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For News that Can't Wait!

PAMLICO SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
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2010 National Safe Boating Week - May 22 - 28

PSPS will kick off National Safe Boating Week at the Washington Waterfront on May 22. The slogan for 2010 is **“WEAR IT”**. Wearing your life jacket is one of the most effective and simple life-saving strategies for safe recreational boating. We have planned the following activities:



We will have a tent at the Washington Waterfront docks, staffed with members prepared to assist with safety related questions. West Marine will provide various samples of Life Jackets for display. They will continue to give a 10% discount this year to anyone who buys any safety related items needed to pass a Vessel Safety Inspection. A representative from NC Wildlife Commission will also be joining us to answer questions about the new education requirements for boaters 25 years old or younger. In addition, we will have support from SeaTow and Inner Banks Outfitters.



We can use a few more volunteers to help at the tent. **If you can devote a couple of hours between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon, please contact Chris Young at 946-7853 or email to: cyoung@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org**



PSPS has scheduled two Vessel Safety Check Inspection events on May 22, one at Cypress Landing Marina and the other at the Washington Waterfront docks. Remember, many insurance companies offer additional discounts to boaters who pass a Vessel Safety Check. If you've not had your boat inspected, come to Washington and get your Free VSC Inspection. Or, contact Fred Schroeder to schedule you VSC at: vesselsafetypamlicosailandpowersquadron.org or call 252-948-0682.



So plan to stop by the tent to visit with us, pick up information on safe boating or simply chat with other visitors and help promote your squadron and boating safety to our community.

Cruise to the Washington Waterfront - May 21 and 22

Our first cruise of the season will be a kick-off for National Boating Safety Week with a cruise to the Washington Waterfront!. We have reserved vacant boat slips with the Washington Parks & Recreation Dept. for the evenings of Friday, May 21st and Saturday, May 22nd. All PSPS boaters are welcome to participate.

Book your slip reservations with Teresa @ 252-975-9367, Ext. 221; provide her with your boat size, power requirements, etc. Also advise me, Gene Alligood, of your plans so I can assist in positioning our boats to maximum advantage. Contact me at 252-946-5720 or email: galligood@pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org.

On Friday evening we will celebrate the cocktail hour with a dock party at 5:00 PM. Please join us by boat or car and bring an appetizer to share.

PSPS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2010 @ 1800 HOURS
WASHINTON YACHT & COUNTRY CLUB**

Speaker: The newly-appointed Commanding Officer for the United States Coast Guard – Hobucken Station.

Menu: Swordfish or Stuffed Chicken Breast, Long Grain and Wild Rice, Green Bean Almandine, Salad & Rolls, Peach Cobbler & Ice Cream

Cost: \$19.00 Per person

Please make out your checks to PSPS and send to: G. R. Alligood, 311 Potomac Drive, Chocowinity, NC 27817

Please be sure to include your choice of either swordfish or chicken breast on the check.

Co-op Charting - Volunteer Request

The Pamlico Power Squadron, as part of its Co-op Charting activities, will undertake a comprehensive survey of depths in Broad Creek. The Co-op Charting Program, sponsored for many years as a alliance between the United States Power Squadrons and NOAA office of the Coast Survey, serves as the major input into correcting errors accumulated over years of changing bathymetry on their nautical charts, Coast Pilot and Notices to Mariners.

We need volunteers who will be asked to attend a one hour rehearsal session and be available to complete the survey on a calm day yet to be determined. Here's what is needed:

- 3 shallow draft boats, less than 19" (1 boat is already available)
- 1 handheld GPS device for each boat using WGS84 datum standard
- 3 volunteers per boat: a Captain, Navigator and a Sounding person

This survey will be carried out the "old-fashioned way". We will be using sounding poles and handheld GPS devices to measure depths at predetermined GPS coordinates that will provide a rather comprehensive survey of this heavily-used body of water, and provide urgently-required updating on published nautical charts.

On a calm day, in the next month or so, the party of nine will convene at Pamlico Plantation and proceed to collect depth information at GPS points that have been predetermined by dividing Broad Creek in a grid of 22 1'X1' latitude and longitude lines drawn on sketch based on an aerial photo of the area. The information that we obtain will be loaded onto DepthWiz, a software program used by NOAA as part of their effort to continually reevaluate their charting information.

