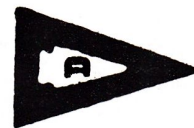


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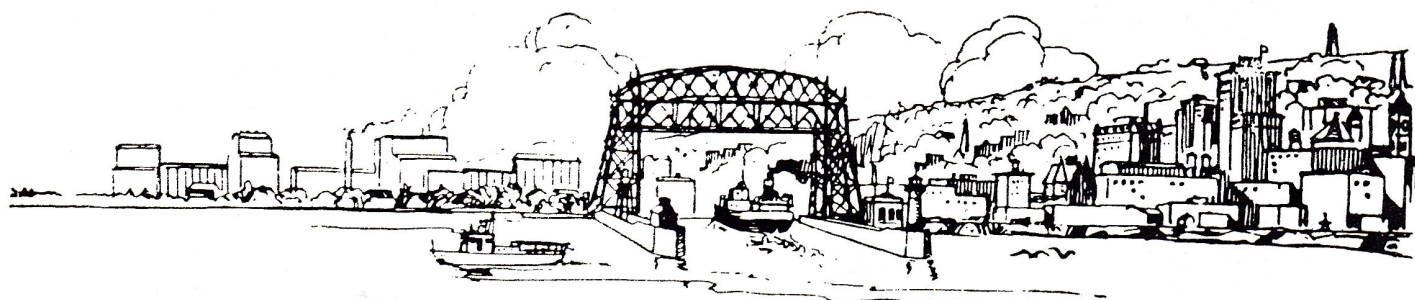


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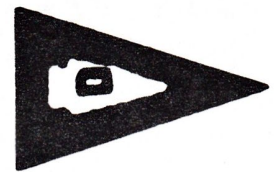
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CHRISTMAS PARTY
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WELCOME TO OUR RECENTLY INSTALLED MEMBERS

COMMANDERS **MESSAGE**



I hope you are all enjoying those nice days we've had, [all be it few], for some boating activity. The weather just has to get nice soon! We did manage to clear the rain and clouds for the Safe Boating Week activities, including the Courtesy Marine Exams conducted at the Squadron dock on June 4th. I thank Safety Officer Larry Anderson for a project well done. He tried something new this year and it was a great success. My thanks to all who participated. Larry has more on this event in his article. The Voyage of the Ensign, 17 June, celebrating the 75th Anniversary of USPS, was another fantastic day. The participation by Squadron members was outstanding! My thanks to Bob Byrne Chairman and Gloria DeSmedt for working on this event. More great details follow in this issue. Don't miss them! The 4th of July festivities planned by Arne Wuorinen had something for all to participate in. Many thanks to him and his committee for the BANG-UP celebration activities.

I'd like all Duluth Power Squadron members to reserve the dates 22-24 September, 1989. These are the dates that the Duluth Squadron will host the D/10 Fall Conference, in part to celebrate Duluth's 50 years of Safe Boating through Education. For any member who has never attended a District meeting, I strongly encourage you to commit yourself to this one. What a fantastic opportunity for you to meet other members within our District 10; Milwaukee, Oshkosh, Fox Cities, Green Bay, Madison, Minnetonka, St. Paul, Sheboygan, Sturgeon Bay and Menominee-Marquette. V/C Peter J. Chenery, N, will be here representing Chief Commander William D. Seldon, N. The Fall Conference is the education meeting, and a number of great seminars are being planned. Duluth Conference Co-chairs Richard Bibby and Robert Stokes are going to need lots of help. When asked, please say yes, or better yet, call them or myself and volunteer your time and skills. Don Hansen needs bartenders for the Friday afternoon hospitality room; Diana Hansen is looking for gals to make hors d'oeuvres and help set up the hospitality room. Saturday morning, Diana needs rolls, muffins, coffee cakes for the ladies hospitality room; Gloria DeSmedt can use some help decorating the VISTA STAR for the banquet; Dick Vitullo will need help with the SHIP'S STORE; The Ryckmans and Naslunds have the big job of welcoming at the registration table; photographers and A-V operators as well as individuals with vans or cars who are willing to shuttle ladies to Fitgers for lunch and return, and other shuttling that may be needed. Call Richard Bibby or Bob Stokes and volunteer now. Saturday evening banquet is aboard the new VISTA STAR. My goal is to see the boat sold out, that's 200 people. I know it can be done, but it will require your participation. The dinner is \$25.00. This includes a delicious prime rib dinner with potato, salads, vegetable, rolls and dessert, with unique entertainment, music to dance by and a 3 hour cruise. What a deal! The boat will return to the Excursion dock at 2130, but we will have full use of it until 2300. What a way to end a busy and educational 2 days, a relaxing dinner with entertainment aboard the STAR. Take off your tie, kick off the dress shoes and put on your boating clothes and enjoy an evening with friends. Mark your calendar now and plan to be there. You will not be sorry.

