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Fayetteville Sail & Power Squadron



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"The Log"

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Commander's Brief

Memorial Day is fast approaching and a weekend that most boaters plan an on-the-water activity with family and friends and get into the water or pools for the first time. Fayetteville Sail and Power, along with America's Boating Club of the United States Power Squadron want everyone to exercise safety foremost in all that you do. Please take the time before launching your boat or gunkholing somewhere for swimming and picnicking on the water, to brief your crew and put on those life saving jackets. I encourage ALL adults to set the example for the children and WEAR THAT PFD. Make sure they are readily available, serviceable and sized to each individual before leaving the dock.

May 19—26 is Safe Boating Week. If you haven't had your boat inspected with a Vessel Safety Check, which is free, please contact our squadron and we will get one of our VSC inspectors to make sure you are in compliance with all the NC boating regulations.

Vessel operators born on or after January 1, 1988 must have successfully completed a Boating Safety Education course to operate a vessel with a motor of 10 horsepower or greater on public waters in North Carolina. Boating Safety Education courses are offered at no charge by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U.S. Power Squadron and Internet providers also offer approved courses that can include a fee. It is important to note the course must be approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators to be accepted.

Commander Rosa

Next Bridge Meeting: Out for summer boating—resume the end of August

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Monthly Meeting
Saturday, May 19, 2018

Founder's Day Celebration
Rosa Whitmore's Home (see flyer)
1600 hrs—until (4:00 pm)

Bring your favorite meat to grill and a dish to pass.
Beverages and dessert provided!

This month's news from the National concerning membership and communication. (May)

Webmasters and Editors: Please change your links

If you have links to the United States Power Squadrons public site on your website or in your newsletter, please make sure they all point to <https://americasboatingclub.org> and not <https://beyondboating.org>.

We need your help to increase our domain authority. Thank you!"

If you have received this email and you are no longer the editor of your squadron/district newsletter, please forward to correct person and send me the updated contact information.

Regards,
R/C Kathleen Lambert, AP
Chair, Communications Committee

Where are your future members?

Check your lists:

- Cyber members— Available on USPS.org.
- USPS university members—Available on USPS.org.
- Vessel Safety check people—Squadron records.
- Course students—Squadron records.
- Local event participants—Squadron records.
- Squadron contacts from the last five years—Squadron records.

R/C Robert Howd, JN-CN
Membership

CHECK IT OUT: Easy access to membership with USPS America’s Boating Club and Fayetteville Sail and Power Squadron

Copy this link into your browser and click on the top link that says: Join Now

<https://americasboatingclub.org/>

Browse through this site and see the many benefits to being a member of your local boating organization. Education, friends and monthly meetings, help with boating skills and many other benefits. Go to the above site and see for yourself!



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2018 Youth Poster Contest

Sponsored by the National Membership Committee

(New Contest Period: Contest ends August 17, 2018)

The USPS Youth Poster Contest Awards promote youth appreciation and respect for recreational boating, and the message that safe boating is always fun boating.

The Contest is open to children ages 6-14, which is divided into three age groups:

- 1) Ages 6 - 8 2) Ages 9 - 11 3) Ages 12 - 14

Squadrons should conduct local contests and submit winning posters to their respective District for judging. Posters submitted to the National Membership Committee for judging must be endorsed by each District Poster/Membership Chair as the point of contact.

The 2018 Poster Theme:

"America's Boating Club Saves Lives"

Artwork should illustrate how safe boating through education, on the water skills, and proper use of equipment save lives.

