

# Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron

## NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

### Saturday May 22 from 9 AM to 12:00 Noon

### at the Washington City Docks



Stop at the Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron Tent near the Washington Public Docks. We'll have lots of information for you relating to Boating Safety, the latest in PFD's, and the information you need to be certain you are in compliance with the new **North Carolina Boating Law requirements**. Wear It - Life jacket wear is one of the most effective and simple life-saving strategies for safe recreational boating.

## Free Vessel Safety Inspections

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.

*Who* should be interested in an inspection that will help make them a safer boater?

*Everyone.....*power boats, sailboats, pontoons, personal water craft, kayaks and fishing boats. It takes only 20 minutes for the review!



The various areas that will be covered during your **Free Vessel Safety Check** are:

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| -Required boat & safety equipment                                   | -Visual distress signals         | -Navigation lights  |
| -Display of required numbers  | -Overall vessel condition        | -Fire Extinguishers |
| -Registration and documentation                                     | -Sound producing devices         | -Ventilation        |
| -Personal flotation devices (PFD's)                                 | -Marine sanitation device (head) | -State Regulations  |
| -Marpol Trash Placard and Pollution Placard (only vessels 26+ feet) | -Backfire flame control          | -Navigation Rules   |

**Remember: Many insurance companies offer additional discounts as a result of passing a Vessel Safety Check and West Marine provides a discount coupon for safety related products.**

If you are unable to attend, contact Fred Schroeder at 252-948-0682 to schedule your free VSC.

**To learn more about the Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron, visit our web site at <http://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/>**