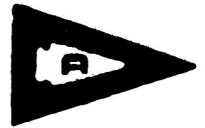


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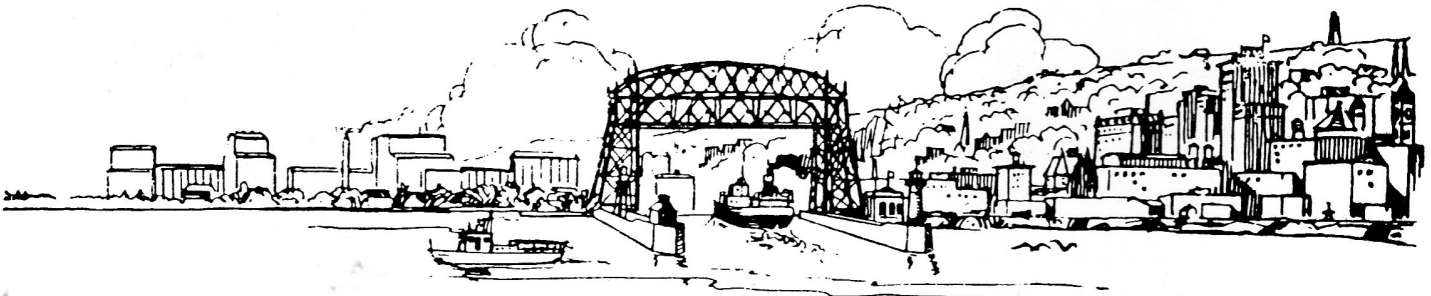
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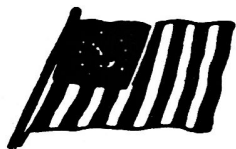
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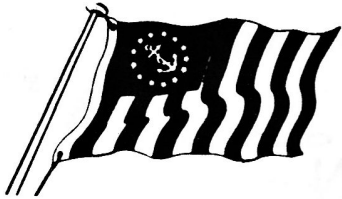
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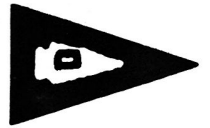
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CANADIAN CHANGE OF WATCH
DOCK CLEAN UP
FESTIVITIES & PARADE
PREDICTED LOG RACE
TREASURE HUNT
CORN ROAST
DIST. 10 CONFERENCE @ ST. PAUL
CHRISTMAS PARTY
CHANGE OF WATCH



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COMMANDERS MESSAGE

IT SEEMS AS THOUGH MY TERM AS COMMANDER HAS JUST STARTED, BUT AS I LOOK AT THE CALENDER, I SEE THE TIME HAS COME TO BE MAKE PLANS FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO MAN NEXT YEARS BRIDGE. I WONDER IF OUR BRIDGE OFFICERS SHOULDN'T HOLD THESE POSITIONS FOR TWO YEARS, AS I FEEL I HAVE JUST STARTED AND IT IS NOW TIME TO STEP A SIDE AND MAKE ROOM FOR THE NEXT COMMANDER.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY AT THE ELKS CLUB. THIS MEETING WILL BE A DINNER MEETING OPEN TO ALL PAID UP MEMBERS AND THEIR FIRST MATES. MEMBERS ONLY WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE ACTUAL MEETING AND ELECTION.

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT TWO OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE QUALIFIED FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP BY EARNING THEIR 25TH MERIT MARK. CONGRADULATIONS TO DALE W. AMUNDSON, AP AND P/C ALBERT J. RYCKMAN, AP.

THANKS TO THE HARD WORK OF DAN SIMONSON, JN AND CANDY HENGEL, AP OUR 1987 PUBLIC BOATING CLASS IS OFF AND RUNNING WITH A RECORD 167 PEOPLE REGISTERED. LETS SHOW THEM WE CARE AND TURN OUT ON TUESDAY NIGHTS AT DAVTI TO HELP WITH THE STACKS OF LESSONS TO BE CORRECTED.

