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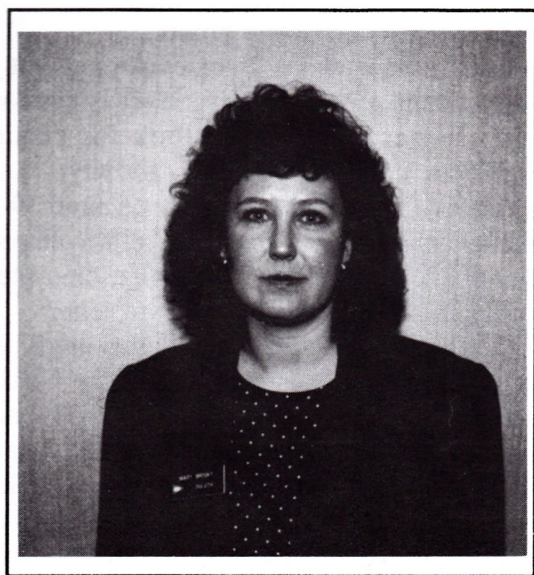
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Cover Story.....Fourth of July
 Squadron Boat Parade, lead by Commander's boat
 "Brisky Business", at Duluth's Bayfront Festival
 Park during the Fourth of July festivities.

Commander's Report



In planning a year's calendar and with unpredictable weather in Duluth, we are always concerned about the summer events and attendance. Poor weather can really hamper things. Full swing into the season, I'm fortunate to report that we've had a measure of good weather and better than expected participation from our members.

Although the day wasn't the best, the weather cooperated for us to have the traditional 4th of July boat parade at Bayfront. Thank you to those who decorated and cruised with us. The various types and sizes of boats (including a dinghy patrol) and the patriotic decorations helped us look good on the water. An unsolicited thank you and compliment to our squadron came over the radio channel we monitored for the event. Coupled with the fact that our convoy maneuvered so well on the water, I felt proud to be a part of this great organization.

Serving as an officer, I am very aware of how many members it takes to promote and organize our events. Their success is directly related to the volunteer efforts of our members. Already this summer, we have had a good number of active members (some relatively new in membership) provide assistance. There are many "behind the scene" contributions. From helping with the omelette breakfasts to putting up the tent and organizing games, we've been fortunate to have so many helping hands.

Active members are vital to the success of any organization. New, quality members increase the ability of a

group to provide greater service and they unquestionably constitute the future leadership of an organization. We are fortunate to have so many new members - over 35 since December 1, 1993! Attending our summer dock events is a good way to meet one another, befriend new faces and reacquaint yourself with familiar ones.

With regards to membership growth, District 10 has organized a membership referral campaign. They will award a round-trip ticket for 4 (2 adults and 2 children under 17) to a fellow USPS member who helps bring in new members. Complete details have not been released at this time, but should be announced shortly. In particular, we have one member who has helped enlist two qualified new members, without being aware of the promotion. Thanks for the good work and help, Dick!

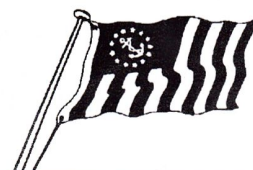
As a reminder to all committee and event chairs, we need to keep records of all members who help with a program or event. This information will be compiled to make recommendations for yearly merit marks. Lt/C Mary Morrow and I will be working together and need your assistance. We have forms to simplify the process, but they need to be turned in. Please fill them out and return soon after each event.

St. Paul Squadron Commander, Bob Peterson has coined the slogan "94 for 94". This refers to his goal of having 94 members earn Merit Marks this year. I would like to propose that our squadron consider the same. Records indicate that we had 80 Merit Mark recipients in 1993. With seemingly increased participation (so far this year) and a concerted effort, we can attain this goal. My suggestion to those committee chairs, needing help for upcoming events, is to contact Steve Johnson and utilize his data base information. And if you haven't completed and turned one in, please do so soon. Call Steve for details.

Please note that the August and September calendar is included in this issue. The majority of squadron business is conducted at the monthly Executive Board meetings, with the time and place included in the calendar. All interested members are encouraged to attend. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact me or another Bridge officer. In the meantime, I hope that we continue to have some great boating weather ahead and look forward to seeing you.

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Cdr Mary Brisky



Executive Officer's Report



The summer has started and many events have taken place and more are still to come. It has been good to see members who have shown up to the events and partook in the activities that have been

organized by each committee group.

Co-Op charting is an on-going event, and not just a weekend event. P/C Bob Byrne always has forms that you can get from him to look for geodetic markers for an individual or family activity.

