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For News that Can't Wait!

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Education Alert! - Two New Classes Starting Soon!

Marine Electronics 103

This members-only class begins **Monday September 14th** for 6 consecutive Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Lifestyles Fitness Center in Washington. The cost is \$20 for class and materials. Although this is the third module of the Marine Electronics series, you do not have to have taken the first two modules to register and enjoy this last module.

The class will provide the basics of Chart Plotting, RADAR navigation, uses of depth sounding devices and Computers and Navigation. With all the new developments in systems used for cruise planning and monitoring of routes, including visualization of bottom contours, this course is a must for anyone relying on GPS charting for day trips or extended cruising.

To register, contact Larry Colwell via email at larrycolwell@suddenlink.net or by telephone at 252-975-2550.

Administrative Officer Tom Miller has had to cancel the proposed cruise up the Tar River to look at the new bridge. He promises us that he will go up the river and take pictures, which we will then post on the web in the Photo Gallery.

America's Boating Course

This course is open to the public, so get to your neighbors and friends with information on this important, basic boating course. Class begins **Saturday, September 26th** and will be held at the Brown Library in Washington from 10:30 am until 1:30 pm for a total of six Saturdays. The cost for class and materials is \$35 per person or \$42 per couple sharing one text.

The topics include:

Boating Terms & Regulations	Personal Water Craft	Aids to Navigation
Marine Radio	Rules of the Road	Charts
Lines and Knots	Piloting	Trailerling

Important Notice: *The America's Boating Course meets the requirements of a recently passed North Carolina Boating Law, effective 6/1/2010. That Law will require that no person under 26 years old shall operate a vessel with a motor of 10 horsepower or greater on the public waters of this State unless the operator has met the requirements for Boating Safety Education.*

To register, contact Robert Stanley via email at rstanley@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org or by telephone at 252-940-8107.

PSPS Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 17th

Washington Yacht and Country Club

Social Hour - 1800 Hours

Buffet Dinner - 1830

Cost - \$19.00 per person, including tax and tip

Our speaker, Captain Mac Morgan, is with the state-wide volunteer organization, NC CERT, the North Carolina Canine Emergency Response Team. CERT teams are located in four Carolina sites - Wake, Johnson, Stanley and Beaufort counties. This dedicated group of volunteers provides search and rescue services to local, state and federal agencies. CERTs respond to disasters from building collapses to wilderness searches. Of particular interest to PSPS is the description of water recovery operations.

Your AO, Tom Miller, asks that you help Treasurer Jim Cope by mailing your check for reservations for this meeting soon, but no later than Monday, September 14th. Send them to:

Jim Cope, 101 Bay Ridge, Chocowinity, NC 27817.

If you have any questions, contact call Jim at: 252-948-0347, or email him at spiritofthebay@suddenlink.net

Cruise to Oriental, NC

10/9/09 – 10/11/09

AO Miller also reminds you that Bill Paulson has planned a weekend cruise to Oriental Marina and Inn for the weekend of Friday October 9, 2009. PSPS has blocked out 7 slips for boaters and 6 of these are still available. We also have a block of 4 rooms at the Inn for the land yachters or for those who do not want to sleep on their boats.

Also, PSPS has reserved a separate room at M&M's Café for a group dinner on Saturday night (6:30 ish). If you have not been to Oriental before you will find several good places to shop, eat, and explore during the day on Friday and Saturday. The Marina has its own restaurant on the premises, as well as an outdoor Tiki bar by the pool for those needing liquid refreshment.

If you plan to go by boat make your reservation directly with Oriental Marina and Inn (Tom McIlhenny is contact but anyone there can take your reservation). If you will need a room at the Inn make that reservation directly as well. Tell them you are with PSPS.

Please call Bill Paulson and let him know your plans and if you want to go to the group dinner on Saturday night. BYOB and a light snack/hors-d'oeuvre to the cocktail parties on Friday and Saturday and let Bill know what you'll bring so we have a variety.

Contact Info: Oriental Marina & Inn -- Phone 252/249-1818

Web site -- www.orientalmarina.com

Bill Paulson -- Phone 252/975-2173 Home

252/917-2040 Cell

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The month of October is usually a very good month weather wise so we hope to have a good cruise with lots of boaters. Sign up early, let Bill know your plans, and we'll have a good time in Oriental.