OUR SQUADRON WILL BE HOLDING ITS FIRST OPERATIONS TRAINING CLASS ON MARCH 27 & 28. THIS WILL BE VERY USEFUL FOR THOSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO SOMEDAY, BECOME A SQUADRON OFFICER. ALSO THIS PROGRAM CAN BE USED IN THE EVERY DAY BUSINESS WORLD. USPS NATIONAL & DISTRICT ARE MAKING IT A PREQUISITE TO HOLDING POSITIONS AT THEIR LEVEL AND IT WILL SOMEDAY BECOME NESSASARY AT SQUADRON LEVELS. REGISTRATION IS NOW BEING TAKEN FOR THIS CLASS.

I WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH NEXT YEARS BRIDGE AND WISH THEM SUCCESS IN THEIR COMING YEAR.

DAVID C. CARLSON, JN
COMMANDER

" S A F E R B O A T I N G T H R O U G H E D U C A T I O N "

MERIT MARKS RECOGNITION

I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS' HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR A MERIT MARK FOR 86. THEIR NAMES AND QUALIFICATIONS WERE SENT TO OUR AREA MONITOR AND THEN ONTO THE CHIEF COMMANDER FOR HIS FINAL APPROVAL.

IF YOU FEEL YOU DESERVE A MERIT MARK, AND YOUR NAME IS NOT LISTED BELOW, PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL AT 525-1438. IT MAY BE THAT A MERIT MARK REPORT OF YOUR ACTIVITIES WAS NOT RECEIVED.

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LARSON, DONN

MARSHALL, JAMES R.

MEEHAN, JAMES L.

MILLER, DAVID

MUNGER, JAMES E.

NIMMO, C. BRUCE,

NIMMO, CHARLES B.

POULIN, DAVID F.

ROBINSON, JAMES D. JR.

ROCK, EUGENE L.

RYCKMAN, ALBERT J.

SIMONSON, DANIEL

SMITH, ROBERT K.

SOETEBIER, JOHN W.

STOKES, ROBERT E.

VITTULO, GLORIA J.

VITTULO, RICHARD J.

WATERHOUSE, RONALD E.

WESTBERG, RUSSELL C.

WILSON, ROBERT E.

YOUNGREN, WAYNE A.

EDUCATIONAL NEWS

Public Boating & Sail Class Our class got off to a running start on January 6th with 137 students packing the Large Lecture Hall at DAVTI. We anticipate a total registration of 150 by the second session. Candy Hengel, Commander Carlson and Jim Marshall with the assistance of fourteen other squadron members successfully launched our 1987 Public Sail & Boating Class

Due to the size of this years class we need extra help from the membership to keep it running smooth. CAN YOU HELP???

THE FOLLOWING CLASSES ARE NOW UNDERWAY:

Piloting (P) This class is nearing completion. Instructor Bob Smith should be presenting the Squadron with several new PILOTS.

Junior Navigation (JN) Skip Waterhouse has the class well along with ten students. This will be the largest class of JNs to complete the course in Duluth!!!!

Navigator (N) This class of five weather beaten students under the guidance of Al Klopp, has submitted their Sight Folders to National for review. They will be preparing to take the final test in the Spring. This will be the largest **N** class in our Squadron's history!!!!

More news next page

EDUCATIONAL NEWS CONTINUED ---

NEW CLASS UNDERWAY

Engine Maintenance (EM) Harlan Eggert Chairman and assisted by Niel Kent is scheduled to start January 28th. No prerequisites are needed for this class so it is open to all Members.

**** Coming Attractions ****

In a few weeks we will be offering the following courses IF ENOUGH MEMBERS SIGN UP.

-- Seamanship --- Sail --
- Weather -- Skipper Saver -

We need YOU to sign up for classes in order to run them.

Call us : Candy Hengel at 724-2223 or Dan Simonson at 722-0308, to sign up for these classes or for more information. We need to know now so that materials can be ordered.

SEO Dan Simonson, JN

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From the Administrative Officer

The Administrative Department has nothing of importance to report at this time. However, with the spring-like weather in the middle of January and Lake Superior wide open, our thoughts wonder and it's difficult not to think about boating and the many pleasant experiences over the past season.

