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2012 CHANGE OF WATCH

PSPS held its Change of Watch and Annual Meeting at the Washington Yacht and Country Club on 21 January with a record number of attendees, in spite of the rainy night. After members relaxed over drinks and dinner, retiring Commander Jim Cope, S conducted the annual meeting. PSPS members approved the annual meeting minutes for 2011, the audit committee's report on their inspection of the 2011 financial records, and the proposed budget for 2012. Members also voted to elect the slate of officers presented by Nominating Chair Bob Hatala, SN. To see PSPS's 2011 Accomplishments Report, click [here](#).



The members of the 2012 Bridge are: Commander Gene Alligood, P; Executive Officer, Edie Miller, S; Administrative Officer, Chris Young, S; Treasurer, Bruce Billings, AP; Educational Officer, Tom Graham, AP; and Secretary, Janet Neckyfarow, P. They will be joined on the

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Thanks for a great job as Commander in 2011, Past Commander Cope!



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Commander's Corner

Cdr Gene Alligood, P



It gives me great pleasure to be asked to serve as Squadron Commander for the Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron for 2012. I would like to express appreciation to all members of the 2011 Bridge for their

dedication and individual contributions to PSPS. Thank you Past Commander Jim Cope for your assistance to me in transitioning our new Bridge. We have a great slate of officers this year: Treasurer Bruce Billings, Educational Officer Tom Graham, and Administrative Officer Chris Young are returning Bridge Officers with good experience in their respective positions. Chris will again wear two hats, serving also as Communications Officer assisting incoming Executive Officer Edie Miller; Edie has served as editor of *Sound of the Pamlico* for a number of years and has made significant contributions to PSPS. Incoming Secretary Janet Neckyfarow is new to the Bridge and brings good experience and enthusiasm to this position. Our Executive Committee is well seasoned with good experience at the Squadron, District, and National levels of United States Power Squadron.

Take a good look at our Organization Chart and become familiar with the people who make PSPS function like a well oiled machine; there is no better squadron in our district. We have an "Open Door" policy that encourages every member to stay in touch with our Bridge. Let us know your feelings or any suggestions you might

have relative to our activities or the way we function. PSPS is your squadron; our Bridge is here to serve you.

We have planned a year of activities. Tom Graham has education courses and seminars scheduled through November as well as a defined plan for the next two years. Everyone can benefit from some of these courses – suggest them to your friends. We plan to work in a cooperative effort with the entire boating community: Coast Guard Auxiliary, Washington Yacht Club, Pamlico Plantation Yacht Club, Cypress Landing Yacht Club and Belhaven Yacht Club. We encourage you to invite your friends in these organizations to participate and join our ranks.

I would like to express appreciation to Lisa Fiore for serving as editor of *Sound of the Pamlico* this year. Lisa brings experience to our publication which is well known within USPS. We want you to enjoy SOTP; present any suggestions to Lisa and be prepared as Chris and Lisa take advantage of the various photo opportunities at our events. Don't be shy about letting Chris Young know about boating or social ideas; also let her know about any "dynamite" speakers you might be aware of. One of our first activities is a Valentine dinner on February 13th at Cafe Duo; so plan to bring your "Valentine" out to dinner that evening.

Thank you for being a part of PSPS; contact me [here](#) about anything you deem appropriate. †





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Executive Committee by: P/C Jim Cope, S; P/C Thomas Miller, S; P/C Bill Waite, S; and Bob Young, P.

Assistants to the Bridge include: Asst Administrative Officer, Larry Hyde; Asst Educational Officer, Manuel Núñez, S; Asst Treasurer, Ed Mann, AP; and Asst Secretary, Kay Graham.

A highlight of the evening was the awarding of several prizes. Jim Cope presented wind breaker jackets with PSPS logos as Commander's Service Awards to Tom Graham, Dan Meyer, Edie Miller, Sandy Cope, Mia Ramsden, Ginny Waite, and Bill Waite for their respective service to the squadron.