Rules

- Each district may submit one poster in each age category.
- Each entry must be submitted on poster board or heavy construction paper; size 15"x20" or 14"x22"
- Entries must be judged at the district level to select winning entries for submission at the National contest level.
- Squadron and District judging deadlines are a local decision.
- Only District First-Place winners in each age category will be accepted for judging at the National level.
- Posters may be sketched lightly with pencil, but the result must be in color suitable for photography.
- Professional illustrations, photos, copyrighted or trademark material, purchased or computer generated are not allowed and will disqualify the entry.
- Posters must not be folded.
- Posters will be judged on the Theme, message and artistic representation.
- Only one entry per person is allowed. All entries become the property of the United States Power Squadrons, which reserves the right to display and reproduce.
- Contest entry forms must be complete, legible, and attached to the back of their poster.
- Annual Contest entries must now be delivered to the Fall Governing Board Meeting. This year's meeting will be held in Minneapolis, MN. Posters must be received by Friday, 17 August 2018, for judging.
- First, Second and Third Place Winners will be announced for each age category during the Minneapolis Meeting. Awards are underwritten by a grant from the OMC Foundation.

Information from Members:

Quote: *"The impossible missions are the only ones which succeed."* - Jacques Cousteau (Submitted by Bob Brandenburg)

Check your bilge! Many members in the boating email group I belong to are reporting that they are being boarded by the Coast Guard and the boaters are being asked to open the engine compartment so they can check for any oil residue in the bilge. Many of these boardings are occurring in Carolinas waters. If you don't already do this, suggest that you place oil-only absorbent mats under the engines and inspect/replace these on a routine basis. The oil-only mats absorb only oil, not water. Submitted by Reid Gantt

FSPS taught classes and seminars available at the Pechmann NC Wildlife Center:

You can sign up for these seminars through this link:

<http://ncwildlife.org/Learning/Education-Centers/Pechmann/Event-Registration>

1, May 19—9:00 to 12:00 pm Marine Electronic Communication & Safety

In this class we will look at two of the most basic safety devices for the marine environment: the VHF radio (with Digital Selective Calling) and the Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB). The class will discuss the development of maritime communication, types of devices, basic installation concerns, registration and licensing requirements, carrying requirements, and the fundamental use and procedures. Emphasis will be placed on inshore and near offshore applications, as well as inland water issues.

2. May 22 & 23—6:00 to 9:00 pm Boater's Basic Weather & Forecasting Seminar

Are the winds too strong? What is a small craft advisory? The safety and comfort of those who venture out on the water have always been weather dependent. This seminar, a must for boaters who have never taken a weather course, will help you answer these questions and gain an understanding of the forces acting on your boat. Understand the forecast and know what to expect, whether you're in a kayak, trawler, sailboat, or schooner. This seminar presents a complex subject in a way that is both understandable and useful.

3. June 6 & 7—6:00 to 9:00 pm Charting and Coastal Navigation Aids (Plotting a Course)

Learn to read a chart, plot a course using plotting tools and use navigation aids at the coast. After brief explanation of charts and navigational aides, this seminar will use hands-on experiences to actually take a chart and create a route.

FOUNDERS'DAY 2018

Join us as the

Fayetteville Sail and Power Squadron

celebrates their 49th Anniversary of its founding (1969)

The theme for this year's celebration is

“Best FSPS Membership Memory”

Next year will mark 50 years since the founding of FSPS. Let's begin our walk down “memory lane”.

Come ready to share!

Bring your own meat to grill as well as your favorite dish to pass. Dessert and Beverages provided (Of course, if you prefer some specific drink, you are welcome to bring that too!!)

Lawn chair if you have one.

DATE: May 19, 2018

TIME: 1600 Hrs – until...

LOCATION: Rosa Whitmore's Home

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Promoting Safe Boating Through Education



www.fayettevillesps.wordpress.com

ABC3 Safe Boating Course:

Fayetteville Sail and Power Course successfully completed a safe boating course on April 27 and 28. We had 4 students who attended the course and 3 have successfully tested and passed with scores 92 and above. It was a great class and the other student is due to test soon.

A big thanks to our instructors who always do a great job. Instructors who recently recertified through USPS and came out for each session:

Buddy Wilkins: Navigation Rules and Aides

Ted Faber: Trailing

Lee Newcomb: Emergencies, Anchoring, Communications

Sid Thrash: Government and State regulations

Rosa Whitmore: Introduction, Water Sports and PWC's

Kudos to each of you for your time and "yarns". You each give visuals and helps that make boating skills and safety come to life in the classroom.