



# Sound of the Pamlico Newsletter

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY CELEBRATION – December 14th



We had a fun filled Christmas Celebration again this year. Linda worked with Washington Yacht & Country Club for a total of three great meal choices and all reports were excellent. Her entertainment committee included Lew Leinenweber and Liz Wheeler helped make the entire evening enjoyable.

Prior to dinner, Walt and the Bridge Officers provided comments on upcoming plans after the New Year rings in.

Lew created and provided terrific music collections playing throughout dinner and the evening utilizing the new sound system available at WYCC. Following dinner, there was a rush to the generous dessert table.

Our very creative Liz came prepared with her custom challenging holiday games that turned out to be very entertaining and competitive.

First was "Name that Holiday Song" sounds easy right...but it wasn't! She gave each table a list of 35 short clues or hints to titles of well-known holiday songs. This was harder than you would think, the winning table were still 11 songs short. The winning table got to sing a Holiday song.

The second was "Words in a Stocking" she provided a list for each table of 10 Holiday associated words that were drawn from a stocking 1 at a time. Each person pulling a word had to provide a single word clue to each member at the table until they guessed the word. Moving on for each of the 10 words. This too became very animated.

Last was "Don't Drop the Ornament" 2 contestants each had a tower of 15 red cups with an ornament resting on top. Using only 1 hand, they had to stack all 15 cups on top of each other without dropping the ornament. We had a few failed attempts until Carol Somol and Bea Pilcher showed us how it was done! Congratulations to all the winners!



Thank you so much to our fabulous bakers who provided such tasty treats. And thanks to you all for a great evening! More photos on Page 8.

## Commander's Corner

**Cdr. Walt Morrissey**

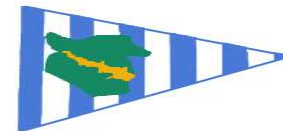


Our Club is busy. Bob Vecchi and his team has been providing educational offerings throughout the year that our Club can be proud of. Linda Moyer has been able to create fun and informative meetings for all of us. Chris Young has been a force helping to communicate these events to everyone.

My Christmas message to all members this year: please...help us to continue. We need members to ask themselves what they can do to support our club. We are always looking for people that want to try something new. If there is a role that you believe you might find interesting, let us know and we'll be happy to provide details for your consideration. Or are you willing but not sure how, please reach out to me. We have various needs; none are difficult or demanding...I guarantee. See Page 7 for a few key open role details.

Beyond our social and membership meetings, educational offerings and community outreach we are the people who want boaters to be safe and well educated. Help our Club continue this commitment and the events we all enjoy. We welcome your involvement.

Wishing you a very Happy 2025!



**Debbie & Larry McAllister**  
**Chocowinity, NC**  
**Power Boat – Gray Escape**





### Executive Officer



What an active holiday season, in addition to our Christmas Celebration, our members participated in our annual civic and social activities that bring us together during the holiday season. Thank you everyone for another successful holiday outreach!

### Lt/C Mike Johnson, S

Merry Christmas



Our Toys for Tots collection was very successful. Mike organized boxes at Cypress Landing Marina and the Washington Yacht & Country Club for donations of new and unwrapped toys. In addition, we collected toys at our November 19<sup>th</sup> social dinner at the Marabella's. Thank you all for your donations. The boxes of toys will help provide a special Christmas for children of Beaufort-Hyde counties.



ABC-Pamlico devoted Thursday, November 21, to ringing the bell for The Salvation Army at a new location for 2024. Our assignment was the Food Lion in the Washington Square Mall. This year we had 19 volunteers ringing the bell. This is an important fund raiser for the Salvation Army in their support of our local communities and your efforts are appreciated. Special thanks to Terri Johnson for her involvement and organization for this effort and our enthusiastic members. Here are just a few of our volunteers.



## Educational Officer

Lt/C Bob Vecchi, P



HO, HO , HO, I trust you all had a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, whichever you celebrate, as well as a Happy and Healthy New Year with your loved ones. The Christmas party was a lot of fun, as we can always depend on Liz to come up with something new to make us laugh. And the food seems to be getting better as well, maybe there is hope for the yacht club. But I digress, and for good reasons. This time of year, so much festivity is going on that there isn't much available time for education. In addition, there was an issue of a temporary suspension of our insurance through national, but seems to be resolved.

