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General Membership Dinner Meeting – October 17th

We enjoyed an interesting dinner evening this month where we included surrounding yacht clubs to join us for dinner/speaker. Linda, with the help of Bill Davis, secured speakers, Ashley Buck, Patrol Officer, and Ami Staples, Tagging Program Biologist, both from North Carolina Marine Fisheries. Ashley has been in law enforcement for 12 years, with the last 4 years in Marine Patrol. Ami has a B.S. in Fisheries & Wildlife Management and M.S. in Forest Resources.



Ashley provided history of the NC Marine Patrol that can trace its roots back as early as 1822 when NC enacted legislation to impose gear restrictions on oyster harvest. Throughout the years the role of patrol has expanded, encompassing the commercial harvesting of finfish & shellfish, and then broadening to include both commercial & recreational fisheries. She is one of 56 officers on our local waters monitoring 2.5 million acres of water and over 4,000 miles of coastline.

They stay up to date on all fishing regulations, that can change weekly or monthly. Their focus is to ensure boaters & anglers comply with general statutes and rules relating to fishing, but also with attention to boating safety as they monitor our waterways. They also inspect seafood houses, vehicles transporting seafood and restaurants all over the state to make sure everyone is complying with fisheries rules.

Ami Staples provided an in-depth description of her role in the Tagging Program which started in 2014. The programs play a vital role in assessing fish population by providing information about migration patterns, habitat use, population structure and mortality rates of fish. Their program currently tags cobia, red drum, southern flounder, spotted seatrout and striped bass. Averaging 15,000 fish are tagged annually though efforts by this division, state agencies, university researchers and even volunteer taggers who can be trained & provided tools.



Have you ever caught a tagged fish? Can you recognize a tagged fish? You can get involved by reporting information should you catch a tagged fish.

The tags are located and extended from the belly of the fish or in some cases at the gill. Details needed to report are: species, tag number, length, date of catch, location, what gear was used and if you released or kept the fish. You must cut the tag as close to the body as possible, even if you plan to release the fish. Do not pull the tag out of the fish. Call 1-800-682-2632 to report your tagged fish or use their [Online Reporting Form](#). After reporting your tagged fish, you will receive a packet w/map certificate and reward. In the case of Red Tags, they are worth a \$100 reward by calling 1-800-682-2632.

Commander's Corner**Cdr. Walt Morrissey**

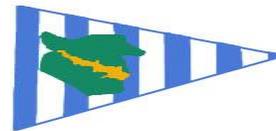
The Fall weather is here. I hope you are able to enjoy it and get out on the water. There are lots of Club events coming up. We have two cruise opportunities later this month, one is to the Chesapeake and the other two ports in the Albermarle Sound. I hope you will consider going with us or meeting us along the way by car.

Our Nomination Committee will be starting to address vacancies in the Bridge and key committees to help us plan for 2025. We will need help and will reach out to you. When we do, please consider trying something new. Feel free to talk to our existing Officers, it is not overwhelming. If there is a role that you believe you might find interesting, let us know and we'll be happy to provide details for your consideration. Volunteers are critical for our club. Please help us to continue to offer the education and events that we all enjoy.

On a sad note, I need to recognize the passing of Gene Alligood. Gene was a past PSPS Squadron Commander and also a D27 District Commander. If you were lucky enough to meet him, he was an instant friend.



Bruce & Sharon Schroeder
Washington, NC
Power Boat - *Bellevue*



Local Hurricane Relief and Recovery Information

We are all heartbroken over the devastation Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton has brought to communities throughout the Southeast. Hundreds of lives were lost in Western North Carolina alone. Many people have lost their homes, belongings, and livelihoods. Sadly, those communities will endure a long-term recovery.

It's difficult to learn what and where we can help. If you're able, here is a list some of trusted organizations published by the network of NC Extension locations.

- [American Red Cross Hurricane Donations & Blood Donations](#)
- [Samaritan Purse](#)
- [United Way of North Carolina](#)
- The [NC Extension](#) locations have a website that includes more details on donation, volunteering, livestock assistance, etc as a means of staying up to date on the recovery progress.

Executive Officer

Lt/C Mike Johnson, S



A few thoughts to share, building on my last newsletter article relating to recruitment of new members and our responsibility of “selling” our Squadron to our community.

One of the things Terri and I talk about often since our move to Washington is community activity and service. From what I understand, our Squadron over the last number of years, has not participated in community events as a full club flying the colors so to speak.

