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PSPS 2010 CHANGE OF WATCH



2010 PSPS Bridge

The 2010 PSPS Change of Watch was held on January 9th, 2010, at the Washington Yacht and Country Club. After introductions and dinner, Cdr. Bill Waite called the annual meeting to

order. Auditor Bruce Billings reported that squadron accounts are in good standing. P/C Joyce Colwell announced the slate of officers, bridge

(See meeting, on page 4)

PSPS HOLIDAY PARTY



Holiday Revelers Dancing

On December 11, PSPS members attended the 2009 Holiday Party at the Washington Yacht and Country Club. Table decorations were once again designed by AO Miller. After dinner, we were entertained by "Mid-Life Crisis". This two-man band played lots of oldies, and Cdr. Bill Waite and Ginny led us to the dance floor.

To much laughter, Scott

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY, 2010

15 - 1600 - Bridge - CoC

MARCH, 2010

15 - 1600 - Bridge - CoC
Include SOTP reports

18 - 1800 WYCC

PSPS 10th Anniversary Gala

19 - 20 - D27 Annual Meeting
Wrightsville Beach

APRIL

19 - 1600 - Bridge - CoC

MAY

8 - 1000 - VSC - WYCC
Blessing of the Fleet

17 - 1600 - Bridge - CoC
Include SOTP reports

20 - 1800 - Member Meeting
WYCC - speaker TBA

22 - VSC - Washington
Waterfront and Cypress
Landing Marina

22 - 28 - National Safe Boating
Week

For more information, go to:
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Commander's Corner

Cdr. Bill Waite, S

I was honored to be elected as your commander for 2010. This year is shaping up to be a year to remember, for a number of reasons.

The new North Carolina boating-safety education requirements will go into effect May 1, 2010. This law will require all boat operators younger than 26 to pass a boating safety course, such as our ABC course. This presents a challenge for SEO Rob Stanley. He will need more certified instructors to lead classes that will see record enrollments. This will be a wonderful year to present our squadron in a positive light to the whole boating community.

Our higher goals for membership growth, safety inspections and public relations efforts will require more volunteer participation by squadron members. We will conduct familiarization sessions about PSPS and USPS, and workshops on squadron structure and leadership to encourage new and veteran members to become involved in squadron activities. We know that active, engaged members are more likely to renew their memberships. A high renewal rate, plus aggressive new member recruitment translates to meaningful squadron growth.



Cdr. Tom Miller

Gene Alligood, new AO, is already immersed in planning social activities and boating rendezvous, as well as other gatherings throughout the year. In addition to cooperative activities with other boating groups, we will have plenty of activities for boats of all sizes. Of course, the highlight of the year will be the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the founding of PSPS. Mark your calendars for the party at the Washington Yacht and Country Club on Thursday, March 18th.

Keeping members informed and engaged is the goal of XO Jim Cope and the communications committee. You should check our award-winning website, pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org, and the newsletter, "Sound of the Pamlico" often for new events and calls for volunteers.

As we drag ourselves out of the winter doldrums, I would ask each of you to participate in some of the wonderful opportunities available to PSPS members: attend membership meetings, sail with us on a cruise, volunteer for a committee or to help plan a project, become a certified instructor, take a class, order computer software at a huge discount or buy a burgee from

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Executive Officer's Report

Lt/C Bob Young, P



It is a pleasure to serve as Executive Officer with Commander Miller and the 2010 Bridge. What a privilege to be involved with this wonderful organization on it's tenth anniversary.

I am pleased that our chairpersons from last year will be returning again in 2010. We have an experienced team ready to do an outstanding job again this year.

Communication Chair, Chris Young and her team are already updating the web site for 2010 and beginning phase two of our new award winning web site.

Vessel Safety Checks Chair, Fred Schroeder is returning this year with his team of inspectors to head up this very important effort of boating safety. He and his team of qualified examiners will continue working with local boaters.

Radio/Technical/Safety Chair, Jim Hackney will continue his role participating in educational activities and keeping the squadron updated on the latest changes in the areas of marine electronic equipment.

Co-Op Charting, will be headed by Tom Penders. Tom, DEO, was formerly our Education Officer and did an outstanding job in promoting safe boating through education. He is currently Welcome Tom to this new challenge.