Mike Karlovich has been busy creating, from scratch, a seminar that I think will be awesome. It's an introduction on the use of an iPad or cell phone and two apps, named Aqua Maps, and Navionics Boating, for inland and coastal navigation. This 2-hour seminar on January 14th is going to be very enlightening, especially for us old salts who are more used to using a chart plotter because at one time that was the only way to supplement paper charts. Remember when we were instructed to have paper charts on board to fall back on when the plotter fails? Well, paper charts are becoming a thing of the past so the apps will become a fallback to the plotter, or maybe it should be the other way around? Be sure to sign up for it, you won't regret it.

The planned Engine Maintenance course getting delayed, due to national coming out with two separate versions, one for gas and one for diesel. We will wait for the new course with up-to-date materials.

National is in the process of creating a new slide presentation for the ABC Course, so I decided that the course will be scheduled as soon as the new materials are available.

As always, if anyone would like to get more involved in education, I have a few committee slots open where you can be a part of the planning and decision-making process. And I welcome new ideas as well. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

### AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB of The Pamlico

Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron based in Washington, NC

#### Navigating without a Chart Plotter, using a cell phone or tablet

Date: Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Where: Cypress Landing Bay Club,  
100 Marina Drive, Chocowinity, NC

Cost: \$10/PSPS members  
\$30/non-members  
(only \$5 more for couples)

Customized Seminar presented by: Mike Karlovich

The importance of fully understanding the capabilities and features of mobile apps, Aqua Maps and Navionics compared to chart plotter navigation systems will be explored. Highlighting features of both these solutions and why you should have both options, Aqua Map and Navionics.



To Register: Email Cathy Karlovich at [pspsed@gmail.com](mailto:pspsed@gmail.com) or give her a call at 919-208-1893. **Deadline for registration is January 11, 2025**

*Save the Date  
Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Change of Watch  
Luncheon, Elections and Awards*



### Administrative Officer

### Lt/C Linda Moyer



Our Squadron’s Christmas Celebration on Saturday, December 14, was well attended with a number of our new members joining us. I would like to thank my committee of Lew Leinenweber, who provided a custom list of music throughout the evening, and Liz Wheeler for her effort in bringing to the party several games that were creative, challenging and entertaining.

A big shout out of thanks to all who brought cookies and desserts for our after-dinner treats. All was amazing and appreciated.

Our next general meeting event will be the Change of Watch on Saturday, March 8, 2025. This will be a luncheon that includes a recap of our success in 2024 and the election of our 2025 Officers. Details are yet to be finalized, so stay alert for updates.

I would like to encourage you to consider volunteering to help with speaker ideas and planning for 2025 general membership dinner meetings, please feel free to give me a call at 619-933-2345 or email me at [administrativeofficer@pspsnc.com](mailto:administrativeofficer@pspsnc.com).

*Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!*

### Assistant Officer - Social

### Lorne Hope, AP



The holiday spirit was in full display at our November Social Dinner on Tuesday evening the 19<sup>th</sup>. Dinner was at Marabella’s, a real favorite. We gathered in the patio room devoted to our group for the evening. In addition to enjoying our excellent meals and service, members supported the kick off of our annual effort for the Marine Corp Toys for Tots collection of unwrapped gifts. Here's a few photos of the happy group.

*Happy Holidays to you all ! Watch for our next social gathering in February.*



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

The Albemarle Cruise 2024 was a lot of fun. We had 4 boats make the first leg from Washington NC to Dowery Creek Marina in Belhaven, NC. Each boat started at different times but all met up with no issues. We had friends come up by car to join us at The Salty Crab restaurant.

The next leg was Alligator Marina at the top of Alligator River. Three boats made this journey and the Chicken was wonderful. No issues again.

The third leg was to Edenton, NC. The Albemarle was like glass which is very rare! We really enjoyed the town. Interestingly, the dock master wanted us to make the call if we were going to stay two nights before he processed us, docking at the city dock was \$3 so I'm not sure why we had to make that call. Honestly, I would have paid two nights at this rate, no matter what. The guys found a craft brewery in a clothing store so as the lady's explored we had a few beverages. Went to dinner at the Herringbone on the water front which was a great time and great food. Visit [ABC-Pamlico FB](#) for more photos of the cruise...what a great time.