To me, some of these involve boating at night. It's completely different and an entirely new experience from boating during the day. When boating at night, I try to pick nights when the weather is clear with little or no wind. There are nights like that during the summer here in Duluth, but many times it has to be a spur of the moment decision.

At first I was a little apprehensive about night boating. Am I going to hit another boat, a buoy, or an object in the water? But, after being out there a few times, I felt as safe as during the day.

Some of the rules that I follow at night:

1. Turn off all the bright lights on my boat other than navigation lights, and make sure none of those reflects off objects on the boat into your eyes.
2. I give my eyes five to ten minutes to adjust to the darkness. It's surprising how easy it is to see objects on the water and surrounding landscape even if it isn't a moonlight night.
3. I go slowly, not over ten mph in the harbor.
4. When I wasn't familiar with the harbor, I stayed in the channel and proceeded from one buoy to another, checking numbers with a flashlight or searchlight.
5. I used at least two persons, one at the helm and the other navigating, watching the chart, etc.

The skyline lights on the hills of Duluth and Superior reflecting on the water, the red lights of the antenna farm, the yellow lights on the highbridge are all unique. The stars even look brighter and clearer from the water. It's a feeling that can't be duplicated and only a boater can experience it. I hate to come back to the dock and reality.

Your Administrative Officer
Ken Johnson, AP



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REPORT OF ADMISSIONS OFFICER

The following Prospective members were proposed for membership in the Duluth Power Squadron. As per membership procedures manual requirements the following listed individuals are presented to the Squadron membership for approval:

Wayne Skykes 15 Industrial Ave
Duluth, MN
Thomas Moore 16 Industrial Ave.
Duluth, MN

WELCOME ABOARD!

SQUADRON ACTIVITIES

There hasn't been much for Squadron business the last few months with the Holidays and just being a very busy time of the year.

The Christmas party was held at the Roma and P/C Al Ryckman and Jane did an excellent job. Everyone who attended had a great time and for those of you who didn't you really missed a party.

There has been one Executive Board Meeting held at a Murphy's and one General Meeting held also at Murphy's. They were both well attended. Remember, everyone is welcome to attend the Executive Board Meetings.

DISTRICT 10 NEWS

There also hasn't been much going on on the District level the last two months.

There is a District Board meeting coming up the end of January in Stevens Point, WI. Hopefully we will have some news on the District after this meeting. Commander Dave Carlson and Harvey Hengel plan on attending this meeting and I'm sure they will report on the meeting.

The Spring Conference will be coming up in March and it will be held in Madison. As soon as the date is available I will pass it on to you.

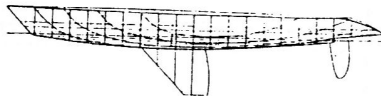
P/C Don Hansen is still looking for help and advertisers for the district paper, the 10's Communicator. If you are interested, please let him know as it is time to start working on this again.

NATIONAL NEWS

On the National level, the Governing Board has authorized the Navy Woman Officer's Service Blue Coat as the regulation uniform jacket to be worn with Uniform A for the ladies.

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NATIONAL NEWS CON'T.

It has been reported that USPS membership at the end of August was approximately 53,000, which is about 1,200 more than a year ago. Total membership, including approximately 11,800 Family Members, exceeded 64,000. We're on the upswing.

In Education the USPS has made gains in its Public Boating Classes. Last years totals were 34,685 people enrolled in this class and this year as of July, 37,955 had enrolled in the class. This is a 9½% increase. I know the Duluth Squadron is sure doing its job.

PUBLIC BOATING CLASS

Assistant Education Officer Candy Hengel and Education Officer Dan Simonson have done an excellent job this year at the Public Boating Class.

A Record number of people are enrolled in this class. Total registration is around 150. The classroom was so crowded that an additional room was needed to teach classes.

Many thanks go to the instructors because they are now working double duty by teaching two classes each week.

Since there are so many enrolled in the class, we need more help to set up and correct the papers. If you want to earn a merit mark and help your Squadron out, how about coming to the class on Tuesday evening at 1900. Your help would be deeply appreciated.

