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General Membership Dinner Meeting – August 22

We had an unexpectedly interesting evening last Thursday. Linda had secured Meg Howdy, Executive Director, Washington Harbor District Alliance/Harbor District Market as our speaker. However, illness prevented Meg from joining us.

We were fortunate to have one of our newest members, Doreen Trottier, stepping up at the last minute to deliver a presentation relating to The Open Door Women's Shelter in Washington. The mission of the Shelter is to assist homeless single women and women with children stable housing while getting them resources in the community to ensure long-term stable housing. This allows the families to become self-sufficient and independent while striving for a better quality of life of their own choosing. The Community Center offers washing and drying machines, a playground for the children, food and different resources to make sure the people who visit will succeed after they leave.



Doreen is the Fundraising & Outreach Chair for the Shelter located at 1240 Cowell Farm Road, Washington near the hospital. She shared they have a 9-bed facility providing safety, food, shelter and assistance from 20-25 volunteers; 6 part-time employees and 13 board members. The Center has served approximately 175 women and children since January 2019.

Doreen is involved in an expansion campaign for the shelter, *Changing Lives One Brick at a Time*. They have received a loan from NC Housing Financial Agency that will cover 70% of construction costs. Open Door Woman's Shelter must raise the other funds. Currently they have been successful in raising \$115,000 with a need to reach \$200,000 for groundbreaking of the planned 3,000 square foot, 24-bed building including dorm rooms and family rooms. Capital Campaign continues to raise the remaining funds.

Open Door Woman's Shelter will have a fund-raising dinner, dance & auction at Southern Acres in Bath, NC on September 21st. Tickets for the dinner dance are \$75 per person, with only a limited number left. They also have 50/50 raffle tickets at \$100 per ticket until 9/18 with only 200 tickets being sold. The drawing for the 50/50 will be 9/21 and the winner is guaranteed \$10,000 less \$2,500 in taxes that will be withheld. Anyone interested in tickets, contact either of our two members that are also on the Shelter's Board of Directors:

Dorreen Trottier at 774-217-0886 or Terri Johnson at 757-739-2608

On another positive note, we are happy to report that the evening's meals were well received and the Chef came out stopping by tables to gain feedback.

Commander's Corner

Cdr. Walt Morrissey



I am still enjoying the “afterglow” of our August D27 2024 Rendezvous. The feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive. It was a fun time. I think we were able to share the beauty, history and culture of Washington with our visiting club members from NC and SC. This event was a success because of the efforts of so many of our members. Sharon A. and Chris Y., worked on this for months. There were others helping to organize the final details and many others who stepped up throughout the Rendezvous weekend. A special thank you to everyone! I was able to enjoy the ride. See a full collection of photos on Page 8 and [click here](#) for the full group of photos taken by various attendees.

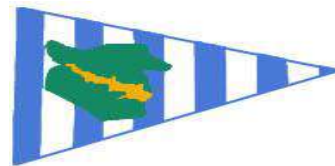
The next Rendezvous has already been committed to. It will be in New Bern in 2025 hosted by Cape Lookout. I hope our club can play a part in that event as well.

We are now planning for a busy fall season. There will be multiple cruises with land/sea options. You can expect to see communication on other upcoming events and education opportunities as well.

Fall is also when we begin the process of planning for next year. The Nomination Committee will help us fill any anticipated vacancies. Please let me know if you are interested in helping us. We can find opportunities for you that you will be very comfortable with. I promise, Walt



G. Thomas/Irene Flannelly
Pinetown, NC



David Wilson & Charlene Barrett
Clayton, NC (Power boat, CL Marina)



We are wishing two member couples well as they move on to another chapter. They have been with our Squadron for many years and have contributed greatly to our successes. **Ed and Shirley Mann**, joining in 1975, have moved to Burlington this month to a new home. They have both been supporters of many civic efforts and Ed has served for years as VSC Inspector, Treasurer and Executive Committee member. **Mary Lou and Bill Sholl**, joining in 2014, are moving to Matthews near Charlotte. They have both contributed in our education efforts as instructors, supported our civic efforts and Bill served for many years as a VSC inspector. So much talent...we will miss them. But we hope to seem them return now and then to visit old friends!

