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DULUTH, MINNESOTA

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I start my message out this month with a note of sorrow at the loss of one of our members, Mr. George Cruikshank. George was not only an active and hard working member of our Squadron but was one of its "Charter Members" and had 35 Merit Martks to his credit. We will all miss George and our deepest sympathy goes out to his family.

Well, two more months have passed and they have gone quickly (still no impeachment proceedings). Can you beleive that summer is half over? We started off with the Dock Clean Up on June 1st and we all had our work cut out. Many thanks to all those who came and helped out. We only had one Executive BoARD MEETING IN June but had severl committee meetings concerning the District Rendezvous in Washburn and the District Conference this fall here in Duluth. Many thanks to all those who are working on these committees. The 4th of July was a success even though the weather didn't cooperate. Those who attended proved they are real boaters. I have cancelled our July Executive Board meeting. We seem to have everything in control and it is hard to get people together when the weather is so nice. We will have our August 22 meeting and I invite you all to attend. At the August meeting plans for the Big Labor Day Weekend will be discussed as well as the District Conference. The last activity which was well attended was the greating of the U.S.S. Stark, when the horns all blow they knew the USPS was there. By the way who was it that went under the Draw Bridge and didn't drop their antenna?

Attendance still seems to be running ahead of the last few years at our activities and I thank all of you for your excellent support.

We have a few very busy months ahead of us with the Washburn Rendezvous, Corn Roast and District Conference coming up. I hope you will continue your support.

See you in Washburn,

Donald P. Hansen, AP
Cdr. Duluth, USPS

EDUCATIONAL NEWS

Schools out for the summer and now is the time to enjoy the Boating Season.

It just seems that the Cruising and Boating season is not long enough for most of us. One way to extend this fascinating activity is to plan ahead for a Winter Classroom Cruise. Make plans now to reserve your berths in the Winter Classroom Schedule listed below;

Advanced Grades

SEAMANSHIP (S) Co-Chairpersons Steve and Rita Johnsen
Monday November 4th.

PILOTING (P) Chairman David Poulin
Tuesday November 5th.

ADVANCED PILOTING (AP) Chairman Gene Rock
Monday November 4th.

JUNIOR NAVIGATOR (JN) Starting in November.

NAVIGATOR (N) Starting in November.

Elective Grades

SKIPPER SAVER (SS) Chairperson Candy Hengel
Tuesday September 10th.

ENGINE MAINTENANCE (EM) Chairman Bob Haigh
Monday November 4th.

MARINE ELECTRONICS (ME) Chairman John Harrison
Wednesday November 6th.

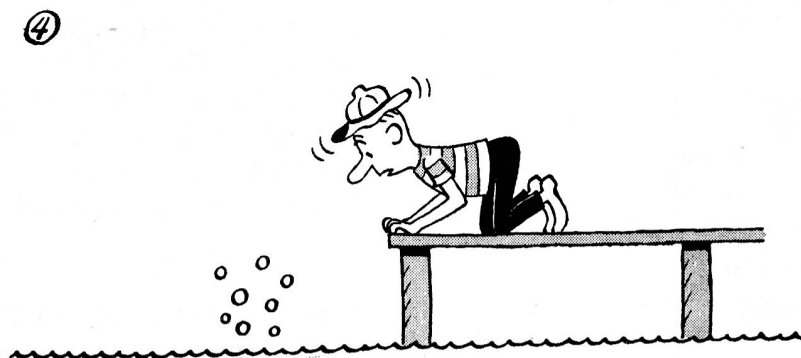
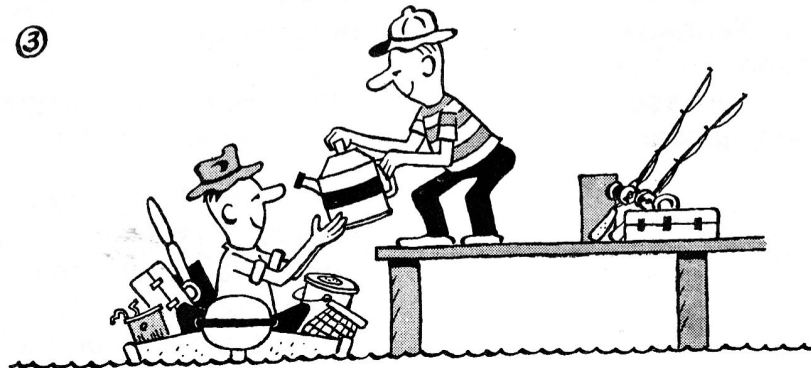
WEATHER (W) Chairman Bob Wilson
Thursday November 7th.

