

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB of The Pamlico



Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron based in Washington, NC

A unit in District 27 of the United States Power Squadron® known as America's Boating Club®

2021 Commander's Annual Report

I am pleased to report that 2021 has been our Squadron's Come back Year. We celebrated our 20th Anniversary at the first in-person meeting in 2021 with one of our Founding Members, Bob Hatala recounting the memorable fledgling efforts and indomitable spirit of those early years. That selfsame spirit has been the driving force that has delivered us to this place of renewed excitement and optimism. Many of our sister squadrons have not fared nearly as well. What has made the difference? The bonds of friendship and irrepressibility that has always stood with our efforts. Genuinely sincere, positive attitudes and a sense of community that has never failed us. I have had the distinct privilege of observing this determined spirit that stood up in the face of a suppressing pandemic and emerged on the other side of the tunnel, strong, resilient, attuned to continue the efforts that have given our organization form and direction, since inception. We have successfully continued our mission of promoting safe boating and skill development through education. We got very creative in our civic service activities and plan to continue in that same vain this year. We have enjoyed loads of fun, social events and our increasing numbers of boating members enthusiastically celebrated a splendid boating year.

We have finalized a public marketing name for our Squadron that was begun in 2020. Legally and officially, we remain The Pamlico Sail and Power Squadron, doing business as America's Boating Club of the Pamlico. It has been an incredible trip for me. I have seen what engaged and talented members accomplish in the face of overwhelming obstructions. I foresee more of the same as we embrace the leadership of a new and an optimistic bridge that is ready to draw the Squadron members further into the stream of the very best of fellowship, education and skill enhancement as well as supporting our civic responsibilities. All I can offer at this juncture, is full steam ahead! Look out 2022! America's Boating Club of the Pamlico is fully engaged and moving forward.

Commander Kay Graham, S

National Awards Received in 2021

	<p>Website Distinctive Communication Award PSPS Web Site</p>
	<p>Newsletter Distinctive Communication Award Sound of the Pamlico</p>



Boating Education

Due to the delay in breaking out of the 2020/2021 pandemic, our Education Officer and team was halted in kicking off in-person seminars/classes.

- America's Boating Course was offered in-person in June with a record 22 students, graduating 18 students, obtaining 7 new memberships.
- A very successful presentation of the Boat Handling Course was presented in June/July for 17 students graduating 9 as Seaman.



Civic and Community Involvement

The Squadron continues efforts of community involvement throughout Beaufort County.

- Late in-person Vessel Safety Inspections resulted in a much low number of local boats inspected by our certified VSC Inspectors.
- The Squadron organized a Marine Flea Market in conjunction with a local annual car show that was very successful. The event netted \$704, supporting our efforts for public boating safety education awareness.
- Maintained membership in the Washington-Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce.
- Promoted National Safe Boating Week by partnering with USCG Aux, NC Wildlife & USCG Hobucken. Included newspaper articles, surrounding mayoral proclamations, TV coverage, etc from our Waterfront.
- Provided 2 Port Captain services.
- Participated in the Marine Corps “Toys for Tots” program including placing additional collection boxes at two local yacht clubs.
- Supported the Salvation Army’s fund raising efforts by 16 Bell Ringers an entire day.
- Published our award-winning newsletter, “Sound of the Pamlico”.
- Raised advertising revenue for the Sound of the Pamlico newsletter.
- Published monthly boating safety informational articles in the local newspaper’s Boating Column. Allowing the recreational boaters to look to America’s Boating Club of the Pamlico for their boating education.
- Awarded the Website Distinctive Communication Award for our Website. The PSPS site brings resources to the community through links to USPS, weather, marinas, yacht clubs, mobile apps and much more.
- Migrated to the use of our DBA Name, America’s Boating Club of the Pamlico modifying our website, Facebook, newsletter and all public communications.

Boating Education Cont’d

- The Boat Handling Course was also offered as 6 independent Seminars.
- The Sailing Course prepared by a seasoned sailor who including his experiences from his transatlantic adventure interfaced with ABC’s power point presentation was cancelled in 2021, but has been scheduled for spring 2022.
- Promoted and recommended on-line seminars and Boat Channel opportunities for continued skill building during first half of the year.
- A minimum of 8 members are on a skill building track that will follow through all America’s Boating Club Advanced Courses.
- Communicated with local newspapers, radio, TV and surrounding boating clubs for educational safety & skill building opportunities.



Social and Fellowship Activities

Additionally, we know how to have fun on and off the water.

- Record number of members joined our virtual Change of Watch and 2021 elections in June.
- The Bridge & Executive Committee met 8 times to conduct the affairs of the squadron.
- Four in-person general membership dinner meetings were held with interesting speakers.
- Members enjoyed an annual holiday party with dinner, jazz entertainment and gift exchange.
- 4 “just for fun” social lunches/dinners were held at local restaurants, always well attended.
- Delegates form PSPS attended all national and district meetings.
- 6 Cruises to multiple destinations, both near and far were enjoyed by members.
- We added 14 new members in 2021.
- Past Commanders provided their Annual Picnic for membership with 40+ attending.
- Merit Marks were awarded to 30 Members representing over 1,000 hours of volunteer effort meeting ABC-Pamlico missions.
- Conducted an annual software program saving our members substantial dollars.



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