Participating in city parades, festival events, etc is a great way to engage with the public regarding our mission and activities and a source for attracting new memberships.

What draws people to our club - fun! Doing things as an organization and showing camaraderie and spirit, that will draw people in, make them a part of the club and entice friendships and growth! Let’s talk about opportunities to become more involved as we head into 2025.

It’s hard to imagine, but the holidays are just around the corner. It’s that time of year again and I’ve reached out to confirm our annual participation in two key areas in support of our communities’ holiday season.



Toys for Tots collections will be getting started beginning with our [Social Dinner at Marabella’s](#) on, Tuesday, November 19th, for your unwrapped gifts. Additionally, three boxes have been ordered. One for the Washington Yacht & Country Club, one for the Cypress Landing Golf Course and one for the Cypress Landing Marina. By early December, we will be turning in all collected items for distribution to children within Beaufort County. Watch for more details and we hope you can help wherever it’s convenient in this worthwhile effort.

Also, our annual effort for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing has been scheduled for Thursday, November 21st (times TBD) at the Food Lion in Washington Square. Many volunteers’ signup each year and have commented on this as a rewarding experience as you see the charitable giving within Washington and surrounding communities. We will need some volunteers to help us, with this community effort. It will only take an hour of your time. Once I’ve finalized the timing details, we will send out a communication along with signup requests. Be sure to mark your calendar. Hope you will be able to volunteer!



VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

Our Squadron has completed 60 Vessel Inspections this year.

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.

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

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Educational Officer

Lt/C Bob Vecchi, P



I may have mentioned last year at this time, that October 15th is traditionally the last day of boating season up north. By now, the people are pulling their boats out of the water, winterizing and shrink wrapping them, or if they are small enough, they are putting them on a trailer and covering them up for hibernation in their driveway. For us on the NC coast, we still have the best boating weather now, since the temperatures are and should continue to be very comfortable for another month at least. So, get out on the water and enjoy your boat now, while you can.

The Paddle Smart seminar was held on September 24th, with a river cruise for paddlers, on September 28th. It was a small class with a lot of student interaction thanks to Walt Morrissey's teaching skills. We also managed to squeeze in a few Vessel Safety Checks that day.



Our Engine Maintenance Course is being postponed until after the New Year. There is just too much personal stuff going on around the holidays to expect students to be engaged in learning.

Some folks on my committee will be stepping down from their posts at the end of this year, so I am looking to fill openings on my team. If you would like to get involved in education, which is the most important thing that we do here, please reach out to me to discuss opportunities for your involvement. I promise it is very rewarding. I am hoping to put together a busy education season for next year.

We 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.

Aides to Navigation Seminar – Dinner – Sunset Cruise Aboard The Carolina Princess

The Fort Macon Squadron, known as America's Boating Club of the Crystal Coast, held their annual Aids to Navigation Event on Saturday, October 12th. There were probably close to 100 participants from four different squadrons. Bill and Marti Davis represented Pamlico, along with Joni Caputo and I, and we had a wonderful time. We received goody bags filled with some snacks, water bottles, a whistle for your pfd, a folded chart complete with cardboard backing, and a red flashlight for use on the boat at dusk. It was very well put together with everything needed for the evening cruise.

The seminar and dinner portion were both held at the Sanitary Restaurant in Moorhead City, right on the waterfront. The seminar was your typical "Red, Right, Return" format, including something about nuns and cans, with a little ICW twist thrown in. And then there were range lights, the main subject of the evening cruise. That's not all...go to Page 6 to learn more about this event.

Administrative Officer



We had 36 attendees at our October meeting, October 17th at the Washington Yacht & Country Club enjoying either a chicken or salmon dinner. Our featured speakers from NC Marine Patrol & NC Marine Biologist team was a perfect topic of interest to invite our surrounding CLYC, WYC, PLYC to join us for dinner and presentation. [Click Here](#) for the photos of the evening.

Lt/C Linda Moyer



Save the Date

Saturday, December 14 - Christmas 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 or call me at 619-933-2345 if you are interested in being part of the plan.

With the Holiday Baking kicked in high gear, we would like to ask our members to bring along a sample of their favorite baked goods...could be cookies, cake, candy, etc to share following dinner service. Full details for the evening will be coming out soon.

