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Dear PSPS Members:

National Safe Boating Week will kick off on May 20th and runs through May 26th. As usual, Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron planned several things for the kickoff.

- The following Washington Daily News article, courtesy of Chris Young, was prepared and published in the paper this past Saturday renewing our commitment to the cause.
- PSPS will be conducting Vessel Safety Inspections throughout the week at various Beaufort County locations. Vessel Safety Examiners are encouraged and greatly

needed to man these posts. Please contact Fred Schroeder, VSC Chairman, on 252-948-0682 to volunteer some much needed time.

- We support the "Wear your life vest to work day" on Saturday, May 20th. What better way to show our members commitment to Safe Boating as we enjoy doing what we love best?

Here's the link to the National Safe Boating Council's website for the "Ready, Set, Wear It" campaign:

<http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/>

Your energy and spirit are needed to help promote this important cause. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

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Washington Mayor Mac Hodge signed a Proclamation declaring May 20 to 26 as Safe Boating Week in Washington to coordinate with National Safe Boating Council's Campaign in raising the public's awareness of boating safety. Mayor Hodges, Joe Sevick, Commander, Bill Templeton, Executive Officer of the Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron was joined by John "Andy" Anderson, Flotilla Commander and Don Lindberg of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for the official signing. Both organizations support safety programs and public educational opportunities along with free boat inspections.



Recent Press Release:

Most boaters, fishermen, and sailors are by now either on the water or making preparations to enjoy the enormous river/bay resources we are blessed to have in the Washington area. This year the theme of the National Safe Boating Campaign is “Ready, Set...Wear It”!

North Carolina ranks in the top 10 states for boater fatalities with a significant number of boaters drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; boater education has shown to make a significant difference in boating accidents and related injuries.

Published USCG reports, drowning was the reported cause of death in three fourths of boating fatalities. Eighty four percent of those drowned were not wearing life jackets. It is clear that hundreds of those might have been saved had they had worn a life jacket.

On Saturday, May 20th, the Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron will be at the Washington Waterfront Docks. Squadron members will provide information concerning safety requirements, state boating regulations, boating education and we will have several different types of personal floatation devices (PFDs) on display. In addition, our Vessel Safety Inspectors were available for VSC Inspections at the Waterfront Docks and at the Cypress Landing Marina in Chocowinity. Boaters can also obtain a free Vessel Safety Inspections at two local boat ramps, Mason’s Landing and Haven’s Garden every Saturday and Sunday in May. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be available at other local boat ramps and the surrounding boating/camp grounds.