

**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®**

## 2022 Commander's Annual Report

We started 2022 with a key goal of continuing our return to normalcy, post-Covid, in every way possible. I am thrilled to report that we have been successful! Our commitment to promoting safe boating and skill development was supported by many of our members, along with the efforts of Education Officer Cathy Karlovich and Asst Education Officer Mike Karlovich have lead our club to be successful in this mission.

Our efforts for community outreach was supported in many ways. Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) were conducted in 2022 with an expanded team of dedicated examiners. Outreach in our tradition activities such as Marine Flea Market, Toys for Tots, and Salvation Army Bell Ringing continued.

We are committed to creating Club meetings that provide opportunities to socialize with friends, learn and have some fun. Our General Meetings, Social outings the P/C Shrimp Boil have done this. Thanks to all that contribute to make these events into something we can all enjoy.

It has been my privilege to have been a small part of this effort in 2022. I enjoyed the energy of our involved members and the leadership of the Executive Committee. Our efforts have set the stage for 2023 and our challenge to keep our momentum. Commander Walt Morrissey

Pamlico Sail & Power Squadron is a proud Grant Recipient of the Cypress Landing Yacht Club Community Fund for 2022. This \$500 Grant will help our Club continue our efforts in boating education and safety.

Mike Karlovich, Assistant Education Officer, was awarded D27 Instructor of the Year at the 2022 Spring Conference.

### National Awards Received - 2022

 <p><b>2021</b> DISTINCTIVE COMMUNICATOR AWARD WEBSITE</p>	<p>Website Distinctive Communication Award PSPS Web Site</p>
 <p><b>2021</b> DISTINCTIVE COMMUNICATOR AWARD NEWSLETTER</p>	<p>Newsletter Distinctive Communication Award Sound of the Pamlico</p>



### Boating Education

Our Education Officer and team planned courses and seminars for members, surrounding yacht clubs and the public offerings for our local recreational boaters.

- The America's Boating Course offered twice graduated 18 students; 4 of those students became full members; followed by 8 students, graduating 4 students.
- The Marine Navigation Course (9wks) enrolled 18 students, graduating 13 students as Pilot.
- The Sailing Course (8wks) presented by a seasoned sailor enrolled 5 students.
- The Boat Handling Course (7 wks) enrolled 11 was students; graduating 7 students to Seaman.
- Expanded 4 students skills to include on-the-water boat handling training . Following VSC inspection, mentored new member/new boat owner on the water education of docking, maneuvering, anchoring, refueling, local cruising, etc.
- Eight members are on a skill building track that will follow through all ABC's Advanced Courses.



## Civic and Community Involvement

The Squadron continues its efforts to strengthen our mission throughout Beaufort County in our community involvement.

- Recruited and certified an expanded team of Vessel Safety Inspectors for a total of 5.
- Although a late start for 2022, 27 Vessel Safety Inspections were performed on local boats by our certified VSC Inspectors.
- VSC Inspectors participated in the Inner Banks Dry Stack Open House introducing ourselves to a many new boaters.
- The Club participated in the Washington Harbor District Alliance Maritime Festival with a Flea Market booth. The Flea Market event netted \$704 that will support our efforts for boating safety and education within Beaufort County.
- Maintained annual membership in the Washington-Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce.
- Promoted National Safe Boating Week with newspaper articles, a mayoral proclamation and materials kicking off National Safe Boating week at the Maritime Festival.
- Recruited 2 new Port Captains continuing the effort of providing services for local and visiting boaters.
- Participated in the Marine Corps “Toys for Tots” program including additional collection boxes at 2 local yacht clubs.
- Supported the Salvation Army’s fund raising efforts by Bell Ringing an entire day, December 7th with 17 Volunteers.
- Published monthly safety and boating information articles for the local Washington Daily Newspaper Boating tips.
- Maintain our Website bringing resources to the local communities through links to USPS, Education opportunities, safety, VSC contacts, Port Captain contacts, weather, marinas, mobile apps, etc.

- Communicated with local newspapers, radio & TV, surrounding boating and yacht clubs encouraging boat skill building opportunities in our area.



## Social, Boating and Fellowship Activities

In addition to our commitment to safe boating through education, we know how to have fun on and off the water.

- Members enjoyed our Change of Watch Luncheon, elections and awards in February.
- Held four general membership dinner meetings with exceptional and interesting local speakers.
- Members enjoyed our annual Christmas Party with dinner musical entertainment, photo contest and the popular White Elephant Gift Exchange.
- Popular social lunches/dinners were enjoyed at 5 local restaurants and all very well attended.
- Past Commanders provided their Annual Event including “good ole Southern Shrimp Boil”, at a local Social Club.
- Our boaters were very active, 9 cruises from April to November with a number of the destinations members joined by car riders.
- The Bridge and Executive Committee met 10 times to monitor and conduct the affairs of the squadron.
- Delegates attended all national and district meetings.
- We have been fortunate to have 18 new members in 2022.
- Two additional members joined Lifetime membership, William Doar and Scott Mackenzie for a total of 5 Life Members.
- Conducted an annual software program for the Squadron saved our members substantial dollars on available software.
- Published 6 editions of the Sound of the Pamlico Newsletter.
- Merit Marks were awarded to 34 Members representing 1,445+ hours of volunteer support of America’s Boating Club of the Pamlico.



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