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PSPS September Membership Meeting



Chief Mac Morgan and Sam

The September membership meeting was held on the 17th at the Washington Yacht and Country Club. Members enjoyed the PSPS favorite buffet.

The featured presenter was Mac Morgan of the North Carolina Canine Emergency Rescue Team.

NC C.E.R.T. is a non-profit volunteer organization which serves the

State of North Carolina and surrounding areas.

Members and the dogs provide free, highly skilled search and rescue teams 24 hours a day, responding to requests from law enforcement agencies and emergency management agencies, during natural or man made disasters, structure and building collapse, drowning, and lost persons in urban and wilderness settings, including on the water. In addition, NC C.E.R.T. works to promote understanding and public awareness of the role of search dogs through public demonstrations and lectures to state and local agencies, schools, retirement and rest homes.

The dogs and their handlers are

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2009 Christmas Flotilla

December 5th is the date for this year's Christmas Flotilla, sponsored by Downtown on the Waterfront, DWOW. PSPS will again be managing the on-the-water portion, making sure that all flotilla participants are safe and in the right order. Captain Mike Staples is leading this project. Cdr. Waite will call for volunteers soon, once the details are set. If you would like to enter your boat, information will be posted on the DWOW website.

Just click on:

<http://www.washingtononthewater.com>



CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 9-11 - Cruise to Oriental
- 13 - 1600 Bridge - Chamber New Member Reception Pirate's Pub

NOVEMBER

- 14 - 1600 Bridge - Chamber
- 13 - S0TP Deadline
- 19 - 1800 Membership Meeting WYCC

DECEMBER

- 5 - Christmas Parade - Washington
- 5 - 1600 Christmas Flotilla
- 11 - Friday, Holiday Party 1800 WYCC

JANUARY

- 16 - Change of Watch WYCC

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Commander's Corner**YOU, ME and US**

Cdr. Bill Waite, S

So for almost 2-years now, you have read my articles in the Sound of the Pamlico, met me in person and, more recently seen me on TV and watched my membership video reports. If you take all the things that I have said as a whole, I think you will note that I am extremely enamored with the Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron. You have often



Cdr. Bill Waite

heard me talk about it as a local value - added organization - whether it be in boating education and safety, community involvement or social activities. I have worked hard to improve communications with you and to keep you exceptionally informed about the Squadron and its activities. I have also been attempting to move YOU from the ME membership to the US membership.

Well, what do I mean by that? One of the things that I have noticed is that many of you joined the Squadron for the benefits you receive as a member. We all know of the long list of individual benefits. Of course, each one is in itself a good reason to join the Squadron. Some of these benefits literally provide more payback than the cost of your annual dues. You get boating education for nothing more than the cost of materials. You at-

tend meetings, events, rendezvous and cruises with your friends new and old. You get discounts on items bought and savings on occasional fees and charges. Let us not forget that you save a bundle on upgrading your computer software each year. Let's call this the ME factor.

Now there is nothing wrong with the ME factor but, when the ME factor is not there for you anymore, I would like you to

take the US factor into account. So, what about the US factor?

The US factor comes into play when we take into account all the benefits the greater community receives when we have a robust Squadron. When you are on board, every member benefits as well as everyone in the larger community. So, even though you may no longer have a boat or no longer wish to attend courses or seminars or no longer attend general membership meetings, there is still something in it for you. The something is, the knowledge that you are part of a fine organization that contributes to the community in many ways and appreciates your membership.

Just as the ME factor has many benefits, so too does the US factor. One event where this is so evident is the

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Executive Officer's Report

Lt/C Bob Young, P



It's that time of year again to begin thinking about our area's important holiday event, **The Washington Christmas Flotilla**. PSPS will work with DWOW and the Washington Waterfront by again coordinating the "on the water" activities. Past Commander, Mike Staples, will lead our participation in this annual event. The date this year is **Saturday, December 5th** and details will be out soon regarding the event. Will you register and enter your boat this year? If you talk with past Captains, you'll learn that it is great fun to participate.....but your planning should start soon. PSPS

has always been well represented, with several entries, including last year's winner. Let's see if we can top that this year. Consider participating, either as a boat entry in the Flotilla, a dock hand or the water activity.

