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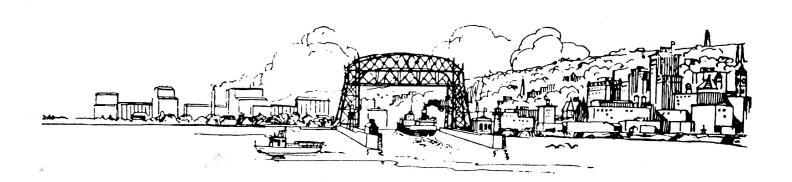
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Duluth Power Squadron

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

1987-1988 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

DATES	MEETINGS
MARCH 23	EXECUTIVE BOARD
APRIL 13	EXECUTIVE BOARD
APRIL 23	GENERAL MEETING
MAY 11	EXECUTIVE BOARD
MAY 28	GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 8	EXECUTIVE BOARD
JULY 13	EXECUTIVE BOARD
AUGUST 10	EXECUTIVE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 14	EXECUTIVE BOARD
OCTOBER 19	EXECUTIVE BOARD
OCTOBER 22	GENERAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 9	EXECUTIVE BOARD
NOVEMBER 19	GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 11	EXECUTIVE BOARD
JANUARY 21	GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18	ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION

ATES	EVENT

DATES	EVENTS
APRIL 3-5	DIST. 10 CONFERENCE @ MADISON
MAY 2	FITTING OUT PARTY
MAY 9	CANADIAN CHANGE OF WATCH
MAY 30	DOCK CLEAN UP
JULY 4	FESTIVITIES & PARADE
AUGUST 29	PREDICTED LOG RACE
SEPTEMBER 5	TREASURE HUNT
SEPTEMBER 6	CORN ROAST

SEPTEMBER 6 DIST. 10 CONFERENCE @ STURGEON BAY OCTOBER 2-4

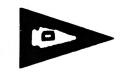
CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 5 CHANGE OF WATCH MARCH 5



Buluth Power Squadron

SAIL AND POWER BOATING

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA



ANNUAL REPORT 1986-1987

SERVING AS THE DULUTH POWER SQUADRON COMMANDER HAS BEEN A GOOD LEARNING EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS AN ENJOYABLE ONE. I WANT TO GIVE THANKS TO ALL OF MY BRIDGE OFFICERS, AND ALL OF THE OTHER MEMBERS, WHO HELPED WITH ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL. THIS PAST YEAR I HAVE MADE NEW AND, I HOPE, LASTING FREINDSHIPS WITH MANY LOCAL, DISTRICT, AND NATIONAL MEMBERS.

DULUTH HAS HAD ANOTHER OUTSTANDING YEAR IN THE EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT, OUR SPRING 1986 PUBLIC BOATING CLASS GRADUATED 92 STUDENTS. WE HAVE 171 STUDENTS THAT ARE NOW TAKING THE 1987 CLASS. 1986 SAW 11 MEMBERS PASS SEAMANSHIP, 2 PILOTING, AND 4 ADVANCED PILOTING. TEN ARE NOW TAKING JUNIOR NAVIGATOR, AND 6 ARE WORKING HARD AT NAVIGATOR. SKIPPER SAVER HAD 15 STUDENTS, INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION HAD 8, MARINE ELECTRONICS 11, SAIL 1, PILOTING AND ENGINE MAINTENANCE ARE NOW IN PROGRESS WITH WEATHER AND SAIL TO START SHORTLY. OUR SQUADRON RECORDED ITS FIRST FULL CERTIFICATE. CONGRATULATIONS TO P/C RONALD WATERHOUSE, N.

GREAT GAINS HAVE BEEN EXPERENCED IN OUR MEMBERSHIP SINCE JANUARY I 1986. WE STARTED WITH 106 FULL MEMBERS AND NOW NUMBER 121, ALONG WITH 17 FAMILY MEMBERS AND 21 WOMEN CERTIFICATE HOLDERS. THIS IS AN INCREASE BY 12.4 % IN FULL MEMBERS. WITH THIS YEAR'S RECORD BOATING CLASS, I BELIEVE THAT 87-88 WILL SHOW EVEN GREATER INCREASES.

OUR SQUADRON HAS ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL 100 % MEMBERSHIP FUND. FOR ONLY THE SECOND TIME AND THE FIRST IN RECENT YEARS. AS COMMANDER, I REVIVED THIS PROJECT AND WILL KEEP IT MY RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN THIS WORTHWHILE PROJECT IN OUR SQUADRON.

