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April 21st General Membership Dinner Meeting



MJM Yachts

This month's General Membership Dinner Meeting was really enjoyable. Liz Wheeler provided excellent, informative speakers Peter Johnstone, Chairman of MJM Yachts and Jerry Townsend, Recruiting Specialist Pamlico Yachtworks, LLC. Both Peter and Jerry are Washington residents and members of the Washington Yacht and Country Club. Jerry's wife, Danielle, also joined us.

Peter is a second-generation owner of MJM since 2016 having purchased it from his father who founded the company (named for his mother) in 2002. Peter is also a second-generation custodian of J Boats since 2010. It was obvious from Peter's remarks and photos summarizing his company's Washington yacht building operations that their emphasis is on a solid business model, quality, family time and community involvement. Peter's extensive knowledge of boating, both sail and power, was clear from his answers to questions following the program.

Jerry, an Army veteran who is directly involved with the hiring effort for MJM, also made remarks regarding future growth of the company and community involvement.

MJM Yachts integrates several advanced composites and procedures into our boat making process to provide each of our customers with the best yachts on the market. The DNA that comprises each of our yacht models is simple and consistent, they believe that every gram of weight should count for something. By using advanced composites, it ensures that each MJM is lightweight, durable, and high precision quality. Pictured is Jerry, Walt and Peter.



They spoke of the precise ratio of 70% glass to 30% resin, resulting in zero air voids. This means that no air ends up trapped in our laminate, which gives their high performance yachts an advantage in weight, strength, and stiffness. This also allows them to achieve an extremely low center of gravity which results in extreme stability. MJM is renowned for its performance, efficiency, ease of ownership, and overall fun.

Members were very enthusiastic and enjoyed meeting both Peter and Jerry. Liz will be arranging a future tour of their facility with Jerry for our membership.

Commander's Corner

Cdr. Walt Morrissey



I am getting worn out just watching the activity that our Power Squadron is part of. I am enjoying every minute. Our members and bridge members are working hard and it is a joy to watch and be a small part of it.

Think about boat safety, we have 5 qualified VSC (Vessel Safety Check) Examiners that have already conducted multiple examinations this Spring. Not all boats have passed inspection but the interaction with the boaters has been positive and in that process we are adding to boater safety. In a very real way!

If you haven't had a 2022 VSC don't be shy, contact Rio and we will help. They are still spinning up, they have done examinations at Cypress Landing Yacht Club and Washington Yacht Club for starters. Thanks to all Inspectors for offering to do what you do for our Squadron and a big thanks to Rio for taking over the VSC Program. If your community or marina would like to schedule a VSC event Rio can help with that as well at executiveofficer@pspsnc.com.

It feels like there is a rising sea of energy on the water. It might be a pent up post Covid thing but the river is busier, boat yards are packed and the weather is perfect. I hope you are able to enjoy it too.

Our recent Membership Dinner Meeting was a fun event. We had two invited guests walking us through high tech yacht building and design. It was presented by Peter Townsend, CEO of MJM Yachts of Washington, NC. We also enjoyed a great meal and desserts. Perfect. Thanks Liz!

Tom Graham, in his role as D27 Educational Officer, presented Mike Karlovich, AP with the *District Teacher of the Year Award* presented to only one individual within the District. Congratulations Mike, as well as, the contributions he is making in other areas within the Squadron. Our Squadron was also recognized and awarded Distinctive Communicator Awards for our newsletter and website during that District Change of Watch in March. Thank you to the numerous people behind these two efforts.

We are not done yet.... We have two upcoming events that we hope you will be able to enjoy. Inner Banks Marina Open House (April 30) and the Washington Maritime Flea Market (May 21). Please consider donating any marine based items for us to sell. It is our single fund raiser and the income goes directly to the Squadron's support of our ongoing public education programs. Donations are tax deductible and we will come and get it. We need your help.

We will also promote National Safe Boating week kick off at the Maritime Flea Market. Stop by our market space and chat with local recreational boaters about ABC-Pamlico and our mission of boating education, safety and membership.

I am enjoying being a part of the ABC-Pamlico Squadron, I hope you enjoy being part of it too. Enjoy! Enjoy! Enjoy,..hope to see you soon.

