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2011 Change of Watch



New Cdr. Cope receives his flag from P/D/C Dunlap

It was a dark and stormy night - well, maybe not here in Washington, NC. (I promise not to use that opening again!) But the NC beaches did receive several inches of snow. Because of the hazardous driving conditions, District 27 Administrative Officer, Mike O'Briant, who was to conduct the PSPS Change of Watch, was unable to make it from Morehead City to the Washing-

ton Yacht and Country Club. Luckily, we had P/DC Don Dunlap, who had done many Changes of Watch before, ready to jump in. In addition, our own Tom Penders, now D27 Education Officer, was able to administer the oath to Robert Stanley, PSPS Education Officer. So, our new bridge is ready for 2011.

After a short social gathering, attendees settled down to enjoy either tuna or chateaubriand, followed by apple pie. Before the Change of Watch, retiring Commander Tom Miller conducted the annual meeting. PSPS members approved the minutes of the 2010 annual meeting, the audit committee's report on their inspection of the 2010 financial records, and the proposed budget for 2011. They also voted to

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McCotter's Marina Fire

The recent fire at McCotter's Marina should make us more aware of the importance of fire safety in boating. In a matter of minutes, a dock and 26 boats were in flames and 3 people were taken to the hospital. An even greater tragedy was averted through the efforts of local residents and fire fighters.

The cause was electrical, probably a

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2011 CALENDAR

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FEBRUARY

- 14 1600 Exec Committee Chamber Office
- 20 1730 Sunday Social Marabellas Restaurant
- 26 1000-1330 - Leadership Training And Lunch WYCC

MARCH

- 12 0900-1100 Basic Coastal Navigation - Lifestyles Fitness
- 14 1600 Exec Committee Chamber Office SOTP deadline
- 17 1800 Member Meeting WYCC "Sea Turtle" program
- 19 1030-1330 ABC Course Brown Library 1st of 7 classes
- 25-27 D27 CoW Carolina Beach
- 26 0900-1100 Rules of the Road Seminar Lifestyles Fitness

APRIL

- 16 0900-1100 Partner In Command Lifestyle Fitness
- 18 1600 Exec Committee Chamber Office

MAY

- 7 1000-1200 Vessel Safety Check WYC Blessing of the Fleet WYCC
- 16 1600 Exec Committee Chamber Office SOTP deadline
- 19 1800 Membership Meeting WYCC "Maritime Law"
- 20-23 Cruise to Washington Waterfront
- 20 - 27 National Safe Boating Week
- 21 PSPS Booth Washington Docks VHF Radio Seminar
- 21 Vessel Safety Checks CLYC and WYCC

Commander's Corner

Cdr. Jim Cope, S

I am pleased and honored to be elected your Commander for 2011. As our squadron begins its second decade, we have a great history to help us build on the future. The dedication and experience of our past officers is an invaluable asset. Thank you to Past Commander Tom Miller for guiding us through our Tenth Anniversary year. We will always remember Tom for his "fabulous" prizes. I have served with Tom on the Bridge for the last several years, and look forward to drawing on his knowledge as he serves on the Executive Committee.

You have elected a great Bridge for 2011. Gene Alligood, Bruce Billings, Dan Meyer, and Robert Stanley are all returning Bridge Officers. We welcome Chris Young as Administrative Officer. Chris will do double duty and continue to serve as Communications Chair. Please take the time to look at the Organizational Chart to see all the people who give their time to make this squadron work. There are some open positions. If you are interested, or know someone you would recommend, please let me know.



Commander Jim Cope

I want to thank our *Sound of the Pamlico* editor Edie Miller for continuing on again this year. Edie does an outstanding job producing our newsletter. Our publication has received numerous awards from the United States Power Squadron over the years that she has been editor. Edie is always the one behind the camera at our various functions with a beautiful smile taking our pictures. The 2011 Bridge is privileged to have you on board.

The Bridge has planned for a year full of activities. It is our goal to make the Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron the go to place for boating safety through education, but also an organization that has fun meeting our goals. To achieve that mission we are going to try some new venues and events. We hope you will find them fun. Please join us and bring friends to share in our activities.