Past Commander Tom Miller then presented two awards:

- ✿ The Past Commander's Award to Joyce Colwell, for her consistent, long-term contribution to the Squadron's success; and
- ✿ The newly-created Colwell Perseverance Award to Larry Colwell. The Commander and his designees created this award to recognize members who assume tasks for

the Squadron and persist, through thick and thin, to accomplish goals. Larry Colwell, of course, was the first recipient.

It was a Colwell family moment.

P/C Cdr Jim Cope presented the final awards:

- ✿ The Civic Award to Roger Tuttle, a 50-plus year member of the USPS, for his efforts in civic affairs, including the Washington Christmas Flotilla;
- ✿ The Robert Hatala Education Award to Ed Galston, for his efforts as Seminar Chair of the Education Department;
- ✿ The Commander's Award to Chris Young for her outstanding organization of all meetings, social events and squadron communications; and
- ✿ The Bilge Award, otherwise known as the Bent Prop Award, to Bill and Ginny Waite, for logging the most hours in the bilge, twice having provided the eel population of Chocowinity Bay a place to nest and grow in their boat's water cooler.



Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Chris Young, S



I truly enjoyed serving as your Administrative Officer last year and welcome the opportunity to do so again for 2012. It's a pleasure to coordinate social and on-the-water events that are well attended and where our members are so obviously enjoying themselves. We have some interesting events planned as well as a couple of out-of-the-

box activities that you won't want to miss. Be sure to check out the full calendar on the PSPS Web Site by clicking [here](#).

We are very lucky to have Larry Hyde, an experienced boater and professional captain, also continuing in his role as the Assistant Administrative Officer. Larry arranged a number of interesting speakers last year as well as coordinated a cruise to Morehead City. He has already contributed to a number of the activities listed in the 2012 Calendar.

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We are fortunate to have our Membership Co-Chairs, Ed Harris and Ed Latta, continuing for 2012. During 2011 they attended each educational course and seminar to provide information and benefits of becoming a PSPS Member. Their efforts, in conjunction with many of you who encouraged your friends to join the squadron, brought a record high number of new members to PSPS in 2011 we had 12 new members, 2 transferred members and 2 members who rejoined. Thank you Ed and Ed for your dedicated work, as well as to our entire membership for their recruiting efforts.

Now let's get started with our 2012 activities.....

Hope to see you on **13 February at Café Duo** in Chocowinity. The restaurant is opening just for PSPS and there are three dinner choices plus a decadent dessert in honor of Valentine's Day. This is just a get-together of squadron friends to enjoy conversation and excellent food. Space is limited, so get your reservations in quickly.

We have our first **General Membership Meeting on 15 March** and we are fortunate enough to have **Claiborne Young**, author of Coastal Cruising Guides, Cruising DVD's and The Salty Southeast Cruisers Net [website](#). It's been four years since we've had Claiborne join us and I'm sure he'll have lots of new information to share. Details will be out on this event mid-February.

March is also a perfect month for a **Shakedown Cruise**. On 18 March, we'll cruise down the river to Bath and enjoy lunch at Blackbeard's Ices & Slices. Watch for those details as the date gets closer.

Many members within the squadron have assisted in putting together a meeting, cruising and social events that we hope you will find interesting and enticing. 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 and would appreciate your feedback. ⚓

2012 CALENDAR

For more information, go to:

<http://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org>

FEBRUARY

- 13 1600** Executive Committee Meeting
Chamber of Commerce
- 13 1800** Just For Fun Gathering
Café Duo, Chocowinity

MARCH

- 7 1900** "Weather" Course - 10 weeks
Lifestyles Fitness Center, Washington
- 12 1600** Executive Committee Meeting
SOTP Deadline & Bridge Report
Chamber of Commerce
- 15 1800** General Membership Meeting
Washington Yacht & Country Club
- 18** Shakedown Cruise to Bath
With lunch at Blackbeard's
- 23-25** D27 Spring Council Conference &
Change of Watch
Hilton Hotel, New Bern
- 31 0900** "How to Read a Chart" Seminar
Lifestyles Fitness Center, Washington