Conference and hotel registration forms are in this issue, fill out and mail them soon. Help make the District 10 Fall Conference in Duluth the best ever by being there.

Candance Hengel, N Commander

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS REPORT

25 YEAR PINS AWARDED

The summer is almost over now, but the coming months will be active ones for our Squadron.

DON'T MISS

Aug. 19th. Predicted Log

Sept. 2nd. Treasure Hunt

Sept. 3rd.-4th. Corn Roast

Sept. 22nd.-24th. Fall Conference

We had a very nice HOT clear sky day for the 4th of July and 50th anniversary celebration. 24 squadron boats, 2 trailers, and 3 guest boats attended.

Winners for the decorated boats were 1st. Gloria Jean III, 2nd Rocky II, 3rd, Get-A-Way. A thanks goes to the Boynton's, and Grover's for judging.

The Fishing contest winners were, 1st Jesica Johnson, 2nd Julie Johnson. The above winners received gift certificates donated by Marine General, Barkers Island, and Northwest Outlet.

The weather was perfect for the Boat Parade with around 40 boats participating, From the water it was a very color-full and beautiful scene.

Lt/C Arne Wuorinen, P



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EDUCATIONAL NEWS

P/C GENE ROCK, N

The exam results are back, and we have a whole new group of Advanced Grades.

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Gerald R. Geisert, S
Richard H. Hansen, S
Michael B. King, S
Eric J. Neetenbeek, S
June R. Neetenbeek, S

Mary Ann Brisky, S
Vivian L. Economy, S
Sharon Geisert, S
Jean M. Hecht, S
Rodney A. Monson, S
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Ann Louise Neetenbeek, S
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Arne D. Wuorinen, AP

Owen W. Erickson, AP
Heather Meehan, AP
Gilbert T. Richey, AP
Gloria J. Vitullo, AP

The results are also in for the Elective Course, with the following results.

MARINE ELECTRONICS

Frederick L. Crandall, Jr.
Gerald R. Geisert
David W. Rauschenfels
Arne D. Wuorinen

John R. DeSmedt
Thomas A. Holt
Gilbert T. Richey

Joseph G. Economy
Vernon P. Peterson
Mary M. Richey

We extend our CONGRATULATIONS to all of these members who have worked hard at learning more about SAFE BOATING. We encourage all of them to use this new knowledge during the summer boating activities. We hope to see them all enroll in the next Advanced Grade or take another Elective Course offered this fall.

A reminder to all those members who took the March 1989 Skipper Saver class. Use your summer boating time to work on the check list you must complete to obtain your patch and certificate.

Any AP's interested in starting JN this fall, please contact Al Klopp at 525-1122 or Gene Rock at 727-5901. We do plan on getting together this summer to become familiar with the sextant.