Executive Officer

Lt/C Mike Johnson, S



Recruitment of new members continues to be top of our to do list. We will place an ever-increasing burden completing our tasks such as Vessel Safety Inspections and our mission of Boating Education without new replacements. Frankly our Squadrons are not getting younger and the amount of need is surpassing our membership.

Accordingly, we must all take on the responsibility of "selling" the Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron, America's Boating Club of the Pamlico, to our community. Addressing the Squadron to friends and relatives will help. I have witnessed a dearth of information concerning our Squadron within social circle conversations. Make a point of mentioning activities and mission of the Squadron when attending other organizations.

Another possibility is Squadron involvement in nonprofit activities. We in the Washington area have numerous organizations that would welcome our club participation. Remember, we have to present our club as a worthwhile, fun and active organization to breach the generation gap resulting in increased membership. Talk it up, participate, and get involved.

Our Squadron has completed approximately 50 Vessel Inspections this year.

We are happy to set up a time convenient for you. Give us a call....

Fall boating is here and it's not too late to get your VSC. Contact any one of our Inspectors. We will verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by State and Federal regulations.

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Bob Vecchi - Chocowinity	518-703-4881

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A few more photos from our General Membership Meeting as our Bridge Officers provides updates to membership. Thank you to Lew Leinenweber, our photographer for the evening.
[See all photos by clicking here.](#)



Educational Officer

Lt/C Bob Vecchi, P

It's late summer and it sure has been hot the last few months. We have had substantial rain at times and recently the temperatures seem to be moderating a bit, signaling that fall is around the corner. What that means is that the best boating season is coming also. So, get out on the water with your family and friends and enjoy the next few months.

And don't forget to recommend our organization to new folks that you interface with while doing it. Like any organization, we can use new and younger folks to join our ranks and keep the blood flowing.

On the educational front, the Boat Handling Course is over and I'm happy to announce that nine of the eleven students took and passed the exam, with the other two declining the exam for personal reasons. The Introduction to Navigation seminar was lightly attended but everyone learned some basic navigational skills.

The Paddle Smart seminar has been rescheduled for Tuesday evening, September 24th, with a river cruise for paddlers, on Saturday morning, September 28th. It's not too late to sign up for this and just in time for cooler paddler weather. [Click here for more details.](#)

Our Engine Maintenance Course is planned for November to conform to our instructor's availability. This is a very popular and informative course that would benefit any boater regardless of size of vessel. Final details are in the planning stage and information will be communicated soon.

My committee and I will be meeting soon to develop our education plan for next year, hopefully there will be exciting things coming down the pike. If there is anything you would like to have included in the plan, be sure to email me know at educationalofficer@pspsnc.com.

To learn more about the seminars, elective courses and advanced courses visit our Website at: <https://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/>

Have you checked out the many YouTube videos available on the America's Boating Channel?
Click on the link below for short, **FREE** videos and safety tips.

Most are under 10 minutes and you can subscribe for more as they continue to be released.
Videos include safety tips, but also boat show review, boat manufacture reviews, navigating locks/canals, key inlets and much more.

<https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel/videos>

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Administrative Officer

Lt/C Linda Moyer



The latest meeting of the Pamlico Sound Power Squadron was Thursday, August 22 at the Washington Yacht and Country Club. There were twenty-four members present who enjoyed a dinner of flank steak and grouper.



Our featured speaker was new member Doreen Trottier. Ms. Trottier, who is a board member of The Open Door Women's Shelter and she talked about the shelter's mission and expansion plans. The Shelter is currently fundraising for this expansion. It will provide more room for more single women and children in need. [Click here](#) for all photos of the evening.

