

Local power squadron wins National Civic Service award

The Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron recently won the national Distinguished Civic Service Award presented by BoatU.S. In presenting the award, Ted Sensenbrenner, BoatU.S. Development Director, said “The environmental work done by the volunteers of the Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron earned them the top recognition by BoatU.S. Their contributions in cleaning up local waterways, discarding and recycling clean-up waste, and partnering with an organization to turn certain plastic products into diesel fuel piqued the judge’s interest. This was truly a unique and over-the-top effort by the Cape Fear Squadron, and we are proud to recognize this awesome group with the BoatU.S. Civic Service Award.” Squadron Commander Otis White says this is a tremendous honor.



The Squadron participated in many community or civic activities in 2019 spotlighting safe boating and protecting our waterways. This included conducting over 500 free Vessel Safety Checks at various local marinas to help boaters understand the U.S. Coast Guard requirements and equip their boats properly. Members also enjoy supporting the Cape Fear Community College Marine Technology Program with a fundraiser contributing \$2,000 toward an educational student scholarship.

The Squadron also offer social meetings (picnics, cooking contests, golfing, boating cruises, etc.) as well as educational meetings for members and their guests. These seminars by local, prominent professionals address topics related to marine science and boating.

Another activity included Squadron participation in a River Cleanup Day with two local organizations, Cape Fear River Watch and Keep New Hanover Beautiful. Members also participated in boat shows, parades, and municipality Safe Boating Week proclamations to promote boater education.

The public education program lead by Squadron volunteer instructors was also recognized for their State-certified America’s Boating Course and teaching cruise offered in partnership with Wilmington Water Tours.

To learn more about the Cape Fear Sail & Power Squadron, visit <http://www.capefearsailandpowersquadron.org/>.