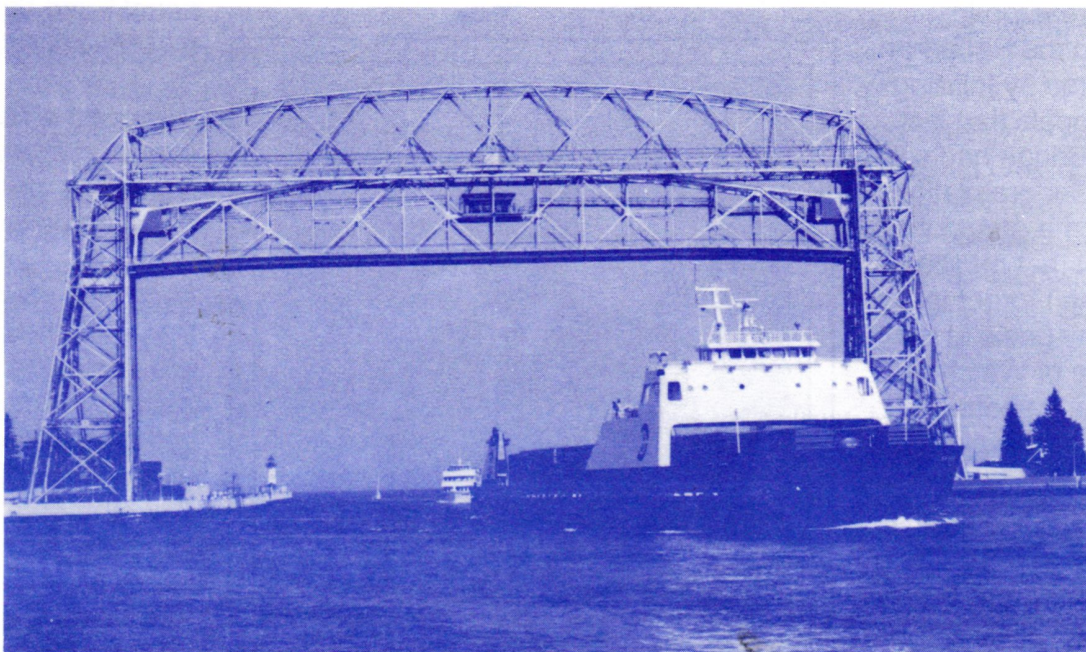


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COMMANDERS COLUMN

Hello to all Duluth Power Squadron members! It is my privilege to serve as your commander for the 1992-93 year. I have some hard footsteps to follow. P/C Arne Wuorinen did a great job in keeping the Squadron on course by fulfilling all the goals that last year's Bridge had set forth. Congratulations Arne, on a great job! I thought that maybe because I forgot to state my goals at the Change of Watch during my short speech, now might be a good time to do so. During the 1992-93 year, we will work to fulfill the following goals:

1. Conduct two Public Sail & Boating courses.
2. Offer four educational courses.
3. Attain District 10 honor roll status in Co-op Charting.
4. Retain 90% of our members 1 December through 31 January.
5. Continue efforts in the District 10 "You Count" retention program.
6. Coordinate with District 10 Membership Involvement Committee and work on improving new member participation.
7. Promote public relations through the Duluth Boat Show and activities during National Safe Boating Week.
8. Conduct an Operations Training Program

and have the entire Bridge complete the program.

9. Maintain "Star Squadron" status.
10. Continue to support the USPS Educational Fund by making a 100% contribution.



Without the help of the entire Bridge and Squadron members, these goals cannot be achieved. I am confident, with your help, that all of these goals are attainable. Membership retention will continue to be of utmost importance. Our members are important to us! Last year's Membership Involvement can be proud to boast a final

retention figure of over 90%. Congratulations to this committee! I challenge this year's Membership Involvement Committee to have the highest membership retention figures in District 10.

