



Free Vessel Safety Inspections

Provided by the Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron



**Saturday, May 19th – Kicking off National Safe Boating Week
At the Washington Waterfront Docks 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
~~Just look for our VSC Banner or visit our Tent at the Farmer's Market~~**

A **Vessel Safety Check** is a voluntary, courtesy examination of your boat (Vessel) to verify the presence and condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and Federal regulations. The PSPS Vessel Examiner is a trained specialist who will make certain recommendations and discuss safety issues that will make you a safer boater. Vessels that pass will be able to display the distinctive VSC decal. This does not exempt you from law enforcement boarding, but you will be prepared to make any boarding a positive encounter.

Who should be interested in an inspection that will help make them a safer boater?

Everyone.....power boats, sailboats, pontoons, personal water craft, kayaks and fishing boats. It takes only 20 minutes for the review!



The various areas that will be covered during your **Free Vessel Safety Check** are:

- Required boating and safety equipment
- Display of required numbers
- Registration and documentation
- Personal flotation devices (PFD's)
- Visual distress signals (VDS or flares)
- Pollution Placard (vessels of 26+ feet)
- Marpol Trash Placard (vessels 26+ feet)
- Overall vessel condition
- Backfire flame control
- Sound producing devices
- Navigation lights
- Fire Extinguishers
- Ventilation
- Marine sanitation device (head)
- State Regulations
- Navigation Rules

Many insurance companies offer additional discounts as a result of passing a Vessel Safety Check & West Marine provides a discount coupon for safety related products.

If you are unable to catch us at the Waterfront, feel free to contact Fred Schroeder at 252-948-0682 or email him at VSC@pspsnc.com to schedule your free VSC for 2018.



**North American Safe Boating Council Campaign
Promotes boating safety and lifejacket safety by
encouraging boaters to wear life jackets**

**Ready,
Set,
Wear It**

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