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10TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION



Ten Years of PSPS Leadership. Back row: P/C Bill Waite, P/C Mike Staples, P/C Joyce Colwell, P/C Fred Kaplan, and Cdr. Tom Miller.
Front Row: P/C Chip Hayes, P/C Bob Hatala, P/C Larry Colwell and P/C Clif Heidel

PSPS 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

P/C Mike Staples AP

Yes, it seems hard to believe. The Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron will be 10-years old in March of 2010. Therefore, the Bridge is dedicating the regular meeting of the squadron, slated for March 18th, to celebrating the efforts of many of our distinguished members who helped to form and lead this organization.

Last year, then-commander P/C Bill Waite formed a committee including, in addition to him: P/C Mike Staples, Chair; Tom Miller, current commander; P/C Joyce Colwell; P/C Bob Hatala; P/D/C Don Dunlap; current AO, Lt/C Gene Alligood; current XO, Lt/C Jim Cope; and Communications Chair, Chris Young. The committee has been meeting regularly to plan a gala celebration.

We have planned a great meal at reasonable cost, and we request that you please wear a jacket and tie, in honor of the occasion. Our speaker is a professional humorist. Interestingly, he spoke at the very first meeting of the squadron in 2000.

Please mark your calendars now and set aside March 18th, at 1800, at the Washington Yacht and Country Club, for the 10th anniversary celebration of our squadron. Details along with the meal offerings will be distributed via email in late February.

“Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore” (Anonymous)

In The Beginning...

In February 1998, Mary Jo and I moved from New Jersey to North Carolina primarily because of easy boating access to southern waters. I had been a member of USPS for 23 years, and had completed all USPS courses and was awarded a full certificate education grade of SN. I had served as Commander of Delhigh Power Squadron (PA), Boating Course Chairman for Somerset Power Squadron (NJ) and Squadron Education Officer for Barnegat Bay Power Squadron (NJ).

I joined the Tar River Power Squadron in March 1998, and taught a Public Boating Course in Greenville. In June, I was asked to attend a meeting to discuss the possibility of a new squadron in Washington, NC. Present at that meeting were Don Dunlap, Clif Heidel, Bill Cantwell, and Charles and Winifred Dolbear. I said that we needed a plan of action, and was then asked to spearhead the formation of a new squadron.

We developed a plan and asked each committee member to commit to the plan. We named our potential new squadron the Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron.

My initial step, in September 1999, was to meet with District 27 Commander Rogers. On September 13 we prepared a justification letter, outlining the benefits of a new squadron, and how we planned to go about organizing it. Commander Rogers was very supportive.

Recognizing the impact on the Tar River Power Squadron in terms of many of their members wanting to transfer to the Washington squadron, I met with Commander Ben Reed (Tar River Squadron Commander), District Commander Rogers and National USPS Commander Lance Jensen. The outcome of that meeting was documented in an October 18 letter from National Commander Jensen stating that, “Pamlico will become a provisional squadron in which new members will enter as unattached members without the requirement to pay local dues until the provisional squadron is chartered. Tar River members who intend to transfer would remain in Tar River squadron until the new squadron is chartered... I think it is super that D/27 may get a new squadron in the Washington area and I hope the members of Tar River will do all in their power to support that effort.”

On November 1, 1999, the Pamlico Sail and Power provisional squadron held its first meeting at the Cypress Landing Bay Club. Eighty-eight people were in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to explain the formation of the new provisional squadron and, for non-members, to outline the benefits and value of joining USPS. We were fortunate to have Glen Daughtridge, of the Rocky Mount Squadron, to assist us in keeping the meeting light. Glen is a professional humorist and created much laughter while tying in with the theme of our meeting. Each member of the provisional bridge presented a category of squadron activity, e.g., education, social, membership, etc. The provisional bridge was organized as follows:

Commander, Bob Hatala; **Executive Officer**, Charles Dolbear; **Administrative Officer**, Don Dunlap; **Secretary/Membership**, Bill Cantwell; **Basic Boating**, Clif Heidel; and **Treasurer**, Winifred Dolbear.

On Jan 27, 2000, we held an organizational meeting to prepare a petition to the USPS Governing Board for a new squadron Charter. We had 108 petition signatures. At this meeting, we also adopted bylaws and elected the following Bridge Officers: **Commander**, Bob Hatala; **Executive Officer**, Charles Dolbear; **Education Officer**, Larry Colwell; **Administrative Officer**, Don Dunlap; **Secretary**, Joyce Colwell; and **Treasurer**, Winifred Dolbear.

Thanks to the hard work of P/C Harry Sakjas, our bylaws, modeled after the national bylaws, were approved. The squadron burgee, designed by Charles Dolbear, required what seemed unending approval layers from District and National!

On March 1, 2000, eleven documents were submitted to National Headquarters in accordance with USPS bylaws for charter approval. On March 7, 2000, Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron was officially approved with 108 charter active members. The people involved worked tirelessly in implementing the plan, and the

process was fast and smooth, with a bump here and there. My hat goes off to all the people involved and for those I may have inadvertently overlooked, I apologize.

Coming Of Age...

Each new Commander focused on involvement, innovation and change. The squadron went from holding formal General Membership meetings to a more informal format. We tried different meeting places, finally settling on the Washington Yacht & Country Club as the best location.

Following are some squadron highlights:

...In 2002, PSPS ran the District 27 annual rendezvous in Edenton, NC. This was a huge undertaking for a young squadron. Thanks to P/C Clif Heidel and his committee, the rendezvous was very successful.