Each of us should make a promise to do something for ourselves, the boat and crew by setting a goal of completing at least one the above courses this winter. Bring the crew too.

Plan now to extend your boating season. Contact Al Klopp , Dan Simonson or any of the above Chairpersons.

Smooth Seas and Soft Waves to all this summer.

Dan Simonson S/EO



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DOCK CLEAN UP

Many thanks to the 13 people who showed up on June 1st to help get our Squadron Dock in shape for the summer. The weather for the first time in many years was nice so we did not have to cancel or postpone the work. As usual, there was a big mess from what the police said was a graduation party which they had broken up several nights before. I made a formal complaint to the police but as many of you know, it has been done year after year. If any of you have any ideas as to the protection of what's left of our dock, we would sure like to hear them.

A warning to all who use the dock.

DON'T WALK AROUND WITHOUT SHOES! They not only broke the beer bottles, but they shattered them. So be **CAREFUL!**

Many thanks to the following people who helped out:

P/C Bob Byrne, P/C Bruce Nimmo, P/C Howard Boynton, Erling Hansen, Del Forsyth, Erland Bjork, Leo J. Kennedy, Harvey Hengel, Dave Carlson, Diana Hansen, Yvonne Hansen, Russel Westburg, and Commander Don Hansen.

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JULY 4TH RENDEZVOUS

Many thanks to Dave and Corrinne Carlson for making the best of rainy day.

It started off at 1200 with the Commander leading a parade of about 6 boats in front of the Port Terminal in a thunder squall. It then rained for about one hour or until we arrived at the Squadron dock.

It rained off and on all day but did clear up long enough to have a meal (GOOD FOOD, LADIES) and to get our boats decorated.

P/C Howard Boynton gave us an excellent demonstration on fire extinguishers and a few of us got to shoot off some marine flares.

Harvey Hengel also gave us a mock demonstration of the Boaters Emergency Life Line (BELL) which gave everyone the opportunity to hear how to call the marine operator and get in contact with the hospital.

There were about 15 boats who came to the dock and all had decorations.

There were 3 big winners of the decorating contest. First place went to Erling Hansen on the Wahoo III, 2nd place went to Harvey Hengel on the Harcan, and 3rd place went to Fred Johnson on the Arrowhead.

We then all headed for the boat parade and just as the Commander was lining everyone up to start at 2030 the rains came again. We had about 25 boats in the parade but we weren't the only crazy ones out in the rain. There was a lot of people watching us from land.

Many thanks again to all those who came out in the rain and especially those who helped out. Hope next year will be better.



SAFE BOATING WEEK

The theme this year for Safe Boating Week was "Think Before You Drink"! Unfortunately, we did not receive any information until several days before Safe Boating Week was to start, so I took things *into my own hands and took the opportunity to introduce the Boaters Emergency Life Line to the Duluth public.*

I had written several letters to newspapers in hopes that they would print the articles on Sunday, June 2nd which was the start of Safe Boating Week. The Hermantown Star and the Duluth Budgeteer both had the articles out but the Duluth Herald did not. I took it upon myself to write a letter and express my feelings as to the fact that they omitted my article. To my surprise, I got a call from one of the newspaper people and they did print a very nice article. I was also invited to the Coast Guard station to meet with and have an interview which was on two of the local radio stations. Also later that week, Dr. Wessel from St. Mary's Hospital was on tv explaining the B-E-L-L system and the Duluth Power Squadron was given credit for their work in setting this system up.

So, all in all, we did get three newspaper articles, two radio interviews, and one TV broadcast. Not bad!

Hopefully, next year we will receive information from the National Safe Boating Committee in time to promote something which is important to all of us ... **SAFE BOATING!**



"Why can't you get a regular fish locator like everybody else?"

SOME SOBERING FACTS

Over 1200 people die in boating accidents every year.

90% of them drown

Drowning is the third leading cause of accidental death in the U.S.

Over 50% of those drowning involved alcohol.

The Coast Guard estimates the number of non-fatal boating accidents to be 60,000 or higher with property damage well over \$100 million annually.