The members of the 2010 bridge and committees have already done a lot of work to insure that 2010 will be a year fun, educational programs, cruises, and contributions to the community through numerous civic events. It is our hope that everyone will participate in one or all of these activities.

Treasurer's Report

Lt/C Bruce Billings



I am pleased to be serving as treasurer for the squadron. The books are in excellent shape, and the current balance in our account is \$6010, of which \$995 is in the Colwell Education

Fund. I will be reorganizing the Ship's Store, as well as destroying some old financial records according to the IRS rules

Secretary's Report

Lt/C Dan Meyer



I'm looking forward to serving as Secretary and working with Commander Tom, the 2010 Bridge and Executive Committee.

Nancy Jackson will be returning as Assistant Secretary, Susan Penders is onboard as Assistant Secretary and Sandy Cope is continuing as PSPS Historian. Every Secretary should have it so good, and working with them will make for an enjoyable year.

Important Notice!

The U.S. Coast Guard, in accordance with the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, will terminate the transmission of all U.S. LORAN-C signals effective February 8, 2010, at 2000. After that time, the U.S. LORAN-C signal will be unusable and permanently discontinued. This termination does not affect U.S. participation in the Russian American or Canadian LORAN-C chains. Participation in these chains will continue temporarily in accordance with international agreements. You may read more and download pertinent documents on the web [via our LORAN-C page](#).

Communications Chair

Chris Young, S



So, who would have imagined 10 years ago that we would have advanced our communication levels within the Squadron to Blogging! Well Happy Anniversary Members.....this month we've established our second Blog on Cruising. This is a great way for you as members to get in touch with other members, offer suggestions and opinions, as well as give your input to the plans being made for the new Watch Year, providing our Bridge Officers with the feedback needed to present you with meaningful programs and entertaining activities.

Be sure to log on the Education Blog and let Robert Stanley and his team know what seminars and courses you are interested in taking. Remember, there are 5 new seminars available this year. The Education Blog is on each Education Page of our web site or click on the following link: <http://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/education/>

We will have a Cruising Blog for each of our upcoming cruises, but until the weather breaks, we set up a Blog for you to let Gene Alligood and Bill Paulson know what destinations would interest you this summer. The Cruising Blog is on the Boating Activities Page of our web site or click on the following link:

<http://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/blog/>

While you're Blogging, take a moment to look through the web site. The Web Team has updated our Web Site with the new 2010 information and we have included new photos on a number of pages and rewritten a few pages. Let us know what you think and give us any further suggestions on how we might have make your web site more useful to you!

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members and assistants. The slate was elected unanimously. To learn more about the 2010 bridge officers, click on: <http://pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/aboutbri.html>.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Awards were presented as follows: Mike Staple gave Nancy Jackson the Past commanders' award; Robert Stanley presented the Hatala Education Award to P/C Mike Staples; Bill Waite presented the commander's Award to Chris Young, Communications Coordinator; and Jim Cope received the Commander's Service Award.

Cdr. Waite then turned the meeting over to District 27 Administrative Officer Mike McCulley. D/Lt/C McCulley then dismissed the 2009 officers, chairs, and committees from duty.

P/C Waite presented incoming commander Tom Miller with the squadron's charter. D/Lt/C McCully administered the oath of office to Cdr. Miller and presented him with the Commander's Flag.

After swearing in SEO Robert Stanley and assistant SEO Ed Galston, and the new bridge and assistant bridge members, D/Lt/C McCully turned the watch over to Cdr. Miller.

Cdr. Presented clocks to P/Cs Staples and Waite for the hours spent volunteering for the squadron and made closing remarks, calling on squadron all members to be active in PSPS activities. Click on the link for