APRIL

- 7 0900** "Emergencies on Board" Seminar
15th Street Fire Station
- 16 1600** Executive Committee Meeting
Chamber of Commerce
- 28** Washington Marine Market
Washington Waterfront
- TBD** America's Boating Course
- TBD** Smart Paddle Seminar
Inner Banks Outfitters
- TBD 0900-1200** Vessel Safety Check
Cypress Landing Marina
- TBD 0900-1200** Vessel Safety Check and
PPYC Blessing of the Fleet
Pamlico Plantation Marina
- TBD** PSPS Golf Challenge
Washington Yacht & Country Club



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Communication Report

Lt/C Chris Young, S

I'm happy to report that your Communication Team of volunteers has all elected to remain in that capacity for the 2012 Watch Year with the exception of our long-standing Editor. After an outstanding term as Editor, Edie Miller has moved on as our Executive Officer. In addition to myself, here is a look at the folks who distribute information both internally and externally to our communities in an effort to promote our mission of dedication to boating safety through education, civic service and fellowship.

✦ *Public Relations – John Rebbolz*

John has served in this capacity for a number of years. He has built relationships externally to provide the squadron with the very important media coverage to ensure the public is fully aware of the opportunities for education and safe boating practices available through PSPS.

✦ *Liaison – Doug Doscher*

Doug joined the communication group last year developing relationships with all local boating and yacht clubs, marinas and boating retailers. He has done a great job of communicating details of all educational offerings and civic opportunities to those organizations. We are seeing more participation from folks outside our membership group due to his efforts.

✦ *Webmaster – Dan Meyer*

Dan has been our Webmaster since 2009 and the creator of the award-winning PSPS

web site. The Web Team is further supported by Mia Ramsden and Chris Young who will also remain for 2012. Special thanks to Mia for her continued efforts and dedication to this team. Dan is working on a web redesign and we'll give you more information on that project soon. If you have any suggestions for changes or additions to the web site contact us at webmaster@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org.

✦ *Publications – Lisa Fiore*

We are very fortunate to have Lisa as Editor. She is very talented and is looking forward to the challenge of creating our *Sound of the Pamlico* and *Scuttlebutt* editions. Since this is her first publication, be sure to let her know what you think! Email her at lfiore@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org.

✦ *Main Street Window Team*

We became a Main Street supporter last year by setting up a display window in an effort to further promote PSPS. It was a bit of a challenge due to the condition of the building and later the effects of the Hurricane. The team of Alan & Maja Weaver, Bill Ramsden and Chris & Bob Young will continue to maintain this local promotional display to alert the public of upcoming Educational, Vessel Safety and Civic events as well as facts relating to boating safety.

We would like to invite other members with similar interests to join these teams. As you can see the volunteer burden does not rest on one person but on a team concept. If you would like to know more about what each member does throughout the year, just let me know. We'd like to have you give us a try.... ⚓

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Executive Officer's Report

Lt/C Edie Miller, S



Having to meet the deadline for the *Sound of the Pamlico* as the new Executive Officer (XO) of PSPS is a new experience for me. As former editor, I used to be the one urging others to meet *my* deadline!

If you are a little fuzzy on the duties of various bridge officers, I would like to let you know what my responsibilities and expectations are for 2012.

The XO is responsible for several regular, as well as many outside activities of the squadron, including Cooperative Charting (CC) and Vessel Safety Checks. Occasionally, I will be asked to represent the squadron and work with outside organizations on various projects.

Cdr Alligood would like the Squadron to strengthen our efforts in Cooperative Charting. CC is a national effort of USPS that assists the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA). NOAA brings you weather reports and storm warnings, and is responsible for keeping updated and accurate nautical charts. Local squadrons regularly take measurements of water depth, note changes in obstacles and other potential hazards in surrounding rivers and creeks, and then send a report to NOAA. Ideally, NOAA then notes the changes and corrects their charts. Because of federal budget cuts, this program is even more vital now. We all know of boaters who were surprised to find a new hazard or change in a channel that was not on the current chart.

Tom Penders has agreed to chair our efforts. Last year he put together a detailed plan that we tried to implement. Unfortunately, every time we scheduled a trip to the river, the weather interfered. We may revise our strategies this year, and do a more spontaneous "the weather looks great - let's go!" project to try to fool Mother Nature!