Upcoming events:

Thursday, October 17 - General Meeting & Dinner - Washington Yacht & Country Club

Saturday, December 14 – Holiday Party - Washington Yacht & Country Club

It's not too soon to begin planning for our Holiday Party. I would like to gather a committee to work together on the party. Please contact me at administrativeofficer@pspsnc.org if interested.

Assistant Administrative Officer - Social

Lorne Hope, AP



It was an enjoyable outing in July at The Chelsea. The RSVP's were lighter due to several of our boaters cruising and others vacationing. The food was excellent!

Edy and I are always on the lookout for new or popular restaurants. If you have a favorite lunch or dinner restaurant or maybe a new one that you could recommend, let me know, I'm happy to check it out for our group.

September Social
date and location TBD.
Watch for details soon.



Assistant Administrative Officer - Boating

Mike Karlovich, AP



We finally have some cruise dates for this fall. I'm sure you are as busy as I am. What a crazy year. The Dowery Creek trip on September 27 through 29 allows for overnight as well as day trip for other boats so I hope many of you join us. I feel it's important to support Dowery Creek as they are great folks and run a good marina, restaurant and bar as well as being nearby. Hopefully, we may have car riders joining us. [Click here for details.](#)

The Albemarle cruises are great opportunities to stretch your boat legs and I hope you can join us. The options include the opportunity to enjoy the Dismal Swamp on a 10+ day cruise while the second option is the Virginia route. [Click here](#) for all the details. We are hopeful that some folks will join us at the end of the leg as well, as we know folks are coming back from long trips.

The Aids to Navigation class from our fellow Squadron, ABC-Crystal Coast is a really good event. There is a class as well as a chance to join the Carolina Princess as you go put looking at all the navigational aids including markers of all sorts, preferred Channels, range markers (which are really interesting to see and understand). The best part is you see them during daylight, then you come back after sunset and see how different everything looks and feels at night. Lights everywhere, flashing at different intervals make this so much more interesting. Cathy and I love this event and went to it twice so far. As we have increased our awareness and experience and we still are amazed at what we learn. We really recommend attending. Full flyer, [click here.](#)

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
OF THE CRYSTAL COAST
presents:

AIDS TO NAVIGATION
SEMINAR, DINNER and 2-hour SUNSET CRUISE

Learn about our local navigation markers
Buoys and Beacons:

- What they tell boaters
- How to identify them, day and night
- On the water and on the chart

Saturday, October 12, 2024
This event begins with an in-depth seminar about our local navigation markers, followed by a catered dinner at the legendary Sanitary Restaurant in Morehead City. Then we board the Carolina Princess for a 2-hour sunset cruise to view the local buoys and beacons in daylight and darkness! Don't wait, reserve your seat now!

\$80 general public
\$65 ABC members

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2-3 pm - Check-in | 3-6 pm - Seminar and Dinner | 6-8 pm - Cruise

Registration and Details: [abc-cc.org](#)
Deadline to register is October 5, 2024
Questions? email abc.crystalcoast@gmail.com or call 252-515-0542
(this event is not recommended for children under 12)

Join our club! Learn more at [abc-cc.org/about-us/sunmission](#)
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**Boating Tips
Column
Washington Daily
News**

Tom McCluskey and Mike Karlovich, our team of ABC-Pamlico writers, continues to provide interesting articles for the monthly Boating Column published in the Washington Daily News. This is an important role for our Squadron as it keeps America's Boating Club of the Pamlico in the minds of our local recreational boaters as the recognized organization for boating education and skill building.

Articles since the last Newsletter printing:

[Boating After Storms](#)
[Aids to Navigation \(ATONS\)](#)

To see all articles and other news releases, visit the website at <http://www.pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org/index.php/news-info/psps-blog>

Tips for Towed Sports Safety

The summer is in full swing, which makes the topic of our safety message today even more urgent – Towed Sports Safety. As our waterways become crowded during this time of year, it is vital to identify and implement important measures for safely water skiing, wake boarding, knee boarding, wake surfing, and tubing.

