



2018 PILOT Writing Contest

The editors of the Pilot, in conjunction with the Bridge, are once again offering an article writing contest for PRSPS Members in 2018. The winner will receive dinner for two at a Picnic or Catered Boat Club function. Whip up your best writing skills and join the fun.

Eligibility:

- ⇒ You **MUST** be a member or associate member of the PRSPS. Editors of the Pilot are not eligible. All other members may compete as long as the article is not part of a regular published column.

Rules:

- ⇒ Your submission **MUST** be made by the deadline published in the Pilot (the 15th of each month). Late entries will be held for the next available issue. We are limited to the first two articles submitted each month. If we receive more than two, we will hold others for later publication.
- ⇒ Your articles **MUST** be spell checked and grammatically correct Please do not format it in any way.
- ⇒ **DO NOT MAKE IT "PRETTY"** (Large type, colors, etc.), we are only judging the writing.
- ⇒ Your article **MUST** be between 250 and 1,000 words and may include a high quality photograph or graphic.
- ⇒ Your article **MUST** be boating related.
- ⇒ Handwritten or typed articles **WILL NOT** be considered. Your article **MUST** be submitted electronically to the Pilot Editors in Word or text format: GJMCLM@COMCAST.NET
- ⇒ The winner will be decided by the Editorial Staff of the Pilot. There will be no protests allowed, and **OUR DECISION IS FINAL.**
- ⇒ The contest ends with the December 2018 issue and the winner will be announced at a 2019 PRSPS meeting.

Grading Criteria:

- ⇒ Originality
- ⇒ Interest to the boating community and/or USPS
- ⇒ Technical accuracy (statements of fact must be researched and verified)
- ⇒ Ability to "capture" the reader
- ⇒ Skill at getting your ideas across
- ⇒ Brevity
- ⇒ Non-repetitiveness

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