

Vessel Safety Check Event

McCotters Marina is ready to kick off the boating season by offering **Free Vessel Safety Checks** conducted by the Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron.

Date: Saturday, April 10, 2010

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Location: McCotters Marina Office



Who should be interested in an inspection that will help make them a safer boater? *Everyone*.....power boats, sailboats, pontoons, personal water craft, kayaks and fishing boats. It takes only 20 minutes for the review!

A **Vessel Safety Check** is a voluntary, courtesy examination of your boat (Vessel) to verify the presence and condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and Federal regulations. The PSPS Vessel Examiner is a trained specialist who will make certain recommendations and discuss safety issues that will make you a safer boater. Vessels that pass will be able to display the distinctive VSC decal. This does not exempt you from law enforcement boarding, but you will be prepared to make any boarding a positive encounter.

The various areas that will be covered during your **Free Vessel Safety Check** are:

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| -Required boating and safety equipment | -Backfire flame control |
| -Display of required numbers | -Sound producing devices |
| -Registration and documentation | -Navigation lights |
| -Personal flotation devices (PFD's) | -Fire Extinguishers |
| -Visual distress signals (VDS or flares) | -Ventilation |
| -Pollution Placard (vessels of 26+ feet) | -Marine sanitation device (head) |
| -Marpol Trash Placard (vessels 26+ feet) | -State Regulations |
| -Overall vessel condition | -Navigation Rules |

It would be helpful, but not mandatory, to register for your inspection at the office. Or, contact Fred Schroeder at vesselsafety@pamlicosailandpoersquadron.org or call 252-948-0682. Otherwise, we will hope to see you on Saturday, April 10th.

Remember: Many insurance companies offer additional discounts as a result of passing a Vessel Safety Check.

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