Unfortunately, weather was coming so we made the call to skip Elizabeth City and just head back to Alligator Marina. Again, we enjoyed more chicken and it really was super tasty. It was a good call to skip Elizabeth City with the pending weather – as always weather drives cruising decisions.

We then made way to Dowery Creek for refueling and enjoyed the welcoming staff at The Salty Crab. One of our cruise boats left really early, Cathy and I left after and the final boat came home the next day. No issues or challenges for anyone which is exactly what you want making it home safe and sound ready for the other commitments coming our way.



In 2025 we are planning some longer cruises and folks are interested in Chesapeake as well as maybe going south. I hope to work on getting smaller boat events scheduled plus a few raft ups.



**Boating Tips  
Column  
Washington Daily  
News**

Mike Karlovich, our ABC-Pamlico writer, 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:  
[Electronics Winterizing](#)

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



## Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron Nominating Committee prepares for 2025!

This is the time of the year when our Nominating Committee is charged with seeking members to volunteer for open roles of various types and efforts. Volunteering for roles large or small is an excellent opportunity to get involved, further your support and become familiar with more of our family of members.

A number of our Bridge Officers, Executive Committee Members and Chairs are continuing in their roles for our 2025 Watch Year. We are lucky to have such an engaged group that are motivated for another great year.

You can be a part of it...the open roles at this time are:

**Executive Officer** – Voting Bridge Position - Leading our civic efforts to engage in opportunities supporting our local communities and public boating. This involves organizing VSC Inspections, public awareness of America's Boating Club of the Pamlico mission of boating safety, managing the annual Nautical Flea Market, as well as the annual Toys for Tots Program and Salvation Army Bell Ringing.

**Assistant Secretary** – Cross train with the current Secretary, sharing some aspects and able to step in to cover the role when needed. That includes documenting minutes from monthly bridge meetings, keeping current the roster, maintaining our email listing and sending email communications to membership, sending new members welcome email, flyers for upcoming events and monitors new member name tags. Maintains records and produces one annual report to National following annual Change of Watch elections.

**Assistant Education Officer** – Working with the Education Officer in managing the Education department, scheduling classes and seminars, coordinating class locations and working with various instructors.

There are other volunteer roles that support our Squadron that require a lower level of commitment and is a great way to support and expand your fellowship with other members.

Join our team of **Education Instructors** - Teaching a seminar or segments of courses and assisting class room set up. Current and past boaters have a great opportunity to share your boating knowledge and experience on topics of interest to you.

**Property Officer** – Maintains a list of the squadron physical assets (banners, tables, brochures, etc), stores some materials not used on a repeated basis and participates in bringing them to an event when needed.

Don't wait for them to contact you, feel free to give one of us a call, talk with other bridge officers or specific event chairs if an area for volunteering is especially interesting to you.

## Volunteers – The Very Heart of our Success!

Your Nomination Committee, we would welcome your call....

Chris Young – Committee Chair – 252-402-6692 – [communications@pspsnc.com](mailto:communications@pspsnc.com)

Walt Morrissey – Commander – 252-833-9060 – [commander@pspsnc.com](mailto:commander@pspsnc.com)



### Christmas Celebration Party Photos

Control + Click on this link for more photos <https://photos.app.goo.gl/LPUYkFPeZkNq6jxb6>







**AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB**  
of The Pamlico

**Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron based in Washington, NC**

## **Congratulations Members on your 2024 Merit Mark!**

A "Merit Mark" is awarded by the USPS Chief Commander to a member for personal effort in furthering the interest, programs, and objectives of the United States Power Squadron, its districts and local squadrons. It is the official recognition members receive for member efforts from National or District. Merit Marks are awarded to those individuals who have volunteered at 12 hours or more in the past year. Only one merit mark may be awarded in a year to a single member, no matter how extensive the contribution.

We are pleased to honor the following list of volunteers for their effort and teamwork throughout the 2024 totaling just under 1,338 hours. Our Squadron is much stronger because of your efforts!

Allgood, Sharon  
Davis, William  
DeGennaro, Rio  
Doar Jr. William  
Duclos, Susan  
Estabrooks, Wayne  
Graham, Karen  
Graham, Thomas  
Hackney III, James  
Hasslinger, Kelly

Hope, Edith  
Hope, Lorne  
Johnson, Michael  
Johnson, Terri  
Karlovich, Catherine  
Karlovich, Michael  
Leinenweber, Lewis  
Mann Jr., Ed  
McCluskey, Elizabeth  
McCluskey, Thomas

Morrissey, Marisa  
Moyer, Richard  
Moyer, Linda  
Templeton, Bill L.  
Templeton, Susie E.  
Vecchi, Robert  
Waite, William  
Wheeler, Elizabeth  
Young, Christine L.  
Young, Robert F.