Our 2011 Education calendar is scheduled for the year through October. It is our plan to present seminars along with a social event at Cypress Landing Yacht Club, Pamlico Plantation, and the Washington Yacht Club. We hope by doing these types of programs we can

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Treasurer's Report

Lt/C Bruce Billings, AP



As of December 31 we had \$7,791.05 in our checking account of which \$395 was the Colwell Education Fund leaving an unrestricted operating balance of \$7,396.05. We had a net operating loss for the month of \$273.54. Our plant ledger balance remains at \$7,082.31 which represents at cost those items owned by PSPS. Our ship's store inventory consists of 12 burgees at a value of \$240. We have no accounts receivable or payable at this time. At year end (calendar basis) we had a total income of \$3,175.19 with expenses of \$1,368.99 for an operating profit of \$1,806.20. Fund balances were as stated above.

I take this opportunity to thank all who have cooperated in making the treasurer's position a pleasure.

Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Chris Young, S

I am looking forward to serving as Administrative Officer with Commander Cope and the 2011 Bridge. I am very pleased to introduce Larry Hyde as the Assistant Administrative Officer. Larry is not only an experienced boater and professional captain, he also enjoys the social side of boating. Larry has already contributed to a number of the activities listed in the 2011 Calendar.

The Administrative Team includes membership activities and we're fortunate to have the experienced Membership Chair, Ed Harris, and Assistant Chair, Ed Latta, both returning for another year. We expect this year to be a big year for recruitment as PSPS will offer 6 month free membership to any non-member who passes the upcoming America's Boating Course. Watch for more details coming out very soon and alert your friends and neighbors.



Many members within the squadron have joined me in putting together a meeting, cruising and social calendar that we hope you will find interesting and enticing. Be sure to check the squadron web site, www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org for details on all upcoming events. If you have ideas for an event not yet on the calendar, let me know.....we want to coordinate activities that you will want to participate in throughout the year.

Hope to see you February 20th at Marabella's for your choice of Spaghetti & Meatballs or Lasagna at a cost of \$10.50. This is just a get together of squadron friends to enjoy conversation and excellent comfort food. Space is limited, so get your reservations in quickly.

In addition to the number of educational opportunities in March, we have our first General Membership Meeting which will include two speakers from the Emerald Isle Sea Turtle Protection Program. This should be a very interesting program with nest monitoring of these loggerheads only 1-1/2 hours from us on the Crystal Coast.

Finally, PSPS will present the 2011 Leadership Training program at the Washington Yacht & Country Club on Saturday, February 26th. It will run from 1000 through 1300 and includes lunch. This program offers a unique opportunity for members to understand how the organization is structured, how it operates, its goals and objectives, and the relationship between squadron, district, and national levels. After completion, you will have a better perspective of your role within the USPS/PSPS organization. This training is important to all Organizational Chart and Committee members, but equally important to all members. Consider spending several hours with us to learn more about your squadron. Reservations are required, contact me at:

cyoung@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org or 946-7853.

Communications Chair

L/C Chris Young, S

I'm happy to report that your Communication Team of volunteers have all elected to remain in that capacity for the 2011 Watch Year. The team consists of me, as Communication Chair, but more importantly, the following folks:

Webmaster – Dan Meyer

In addition to performing the duties of the squadron Secretary, Dan is Webmaster of the award winning PSPS web site. He is supported by Mia Ramsden and me. We are fortunate to have Mia on our team as she makes most of the changes on the web site throughout the year to keep our education, civic and social activities current and easily found on the web.

Public Relations – John Rebholz

John has served in this capacity for a number of years and has built relationships externally to provide the squadron with the very important media coverage to insure the local public is fully aware of the opportunities for education and safe boating that PSPS has to offer.

Liaison – Doug Doscher

We are excited to have Doug join us this year in the Liaison capacity. Doug will develop relationships with all local boating clubs, marinas and boating retailers, as he is responsible for communicating details of all educational offerings and activities to those organizations for participation and/or posting of materials for public exposure.

Publications – Edie Miller

Edie has been involved with the Sound of the Pamlico and Scuttlebutt publishing since she joined the squadron. We are very fortunate she continues to volunteer her talents, providing informative, award winning publications for our members.

A special thanks to these folks and all they do to support the squadron. With the exception of Doug, they have had several rewarding years of service in their respective capacity. We would love to have other members with similar interests into these positions. If you would like to know more about what each member of the communication team does throughout the year, just let me know. You could volunteer along with them to learn if it is something you would want to commit to for next year or the future.