One 12-oz. beer contains the same amount of alcohol as 4 ounces of 12% wine or 1½ oz. of 86 proof liquor.

Diluting an alcoholic beverage with water or fruit juice slows absorption. Mixing alcohol with a carbonated beverage increases absorption and intoxicates you faster.

Cold showers and coffee will only produce a clean, wide-awake drunk. Only your liver can detoxify alcohol. For each drink you consume it takes approximately two hours to sober up.

In moderate amounts, alcohol dilates the small blood vessels close to the skin, giving a deceptive "glow" of warmth. In fact, the dilated blood vessels reduce your body's ability to guard against heat loss.

Research shows that 4 hours exposure to noise, vibration, sun, glare, wind, and other motion on the water produces a kind of "boaters hypnosis" or fatigue, which slows reaction time almost as much as if you were legally drunk. Adding alcohol to boating stress factors intensifies their effects. Each drink multiplies your accident risk.

Safe Boating is fun!

DISTRICT 10 NEWS

Many congratulations to Chuck Bogenschutz who has just taken over as the Commander of the Sturgeon Bay Squadron.

Steve Rotar of the Madison Power Squadron has just been awarded a full certificate, CONGRATULATIONS!

The St. Paul Power Squadron graduated 165 persons from the boating class and currently have 50 persons enrolled in a noon class. Thats a lot!

NATIONAL NEWS

The National is interested in creating a uniform fiscal year for the entire USPS to enable an easier compilation of data for the Internal Revenue as that agency casts about looking at USPS's tax free status.

For the first time in many years the total membership of USPS gas turned upward. This is great news after our years of troubles and membership declines.

The National office is interested and solicits personal resumes from those members who are interested in serving in some capacity at the National level. Such resumes should be directed to the attention of the Chairman, Nominations Committee.

The first drafts of several chapters of the forthcoming "Cruising Course" have been written, and decisions are being made on the total course content.

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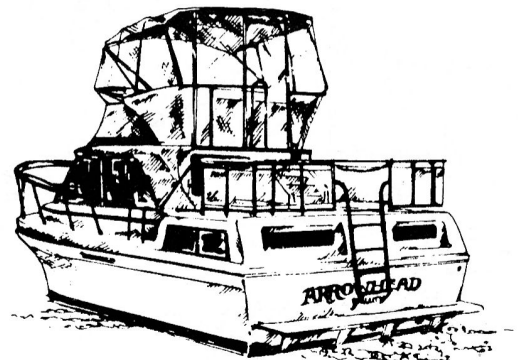
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FCC ELIMINATES LICENSE FOR MARINE VHF RADIOS

Boat owners no longer need to obtain a restricted radio operator's permit to use a VHF radio. The Federal Communications Commission has changed its rules to eliminate the license requirement for maritime and aviation users. While boaters do not need a license to operate a VHF on U.S. waters, they still need a license for VHF operation outside the U.S. and for "MF" and "HF" single sideband transmissions on all waters. Since the permits were issued to anyone who applied, they were relatively meaningless and an administrative burden, according to the FCC.

LAKE SUPERIOR

Boaters on Western Lake Superior spent an average of 42 days boating in 1984, almost doubling the number they spent in 1976, according to a survey conducted by the Minnesota Sea Grant. The average boater on western Lake Superior in 1984 was very similar to the 1976 boater, but the survey points out a couple notable differences: the 1984 boater more often resides in Duluth/Superior or the Minneapolis/St. Paul area (65%) and he has fewer people residing in his household.

Also according to the survey, the average boater is 47 years old, male, has been boating on Lake Superior for 12.6 years, and has owned his present boat for six years.

Those surveyed either berthed their boats at marinas in the study area or were members of boating clubs or associations in western Lake Superior. Thus, the study does not represent day users who trailered their boats to the area.

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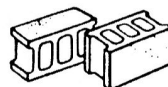
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AUGUST 2-4

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

WASHBURN RENDEZVOUS

Make sure you all have your reservations in & plan on coming to one of the biggest events in the Duluth Squadron's history. Come early & stay all weekend.

AUGUST 22

EXECUTIVE BD. MEETING
7:15 at the Duluth Elk's Club.

**AUGUST 31 -
SEPT. 2**

TREASURE HUNT will start this exciting weekend on Sat., Aug. 31, Sunday will bring one of the best **CORN ROASTS** ever, Betty Hansen & Ramona Coburn have promised one heck of a party. So come hungry and bring your dancing shoes because Mike Myers will be back. Monday will bring the challenge of the year, the **PREDICTED LOG RACE**, hosted by P/C Wayne Youngren. Who will win this year?

