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COMMANDERS COLUMN



There are many personal reasons and benefits in being actively involved in USPS. Being a volunteer organization, there is no financial payment for a member's hard work and hours of service. One may view a Merit Mark as a paycheck or reward for a member's dedicated efforts.

In early September all active members should have received Merit Mark information forms. If you have not completed your application, I urge you to do so soon. Although the officers and chairpeople have kept records on your participation, I don't want to overlook or miss anything.

In addition, if you wish to qualify for a Merit Mark and are concerned that you may not meet the requirements, there is still time! We have upcoming fall classes. P/C Candy Hengel needs your assistance for the fall boating course. Tasks include correcting homework, helping students tie knots, and other miscellaneous jobs. We also could use your participation in Co-op Charting. Why not contact Co-op Charting Chair, P/C Bob Byrne and find some Geodetic Marks before the snow flies?

Speaking of snow, the Christmas party will be here before you know it. Even this fun social event needs to be well organized to be a success. Why not offer to help work with the committee? These are just some of the opportunities for you to serve our Squadron and at the same time earn a Merit Mark.

A good rule of thumb to follow: Your involvement in our activities and events will increase your personal satisfaction in being a member. Active participation fosters friendship and a sense of belonging.

On a final note, I encourage you to attend the District 10 Fall Conference scheduled for 16-18 October in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. We hope to have a good representation. If you are interested in attending and would like to know more details, please give me a call.

Cdr Greg Brisky, AP

EXECUTIVE REPORT



If some of your crews are like some of mine, they ask tough questions like "Why do you call it starboard and port sides?" I found the answer in the Ensign. Starboard comes from steerboard, the right side of the boat where Vikings' steering oars were located. Port was the side of a vessel used for coming alongside the dock. It was the left side so the steering oars weren't disturbed.

3 October is the date for our fall land search for Geodetic Marks. You can help your Squadron by joining us in Co-op Charting. Participation helps us to reach our Squadron goals. Reporting the condition of Geodetic Marks to the National Oceanic and Atmos-

pheric Administration gives us tax-free status. And it's fun! Look for P/C Bob Byrne's article in this issue.

Ann Sigford from the Minnesota Sea Grant College Program has asked our Squadron to participate in Superior Lake Watch, a citizen based monitoring program for Lake Superior. They wish for us to conduct water clarity readings for them at pre-arranged places on the lake to monitor algae blooms, rainstorms, and wind events by using a tool, which they supply, called a Secchi Disc. The results over a long period of time helps policy makers with a tool to use in making decisions about management of Lake Superior.

On 6 September, six members of our Squadron conducted six readings between the Wisconsin entry and the Lester River. If you would like to know more about being a "Lake-watcher," please call me, Candy Hengel or anyone on the Executive Committee. Last year a reading was taken on 12 October. Let's get a Duluth Squadron Member to beat that this year. So it's not too late to get involved. Otherwise, we can start you watching next spring.

Jim Marshall, at the Corn Roast on 6 September, said it best. His comment was how great it was to see so many young people and families "involved" in the Squadron. Of the 201 people enjoying the day at the Squadron Dock, 51 were children.

Lt/C Bruce Beste, AP

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT



It seems to me that I just wrote to you about taking the covers off and getting into another boating season and, WOW, it's almost time to put the covers back on. What happened? Was there a summer? Where did it go?

Hey, wait a minute. What's her name (1st mate) just reminded me of a few things I may not have given proper credence. She said, "How about that great Change of Watch, when you became the Admin and I was so happy for you?" With linguistic eloquence, I

replied, "Oh, yeah." "And," she continued, "What about the great Fitting Out Party that produced record revenues for the Squadron and, by the way, the seemingly unlimited accolades that came in for the committee and all those wonderful contributors. What about all that?" Once again, I gave a brilliant response, "Oh, yeah." "And then" she said, "may I remind you of Mr. Byrne's Co-op Charting or Mr. Morrow's Safe Boating Program, or Mr. Youngren's Predicted Long, or Mr. Rick's 4th of July pot luck dinner and parade? What about all that?" You can imagine my response.

