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What an interesting evening. Linda provided an engaging community speaker, Chief Phil Rollinson of the Washington Police Department. We are happy to report that both meal choices by WYCC were very good. Chief Phil Rollinson has a bachelor's Degree from Mount Olive University and a graduate of the 136th Administrative Officers Course at Southern Police Institute at University of Louisville.



Phil began his law enforcement career with the Nags Head Police Dept where he worked for 2-½ years as a patrol officer. In 2002, he transitioned to the Greenville Police Dept for 17 years as a patrol officer and detective working gangs, criminal intelligence and large-scale narcotics. He went back to patrol as a sergeant in his last 5 years in Greenville. Phil came to Washington as the investigation division captain and was promoted in April 2023 to his current role as Chief.

Chief Rollinson clearly enjoys his career choice, finds it rewarding and appreciates the opportunities he has had after leaving Nags Head. The make up of the City's Police Department reporting to him is 16 patrol officers, 3 detectives, 2 captains, 4 dispatchers and one housing liaison to the department. His department officers are equipped with very good body cams and vehicle cameras. His officers will be undergoing additional illicit drug training, such as fentanyl and xylazine (a veterinary drug), plus the use of Narcan.

Phil encouraged questions from our group and compared violent crime and gang problems that are much higher in Greenville and for example in Wilmington than Washington (*thankfully*).

When asked what his biggest challenges are he quickly identified...

The crimes, some violent, by kids 15-16-17 years old. They have nothing to do and are attracted to criminal activities. The other challenge is hiring of police officers. He cited statistics showing recruitment efforts and applications are very low compared to just a couple of years ago.

He covered the crime issues around the waterfront and docks, he indicated that it really wasn't an issue at this time. There may be minor disturbances typically by kids at night. The City Police does not have a marine unit and he clarified that their responsibility is only the stretch of water from the trestle bridge to the old 17 bridge and doesn't merit that type of investment. If needed they call the fire department or the Sherrif for assist.

He was quick to respond when asked what can we do for them....
continue to teach boating safety, boating rules and responsibility!

Commander's Corner

Cdr. Walt Morrissey



Summer is here! My hope is that you have completed your spring boating projects and are ready to enjoy the summer weather. There is still time to get your VSC! And don't forget to wear your PFD's while enjoying our beautiful summer boating season. See you on or near the water.

As Mike Johnson will report, we had a possibly best ever Marine Flea Market in May. Thank you to all who donated and supported this success!

On the horizon...August 2nd & 3rd, our Squadron will be hosting Rendezvous 2024 for District 27. Please mark the dates and get ready to enjoy our Little Washington and the highlights of our historical significance. It is sure to be a fun time to meet other Squadron members attending throughout NC and SC.

We hope all members will come out to enjoy this event and we could use your help. As you decide what events you wish to attend, we hope to have a couple people at each event to be a "host" for that specific event. It's a great way to volunteer to collect tickets, provide a welcome and meet other squadron members at the same time. Consider helping as you register for events by reviewing the volunteer opportunities listed on this [Volunteers Needed List](#) and email Sharon Allgood and Chris Young at communications@pspsnc.org.

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
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D27 Rendezvous in Washington, NC

Hosted by America's Boating Club of the Pamlico

August 2nd - 3rd, 2024

**Click on the following details: [Schedule of Events](#),
the [Registration Form](#) and the [Hotel/Marina Information](#).**

Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron Bylaws Approved

During our General Membership Dinner Meeting, June 20th, and after the proposed revision review by all members, members voted 100% to accept the revision as presented. This lengthy effort began prior to my role as Commander and we appreciate Jim Hackney, our Rules Committee Chair, working with other members to accomplish this update which now aligns with the National criteria. Our Secretary, Marisa Morrissey, will complete the process by sending the completed Certification Form to National for their final approval.



Executive Officer

Lt/C Mike Johnson, S

**ABC-Pamlico's Marine Flea Market – Results!**

Our Marine Flea Market was a huge success thanks to the generosity of those who donated items for the market. Furthermore, those that volunteered before and on the day of the flea market collecting the items, helping to price, load, setting up, tearing down and participating during the sale....GREAT JOB! We reported \$1,693 in sales for the day. This is the Squadron's single fund-raising effort that goes directly to education and safety programs. Thank you all!



Mayor Sadler signed a Proclamation declaring May 18 – May 24 National Safe Boating Week. He was joined by Terri and myself in the photo used in the [Press Release](#) published by the Washington Daily News.

Our Squadron supported the National Safe Boating Week kick off on Saturday, May 18th at the Marine Flea Market. In addition to USCG statics we introduced folks to our upcoming Education plans, the importance of wearing life jackets and obtaining their Vessel Safety Check for 2024.

