

Vessel Safety Check Event

The Washington Waterfront Marina is ready to kick off the boating season with an event for **Free Vessel Safety Checks** conducted by America's Boating Club of the Pamlico. This courtesy examination is free and will ensure your boat meets all state & federal regulations and your boat equipment meets all standards.

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

**Location: Washington Waterfront Docks,
Moss Landing and Havens Wharf
Look for the "Free Vessel Check" Banner**



**Sign up at the respective Dock Master Offices
for your VSC indicating your requested time
OR Text/Call Bill Davis at 252-940-9080**

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 |

Many insurance companies offer additional discounts as a result of passing a Vessel Safety Check. Ask your VSC Inspector about West Marine Discount Coupon for safety supplies.



Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron based in Washington, NC