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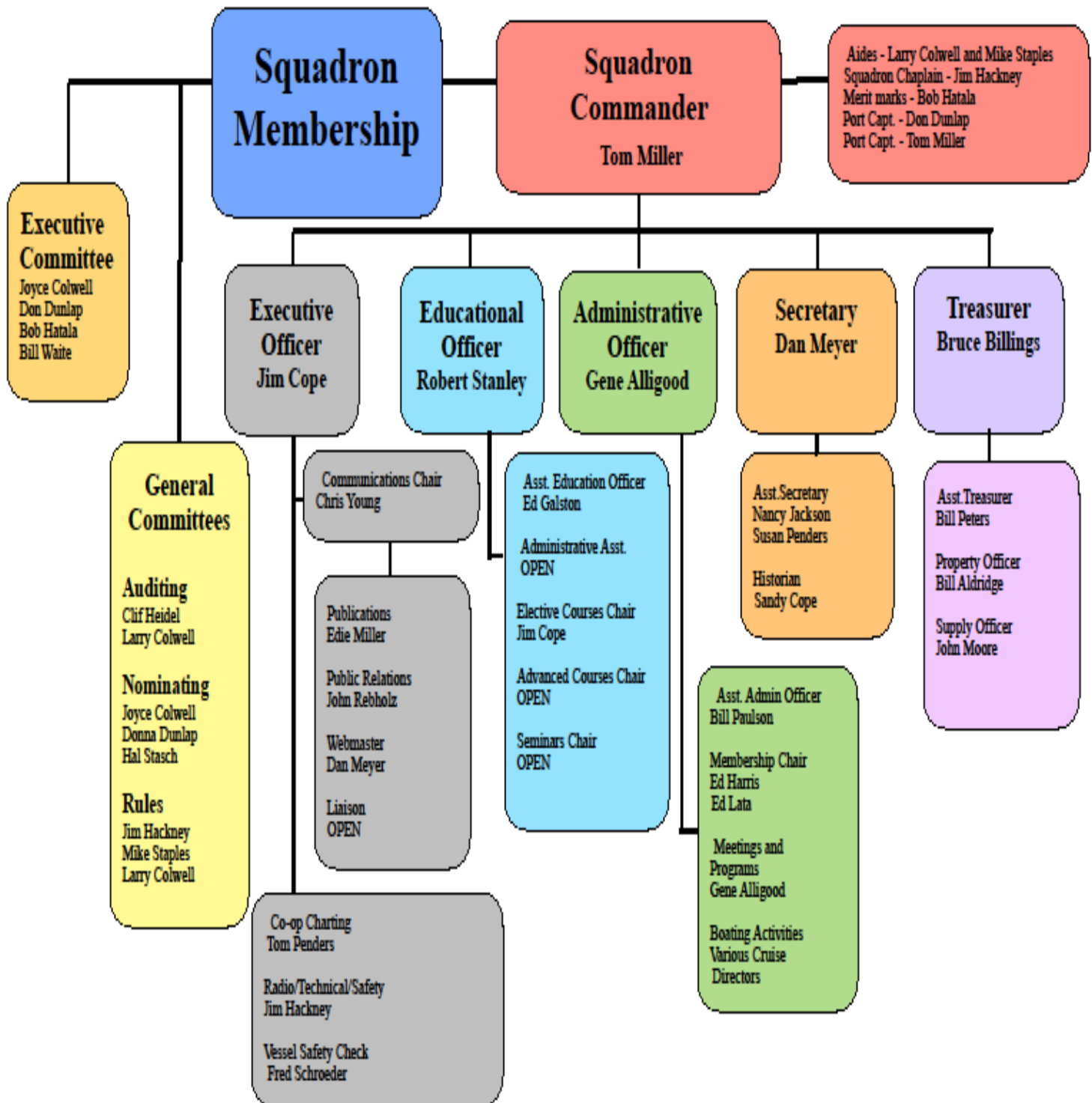
the Ship's store.

On page 6, you will find the Organizational chart for 2010. You will see several gaps - positions to be filled. If you would like to get more involved in your squadron by filling one of the empty slots, please call me for more information and the job description, or send me an email.

Bill Waite and all the commanders before him have built a strong foundation. It is up to us to continue building and enlarging the scope and reputation of this great organization.

Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron Organizational Chart

January, 2010



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Mackenzie read his poem, "A Pamlico Christmas." (see below.) For pictures of this event, click on the link below.

<http://pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/actpho.html>



A Pamlico Christmas Eve, by Scott Mackenzie.

(with apologies to Clement Moore)

T'was the night before Christmas, on the Pamlico River.
The wind was so cold even a penguin would shiver.

The stockings were hung on the portholes with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

Our boat, she was nestled all snug in her slip,
And I had just finished my last evening sip.

Ma, in her Tilley's, and looking quite pompous
Had just settled down after checking the compass,

when out on the river there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bunk to see what was the matter!

I ran through the cabin, while lighting a match,
went straight up the ladder and slid back the hatch.

The mist in the harbor was looking quite eerie as
I peered through the fog, while becoming more leery.