I also want to give a shout out to our Education Team! Terri and I dropped by the Boat Handling Class to lend support. I was impressed by our instructor's professionalism, organization and enthusiasm! Our instructors spend hours selecting and preparing the courses of instruction. During class dates the Education Team supports the lead instructor, monitor the students and lend whatever support is needed. My fellow members, our instructors' efforts often go unrecognized. All of us can support our great team by thanking them and letting them know what a great impact they are making on the boating community at large. Show your support by attending a portion of their class and let them know we all appreciate what they are doing. Or volunteer to help or become an instructor. Let's get involved!

Do you have your **Vessel Safety Inspection** this year? It's not too late. Contact any one of our Inspectors listed. We will verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by State and Federal regulations.

We are happy to set up a time convenient for you. Give us a call....

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Educational Officer

Lt/C Bob Vecchi, P



Summer seems to be in full swing now. We haven't had any appreciable rain in June, but hopefully, we will get some after this writing, because we sure need it.

With the high summer temperatures boating becomes uncomfortable, especially for small boaters who have little protection from the sun. Try an early morning cruise before the temps rise if your schedule permits, or a late afternoon hop but plan accordingly for the possibility of a late afternoon thunderstorm.

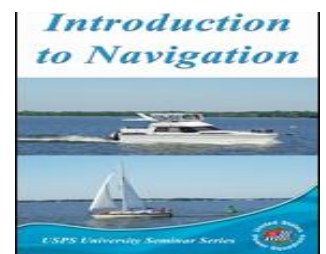
Our Boat Handling Course is in full swing now, for seven weeks, ending on July 30th. It is a comprehensive course covering everything from Rules of the Road to Emergencies on Board. I'm happy to announce we have eleven students signed up and they are well engaged in the course.



Paddle Smart Seminar planned for June 27th followed by a river cruise for paddlers, has been cancelled. We will reschedule later this year when the weather is cooler.

Introduction to Navigation Seminar is scheduled for August 6th from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. This seminar will introduce you to using nautical charts to determine safe routes, waypoint navigation using Chartplotter and OpenCPN software, navigation planning and navigating underway.

This seminar is a great foundation for advanced courses of piloting. Click [here](#) for the seminar flyer for more details.



A popular and informative Engine Maintenance Course is planned for the September/October timeframe. More to follow on this soon.

Have you checked out the many YouTube videos available on the America's Boating Channel? Click on the link below for short, **FREE** videos and safety tips.

Most are under 10 minutes and you can subscribe for more as they continue to be released.
<https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel/videos>

America's Boating Channel, sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard and produced by United States Power Squadrons, is the official showcase and repository for digital videos focused on boating safety and boater education.

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Linda Moyer



There were 34 attendees at the June 20th Membership Dinner Meeting at WYCC. Mike Johnson presided and dinner began with the Pledge of Allegiance by Tom Graham and the Invocation by Jim Hackney. We welcomed Chief Phil Rollinson of the Washington Police Department as our speaker.



Chief Rollinson’s presentation was informative and insightful. He encouraged the ABC-Pamlico to continue its education efforts on boating and water safety. Chief Rollinson currently lives in Washington Park and enjoys working in Washington where the community is involved and crimes manageable. See meeting photos on Page 8.

Information on the August D27 Rendezvous was on all tables and a review of ways our members can get involved was identified. Be sure to get your reservations in prior to July 19th for this event featuring such a great opportunity to look back on Little Washington’s amazing history.

Assistant Administrative Officer - Social

Lorne Hope, AP



It was an enjoyable outing in May at the popular Mellow Mushroom. The food was good, pizza great and excellent service. We also celebrated for Joni’s birthday!

Edy and I are on the lookout for new or popular restuarants. If you have a favoriate lunch or dinner restaurant or maybe a new one that you could recommend, let me know, I’m happy to check it out for our group.



Assistant Administrative Officer - Boating**Mike Karlovich, AP**

Our Beaufort to Beaufort Cruise update: Now we need to call it Chocowinity to Charleston SC instead. We had 4 boats make the trip or at least parts of the trip. What a great experience from Bottle Nosed Dolphins, to rain and wind pop ups, challenging shoaling to fog and using our radar. It was a great learning experience that challenged us all to use what we have been taught. Using Weather, Tides, Currents, Navigation Software and Boat Handling skills and others. I can say for the whole group it was a wonderful trip where we all had an amazing time eating our way through the cruise, Chocowinity to Beaufort, Beaufort to Wilmington, Wilmington to Georgetown, Georgetown to North Murtle Beach to Charleston SC.

All boats performed very well, Captains and Crew did a great job as well. There were many opportunities for learning and planning changes for the next time. More stops, longer stops, more eating on the boat is a few I believe are key. Booking marinas was a challenge in areas and Tadd found the best marina we all agreed. Wacca Wachie Marina...Fun to say, Fun to Stay, and Great Folks highly recommend you do that same if you have the opportunity. We all look forward to the next cruise, I was thinking an Albemarle Loop in Sept/October might be fun...

