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COMMANDERS COLUMN



It's that time of the year again - renewal time for your USPS membership. By now you should have received your notice. I hope all of you are planning to renew your memberships. You are important to our Squadron.

Maybe you are not sure whether you want to renew? Why should you renew your memberships for another year? Here are just some of the benefits that come to mind. This past year your Education Department offered many courses to members: Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Cruise Planning, and Engine Maintenance. Maybe you were able to take advantage of at least one or more of these courses this year, and next year you can even further your skills by taking an advanced grade course. It sure is nice going out on Lake Superior with the confidence of your USPS boating skills.

Maybe you enjoy being a member because of the social benefits. Where else can you be around so many people who share in the same love of boating. I have found that many of our closest friends are people that we have gotten to know from being involved in the Duluth Power Squadron. To many, the Squadron dock is a big benefit. Members use it for picnics as well as overnighting. This past year the dock was a busy place with social functions. If you were fortunate enough to attend the many activities held there, you probably have mailed in your renewal already. Courtesy marine exams for members were conducted at our dock as well as a 4th of July boat parade, a fantastic District 10 Rendezvous, and our annual Corn Roast. Many members participate in the annual Boat Show, Fitting Out Party, and Christmas Party. Some of our members have been active in Co-op Charting. Just ask P/C Robert Byrne or Leo Kennedy.

The Squadron is many things to many people. The USPS Insurance Program is also a big benefit to members. This boat insurance is sold to members only. It is one of the finest policies available and priced below most. These are just some of the reasons to renew your membership. For those of you who haven't been actively involved or are considering whether or not to renew, I ask you to reconsider. Our Membership Involvement Committee will make a special effort in the upcoming year to get you more involved. YOU COUNT!!

CDR Greg Brisky, AP

EXECUTIVE REPORT



P/C Robert Byrne, our Duluth Squadron Cooperative Charting Officer, organized a land search for geodetic markers on 3 October. This was our second Co-op Charting land search of the year and enabled our Squadron to reach one of our goals for 1992. Four Duluth members participated and turned in several marks for credit to NOAA. The day was a beautiful fall day. The great weather probably hurt participation as it was one of the few perfect weekends we had for boating this past summer and fall. We are trying to encourage more enthusiasm for Co-op Charting. Next year we are thinking of conducting one land search and one harbor search. When these events come along, please join us - it's fun! Thanks to the Duluth members that attended on 3 October. In late October. Dede Kennedy informed me that Leo had received over 600 credits for 1992 Cooperative Charting thus far, and was ranked 6th nationally at that time. Good luck to him in the final ranking.

P/C Ron Waterhouse is our Duluth Squadron USPS Amateur Radio Net Officer. The purpose of the net is to exchange information on Squadron and District activities within USPS and CPS (Canadian Power Squadrons), to discuss issues of interest to boaters and to advise non-members of the public services offered by USPS. The USPS and CPS net meets at 1700 GMT (1100 Duluth time) on Saturdays. Listen in if you have a single side band short wave radio - 20 meter frequency 14323, upper side band. Skip Waterhouse asks that you call him before 1100 on Saturdays if you have information that you would like passed over the net.

Lt. Jeff Dulinski, Duluth Squadron Boat Show Chair, is now starting to organize activities for the 1993 Duluth Boat Show at the DECC in February. This year we will again need many volunteers to man the booth. If you are interested, please call him at 1-218-482-3646.

Our Duluth Squadron Safety Officer, Lt. Jack Morrow, must have done a super job promoting boating safety this year as I have heard of no accidents involving Duluth Squadron members. Everything that is supposed to float did, and some things that are not supposed to float didn't. We need to hear about all those Sacred Calabash stories that members know about.

Lt/C Bruce Beste, AP

CORNUCOPIA



What does it bring to mind for you? Ponchos on a Saturday night? Maybe Elsa, the world's friendlest lady postmistriss of the worlds smallest post office, or how about the institution himself, Emery Jones? Emery never in his eighty plus years grew very tall, but if you were in Comy and needed his goods or services, he was a very big man! I love com roasts and there never was anything second class about the one in Corny. Conversely, I would go out of my way to avoid a fish boil - but not in Corny. It was delicious! Where else could you join a yacht club for five dollars a year which would get your reciprocal rights in many of the finest clubs in the country? And just walking barefoot on a warm sunny afternoon in the clear sands on the shore of Siskisoit or Bark Bay could provide for marvelous meditation and relaxation time. There was always a lake trout just outside the pier to be broiled in the evening over an open fire with butter and lemon pepper or if you were a bit more ambitious, you could hike down to Cranberry and bring back a limit of brookies, a meal of which would make everyone's day!