SAFE BOATING WEEK ACTIVITIES

The Duluth Power Squadron conducted many activities during Safe Boating Week:

On Sunday June 4th, 16 Squadron members boats were given the Courtesy Marine Examination by members of the Duluth Coast Guard Auxiliary at the Squadron Dock. Leo Kennedy, Ken Price and Carol Price along with other members of the Auxiliary gave the examinations. The following boats participated: Trivial Pursuit - Eight Ball - Harcan - Flying Dutchman - Compass Rose - Sugar and Spice - Skipper Sam - Nancy Ann - Daystar - Tigress - Kay Jay - Get-A-Way - C-Gull - Tipps Up - Trinket - Island Time.

Our Safe Boating Week banner was hung from a Superior Street crossing of the Sky Walk. Thanks to Todd Johnson and his crew for getting the necessary permits and putting up the banner.

On Saturday June 10th, 300 packets of safe boating information were put on the car windshields at local launch ramps. Thanks to Nancy Anderson, Dick Bibby, Dennis and Mary Markon for their help in getting these packets distributed.

Larry Anderson, S
Safety Officer



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Saturday, 17 June 1989, marked a historic day for the Duluth Power Squadron and USPS. A special, 75th Anniversary USPS Ensign arrived at Chamber's Grove, Fondulac, Mn. The Ensign came in aboard the KWENDA, skippered by P/C Gene Qualle and Carol Fox of the Minnetonka Power Squadron. Ceremonies in the park consisted of a parade of the American Flag, the Canadian flag and the special 75th Anniversary ENSIGN. P/C Gene Qualle presented the Ensign to Commander Candy Hengel. A champagne toast was made to this historic occasion. Gloria DeSmedt and her helpers had 2 tables festively decorated for the event with champagne, juice, strawberries, coffee breads and coffee. Approximately 45 people attended this ceremony. At 1200, the Voyage of the Ensign got underway, with seven boats departing Fondulac, heading down the St. Louis River. The flotilla continued to grow, with additional boats joining in along the entire route. The USCG Group Duluth joined in at the Port Terminal. At 1500 all boats gathered and went out under the aerial lift bridge onto Lake Superior. The flotilla made it's way to the Squadron dock in Allouez for food and a social time. New members Jim, June, Clark, Eric and Ann Neetenbeek provided the hotdogs and barbecuing talents to feed us a delicious meal. DeDe Kennedy had 2 crockpots of her special baked beans. To top it off, Jack Soetebier did a fantastic job of creating and donating a ship's wheel cake to mark this occasion. Be sure to take a close look at the pictures of this one.

Many thanks to all who helped plan and work, and to all those who got invloved. Some 77 people signed the guest log. Diana Poleschuk and her husband John, from the Lakehead Power Squadron in Thunder Bay, were also part of this event. 25 boats were privileged to carry this special 75th Anniversary ENSIGN:

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SYNAPSE
MY BRIDE

EIGHT BALL
TAKE THREE
ROBINS NEST III
ATLANTIS
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SHERI-SUE
THE COLONEL'S LADY

KWENDA
GET-A-WAY
KING RICHARD
COMPASS ROSE
CONTAGIOUS
ROCKY
BRITLIN

We had many, many photographers out that day. Anyone who would like to donate a copy of there work, please send them to Cdr Hengel, Richard Bibby or Robert Stokes. A Voyage of the Ensign scrapbook will be compiled and used as part of the Friday night hospitality room for the Fall Conference.