If you haven't already, be sure to check out the [PSPS Facebook](#) for some terrific pics Cathy posted of our journey. There are more and more interesting postings on our FB, be sure to add postings of your adventures for all to enjoy!

The [Cruise to Ocracoke](#) is on August 18-21, planned by Bob Vecchi and Walt Morrissey. They have slips booked and the word is out to join them. Numerous slips are available and non-boaters could jump on the car/ferry to join the boaters for a day or stay over at a local hotel.

If you have ideas for cruising let us know, there's sure to be others interested in the same destinations. Let's not miss an opportunity, the cruise planning can be coordinated by any boater or collection of boaters. Just let us know and we'll get it communicated to our fellow boaters. Wherever the destinations of the cruisers, we hope non-boaters will join us. Drive to catch up with the boaters for dinner or stay over and enjoy a few days. The more the merrier!



**Boating Tips
Column
Washington Daily
News**

Tom McCluskey and Mike Karlovich, our team of ABC-Pamlico writers, continues to provide interesting articles for the monthly Boating Column published 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:

[Mayor Proclamation](#)
[Anchors Away!](#)
[The Dreaded Wake](#)

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



Boat Sober this July 4th

Every year, law enforcement agencies engage in a heightened enforcement weekend around the July 4th holiday as part of [Operation Dry Water](#). The year-round awareness and enforcement campaign aims to reduce the number of alcohol- and drug-related accidents through increased recreational boater awareness.

Law enforcement agencies are asked to increase BUI enforcement during the targeted enforcement weekend of Operation Dry Water, July 4 - 6, as well as work with their local media, businesses and recreational boaters to spread the message and raise awareness of the dangers of boating under the influence during the heightened enforcement weekend and all year long. America's Boating Club encourages boat operators to plan their celebrations responsibly and to communicate these plans with everyone who will be aboard. Those conversations may be uncomfortable, but they are important.

Dangers of BUI

Alcohol use is the number one contributor to fatal boating accidents. The July 4th weekend—when the hot weather and festivities often involve water activities and alcohol—presents heightened risks that affect boat operators and passengers alike, including

- impaired judgment, balance, vision, and reaction time
- magnified impact of the sun, wind, noise, vibration, and motion stressors that are common to the boating environment
- increased fatigue and likelihood for slips, falls overboard, and other dangerous accidents
- increased susceptibility to the effects of cold-water immersion

The risks can be managed when everyone agrees to reserve alcohol consumption for when they are safely back from enjoying on-the-water activities.

“Boating is fabulous fun until—in a totally preventable moment—it isn’t,” reported the Chief Commander of United States Power Squadrons, America’s Boating Club. “Fortunately, we can all do our part to ensure this 4th of July only creates good memories for ourselves and those who are boating around us.”

Sources : The Ensign and Operation Dry Water

**Wishing you and your family a day full of celebrations
and happiness this Independence Day!**

June General Membership Dinner Meeting

We appreciate the photos by Beth McCluskey - Enjoy more photos [here!](#)





BUI FATALITIES

The new BUI, Boating Under the Influence, video covers the most fundamental reason for not boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Viewers will learn of additional associated risks. Also featured are tips for avoiding BUI, including with a designated sober operator. Learn more at bit.ly/BoatingEd. Join USPS at bit.ly/JoinUSPS.

Copy the link below into your internet address line for the video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uq2Xg5ypGm0&list=PLglbejIMU2HefYrldNBfQxhOLpd8pQG&index=6>

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

The Ensign Spring 2024 Issue



In our spring issue, our Down East Circle Route cruisers complete their journey, one member recalls boyhood boating adventures on the Cumberland River, and our paddle craft guru recounts a harrowing rescue in the washing machine.

To read this issue, copy this link into your internet address line:
https://theensign.org/imag/spring2024/?mc_cid=c527e05fed&mc_eid=bfac945e46

Member Benefit Highlights



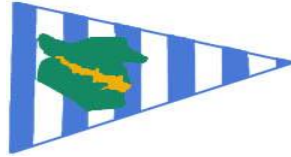
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Our Administrative Officer, Linda Moyer has PSPS Burgees, shown below, in stock and available at a cost of \$25.00/each.



Contact Linda at administrativeofficer@pspsnc.com to place your order or give her a call at 619-933-2345 with any questions.



The 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.

Return Policy: if you should receive defective merchandise or you are not happy with your purchase, USPS will accept returns and exchanges of unworn, unwashed merchandise with a valid receipt within 90 days of purchase. Shipping Location: 1504 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27607



Reference the details in this link:

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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.

**United States Power Squadron February 2025 Caribbean Cruise
7 days: February 9 – 16
Itinerary: Bimini, Bahamas; Labadee, Haiti; Georgetown, Grand Cayman
Special group pricing and details at:
https://www.usps.org/images/Exec/Nat_Meetings/2025cruise.jpg**

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2023 Distinctive Communicator Award PPS Website



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

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