these are memories of a Comucopia most of us know and, I for one, shall think fondly of them always. But at this time of year, when I think of Comucopia, these thoughts are not what come to my mind. I think of the Latin phrase "CORNU COPIE" which means horn of plenty which in turn is fabled to be the hom of the goat Amalther by which the infant Zeus was suckled. I'm not certain just how important or useful that information is to you, so let's think of it as a symbol of fruitfulness and plenty and let it go at that. The artist portrays the comucopia as overflowing with flowers, fruit and ears of grain, but these too are only symbolic. Our horns of plenty are all filled with different things for which we are thankful and that is the central theme of the season...Thankfulness. As it relates to the Squadron, I'm thankful for all the new friends I've made this year and thankful for continued good relations with the many I've known for varying lengths of time. I'm thankful for the immense amount of help I've had and continue to get in discharging the duties of the administration. I'm thankful for the success of all of our functions this year and for the achievement of our goals. I guess I'm just really thankful that I became an active Squadron member before the parade passed me by. And let that be a lesson, especially to all of you newer members! If you think for one minute that we don't need you or your services, guess again. Just give us the least little inkling that

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EDUCATION UPDATE

Our fall classes have been under way for one month.

Seamanship: 9 enthusiastic students have written this exam and are awaiting results. Good luck to all. Another Seamanship class will be offered in April, 1993. If you haven't yet taken a class, plan to take this first advanced grade.

Advanced Piloting: Students are learning many new ways to obtain fixes, LOPS, and bearings under the expert direction of P/C Eugene Rock, N.

Marine Electronics: P/C John Harrison will soon be completing this elective course. Students have received an indepth understanding into the world of electronics. We wish them all well as they write their exam.

Public Boating Course
was completed on 24 November 1992 with
29 graduates. In the very near future, we
hope to have several of these students on
board as new members and enrolled in one
of our upcoming classes. Many thanks to all
instructors and class proctors for your help—
you count! It cannot be done by one person
alone.

The next boat course will begin on Tuesday, 23 February 1993 at the Duluth Technical Institute Main Lecture Hall, 7:00-9:30 PM. It will run for 8 weeks. If you have any family or boating friends, talk to them about this excellent course and get them enrolled.

<u>Junior Navigation:</u> As of this issue of Channel Chatter, I have no further update on the

JN Course. We still hope to get a class started in early 1993. Details will be mailed out to all members as we firm them up.

Weather: We are planning on starting a Weather class on Wednesday, 13 January 1993 to run through March 1993. Our weather expert, Robert Wilson, will be teaching this course. Call now and pre-register. More details will be forthcoming.

Need a stocking-stuffer for that captain of yours? We have a number of supplemental programs available:

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Introduction to Navigational Astronomy
Introduction to Sailing
Navigation Rules
Weather

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P/C Candance Hengel, N Education Officer - 525-1000





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Squadron Commander

Date

Squadron Educational Officer

A Certificate of Educational Proficiency award has been established by National to recognize any member that has successfully completed the grade of Advanced Pilot or higher and three elective courses. The following Duluth Power Squadron members have fulfilled that requirement:

P/C Richard D. Bibby, AP
Cdr Greg R. Brisky, AP
Corinne Carlson, AP
John R. DeSmedt, AP
P/C John Harrison, AP
P/C Stanford S. Jacobs, AP
P/C Kenneth A. Johnson, N
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Mary M. Richey, N David C. Rufford, AP P/C John W. Soetebier, AP P/C Robert E. Stokes, AP D/Lt Ame D. Wuorinen, AP

Congratulations to each and every one of these individuals for attaining this educational proficiency award. There are many more of you who are very close - consider signing up for the next class offered. And for you newer members, consider setting your educational goals and make this award one of them.

James W. Naslund recently completed his requirements for the advanced grade of Navigator. Hats off to you, Jim!

Please congratulate these members the next time you talk to them.

November 20, 1992

To:

Rita V. Johnson, AP

Secretary, Duluth Power Squadron

6130 East Superior Street

Duluth, MN 55804

From:

Richard J. Vitullo, AP

Chair, Nominating Committee

4717 Colorado Street Duluth, MN 55804

Re:

1992-1993 Slate of Officers

Nominating Committee

In accordance with the by-laws of the Duluth Power Squadron, the Nominating Committee has selected a slate of candidates for elected officers for the year 1992-1993: Refer to Article XI Section 11.01 Of the Duluth by-laws if you wish to nominate an alternate slate.

> Commander **Executive Officer** Squadron Education Officer Administrative Officer Secretary Treasurer

Gina Wuorinen Pam Anderson **Executive Committee** Dave Mattson Robert Hecht

Jerry Carlson *Ame Wuorinen

Bruce Beste

Jay Halling

Gerald Torvund

Mark Anderson

Gerald Rock **Greg Brisky**

*James Robinson

Rules Committee Leonard Robinson

William Carlson

Audit Committee *Tom Holt

Heather Meehan Solon

David Rutford

Sincerely,

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Richard J. Vitullo Ame Wuorinen Mary Brisky

ANNUAL DUES

Thanks to super participation and cooperation this year, we were able to maintain local squadron dues at last year's rate.

