

Free Vessel Safety Check Event



Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron based in Washington, NC

A Public Vessel Safety Inspection Event will be held for all boaters at this popular launch area. This is a great opportunity to ensure your boat meets all state & federal regulations and your boat equipment meets all standards. You will receive a copy of your check list and a sticker indicating your boat meets all requirements.

Date: Saturday, May 24, 2025

Time: 8:00 – 10:30 AM

**Location: Havens Garden Launch
Washington Park, NC**



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:

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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 |

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

If you are unable to be at the launch site, contact Bill at VSC@pspsnc.com or text/call him at 252-940-9080 with questions.