SEPT. 20-22

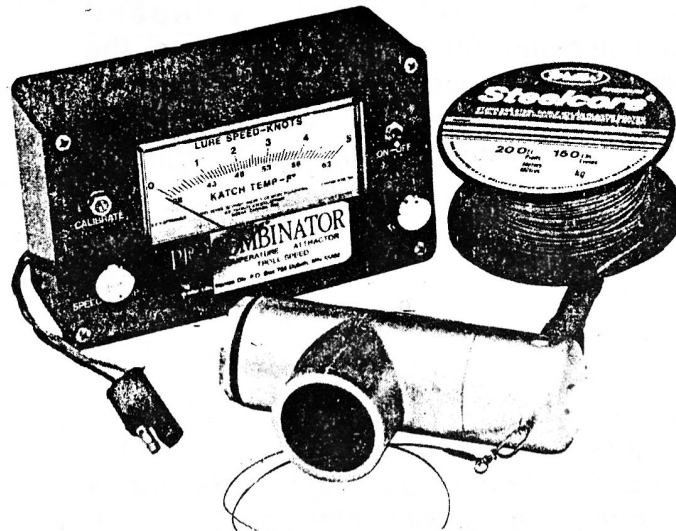
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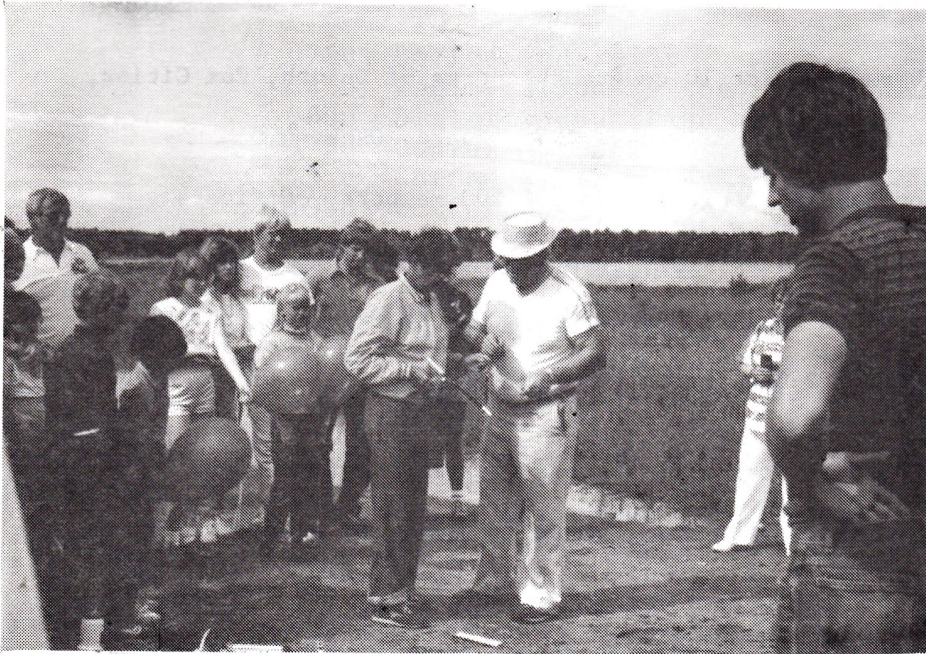
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**June 1st.
Dock Clean up, Thanks
To All Who Helped.**



**July 4th, P/C Boynton
Showing Jeany Bibby the
proper way to to put out
Richards Cigars!**



**July 4th, Good Turn Out
Despite The Rain**

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL DULUTH SQUADRON MEMBERS

Be advised that our Duluth Squadron will host the DISTRICT 10 USPS CONFERENCE which is now scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, on September 20-21 and 22. These conferences, held in the Spring and Fall, represent the primary meetings of our District and are clearing houses for subjects of particular interest to the District. Questions of policy and procedure appear on prepared agendas, and participation by all Squadrons is vitally important reference the consolidation of ideas related to the various subjects involved with pleasure boating.