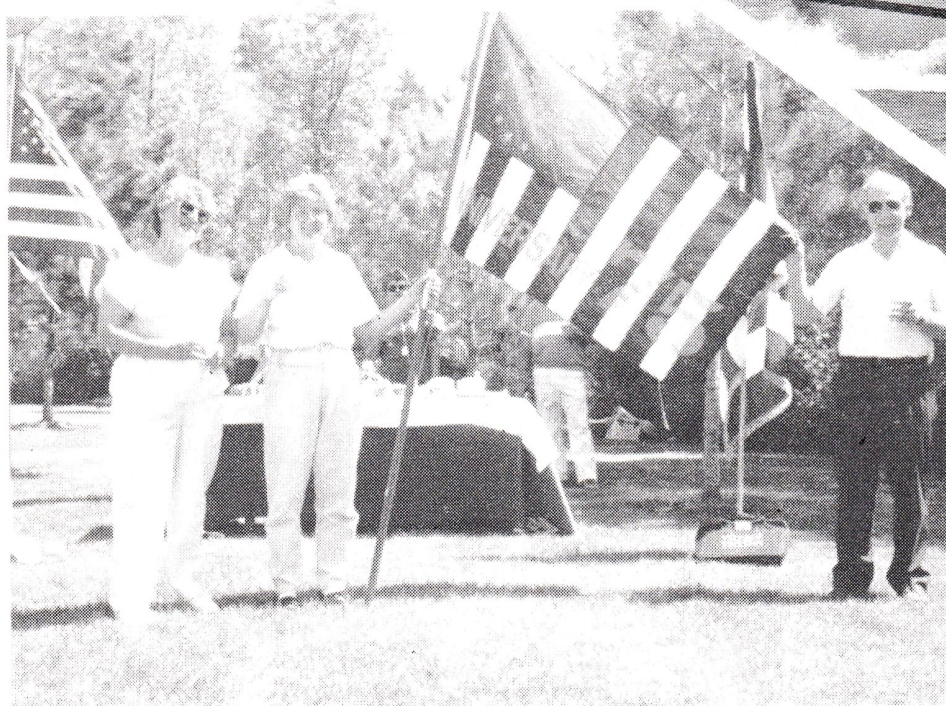
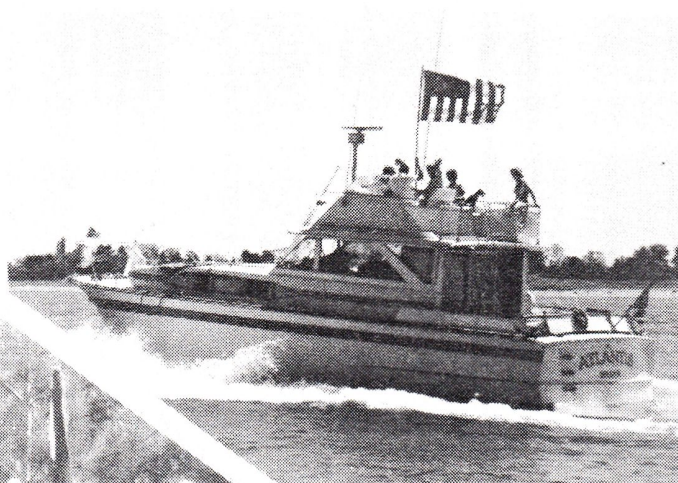
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Gloria DeSmedt
Candance Hengel



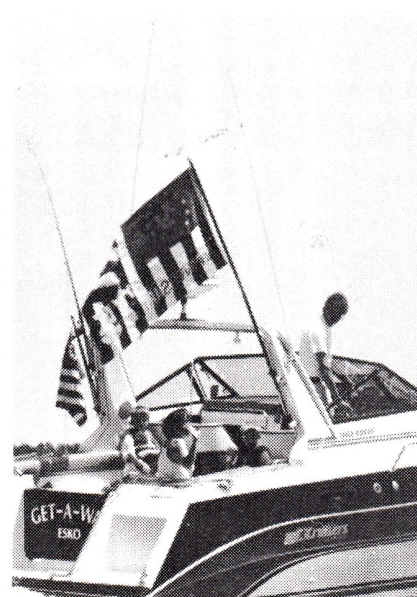
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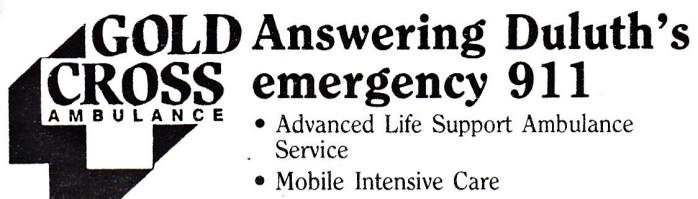


