

# Vessel Safety Check Event

Twin Lakes Marina has coordinated with the Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron to be available to provide **Free Vessel Safety Checks** for all boaters the first Saturday of May.

**Date:** Saturday, May 1, 2010  
**Time:** 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon  
**Location:** Twin Lakes Resort & Yacht Basin - Gas Dock



*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 Safety 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:

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

It would be helpful, to register for your inspection using the Sign-up Sheet available at Twin Lakes or call 946-5700 to register. We hope to see you there.

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

**To learn more about the Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron, visit our web site at <http://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/>**