I'd like to give you an update on our team of Vessel Safety Examiners lead by Fred Schroeder. The 11 man team has conducted Vessel Safety Checks for 141 boats to date, bringing them very close to their goal of 150. Take a minute to thank the guys on this team for their efforts in furthering boating safety in our local waters. They are: Bob Hatala, Ed Mann, Jim Cope, Stan Ramsden, Bill Ramsden, Cliff Heidel, Dave Bailey, Don Dunlap, Fred Kaplan, Dan Naugle and of course Fred Schroeder.



Treasurer's Report

Lt/C Jim Cope



The check is in the mail.
Yeah, right! You can never depend on the darn post office.

I have been in the trucking and warehouse business for 35 years and I can't count the number of times I have heard this story. This industry has no shortage of characters, and seeing how far you can push is part of the business psyche.

In all my years in business, the post office has never lost a check which was really mailed to us. They have mis-routed them, but they were usually found and delivered. We had our post office box next to a very large insurance company's post office box. They had over 7,000 employees, we had 50. Every once in awhile a piece of our mail would be put in their box by mistake. In a few days, the

insurance company would send us our mail back with an apology, and we would do likewise.

I have had the privilege of serving as your treasurer for almost three years and have been told by many of you the check is in the mail for meetings and classes. Never once, did it not arrive. Not only did the US Postal Service do their job, but most importantly you, the members of the Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron, are true to your word. It is just a small example of the integrity of our members.

Thank you for all your support and cooperation. Our members are a great group of people, who not only have integrity, but show their sense of community by supporting the Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron.

I am pleased to report that we have a balance in our checking account of \$ 7,177.

EDUCATION CORNER

Lt/C Rob Stanley, S



We have two classes currently under way. Eight people are taking the ABC course, and 12 are taking Marine electronics.

We received the following report from District Education Officer Tom Penders:

I thought you would be interested to know that a contest display of Training Aides used in educational programs was held at the District 27 Fall Conference in New Bern.

The winner, overall, was designed by Jim Hackney of PSPS. His Training Aide consisted of two working VHF Radios, each with programmed digital

identifiers. The transmitting radio was attached to a dummy load that restricted the transmission to about 100 feet so that communication in the area would not be affected.

The system worked beautifully in demonstrating the feature of "channel switching" and communication of digital identifiers in addition to providing the usual VHF communication capability. Unfortunately, the Coast Guard denied our request to stage a digital distress call. With this feature the display would have shown the alarm function on any nearby VHF/DSC radio and the communication to all monitoring radios of the position of the distressed vessel if the radio was wired to a GPS receiver. The Coast Guard explained that all distress calls were repeated to all Coast Guard Stations up and down the coast. It would have been a major task to notify them all that our simulated call was only a test.

Jim's display will now go forward to a national contest to be judged at the national USPS meeting held in Orlando. When asked to comment, Jim said that, after this victory, he was going to Disneyland!



Boating is fun - we'll show you how!

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trained in disaster, cadaver (water & land) and wilderness searches. Teams undergo rigorous training and must meet strict standards before they are deployed on a mission. Ongoing training and continuing education is required for all members to maintain their skills at optimal levels.

Training is conducted in diverse situations and often entails more than 50 hours per month for each member. In addition, all members are responsible for providing their own personal equipment.

