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## Schedule of Upcoming Events

### JUNE

- 5-11 .....National Safe Boating Week
- 9.....General Meeting, Barker's Island Inn
- 11.....CME Exams by USCG Aux. at Squadron Dock
- 19.....New Member Cruise/Harbor Co-Op Charting Day

### JULY

- 4.....4th Festivities & Boat Parade
- 7.....Executive Board Meeting, Incline Station Meeting Room
- 22-24 .....District 10 Rendezvous, Red Wing, MN

#### Cover Story .....PAUL R TREGURTHA

Arriving Duluth Harbor May 10, 1994. The vessel has a keel length of 1000', overall length of 1013.6', a beam of 105', and a depth of 56'. She has a draft of 30'1", with a coal cargo capacity of 71,250 N.T. Vessel is equipped with a stern mounted self unloader 260' long. Built in 1981 to haul ore and coal, her primary cargo is coal, loading at Midwest Energy Terminal in Superior, WI. Powered by diesel producing 17120 Shaft Horse Power. This is the largest of the Great Lakes Bulk Freighters.



# Commander's Report



It's the start of another boating season. Most of the boats found in the marinas are no longer on trailers or in cradles, but are in the water once again. Just a few weeks ago, the same marinas were filled with the sights and sounds of people working and fitting out their boats. From the noise of hammers and sanders to conversations regarding how to change oil and the installation of marine electronics, everyone labored to make ready their boats for launching.

Owning a boat requires a great amount of maintenance - time and materials expense. A typical boat owner justifies the ownership costs and responsibilities with the sheer enjoyment and pleasure derived from its use. One could also say the same for the different aspects of membership in our local squadron.

For many members, the USPS boat education courses are behind us until next fall's schedule. Along with the graduates of our boat course and newest members, it's time to take to the water and practice what we have learned. The squadron's event calendar reflects this change in approach. From the fall-winter classroom settings and meeting programs, we have planned for more social, outdoor, and water related activities. I encourage you to participate in some of these upcoming summer events. Fun and camaraderie are a natural byproduct of this type of gatherings, sharing the excitement and love of boating.

This is also the time when our members can enjoy and use the dock facility we lease, located in Allouez Bay. This is an obvious benefit derived from membership in our squadron. Similar to owning a boat, the right to use this property also has the responsibility to maintain it. Joel Berg and the dock committee have already been working to get the property ready for our summer activities. They are in need of additional manpower and assistance. Give Joel a call, if you can lend a hand. Please note and abide by the dock rules, outlined on the last page of our roster.

A few months ago, the Executive Board was informed of a remote possibility that our use of the dock property could be in jeopardy. At this time, we have a lease in effect and are assured of our right to use the dock, with no concern regarding this summer's use. However, future developments regarding the property adjacent to the dock's location, could indeed affect our situation. We have appointed a committee to investigate the matter and to keep us informed of any changes. P/C Arne Wuorinen is serving as chairperson. Should you want more information or have any questions, please give him a call.

The Duluth Squadron has been fortunate to have a member responsible for keeping up-to-date records, related to the use of the dock. I would like to acknowledge and thank Dell Forsyth for his assistance in the past several years. His faithful service and follow-through is very much appreciated and invaluable to our organization.

As we start this new boating season, I remind you of the USPS pledge, that many of our members indeed "own" and exemplify on our local waterways:

I pledge myself...

To maintain and operate my boat legally and in manner that will not cause damage or discomfort to others;

To render assistance whenever possible to anyone afloat;