Annual dues notices were mailed directly to all members early in November. If you haven't received yours, please call me at 729–6914 and I will mail you a duplicate copy. If you leave a message, please confirm your current address.

Critical dates to ensure that your dues do not expire are as follows:

- 1 DEC Membership is delinquent if dues are not paid.
- 15 DEC End of Grace Period to reinstate membership without incurring reinstatement fee.
- 16 DEC Membership automatically terminated. Reinstatement requires Full Annual Membership regardless of reinstatement date, plus a reinstatement fee.

REMEMBER! If you let your membership expire, National will suspend all rights and privileges of membership.....among them, the loss of insurance savings, and cancellation of "The Ensign".

1993 DUFS TABLE **National** District Local TOTAL **Primary Active Member** \$24.00 \$20.00 (Age 18 and over) \$52.70 \$8.70 Additional Active Member \$12.00 \$10.00 \$4.35 \$26.35 (Age 18 and over) Adult Family Member \$12.00 \$4.35 \$1.50 \$17.85 (Age 24 and over) Junior Family Member \$2.00 (Ages 18 - 24)\$1.50 \$3.50

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

DULUTH POWER SQUADRON GENERAL MEETING

12 DECEMBER 1992
GREYSOLON PLAZA - MOORISH ROOM
231 EAST SUPERIOR STREET
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1800 - SOCIAL HOUR

1915 - BUSINESS MEETING - The proposed Duluth Power Squadron revised by-laws will be available for members' review

1930 - DINNER - BUFFET CHRISTMAS PARTY



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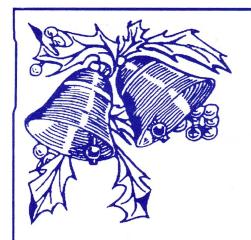
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Buffet

Baked ham w/cinnamon & cherry sauce (carved by the chef) Baked chicken & BBQ meatballs Salad, vegetable, potato Relishes, rolls, coffee & tea

Dinner Entertainment

Harpist, Lindsey Gleasner

Silent Auction

Dance

(with DJ Pat Puchalla)

Silent Auction

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Boating Safely



A new Youth Boating Course is hot off the press from National. The course has been developed to teach the younger boater what they need to know for safe, courteous watercraft operation. It has been approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the United States Coast Guard as meeting the minimum requirements for this age group. It is offered jointly with United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

It is designed for youth in grades 6 through 12. It is a four session course, 8 hours. There is a 40 question test for the student to complete, passing grade is 75%. Cost of the manual is \$5.00.

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Cooperative Charting

1992 year end update

Duluth Squadron had fourteen members particapate gettig Duluth on the National Honor Roll.

The following people helped get Duluth on the Honor Roll with 3922 credits giving District 10, 42.6% of its total 9196 credits

Leo Kennedy made the Individual Honor Roll finishing with 3599 credits.

LETS ALL GIVE LEO A HIGH FIVE WHEN WE SEE HIM

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Be sure you have December 12 blocked out on your calendar for the Christmas party. Rhonda and Gordy Olson, with the help of Pam Anderson, are putting together an evening you will not soon forget! You'll hear more about this soon, and by the way, this is a perfect example of what was pointed out above. The Olson's are first year members of the Squadron who let it be known they would like to help and here they are, chairing one of the season's major events!

Till next time-Jerry Torvund, P



The Federal Recreational Boat Tax has been repealed. It takes effect:

Immediately on boats 21 feet or shorter, 1 October 1993 on boats 37 feet or shorter,

1 October 1994 on all other boats.

Welcome Aboard!

We extend a hearty "WELCOME ABOARD" to David C. Mattson. Dave is a fire marshall for the City of Duluth. Dave has recently purchased a 33' Carver powerboat, the LA PESCADORA.

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P/C Dave Carlson, N Editor

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DATES

DECEMBER 3 JANUARY 7, 1993 JANUARY 21 FEBRUARY 4 FEBRUARY 18 FEBRUARY 27 MARCH 4 APRIL 1

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DECEMBER 12 JANUARY 12-17,1993 JANUARY 29-30 FEBRUARY 10-14 FEBRUARY 27 MARCH 26-28 APRIL 24

MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE BOARD
EXECUTIVE BOARD
GENERAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE BOARD
ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION
CHANGE OF WATCH
EXECUTIVE BOARD
EXECUTIVE BOARD

EVENTS

CHRISTMAS PARTY
ANNUAL MEETING - MIAMI FL.
D/10 COUNCIL MEETING - WAUSAU
BOAT SHOW - DECC
CHANGE OF WATCH
D/10 CONFERENCE - STURGEON BAY
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