I see great things ahead for the coming year. Our new Bridge is full of enthusiasm. If you have any ideas or questions regarding our Squadron, I would like to hear from you. In closing, I would like to say that I look forward to serving the Duluth Power Squadron as commander for the coming year. I hope to see you all at the Fitting Out Party on May 2nd.

Cdr Greg Brisky, AP

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Who could imagine? A guy gets five well-deserved nominations for the Sacred Calabash Award, and instead, Lt. Gerald Rock, S, walks away with the prestigious Fraternal Boating Award for 1991. These awards were presented at the 1992 Change of Watch ceremonies on 29 February.

Our new Boat Show booth looks fantastic. Many of you have seen it. We have displayed it at the Duluth Boat Show, the Barker's Island Boating Seminar, and the Power Squadron general meeting on 19 March. I feel that it is important for all of you to know who built it. 1/Lt Jeff Dulinski, P, is the Boat Show Committee Chair. Helping him with construction were Jerry Carlson, Jay Halling, Jerry Rock, Greg & Mary Brisky, Mark & Pam Anderson, Arne & Gina Wuorinen, and Chris Beste. I hope I didn't forget anyone. 53 members and/or family members worked at the Boat Show this year. These volunteers distributed packets of information concerning boating safety to the general public and represented USPS in a professional manner. A big thank you to all involved.

Mark your calendars for Co-Op Charting on 2 May 1992. P/C Robert Byrne, N, will again

this year plan and organize two Co-Op Charting events. Last year, Leo Kennedy earned 1,420 credits and ranked 15th in the nation!!!! Does anyone want to try to best his mark? Also encourage Leo to try to improve on his ranking. One of our Squadron goals is to attain District 10 honor roll status in Co-Op Charting. We need your help to make our goal.

Also mark Safe Boating Week – 6-13 June – on your calendar. The Coast Guard Auxiliary will perform Courtesy Marine Exams for us on 6 June, and due to the enthusiasm from last year, the Coast Guard will conduct another safety demonstration at the Power Squadron Dock.

In each CHANNEL CHATTER this year, I would like to introduce and outline the duties of one of the officers in the Executive Department. Maybe we can all learn how we, individually and as an organization, can use these departments to be safer boaters.

This issue has an article about the Co-Op Charting Officer.

Bruce Beste, AP

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Greetings from the newest Officer on the Bridge. Many of you are old friends, a number are new and valued acquaintances, and to those of you with whom Joyce and I have not yet crossed wakes – may we do so soon!

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate P/C Arne Wuorinen on the manner in which he discharged the duties of his office as commander this past year. As a member of the Executive Committee, I had the privilege of watching Cdr Wuorinen meet the day-to-day responsibilities of the job with a voluntary responsiveness and ability which will be hard to improve upon. Thanks Arne!

This is not to understate the fine efforts of the entire Executive Committee, or all of the subcommittees thereto, that made 1991 an outstanding year in the annals of the Duluth Power Squadron. I believe every goal set at the beginning of the year was ultimately reached and you have to know it only happened as a result of the seemingly never ending contributions of the general membership of the Squadron. The many activities, which are so enjoyed and cherished by all of us, absolutely require the talents of all who have given so much and so often in order that they continue.

Briefly, to date, Jerry Rock, as chairman of the District 10 Rendezvous, and Tom Grover, as chairman of the Fitting Out Party, are both on course to ensure that these events will occur without even half a hitch. Those are both going to be events you will not want to miss this season. You'll be hearing more from Jerry and Tom in the coming weeks.

One last thought – the Fitting Out Party is a party and is a lot of fun, but don't forget, it is

also our only fundraising event of the year and its financial success is most important to all Squadron operations over the year. Whether you donate, sell tickets, solicit prizes, or whatever, this is the time to give it your best shot.

Jerry Torvund, P

DOCK NEWS

The Duluth Power Squadron is making plans to build a dock to accommodate small boats. We are planning to build a 100 foot dock just north of the concrete dock. We want to complete this project early so we can enjoy it this summer and have it ready for the District 10 Rendezvous. Anyone willing to donate their time or materials to this project should call Joel Berg – home: 624-1478, work: 722-6666.