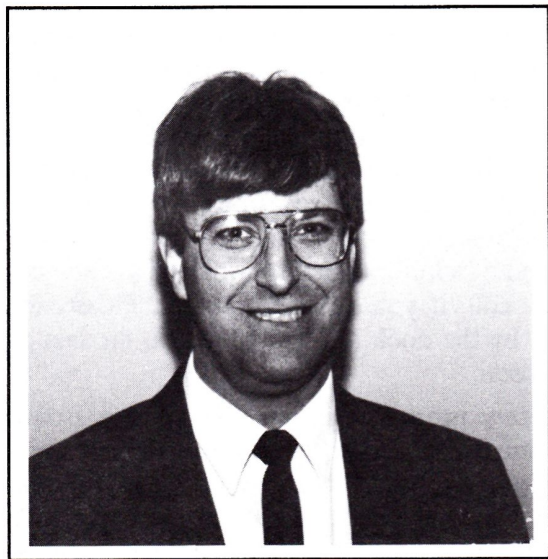
And at all times to conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor and respect to the organization whose ensign I am privileged to be a member.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable boating season.

Cdr Mary Brisky



# Executive Officer's Report



Summer (or at least the boating season) is finally here. For myself, it started as a happy day and a sad day of something that could happen to anyone.

On May 25, I went down to Hastings to get my new boat (that I had been looking at pictures of all winter long) and to take a test ride on the river. As we started to leave the dock, the dealer representative and I had a talk with the Sheriffs Rescue Squad. They were just heading back out onto the river to their famous large hooks on the river bottom to try and find a body of a person who had just the day before, fell out of his boat and did not resurface. We were the only two boats out on that part of the river.

This was a good reminder for me and should be for all of you fellow members, that all boating must be done safely. We were taught and are now teach-

ing others about the use of life jackets, especially when we are dealing with cold water, fast moving currents, and when you may have so many clothes on that you may not be able to swim like you could if you only had a swim suit on.

Start out your season by thinking ahead, be prepared, and make use of those life jackets. Do not have them hidden in a storage compartment. Have them readily available or wear them.

On April 30th, at Wessman Arena, during the "Used Boat Show", Lt. Gordy Olson set up the Duluth Power Squadron booth, which attracted the attention of many spectators. Even though it was not manned during this time, spectators were picking up some of the pamphlets left on the table and seemed to enjoy looking at the pictures posted. Thank you, Gordy.

On May 7th, Co-op Charting was held in the morning, chaired by P/C Robert Byrne. This project is one of our civic duties we perform each year, no matter what the weather is that day.

On May 11 and 12, some members participated in the 2nd Annual St. Louis River Quest that is put on by the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District and the Head of the Lakes School District, to help educate about 1000 sixth grade students on the river, harbor and industries and recreational use in this area. A good time was had by those who participated and by the students.

On June 5th starts the Safe Boating Week, and runs through June 11th.

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Lt/C Jay Halling, P

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# Administrative Officer's Report



Spring has finally arrived, our boats are going into the water, and everyone is looking forward to a long and warm summer of boating fun.

We have just finished tabulating the results of the fitting out party. Our squadron far surpassed the expectations on the amount of money that was raised.

Without the help of our members and contributing businesses, this would not have been possible.

We had a great time at the Radisson. We had a real good turnout, serving 121 people. The food was great and we had plenty of room. At our next function the only restriction will be to have Mike Billman's table served first!

Congratulations to our four raffle winners, 1st place, Kim Ankarlo, 2nd place, Kathy Rick, 3rd place, Lars Bakken, and fourth place, Vickie Gunderson. Also I want to congratulate, and thank Steve Johnson for selling the most raffle tickets. He sold 317 tickets, great job Steve. I'm sure he can use the \$50.00 prize for more boating equipment.

I would also like to thank the fitting out committee, Charlie Rouse, committee chair, and the many members that helped make this fitting out party one of the best ever.

Lastly, please thank the businesses that have contributed to our fitting out party.

I look forward to seeing everyone this summer, hope it's a hot one!  
Lt/C Jerry Carlson, AP

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## Fitting Out Party

It seems like just the other day it was going to be forever before we would get the boats in the water. Now another fitting out party has passed and most of us are in the water. Thankfully we are not dodging icebergs!