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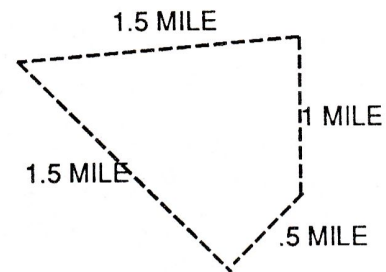
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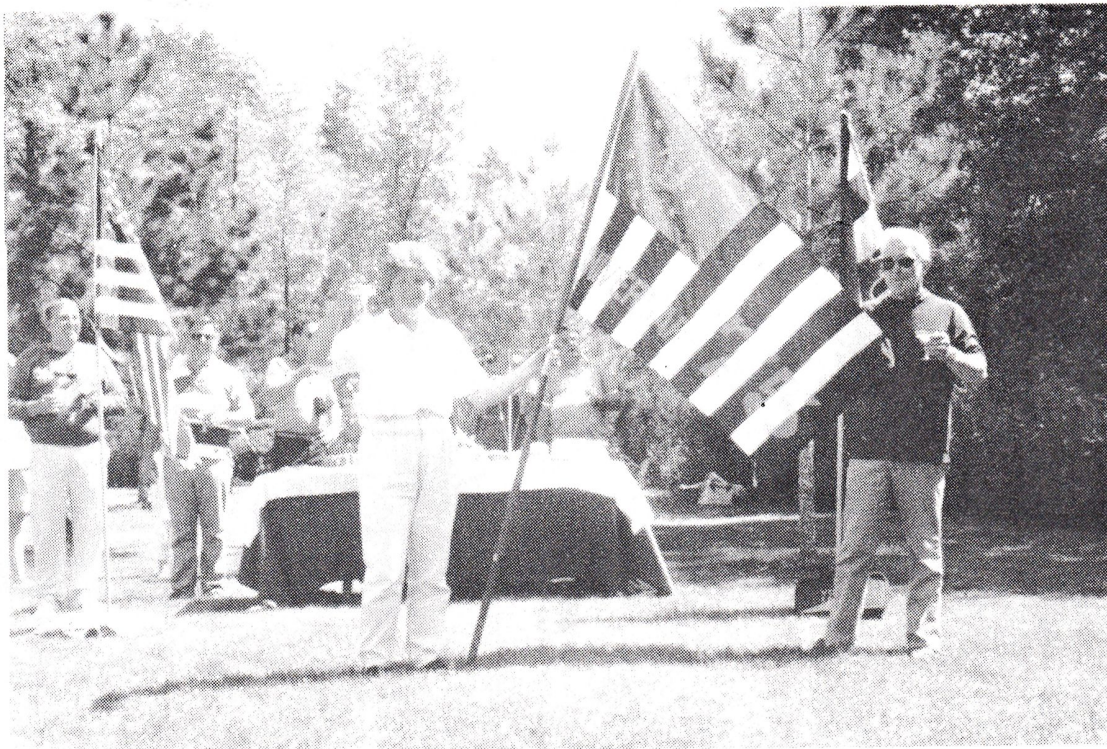


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THANKS FOR THE PARTY, GLORIA I



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OPENING CEREMONIES

DOCK CLEAN UP

May 20th, found us with a bluebird day for the annual Dock Clean Up. 23 people turned out on this splendid morning to give the grounds a good grooming. We had grass cutting crews, weed trimming crews, raking crews, rock pickers, broken glass pickers, sign installers, electrical, garbage detail, hole fillers and one guy with a blower to clean off the cement skirt!