Assistant Administrative Officer - Social

Lorne Hope, AP



What a beautiful day for a luncheon at the Salty Crab! As usual, the food was very good and we had 26 enjoying the afternoon. Although the plan was to meet the boaters as they had planned a weekend cruise to Dowry Creek, the storm the day before upset those plans. But still, it was a full day for some with our Bob and Walt's organized on-the-water paddle in the morning and everyone gathering for the luncheon at a favorite restaurant. Enjoy the photos of the happy group.



Our next Social gathering has been set up to also support our annual effort for Toys for Tots collection of unwrapped gifts. The location is a favorite, [Marabella's](#). With daylight hours reducing, we wanted to keep the location closer to home.

Any suggestions for new or favorite restaurants are always welcome. Just let me know and I'm happy to check it out for our group.



Assistant Administrative Officer - Boating**Mike Karlovich, AP**

Our first cruisers North that may go as far as Smithfield Station, VA have departed. They are leisurely making their way. The second North bound cruisers planning the Albermarle Mini Loop has 4 boats scheduled to depart October 28 and returning November 2.

The cruise plan is: Home to Dowery Creek, then Alligator River, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Dowery Creek and back Home. We might have a boat joining us for just one of the Dowery Creek stays.

Bob Veechi – Aids to Navigation Cruise Event – Continued from Page 4

Following the seminar, dinner orders were taken and served. The menu was a nice selection of mostly seafood, with a few landlubber meals thrown in, and was quite good.

We boarded the 95-foot boat leaving the dock while still in daylight. We cruised past the marinas, around the Port Terminal with Radio Island to starboard, now we are officially in the Intracoastal Waterway northbound under the High-Rise Bridge, past the yacht basin, past Gallants Channel Junction and what I call the chimney island, so named (by me) because all that exists on it is a brick chimney, a remnant of a long-gone fish processing plant. The idea was for us to follow along with our charts, noticing the different styles and types of buoys and markers and their numbering system, the differences in the ICW markers, and all that we talked about during the class. During all of this, our presenter was in the wheelhouse speaking to us through the PA system and pointing out things of importance to focus on.

Then we turned around and headed back south toward Beaufort Inlet where there are three sets of range lights we were going to “run.” As we got closer to the inlet it was now approaching dusk, and we were able to witness the lights on the range towers coming on (or not, in a few cases). For landlubbers, as well as unseasoned mariners, a range is a series of lights (normally two), with each one mounted on a separate fixed structure, usually a tower of some sort, and with the nearest one lower in elevation than the furthest one. This allows the mariner to position his vessel to line them up so one light shows directly over the other. This is known as “running the range”. This also results in the vessel running down the middle of the channel. This of course is critical for the large container ships that frequent the port docks in Moorhead City.

Back to live action. Captain Terrell now lined up the boat on the Beaufort Inlet Channel Range and ran the range down the center of the channel until he got to the next intersecting range. He then changed course and ran the Fort Macon Reach Range, then changed course again and now the Moorhead City Channell Range lights are behind him, so he had look over his shoulder to run that one. After that we took a leisurely cruise in Beaufort and then back to Moorhead City. It was very en“light”ening.

Cruising at night has many surprises you don’t experience in the daytime. For instance, we crossed paths with a small runabout that had his side marker colors reversed. Then we passed another small boat that was sitting idle, possibly at anchor, with no lights at all showing. It wasn’t quite dark yet, so we saw and avoided him easily. But you need to be very vigilant when cruising after dark.

We definitely recommend this event, so watch for it next year. It’s well worth it!



**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:

[Plan Ahead for Forecasted Storms](#)

[Boaters Rafting Up](#)

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

Safety Article - Key Aspects of Boating Etiquette

Boating etiquette refers to a set of unwritten rules and behaviors that ensure safety, respect, and by following these rules, you can help prevent accidents and conflicts, making your time out on the water a better place for everyone. It's crucial to maintain a respectful distance and attitude when interacting with other boaters, anglers or swimmers.

Tips for Safe Passing When Boating:

- **Communication:** Use hand signals, horns, or radio to indicate your waterway navigation intentions.
- **Slow Down:** Reducing your speed will avoid creating a large wake that could disturb other boaters in your path or docked nearby.
- **Stay Alert:** Watch for smaller vessels, such as kayaks, paddleboarders, and swimmers, that may be in your path. Always be aware of other vessels around you.
- **Know the Rules:** Regulations can vary widely by location, so familiarize yourself with the rules in your specific area and areas you may travel to.