BOATERS - Did you know?										BLOOD ALCOHOL %
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3	.11	.09	.08	.07	.06	.06	.05	.05		
4	.15	.12	.11	.09	.08	.08	.07	.06		OPERATION IMPAIRED
5	.19	.16	.13	.12	.11	.09	.09	.08		
6	.23	.19	.16	.14	.13	.11	.10	.09		
7	.26	.22	.19	.16	.15	.13	.12	.11		DO NOT OPERATE
8	.30	.25	.21	.19	.17	.15	.14	.13		
9	.34	.28	.24	.21	.19	.17	.15	.14		
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Jan. 31 District Board Meeting held at Stevens Point, WI.
- Feb. 19 ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION, Plan on attending the most important meeting of the year. Hear final reports and vote for the new bridge. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING, SO PLAN ON ATTENDING!
- Mar. 7 Change of Watch, come and show your appreciation for the outgoing bridge and your support for the incoming Brige.
- March District Conference to get held in Madison, WI. Lets get a group together and go.
- Summer 87 If anyone is interested in another Washburn Rendezvous, please contact P/C Don Hansen. If enough people are interested and he gets some help, we may go ahead with plans.

DAY'S GONE BY

Summer of 1971

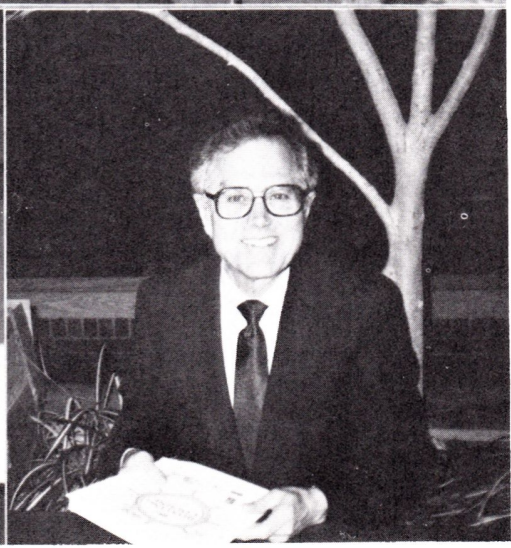
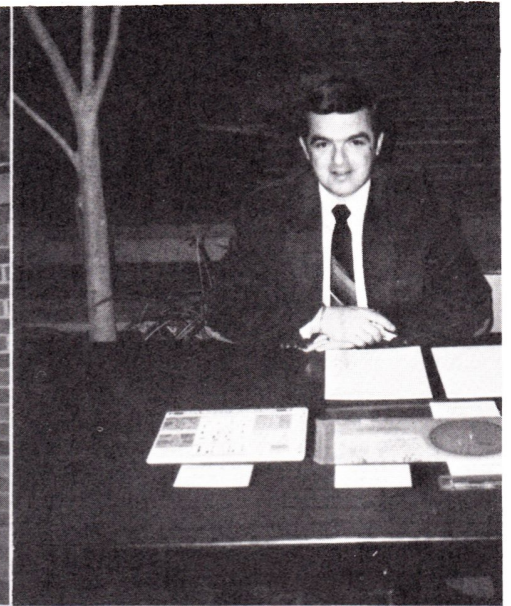
In the Harbor Clean up 75 logs were brought in by 16 different boats.

That summer 25 new members were brought into the Squadron by Admissions Officer Al Christionson.

"Who need the bubble system! Don Currie helped the Woodrush open up the St. Louis River—until the St. Louis River ice helped him open up his seams! It's reported that his vessel could be utilized in keeping ore season open the year round."

"Did P/D/C Larry Cowan really back away from the dock—while the phone was still ringing? Bell telephone is currently installing 85 miles of cord so that he can attend the rendezvous."

“PUBLIC BOATING CLASS”





DULUTH POWER SQUADRON

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A SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES FOR 87-88 IS ATTACHED. IF A MEMBER WANTS TO SUBMIT AN ALTERNATE FOR ANY POSITION, A LETTER MUST BE MAILED AT LEAST 15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE TO THE SECRETARY. THIS LETTER MUST ALSO BE SIGNED BY FIVE [5] OR MORE MEMBERS TO BE CONSIDERED. THIS IS ACCORDING TO ARTICLE XI SECTION 11.01 OF THE DULUTH POWER SQUADRON BY-LAWS.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND OUR CHANGE OF WATCH 7 MARCH 1987 AT THE HOLIDAY INN. MORE DETAILS WILL BE COMING SOON.