At District 27 level, Walt Morrissey has received his Merit Mark in honor of his effort and leadership as Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron Commander for 2024.





### Cold Weather Boating

The Cold Weather Boating video covers special considerations that should be given when boating in cold weather. Viewers will learn about mechanical issues and special gear to bring along. Also featured are tips for encountering bad weather.

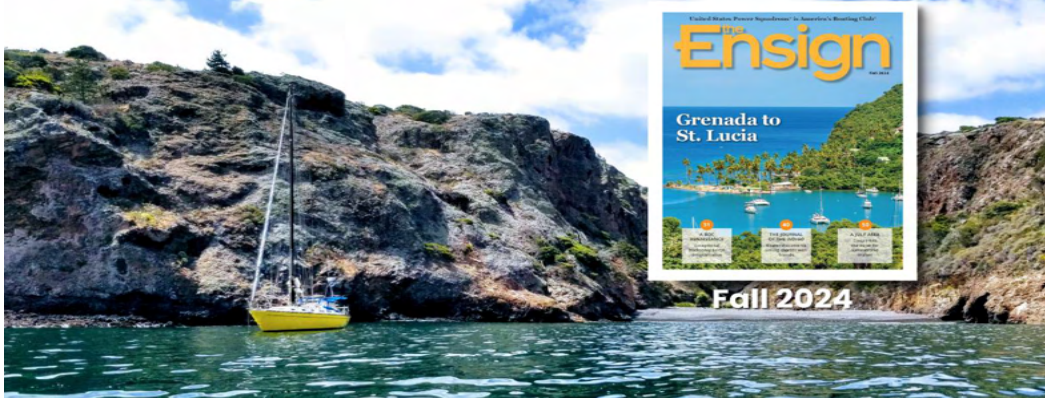
Learn more at [bit.ly/BoatingEd](https://bit.ly/BoatingEd). Join USPS at [bit.ly/JoinUSPS](https://bit.ly/JoinUSPS).

Copy the link below into your internet address line for the video:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1J66xDt\\_44&list=PLglbejIMU2HeflYrldNBfQxhOLpd8pQGb&index=10](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1J66xDt_44&list=PLglbejIMU2HeflYrldNBfQxhOLpd8pQGb&index=10)

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

### The Ensign Fall 2024 Issue

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<https://theensign.org/imag/fall2024/>

### Member Benefit Highlights



### Boat Insurance Guide

Created by National's Education Department, the Guide content includes what kind of insurance you should buy, types of coverage included and not included, determining proper coverage, factors that impact rates, insurance carriers, filing forms and links to reference sources. The Boat Insurance Guide defines what is meant by all risk coverage, agreed value coverage, actual cash value, bodily injury and property damage liability, medical payments coverage, towing and roadside assistance coverage.

**Control & Click [here](#) for the FREE PDF File**  
*Updated August 2024*



## America's Boating Club of the Pamlico Ship Store

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](mailto: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



### *District 27*

**Spring Council/Conference &  
Change of Watch**

Click [here](#) for more details as they become available.

**March 21 & 22, 2025**  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Cary, NC

## Join or Renew Your Membership



## We appreciate you!

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**United States Power Squadron February 2025 Caribbean Cruise**  
**7 days: February 9 – 16**  
**Itinerary: Bimini, Bahamas; Labadee, Haiti; Georgetown, Grand Cayman**  
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Lt Cathy Karlovich, JN

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Lt Edith Hope

Assistant Treasurer  
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**National Awards Received**



**2023 Distinctive Communicator Award PSPS Website**



**2023 Distinctive Communicator Award PSPS Sound of the Pamlico Newsletter**

**District 27**

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**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

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

**February**

- 1 – 10 America’s Boating Club Annual Meeting Orlando, FL
- TBD Social Outing

**March**

- 8 ABC-Pamlico Change of Watch Luncheon Election of Officers
- 21-22 D27 Council/Conf. & Change of Watch Cary, NC

**April**

- 17 General Membership Dinner Meeting

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