For the information of new members District 10 covers the ports of Duluth, Fox Cities, Green Bay, Madison, Menominee & Marinette, Milwaukee, Minnetonka, Oshkosh, Sheboygan, St. Paul and Sturgeon Bay and represent some 1,200 members. Officers and members from these Squadrons as well as representatives from National will attend this Conference here in Duluth in late September. Duluth was last involved with this gathering back on November 2-3-4 in the year 1979.

Our local Committee is already hard at work with plans and arrangements for the Conference which will be centered around the Duluth waterfront. The agenda will include some very special activities for all the First Mates, tours, and a boat ride on Lake Superior and the St. Louis River---with dancing underway and dinner served at Spirit Lake.

Duluth has gained a good reputation for putting on well planned, fun conferences and our Committee would deeply appreciate any and all volunteer help with the numerous details which are involved with such an under-taking.

Gals wishing to help can contact Jane Ryckman and Skippers can get in touch with Co-Chairmen P/C Bob Stokes or P/C Dick Bibby. Other members of this Committee are Commander Don Hansen, Dan Simonson, Dave Carlson, Harvey Hengel, Leo Kennedy, P/C Bob Byrne and P/C Al Ryckman.

Additional information will be sent along as the season proceeds.

1985 DISTRICT 10 FALL CONFERENCE

SEPT. 20-22

DULUTH, MN.

FRIDAY SEPT. 20

1400 Registration starts in the Hotel lobby
1500 Hospitality suite begins
1700 District Council Meeting
1930 Social gathering with cash bar

SATURDAY SEPT. 21

0730 Coffee and rolls
0800 Registration in the Hotel Lobby
0800 District Education meeting
0900 Conference called to order
1030 Coffee Break
1050 Conference resumes
1130 Spouse's activities begin
1200 Adjourn for lunch
1230 Luncheon buffet
1330 Conference resumes
1500 Adjourn
1700 Board the excursion boat for a cruise in the Duluth Harbor with our destination a steak dinner on the St. Louis River.
1830 Dinner
2000 Board the excursion boat and listen or dance to the Mike Myers Band.
2100 Dock back at the excursion dock to let off those who wish to call it a night.
2130- Continue the boat cruise for those who wish to
2330 dance the night away.

SUNDAY SEPT. 22

0800 N Club Meeting
0930 Join the Duluth Squadron for brunch at Canel Park
1030 After brunch walk across to visit one of Minnesota's most visited Museums, "The Marine Museum".

UNIFORM: Friday and Saturday, Blazers or Uniform "A" with Four-In-Hand tie. Saturday evening, uniform will be casual dress, but, we suggest no matter what the weather you bring warm clothing.

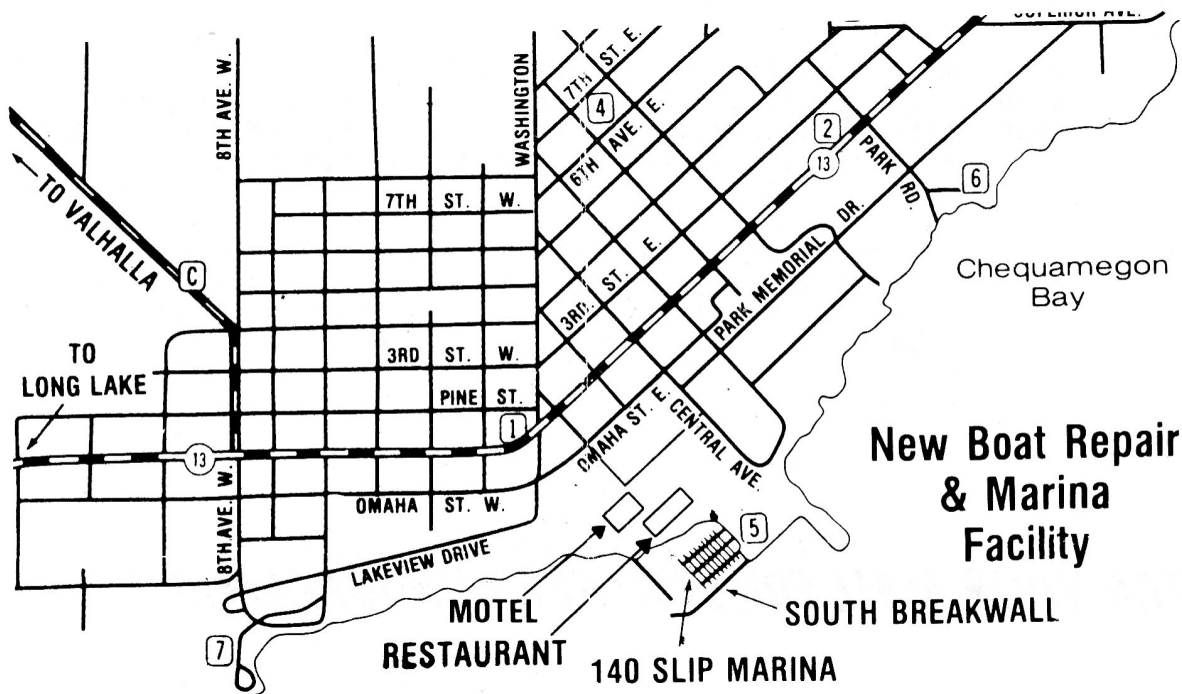
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1985 DISTRICT 10 RENDEZVOUS
WASHBURN MARINA, WASHBURN, WI.