We also hope that Geography Students who have the requisite digital skills and equipment will help us provide a printout of the current depth contour of Broad Creek that I am certain will differ significantly from that published on NOAA based charts (this includes all commercial charting regimes who rely on NOAA data for their products).

If you are willing to help as a Navigator or Sounder or have a shallow draft boat that you would be willing to captain for this purpose please contact Tom Penders at nittanymt@aol.com or by phone at 252-945-8745.

**PAMLICO SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
DISCOUNT SOFTWARE OFFER 2010**

**THE FOLLOWING SOFTWARE IS AVAILABLE THIS YEAR AT ATTRACTIVE PRICES TO
USPS/PSPS MEMBERS:**

**..MICROSOFT WINDOWS 7 PROFESSIONAL UPGRADE (32-BIT)
\$10 PER LICENSE**

QUANTITY: _____ X \$10 EA. = \$ _____

**..MICROSOFT OFFICE 2007 PROFESSIONAL PLUS (INCLUDES OUTLOOK, WORD,
EXCEL, POWER POINT, PUBLISHER, ACCESS, COMMUNICATOR & INFOPATH
2007) – \$22 PER LICENSE**

QUANTITY: _____ X \$22 EA. = \$ _____

..MICROSOFT STREETS & TRIPS 2010 \$4 PER LICENSE

QUANTITY: _____ X \$4 EA. = \$ _____

**..NORTON INTERNET SECURITY 2010 (INCLUDES NORTON ANTIVIRUS; THIS IS A
ONE-COMPUTER LICENSE FOR INTERNET DOWNLOAD ONLY-NO DISK)
\$8 PER LICENSE**

QUANTITY: _____ X \$8 EA. = \$ _____

**..NORTON 360 4.0 (PC TUNE-UP, BACKUP & RESTORE; THIS IS A ONE-COMPUTER
LICENSE FOR INTERNET DOWNLOAD ONLY-NO DISK)
\$10 PER LICENSE**

QUANTITY: _____ X \$10 EA. = \$ _____

**..INTUIT QUICKEN PREMIER 2009 (LAST YEAR'S VERSION, BUT A MUST IF YOU
HAVE AN OLDER VERSION; INTUIT CEASED SUPPORTING 2007, INCLUDING
DOWNLOADING BANKING TRANSACTIONS, IN APRIL 2010. IT WILL CEASE
SUPPORT OF 2008 IN APRIL 2011. NEED A MINIMUM OF 6 MEMBERS TO ORDER)
\$15 PER LICENSE .**

QUANTITY: _____ X \$15 EA. = \$ _____

TOTALS: # ITEMS _____; ORDER \$\$ TOTAL _____

MEMBER NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS FOR PACKAGES _____

CITY, ST & ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

USPS MEMBER NUMBER _____

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YOUR ORDER DEADLINE IS MAY 19, 2010. WE PLAN TO PLACE THE ORDER ON MAY 20, 2010, WITH DELIVERY EXPECTED BY JUNE 10, 2010. TO ORDER:

**– COMPLETE THE FORM ABOVE AND SUBMIT THE ORDER BY 5/19/10
– SEND A COPY OF ORDER FORM WITH A CHECK FOR THE \$\$ TOTAL, PAYABLE TO *PAMLICO SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON*, TO:
JIM HACKNEY, BENEFITS COORDINATOR
101 EGRET BAY, PAMLICO PLANTATION (HAND DELIVERY ONLY)
P. O. BOX 1987 (BY MAIL)
WASHINGTON, NC 27889**

**HAND-DELIVER THE CHECK TO JIM AT HIS HOME, OR MAIL IT IN TIME TO ARRIVE BY 5/19/10. YOU WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SQUADRON ORDER WHEN YOUR PAYMENT IS IN HAND. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF DISTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENTS WHEN THE SOFTWARE ARRIVES.
ENJOY THIS VALUABLE USPS MEMBER BENEFIT!**

NOTES: FOR MICROSOFT SOFTWARE ITEMS, THE SQUADRON (AND YOU) ARE PURCHASING A VOLUME LICENSE, NOT A DISK. THE SQUADRON ONLY RECEIVES ONE MASTER DISK OF EACH MICROSOFT SOFTWARE ITEM AND I MUST MAKE COPIES FOR EACH MEMBER WHO ORDERS. IF YOU ARE ORDERING MULTIPLE LICENSES OF ONE MICROSOFT SOFTWARE ITEM, YOU WILL ONLY RECEIVE ONE DISK FOR EACH ITEM. IT IS UP TO YOU TO MAKE THE ADDITIONAL COPIES FOR YOUR USE. THE SAME INSTALLATION KEY APPLIES TO ALL.