Four Ship 6 scouts turned out, along with Skipper Tom Dennis and Gloria and AL Vreeland. The Scouts made a strong effort to surprise us on Saturday, by going over to the dock on Friday eve to pick up the garbage, but rain and fog hampered, and dampened their efforts. We sure do thank them for the try, though. With the good crew we had, the grounds were ship-shape in 2 hours. The Scouts had a special cake for us, recognizing National's 75th and Duluth's 50th Anniversary. They also had made a banner, in color, for the anniversaries. We shall use that this fall for the District conference. A list of workers follows.

Dick Bibby	Gloria DeSmedt
Harlan Eggert	Bob Hecht
Jean Hecht	Elizabeth Hecht
Marv Heide	Candy Hengel
DeDe Kennedy	Leo Kennedy
Sid Mason	Tom Olson
Daryl Ann Rock	Earl Rock
Gina Wuorinen	Arne Wuorinen
Greg Wuorinen	Brian Wuorinen

Ship 6 personnel;	
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Charlie Munich	Mike McNaughton
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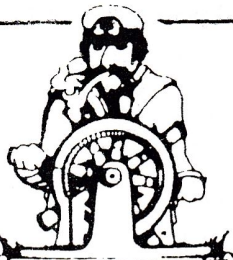
LAKEWALK

The Grand opening of Duluth's Lakewalk was rained out on 21 June. The City did go ahead with planned festivities on the 22nd, despite the rain and fog. The Duluth Power Squadron was to participate in a lighted boat parade. The intentions were very good, and attendance would have been if the weather had co-operated. There were 5 boats that ventured out that eve; The Easy Rider, Sheri-Sue, Skipper Sam II, Get-A-Way and the Harcan. We paraded past a crowd on the Lake walk then lined up in front of a huge bonfire on shore and gave the people a sound of our horns and spotlights.

I can only imagine their thoughts as they see the lights and hear the sounds coming through the thick blanket of fog. My thanks to all those hearty [perhaps foolhardy better describes us] member who were out that evening.

I Am looking for a person [s] who would have time to put together a commemorative pamphlet on Duluth's 50 years, for use at the Fall District 10 Conference. The information is readily available, it just needs to be extracted, layed out and printed. Please give me a call if you have a desire to serve in this manner, You do not need to be a full active member, spouses help would be most greatly appreciated for any of our conference committees.

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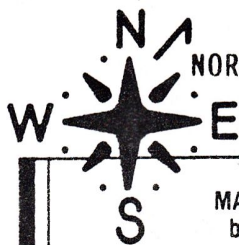
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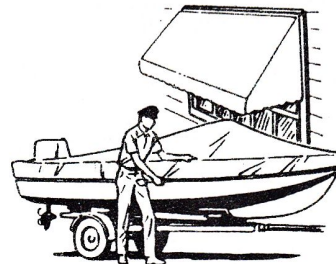
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Social functions aside, the purpose of these conferences is to ensure the good health and prosperity of our individual squadrons and the District organization. Each committee and department will meet to share ideas and educational meetings will provide an opportunity to exchange methods for improving our teaching skills, promotion of safe boating, and ways to increase membership rosters. Join us in Duluth!

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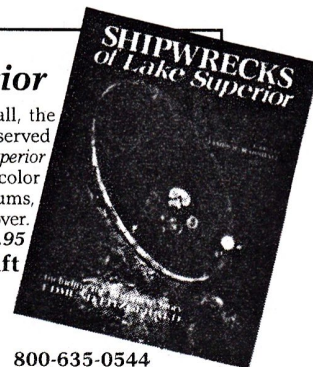
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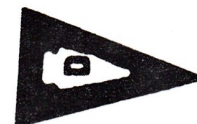
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NOTES AND QUOTES FROM DICK BIBBY