AUG. 2-3-4

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY AUG. 2

- 1400 REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT THE MOTEL
- 1830 JOIN FELLOW DISTRICT MEMBERS FOR DINNER AND
SOCIALIZING AT THE STEAKPIT RESTAURANT JUST
UP FROM THE MARINA. (OPTIONAL)
- 2000 THE CHIEF NATIONAL PARK RANGER, BILL FARRARO
WILL GIVE US A PRESENTATION ON THE APOSTLE ISLAND
NATIONAL PARK AND ALSO SOME TIPS ON CRUISING IN
THE AREA.
- 2130-
0100 COME AND DANCE AND SOCIALIZE BACK AT THE MARINA
AS THE "RAY TALCOTT BAND" PLAYS FOR US.

SATURDAY AUG. 3

- 0900- JOIN US FOR SOME FREE SCURVY INOCULATIONS
1000 AT THE MARINA.
- 1000- FISHING CONTEST (MUST HAVE A WI. LICENCE) OR
1300 ENJOY SHOPPING IN ONE OF WASHBURNS FINE SHOPS.
- 1330- GAMES FOR ALL AGES HELD AT THE MARINA
1600
- 1730- ROAST BEEF AND CHICKEN DINNER WITH ALL THE
1900 TRIMMINGS ALL SERVED AT THE MARINA
- 1930- JOIN YOUR FREINDS FOR A SUNSET CRUISE (OPTIONAL)
2130 WHICH STARTS AT THE MARINA
- 2130- DON'T QUIT NOW, THE "GASLIGHTERS" WILL BE
0100 PLAYING FOR DANCING AND LISTENING PLEASURE.

SUNDAY AUG. 4

- 0900- PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST (\$3.00 OPTIONAL)
1100 WILL BE SERVED RIGHT AT THE MARINA. ALSO MORE
OF THOSE SCURVY INOCULATIONS WILL BE SERVED
- 1130 1st MATES DOCKING CONTEST
- 1330 PRIZES FOR THE FISHING CONTEST AND AWARDS FOR
THE LADIES DOCKING CONTEST WILL BE AWARDED.

WELCOME TO WASHBURN

The Duluth Power Squadron would like to welcome all its members and the many people from throughout District 10 who have come to join us for a weekend of fun.

We, in the Duluth Squadron, felt that it was about time we all got together for a social gathering instead of business. It seems that at District Conferences all we do is drive and sit in meetings.

Let yourself go and have a good time!

Let's all get to know each other and enjoy ourselves and forget about business. After all, we all have one thing in common, "Safe Boating Thru Education".

This is the second year that the Duluth Squadron has hosted a District Rendezvous. Last year we went to Isle Royal, which was a very fun and educational trip. We hope some of you other Squadrons will continue on with what we have started. It is a lot of work but well worth it.

Our many thanks go to the fine people in Washburn who have helped put this event on. It is hard enough to plan an event such as this in your own town. Without their help, we could not have done it. Also, many thanks to all the members in the Duluth Squadron who worked hard to plan and make sure we all have what we need.

Well, enough B.S. We hope everyone enjoys themselves and make sure you all come back for the Fall Conference on Sept. 20, 21, & 22.

