

Vessel Safety Check Event

The Cypress Landing Yacht Club & Marina has scheduled a second event to accommodate **Free Vessel Safety Checks**, conducted by America's Boating Club of the Pamlico.

Date: Saturday, April 5
Prior to the Blessing of the Fleet
Time: 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
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, fishing boats, kayaks and personal water craft.

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:

- 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

It would be helpful to **sign up for your inspection in the Marina Office**. Contact VSC Chair, Bill Davis at VSC@pspsnc.com or 252-940-9080 with any questions.

Remember: Many insurance companies offer additional discounts as a result of passing a Vessel Safety Check and your VSC Inspector has a Discount Coupon from West Marine for safety supplies.



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