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF OUR SAFETY OFFICER, SAFE BOATING WEEK WAS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE WITH OVER 400 PACKETS OF SAFETY LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT OUR AREA MARINAS AND LAUNCH SITES. WITH JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN OUR SQUADRON AND THE UNITED STATES COAST

GUARD AUXILLARY, TWO LARGE BANNERS WERE HUNG OVER THE MAIN STREET OF DULUTH'S BUSINESS DISTRICT WITH THE THEME, "BE SMART! TAKE A BOATING CLASS." WITH 171 REGISTERED NOW IN THE PUBLIC BOATING CLASS, I BELIEVE THE MESSAGE DID REACH OUT TO THE PEOPLE AROUND THE DULUTH AREA.

OUR SQUADRON HELD 10 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS, 5 GENERAL MEETINGS, OUR ANNUAL MEETING AND THE CHANGE OF WATCH. WE HAD 12 PEOPLE VENTURE TO THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO FOR THE LAKEHEAD SQUADRON CHANGE OF WATCH AND GRADUATION CEREMONIES. DULUTH WAS WELL REPRESENTED AT THE DISTRICT 10 MEETINGS WITH 12 AT GREEN BAY AND 21 AT ST PAUL. DULUTH WAS REPRESENTED AT THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS AT ATLANTA AND RENO BY CORINNE AND I. P/C BYRNE ALSO REPRESENTED DULUTH AT THE MIAMI ANNUAL MEETING.

WITH THE ADDITION OF TWO MEMBERS, DALE A. AMUNDSON, AP, AND P/C ALBERT J. RYCKMAN, AP, WE NOW HAVE 9 LIFE MEMBERS IN OUR SQUADRON. FORTY-SEVEN MERIT MARKS WERE AWARDED TO THOSE MEMBERS THAT GAVE WILLINGLY OF THEIR TIME TO TEACH CLASSES AND SERVE ON COMMITTEES TO MAKE OUR SQUADRON EVENTS ENJOYABLE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP.

WE HAVE SCHEDULED DATES FOR OUR FIRST OPERATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 27-28. AS OF NOW, 22 MEMBERS HAVE SIGNED UP TO ATTEND.

A BRIDGE IS ONLY AS STRONG AS ITS CONNECTING SUPPORTS. THE BRIDGE HAS WORKED HARD AND, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERS, PRODUCED A YEAR THAT WAS EDUCATIONAL AND FUN FOR ALL WHO PARTICIPATED. AGAIN, MY SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THIS YEAR SUCCESSFUL. I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR LOCAL SQUADRON AND NOW HAVE ACCEPTED A JOB AS SAFETY OFFICER FOR DISTRICT 10.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DAYID C. CARLSON, JN

COMMANDER



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DULUTH POWER SQUADRON

A UNIT OF

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

The Squadron year started with the Change of Watch on 7 March,1987 at the Holiday Inn. D/C James E. Roberts,AP, officiated. There were 100 members and guests, including 9 members of the Lakehead Power Squadron-Thunder Bay, to witness the swearing in and welcome the new Bridge and Officers. What an impressive turnout.

Ken Johnson, AP, (working on JN) was the person that had it put all together. Thanks Ken and those that helped you for all your efforts to make this a memorable and historic occasion.

The final presentation of the evening was by P/C David Carlson, JN, turning over the Sacred Calabash Trophy to Dick Vitullo,S. Daves presentation was supported by a slide series documenting the reasons why Dick was the "winner". Then dancing until 0100 hours.

The New Commanders Sunday Brunch was at the Harbor Inn with 49 people attending, where we bid farewell and safe journey to our Canadian friends.

The dates for meetings and events for the coming year will be in your next Channel Chatter. Mark in your calendar these important dates already scheduled.

March 23 - Executive Board

April 3-5- District 10 Conference at Madison

April 13 - Executive Board

April 23 - General Meeting

May 2 - Fitting Out Party

May 9 - Canadian Change of Watch -Thunder Bay

May 11 - Executive Board

May 28 - General Meeting

May 30 - Dock Clean Up

If you want to be on a committee for an event or activity please let us know.

Your Squadron Bridge and Officers are open for suggestions on how you want your Squadron to progress. It is your Squadron, we will do our best to meet your desires and needs.

Harvey A. Hengel, AP Commander

SAFER BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

FROM THE SQUADRON EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

PUBLIC BOATING AND SAIL CLASS

Our 1987 Boating and Sail class is drawing to an end. We have guided 174 students through basic Seamanship, Rules of the Road, Weather, Great Lakes Boating and basic navigation and charting. We hope to graduate the largest class ever in our Squadron history.