We will need volunteers to help us do the measuring and charting. We will also need folks with small boats, so that we can maneuver in shallower water. I have already recruited my husband, Tom, and his deck boat, so I hope more of you can join us. If you are interested, give me a call at 975-6479 and we'll add you to our group.

Fred Shroeder has once again agreed to chair the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program. PSPS holds VSCs at various marinas and on the Washington Water Front docks throughout the summer. This is another volunteer opportunity. It requires training, so if you are interested, please let me know.

Public projects in which we will be involved include the Washington Marine Market, National Safe Boating Week activities, and possibly, a proposed decorated boat event on the 4th of July.

I will keep you informed as we get closer to the dates of these various activities. And, when I call you for help, please say yes!

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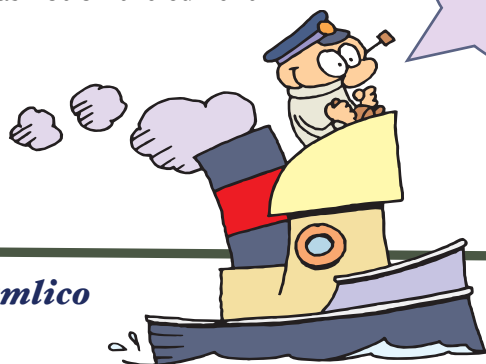




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Education Report

SEO Lt/C Tom Graham, P



The Education Department kicked off the new year with the Cruise Planning Class that began on the 24th of January at the 15th Street Fire Station in Washington.

On the 7th of March, we are pleased to offer the **Weather Course**, which will run for 10 weeks. It will focus on how weather systems form, behave, move, and interact with one another and reflects the availability of all sorts of weather reports and forecasts on the Internet. It is a general weather course that

would benefit those sitting in their living rooms as much as those standing behind the helm.

In **April** we plan to offer the **America's Boating Course**. When the date and venue have been finalized it will be published on the USPS webpage.

Other courses planned for this fall include Marine Electronics, Seamanship, and Advanced Piloting. In addition, we will offer a number of seminars.



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On Saturday, **31 March at 0900** we will hold the **How to Read a Chart** seminar at the Life Styles Gym classroom located at 1375 Cowell Farm Road in Washington. The following Saturday, **7 April**, we will offer a new seminar, **Emergencies on Board** at the 15th Street Fire Station **from 0900-1200**. This seminar will instruct the skipper to prepare adequately for common emergencies and how to actually deal with them when they occur. Topics include preventing accidents, running aground, fire, getting lost, towing, and medical conditions.

In **July**, we are planning to offer a **Hurricanes and Boats** seminar that will include presenters from various emergency agencies and a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecaster. We should have more details for you by the next edition of the *Sound of the Pamlico*.

The final seminar planned of the year is **Marine Radar** on 3 November. Those who have radar onboard or just an interest in what radar is all about and how it can contribute to

your safety on the water, be sure to mark your calendar now for this informative presentation.

Consider becoming an instructor!

As you can see, we have many educational opportunities available throughout the year, made possible by an excellent team of instructors. We are very enthusiastic about our education plans, but we need your help. Many instructors have been providing instruction to PSPS members for many years, and we are grateful for their willingness to share their expertise. We would like to add to this roster of instructors and will be implementing a program to promote the integration of a cadre of less seasoned but highly motivated instructors into our educational program. By presenting sections of courses, a new class of instructors can gain confidence and classroom experience.