Some materials we could use are lag screws, nails, cleats, beams or timbers, railroad ties, planking or decking. These materials can come from demolished or remodeled buildings or bridges. Thank you.

Lt. Joel Berg, S



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WHATS HAPPENING IN EDUCATION

Test results are back. Bill Carlson, Owen Erickson and James Robinson have all passed the open and closed book exams of the Navigation course. With the completion and acceptance of their sight folders, they will have earned the advanced grade of Navigator. AND, speaking of Navigator, Mary & Gil Richey, who are lolling their way around in the South Seas, have both been awarded the advanced grade of Navigator. KUDOS to you both. We all wish we were with you.

PUBLIC SAIL & BOAT COURSE: The second class began 24 February with 65 students. They will soon write their test, and we hope to see many of them come aboard as new members in the Squadron. Many thanks to Mark Anderson for the outstanding job he did with organizing and teaching. Also, many, many thanks to all who did teach a session, those who corrected papers, answered students questions, taught marline-spike, proctored classes, and I can't forget the dedicated Bridge officers who were present throughout most of these past 16 weeks. Everyone's hard work and efforts showed. We brought 15 new members on board from the first class, and most of them are currently taking both Seamanship and Piloting. Thanks to you all.

SEAMANSHIP AND PILOTING: This combined class began on 3 March 1992, and has broken all records. There are 35 signed up for Seamanship, and 53 for Piloting. We are literally bursting at the seams in the classroom. Interesting enough, 12 are brand new members, 39 are members who joined within the past 5 years, and only 2 are members for over 5 years. What an enthusiastic group. We will be in great need of class proctors mid-April/May, once students have begun the

charting portion of the course. Please contact me if you can come up and give a hand.

CRUISE PLANNING: A new course is going to be taught in the Duluth Power Squadron for the first time. CRUISE PLANNING will prepare you to take a short or extended trip, be it a few days or weeks or months! It will give you a good background to traveling anywhere, from lakes close by to rivers and waters far away, with any size and type of boat. Class will be conducted on Monday evenings, starting 13 April 1992, at the Herbert Service Center. Class will be 6 sessions in length with the 7th night for the exam. ALL Duluth Power Squadron members are encouraged to take this course. I hope to see many "seasoned" boaters in this class – we need your input on what has worked for you. Please call and pre-register – 525-1000.

READ THE NEXT ISSUE OF CHANNEL CHATTER FOR THE EDUCATIONAL COURSES WE WILL OFFER IN THE FALL OF '92 AND WINTER '93.

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CO-OP CHARTING OFFICER

The Co-Op Charting Officer has the responsibility of organizing a USPS volunteer effort for the Cooperative Charting Program. It is a civic service performed by USPS members for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The intent is to assist NOAA in the production of accurate and up-to-date nautical charts and to preserve geodetic control stations in the National Geodetic Reference System. NOAA evaluates reports and awards credits to USPS volunteers who provide changes, corrections, and recommendations to improve information on charts and maps. Award credits are also earned by reporting on the condition of geodetic control stations (geodetic markers). These volunteer efforts save the United States government millions of dollars each year.

USPS awards are presented for the most credits awarded by NOAA for best District, Squadron, and individual. In addition, honor roll certificates are awarded to Districts, Squadrons, and individuals according to criteria established by USPS.

P/C Robert Byrne, N, is our Co-Op Charting

Officer. Bob has training materials, manuals, descriptions, and forms for reporting to NOAA to distribute to USPS members. The Duluth Power Squadron has a 1992 goal of maintaining honor roll status as a squadron and to organize and conduct two land searches for geodetic control stations. Bob will appreciate your help and efforts on 2 May 1992, our first Co-Op Charting date.

Bruce Beste, AP

WOODRUSH FOUND

Friday, February 28, 1992, The Honolulu Advertiser reported that the USCG WOODRUSH sailed into Honolulu Harbor at 1530 and was berthed at dockSI.