CLASSES IN PROGRESS

PILOTING (P) Five students have written the exam and are awaiting the results. Four more are self-studying Seamanship in preparation to take that exam, and then the Piloting exam. Good Luck to all!!!!

JUNIOR NAVIGATION (JN) Nine students have submitted their Sight Reduction folders for National review. Celestial leader Skip Waterhouse, \underline{N} , is preparing the class for their exam in April. We should soon have 9 new JN's in our Squadron.

NAVIGATION (N) This class of celestial minded students continues under the guidance of Al Klopp.

ENGINE MAINTENCANCE (EM) Harlan Eggert and Neil Kent have fueled, sparked, & ignited 8 students through this educational course, and their exhaustive efforts will soon be known as they write their exam April 1. Good Luck.

SKIPPER SAVER Candy Hengel has a full crew of 1st mates who are learning CPR, emergency 1st aid, use of the VHF radio telephone, proper boat start-up procedure and basic marlinspike. Sessions are being held March 31, and April 7, at the Army Reserve Center.

NEW CLASSES UNDERWAY

SEAMANSHIP (S) Steve and Rita Johnsen will be conducting the Seamanship course on April 2, - May 14, at WLSSD. Contact Steve or Rita at 525-5148 or Candy Hengel at 724-2223.

MERIT MARKS

The USPS is dedicated to boating safety through education. Its members are not only self-educated, but freely offer instruction to anyone who will attend its PUBLIC BOATING CLASS. The only compensation these active members receive for the substantial effort they personally perform in furthering the interests, programs and objectives of USPS, is a MERIT MARK, awarded by the Chief Commander. A member may receive only one merit mark (MM) in a calendar year, regardless of the amount of work accomplised. A merit mark cannot be bought!

The Public Boating Class is an excellent opportunity to promote safe boating through education, and meet others with an interest in boating to exchange ideas, and at the same time, earn a merit mark.

Candance Hengel, AP, SEO

SEAMANSHIP

WHEN:

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1987

TIME:

7:00 P.M. or 1900 HRS

WHERE:

WLSSD (Western Lake Superior Sanitary District)

MAIN OFFICE, CONFERENCE ROOM

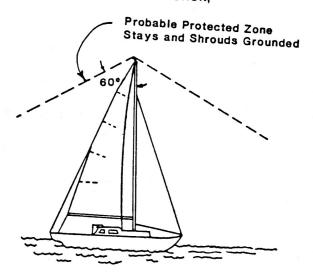
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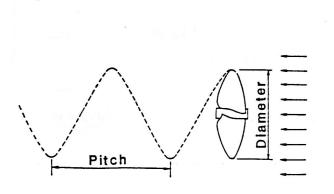
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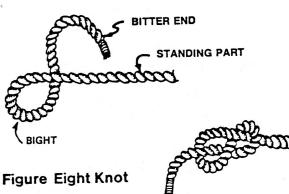
CANDY HENGEL.......724-2223

DAN SIMONSON......722-0308

CONE OF PROTECTION,







From the Executive Officer

A special thanks to those who worked to make our Change of Watch a success. Gloria Vitullo handled everything at the check-in table plus all the finances. P/C Dave Carlson, Dick Vitullo and Dave Poulin all worked on various other phases. It was much appreciated.

The Duluth Power Squadron under the guidance of Candy Hengel has completed arrangements for conducting an Operations Training Program. For concentrated study covering organization of the USPS at the National, District, and Local levels; training and education' leadership and motivation; planning, scheduling and organizing; staffing, auditing and increasing performance; how to conduct a meeting; protocals; and communications.

We are fortunate to have P/D/C Ted Anderson and District Executive Officer Bill Price from the Minnetonka Squadron coming up to conduct the program over a two day period. Candy has in excess of 20 Squadron members enrolled. It's another example of the interest and dedication of our members for self improvement.

Executive Officer Ken Johnson

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SQUADRON ACTIVITIES

The last two months have been very busy for the Duluth Squadron. February 19 was the day for the Annual Meeting and Election. It was held at the Duluth Elk's Club and was well attended by our membership. Year end reports were given by most officers followed by the election of the new Bridge for the upcoming year. Many thanks go to P/C Carlson who hosted the evening as well as Dan Rock who again did an excellent job in the kitchen.