Are you ready to take your rightful place with this staff of experts who share knowledge with the community and fellow PSPS members? If you have an interest in sharing your experience and knowledge with others while furthering your own learning, drop me an email [here](#). ☺



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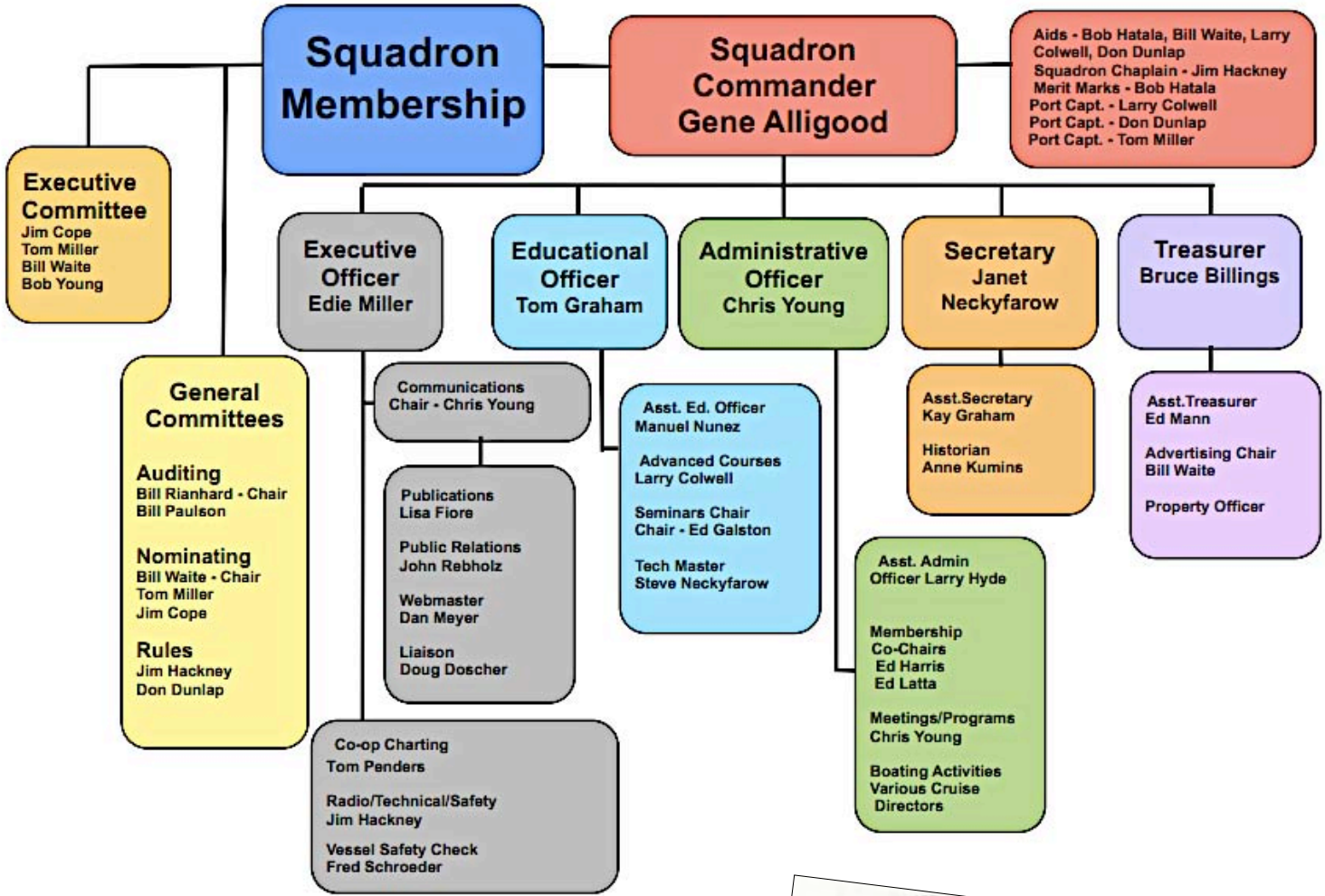
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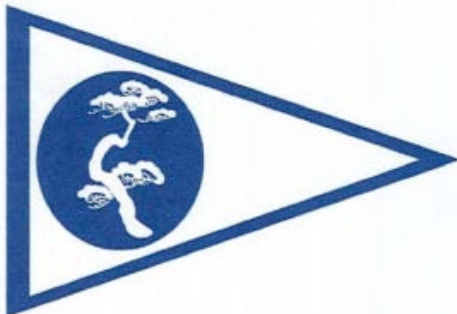
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