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## PSPS 10th Anniversary Celebration



**TEN YEARS OF COMMANDERS:** Back: P/Cs Mike Staples, Fred Kaplan, Joyce Colwell, Chip Hayes and Cdr. Tom Miller. Front: P/Cs Cliff Heidel, Larry Colwell, Bob Hatala and Bill Waite

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron members gathered at the Washington Yacht and Country Club to celebrate the founding of the squadron, and 10 years of Boating, Education, Civic Service and Fellowship.

Cdr. Tom Miller called the meeting to order at 1800 hours. Before starting dinner, the first order of business was the awarding of the legendary "Bent Prop Award" by P/C Larry Colwell. P/C Cliff Heidel received the award for running out of gas on a lunch trip to the Washington waterfront.

Following dinner, P/C Mike Staples, Chair of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee, welcomed everyone and introduced P/C Joyce Colwell, who read "Ode to the Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron" written for PSPS by member Lane Schroeder.

Staples then introduced guests and Charter Members. P/D/C Don Dunlap, gave a brief history of the squadron and referred people to the program insert detailing the founding of PSPS.

On November 1, 1999, 85 people met at Cypress Landing for an organiza-

*(See meeting, on page 4)*

## CALENDAR

### APRIL

- 6 - 1845 Piloting Course  
Lifestyles Fitness Center
- 10 - Vessel Safety Checks  
McCotter's & Broad Creek Marina
- 17 - 0900 - Vessel Safety Check  
Cypress Landing Marina
- 17 - 1200 - Partner in Command  
Public Seminar  
McCotter's Marina
- 19 - 1600 - Exec Com - CoC

### MAY

- 1 - 0900 - Vessel Safety Check  
Twin Lakes Marina - Chocowinity
- 8 - 1000 - Vessel Safety Check  
Blessing of the Fleet - WYCC
- 17 - 1600 Exec Com - COC  
SOTP Deadline
- 20 - 1800 - Membership Meeting  
WYCC
- 22-28 - National Safe Boating  
Week Activities begin.
- 22 - VSC - Cypress Landing
- 22 - VSC & Booth  
Washington Waterfront

For more information, go to:

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**Commander's Corner**

Cdr. Tom Miller, S

If you missed the Tenth Anniversary Celebration, you'll get the flavor of the event several places in this issue of The Sound of the Pamlico. The event was wonderful! The many hours of planning and preliminary work were evident to all. Mike Staples and Bill Waite did most of the heavy lifting. They and all the others who contributed to the success of the evening I say a hearty Thank You!

The day after the party Edie and I headed off to the USPS District 27 Spring meeting and COW. The event was in the nice beach community of Wrightsville Beach. We joined the Colwells, the Dunlaps and Tom Penders as delegates from PSPS. The Conference gave me some insights into District and National perspectives. It is clear we, PSPS, are a strong squadron, but, there are many things we can learn from other squadron's experiences to become even stronger.

The topic of making USPS courses and seminars available to non-members received a lot of atten-



Cdr. Tom Miller

tion. Most of the squadrons support the idea to promote the courses to the general public, and encourage non-members to join through incentives in pricing. The general consensus was that the ABC course, America's Boating Course, taught by our highly-qualified instructors, should not attempt to compete with the bare-bones courses designed to give quick and easy access to the North Carolina certificate required for boaters under 26. The Executive Board will be developing the PSPS policy on these issues in April.

Hopefully, you notice the display ads from our supporters in the Sound of the Pamlico. Please, please, thank the business people who help support PSPS. You will also notice several of our members show their additional support by contributing funds to run a business card ad. I couldn't think of what to put on a business card, so Edie and I decided to take the easy way out and just start the SHIPMATE'S ROSTER. For \$25.00, you can join us for 6 consecutive issues of the newsletter, and a spot on the website.

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**Executive Officer's Report***Lt/C Jim Cope, S*

Recently I was reviewing the United States Power Squadron new member orientation manual. Not your normal pleasure read. However it was interesting to learn about the founding of this great organization in 1914 at the New York Yacht Club. I won't go into all the details. But one thing really impressed me that I would like to share with you.

In 1917, Charles Chapman sent a letter to the Navy Department, offering the services of the USPS instructional program to train men for the Naval Coastal Defense. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, formally accepted the offer. Over 5,000 students attended these classes and entered the military. As a result of their USPS training, many earned commissions in the U.S. Navy. During both World War I and World War II, USPS supported the war efforts by training many naval navigators.

