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## NOVEMBER MEMBER MEETING

More than 70 PSPS members attended the November Members' Meeting at the Washington Yacht and Country Club. We all enjoyed a social hour, followed by a fall dinner, prepared by Chef Jonathan.

Our speakers, Beth Byrd, Executive Director of the Washington Harbor District



Beth Byrd and Ross Hamory

Alliance, and Ross Hamory, President of WHDA, filled us in on future plans for downtown Washington and the harbor. They also shared with us the problems and frustrations involved with putting together funding, coordinating the necessary funding, and getting all the parties involved to buy in to the plans.

They also answered the many questions posed by PSPS members.

## Administrative Officer's Report

*Lt/C Chris Young, S*



We've had a full year of activities in 2011 in spite of the very warm summer and Hurricane Irene. We managed to fit in four well attended cruises which included a long weekend to the Washington Waterfront in May; a very special cruise to the Belhaven Waterway Marina in June; the River Dunes & Morehead City cruise in August; and the Mumfest Cruise to New Bern in October. Special thanks to Bob & Nancy Jackson, Larry & Fran Hyde and Bob & Chris Young for coordinating the events that made these cruises so enjoyable.

We were also fortunate to have some great speakers for our General Membership Meetings this year providing topics from endangered coastal sea turtles to maritime law, modern piracy and salvage & towing. In addition, we enjoyed three

"just for the fun of it" dinner gatherings and three seminar/social events with our surrounding yacht clubs.

We wrapped up the calendar year with our final event, the annual Christmas Party where we enjoyed a very festive evening, a fabulous dinner and music provided by Victor Hudson.

### **But, it's not over yet.....**

The PSPS Change of Watch is scheduled for Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Washington Yacht & Country Club. A special night is being planned, be sure to get your reservations as soon as possible.

I would like you to know that it has been a real pleasure to serve as Administrative Officer in 2011. The experience has been so enjoyable because of the numerous folks who quickly offered to help and to all the other members who attended and enjoyed the planned events. Think about joining in the planning for 2012.....it simply makes the gatherings or events that much more fun!

**COMMANDER'S CORNER**

**CDR. JIM COPE, S**

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Commander in 2011. I wish to thank you for electing the outstanding group of Bridge Officers. Their dedication to fulfilling the duties of the office have made my term as Commander a pleasure and rewarding experience. I am sincerely grateful to the members of the Bridge, Gene Alligood, Bruce Billings, Tom Graham, Dan Meyer, Robert Stanley and Chris Young. They were an excellent team committed to our squadron. Together they worked hundreds of hours performing the duties of their office. Thank you each and everyone for serving with me in 2011. I wish those of you that are moving into new Bridge Offices the very best.

I would like to thank Robert Stanley for his service as Education Officer. He worked hard to promote our Education program. Robert was committed to following the recommendations of the Education Committee and put into action a successful schedule of courses and seminars. Do to work responsibilities Robert was unable to continue as Education Officer for the entire year. Thanks to



Tom Graham for stepping up from Assistant Education Officer to accept the responsibility and become Education Officer.

Thank you Dan Meyer for serving as Secretary of the Executive Committee for the last two years. Dan is finishing his duties as Secretary. He has done an outstanding job. His minutes of our meetings were excellent. Dan has been doing double duty serving also as Webmaster. We are pleased Dan will continue to serve as Webmaster again next year.

To the members of the Executive Committee who, with their wealth of experience, helped guide our squadron and me as your Commander. Thank you. Larry Colwell, Bob Hatala, Tom Miller, and Bill Waite your guidance and support helped us through the year.

Thank you to Past Commander Joyce Colwell for serving as Assistant Secretary. She has worked many hours compiling our squadron roster, enrolling our members in Sail Angle, and sending our announcements to the membership in a timely manor.

Another Past Commander Bob Hatala, our

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squadrons first Commander, again Chaired the Merit Mark program. Thank you Bob, for completing this difficult task.

