Our Squadron has numerous cruises already scheduled and some still in the planning stages. It's an opportunity to join the boaters by car as well at the various destinations.

I have exciting news to share. Our Squadron will be hosting the 2024 Summer Rendezvous for District 27. This is an opportunity for us welcome other Power Squadron Members to the place we call home. It will require a lot of work and volunteers, but it will be something our Club will be proud of and our club will surely have a great time. We hope for your support in this effort as we start our planning. Please contact me if you would like to be part of the planning for this event. I will also reach out to individual members for help. We have work to do to determine the date and venue. Please consider helping us.

On another note, I'm hopeful you have been able to take advantage of the deeply discounted, popular software provided by Jim Hackney this year. This is Jim's 20<sup>th</sup> year handling this software project for our squadron. He continues to research each year for the available software for this unique, local benefit program available due to our non-profit classification. Thank you Jim for your work in bringing this important benefit to our Squadron.

See you on the water.

### Message From USPS/ABC National

#### ***Beware of Published Emails With Our Logo***

A fake email using the America's Boating Club logo is making the rounds. The email subject is **"You're WANTED: For participation in Paid Surveys."** This email is not from America's Boating Club and should be considered dangerous. If you receive this email, delete it and do not open it.



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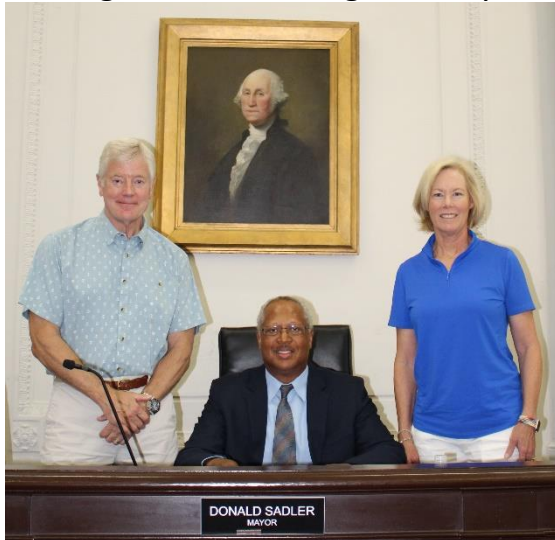
## Executive Officer

## Lt/C Rio DeGennaro, P



May 20 – 26, 2023 was the start of National Safe Boating Week and the informal start of the annual boating season. Stores use the week to sell you all the things you need for your boat, and I'm here to remind you to put safety equipment at the top of your list. National safe Boating week is intended to remind recreational boaters that there are laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the safe operation of vessels on our Nation's lakes, rivers, and coastal waterways. These rules & laws are in place to make sure boaters take care and boat safely every time their vessel leaves the dock.

Members gathered on May 20th at our tent at the Washington Walmart to highlight the importance of safety, education and VSC Inspections to the public. Mayor Sadler signed a Proclamation declaring 5/20-5/26 National Safe Boating week. He was joined by Derrell & Kelly Hasslinger. The Washington Daily News [Press Release](#).



A special thanks to the member volunteers who participated on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Rio DeGennaro, Dave & Carolyn Simons, Ed Mann, Kim O'Brien; Lorne & Edith Hope, Gene & Sharon Alligood, Bill Templeton and Walt & Marisa Morrissey. The team met with local boaters, emphasized life jacket wearing and took requests for Vessel Safety Inspections.



To insure you will have a safe boating season, America's Boating Club provides free Vessel Safety Inspections all year long. Fortunately, here in coastal North Carolina, we are able to boat on at least a few days of almost every month so in a sense, National Safe Boating Week is just a great time to "check everything out" to make sure every trip is a safe one. We will also verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by State and Federal regulations. If you do not have your inspection yet, email me at [VSC@pspsnc.com](mailto:VSC@pspsnc.com) or contact any of the Inspectors shown below.