On March 7th the Change of Watch was held at the Holiday Inn. There were just under 100 members in attendance as well as District Commander Roberts, P/D/C Ted Anderson, and a delegation from Thunder Bay. The meal was excellent and the program went very well. Many THANKS go to Ken Johnson and the crew that helped him for a fine job.

Cdr. Harvey Hengel has started the year off with a bang. The first meeting will be held March 23. Everyone is encouraged to not only attend General meetings, but to attend the Executive Board meetings as well. We are always looking for new faces and fresh ideas.

DISTRICT 10 NEWS

I have not received any reports from District. However, I will remind you that the District Conference will be held in Madison on April 3-5 and you are all encouraged to attend. If you need further information on the Conference, contact Cdr. Hengel.

P/C Don Hansen is still looking for advertisers for the 10's Communicator. If interested, please let him know.

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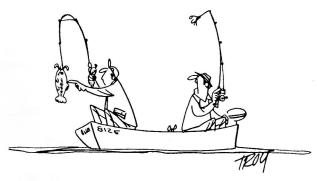
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Mark Your Calendar

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- April 3-5 District Conference to be held in Madison. Let's give Duluth and the District some support by attending this meeting.
- April 13 Executive Board Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- April 23 General Meeting. Make plans to attend the 1st general meeting of the new squadron year.
 - May 2 Fitting Out Party. Plan on attending the only fund raising activity of the year. Bring lots of money and friends.
- May 9 Canadian Change of Watch. Let's support our neighbors in Thunder Bay as they support us each year.
- May 11 Executive Board Meeting. Again, everyone is encouraged to attend.
- May 28 General Meeting. Last one for the summer, so make plans.
- May 30 Dock Clean Up. Let's help the Cdr. and his crew get our Squadron dock ready for the beautiful summer we are going to have?



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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service (NOAA/PA 76016) December, 1981

When a tornado threatens, yor immediate action can save your life!

STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS, DOORS, AND OUTSIDE WALLS PROTECT YOUR HEAD

- In homes and small buildings, go to the basement or to an interior part of the lowest level closets, bathrooms, or interior halls. Get under something sturdy.
- In schools, nursing homes, hospitals, factories, and shopping centers, go to pre-designated shelter areas. Interior hallways on the lowest floor are usually best.
- In high-rise buildings, go to interior small rooms or hallways.
- In mobile homes or vehicles, leave them and go to a substantial structure. If there is no shelter nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine, or culvert with your hands shielding your head.

TORNADO WATCH: Tornadoes and severe thunderstorms are possible.
TORNADO WARNING: Tornado detected; take shelter immediately.

LISTEN TO RADIO, TELEVISION, OR NOAA WEATHER RADIO for latest National Weather Service bulletins.

Federal Radionavigation Plan:

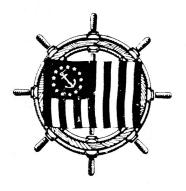
Most boat owners, as well as marine industry in general, have not had an opportunity to examine the Plan to learn of the Department of Transportation/Coast Guard plans that affect coastal and oceanic navigation systems, including the Great Lakes. Every class mariner will be affected. Development of the Plan which is now coming up for its 4th revision, has largely been done in Washington, without input from users around the country. Hearings have been held in various sections of the country, and a meeting will be held in Chicago on 17 April 1986. Members who plan on operating in coastal or Great Lakes waters and who will be in Chicago on 17 April, should be interested in attending the meeting. The writers of the Plan need to be told what we need and do not need for safe navigation of our vessels. USPS members attending will be speaking as individuals. Let me know of your interest so that I may send you detailed information.

STF/C George M. Hock, AP

EDUCATIONAL NEWS

On March 14, 1987, Steve Somsen, Director of Sailing Instruction, Sailboats Inc., donated to the Duluth Power Squadron an instructional video tape "COME SAIL WITH US." It is a 35 minute video that covers wind power, proper casting off and docking procedures, use of sails, weather conditions, anchoring, basic navigation and marlinspike. This video will be added to our educational library.

Candy Hengel, SEO





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FROM THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

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How many times have you had something in a glass container suddenly fall off the galley counter and wind up in jagged shards all over the cabin sole, in the bilge, and in your socks?

Sue Reshetiloff of Annapolis Power Squadron recommends the following "break saver": Worn out tube socks make good protective covers around glass jars and bottles aboard your boat. Makes a good deal of sense, particularly if you wash them first!