What a great history our organization has in promoting safe boating through education. As we sponsor National Safe Boating Week May 22-28. During this time we emphasize how important safe boating is to all that participate in this fun sport.

**WEAR IT!** That's the slogan for 2010. **ALWAYS WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET!**

Our mission is to enhance the boating experience by providing the boater with the latest safety tools and information. No matter what type or size of the boat you operate or what sport you pursue on the water, you are in command and fully responsible for your safety. Our goal is to be your partner and safety advocate.

It's a fact that young adult males 18 to 24 years of age, have the highest preventable water related death rate. This is mostly due to alcohol consumption and not wearing Personal Flotation Devices.

We will be promoting National Safe Boating Week by scheduling Vessel Safety Checks at numerous locations during that week. And we will also have a tent at the Washington Waterfront on Saturday May 22. It will be staffed with members prepared to assist with safety and boating related issues. Again, West Marine will give a discount this year for the purchase of any safety-related items needed to pass a Vessel Examination. Just take the page from the VSC form, showing that the boat did not pass inspection, to receive the discount.

Safe Boating.

**Treasurer's Report***Lt/C Bruce Billings*

We currently have \$4,779 in our checking account, of which \$695 is in the Colwell Education Fund. We have not received all the bills for the Tenth Anniversary Dinner, but no big change in operating funds is anticipated. All the while, our funds enable us to maintain a very robust educational program under the guidance of Robert Stanley and crew.

Our Property Officer, Bill Aldridge, has done a magnificent job in tracking down and enumerating all our possessions with but two exceptions. If anyone knows the whereabouts of an easel and a large white banner with the words "USPS Boating Course/Safe Boating Thru Education," please contact Bill at: 946-7261, ASAP. Bill has put a ton of work into this and I thank him.

We now have a storage unit at the Coastal facility on River Road as well as a locker at the Country Club. These facilities will enable us to better assemble and track our belongings.

## Communications Chair

Chris Young, S



The PSPS 2010 Calendar is really shaping up. The web site will continue to highlight the upcoming events in the Events Window located in the upper right hand column of each page. We don't want you to miss a single event! It's still not too late to Blog your suggestions on Educational Courses being offered:

<http://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/education/> or the Cruising Destinations you are interested in: <http://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/blog/>

National Safe Boating Week is May 22 through 28. We have begun the planning to kick off this week with several events on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. PSPS will have a booth set up at the Washington Waterfront from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon. This year we have asked a number of boating retailers to join us at our extended booth to help support safety on our local waters. In addition, Fred Schroeder and his VSC Team have scheduled Vessel Safety Check points at the Downtown Washington Waterfront and at the Cypress Landing Marina. Both events will run from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. As you get your boat ready for the boating season, don't forget your Vessel Safety Check. There are a number of dates and locations for your convenience listed in the calendar. Check the calendar for other VSC dates or give Fred Schroeder a call at 252-948-0682.

We need volunteers to help at the PSPS Booth on May 22<sup>nd</sup> in shifts of 8:00-10:00 or 10:00-Noon. Please consider joining us that morning to further our mission of boating safety. Call me at 252-946-7853 or by email [cyoung@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org](mailto:cyoung@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org).

## Boating is fun - we'll show you how!

*(Meeting, continued from page 1)*

tional meeting. Most of those in attendance agreed to join the provisional squadron. The first regular meeting of the provisional squadron was held at Charlie Tom's restaurant, with 75 members attending.

In March of 2000, PSPS received permission from D27 to apply for a charter. This is the date which we celebrate the anniversary of the squadron. In June of 2000, the USPS Governing Board approved the charter, and PSPS became a squadron with 117 new members.

Founding members who are still active today include: P/Cs Larry and Joyce Colwell, P/D/C Don and Donna Dunlap, Jim Hackney, P/C Bob and Mary Jo Hatala, P/C Clif and Joyce Heidel, Inza and Scott Mackenzie, Ansell MacMillan, Ed and Shirley Mann, Stan Ramsden, Roger Tuttle, and Alan and Maja Weaver.

