

~~~ And you? ~~~

Are you interested in:

- Socializing with fellow boaters?
- Improving your marine skills and knowledge base?
- Promoting boating and navigational safety?
- Serving the community and sharing a common interest of being on and enjoying the water?

For more information, please call Commander Scott Rathkamp 850.776.9736 or one of our other officers as listed on page two of our newsletter or check here.

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Please call, visit our web site or attend one of our meetings. Details are in our newsletter on our website under Newsletter. We would like to meet you!



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## Pensacola Sail and Power Squadron

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Watch for a class coming soon ...



## OUR MISSION

The Pensacola Sail and Power Squadron is a private non-profit organization, chartered in Pensacola in 1958, dedicated to "Safe Boating Through Education." We are a member of District 15 of the United States Power Squadrons®. We are open to all who are interested in boating, be it sail, power, canoe or kayaking.

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## ~~~ Education ~~~

### ~~~ Basic Course ~~~

**S**afety through education is the primary goal of the United States Power Squadron. This course satisfies the legislative requirements for a safe boating course now needed to operate a boat in both Florida and in many other states. It assists the student in learning:

- Basic seamanship including anchoring and docking
- Required boating equipment
- Rules of the road
- Lines and knots
- Aids to navigation
- Personal watercraft
- Boat trailering and safety
- VHF radio use



Besides the educational benefit of attending a boating course, many insurance companies offer discount rates on boat insurance to successful graduates.

### ~~~ Advanced Courses ~~~

**A**dvanced courses include: Boat Handling, Basic and Advanced Marine Navigation, Offshore and Celestial Navigation, Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, Sailing and Weather and many more. These courses may be offered as classes or may be taken self-study with a proctored examination and sometimes online.

## ~~~ Civic Service ~~~

**A**s part of our civic service, and in concert with the U. S. Coast Guard, we offer courtesy Vessel Safety Checks (VSC). These safety checks are free of charge. Please know we cannot cite you for any infraction, however minor it might be.



Our only goal is to help you ensure you have all the required safety equipment so your boating venture can be a safer one. For an appointment, please call Scott Rathkamp at 850.776.9736 or visit our website at [www.pspms.me](http://www.pspms.me). Scott or one of his friendly staff will be glad to examine your vessel and inform you of any problem areas.

The squadron also conducts a Cooperative Charting Program. In cooperation with the U. S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Coast Guard, members work to provide updated information on local landmarks and marine aids to navigation. These data are used to update charts and other publications concerning the navigational aids required for safe passage on our local waters. Members of the Pensacola squadron have been nationally recognized for this effort.



## ~~~ Social ~~~

**O**ur social activities are many and varied. We regularly have dinner meetings, cruises, parties, raft-ups, cookouts and rendezvous on land and water. Members often offer their homes or boats for these events. We meet at a variety of other places as well for boating educational activities and dinners at local restaurants complete with guest speakers. Topics are usually but not always nautical. We have been privileged to have civic leaders, marine safety officers, marine salvage supervisors, scuba instructors, et cetera, speak on a variety of topics.

### ~~~ Leadership Training ~~~

**A**dvancement to the Executive Committee is encouraged for those who want additional responsibility. This Committee conducts the Squadron's business and plans our activities.

### ~~~ Communications ~~~

**T**he "Lazy Log" is our monthly official publication. It is published monthly on our website ([www.pspms.me](http://www.pspms.me)) using the Newsletter link. It contains a variety of information from squadron officers and articles of general interest. We try to keep it as updated as possible so everyone will know what's happening.

## THE LAZY LOG

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