CHECK LISTS

Before getting under way, every skipper should take time to go over the boat carefully with a check list to make sure that hull, engine, emergency equipment, charts, and everything else required are aboard. Care in getting ready to go can assure a pleasant day upon the water.

After returning, a shutdown check list may save much trouble when you are getting ready to go out the next time. Leaving the radio or other devices such as a depthsounder on may drain a battery, particularly since some of these devices are often wired to bypass the master switch.

BOARDING LADDERS

Much has been written about a man overboard situation, and nothing works out much better than a swim platform or a transom-mounted boarding ladder. One of the best features to come along on the sailboard market in the past ten years is the transom-mounted boarding ladder which is built in as an integral part of the stern pulpit.

Many boats which do not have this feature can be equipped with similar boarding ladders which swing up and fasten to the stern pulpit and swing down far enough to get a couple of rungs under the water.

Side-mounted boarding ladders tend to be dragged on the surface unless the boat is dead in the water.

Unless you are in excellent physical condition, an emergency ladder made up of a rope with loops tied in it is useless, and rope ladders with wooden rungs swing under a boat and generally pinch your feet between hulls and rung. This can be uncomfortable and impossible to board.

From SAFETY BULLETIN, May-June 1985 Published by USPS General Safety Committee

BOATERS - Did you know? BLOOD ALCOHOL %							
NUMBER OF DRINKS	BODY WEIGHT IN POUNDS 100 120 140 160 180 200 220 240	BOAT OPERATION					
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9 10	.34 .28 .24 .21 .19 .17 .15 .14 .38 .31 .27 .23 .21 .19 .17 .16	OPERATE					
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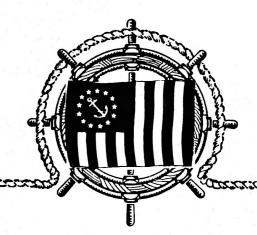
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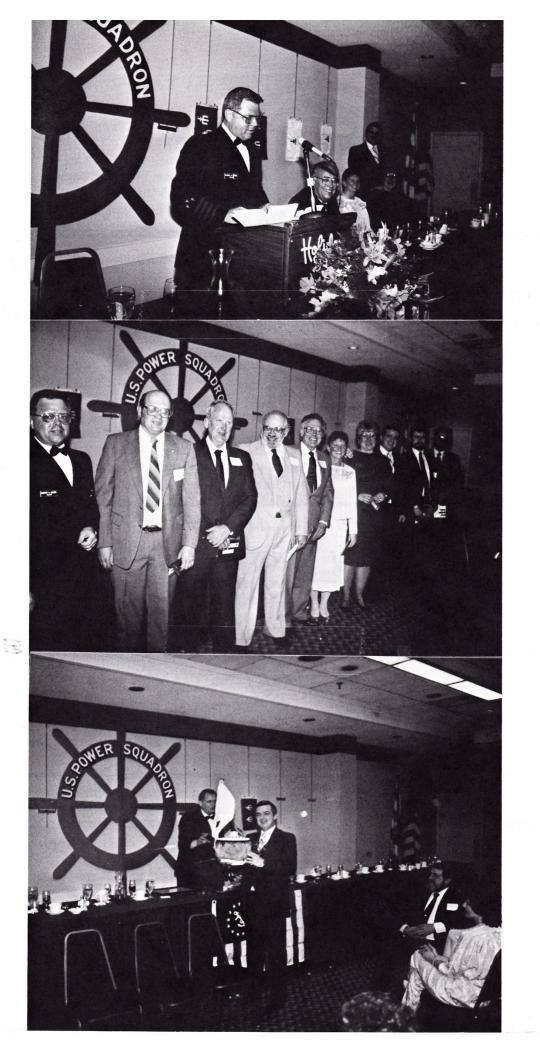
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OUR NEW BRIDGE

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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.

Vivian Economy
Joe Economy
William Carlson
Frederick Crandall
Ronda Crandall
Stephanie Crandall
Steven Walsh
Mary Walsh
Katie Walsh
Kevin Walsh
Alan Anderson
Sandy Anderson
Rachel Anderson
Andrew Anderson
Thomas Sershon

William Larson
Margaret Larson
Lisa Larson
Lori Larson
Rodger Maida
Elizabeth Maida
Tom Maida
Michael Maida
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Bonnie Matuseski
Heather Meisinger
Pete Meisinger
Penny Meisinger
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Vicki Anderson

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Tom Sinnot
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Candy Wise
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Diana Meehan
Joe Radtke