P/C Bill Waite presented recognition awards to past commanders Hatala, Larry and Joyce Colwell, Heidel, Hayes, Staples, Kaplan and Waite, as well as current commander Miller. He also presented the spouses of these commanders with a yellow rose in recognition of their support.

Following the formal part of the program, Past National Flag Lieutenant Glen Daughtridge, who first spoke at the organizational meeting in 1999, entertained the group with a speech, while humorous, also emphasized the value of active participation in all aspects of squadron programs.

On March 14, Washington Mayor Archie Jennings signed a Proclamation recognizing PSPS for its 10 years of boating education, civic service and making the Pamlico River a safer place to boat.

## Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Gene Alligood



We have confirmed reservations with the Manteo dock master for a PSPS Cruise to Manteo June 24-26. Watch for a *Scuttlebutt* with advise on places to stay in Manteo for those who might choose to drive down. The response from the membership has been very good regarding the Manteo trip in lieu of Ocracoke.

Several members have indicated an interest in a trip to Belhaven. Both River Forest Manor and Dowry Creek marinas can accommodate us with very little advance reservations. They each have their pluses: Forest Manor has a restaurant, cocktail deck and bar, as well as barbeque grills; Dowry Creek has a small club house with kitchen facilities, a pool, and charcoal grills. Both have ample slips for guest boats. It's simply a matter of asking for member preferences.

Chris Young and I are exploring the possibility of an educational seminar with Robert Stanley and Ed Galston, on either of the Belhaven docks, regarding "Proper Usage of Flares" with live demonstrations. Out of date flares would be donated by PSPS members. I'm thinking a July trip might work with sailboats, power boats, small boats, and large boats all participating. We'll continue to work on this trip, along with other trips for all, including the Washington Waterfront.

Finally, keep your eyes opened for some special, spur of the moment, activities coming up, such as raft-ups, and dine-outs and other social gatherings. These may come to you as *Scuttlebutt* issues, or emails. And put May 20, the next Membership meeting, on your calendar. You will receive more information soon.

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(see page 6). Of course, we need to expand the number of businesses buying display ads. To help sell prospective advertisers, we have adopted a policy that all advertisers in the newsletter will be included automatically on the website in an acknowledgment display. If you have a business you support regularly, why not ask them to support PSPS? Member cards are as low as \$60.00 per year, business cards ads are \$90.00 per year, and 1/2 page ads are just \$120.00 annually. Bill Waite, Mike Staples and Jim Cope are all available to help you "close the sale". Above all remember this - monies contributed by supporters to our publications are essential to allow us to continue our community efforts to promote safe boating. Our dues, after USPS and District 27 take their cut, barely keeps the lights on!

That's all for now, see you on the water.

## Squadron Education Officer's Report

Lt/C Robert Stanley, S



John Reholz is holding discussions with the Cypress Landing Yacht Club to do a series of seminars.

All 6 attendees of the ABC course passed the exam, thanks to our great instructors. Some of the attendees may take the Piloting course being offered beginning 4/6 as non-members.

McCotters Marina is working with us on a schedule for seminars. Our first seminar at this location is the Partners in Command seminar at noon on 4/17.

The Junior Navigator course is in full swing.

Long-time member Tom Graham has agreed to serve as the Advanced Courses Chair. I would still like to find a volunteer to serve as Seminars Chair. This job involves assisting me in setting up seminars. Please let me know if you might be interested in filling this position. For more information, call me at : 252-940-8107

## District 27 Report

District 27 held it's Change of Watch and winter meeting on a beautiful weekend at Wrightsville Beach, NC, March 19th to the 21st. Joyce and Larry Colwell, Tom and Edie Miller, Don and Donna Dunlap and Tom Penders attended as PSPS delegates. Friday night's entertainment was a Rock and Roll dinner cruise around Wrightsville Bay, and we can say that even though the average age of the dancers was over 50, the boat was definitely rockin'! As first-timers, the Millers enjoyed meeting many people from other squadrons.

At the luncheon on Saturday, Larry Colwell was awarded the Toms Dover Award, the District Award for Educational Excellence, for the second time! In addition, Ken Fairchild received the "Educational Proficiency Award" which is given to anyone completing a grade level of at least Advanced Piloting (AP), plus three Elective Courses. Congratulations to both Larry and Ken for their hard work.

Saturday night everyone got gussied up for the dinner and Change of Watch, and we enjoyed a lovely meal along with the festivities.