Education Report

SEO Robert Stanley, S



We have a full calendar of education opportunities for 2011. Here are some of the upcoming choices:

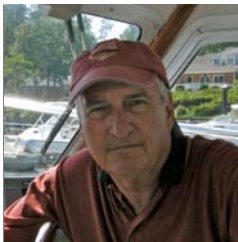
- March 12, Basic Coastal Navigation
- March 19th, America's Boating Course, runs 6 Saturdays
- March 26, Mastering the Rules of the Road Seminar
- March 31, Seamanship, runs 6 Thursdays
- April 16, Partner in Command Seminar

These are just a few of our planned courses. In the works we also have a Paddle Smart Seminar, and a 2-session Maptech seminar. For more information on these and other course and seminar offerings, visit the PSPS website and click on the calendar, or click this link: <http://pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/cal.html#educationcalendar>.

If there is a specific course or seminar you would like to see provided, let me know and we'll get it on the schedule. Call me at 252-940-8107, or email me at: rstanley@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org.

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P/C Bill Waite, S



I am writing to ask that you personally acknowledge our *Sound of the Pamlico* business supporters, boating organizations and personal contributors. The funds raised through this publication are critical to the success of the Squadron in fulfilling its community-wide safe boating education activities. In as much as you are reading this edition, you merely need to peruse the pages to see where much of our funding comes from and where it is going.

The 2011 Squadron Calendar lists a myriad of safe-boating courses and seminars planned for this year. Just click on <http://pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/cal.html> for the calendar.

There are a number of ways for you to support our efforts; one of the easiest is to simply say thank you to all the businesses, organizations and individuals that financially support our education programs through the *Sound of the Pamlico*. I know from personal experience that your simple “thank you” means so much. Another way is to ask business people that you frequent if they would like to join the many that are already contributing. Of course you can personally contribute as well.

Finally, let me say thank you to all those who support the squadron in so many ways. It's wonderful to have the funds to financially subsidize our programs but, without members that give so willingly of their time and talent, we would not need the funds because there would be no programs! If you would like to participate in one way or another, please contact me at: bwaite@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org

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generate interest in our squadron and recruit new members. Remember, because course are no longer limited to squadron members, as well as courses being offered on-line, recruiting new members may be more difficult then in the past years. Education Officer Rob Stanley, along with his assistants Ed Galston and Tom Graham have put a lot of effort and planning into our 2011 program. We are offering several new seminars and it is our hope you will support our efforts by attending.

Administrative Officer Chris Young has planned some really neat meetings and events for this year. She has promised a pleasant summer(!), so we can enjoy being on the water.

Starting in February, to get us off the couch, we have planned a Spaghetti supper on Sunday, February 20, at 5:30, at the world-famous Marabella's Restaurant. We thought it would be fun to try something different. Please join us for a great meal, wine and fun. Chris has already set up three cruises. One in June to Belhaven, hosted by the Jacksons, and another in July, hosted by the Hydes, to River Dunes and Beaufort. In October, Chris & Bob Young will host a cruise to the “Mum Fest” in New Bern.

On a final note, I am happy to say that the Salvation Army Kettle Bell Ringing on December 15, 2010, at Wal-Mart, was a great success! Sixteen squadron volunteers rang the bell in extremely cold, windy weather. I am pleased to report we collected \$350.49. Between 10 am and 7 pm. Our collection was above their daily average at this location by \$75.00.

Please check our award-winning website: <http://pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/>, for updates on activities and events.

Thank you for your membership. You are truly the Sound and Spirit of the Pamlico.

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Edie Miller, Editor

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faulty power connection on an empty boat. All boat owners who use electrical devices on their boats to maintain heat in the winter need to review the following information from the Cypress Landing Yacht Club:

..High current appliances (such as space heaters) stress all electrical connections to their limits and constant vigilance is required.

Things to Do:

- . Always use UL Approved, marine rated electrical equipment.
- . Be sure all boat AC outlets are on GFCI circuits.
- . Check your boat regularly and inspect or repair the following:
 - . "Twist Lock" 30/50 A connectors at the dock pedestal and on your boat.
 - . Cables that are cut, broken, that show any evidence of charring, knots or are no longer flexible should be replaced.
 - . Shore power cables are out of the water.
 - . All electrical appliances are plugged in or permanently connected to power.
 - . All batteries and connections are safe.
 - . All through-hull hose connections and bilge.Overloading electrical circuits.