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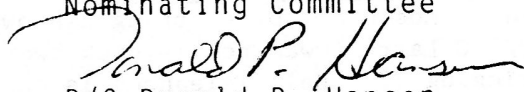
P/C Richard Bibby, AP
Squadron Secretary
Duluth, Mn.

Dear P/C Bibby,

According to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Duluth Power Squadron, the elected Nominating Committee nominates the following slate of officers for the 1987-1988 term of office.

Commander:	Harvey A. Hengel, AP
Executive Officer:	Kenneth A. Johnson, P
Educational Officer:	Candance Hengel, AP
Asst. Education Officer:	Daniel Simonson, JN
Administrative Officer:	Harlan A. Eggert, AP
Secretary:	David F. Poulin, AP
Treasurer:	Gloria Vitullo
Executive Committee:	John Desmedt, AP
	Richard Vitullo
	Michael Sundberg

Respectfully Submitted,
Nominating Committee


P/C Donald P. Hansen
Chairman



DULUTH POWER SQUADRON

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DULUTH, MINNESOTA

January 23, 1987

"NOTES & QUOTES" From Your Secretary...

Once in awhile it's fun to look back... For the benefit our new members and as a reminder to Senior Skippers, and their Mates, it is of interest to note that on 27 June of this year our beloved Squadron will be 48 (forty-eight) years old. Consider the countless hours that have been involved with dedicated officers and members who have pulled together down through these many years to insure the continuation of this unit's success...

The approximate 119 membership of your Squadron boasts a solid foundation of knowledge and experience, with 9 Life Members, 10 Twenty-Five Year members, and 32 members with a Senior Member Endorsement. Recreational boating has traveled a long course here at Duluth-Superior since those original twelve gentlemen made application for our Charter back on 27 June 1939. After some hours of reading over past CHANNEL CHATTERS' it becomes obvious that, historically, this Squadron can boast a high level of achievement as a boating organization. Hopefully our newer members will catch the fever and become a part of carrying on the tradition involved with improving our boating proficiency and the compatibility with other USPS members.

In this review of "days gone by" I would like to use the remainder of this space to reprint selected portions from old issues of CHANNEL CHATTER. Some of the items are humorous and others are of a more serious nature. I hope you will enjoy them.

JUNE 1967 - Commander William C. Call

A July Rendezvous at Cornucopia with a "free" Burgie, Huderle, Ignatius famous type Beef Dinner. Member's guests will be charged \$ 1.50 per person... Dance Music at 2100 Hours by Katz Cho Ho, Bruce Nimmo and Howard Ignatius.

SPRING 1970 - Commander Don Schafer

Ron Waterhouse was sworn in as a new member... Walt' Rauschenfels offered the following services with quoted charges turned over to the Squadron treasury; Compass Compensation...\$ 5.00, Deviation Table...\$ 2.50, Calibration of RDF...\$ 7.50 and Speed Curve...\$ 3.00... April 25th, 63 members required two buses for Visitation to Canadian Change of Watch, with anti-scurvey juice and Thunder Bay Chowder served at the Lake Head Yacht Club. Luukinens and Nimmos were the hosts...

SUMMER 1971 - Commander Robert Stokes

Quote from "Nautical Nonsense" Guess what's under the canvas ? The word is out that Smiley, "Mushroom King" Meehan is going into competition with his old dock partner, Wayne Mosiniak, by starting his own greenhouse aboard the "Smirk"... Another; Did P/D/C Larry Cowan really back away from the dock - while the phone was still ringing ??? Bell Telephone is currently installing 85 miles of cord so that he can attend the Rendezvous...