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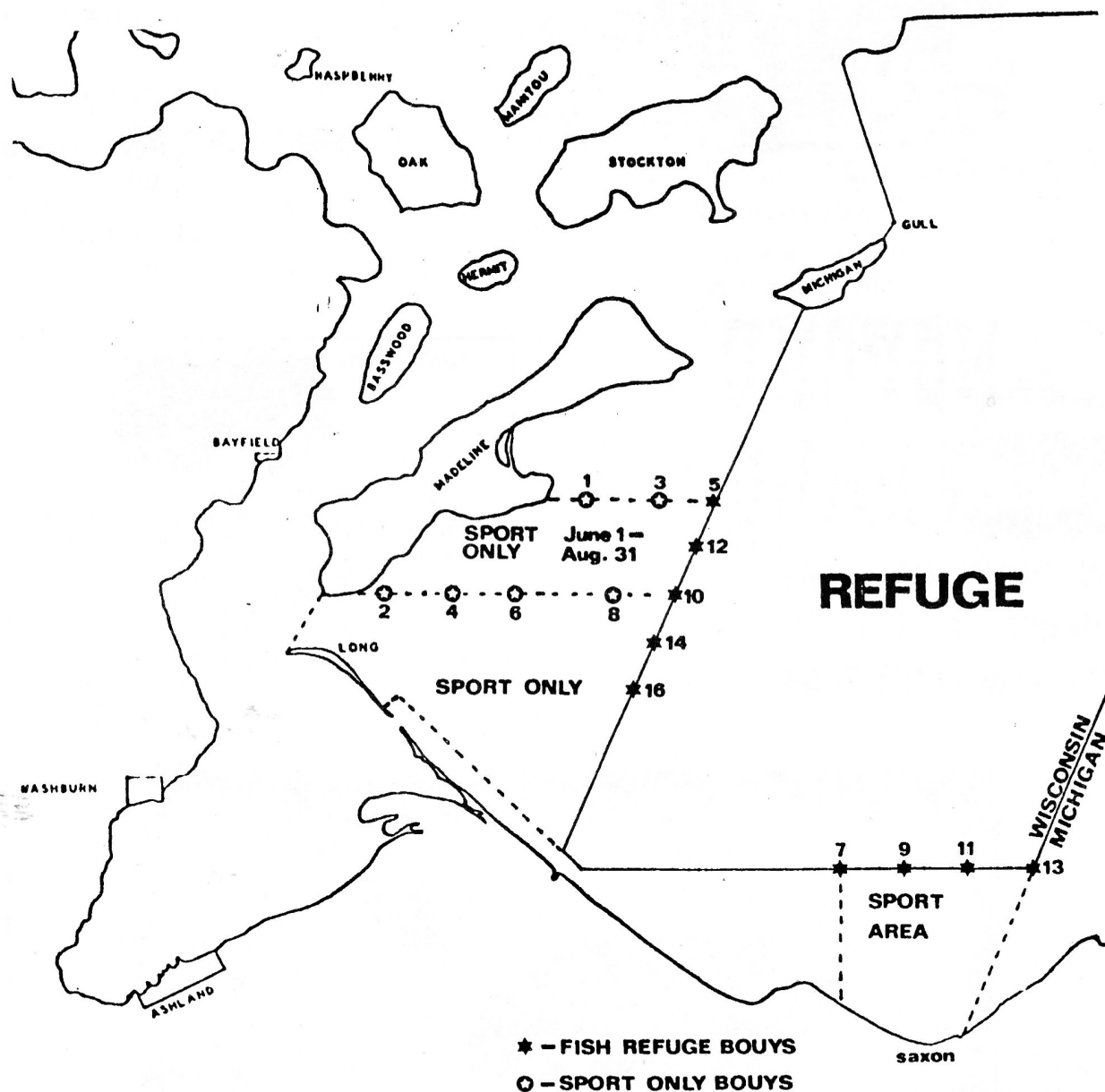