Pictured here are P/C Albert Ryckman and his wife Jane. Our newer members should get to know this SUPER couple. Captain Al is a life member of the Duluth Squadron and his lovely First Mate has been at his side as a boating enthusiast for countless years. These special people have once again accepted the responsibility for the registration duty at the District 10 Fall Conference which will be held here in Duluth 22-24 September. Our Marine historical sources indicate Jane is very qualified for this committee co-chairman position which will involve entering the participants from the eleven District Squadrons, including our own. In her working days Jane served the old and famous Board of Trade, Inc. firm, rising through the ranks to office manager of this unique Corporation which was involved with the supervision of the weighing of grain on the Duluth waterfront, and related record keeping and as a source of grain trading information. Her career covered some 31 years, ending with the demise of the Board of Trade when it officially closed its doors back on 31 December 1978, ending nearly a century of dealings in the grain business. Weighing of grain is now supervised by state officials and over seen by the Federal Grain Inspection Service. Jane can relate many interesting stories about the "pit", a cavernous room that was on the eight floor of the existing Board of Trade building, when it echoed with the commotion of grain dealers buying and selling from the long tables on the pit floor.

Many of our members have continued to reflect interest in the ever changing levels of Lake Superior. Fluctuations in Great Lakes



water levels have occurred continually since the Great Lakes were formed some five to six thousand years ago with the retreat of the last glacier. There are yearly fluctuations which on the average account for changes of about 12 to 18 inches with lows normally occurring in January or February and highs in June through September. There are also long-term fluctuations in lake levels on the order of five to six feet from record lows to record highs. Since modern lake level measurements began in 1860, the Great Lakes have experinced periods of high and low water levels. However we are warned that such a short period of record [from a hydrologic/geologic standpoint] makes

prediction of Great Lakes water levels extremely difficult. In any event the Department of the Army, Detroit District Corps of Engineers latest "Water Levels and Depths" report of 5 July indicates that the Lake Superior level as of this date was +[plus] 11" inches. Their projected level for the next report on 20 July indicates it will stay at the present level of plus 11" inches. Perhaps this figure will be more meaningful to most members if a comparison is made with past years for the same date of 5 July.

1975	+ 16"	1982	+ 06"
1976	+ 15"	1983	+ 13"
1977	00" [low]	1984	+ 15"
1978	+ 08"	1985	+ 18"
1979	+ 17"	1986	+ 21" [high]
1980	+ 07"	1987	+ 08"
1981	+ 09"	1988	+ 01"

The period of record average level for 5 July is + 11" so it is indicated that the above 5 July level for this year is right on the average. The height of Lake Superior above Sea Level, or Low Water Datum, is 600 feet, thus our existing level adds up to 600' 11".

Commander Hengel and this reporter attended the Harbors of Refuge Study Public Information meeting recently held at the attractive Superior Shores Lodge located just East of Two Harbors. This first of several hearings was held on the evening of Tuesday 11 July and was well attended, and in fact was conducted by our own Dick Bakke who served as coordinator for the involved North Shore Management Board of which he is Vice Chairman. This Management Board and their Committees, which have reportedly formed a partnership with the area's D.N.R., are citizens who live

and work on the North Shore of Lake Superior. They believe that a cooperative planning process will place the future of their communities on a solid foundation and keep control of the North Shore at a local level. A \$100,000 dollar State grant has been awarded to the group which will pay for the study, now expected to take a year to complete. Two additional meetings are scheduled to be held at Silver Bay and Grand Marais later in the week which will hopefully gain further opinion and in-put for the study.

The Board made their presentation for six harbors of refuge, namely in the areas of Knife River, Two Harbors, Silver Bay, Taconite Harbor, Grand Marais and Grand Portage. However, at this early stage of the study, they reflected no preconceived notions of how many harbors will be built or where they might be built.

Those in attendance unanimously agreed that because of the lake's rocky North Shore and its unpredictable weather there is a dire need for more safe harbors between Duluth and Grand Portage. Too, it was generally agreed that some of these harbors should be major full service ports along with the additionally planned lesser refuge [escape] areas. As in the past there was a special plea expressed for improvement of the existing facilities at Grand Marais which are presently considered very inadequate reference the availability of fuel and dockage space.