Things to Avoid:

- . External thermostats or timers.
 - . Multi-outlet "Cubes" to accommodate multiple plugs.
 - . Use of incandescent light bulbs as heaters.

Jim Hackney, of PSPS, adds the following:

Use only a CERAMIC heater. Older heaters, and many current ones, have resistance coils which glow red and get hot enough to ignite paper, cloth, etc., not to mention fuel fumes. Ceramic heaters are designed to keep the element temperature below the kindling point and are therefore MUCH safer. They still have the same rated heat output.

Jim also advocates using the thermostat on the heater to control the heat rather than a timer. Timer switches arc when they turn off an inductive load like a heater. The accumulated arcing effect increases the resistance of the switch, thus raising the temperature when current is flowing. That might have been the cause of the failure depicted. The heater thermostat could be set very low and would only come on as needed, saving power while still keeping the boat interior above freezing.

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elect the slate of officers presented by Nominating Chair P/C Joyce Colwell. (To see Cdr. Miller's final report, click on <http://pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/documents/Cowrpt.pdf>)

The members of the 2011 Bridge are: Commander Jim Cope, S; Executive Officer, Gene Alligood; Administrative Officer, Chris Young, S; Treasurer, Bruce Billings, AP; Education Officer, Robert Stanley, S; and Secretary, Dan Meyer. They will be joined on the Executive Committee by: P/C Thomas Miller, S; P/C William Waite, S; P/C Lawrence Colwell, SN; and P/C Robert Hatala, SN.

Assistants to the Bridge include: Asst Administrative Officer, Larry Hyde; Asst. Education Officer, Thomas Graham; Asst. Treasurer, William Peters; and Asst. Secretary, P/C Joyce Colwell, AP.

As always, a highlight of the meeting was the awarding of several prizes. They included:

The Hatala Education Award, presented by Bob Hatala and Robert Stanley to Scott and Inza MacKenzie, long-time instructors, for their development of a new seminar which focuses on the effective use of the new Maptech program.

The Past Commanders' Award, presented by Bill Waite to Chris Young for her work in coordinating squadron communications and publicity, as well as her work on the award-winning PSPS website.

The Commander's Award, was presented by Tom Miller to Dan Meyer for the hours he has spent not only developing the website, but updating and refining it as well, all while serving as squadron Secretary.

The Community Service Award, presented by Tom Miller to Bill Ramsden, not only for his work with PSPS, but also his participation in Habitat for Humanity, the Christmas Flotilla, and other volunteer charitable activities.