A special thank you to Edie Miller for publishing the *Sound of the Pamlico* for the past seven years. She is wrapping up her tenure as publisher of our award winning newsletter. During her time as publisher our squadron has received USPS national recognition for Excellence. Thank you, Edie. Our squadron was privileged to have you serve in this capacity, and we look forward to working with Lisa Fiore who has assumed the post of *SOTP* editor.

I am sincerely greatfullfor all of the time and efforts of Past Commanders Tom Miller and Bill Waite. Whenever I asked for help with a project or event, they were on board, and ready for action. Administrative Officer Chris Young is continuing on as Administrative Officer for 2012. Chris has done an outstanding job this year. She has arranged all of our General Meetings, Seminars with the Yacht Clubs, Cruises, and Raft Ups. Even designing and decorating a downtown Washington window display of our squadron. Chris is an exceptionally well organized, motivated, energetic wonderful person. It has been my distinct pleasure to work with her . Thank you to my wonderful wife Sandra for her support, encouragement, and patience throughout my term as Commander.

Dedicated people are what make an organization successful. The Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron is fortunate to have a membership dedicated to the betterment of our squadron.

I do not want to be redundant or bore you with continuing individual thank-yous. The people mentioned above are but just a few of the people who have contributed time and effort to our squadron.

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### Treasurer's Report

Lt/C Bruce Billings, AP



As of November 30, 2011, PSPS has \$8,928.45 in our checking account, of which \$1,207 is the Colwell Education Fund, leaving an unrestricted operating balance of \$7,721.45. We had a net operating gain for the month of \$39.99. As of this date, we show a net gain for 2011 of \$1,120.40.

We have now completed all but one month of our operating year, which is now kept on a calendar year basis, even though our commanders take office in late January.

At the end of a very busy and successful eleven months, with a full schedule of events of all sort – educational, recreational, boating, social, flea markets, etc., I am pleased to report that we have held true to our budget and are showing a modest profit at this time. I expect this will be the case for the entire year.

I want to thank all for your support and to also thank the Executive Committee for their advice and direction. With operating year 2012 less than a month from now and with the 2012 budget in place, our expectations are to continue in the same vein with basically the same results in the year ahead.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your treasurer.

**Education Report**

SEO Lt/C Tom Graham, P



The PSPS Education Department has been aggressively fashioning a schedule of future Seminars and Course offerings that are intended to meet the ever-changing needs of our membership.

In early December, eight students completed the Piloting class, the Education Department's final offering for 2011.

A number of exciting courses and seminars are planned for 2012. We will be kicking off the New Year, on 25, January, with Cruise Planning, followed by the Weather Course in early March. The start date has not yet been determined. On the 7<sup>th</sup> of April a new seminar is planned, Emergencies on the Water. We hope to soon have firm dates for the American Boating Course (ABC) and the Smart Paddle seminar both planned for this spring.

In mid July, we have planned a Hurricanes and Boats Seminar, a subject many of us unfortunately had to deal with this year. We can all be better prepared for future storms using the information obtained in this seminar. Next fall, the Education Department will resume course offerings with Marine Electronics 101, Seamanship, and Advanced Piloting. On 3, November, we will present the Marine Radar seminar.

We have attempted to plan training activities that offer something for all of our members. The Education Department will try to schedule and publicize events as early as possible to allow time for you to adjust your calendar. Planning early will, hopefully, circumvent scheduling conflicts later. And, hopefully, you will be able to schedule that much sought after course or seminar that always seemed to conflict with your other plans. One of the goals of the Education Department is to provide, as is practicable, a multi-year plan of courses and seminars providing members the opportunity to participate in essentially every seminar and course offered through the United States Power Squadron. This would allow our members the opportunity to progress from the ABC course through Navigator in a 3-4 year period.

The schedule will be flexible and at times modified based on your interests, participation and the availability of instructors.

We have been fortunate to have so many outstanding instructors unselfishly contributing their time and efforts to provide the many educational activities that are available to us. Many of our instructors have been teaching our courses for over 20 years. Not only are they subject matter experts, but outstanding teachers, as well.