"By the way, Cap," she persisted, "Mr. Rock gave us a District 10 Rendezvous second to none and enjoyed by all, remember? And just incidentally, it seems we were able to do our part in the Secchi Disc program for the Minnesota Sea Grant Program, and oh my gosh! Did we have a good time at the Corn Roast or what?"

I guess what it all boils down to is that it was a pretty good summer after all and I should be saying, "Thank you, God, for letting me enjoy one more!"

Jerry Torvund, P

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Seamanship*	4	26 Oct	16 Nov	HSC	Arne Wuorinen Bob Bruce	\$15.00
Advanced Piloting (Seamanship & Piloting are a pre-requisite)	14	26 Oct	March '93	HSC	Gene Rock Candy Hengel	\$28.00
Junior Navigation (The Advanced Grade of AP is a pre-requisite)		?Nov/Dec	Pending			\$44-66.00
Marine Electronics	10	21 Oct	?30 Dec or 6 Jan	HSC	John Harrison	\$22.00

*Seamanship will be a short, intensified course. The student will be expected to do a fair amount of self-study, reviewing what was covered in the Boat Course. New material not touched upon in the Boat course will be covered in this class to prepare you to write the exam.

PRE-REGISTRATION for ALL classes is advised/recommended.

Call Candy Hengel at 525-1000 for registration and more information.

All classes above will be conducted at the Herbert Service Center, main lunchroom, Rice Lake and Arrowhead Roads.

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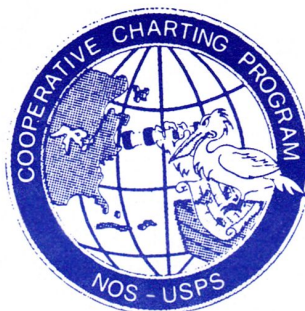


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IMPORTANT REMINDER . . .

A Boating Course will begin on Tuesday, 6 October 1992 and run for 8 weeks. I am asking for help to proctor this class. For the newer members out there, come on up to the Duluth Technical College and give the instructors a hand by proctoring a class, correcting homework. An hour of your time is all that is needed.

COOPERATIVE CHARTING



First, I would like to tell you about Leo Kennedy. The last report I received, he was 17th in the nation on the Co-op Charting list and he has sent in a lot of material since then. He is going to give the Duluth Squadron a good name for this year. We should all take our hats off to him. Keep up the good work, Leo!

The end of the Co-op Charting year was the 30th of September. Any report turned in after that date will be credited to next year.

The Duluth Squadron will be having its annual fall outing to find Geodetic Marks on the first Saturday in October – that's the 3rd of October. There will be a flyer on this later this month. Try to keep this date free. To all

of you that can't make this date, but make trips or stroll in the woods or are at your cabin or go bird or duck hunting and come across any of these marks, write down what is written on the mark and note where it is as to land marks. Distance to nearest road, name or number of said road or building. Get that information to me and we will try to find the description for that mark. If you want more information than this, call me.

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P/C Robert Byrne, N



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RADIO TECHNICAL REPORT

How compatible are you and the FCC? Take the following quiz and see how you score. One point for each "yes" answer.

A. I have a current FCC station license. If I have radar, the radar frequencies are on the license. It has my current address, and is posted near the radio on the boat.

B. I always use low power when talking to nearby boats.

C. I always use my call sign at the beginning and end of each session.

D. I always check the channels first to see if they are unoccupied.

E. I know exactly what every channel is for and even carry a copy of the FCC rules, which I have read from cover to cover.

0-1 - Sign up for Marine Electronics class immediately!

2-3 - Sounds like you are an average boater, improvement is needed. Read on.

4-5 - What else do you lie about?

Here is a quick checklist of some channels available for use by recreational boaters:

Ch 16 - Distress and calling channel. Make initial contact on 16, then go to another channel.

Ch 06 - Working channel for safety only, such as boats crossing courses.