While on a trip to Honolulu I was reading the local paper and found this interesting bid of news, which I thought would be of interest to those that enjoyed watching Her sail the area waters for so many years.

P/C Manley M. Goldfine, AP



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MYSTERY PHOTO #5 ANSWER

Some 22 years ago, back in March of 1970, our distinguished CHANNEL CHATTER ran a reminder calling attention to the District 10 Annual Spring Conference to be held at the Park Motor Inn in Madison, Wisconsin on 3, 4, 5 April of that year. The column read: "This occasion will be our own D/C Larry Cowan's "Swan Song," so please plan to attend." It further stated, "A big WELL DONE to Larry for his efforts as District Commander."

It is ironical that the little bright-eyed fellow pictured in Mystery Photo #6 will, 22 years later, also gain prominent recognition for the Duluth Squadron when he takes the pledge on 28 March at Madison's Radisson Inn as USPS District 10's new Commander. Hopefully, there will be a worthy supporting delegation from the Duluth Squadron in attendance to show our appreciation for P/C Harvey Hengel as he accepts the helm of responsibility for the leadership of the twelve District 10 Squadrons.


The correctness of Harvey's course with USPS is readily apparent. Past Commander Hengel has given inspirational leadership and has been a tireless worker with tremendous drive. Through this process he has gained the admiration and respect of both his subordinates and superiors. He has achieved

good success in the business world and has brought the same dedication and determination into his work with the United States Power Squadrons organization.

Hengel was born on a farm in Finlayson, Minnesota near the Sandstone area just off I-35. He first went to work, when only twelve years old, as a janitor and stockboy for National Tea in Hibbing. Sometime later, while still in the 9th grade, he found employment with Sammy's Pizza and remained with Sammy's through the rest of his high school days in Hibbing. During the summer months, he traveled around to the various Sammy's locations serving as a trainer and personnel supervisor and was instrumental in starting some of the new stores as well, including Duluth's 1st Street and Central Avenue pizza parlors.

Harvey graduated from Hibbing High School in 1958, moved to Rochester, Minnesota 5 days after graduation, and soon thereafter went into partnership with a gentleman by the name of Sam Perrella, Sr., who was the original owner and founder of Sammy's Pizza.