S A F E R B O A T I N G T H R O U G H E D U C A T I O N

A most interesting story on the "TRANS SUPERIOR RACE" from the deck of the "Hussar" by Jack Soetebier (who was then Treasurer) Some more quotes from "Nautical Nonsense"; Anchors aweigh ! A new 6 lb. ROCK is aboard the "Daryle Ann". Gene tells us that his new boy will be put in charge of checking fuel... The strained expressions on "Hussar's crew after a race is not necessarily the flush of victory. It seems that Jack (Soetebier) does not relish pumping his "John" and the substitute bakery tin he furnishes just isn't the Waldorf... Annual Squadron Corn Roast, Price \$ 1.50 per person, .75¢ for children under 12... More "Nautical Nonsense"; Word has it that Jack Soetebier is going soft. He cancelled a Wednesday night RACE because of a tornado... A long time Squadron member and officer, ran a lady out of gas on Lake Superior. We won't tell, if you never askus ! Erling, do you recognize this situation ?

SUMMER - 1972 - Commander Wayne Youngren

Announcement--U.S. Rep. John A. Blatnik, D-Minn., recently announced \$ 554,000 in Federal and Local funds will be made available to expand Marina facilities and encourage recreation and tourism at Knife River Harbor... Communications Officer Rudy Luukinen explaining in an article that the permitted legal usage of the old AM radios runs until deadline of January 1, 1977. (How many remember the old AM frequencies of Channel 51-2182 KC/s, 52-2003 KC/s, 54-2638 KC/s, etc. ?? Of interest is that the very first ship-to-shore radiotelephone installation on the Great Lakes was aboard the ore freighter "WILLIAM C. ATWATER" back in May 1934. By 1937, fifty-seven vessels were so equipped and by the late forties, every large commercial vessel had the radiotelephone. Our own Al' Klopp played a major role in this area's marine radio history as Manager of Duluth's WAS station for 36 years. Early on, his Duluth facility handled 17,000 to 18,000 calls per season. Al' retired in 1980 after 40 years service with Lorain Electronics Corporation.) More "Nautical Nonsense; Weather Chairman, Bob "Pegleg" Wilson was unfortunately felled by some badly forecast weather... Is it true that when Dick "Butcher Boy" Gajewski took his transmission apart it was clogged with hamburger ???... Cooperative Charting Meehan just plotted a new hazard --- a 3' foot stump -- under his own boat --- in his backyard !.. That year the Squadron Rendezvous was at Bayfield Harbor Marina, on June 30, July 1, 2, 3, 4 and Baby Sitters were available by contacting the Marina Office.

SUMMER - 1973 - Commander Ray Ignatius

The LOG HUNT was a tremendous success story... Three different Committees composed of nine members, with 20 boats involved. Chuck Nimmo was winner for the "biggest" and Jimmy Bujold for the "most" wood brought in. Thanks were given to Ed Bartell for the use of his equipment, the Coast Guard for the use of their dock, and the City for hauling away over 184 logs. Later, over one hundred people were fed at the Squadron Dock. Chairman of this fine event was none other than Gene Rock... The "Powerboaters" once again thanked the "ragmen" for inviting them aboard following the 1973 Annual Sailboat Race on September 9, 1973. "Hussar" captained by Jack Soetebier was winner (For the 3rd straight time) and Jack Arnold's "Waub-O-Jeeg" was 2nd and the "Myrrh" captained by Roger Drill came in 3rd... Stan Jacobs will be awarded a Life Membership Certificate for 25 Merit Marks at the Change of Watch on March 30, 1974.

FALL - 1974 - Commander John Harrison

Commander Harrison and his wife Dorothy took great pleasure in announcing the arrival, on September 6th, of Jeffery John Harrison, who was baptised by none other than the newly appointed Squadron Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Michael Skumavc... Dell Forsyth, stating 45 years experience in boating, was welcomed aboard as a new member on September 18, 1974 at the Radisson Hotel... Dell was also listed as a successful graduate of the 1974 Spring Boating Class.