An update on National's Reorganization Proposal is on Page 8. The first Town Hall discussion focused largely on the future of districts. The committee is taking this advice and folding it into its recommendations. [Click here](#) for an update on the district discussion. To be clear — no decisions have been made — input is being continually sought.

Executive Officer**Lt/C Rio DeGennaro, P**

The National Safe Boating Council establishes May 21-May 27 as National Safe Boating Week as a reminder to all recreational boaters that the best outing is a safe outing. In keeping with Washington tradition, our Mayor will kick off our summer boating season with the signing of a Proclamation declaring May 18 to 24, 2022 as Safe Boating Week in Washington, followed by the Harbor District Maritime Festival on Saturday, May 21.

ABC-Pamlico will be on-site promoting boating safety and running our annual Marine Flea Market fund raiser. See flyer details [here](#). I want to thank our members who have already been so generous with donated items and hope to see many of you on the waterfront for the festivities. Stop by our tent and say hi!

On April 18, I assumed the position of Chair of the squadron Vessel Safety Committee from Commander Walt Morrissey. Thank you, Walt.

In keeping with the spirit of National Safe Boating Week, I'd like to share my thoughts on the culture of safety... Yes, *SAFETY* is a culture. For 40 years, first as a Naval Aviator then as a Pilot for Delta Air Lines, operating safely was paramount. Lives were at stake. Unfortunately, to be 100 % safe, we would never have started the engines let alone take to the skies! For a pilot, the *preflight* routine was required but simple. As an owner/operator or Captain, the *prefloat* routine is also simple.

- Prior to boarding, walk around the vessel. Asses the overall condition of the hull. Is the transom plug installed and secure? Any leakage around the engine area? Dock lines or trailer tie-down straps serviceable and secure?
- Once aboard, ensure required paperwork is onboard and current. Check that the navigation lights operate properly. Ensure that all required safety equipment is current and accessible, etc. You get the idea!
- Once you are on the water, maintain situational awareness, apply boating rules of right-a-way, and have fun!

During the busy boating season, I'll be including a little educational section called **Check it Out:**

Marine VHF radio (transmitter/receiver) are not required for recreational boaters. If you do have one installed on your vessel, you should be aware of FCC (Federal Communication Commission) and U.S. Coast Guard marine radio requirements and protocols. Most, if not all, modern marine VHF radios have the capability to monitor from 1 to 3 frequencies simultaneously. Your radio's users guide contains instructions for setting up multiple frequency monitoring. Your radio should also be equipped with a Hi/Low power selector. High power greatly extends the range of the radio and should only be used with channel 16. Low power should be used with all other channels.

A radio operator's license is not required for recreational boaters in U.S. waters.

CHANNEL 16: Emergency and Distress calls only. If you have a radio and it is turned on, you must monitor channel 16.

CHANNEL 9: The primary calling channel. (Establish contact on this channel and move to a "working channel" as soon as possible.)

CHANNEL 13: Bridge to Bridge Communications between vessels. Also used to request bridge openings. Ships less than 65ft in length maintain a listening watch on this channel in US waters.

Executive Officer Continued

Lt/C Rio DeGennaro, P

CHANNEL 13 Cont'd - This is a good channel to listen to in periods of poor visibility so that you can communicate with ferries, freighters, and other large vessels. (You must use the low power on your radio when broadcasting on Channel 13.)

CHANNELS 68, 69, 71, 72, 78A: "Working Channels." The only channels available to non-commercial vessels for ship-to-ship and ship-to-shore communications. (Although you may have many other channels on your radio, each of them is restricted to specific uses.)

Be Safe! Rio



Our expanded team of VSC Inspectors hit the ground running after classroom training and certification. Spring is a busy time for ABC-Pamlico! Veteran inspectors Bill Ramsden and Bill Sholl (not shown) are joined by Rio DeGennaro, Bob Vecchi, and Mike Karlovich.

The team completed VSC inspections at Cypress Landing Marina on April 20th and inspections at Washington Yacht Club on April 23rd during their Blessing of the Fleet. The team's plan is to provide an event at other community marinas. If you have any suggestions, be sure to email the team at VSC@pspsnc.com.



**Reinstated Members
Steve and Colleen Bucher
Chocowinity, NC**



**Tom & Donna Ennis
Chocowinity, NC**

**Tom & Maureen Mitchell
Chocowinity, NC**

Educational Officer

Lt/C Cathy Karlovich, JN



Mike and I are excited that the boating season is upon us! We're busy planning our cruises for the summer and we hope that we finally make it to Bald Head Island this year. Below is an update of our educational offerings.