In 1962 he sold out his partnership with Perrella and went to work for American Linen
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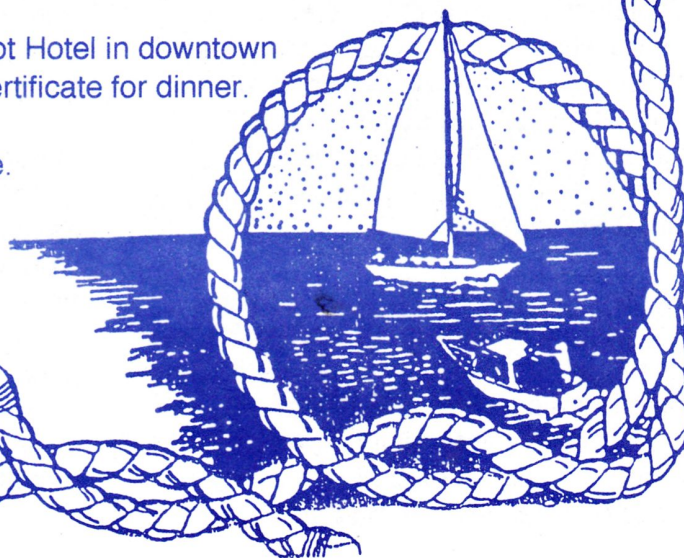
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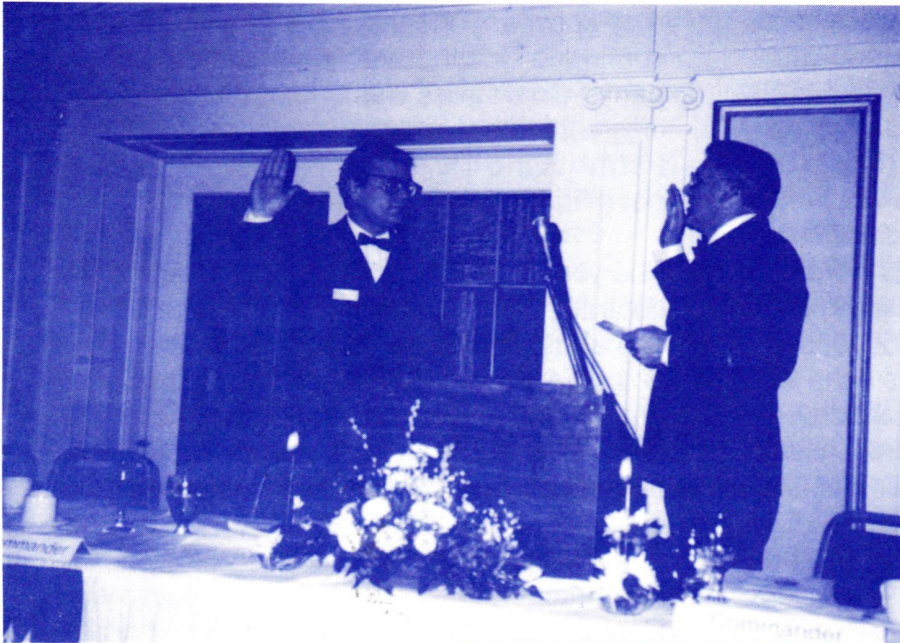
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Company, working up to route supervisor. While with American Linen, Hengel had a desire to somehow be involved with some civic responsibility in the immediate community, so he joined an association that was called the Police Reserve, similar to a civil defense unit. In order to become a police reserve officer, he was required to take an advanced first aid class. As fate would have it, the instructor in that initial medical care class was his present partner, John Perkins. A good friendship developed between Harvey and Perkins during the summer of 1965. Hengel relates that it all tied in as John was one of American Linen's customers on Harvey's route and he consequently asked Harvey if he would like to work for him. As a matter of interest, Perkins started Gold Cross Ambulance in 1962 on a borrowed \$1,200.

Hengel had to make a decision as American Linen had offered him a job as plant supervisor at a washing plant in the Twin Cities, which represented the next step for advancement for Harvey. He wasn't interested in the washing plant job, so he had further talks with Perkins at the infant ambulance company, and ultimately terminated his employment with American Linen and on 1 October 1965 went to work for Gold Cross.

In 1968 Harvey was given shares of the Rochester company in appreciation and recognition of his accomplishments at being instrumental in helping turn the company around to a validly prosperous operation.

On 3 April 1972, Harvey came to Duluth, Perkins stayed in Rochester, and they became equal partners continuing on in the ambulance business. The Duluth Gold Cross Ambulance operation started out with 5 employees and 3 ambulances. It was in direct competition with the former Wilcol Ambulance company, that was, at the time, unhappy with the city of Duluth's given subsidy and would not guarantee emergency

ambulance service. Ben Boo, Mayor at the time, declared a city emergency and contacted the State Health Department to see if they knew anyone that would be interested in coming to Duluth to run an ambulance company. Gold Cross was one of the five agencies contacted, and they negotiated a contract with the city, assuming that Wilcol was not going to continue their operation.

The young Gold Cross firm was awarded the contract, with the aforementioned 5 employees and 3 vehicles. Today they have 10 ambulances, 6 wheelchair units, 2 staff cars, and 40 employees and work out of two locations. This April, Gold Cross will have been offering ambulance service in Duluth for 20 years.

Any "thumbnail" sketch of P/C Harvey Hengel's life would obviously not be complete without the mention of his delightful and attractive wife, Candance. Candy was our Squadron's commander in 1989 and has proven herself to be a valuable and proficient leader in her own right. Both Harvey and Candy proudly wear the insignia for the "Educational Achievement Award," which is given only to those USPS members who have qualified in all advanced grades and elective courses. This includes the grade of "N," which is the highest awarded by USPS, and is the organization's PhD in the field of boating study.