NORTON PRODUCT LICENSES ARE FOR INTERNET DOWNLOAD ONLY FOR A SINGLE COMPUTER. YOU WILL RECEIVE A LICENSE KEY TO ALLOW YOU TO DOWNLOAD YOUR PRODUCT. SORRY, BUT NORTON SYSTEM WORKS IS NOT AVAILABLE THIS YEAR.

INTUIT QUICKEN PREMIER 2009 COMES WITH A SEPARATE INDIVIDUAL DISK FOR EACH LICENSE ORDERED. THE QUICKEN PREMIER 2009 IS A YEAR-OLD VERSION BUT IS A GOOD PRICE AND MUST BE PURCHASED IF YOU ARE USING 2008 OR AN OLDER VERSION. INTUIT NOW CEASES SUPPORT OF ITS QUICKEN PRODUCTS 2 YR. & 4 MO. AFTER THE END OF THE VERSION YEAR (APRIL 2010 FOR 2007, ETC.). THIS ALSO MEANS THAT YOU CANNOT DOWNLOAD TRANSACTIONS FROM YOUR BANK. AVAILABILITY OF THIS PRODUCT IS CONTINGENT ON OUR RECEIVING A MINIMUM OF 6 ORDERS!

How the New Pump-Out Law Affects NC Boaters

I received a copy of the following legislation from D 27 Executive Officer, D/Lt/C Mike McCulley, JN. **SESSION LAW 2009-345, HOUSE BILL 1378, *H1378-v-6*** was passed by the North Carolina legislature. The law will take effect as of July 1, 2010. I have included the section that applies to owners of boats with marine sanitation devices. The main point is that such owners will need to keep a log of every time they pump out their holding tanks. The logs must be kept for one year from the date of the pump out. Please see the specific language below. All marinas will have to have pump-out stations. In addition, if a marina owner is aware of illegal sewage dumping, he or she must report the incident to the appropriate authorities.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF CERTAIN MARINAS SHALL INSTALL AND MAINTAIN PUMPOUT FACILITIES BY JULY 1, 2010, TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE FROM A VESSEL INTO CERTAIN COASTAL WATERS, TO REQUIRE THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF ANY MARINA WHO KNOWS THAT A VESSEL DOCKED AT THE MARINA HAS UNLAWFULLY DISCHARGED SEWAGE INTO COASTAL WATERS TO REPORT THE UNLAWFUL DISCHARGE TO THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, TO REQUIRE VESSEL OWNERS AND OPERATORS TO KEEP A LOG REGARDING THE DATE AND LOCATION OF PUMPOUTS OF SEWAGE FROM MARINE SANITATION DEVICES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PILOT PROGRAM IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY SHALL BE DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO BEGIN PHASING IN THE PUMPOUT STATION REQUIREMENTS.

"§77-128. Vessel owner and operator required to keep log of pumpout dates.

- (a) Any owner or operator of a vessel that has a marine sanitation device shall maintain a record of the date of each pumpout of the marine sanitation device and the location of the pumpout facility. Each record shall be maintained for a period of one year from the date of the pumpout.
- (b) A violation of this section is punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor. No civil penalty shall be assessed under G.S. 77-130 for a violation of this section.

See you on the water,
Cdr. Tom Miller, S

2010 District 27 Rendezvous

The District 27 Rendezvous is only five weeks away, on June 11-13, 2010. You still have time to join Edie and me, as well as other PSPSers. Just make a plan to take your boat to the Pecan Grove Marina in Oriental, NC. You can also come by car for a day, or stay overnight.

For more information, click on the link below, or go to the PSPS website and open the Calendar for June.

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d27/calendar/Events/Rend2010.htm>

Hope you can join us, Tom Miller