The Marine Navigation (Piloting) Course wrapped up on March 22. Of the 17 students who finished the course, 13 opted to take the exam and all 13 passed! Three students - Kelly Hasslinger, Rio Degenero, and Tad Herron - tied for the top score of 96! Mike and I had a wonderful time passing the graded exams back to the students. There were lots of really big smiles and high fives. Congratulations to all for this major accomplishment!

The Sail Course is underway and will continue meeting Wednesday evenings until May 18th. The course has a small but enthusiastic group of 5 students. Bill Doar is the instructor and he even trailered his small sailboat to the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church for a rigging demo. Mike and I are students in the course and we are finding it to be very interesting and challenging.



We will be conducting an America's Boating Course on June 25th. If you haven't already taken this course I highly recommend it. No matter your experience with boating, it is important to have the knowledge needed to keep your passengers, yourself and your boat safe. You can get your NC boating card and learn the skills you need to be safe while boating. You will learn navigation rules, water sports safety and other valuable boater safety skills.

We will be conducting a Boat Handling Course starting Thursday July 7 and continuing Thursday evenings until August 11. This is a fabulous course which builds your competence and confidence on the water with an in-depth look at the practical boating skills. It is an absolute must for new boaters. This class is very popular and I expect registration to fill very quickly. If you are interested in this class, please let me know so I can ensure that you get a spot.

I'll schedule some seminars to add some fun educational opportunities to the summer. We're also planning a Marine Electrical Systems course for the fall.

As always, if there is a particular seminar or course that you'd like offered, or if you'd like to share your skills and help teach a particular topic, please reach out to me. I am also happy to help with recommendations for a personalized education plan. You can reach me by e-mail at pspsed@gmail.com or by cell phone at 919-208-1893.

Your education team is here to help you reach your boating goals.

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Liz Wheeler



We have a busy spring planned for our members. Our ABC-Pamlico General Meeting on April 21 was well attended. Dinner was followed by our evening's speakers, Peter Johnstone, Chairman of MJM Yachts and Jerry Townsend, Recruiting Specialist, Pamlico Yachtworks, LLC.

WYCC introduced a new Chef, Herbert Walden, days before the meeting. A bit challenging, however, the meals were both delicious and enjoyed by all. Member provided desserts were terrific, special thank you to those chefs. We had 36 attending the dinner meeting including our speaker guests. We have photos of the evening thanks to Cathy Karlovich. Click [here](#) for more on our Website.



On April 30 we had the opportunity to have a display at the Inner Banks Marina Open House. This was an opportunity to expand our community presence with the emphasis on boating education and safety (Photos on Page 11) This is also an introduction to our June 16 General Meeting speakers from the Smithwick family of Park Boats, Inner Banks Marina and Moss Landing.

In August we will learn more about fishing from the Director of the Big Rock Tournament and learn about their 2022 tournament. Then, in October we move back in time with fife and drums from Tryon Palace.

Please join us for these upcoming activities and contact Liz with your ideas for additional speakers or ideas for the Christmas Party. Feel free to email me at administrativeofficer@pspsnc.com.

Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends SM

Assistant Administrative Officer - Social

Lorne Hope, AP



Our Mellow Mushroom outing was a success with 24 people attending. The food and service was great. Pizza as always, was excellent. That day the weather was raining and a little windy, so all the boat owners could enjoy a day off from Spring cleaning their boats and not feel guilty.

I have selected an afternoon trip to New Bern on May 25th for our next Social. Who doesn't love a little shopping, take in a bit of history and meet at 5PM for dinner at the Chelsea. Watch for the details coming out soon, Lorne



Assistant Administrative Officers - Boating Tadd & Karen Herron, P



Here we go, the boating season is truly kicking off. Beautiful weather and calmer winds. Let's get out there!

We had some adjustments to the cruising schedule. Ocracoke Anchorage Marina was booked for Memorial Day, but still available for Labor Day. Memorial Day was switched to Oriental Marina watch for more details on that cruise coming out soon. Hope you got your reservations in by now for those two weekends. The cruising will get kicked off with the

Shakedown Cruise to Washington followed by several boats cruising to Beaufort and beyond to Bald Head Island in May. Be sure to double check the website for published details and any changes.

