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## **COMMANDERS COLUMN**

Season's Greetings to all. Winter sure hit us by storm this year, I hope most of you were able to get your boats winterized before the Halloween Snow Storm! It looks like it may be a long winter, so make it go by faster by helping out with the Public Boating Course or by taking a class in '92. Helping out with the Public Boating Class is a good way to earn a Merit Mark. Speaking of Merit Marks, I just submitted 98 members for consideration for Merit Marks and I'm sure most will be approved. To earn a Merit Mark, members must have made a "significant effort on behalf of USPS in 1991."

The Duluth Squadron has met most of its goals for this year already. The Bridge and Membership Involvement Committee have been busy working on our membership retention goal. Hopefully everyone has sent in their renewals by now – they were due 12-1-91. It's easy to overlook or put aside paying dues for a boating organization when there is an overabundance of snow on the ground!

USE US; TAKE ADVANTAGE OF USPS:  
USE the boat insurance. TAKE ADVANTAGE of the courses given or home study one that isn't. USE the Squadron Dock. TAKE ADVANTAGE of helping out in correcting the Public Boating Course homework to make new boating friends. USE the Ensign, Channel Chatter, and other information sent to you. TAKE ADVANTAGE of the summer activities to use your boat more.

USE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE of the USPS in 1992. See you at the Christmas Party.

**CDR. ARNE WOURINEN, AP**



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## EXECUTIVE REPORT

Hello again to all Duluth Power Squadron members and friends. It appears as though we went right from summer to winter! I hope not too many of us were caught off guard by the early winter storm that hit 31 October. I saw many boats frozen into the ice at local marinas and heard reports of damage to engine blocks, etc. I think we will all remember the storm of 1991 and be convinced to have winterizing and layup work done earlier in the future. If you are like me, you are probably wondering if you got all of the water out of the engine and hoses, etc. It's also important to winterize all waterlines in the plumbing system to avoid costly damage to waterlines, storage tanks, and fixtures. If you have any doubt, it may pay to have it professionally done. So much for my mechanical tips.

On 20 October, about a dozen of our Squadron members met in West Duluth for our second Co-op Charting Day of the 1991 year. Bob Byrne did a super job in instructing new members and renewing for those who were more experienced. It looks as though we have already met our 1992 goals. Thanks to the help of those involved, especially Bob. Those who have been actively involved are probably a cinch to earn a Merit Mark. We look forward to your participation in Co-op Charting in 1992. I personally have found it very enjoyable. It's a great way to meet new members or spend a day with a long-time Squadron friend.

If you are concerned that you may not earn a Merit Mark and would like to do something about it, why not contact me at 724-4916 and say, "Greg, I want to help on the construction of the new booth for the 1992 Duluth Boat Show at the DECC." I look forward to hearing from you!



In closing, I would like to say that it has been a fun season of boating. I have enjoyed spending time and sharing boating adventures with many of my Duluth Power Squadron friends. Each year we meet new people and build our friendships even more with those we have gotten to know over the four years that Mary and I have been members of USPS. I don't believe that there is a better organization to be a part of if one wishes to become better educated in safe boating and has a desire to meet new friends. I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Party.

**Greg Brisky, AP**



## WHATS HAPPENING IN EDUCATION

In the last issue of the CHANNEL CHATTER the opportunity to take one or more of the excellent educational courses offered by USPS was given to all members. I was very pleased at the response. SEAMANSHIP began on 15 October with a registration of 22 students. These students have been members of USPS for 5 years or less, gaining an education in basic seamanship that will carry them on into Piloting and beyond. They will take their test on 10 December. We wish them all good luck

### INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION

On 16 October, 6 students began taking advantage of this excellent course preparing themselves to become better speaker-instructors. They will soon be writing their exam.

### OPERATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM

Although it is not part of the education department, this informational program was given to all the students in the Seamanship class to give them a broader idea of what USPS is and how it operates. A note of interest to all members who have previously taken OTP, you will soon receive a flyer inviting you to attend one session on Leadership Development. This dovetails with the OTP, is a 1-3 hour session that will be given Tuesday, 17 December, and is purely informational, with no test. Watch for the flyer with details.

### SKIPPER SAVER

The completed check-off lists have been coming back to me and I will soon complete your certificates and award you your patches.

### PUBLIC SAIL & BOAT COURSE

Class will begin on Tuesday, 7 January 1992, with a second class to start Monday, 24

February 1992, and will run for 7-8 weeks.

We will soon begin to secure instructors and monitoring help for these classes. Please volunteer to help.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To James Naslund who has passed the open and closed book exam for Navigation. With the successful completion of his sight folder, he will earn the advanced grade of N.