Commander Ostman, in his Message, told members, not to worry, that the Squadron will be able to "keep" the Squadron Dock as a new Lease has been signed with the Burlington Northern. This Lease, for an undetermined length of time, contained basically the same terms as had been written with Cargill... P/C Kenny Van Dyke won First Prize in the Harbor Clean-Up/Log Hunt affair, for the "Most Wood". The event, held on June 22, 1975, got off to a shaky start, with a cold roaring Nor'Easter and under one hundred yards visibility. At 1340 hours the Committee released Ed Bartell and his equipment, and the Squadron stood by to receive the relayed order for cancellation. The Food Committee, Publicity Chairman, Dock Crew, Shore Crew, Press Boat (Take note future Chairmen) and all the skippers, mates and crew members expressed obvious disappointment. Ostman reports that THEN a heavenly inspired miracle took place ! Squadron Chaplain Fr. Michael Skumavc said a prayer, or two, because at 1355 hours the wind shifted, the temperature rose thirty degrees and the sky cleared. At 1400 the announcement went out, "Let the Hunt Begin". By 1430 hours the situation was in a state of panic with a jam up of logs, when from out of nowhere a LYLE BROS. wrecker pulled onto the loading dock with Tommy Lyle at the helm - Wow ! what a welcome sight. Further difficulty developed when they discovered that the logs were too huge to put the heavy hook around. At this time Commander Ostman's "Irish Mist" hove into view and Ostman lowered a skin diver into the water and that was the end of the problems for the day. Dick Gajewski, Bob Lufholm, Jim Bujold, Bruce Nimmo, and Manley Goldfine as skipper of the Press Boat, are a few of the names mentioned that still "ring true" to-day. The Chairman of this super' effort was; who else but P/C Gene Rock...

At a recent General Meeting it was voted to raise the Dues from the present \$ 18.00 to \$ 20.00... This year the First Mates joined the Captains as participants in the "Treasure Hunt" Event. I'll bet you can guess who had over-all best Poker Hand and won First Prize ??? Your right, it was none other than Dorothy Harrison ! AND, Believe It or Not, hubby John Harrison won Second Prize for the guys...

This issue reports that P/C Bruce Nimmo was touring Casablanca (apparently after the Log Hunt) and all were wondering if he might finally find a manifold for his engine over there in Morocco. (???)

Students listed as passing the Spring 1975 Boating Course, were Darlyne and Robert Haigh. We also note the names of Dorothy Harrison and Dr. James E. Munger...

MAY 1ST, 1977 - Commander H. Wayne Mosiniak

We first take note that P/C Gene Rock is "now" the Editor of the CHANNEL CHATTER... This issue sports an excellent historical article on THE SACRED CALABASH that was originally written by Duluth's P/C K.M. Brook (1944) and reprinted from THE ENSIGN that came out back in June-July 1946. Referred to as, "The Boomerang that Came Home to Boom", this yarn is priceless, both for its humor and notes of special Squadron history. For example, the first recipient of the dubious honor was the existing Commander E.J. Poulin (Your correct new-comers, that was David's Dad). Commander Poulin, who had experienced an encounter with a channel buoy, was charged with failure to observe the rule that if the bearing of an object doesn't change, danger of collision can be deemed to exist. Later, if space permits, this story should be again reprinted in its entirety... We take note that a "young" fellow by the name of Harvey Hengel successfully passed the Duluth Power Squadron's 1977 Boating Class. And, his life partner Candance did likewise, and wasn't this a stroke of good fortune for our Squadron... That year, P/C Ed' Drill was the honorary Chairman for the Trans-Superior Sailboat Race...

I would like to go one, but we have used up our allotted space for this reminiscent material. Let's keep making great history !!! Will see you at the Change of Watch.

R. Bibby



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TO: Lake Superior Boaters and interested individuals.
FROM: Jeff Gunderson 
DATE: December 8, 1986
RE: NOAA Weather Radio Signal

There was one point made at our Lake Superior Weather meeting (July 15) that was not resolved when I sent out the results of that meeting. The issue is the strength of the NOAA Weather Radio signal. At our meeting, it was brought out that the signal cannot be received in the Bayfield area. Len Peterson (NWS) also mentioned that he had received complaints that the strength of the signal had declined even though the power had been increased (in 1985).