When what to my wondering eyes did appear,
but a miniature schooner with eight kegs of beer.

With a little old captain, so lively and quick,
I knew in a minute, it must be Cap. Nick.

More rapid than sea gulls, his deck hands they came
When he whistled and shouted and called them by name.

Now Bill Waite, on Bob Young, the Millers and Dunlap,
On Al Blue and Jim Cope, Tom Penders and Fred Kap.

Up through the trestle, back down through a squall,
Now haul away, haul away, sail away all.

As panic before wild spinnakers fly,
When the met an obstacle, "Starboard they'd cry!

Soon up to the dock the schooner she flew,

With a boatload of Squadron Bridge posing as crew.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard, midst the clatter,
The failure of fiberglass, as the bow rail did shatter.

As I drew down my head, and was turning around,
Down through the dorade he came with a bound.

A freshly made sandwich he held tight in his paw,
and the meat hanging out seemed a little bit raw.

His eyes, they were bloodshot, but twinkled with foolery,
His cheeks were all sunburned, his breath like a brewery.

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a jib,
And his beard fit his face like a young baby's bib.

A can of Blue Lite he held tight to his lips,
and a bottle of NoDoze was strapped to his hips.

He had a broad backside, and quite a beer belly,
That shook when he'd shout, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plumb, a right jolly old captain,
And I laughed to myself, when I saw what had happened.

A wink of his eye and a nod of his head,
Soon gave me to know we had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
Put boat stuff in stockings, then turned with a jerk.

The laying his finger, aside of his nose
And giving a nod, to the masthead he rose.

He sprang to his deck, to his crew gave a screech,
And away they all sailed, on a wobbly beam reach.

We pass on what he cried as they rounded the pier,
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good year!"

Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Gene Allgood



ATTENTION!

On Thursday, March 18, 2010, PSPS will celebrate its 10th anniversary in gala fashion at the Washington Yacht and Country Club. Mark your calendars and get your glad rags ready! Watch your email for the invitation in late February. Get your reservations in early to be sure you can take part in this exciting event.

It is my pleasure to serve PSPS as Administrative Officer, and I am pleased to report that I have so far firmed up dates for all member meetings, meetings and two cruises. All cruising and boating activities are on the web <http://pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/cal.html>.

The cruise to Ocracoke will take place June 25 - 27. As always, you can come by boat and rent a slip, or a come by car and rent a room, at the Anchorage Inn and Marina. For information and slip reservations, call: Marina (252) 928-6661 or Inn (252) 928-1101. Their website is: <http://www.theanchorageinn.com>.

A second cruise is planned for Oriental, October 8 - 10. Again we will be at the Oriental Inn and Marina. For information, their website is: <http://www.orientalmarina.com> contact them for reservations and slips at: 252-249-1818, or email to: info@orientalmarina.com.

I am working on additional cruises, both short and long. If you have an idea for a cruise or an activity, please share it with me at the Cruising blog <http://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/blog>.

Squadron Education Officer's Report

Lt/C Rob Stanley, S



We have 3 courses currently under way. Junior Navigation started January 4, Cruise Planning on the 14, and the ABC Course started on the 16th.

USPS has added 5 new seminars, which are short, half-day courses. I am working with McCotter's Marina, and if all goes well, we will offer one course a month in their Ship's Store.

If you are interested in taking a Piloting course, we are currently in discussion about dates and times.

For more information on classes and dates, check the calendar at: <http://pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/cal.html>, and if you have any thoughts or comments you would like to share, please join us on the education blog at <http://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/education>.

Bill and Ginny Waite



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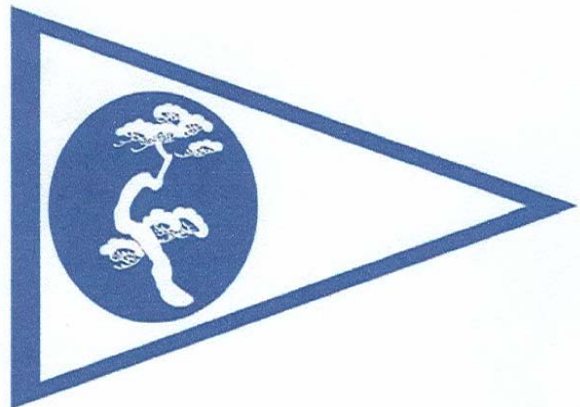
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