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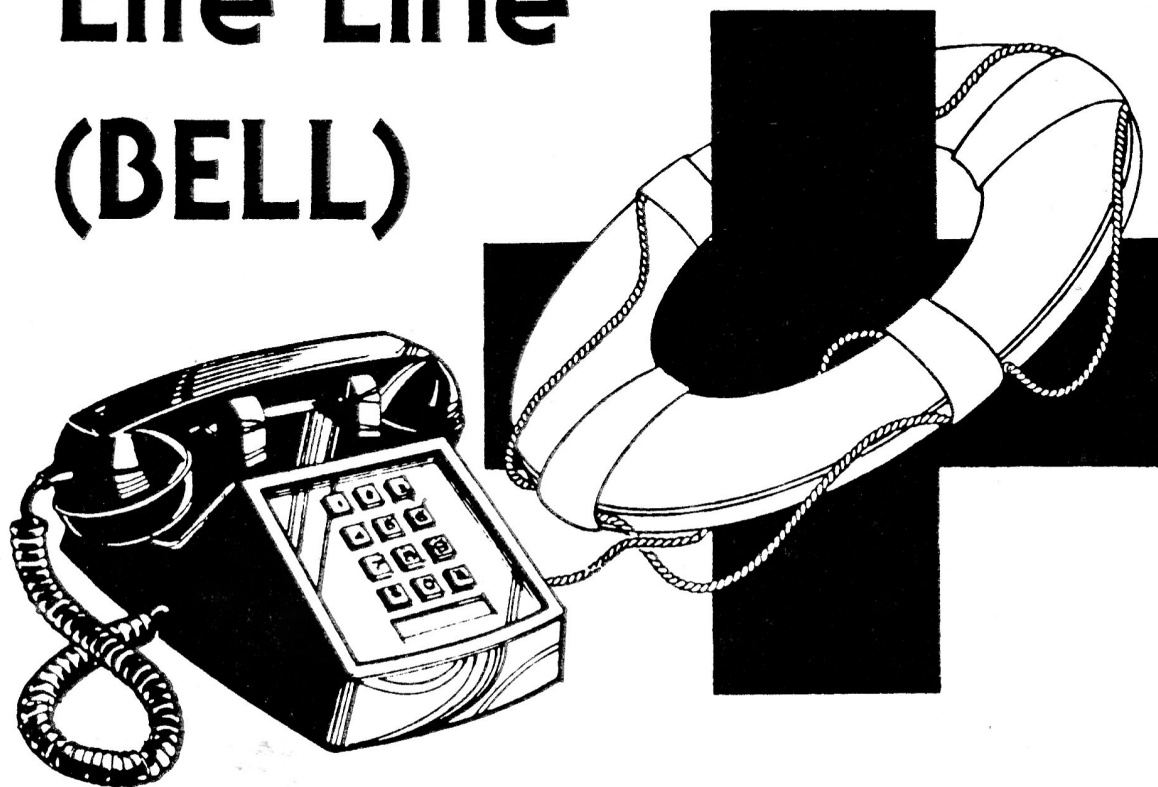
Buoys to mark sport, refuge areas



BUOYS WILL MARK LINE — BAYFIELD — In September of 1981, the State of Wisconsin and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa signed an agreement that established "sport fishing only" areas and "fish refuge" areas in the area of Chequamegon Bay. Several of the agreed-upon boundary lines were at considerable distances from navigational aids and both sport and commercial fishermen had some difficulty knowing precisely where these boundary lines were located. Since 1983, a navigation buoy system has been established with U.S. Coast Guard approval in the area south of Madeline Island and also in the Saxon Harbor area to alleviate some of the navigational difficulties. The sport only line shown on the above map running eastward from Grants Point to the Gull Island Refuge has five buoys along it, each with an identifying number on its top. The buoys on the

Grants Point-Gull Island refuge line are even numbered, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10, running west to east. The buoys on the line have a legend that reads "sport only," except for buoy number 10, located on the refuge line that reads "fish refuge." On Sept. 1, the "sport only" line drops back to its original spring position with the appropriate even numbered buoys. Effective this year, there are five buoys marking the western boundary of the Gull Island Refuge. Previously there were only two. These buoys reading "fish refuge" are numbered 5, 12, 10, 14 and 16. The Saxon sport area's northern boundary with the Gull Island Refuge will be marked during the open water season with four buoys marked "fish refuge," and are numbered with the odd numbers 7, 9, 11 and 13, west to east. Buoy number 13 will mark the Wisconsin-Michigan state line along with the refuge line.

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Editors Note..

This being my third issue, one would think I would have things figured out by now, but it seems to be getting harder. I need to hear from you people so I know your receiving this paper. I also need some material to print. Some of you have been kind enough to supply me with articles but, I need more! I also would like to know if the material I am using suits you, the reader. Lets hear from You! Thanks again to our sponsors, who, thru their advertizing make this paper possible. The Deadline for the next issue will be Sept. 14th, see you then.

Don Hansen