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## Educational Officer

**Lt/C Bob Vecchi, P**



I don't understand. The calendar says it's boating season, but you wouldn't know it. The weather continues to be colder and windier than what I would consider ideal for boating. But be patient, the boating gods will fix it for us. The educational calendar, on the other hand, says let's become safer and more well informed boaters by taking a seminar or a class on those areas where you might be rusty from inactivity over the winter.

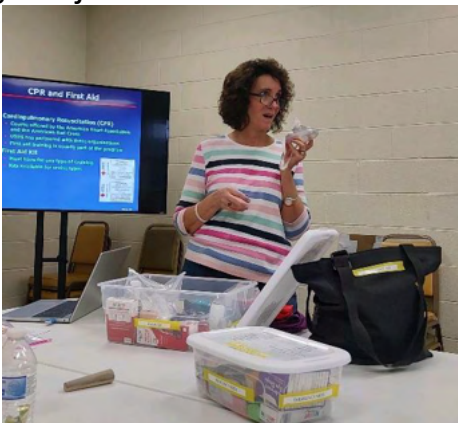
Below are a few highlights of what's in the works right now. The education team will be planning our fall and winter schedule over the next month, so look for more on that in the next newsletter

I have reached out to some of our more seasoned instructors trying to encourage more participation in the program, and I am pleased to say it has helped a little. So, if you have been on instructor hiatus for a while, and feel the urge to get back to it, let me know and I will gladly find a slot for you.

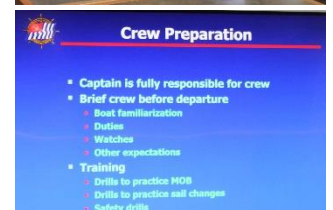
We had 17 enthusiastic students taking the America's Boating Class on May 19 & 20 with 3 students under 30 years of age taking their state mandatory certification. Special thanks to Instructor, Tom Graham, aka District Educational Officer.



Cruising and Cruise Planning Course began May 16 and continues until July 18<sup>th</sup>. The group is small, but lots of input and exchange of interesting experiences. Here are several photos with more to come. We are especially happy to report we had several first time instructors who did a great job!



**Crew selection, training and planning**



**Basic Weather Seminar** is set for July 25<sup>th</sup> which is *free* to members. Registrations are being taken with a deadline of July 18<sup>th</sup>. Simply email Kelly at [pspsed@gmail.com](mailto:pspsed@gmail.com) or call her at 551-427-0585. Learning to forecast and predict weather, this seminar could benefit non-boaters as well as boaters.



## Administrative Officer

Lt/C Liz Wheeler



A follow-up request from Alvin Powell's presentation at the April General Membership Meeting, was a tour of the Inner Banks STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) enrichment programs. The 13 members attending the tour were introduced to the equipment and the high level of technology available for students in this hands-on program. IBX STEM provides at risk kids a look at career opportunities they might not imagine for themselves. To volunteer, contact Al Powell at (252) 495-0029.

Shane Mason, Historic Interpreter and Fife and Drum Coordinator at the Tryon Palace in New Bern was the speaker for our June 15 general meeting dinner meeting. Thirty-five members and two guests learned the significance of fife and drums in the military during the Revolutionary War. His presentation included recorded selections by the fife and drum corps from the Tryon Palace. Walt surprised us with a 50-50 drawing, led by Kay Graham with Sharon Alligood the big winner!



Our next General Meeting dinner is on August 17<sup>th</sup> and our speaker will be Keith Rittmaster, Director of the Bonehenge Whale Center in Beaufort, a highly recommended and interesting speaker. We will invite surrounding yacht clubs to join us for this speaker and topic.

Our October 19 speakers will be the Dean & Lead Instructor from the Beaufort Community College Boat Building program. December 8 is our Christmas Party...would you like to volunteer to help with ideas and planning for this festive party? Feel free to reach out to me at 301-928-1056 or email me at [administrativeofficer@pspsnc.com](mailto:administrativeofficer@pspsnc.com)

## Assistant Administrative Officer - Social

Lorne Hope, AP



Our May social was dinner at The Rickhouse in Greenville with 28 members and it did not disappoint. Several members had interesting cocktails from their famous bourbon bar and the meals were excellent.