Videos like this one underscore the need for safety considerations when participating in towed sports. Did you know that according to the Coast Guard, towed water sports account for over 400 boating incidents per year.

And let's not forget your life jacket when you're out having fun on the water. In addition to a properly fitted life jacket, get one designed for the type of towed sport you are enjoying.

These measures are presented in the ["Towed Sports Safety"](#) video where viewers learn about proper equipment selection and preparing to tow a person. For instance, tube ropes should be around 60 feet long and heavier than water ski and wake board ropes that should be about 75 feet long. Also, ski ropes should have more give than wake board ropes. Additionally, the video features tips for operating underway.



Follow the video link above or visit

<https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel>

to find this and other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel free, on-demand app on Apple TV, Roku or FireTV. [America's Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Source: P/C Debra Allen, AP – America's Boating Channel



District 27

2024 Fall Conference

Saturday, October 19, 2024 (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM)

**Resurrection Lutheran Church
100 Lochmere Drive, Cary**

Geodetic Marker Recovery

Friday Afternoon (Oct 18)

Location - TBD

Welcome Dinner

Friday Evening (Oct 18)

McGregor Ale House

107 Edinburgh South Cary

Click [here](#) for more details.





Fire Extinguisher Standards

The recent fire extinguisher standards video covers the classifications and carriage requirements for marine fire extinguishers. Viewers will learn how to use PASS. Also featured are tips for placing and servicing fire extinguishers.

Learn more at bit.ly/BoatingEd. Join USPS at bit.ly/JoinUSPS.

Copy the link below into your internet address line for the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZY2aq1KnRo&list=PLglbejIMU2HefYrldNBfQxhOLpd8pQG&index=9>

These videos are developed to provide a focus on boating safety and safe boating education. Hope you find them of interest.

The Ensign Summer 2024 Issue



To read this issue, copy this link into your internet address line:

https://theensign.org/imagessummer2024/?mc_cid=31266a1ac7&mc_eid=bfac945e46

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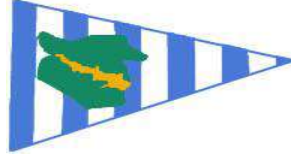
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Our Administrative Officer, Linda Moyer has PSPS Burgees, shown below, in stock and available at a cost of \$25.00/each.



Contact Linda at administrativeofficer@pspsnc.com to place your order or give her a call at 619-933-2345 with any questions.



The National Ship's Store is set up for direct ordering of many articles including shirts, sweatshirts, wind shirts, ties, belts and boating accessories. Certified instructor and vessel examiner shirts and gear are already available, gift items and much more.

See more at <https://store.shopusps.org> and review catalog of items.

Return Policy: if you should receive defective merchandise or you are not happy with your purchase, USPS will accept returns and exchanges of unworn, unwashed merchandise with a valid receipt within 90 days of purchase. Shipping Location: 1504 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27607



Reference the details in this link:

https://www.usps.org/php/reservations/meetinginfo.php?mtg_id=49

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**United States Power Squadron February 2025 Caribbean Cruise
7 days: February 9 – 16**

Itinerary: Bimini, Bahamas; Labadee, Haiti; Georgetown, Grand Cayman

Special group pricing and details at:

https://www.usps.org/images/Exec/Nat_Meetings/2025cruise.jpg

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2023 Distinctive Communicator Award PSPS Website



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District 27

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

For more information go to our PSPS Website Calendar [here](#):

September

24 [Paddle Smart Seminar](#)
24 – 29 [Fall Governing Board](#)
Pittsburgh, PA
27-29 [Cruise to Dowry Creek](#)
TBD Social Outing – Loc TBD

October

TBD Engine Maintenance Course – 10 Weeks
12 [Aids to Navigation](#)
ABC-Crystal Coast Invite
Morehead City, NC
18 – 19 D27 Fall Conference
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