

Vessel Safety Check Event

The Cypress Landing Yacht Club is ready to kick off the boating season by organizing an Event for **Free Vessel Safety Checks** conducted by America's Boating Club of the Pamlico for all boaters.

Date: Saturday, March 23

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Location: Cypress Landing Marina

Sign up in the Marina Office for your VSC indicating your requested time.



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.

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.

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

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

It would be helpful, but not mandatory, to **sign up for your inspection in the Marina Office**. A second Vessel Safety Check Event will be scheduled at the Marina on April 21st. Contact Commander Walt Morrissey at VSC@pspsnc.com if these dates do not allow you to participate. Otherwise, we will see you on Saturday, March 23rd on the docks.

Remember: Many insurance companies offer additional discounts as a result of passing a Vessel Safety Check, as well as, a Discount Coupon from West Marine for safety supplies.

To learn more about America's Boating Club of the Pamlico visit their web site at <http://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org>