I'm exploring other dinner locations as we still have longer summer days, it may be another dinner to providing our working members easier attendance. If anyone has ideas for a location, let me know and I'm happy to check it out.



## Assistant Administrative Officers - Boating Tadd & Karen Herron, P



Boating is in full swing! Additional day trips and cruise plans continue to evolve. We've enjoyed having The Wild Heron at the Washington Waterfront. Lots of action and we've enjoyed meeting transient boaters.

Just a reminder, 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.

Let us hear what you would like to see in the schedule. Also would you want to participate in planning or co-planning any of the cruises. Click on our [Cruise Destination Wish List](#) and email us at [boatingactivities@pspsnc.com](mailto:boatingactivities@pspsnc.com).

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

July 7-9	Oriental Cruise – Oriental Marina & Inn <a href="#">See Details</a> Call Marina 252-249-1818 for reservations
July 9-11	Cruise to Beaufort – Beaufort Docks Marina Continuing from Oriental – slip reservations to Tadd <a href="#">See Details</a>
July 11-13	River Dunes layover returning from Beaufort. Slip reservations to Tadd
August – Dates TBD	Possible Dowry Creek or River Dunes Cruise Destinations - TBD
Sept 1-4	Ocracoke Cruise – Anchorage Inn & Marina <a href="#">See Details</a> ; Call Marina 252-928-6661 Get your slip reservation made ASAP! This is a perfect destination to come by car/ferry, enjoy the Island and gather with the boaters for the weekend.

The Tar River Rendezvous Event Invitation from our sister Squadron on May 5 & 6 was a terrific time. All those attending enjoyed a beautiful weekend strolling through Oriental. Walt, Bob and Joni accepted the challenge during the corn hole tournament and showed well! The Tar River Squadron members were very welcoming. Their planning was excellent providing many options throughout Oriental, casual gathering and a treat Saturday evening by their member, Chef Paul Cyr, who prepared an amazing meal on site.





**“The Chesapeake”** What a great place to cruise, I would recommend it highly. There were 4 boats from the power squadron that started this adventure this year of which none had been to the Chesapeake before. We started as a group from Cypress Landing to Dowry Creek which was our first stop. The next day we were to separate into three different groups of boats after we made it to the top of the Alligator River. One Boat went to the beginning of the dismal swamp, another to Coinjock, both of these boats were on their way to Norfolk for a Looper Convention that lasted 4 days.

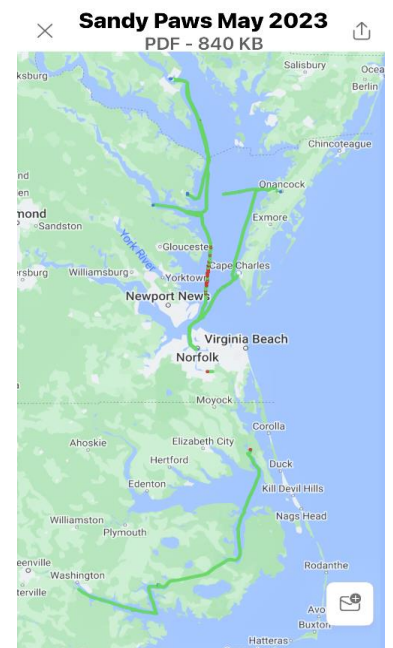


The other two boats in our group went on to Manteo for a couple days then on to Coinjock and Hampton. Then they separated; went up different rivers meeting with friends and waiting for the Looper Convention to complete. As a surprise, we did run into other members of our power squadron who just happened to also attending the convention.

After the Looper Convention, three boats met up at Cape Charles and on to Onancock for a few days. We needed to switch crew on one of the boats and this was the best spot for the folks picking up crew and dropping another off. My first mate, Cathy was to go to a scrapbook convention and Bob, another member of our Squadron, joined me for the rest of the cruise. Two of the four boats then needed to head back as they had deadlines. The other two boats then went on to Kilmarnock, Solomon, Urbana, Norfolk, Coinjock and Dowry Creek and home.