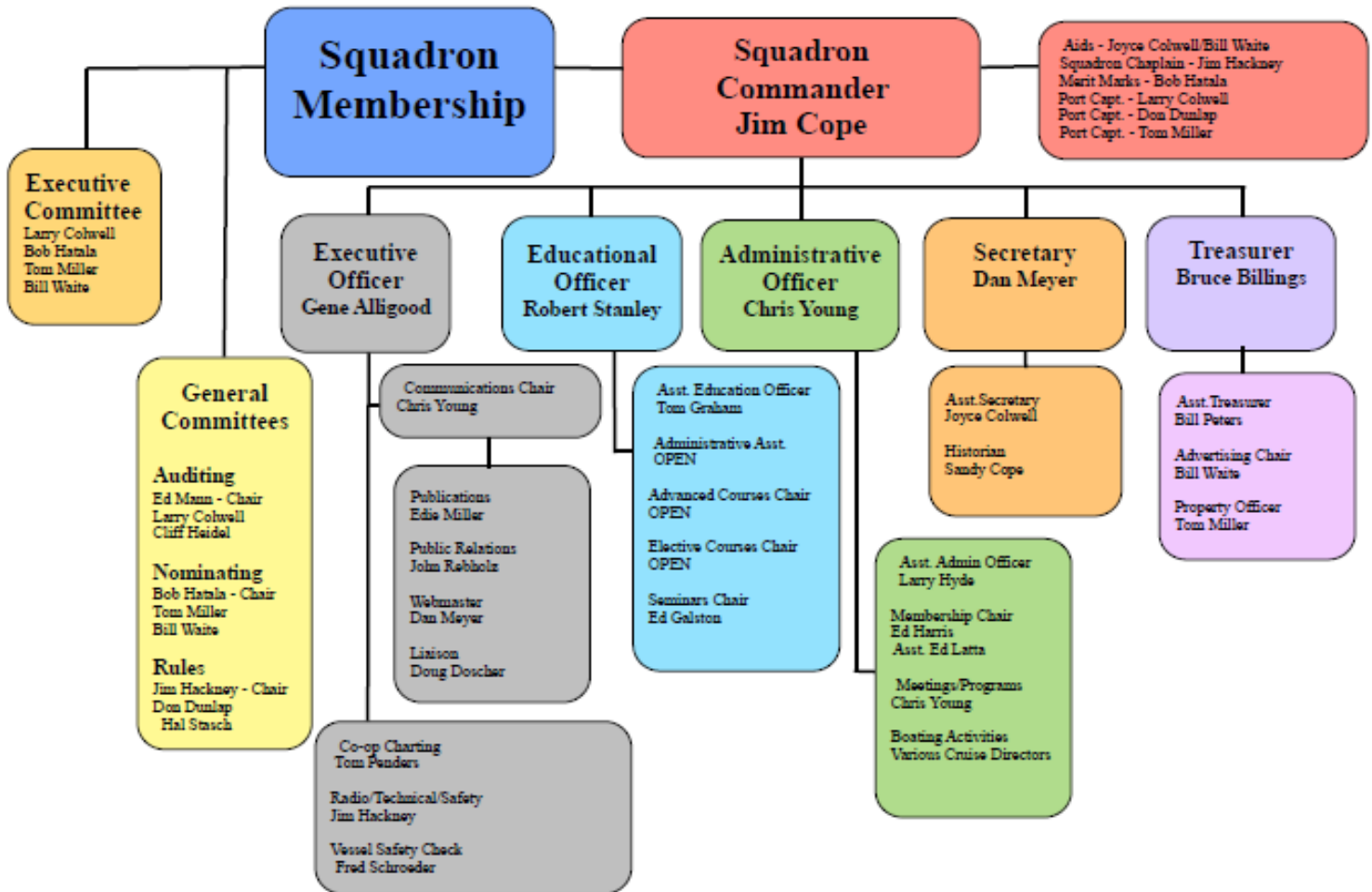
The Bent-Prop Award, was awarded this year by Larry Colwell to DEO Tom Penders, who ran aground while entering Dowry Creek, thereby giving much merriment to observers on shore.

For more pictures of the change of watch, go to the photo gallery on the PSPS on the web.



Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron Organizational Chart

January, 2011



Instructor Training

On Saturday, January 15, twenty PSPS members met for Instructor Training and re-certification. Since boating safety education is the major focus of PSPS, we need a lot of well-trained instructors to present courses and seminars. Instructing the instructors were P/C Bob Hatala and DEO Tom Penders. If you would be interested in teaching classes, we can use instructors with varying degrees of skill, or you can assist other instructors. Contact Robert Stanley at 252-940-8107, or rstanley@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org for more information.



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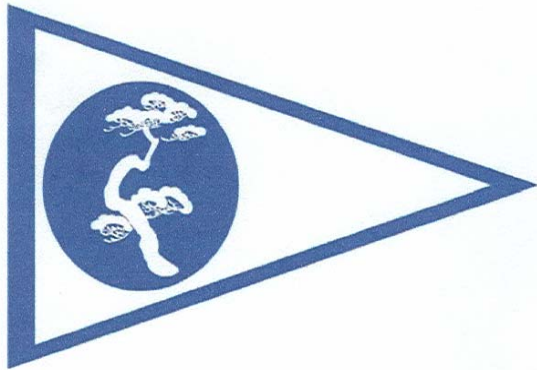
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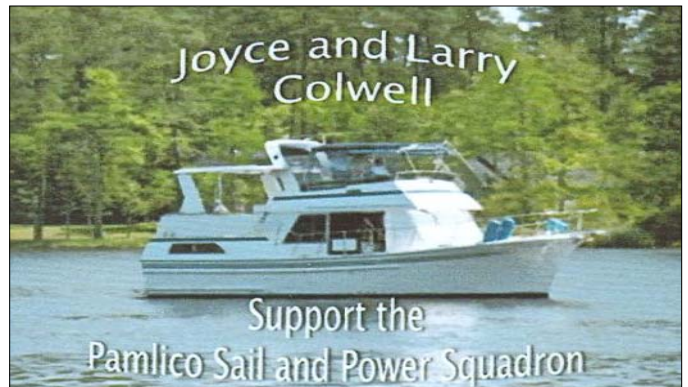
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