...Because of our experience in chartering a new squadron, we were asked to assist the Albermarle Sail and Power Squadron to become a chartered squadron in District 27.

....Through the efforts of P/C Larry Colwell, PSPS won the Prince Henry Award twice. This is the most prestigious education award that a squadron can receive.

.....Scott Mackenzie received the National USPS Chapman Award for excellence in teaching.

.....SEO Tom Penders expanded squadron education offerings to members to include all USPS courses, as well continuing to offer the Public Boating Courses and Seminars to non-members.

.....P/C Don Dunlap was the first editor of the newsletter *Sound of the Pamlico*. He wrote, typed and took it to a print shop and finally to the post office for mailing. This was a very time consuming and expensive process, continued by second editor P/C Chip Hayes. Thanks to the growth of personal computing, current editor Edie Miller now just uploads the *SOTP* to the website.

.....Since 2006, the newsletter has generated over \$6,000 of income through advertisements. This was accomplished through the efforts of P/C Bill Waite, P/C Mike Staples and Jim Cope.

.....In 2005 the squadron elected its first female Commander, Joyce Colwell. I recall asking her to become the squadron's sixth commander. She agreed, provided that Mary Jo Hatala would serve as secretary. Mary Jo continued to be squadron secretary for two additional years with two-term Commander P/C Mike Staples.

.....The first web site, initiated by P/C Chip Hayes, was passed on to Chris Young. Chris, together with webmaster, Dan Meyer and Mia Ramsden, upgraded the web site (we even have blogs!). Speaking of technology, we now can see video messages from P/C Bill Waite on the website. Now that is really coming of age!

.....Our treasury grew from the \$75 dollars I took out of my pocket in 1999 to over \$6,000 in 2010.

.....Squadron bylaws were updated through the tireless and persistent efforts of Jim Hackney and P/C Mike Staples.

.....In 2009, Lane Schroeder wrote a squadron poem "Ode to the Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron".

.....Some other highlights: Civic activities include the annual Christmas Flotilla, spearheaded by P/C Mike Staples and his committee. Roger Tuttle (50 + years) handles the MC activities. Jim Cope and Clif Heidel coordinated squadron volunteers to ring bells for the Salvation Army. Vessel Safety Inspections grew from 22 to over 150 thanks to Fred Schroeder and his committee. P/C Fred Kaplan orchestrated the cooperative charting initiative with volunteers from the squadron and the Beaufort County Sheriff Department. Squadron members volunteered to teach Safe Boating at the Girl Scout summer camp (5 years), and participate in the annual Maritime Education Days, teaching over 700 eighth graders boating safety. P/C Don and Donna Dunlap coordinated these events. Donna received a \$1,800 grant to develop boating safety brochures to give the students.

February 18, 2010

I remember being asked by Shirley Mann at a recent general meeting what I think about when I see old and new members participating in so many squadron activities. I answered, "Shirley, it is a good feeling to see the squadron come of age."

Twenty-ten. A rather unique way of saying 2010. Well, I was born in the early 1940s, and am now 60-something and can remember entering the year 2000. Two very different times and yet, both memorable years. As we begin 2010 we remember that our Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron began in 2000, and this year, we will celebrate our tenth anniversary.

I would like to recognize the following charter members for their efforts in organizing the Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron:

Richard Bachman, John Bennetts, Edward Birdsong, Claire Boden, Stanley Bowden, Elsie Brown, James Brown, Karen Brown, Tom Brown, Richard Buttner, William Cantwell, John Capsavage, Davis Cartwright, Charles Cherry, Lorraine Reed, Stanley Cohen, Joyce Colwell, Larry Colwell, John Cord, George Crampton, Linda Curran, William Curran, Charles Dolbear, Winifred Dolbear, Donna Dunlap, Donald Dunlap, Marshall Duval, Paul Ferenbacher, Eugene Furth, Herbert Galer, Frank Garrod, Norman Geis, Germain German, Carl Giffin, Leon Gipson, Donald Good, Robert Grates, Constance Hackney, James Hackney, James Hannon, Lynn Hannon, Rodney Harne, Stanley Harrington, Robert Hatala, George Heidel, Joyce Heidel, Lee Heminck, Phyliss Hendrickson, Lisa Henley, Mark Henley, Patricia Hinchman, Ted Hinchman, Paul Holbrook, Earl Inman, Marjorie Inman, Jerney Johnson, Billy Jones, William Joyce, Justin Keith, Allen Love, Sarah LoveHarlin MacKendrick, Inza Mackenzie, Scott Mackenzie, Ansell Macmillan, John Maiolo, Ruth Maiolo, Shirley Mann, Ed Mann, Ronald Marriner, Alfred Matthews, Joel Mckeown, Carol Montgomery, Richard Montgomery, Ernst Niederbuehl, Roselind Niederbuehl, Paul O'Brien, Thomas O'Brien, John Pawlick, Stanley Ramsden, James Ratchford, Bernard Reckman, Judith Reckman, Gerri Richardson, Robert Richardson, Harry Sakjas, Robert Shellenberger, John Shook, Dennis Sinar, William Smith, Roger Tuttle, Ira Vail, Michael Vitale, Kelly Wallace, Joseph Walsh, David Watkins, Allen Weaver, Cbelph Wilkins, William Wilkins, Jeffery Woolard, Kathryn Woolard, Edward Zulkofske, and Marion Zulkofske.