As we increase our education offerings, we will naturally need to increase our roster of instructors. Next year, we plan to start an Instructor Development Program. Bob Hatala has offered to help with a program to develop new instructors. It is a daunting undertaking for a new instructor to assume an entire course or seminar. The Apprentice program will not require our new instructors to take on an entire course on their own. Our rookie instructors will present small portions of a course with an experienced instructor available to aid and assist them. This will allow them to develop their own instructional style, confidence and experience under the tutorage of an experienced teacher.

If there is a subject that really interested you and in which you have some background, here is your opportunity to help others in their educational endeavors. In the process, as an instructor, you will undoubtedly expand your knowledge of the subject. More information on this program will be available in January.

**For information on the programs, history and organization of USPS, click on the following link:**

<http://www.usps.org>

**Communication Report**

*Lt/C Chris Young, S*



I am happy to report that USPS has conducted a final review of our PSPS Web Site for 2011 and we have scored very high in their rating with “no” recommendations for changes. Thanks to our current web team of Dan Meyer, Webmaster, assisted by Mia Ramsden and Chris Young. Think about joining us next year....we would be happy to include you in this informative, fun and creative project. The skill needed is very similar to word processing.....not difficult at all!

Our Editor of the last seven years has decided to take a break from publishing. Edie Miller has done an exceptional job and our Sound of the Pamlico has received the Distinction in Journalism Award from USPS each year. Thank you Edie! I am

pleased to announce that one of our new members, Lisa Fiore, will be taking up the role of Editor beginning January 2012.

Our Public Relations Chair, John Rebholz, has been very busy this year supporting our Education Department programs and civic events with brochures, press releases to the local papers, on-line calendars, etc. In addition, Doug Doscher, our PSPS Liaison, has nurtured relationships with all surrounding boating organizations, yacht clubs, marinas, as well as local squadrons, to ensure they are aware of our efforts and opportunities for their members. I’m happy to advise that both gentlemen will continue in these important roles for 2012. Thank you both for your hard work and continued efforts.

Happy New Year to you all!

**Scuttlebutt.....**

..... Nancy Jackson, past Assistant Secretary, and, with husband Bob, a frequent host for cruises, has been hospitalized for several months. We want them to know that we miss them, and we hope to be back for cocktails on “Summer Memories” next summer. ....Watch your email for your invitation to the PSPS Change of Watch on Saturday, January 22, 2012, at the Washington Yacht and Country Club. This is an important meeting for all members, as we vote on the 2012 Bridge Officers and the 2012 budget. Be sure to join us to help the Executive Committee plan for next year with your support. See the proposed slate of officers on page 6.



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Nominating Committee  
Slate of Nominees for 2012, to be voted on January 22, 2012**

**Bridge Officers:**

Commander.....Gene Alligood  
Executive Officer.....Edie Miller, S  
Administrative Officer.....Chris Young, S  
Education Officer.....Tom Graham, AP  
Treasurer.....Bruce Billings, AP  
Secretary.....Janet Neckyfarow, S

**Assistant Bridge Officers:**

Asst. Administrative Officer....Larry Hyde  
Asst. Education Officer.....Manuel Nunez, S  
Asst. Secretary.....Kay Graham

**Executive Committee:**

Jim Cope, S  
Tom Miller, S  
Bill Waite, S  
Bob Young, S

**Nominating Committee**

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Tom Miller, S  
Jim Cope, S  
Bob Young, P

**Auditing Committee**

Ed Mann, AP - Chairman  
Bill Paulson

**Rules Committee**

Jim Hackney, P - Chairman  
Don Dunlap, SN

**District Delegates**

Larry Colwell, SN  
Don Dunlap, SN

**Respectfully Submitted,**

P/C Bob Hatala, Chairman  
P/C Tom Miller  
P/C Bill Waite

**Merit Marks awarded to 40 members for 2011**

P/C Bob Hatala reports that the following PSPS members have received Merit Marks from USPS. Merit Marks are awarded to exceptional individuals who have volunteered at least 10 hours in the past year.