If you would like to support this organization, or find out more about them click on the link below.

http://www.nccert.org/cmeps_index.php

Communications Chair

Chris Young, S

Our Web Master, Dan Meyer, has modified the section under the header Publications on our web site. The heading has been changed to "News & Info". Under this new header you will find:

- Copies of *Sound of the Pamlico* and *Scuttlebutt* – same page layout remains with reference to current and past publications.
- PSPS Breaking News & Information – same page layout, with added documents relating to the NC Boating Law change and the Ethanol Waiver. Jim Hackney has agreed to submit an article soon which will be added to this page along with any other news of local interest.
- USPS News & Information – This is a new page that links to USPS Breaking News for easy access to USPS and USCG headline news.

Take a quick review the next time you are on the web site. We hope you will find the changes useful and informative.

The Photo Gallery Page has been completed and now shows photos from many of our past events. In the future, we will post additional pictures as soon as possible following our various events. The Sound of the Pamlico will continue to include photos.....but only a few. Edie will include a link that will take you directly to the Photo Gallery page to view additional photos.

The Web Team will begin enhancing our web site in October, making the changes that have been requested by several committees and members. We've heard from some, but would like to hear from more members to be certain we are providing you with the information and capabilities you desire. Feel free to chat with the web team (Dan Meyer, Chris Young, Mia Ramsden and Edie Miller) or, to give us your comments, click on this email address:

webmaster@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org



(Commander, Continued from page 2)

Christmas Flotilla. Here is a Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron activity that truly benefits the larger community. Managing the waterway during such a gathering is a significant contribution to the community during one of its premier annual events. This will be the fourth year the Squadron has helped to keep boaters safe, while they delicately ply the waterway in total darkness, with the help of knowledgeable communications and organization abilities provided by the Squadron. Whether you are a boating participant in the flotilla, or someone watching from the shore, you can be proud of being a member of this fine organization and its volunteers who are contributing time and skill to benefit everyone in the community - truly an US factor event!

So, I would ask you to consider continuing your membership long after you may be actively involved. And, while I am asking, please consider entering your

boat in the Holiday Flotilla, or volunteering to help manage activities as participating boats leave and return to the docks. This year's Flotilla is scheduled for December 5. Please look for more information about the Flotilla as time get near.

You have my best regards... Bill Waite



Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Tom Miller, S



In early September, a few hardy souls ventured west on the Tar river to observe the nearly completed river-span phase of the Route 17 bypass. P/DEO Larry Colwell, trained in engineering by the US Naval Academy, provided a running commentary on the construction methods. Then the group repaired to the new Pirate's Pub for warmth and lunch. (See pictures of the expedition...).

The squadron membership meeting on Thursday, September 17th, was organized by Treasurer Jim Cope. The featured speaker, Captain Mac Morgan, gave an engrossing presentation on the all-volunteer North Carolina Canine Emergency Response Team, NCCERTS. 50/50 winner P/C Mike Staples was so excited by the presentation, that he donated his winnings to the organization. Cmdr. Bill Waite, in the same spirit, donated the squadron's share to NCCERTS as well, to support their valiant efforts.

The October 9, 10, 11, gathering in Oriental is shaping up to be a big event. At this time, we have 8 boats committed to the Oriental Marina, and a few rooms are still available at the Inn. Call 252-249-1818 for a slip or a room. Bill Paulson is handling all the details. For information, call Bill at 975-2173. If you can't be there for a long stay, plan to drive down to Oriental for dinner, or a day visit. Entertainment is scheduled for both Friday and Saturday.

New members are invited to join the bridge for a social hour following the Tuesday, October 13, Bridge meeting. The affair will be held at the new Pirate's Pub on the Washington waterfront at the foot of Market Street. The Bridge meeting starts at 4:00 pm at the Chamber of Commerce office, followed by the reception at 5:15. You may opt to stay for dinner if you wish.

The next regular dinner meeting will be held at the Washington Yacht and Country Club on Thursday, November 19th. Our speaker will be the ever-dynamic, P/C Captain Mike Staples! If you have any better suggestions of some one you would like to hear, get them to me quickly at 975-6479, or click on:

[.tmiller@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org](mailto:tmiller@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org)

Please mark your calendars for the Holiday Flotilla, Saturday, December 5; The PSPS Holiday Party, Friday, December 11, and the 2010 Change of Watch, on Saturday, January 16th.