Thanks to the great efforts of all the Power Squadron members and all of the businesses that contributed. We had an all time record fitting out. I will by no means take full credit for this because if it were not for the excellent committee that I had backing me it would not have been at all possible. A very special thanks has to go out to the following people:

Pam Anderson	P/C Greg Brisky
Cdr Mary Brisky	Jerry Carlson

Kevin Haberman	Jay Halling
Pam Halling	Steve Johnson

I also do not want to forget the people that helped out the night of the party:

Forest Evavold	Rhonda Olson
Val Ouellette	Kim Strandlund

There were others that have not been listed, I want to thank them as well.

Please remember to patronize the businesses that helped to make this possible. They depend on us the same way we depended on them.

Thank you once again and have a safe and fun boating season. See you on the water.

Lt Charlie Rouse, Committee Chair



# Education Officer's Report

A short time ago, I received a letter from the National Piloting Board of the United States Power Squadron. In short, it congratulated our Duluth Squadron for the fine job done on our most recent Piloting Class. ALL TWENTY students successfully passed the course final! Since receiving this notice, we've passed 100% of the winter Seamanship Class (19 Members) and have conducted a second Seamanship to handle the ten additional members who are now awaiting their test scores. News like this really makes you take pride in our squadron. Good courses, motivated students and a terrific group of instructors make for an unbeatable combination!

Junior Navigation students should have their exam results shortly and need only to take their star sightings to complete the course. The new "Boating Safely" class is being enthusiastically attended by some of our young family members and is sure to be a successful addition to our course calendar.

We are now in the process of rescheduling our fall class offerings just to keep up with current demand. What a great problem to have! Watch the next Channel Chatter for the new calendar of course offerings.

Lt/C Adrian Rick, S.E.O.

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## Supplemental Programs

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INTRO. TO SAILING

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# New Members

The following have recently joined the Duluth Power Squadron.  
Please go out of your way to make them feel welcome!

Larry Stingl owns a 25' power boat named "Xanadu". He joins with 40+ years of boating experience. Larry is employed by the Minnesota State Patrol.

Pete Blomquist powers a 18'6" boat named "Lund Tyee". Pete joins with over 30 years of boating experience. He is employed in Superior as a School Counselor.

Bob Marchand joins with 10 years of boating experience. His boat is a 20' power boat named "Johnny Fish". Bob is a Field Engineer for Minnesota Power.

Tracy Nelson joins with 25 years of boating experience. He powers a 24' Sea Ray named "The Escape". Tracy is employed by Computer World as a Store Manager.

Larry LaPlante joins recently with a 22' power boat. He is a Superintendent for Hallett Dock Co.

Alicia Roehler joins as an additional active member. Her husband Richard is currently a member.

Mark Ekeroth owns a 16 1/2' Runabout and joins with over 20 years of boating experience. He is employed by Jamar Corp. as a Safety and Loss Prevention Manager.

Charles Wessberg and his wife Barbara joined recently. They power a 23 1/2' boat named "Escape". Charles is employed by the Federal Prison as Safety Manager.

Michael Robbins joined with boating experience but doesn't currently own a boat. He is a pilot for Minnesota Air National Guard.

John Kaloski joins with 10 years of boating experience. He currently owns a power boat name "Moon Shadow". His son Jeff also joins as a Jr. Family Member. John's wife name is Kathy.

Alvin and Sheryl Robins join with many years of power and sailing experience. They own a 1958, 28' steel hulled Safetycraft, which they dock at Harbor Cove.

Eldon Kilpatrick joins with 12 years of boating background. He owns a 22' cruiser named "Dirty Shame". His wife's name is Patricia.

Dale Nummi is relatively new to boating and doesn't currently own a boat. He owns Nummi Jewelers. His wife's name is Julie.

Linus (Rocky) Olson joins with 20 years of experience and currently owns a 22' Cruiser's Inc.

Allen Koivisto joins with 25 years of boating experience. He and his wife Becky join power a 22' boat named "Home Improvement".

Sharon Haataja joined recently. Her husband Brian is currently a member. Their son Reid joins as a Jr. Family Member. They power a 25' boat named "One and Only".