Gene Alligood	Sharon Alligood	Dave Bailey	Bruce Billings
Joyce Colwell	Larry Colwell	Sandy Cope	Doug Doscher
Donna Dunlap	Don Dunlap	Ed Galston	Tom Graham
Jim Hackney	Ed Harris	Bob Hatala	Clif Heidel
Larry Hyde	Nancy Jackson	Bob Jackson	Ed Latta
Inza Mackenzie	Scott Mackenzie	Ed Mann	Dan Meyer
Edie Miller	Tom Miller	Tom Penders	Mia Ramsden
Bill Ramsden	Stan Ramsden	John Rebholz	Fred Shroeder
Robert Stanley	Hal Stasch	Roger Tuttle	Bill Waite
Allan Weaver	Maja Weaver	Chris Young	Bob Young





## Cruise Planning

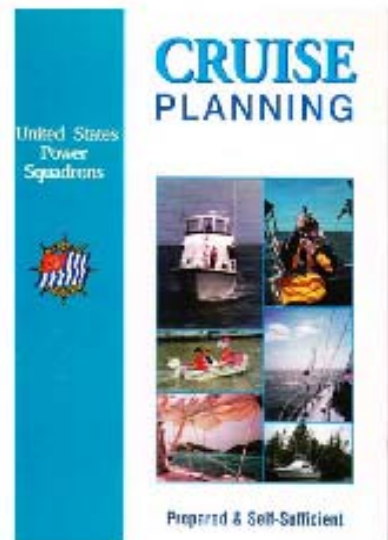
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Register by email [education@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org](mailto:education@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org) or by contacting our Education Officer, Tom Graham 252-946-7632.

### Social Activities



Donna and Jim are having way too much fun!

On Friday, December 9, 72 PSPS members celebrated the holidays with music, dancing, and a delicious buffet dinner, topped off by a killer chocolate torte. A highlight of the festivities was carol singing, bravely led by Our Fearless Commander, Jim “pick a key and stick with it” Cope. Next year, we’re thinking caroling reindeer.

The dancing got more spirited, if not more expert, as the night wore on. We certainly proved that Power Squadron members know how to enjoy themselves!



For the second year, Blackbeard’s Oyster Bar opened just for PSPS members on October 25, 2011. Those attending enjoyed lots of oysters, as well as shrimp, scallops, soup, red-rind cheese and other great food.



For more pictures of these and other activities, click here:  
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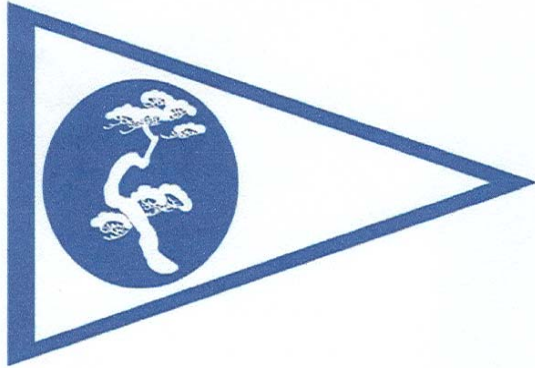
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### JANUARY

16 - 1600 Executive Committee Meeting  
SOTP Deadline & Bridge Report  
Chamber of Commerce

21 - 1800 Change of Watch  
WYCC

24 - 1900 - 2100 Cruise Planning  
Washington Fire House, 15th St.

25-29 - USPS Annual Meeting  
Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville FL

### FEBRUARY

13 - 1600 Executive Committee Meeting  
Chamber of Commerce

TBD - Just For Fun Gathering  
Café Duo, Chocowinity

### MARCH

12 - 1600 Executive Committee Meeting  
SOTP Deadline & Bridge Report  
Chamber of Commerce

15 - 1800 Membership Meeting  
WYCC

23-25 - D27 Spring Council Meeting  
& Change of Watch  
Hilton Hotel, New Bern