The next D27 activity is a rendezvous, practically in our own back yard. From June 11-13, boats will gather at the Pecan Grove Marina in Oriental, N.C. The event is sponsored by the Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron. Several PSPS boats are registered, and some members will be traveling by car and staying at the Oriental Marina Inn. This will be a great chance for everyone to learn more about D27, and meet boaters from other squadrons. For information, click on <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d27/> and find all the details..

If you would like to go but are afraid you won't know anyone who will be attending from PSPS, give Tom Miller a call at 975-6479. Join us!

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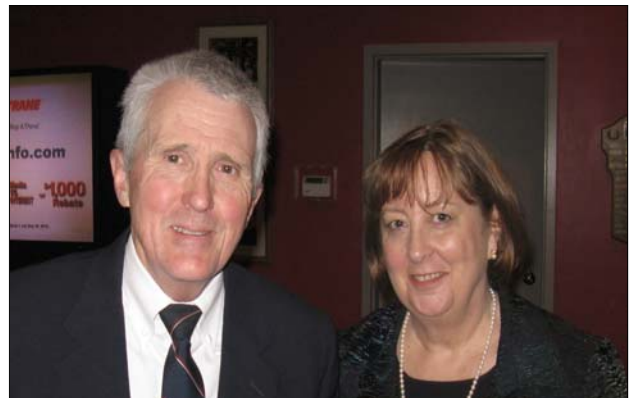
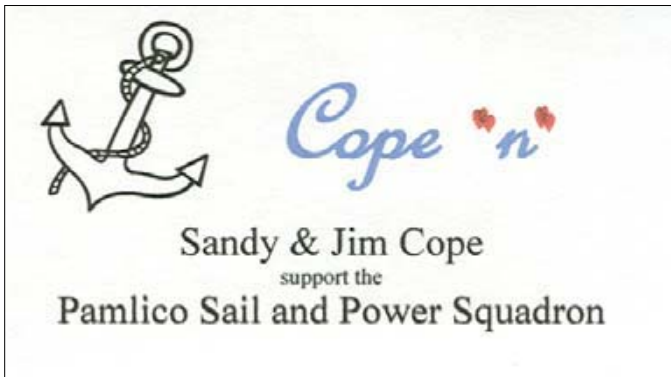
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**Pictures from the 10th Anniversary**

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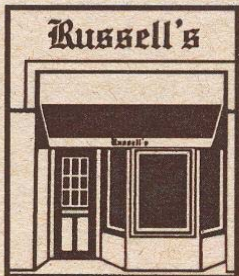
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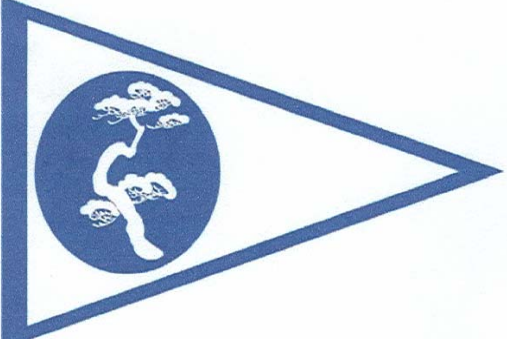




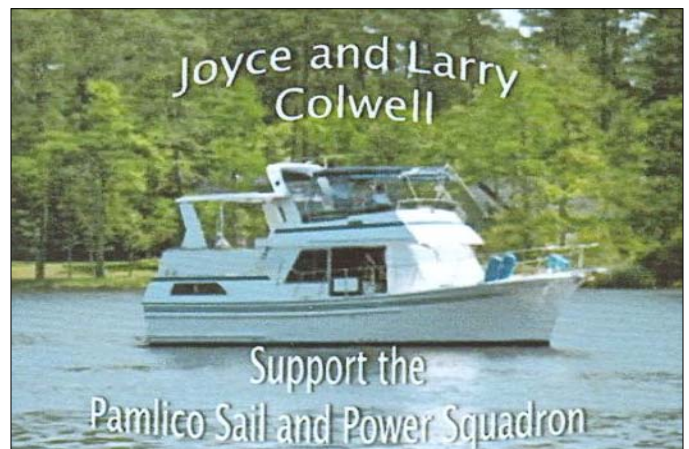
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**The Cypress Landing Yacht Club**



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**Next Membership  
Meeting**

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