Steve Farrell, S  
Membership



# Member Involvement Committee

Hi. My name is Steve Johnson. My wife Sherry and I purchased Greg (George) and Mary Brisky's Searay late last July. It is now called 'Compromise', and we continue to keep it at the Brisky's old dock in Harbor Cove Marina.

Greg and Mary were a tremendous help in getting us started with boating on the 'big' lake, and we certainly needed and appreciated the help they gave us.

Jerry Carlson was also instrumental in helping with the fitting out of our boat by allowing Greg to 'leave' us with many engine parts and pieces from Jerry's inventory.

This year I have become active with the Member Involvement Committee, which consists of 1/Lt Gina Beste-Wuorinen, P/C Greg Brisky, and myself.

We will be looking to you for new ways to continue to make our Squadron more enjoyable for all its members, both new and existing.

We have sent out a new 'Time & Talent Involvement Questionnaire' which we hope to

update on a yearly basis. This will give you the opportunity to let us know if there are any activities or committees which you may be interested in each year, or if you wish to find out more about Advanced Grades, Elective Courses, or Supplemental Programs.

Being involved is truly an enjoyable experience and a great way to meet and socialize with your fellow members and friends.

Please take a moment to fill out the questionnaire if you have not yet done so, and return it so we may get this new database up to date. Let me know if you need any more copies.

Sherry and I would like to thank you all for making us feel welcome and a part of this organization. I hope we can all continue to make this year's new members (and also existing members) feel the same way and keep them interested and active.

Have a safe and enjoyable time on the water this summer, and we hope to see you soon.

Steve Johnson  
Member Involvement

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## Membership Recognition DULUTH POWER SQUADRON New Members 12-1-92 thru 11-30-93

At the May General Meeting, 12 members were recognized for their accomplishment during their first year of USPS membership. These individuals have either earned their first merit mark or have successfully completed an advanced or elective course. As a certificate of merit, they will receive their official Duluth Power Squadron name tag, compliments of the Membership Involvement Committee.

The names are as follows:

DEAN BALTES  
BILL ELOWSON  
VERONICA ELOWSON  
BRIAN HAATAJA

MARK JOHNSON  
MIKE MILANO  
SALLY MILANO  
WILLIAM ROGERS

JEAN HECHT  
RICK STANIUS  
DONALD HENRICKSEN  
JIM TUHKANEN

Congratulations to these members. Thank you for your participation & contribution to our Duluth Squadron.

Steve Johnson  
Member Involvement



# National Safe Boating Week

June 5 - June 11, 1994 the Duluth Power Squadron will again work with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary to promote a safe boating campaign. Several activities are planned for members of our squadron.

We will conduct a joint meeting with the Coast Guard Auxiliary at our General Membership Meeting on 9 June at Barkers Island Inn and Marina. The program will involve the Safe Boating message and honorary Courtesy Marine Exams. It should be a great time for meeting our peers in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. We can maybe take advantage of some beautiful weather and meet outdoors under the tent at Barkers Island.

11 June we will again rendezvous at the Power Squadron dock. Plans are complete for Courtesy Marine Exams, a hands-on fire extinguisher demonstration, hands-on flare demonstration and Coast Guard demonstration. The evening will be capped with a potluck dinner and bonfire.

Packets of safe boating materials will be distributed at area boat launches and tackle shops.

Last year the U.S. Coast Guard conducted more boardings than previous years. Certainly more will be made this year. You can reduce your chance of a boarding or at least be better prepared for one by participating in the Courtesy Marine Exams.

See You There! — P/C Bruce Beste, AP

## Seal of Safety Check List

Do you have correct . . .

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| ✓ Numbering               | ✓ Navigation Lights       |
| ✓ PFD's (Life Jackets)    | ✓ Fuel System             |
| ✓ Fire Extinguishers      | ✓ Anchor with Line        |
| ✓ Ventilation             | ✓ Paddle or Oar           |
| ✓ Manual Pump or Bailer   | ✓ Galley Installation     |
| ✓ Sound Producing Device  | ✓ Visual Distress Signals |
| ✓ Electrical Installation | ✓ Backfire Flame Arrester |

## ★ Fourth of July UPDATE ★

Start making your plans for the 4th of July Duluth Power Squadron festivities. Dave Mattson has again volunteered his expert services to chair this annual event.