Harvey originally met Candy in Rochester where she was working through the Clinic in one of the Rochester hospitals. They were married in May of 1974, approximately 2 years after their first meeting. Candance hails from Virginia, Minnesota and was a professional nurse.

Harvey initially started boating with a "no name" 18' fiberglass Crestliner. In those early years, he pulled the outboard behind a motor home for some 5 years, mostly sailing

the small craft in the rivers and through the lake chain in the Brainerd area. He then moved on to a 22' aluminum Crestliner named "Snoopy," which was an I/O. Onward to a 26-footer, a 30-footer, a 36-footer, and finally the graduation into their lovely 38' Carver. The Hengel's last 3 boats have carried the "Harcen" name, which is, as most would guess, a briefed down version of Harvey-Candance. In recent years, the Hengels have cruised extensively: trips that have included the North Shore all the way to Rossport, Ontario, while touching in at Thunder Bay and gaining good knowledge around the Susie Islands and the legendary Fisherman's Home on the south shore of Isle Royale. They have also cruised along the south shore of Lake Superior, in and around the favorite Apostle Islands and eastward to Houghton-Hancock, Michigan, midway through the Keewenaw Waterway.

Since taking his vows of membership in USPS back in May of 1981, P/C Harvey Hengel has outwardly displayed foresighted leadership both at the Duluth and District levels. He has demonstrated and inspired a good level of high pride, competence, and good morale in all planes, right down to the newest members who have just taken their pledges. Alternating between sea duty, Squadron shoreside assignments, and running an important local business, Harvey's leadership has been highly successful and infectious. He came up through the ranks here in Duluth and was elected Commander in 1987.

Hengel became involved with District matters some 4 years ago, serving in each administrative position for a term of one year. It is revealed that a competent district commander does accept an awesome burden of responsibility with tireless schedules involving numerous far-reaching appearances coupled with important decision making. Although well in advance of actually becoming District

10's new commander, the Hengel's year started in January with their appearance at the Annual National Meeting in Miami. In early February it was the Winter Council Meeting in Wausau, Wisconsin, followed by consecutive weekend showings at District Changes of Watch, that sometimes involved double duty with Operations Training presentations and other various special meetings. The Hengels estimate they will have traveled some 6,300 miles between January and 28 March when Harvey will become District Commander.

For over 26 years, Gold Cross and Harvey Hengel have been involved in community, regional, state and national emergency medical service, and has, as well, generously supported and participated in numerous local non-EMS organizations and activities. As many of us make plans to go down to Madison, there reigns a happy air of excitement. All hands are very proud of this unique gentleman. We congratulate him and wish him well in this now increasingly involved role as USPS District 10's top skipper. Good luck, Harvey!!!!

P/C Richard Bibby, AP

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? ? ? MYSTERY PHOTO ? ? ?

Perhaps two "early on" photo clues will better assist our readers to recognize this distinctive administrator of learning! This lad, in later years, became involved with the serious business of the sailor's calling and has exerted much influence, both direct and indirect, to the improvement of the apprentice's knowledge of navigation and seamanship. Upon his character and upon the course of conduct he has pursued, this competent skipper has made valuable contribution to the USPS organization. Your next issue of CHANNEL CHATTER will divulge his true identity.



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At the March General meeting, 11 members were recognized for their accomplishment during their first year of USPS membership. These individuals have earned their first merit mark or furthered their boating education by successfully completing an elective or advanced course. As a certificate of merit, they will receive their official Duluth Power Squadron name pin, compliments of the Membership Involvement Committee.

The members that received special recognition included: from left to right Randy Olson, Adrian Rick, Pam Anderson, Len Middleton, Sharon Larson, Milt Larson, Ken Sundberg, Jack Salo, missing Roger Smith, Mark Anderson and Tom Boggess.



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