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COMMANDER	Harvey A. Hengel, AP	724-2223	722-0807
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Ken Johnson, AP	724-8688	
EDUCATIONAL OFFICER	Candy Hengel, AP	724-2223	
ASST. EDUCATIONAL OFFICER	Dan Simonson, JN	722-0308	
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	Harlan Eggert, AP	722-0049	
SECRETARY	Dave Poulin, AP	722-1511	722-2641
TREASURER	Gloria Vitullo, S	525-4138	724-8857
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	John DeSmedt, AP Mike Sundberg, S Dick Vitullo, S	624-5909 721-3854 525-4138	727-7295 628-2251

USPS 1987-88 APPOINTED OFFICERS

CHAPLAIN

Manley Grover, AF

FLEET CAPTAIN

Russ Westberg, AF

FLAG OFFICER

P/C Don Hansen, AP

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Albert E. Klopp, JN

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Donn Larson

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Steven P. Johnsen, AP

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James D. Robinson, P

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ADMISSIONS OFFICER

Larry Anderson

DEPTARTMENT OF FLEET CAPTAIN

DOCKMASTER

Russ Westberg, AP

COOP. CHARTING OFFICER P/C Robert J. Byrne, JN

DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Fred Johnson, P

HISTORIAN

P/C Howard Boynton, AP

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CHAIRMAN ADVANCED GRADES / P/C Eugene Rock, AP

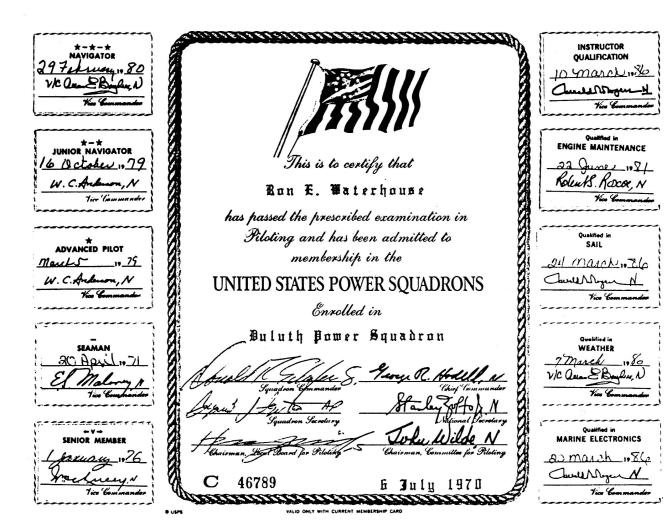
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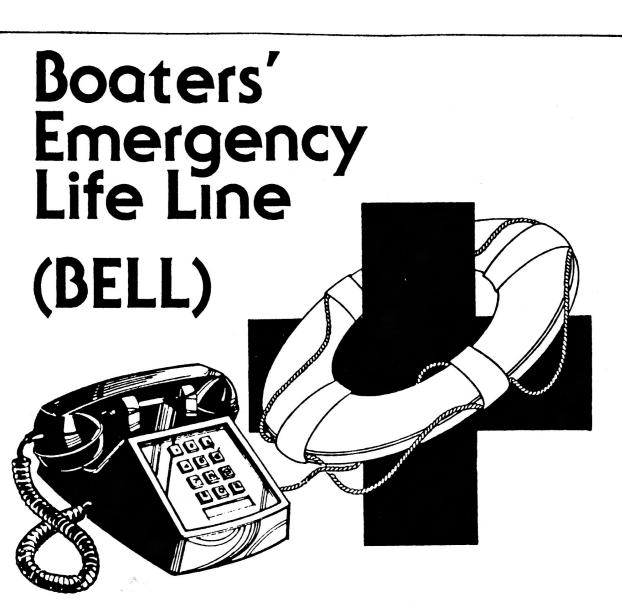


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Editors Note ...

Well, the Duluth Power Squadron received its second, National award for "Outstanding Performance in the Practice of USPS Journalism." I am very proud that the CHAN-NEL CHATTER was again recognized. I would like to thank all those people who have helped by sending articles to me and for all of your support.

As I always mention, I thank the advertisers for their support. We couldn't publish this magazine without their help.

Thanks also go to our new Treasurer, Gloria Vitullo for her work in collecting the funds from the advertisers and also for her work in designing some of the ads.

Below is a list of the deadlines for the Channel Chatter for the upcoming year. There will be no excuses for being late!!!!!!

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PLEASE meet these deadlines.

P/C Don Hansen, AP **Editor**