He already has been working very hard to make this years event bigger and better than ever.

Watch for the flyer coming out for more details, but we can expect dancing, dingy races, fishing contests, boat parade, omelette feed, prizes and much much more. So keep your weekend open for the best 4th ever.

## I O P I R N C

Help the USPS Headquarters Building Fund meet it's goal. Contact Robert Stokes at 879-6850 or Richard Bibby at 525-1069 if you'd like to own property in Raleigh, North Carolina.



P/C Bruce Beste accepting from P/D/C Frank Golle the 3 Star Squadron Status Award at the District 10 Spring Conference.



P/D/C Frank Golle presenting Duluth Squadron with the District 10 Membership Retention Award at the District 10 Spring Conference.

## Dist. 10 Rendezvous

Don't forget! Send your reservations along with your payment by **1 July** to:

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*Reprinted from portions of an article written by Richard Bibby in the Channel Chatter issue Dec.-Jan 1988.*

This historical photograph of the former Cargill Itasca grain elevator is now the site of our Squadron Dock. This picture, taken in 1960, shows the elevator's location on the dock as it appeared that year. Cargill closed the Itasca operation down 31 October 1968 and later razed the facility. Our Squadron Dock was dedicated 8 September 1973 at the Corn Roast that year and proclamation was made and presented to Lawrence Cowan in recognition and appreciation for his dedicated service and the facility was officially named "Cowan Cove". Careful examination will reveal the old General Cargo and

Merchandise Freight Shed on the outer-lake end of the dock with its tendering rail cars. The large dock in the middle, next to the elevator was the old Northwestern-Hanna Fuel Company Dock No. 1 which is presently the site of Burlington Northern's Taconite facility. (Further away from the old elevator is the gravity type loading ore docks of the then called Great Northern Railway). Our port profile has undergone many physical changes in appearance, especially on the Duluth side of the harbor, and this photograph represents change that is very closely associated with the history of our Power Squadron. It goes without saying that we are most fortunate to have this facility.





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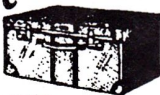
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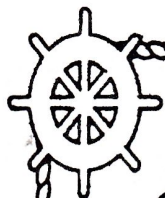


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IN RED WING, MN



As you already know, the rendezvous weekend is  
packed with activities for the entire family...

everything from tours of Lock & Dam #3 to a bonfire on Saturday evening. However, we've also  
added the first formal KID'S CREW activity to be held on Friday evening, 22 July 1994.

The evening will begin at 1930 (7:30 p.m. for you kids) at Nybo's Bowling Alley. Nybo's is located  
within walking distance from the Rendezvous headquarters at Baypoint Park. There will be lots of  
fun for children — they'll even have several lanes set up for bumper bowling for the little ones. And  
adults who would prefer bowling rather than gambling can join us too! Here's how it works:

### Children's Prices\*

\$8.00 per child

Includes 2 hours of bowling, shoes,  
1/3rd of a large sausage or pepperoni  
pizza, soft drink, and prizes

### Parents & Interested Adults

\$10.00 per adult

Includes 2 hours of bowling, shoes,  
1/2 of a large sausage or pepperoni  
pizza, soft drink, and maybe a prize

\*Although USPS considers Kid's Crew members between the ages of  
2-18; the bowling alley age cut-off for children is 17, sorry!



**We think you'll have a ball!! Please sign up below:**

### YES, SIGN UP OUR KIDS:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron \_\_\_\_\_

Names of your family members that will  
participate:

Name(s)

Age (Optional)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Total # of children \_\_\_\_\_ X \$8.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of adults \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed = \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Kid's Crew registration to:

D/Lt Jean S. Peterson

1758 Essex Road

Minnetonka, MN 55305

(612)546-3689



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