Key Guidelines for Boat Ramp Etiquette:

- **Prepare in Advance:** Before getting to the ramp, ensure your boat is ready to launch. This should include checking the bilge pump and engines and ensuring that your drain plugs are in if that applies to your vessel.
- **Be Quick:** Pay attention to when it is your turn to launch or retrieve your vessel. Operate efficiently and effectively to avoid holding others up.
- **Help Others:** If you see someone struggling, offer assistance. A little help could go a long way in maintaining a friendly boat ramp atmosphere & keeps everything moving smoothly.
- **Follow the Line:** Wait your turn and follow the corresponding line at the ramp. Cutting in front of others will cause frustration and delays in the long run.
- **Common Mistakes:** Don't block the ramp while preparing your boat; limit the time spent in the ramp area.

Tips for Responsible Fishing:

- **Keep Your Distance:** Maintain a reasonable distance from other anglers to avoid their casted fishing lines and respect their area.
- **Avoid Crowding:** If you notice another boat is fishing in a specific spot, respect their area.
- **Manage Your Wake:** When you pass other fishing boats, reduce your speed to minimize the wake. A large wake can disrupt other fishing lines and disturb the anglers.
- **Follow Local Regulations:** Be aware of specific fishing regulations in the area, including catch limits, protected species, and fishing seasons.

General Membership Dinner Meeting Photos – More photos [here](#).



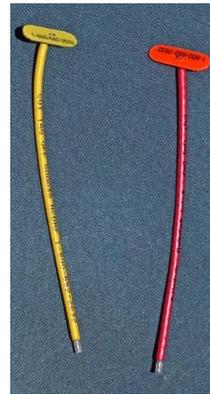
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Other Tag: \$100 Reward - Tag must be attached to the fish, not the fisherman's gear.

For More Information:
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TAGGING SPOTTED TROUT

FOR NC FISHERIES



Basic Communications

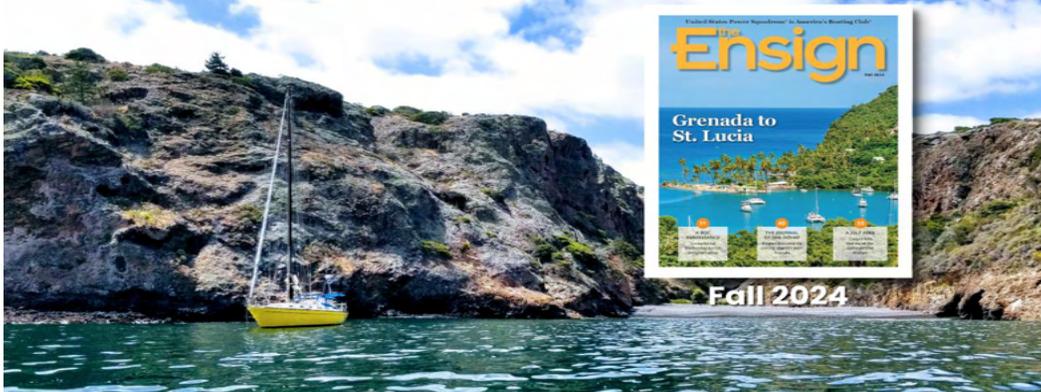
The new "BASIC MARINE COMMUNICATIONS" video covers the evolution of boat-to-boat and boat-to-shore communications. Viewers will learn about VHF-DSC marine radios, EPIRBs, PLBs, and the new I-911 system. Also featured are tips for best practices.

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=LxkxVOOoVOY&list=PLglbeilMU2HeflYrldNBfQxhOLpd8pQGb&index=9>
 These videos are developed to provide a focus on boating safety and safe boating education. Hope you find them of interest.

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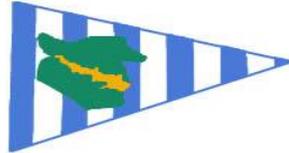
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America's Boating Club of the Pamlico Ship Store

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.

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District 27

**Spring Council/Conference &
Change of Watch**

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Hilton Garden Inn
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**United States Power Squadron February 2025 Caribbean Cruise
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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

October
21 or 28 Start dates 2024 Fall Cruise North
[Two Route Options](#)

November
19 Social Dinner at [Marabella's](#)-Washington Toys for Tots Collection
21 Salvation Army Annual Bell Ringing – Location: Food Lion in the Washington Square Mall

December
14 Christmas Party - WYCC
Details to be announced soon

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