### FUTURE EDUCATION CLASSES:

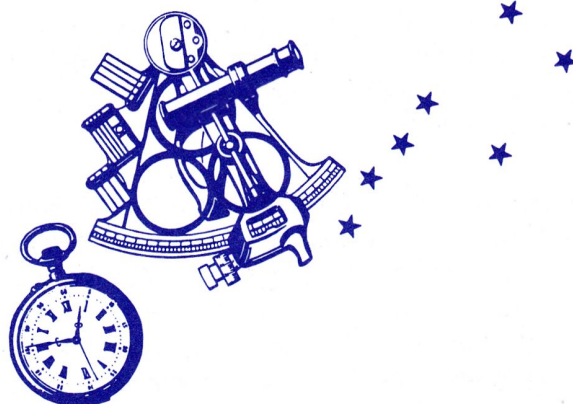
Seamanship and Piloting will be offered starting in late February. Cruise Planning will begin in mid-March 1992.

### NOTICE:

Your Education Officer has recently moved to a newer home in Duluth. My new address is 1617 Woodbury Lane, Duluth, MN 55803. My new phone number is 525-1000.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**P/C Candance Hengel, N**  
**Squadron Education Officer**





## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Only 23 more shopping days 'til Christmas. Are your boater gift lists in order? Have you checked them twice? The Power Squadron Christmas Party will be a traditional, festive occasion to enjoy with your boating friends. An elegant evening at the Greysolon Plaza has been planned. We want to try something new this year and hope some of our members will be interested in participating. We ask that you to bring a wrapped gift, be it gag or serious, to be included in a silent auction. Members and guests will be able to bid on the wrapped gifts with the proceeds going to the TOYS FOR TOTS campaign. Successful bidders will keep the gift they bid on. Hope to see all of you at the Greysolon Plaza on 14 December.

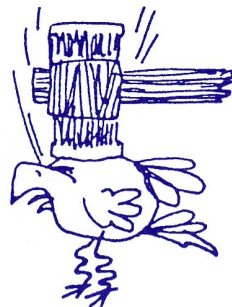
Mark your calendars for 17, 18, 19 July 1992. Our Duluth Power Squadron will be hosting the District 10 Cruise next year. It is being

promoted "A SUPERIOR CRUISE." We are looking for members who want to help plan and organize this event. Please call our Boating Activities Chair, Jerry Rock, at 392-5921 if you wish to be on a committee. Tentative plans include a Lake Superior fishing trip, a St. Louis River cruise, and a cruise to Two harbors and back. Other ideas are welcome. Please call and help involve our fellow squadrons at the District 10 Cruise.

Speaking of cruises, I am looking forward to the next 151 days cruising by... Launch day is 2 May 1992.

Hope to see you all at the Christmas Party. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your crew.

**Bruce Beste, AP**



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To those of you who have not as yet sent in your dues renewal for 1992. . .

IF YOUR DUES ARE NOT RECEIVED  
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YOUR NAME WILL BE DROPPED  
FROM USPS MEMBERSHIP.

MAIL YOUR RENEWAL IN TODAY!!!!!!

**Lt Cdr Gloria J. Vitullo, AP**



# HOW IMPORTANT AM I?

This typewriter works quite well except for one of the keys. It is true there are 41 keys that function well enough, but just one key not working makes the difference.

Sometimes it seems that our organization is somewhat like this typewriter - not all the people are working properly. You may say to yourself, "Well, I am only one person, I won't make or break this Squadron". But it does make a difference because any program, to be effective, needs the active participation of every person.

So the next time you think you are only one person and that your efforts are not needed, remember this typewriter and say to yourself, "I am a key person and my participation is needed very much".

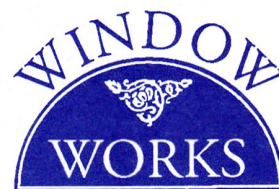
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## MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

Like most other organizations, the strenght of the Duluth Power Squadron is directly related to the active participation of the individual members. Without you, your contributions and efforts, our local organization would not be able to provide the boating education courses available for the general public or the other public service programs we provide. The advanced educational programs, general meetings, and various social activities are designed and intended to benefit our members. Without our membership participation, efforts, and attendance, these programs would not be available.


As we end a membership year, I am pleased to note that the Duluth Squadron has increased it's membership, both in overall numbers and in membership involvement. Our educational programs, public service functions, and social activities have been very successful. Your involvememnt and efforts have made this possible. Thank you to everyone who has contributed, in so many diverse ways and time, many talents and support. Your participation has been valuable and essential to this organization. **YOU COUNT!**

Looking ahead to the new year, we will have new goals and expectations to meet. To continue to provide quality programs, in service, to our community and govermental agencies we will need your help. The many activities and programs offered to our squadron membership will require your assistance and participation. Please consider how you can contribute. Your input and involvement is important and crucial to the success of our Duluth Squadron.

