

Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron

***Celebrating 10 Years
of Community Boating Education and Civic Service***



2009 Annual Report of Accomplishments

All Officers carried out their responsibilities to the satisfaction of their Office and other positions comprising the Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron Executive Committee and Organizational Chart members.

Meetings and Events...

- Eleven Executive Committee meetings - 3 with the Organizational Chart members with after meeting social and dinner arrangements.
- Five General Membership Meetings with formal presentations and Christmas Party.
- We hosted 2 “New Member” receptions.
- Held rendezvous at Washington Waterfront, Ocracoke, Bath, Oriental and Moss Landing.
- Hosted National Safe Boating Week activities including a noteworthy event at the Washington Waterway.
- Conducted an annual Hurricane Preparedness Seminar. This event included speakers from the National Weather Service, Cypress Landing Marina, Pamlico Plantation Master, Beaufort County and others.
- We contributed to a successful Christmas Flotilla managing the waterway with a cadre of volunteers working under adverse weather conditions. Additionally, the Squadron's members made a significant toy contribution to the Toys for Tots program.
- Our Squadron was represented at the principal meetings and events including the D27 Rendezvous.

Educational Programs Offered...

- Fulfilling a core element of our mission 24 instructors contributed to hundreds of hours of course curriculum to members and the general public. The courses and Seminars given in 2009 were Instructor Re-certification, Advanced Piloting, Marine Electronics (3 modules), Seamanship, Americas Boating Course, Radar Seminar, Knots, Bends and Hitches with Securing Boats at Dockage Seminar. Comments from attendees have been excellent.
- The Squadron's Education Officer is currently planning the 2010 calendar of Education including three courses starting in January, 2010.

Significant Accomplishments...

- Formalized the new position of Communications Chair and associated positions under the Executive Officer. The Communications Chair's role is to help streamline efforts across the Squadron's departments for improved communications. In conjunction with other officers and chairs, this group has the responsibility of image building and promoting the benefits of USPS to the public and Squadron members. The communications group is composed of the Chair, Web Master, Web Content Editor, Sound of the Pamlico Design and Editor, Public Relations Officer and Liaison.
- The Communications group developed the Award winning Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron website at <http://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org>. Secured personal web addresses with automatic forwarding. Developed "The Commander's Corner" for member Video reports. Established Secure video blogs for cruising and educational purposes.
- The website was recognized by the National United States Power Squadrons with an Award of Excellence.
- The Sound of the Pamlico newsletter was recognized by the National United States Power Squadrons with the Distinction in Journalism Award.
- The Sound of the Pamlico generated \$1,290 ad revenue in 2009.
- Six issues of The Sound of the Pamlico were published.
- Seven issues of Scuttlebutt were published.
- Maintained communications with surrounding Squadrons, marina communities and boating clubs regarding all educational programs and boat safety related events.
- A 2009 Squadron Brochure was produced.
- Public programs and events were promoted such as: National Safe Boating Week, Vessel Safety Check events, Hurricane Preparedness Seminar, Commander and Education officer appearance on local TV, radio and TV promotions of America's Boating Course, the Christmas Flotilla and other significant organizational and community activities.
- Other promotional activities included: Safety Reports Posters, Radio spots, Television report, news articles, Proclamations, Flyers, Safety Booth, Speakers, Window displays, handouts, USCG/Aux cooperation. Vessel Safety Checks, NC Waterfront Safe Boating Proclamation by Washington City and Beaufort County, NC major newspaper articles publicizing Safe Boating and Safe Boating Week Safety Booth at Washington, NC Waterfront Safe Boating Course timed to coincide with National Safe Boating Week, TV Interviews on WITN-TV Extensive flyer, Christmas Flotilla and poster distribution.

- Inasmuch as the promotion of safe boating is dominant in the Squadron's activities, it is significant to report 11 Vessel Safety Check Examiners conducted 158 Vessel Safety Checks. This community service was provided throughout Beaufort County at public and private docks, marinas and yacht clubs.
- Merit Marks were issued by the United States Power Squadrons to 42 members recognizing significant contributions to the Squadron and/or the greater boating community.
- Began preparations for the Squadron's 10th Anniversary Celebration in 2010.
- Issued the Squadron's Annual Historian Report.
- Issued the Squadron's Safety, Education, Membership and Commander's Reports.
- The Squadron again participated in the United States Life Jacket program. Supplied Life Jackets were worn throughout 158 Vessel Safety Checks.
- Established the Colwell Education Fund budget line item. Money set aside in this fund will be used strictly for educational supplies and expenses.
- The Executive Committee approved a donation to the Little Washington Sailing Club. In approving this donation, the Squadron's Executive Committee stipulated that it be used to provide tuition for a young person who otherwise could not afford to participate in the program. Additionally, we extend an invitation to the child and a parent or guardian to attend the Squadron's "America's Boating Course" in the fall of this year at no charge.
- We provided members with the significant software sale benefit. In summary: 29 members ordered 68 software items, paying the Squadron a total of \$1,039. The discount value of the software was \$15,131 resulting in a savings of \$14,092 (an average discount of over 93%).
- We provided volunteers for the Annual Salvation Army/Wal-Mart Bell Ringers program.
- We confirmed insurance coverage for all the planned Squadron activities - that is any activity that the Bridge/Executive Committee has decided to do. The new insurance policy is very comprehensive in its coverage. According to our D27 Commander, practically everything that we decide to do as an organization is covered.
- The Squadron operated within budget, filed for tax refunds through District 27, recorded and maintained financial records, filed 501c reports, filed forms 990 and 990t to HQ, arranged for audit of books, prepared budget for 2010, re-categorized income and expense items numerically for data entry, maintained the Ships Store and supplies.