The hardy band of Tar River boaters, and the last section of the bridge project. For more pictures, click on the link below.

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

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Report from the PSPS Historian

Sandy Cope

The Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron will celebrate our tenth anniversary in 2010.

The announcement in the March 2000 issue of the Sound of the Pamlico stated that on Thursday, 27 January, 2000, the squadron held it's first General Meeting. Charlie Tom's restaurant in Washington was the location where 76 members and guests attended the formal swearing in of the Bridge.

Bob Hatala was the first Commander. Bob was also Jim's and my sailing-course instructor 25 years ago in Bethlehem, Pa. We took the course in the basement of an old church week-night evenings. Bob would drive in from New Jersey.

A few years ago, we bought our property in Cypress Landing, but did not build for several years. One day, while still living in Bethlehem, Pa., I received a call from a Bob Hatala advising me that he is our neighbor in North Carolina. He asked permission to have a contractor, who was going to build a retaining wall for him, to use our property for access. I gave my okay. Bob, then asked if I remembered his name. I did not. He then proceeded to tell me that Jim and I took a course from him and named the date and place. He's been keeping a log of all the students he has taught over the years!

By the time we moved to NC several years later, we had given up sailing and bought a power boat, and soon met up with Bob and Mary Jo. Well you guessed it, Bob suggested we take a course, and we have become part of the history of the squadron. We have met so many wonderful people during the few years we have been members, all thanks to the first PSPS commander.

As we move forward to our tenth year anniversary, I will be bringing scrapbooks from the past to the meetings. I hope you will take a few minutes to look at our past events and the pictures of people who have been part of our ten-year history.

Cruising Report From Scott and Inza Mackenzie

From Falmouth, Cape Cod, MA:

Most cruisers, including the crew of "Salty Spouse," will say that the first rule of cruise planning is that you can't plan for everything.

Last week we moved east after being fogged-in in Fishers Island Sound for three days. We arrived in Hadley Harbor, Woods Hole 3 days before hurricane Bill was to show up, so we decided to stay put. Hadley Harbor is often called a classic hurricane hole. The local residents took up all the moorings, so we set out two anchors and were quite comfortable. No problems until after morning coffee the next day when we discovered a rather large brown rodent under the raised grate in our cockpit. It had apparently been blown off the shore during the windy night, and climbed into one of the cockpit drains at our waterline. I promptly covered the grate and weighed down the cover so it could not force its way out, and maybe get down below. Now, I had no plan to deal with this. No nearby stores to buy poison or traps. What would you have done?

It took me a while to come up with a plan; actually overnight. I got out an empty plastic 2-lb coffee container, and a laminated instruction card. The plan was to lift the grate, plunk the container over the rodent, then slide the laminated card under the container trapping the rodent. Holding the card and container together I could then move the assembly over the side and dump our friend. The Admiral approved the plan, so off I went. Turned out the critter had died overnight. It was a Meadow Vole, about 4" long with a 1-1/2" tail. The plan was smoothly implemented as conceived. See you in November.

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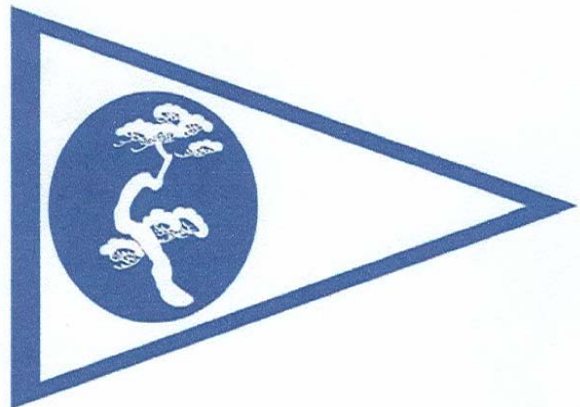
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