Those in attendance were well represented by various concerned fishing groups which were in agreement that the existing North Shore coastline harbor set-up is quite obviously lacking in shelter areas in the event of adverse conditions. Other expressed opinions reminded that not all boaters are fishermen and that "all" boat

operators must accept some responsibility for the proper and safe operations of his own vessel. This reference using common sense about weather and the employment of some basic knowledge of seamanship, and the need to have aboard some of the elementary tools of navigation such as a compass and marine radio.

This writer encourages and congratulates this effort by the North Shore Management Board and sincerely trust their efforts will eventually become reality and prove to be beneficial for "all" boaters. However, in all fairness to our membership this column must remind that these proposals are now in the very early stages of planning only, with the completion of the Board's recommendation expected to take at least one more year. Then, the plan as presented, must gain the approval in many quarters and the expected sizable expenditure of money involved will have to be made available for the plan from state, Federal and private financing. As some of us know there have been numerous Refuge Harbor projects previously studied along the North Shore, the most extensive effort completed earlier by the Corps of Engineers. However Federal funding sources were depleted before their plans for the North Shore harbors could be fully implemented. Other plans have been attempted as isolated efforts, without being viewed in a system wide context and without the support of a coordinated, shore-wide constituency. Dick Bakke's Board now believe that the public process of conducting the study will assure full representation of all interests in the final plan resulting from the study.

Although the Management Board plan to avoid controversy by the solicitation of in-put, it is reasonable to assume there could be further delay involved with the completion of the finalized plan.

Our Squadron members are encouraged to offer suggestions and opinions that would help with the overall planning for this project. Information about the study will continue to be provided in local newspapers and in the North Shore Management Newsletter. If members would like to be included on the mail list they are urged to please contact the North Shore Management staff, asking for either Mike Hambock or Cheryl Erickson at 218-722-5545, or write to 330 Canal Park Drive, Duluth, Minnesota 55802.

For those who might have missed it we will call special attention to the recent death notice of our colorful old friend who served us for so many years at the port of Cornucopia, Wisconsin. Most of us knew him and loved him for the traditional role he played in this quiet little harbor on the South shore. We will greatly miss his famous weather predictions, his outrageous fishing yarns, and his ever present too large gull feather stuck in his salty old hat. This writer feels a special sadness as I know many others do as well, that our old friend Emory Jones is gone.



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LADIES LUNCHEON

During the Fall Conference a Ladies luncheon is going to be held at Augustinos. Your help is needed in providing prizes for the drawings. If you would like to work on this project please contact; Nancy Anderson at 729-7491 or Mavis Eggert at 722-0049.



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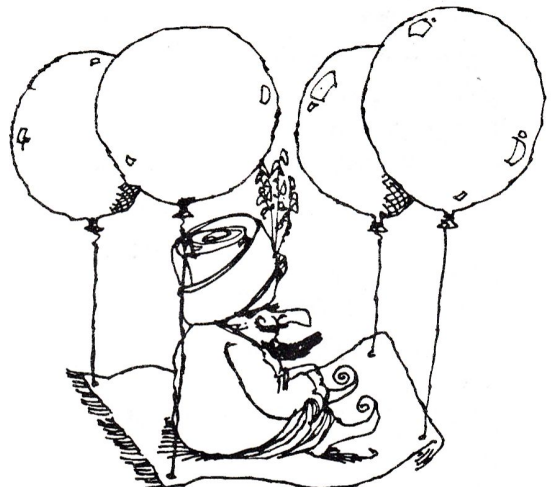
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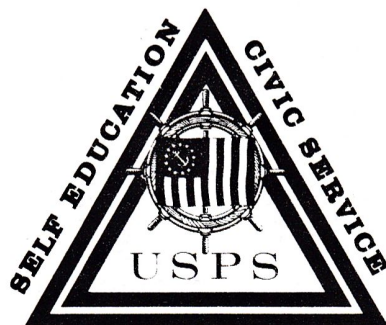
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