Ch 09, 68, 69, 71, 72, 78 - These are working channels for general use by recreational boaters. Some marinas and bridges use these channels also. 09 and 68 are the usual ones.

Ch 12, 14 - These are for communications concerning raising bridges, docking and other "port operations."

Ch 13 - Pilot-house to pilot-house communications. All the large ships are supposed to monitor 13, and can be called directly on 13 for navigational purposes, such as crossing situations. Also used by some bridges as a working channel.

Ch 22 - Coast Guard working channel.

Ch 24 to 28, and 84 to 87. Marine operator channels. Duluth uses 84. Not for other communications.

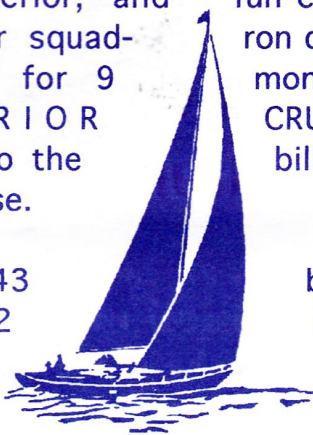
Channels not mentioned above are generally not for use by recreational boaters. Recently the FCC came out with a ruling allowing recreational boats to use Ch 9 instead of 16 for a calling channel. The purpose is to reduce congestion on 16. My opinion is that congestion on 16 is not a problem around here, continue to use 16 as in the past.

P/C John Harrison, AP

SUPERIOR CRUISE

Our local Duluth Power Squadron hosted the District 10 Rendezvous 16-18 July. In attendance, were 138 USPS members and family members representing 9 Squadrons from District 10 and 118 Duluth members and family. Events included a cruise on Lake Superior, the Saint Louis River, fishing for Lake trout and Salmon on Lake Superior, and fun events at the power squadron dock. Promoted for 9 months as a "SUPERIOR CRUISE", it lived up to the billing in every sense.

We had 43 boats and 3 rafted 2 and 3 wide at the dock, 13 camper trailers, and several tents. The majority of guests arrived early to make the most of the weekend. Our dock served as a mini-marina having many services including



an ice and water truck, additional generator power and others.

Friday evening kicked off the event with a social hour including hors d'oeuvres. It was a great time to meet old friends and make new acquaintances from other Squadrons. Stories and reminiscing around a big camp fire capped the evening.

Saturday's schedule allowed for a choice of 3 different cruises. Some enjoyed "Big lake fishing for trout, salmon and walleye. Guests were hosted on Duluth member's boats equipped to do battle with what ever would strike. Others, a total of 90, went on a narrated cruise of the Superior Bay and Saint Louis River, enlisting several boats from both Duluth and out of town. A special treat for the younger people was a teen cruise complete with water skiing and a high speed boat ride.



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Saturday after noon activities included a fantastic display of brilliant kites of many designs flown by our friends from the Minnetonka Squadron. Also children of all ages were entertained with water balloons, games and races.