Here's the updated cruise plans!

April 29 – May 1	Shakedown Cruise – Washington Waterfront
May 13 - 15 May 15 – 24	Cruise to Beaufort – then on to Bald Head Island Cruise
May 27 – May 30	Oriental Marina – Oriental, NC Memorial Day Weekend
June – Date TBD	D27 Boating Rendezvous – destination pending
Aug 5 - 8	Summer Cruise – River Dunes
Sept 2 – 5	Anchorage Marina – Ocracoke Island Labor Day Weekend
Mid-Sep – Date TBD	Dowry Creek Rendezvous – Combined Boaters & Land Cruisers
October 21 - 23	Smoke on the Water Cruise – Washington Waterfront

We also encourage all non-boaters to join us. Drive to catch up with the boaters for dinner at their various destinations or stay over and enjoy a few days.

Do you have any suggestions or want to be part of the planning? We would like to hear from you, just email us at boatingactivities@pspsnc.com.

The British Virgin Islands has been the remote destination of choice in 2022 for four of our members as the BVI returns to normal from COVID restrictions. In February Mike & Cathy Karlavich and in April, Karen & I ventured to the islands for a week

of bareboat chartering. We have a special shout out to MarineMax Vacations for upgrading our charter from a 48' to the newest 54' Aquila Power Cat plus a full time captain for the week! Capt Dunbar anchored us in places where no one, without extensive local knowledge, would have attempted. All four of us would love to tell you all about our adventures, so join us at one of the scheduled cruises or events. Captain Tadd

Communication Officer**Lt/C Chris Young, S**

What a busy spring! Our Washington Mayor, Donald Sadler, will sign a Proclamation proclaiming May 21 – 27 as National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating. Following that presentation of May 9th, a press release will be sent to the Washington Daily News which will include ABC-Pamlico's efforts on highlighting education and safety during the Maritime Festival at the Washington Waterfront.

Be sure to save the website link to your favorites to stay updated on the upcoming events: <https://pamlicosailandpowersquadron.org>

**Reorganization Proposal Update**

**A second Town Hall discussion is set for May 4th at 8 PM EDT
and there are two options to join the discussion.**

- To join online for Video and Screen Sharing: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/uspsabc>
- To have the committee call you:
https://www.freeconferencecall.com/backup?dial_number=4254366377&access_code=834882

National has formed a Steering Committee and has moved forward with the presentation and planning for reorganization tasks. There is a fluid document including updates and timelines that can be found at the following link.

<https://theensign.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Reorganization-Proposal-General-Release-Final.pdf>

Online Town Hall meetings will be conducted through May of this year with Districts, Clubs and members to explain the proposal, how the reorganization will work and the anticipated benefits. The recommended structure will include National providing coordinated, centralized support directly to the local clubs. This will reduce or eliminate districts unless the local clubs wish to transform them into informal consortium. This allows more authority to local clubs with direct interaction with National.

A finalized detailed implementation plan is still expected to be confirmed by the end of May with the full completion target date set for June 2023.



**Boating Tips
Column
Washington Daily
News**

Tom McCluskey has provided boating related articles for our Boating Column in the Washington Daily News.

Articles since the last Newsletter printing:

- How to Navigate on a Budget with Boating Apps
- Social Apps for Boaters

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

Would you be interested in participating as a Writer with Tom? A team of two or more writers would make the effort easier and we could benefit from many perspectives and topics. Email communications@pspsnc.com if you want to learn more.



Life Jackets – New Label Benefits

This new "NEW LABEL BENEFITS" video covers advantages of the new life jacket labeling system for recreational boaters. Viewers will learn how to interpret prominently featured label icons. Also featured are tips for selecting particular life jackets for various boating activities. Appropriate as we highlight National Safe Boating this year....."Ready, Set, Wear It"

Copy the link below into your internet address line for the video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZ3v6JHPVIo>

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



The Ensign Spring 2022 issue

The Ensign magazine has a new format! This change is to a digital format that works well on all devices.

To read this issue, use this Link:

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Safety - New fire extinguisher regulations

According to the Federal Register, the U.S. Coast Guard has issued new fire extinguisher regulations for motorized recreational boats that go into **effect April 20, 2022**. The new rules don't include changes for when and how many fire extinguishers are required on boats. If your boat was required to carry a fire extinguisher(s), those requirements still apply.