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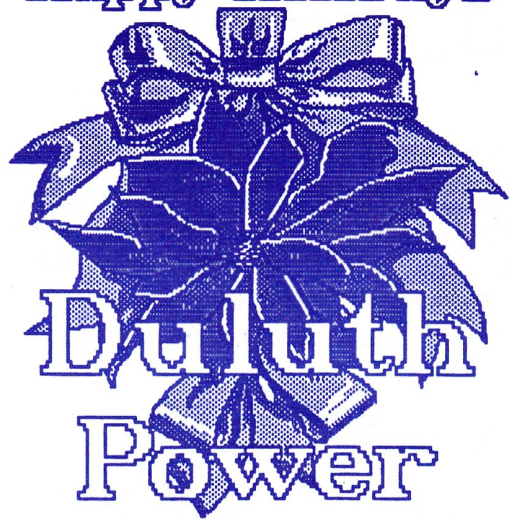
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### ? ? ? MYSTERY PHOTO(S) NO. 5 ? ? ?

Two photos better magnify this "Mystery" member and adds to the enchantment for speculation . . . This cute little fellow is all grown up now, but even back in March of 1956 his youthful face perhaps mirrored potential leadership for recreational boating people. Stay tuned and look for the answer in the next issue of your CHANNEL CHATTER . . .





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JANUARY 23, 1992  
FEBRUARY 14, 1992

### **MEETINGS**

EXECUTIVE BOARD  
GENERAL MEETING  
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### **DATES**

DECEMBER 14  
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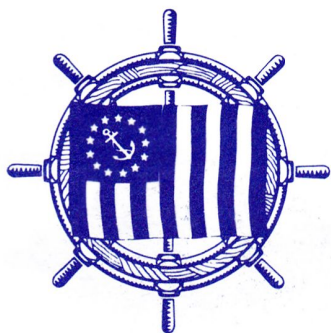
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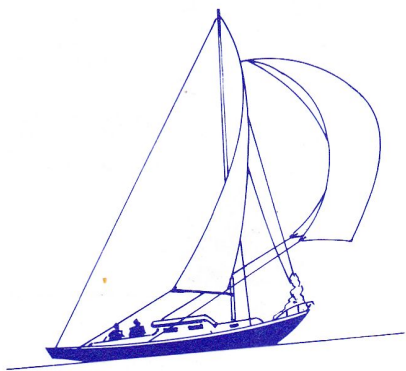
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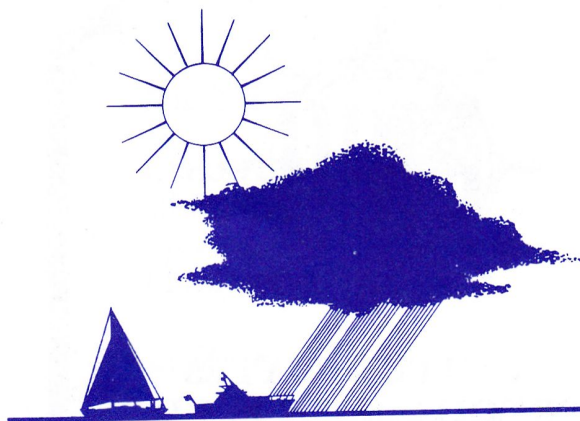
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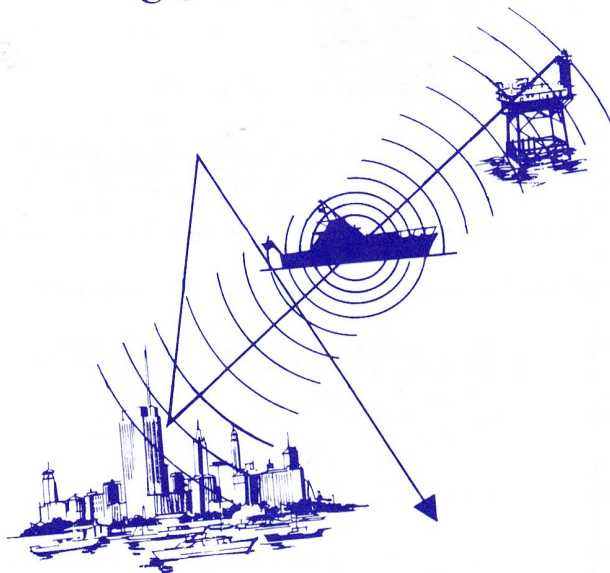
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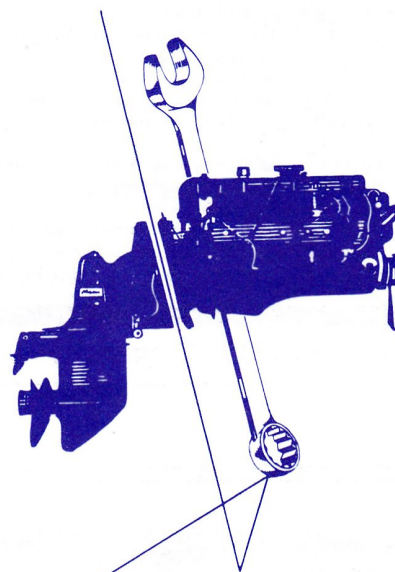
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