A recent conversation with Len Peterson revealed that a change will be made. The location of the transmitter will be moved from the Woodland water tower to a tower on Arnold Road. The change should take place by the next boating season.

Even though field strength tests of the signal did not indicate a major problem, it was felt that a reflection from the water tower may have been weakening the signal in some locations. Also there may have been some deterioration of the cable going to the antenna.

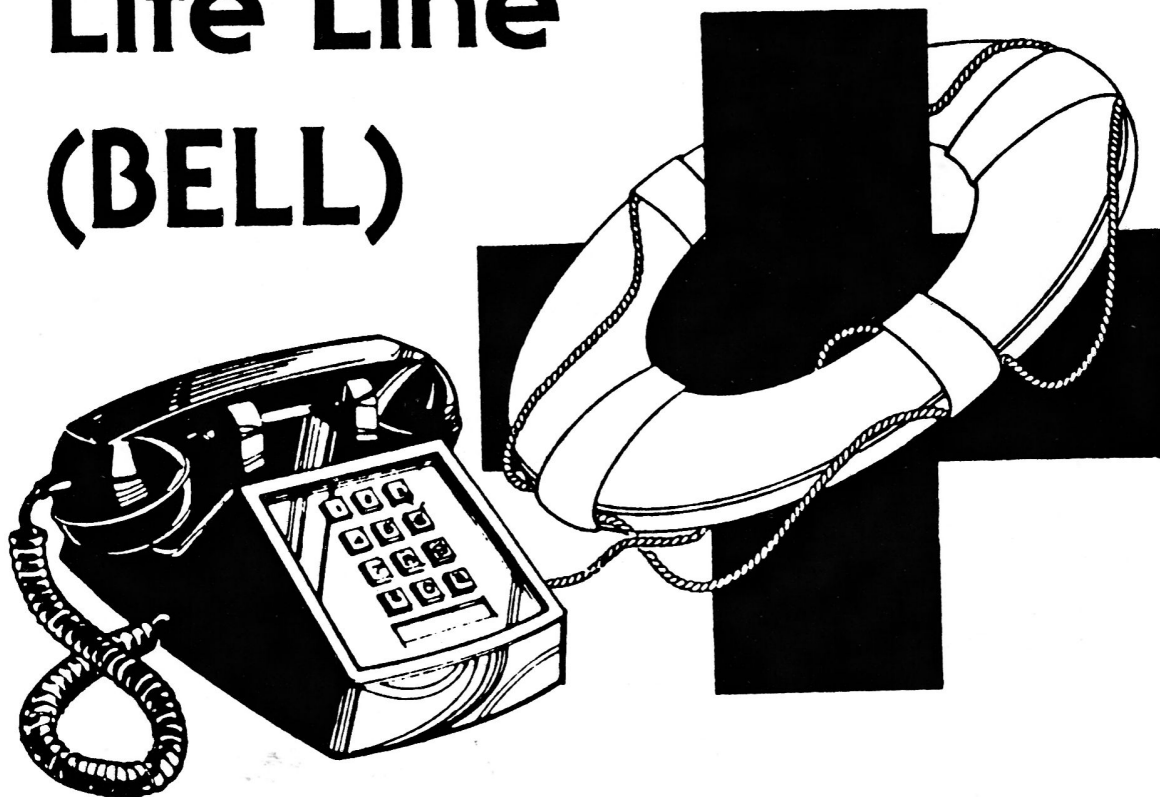
Changes resulting from the location change will be evaluated next boating season.

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cc: Len Peterson

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As I mentioned, this is the 12th issue in two years and I hope you have enjoyed reading the "Channel Chatter." I am a little disappointed that I do not hear from you people, whether it be suggestions, criticisms, or articles to be printed. I hope this means you are satisfied with what I'm doing. If not, tell me!

Many thanks also go to Gloria Vitullo who has done an excellent job on advertising. **THANK YOU!**

I have signed on for one more year as editor, but it will be my last. If anyone is interested in the job, let me know and you can start helping out this year.

The Deadline for the next issue is March 14th, see you then.

P/C Don Hansen, AP
Editor