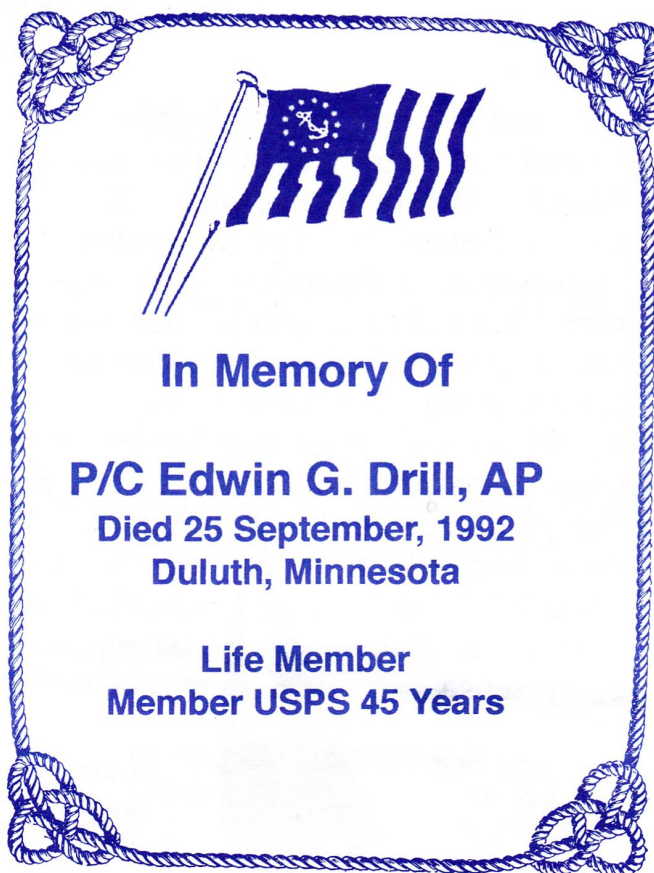
The culmination of the day was the pig roast feast and dance. Everyone enjoyed the fantastic pig, home made soup, salads and desert. The pork and soup were prepared on-site Saturday afternoon and all enjoyed the culinary talents of our chefs. The dance included some great music with a boaters scavenger hunt for special camaraderie and laughs.

Sunday morning brought another highlight with the Commanders omelet breakfast. We served 112 three egg omelets with a choice of fixings, cooked outside under the hospitality tent. Immediately following, a Predicted Log Contest was held.

We heard many compliments from guests in attendance. Everyone had an outstanding weekend. A great thank you to all of those that helped organize, plan, serve and clean up including those that participated. It took many to make this event, as it was named, a SUPERIOR CRUISE.

Again, THANK YOU !

Lt. Jerry Rock
Boating Activities Chair





This article is to give special recognition to a gal that has put in many long hours of work to help - plan meals - cook food - organize servers and clean up after many squadron parties. Even though she is not a member she has found great satisfaction in helping others have a good time. She is retiring for the second time, the first time from her job at the Patty Cake Shop and now from her love, cooking for the squadron. My THANKS go out to her and I am sure many others wish to say thanks also. Dede Kennedy we all say THANK YOU !

P/C DAVE CARLSON, N
EDITOR



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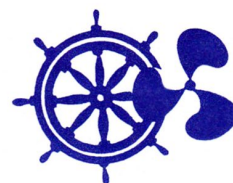
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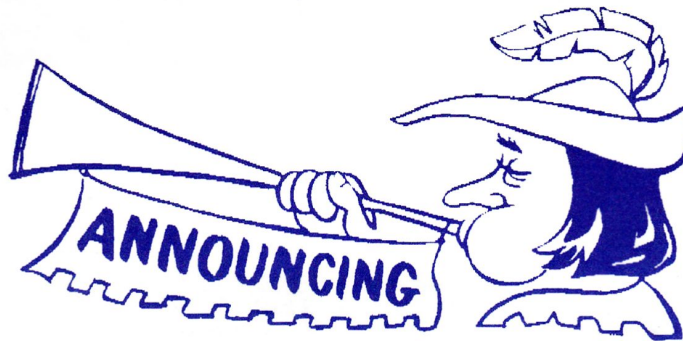
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FEBRUARY 27
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APRIL 1

DATES

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JANUARY 29-30
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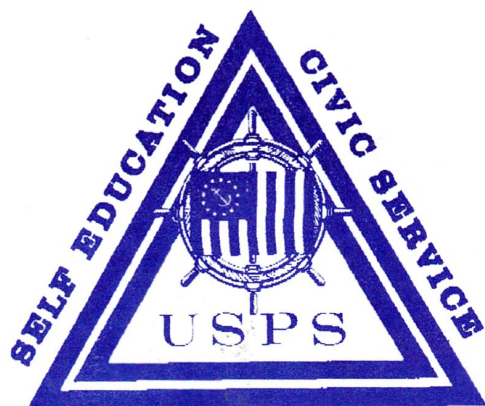
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