Major changes

The Coast Guard now uses the Underwriters Laboratory performance-based classification system for portable fire extinguishers. Most extinguishers already have Coast Guard and UL rating classifications. All approved extinguishers installed before August 22, 2016, can remain on recreational vessels as long as they are serviceable.

The new classification system requires portable and semi-portable extinguishers to be marked with a combined number and letter designation. The letter designates what class of fire the extinguisher is suitable for. The number indicates the extinguishing potential.

Ratings

In addition to being onboard and readily accessible, all portable and semi-portable fire extinguishers must be "Marine Type-USCG Approved" with the correct classification. This means they must have the Coast Guard classification system marking and approval number on the label.

- Extinguishers **UL Classified 5-B:C/10-B:C** (or greater) meet carriage requirements for all recreational vessels regardless of vessel age.
- Extinguishers rated as **Marine Type USCG Type B:C, size I or size II** are only acceptable on vessels built in model year 2017 or earlier.
- Ratings that include higher numbers or more letters are acceptable.
- One 20-B extinguisher may be carried to replace two required 5-B extinguishers.
- The regulations include special rules for vessels built prior to 1952.

Age

Disposable fire extinguishers cannot be older than 12 years from the date stamp on the bottle. Expired disposable extinguishers must be removed from service and taken off the boat on December 31 of their 12th year.

Condition

Extinguishers must be in good, serviceable working condition, meaning

- pressure gauges or indicators, if present, must be in the operable range or position;
- lock pins must be firmly in place;
- discharge nozzles should be clean and free of obstruction; and
- extinguishers should show no visible signs of significant corrosion or damage.

For more information, check out the [U.S. Coast Guard's FAQ](#) on the new regulations.

ABC-Pamlico at Inner Banks Open House



We are happy to announce two member Port Captains. Wayne Estabrooks and Bill Ramsden, both knowledgeable boaters, have volunteered in this role as a resource for visiting boaters in our area. Port Captains are members who enjoy meeting people and stand ready to share assistance to transient boaters. Local navigation knowledge, unmarked hazards, local mechanics, sail makers, repair yards as well as medical facilities is all valuable advice to boaters in cruising in our waterways. Thank you both!



The new kayak launch at Port Terminal is officially launched. This is the third of three ADA accessible kayak launches Sound Rivers has partnered on with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and city governments in Washington and Greenville.

The other kayak launches were completed in March 2021 at Runyon Creek at Havens Garden in Washington and in June 2021 at Mason's Landing on Tranter's Creek in Washington. The projects are funded by a grant Sound Rivers received from North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources' Recreational Trails, and other funding from the North Carolina Division of Water Resources.

Ship Store

Ginny Waite, our Ship's Store Chair, has PSPS Burgee shown below is in stock and available at a cost of \$25.00. As well as an inventory of PSPS Hats (\$20/ea).



The one time set up cost of our logo has been paid for by the Squadron and available for all members. You can purchase items directly from A1 Awards & Promotions or bring your own article of clothing, bags or other boating accessories and have the new logo added at a cost of \$10 per item.



2580 Railroad Street
Winterville, NC 28590
Phone: 252-321-7701

Contact Ginny at shipstore@pspsnc.com to place your orders or give her a call at 946-0322 with any questions.



Ship's Store has been enhanced to support our virtual presence and serve you better. 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 apparel.

Join or Renew Your Membership



We appreciate you!

Thank You! to our Sponsors

America's Boating Club of the Pamlico is very grateful for the continued support of our local community. Your confidence has measurably helped the Squadron move forward with boating safety as well as other educational and civic programs.

We appreciate our virtual home at WYCC.



Announcing a Special Dining Membership you may find interesting!
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Thank you, PSPS, for your continued promotion of boating safety and education!



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

May

- 29-5/1 Shakedown Cruise to Washington Waterfront
- 25 Social Outing at The Chelsea – New Bern
- 13 – 15 Cruise to Beaufort
- 15 – 24 Cruise to Bald Head Island
- 21 Marine Festival – Marine Flea Market – National Safe Boating Kick Off
- 21-27 National Safe Boating Wk
- 27 – 30 Memorial Day Cruise to Oriental

June

- 16 General Membership Dinner Meeting
- TBD D27 Rendezvous

July

- TBD Social Outing

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