Two members did an excursion ferry boat to Tangier which is an island in the middle of the Chesapeake that is slowly disappearing and were able to gain knowledge about the history and experience the island and the locals which was a wonderful. There were a few of us that were able to take the Naval Base tour by water and/or tour the battleship Wisconsin. Both were great and would highly recommend these tours as well.

This trip allowed us all to learn more about our Boats, navigating on the water, navigating software like Aqua Maps and Navionics, Rules of the Road and watching the weather, not to mention eating out a lot and enjoying the great restaurants. All that we have learned via Americas Boating Club makes these trips easier, better and more prepared. I hope others have seen these benefits as they gain knowledge and enjoy their cruising.



## Safety Message Sun Protection on the Water



As a boater, you may be eager to get underway, but you need to consider sun protection when you're on the water for both you and your passengers. Take the responsibility to insure your passengers are aware and protecting themselves.

The sun can have an unwanted impact on you, from sunburn to boater's fatigue. Warm, sunny weekends bring out more boat traffic. If you've taken a boating class, you may think you're a safe boater. But what about the other guy—does he know the rules of the road? Even if you boat defensively, you may not be as sharp as the day wears on, especially if you become tired and dehydrated.

### How to protect yourself

- Put up the bimini if you have one. Run the boat from under its shade. You'll be cooler, and it will be easier to see your surroundings. UV rays reflect off the water and your boat's surface, however, so...
- Wear a high-SPF sunscreen, especially if you have fair skin.
- Wear a hat if you don't have a bimini. The brim will shade your eyes & you'll feel cooler.
- Wear good polarizing sunglasses. They block the sun's UV rays & you'll see much better.
- Drink, drink, drink—but not beer or other alcohol, which accelerates dehydration. Water is best, but other fluids are also good. If you and your crew aren't perspiring or using the head on a hot, sunny day, chances are you're dehydrated, which can lead to heatstroke.
- Anchor or pull in someplace when you're tired. Rest will help refresh you.

Remember, there's no substitute for common sense. Take steps to stay sharp when you're on the water. *Source: USPS/ABC*



**Boating Tips  
Column  
Washington Daily  
News**

Tom McCluskey and Mike Karlovich is our team of writers for the 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.

Articles since the last Newsletter printing:

➤ [On the Water...Be Weather Aware](#)

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*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](mailto:communications@pspsnc.com) if you want to learn more or chat with Tom or Mike.*





## BASIC MARINE COMMUNICATIONS

The "BASIC MARINE COMMUNICATIONS" video covers the evolution of boat-to-boat and boat-to-shore communications. Viewers will learn about VHF-DSC marine radios, EPIRBs, PLBs, and the new I-911 system. Also featured are tips for best practices.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxkxVOOoVOY>

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

## The Ensign Spring 2023 issue



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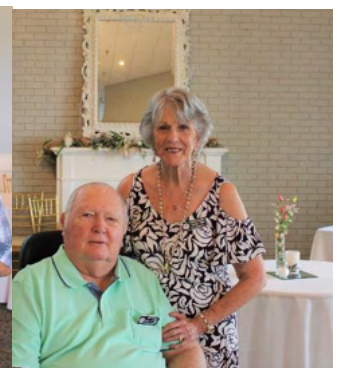
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Our National Ship's Store is set up for direct ordering of many articles including shirts, sweatshirts, wind shirts, ties, belts and boating accessories. Certified instructor and vessel examiner shirts and gear are already available, gift items and much more.

See more at <https://store.shopusps.org> and review catalog of items.

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

### July

TBD

Social Outing, Location TBD

07-09

[Cruise to Oriental](#)

09-13

[Cruise to Beaufort & on to River Dunes](#)

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[Basic Weather Seminar](#)

### August

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General Membership Dinner Meeting - Keith Rittmaster, director of Bonehenge Whale Center

### September

01-04

[Labor Day Cruise to Ocracoke](#)

TBD

Social Outing, Location TBD

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