The Harbor Co-Op Charting Day on June 19 had a poor attendance. We all need to help to improve this event. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact me in the evening or send me a letter.

Safe Boating Week (June 5-11) was great, with another fine turnout of boats for the CME's. Around 30 boats were examined and very few problems were found. Thanks to James and Peg Munger for setting up and performing the exams. Thanks to P/C Howard Boynton for the fire extinguisher hands-on demonstrations. Thanks to P/C Bruce Beste for all his participation as the Squadron Safety Officer. And thanks to Lt James Golden for all the public relations information he worked on.

Safe Boating to All • Lt/C Jay Halling, P

4th of July Wrap Up

The 4th of July celebration at the squadron dock started on Friday, July 1. The tent was set up and all was made ready for the weekend. We all had fun sitting around the bonfire, the mood was festive and there were a lot of boats at the dock.

Saturday morning was the fishing contest, new member Bob Kuehl's son Brent won first and second prize with an 8 lb. lake trout for largest and a smaller trout for most. What ever happened to the dinghy race? Saturday evening we had music from "Toad" Todd Carlson the DJ. The music was very good and everyone enjoyed it. Thank you, Todd.

Sunday morning there was bingo in the tent. This event was put on by Kim Strandlund and her helper's were Julie Mattson and her friend, Britt. The tent was full of gamblers trying to win their fortune.

The afternoon brought the kids games, put on by Pam Anderson. There were a lot of kids participating in the games. The squadron dock was crazy

with kids running everywhere, each running in their own direction at their own pace. Sometime in the afternoon a fierce volleyball game broke out.

Monday morning was the omelet breakfast which was put on by Dean Baltes, with Jerry Carlson as assistant chef. We served 65 omelets and I have to say they were excellent, but I think wat proved it was the applause at the end of the event.

We decided to leave the squadron dock at about 1300 because of the weather. With what was left of the group, at Harbor Cove Marina we had the pot luck dessert there. There were quite a few boats decorated for the boat parade, which went well. Thank you all for your participation. First place in the decorating was the RHON-DA-VOUS, and second place went to the BOARDROOM.

I would like to thank everyone who helped me with the event. It went well and I hope everyone had a good time.

David Mattson, Chairperson

Administrative Officer's Report



Our summer of 1994 is half over as you read this. It has been an up and down summer so far, nice weekends but cold and windy weekdays. I hope everyone is enjoying as much of it as possible. I have made one trip to the islands and had a great time. Looking forward to at least one or two more.

We had our annual new member cruise on Sunday afternoon, June 19, having 10 boats participate in the run up the St. Louis River. Jerry Rock did a great job on the guided tour. We had a great time and I hope more new or newer members take part in this event next year. For those who missed it we were shown many secret spots to beach the boats and picnic out of the wind, also some great areas to run the inflatables. Dusty Rock and the Baltes boys will also give anyone leeches and show where the fish are. Late afternoon we all went back to the squadron dock and met many other boats there for an exceptional "Pot Luck Supper". Everyone who was there had a great time socializing, and as usual, there was lots of food.

Our fourth of July festivities went off without a hitch mainly because of Dave Mattson and his capable staff.

Friday night the bonfire, with "fireworks", (thanks Howard), was fun with a nice evening enjoying the bonfire and the company. The dock and tent were busy all three days with bingo, dancing, and of course, our famous omelette breakfast hosted by Chef Baltes and crew. We served over 60 omelettes and everyone looked stuffed and satisfied. Congratulations to Brent Kuehl for winning the fishing contest. We had an "adult" volleyball game on Sunday afternoon with the parents taking on the teenagers in a hotly contested 2 out of 3 match. I think the kids let the adults win the match finally, mainly because they wanted to eat supper, but I'm sure there will be a re-match coming up at the Corn Roast. Also, I would like to give everyone a word of advise for those playing with Mike Billman. He plays very hard, very well, and will not move when hit! After 2 weeks, I still have the bruises to prove it.

We had another unannounced event on Sunday afternoon, running up the Nemadji River in the inflatables. We cruised up the river about 5 or 6 miles through beautiful country, high hills, lots of ducks and for those who went along, you know my dog Bear loved the water, jumping out of the boat numerous times. Let's make this a day long guided cruise next time. We had about 12 boats and dinghies in the 4th of July boat parade Monday night. Congratulations to Rhon-Da-Vous, and Boardroom for 1st and 2nd place in the boat decorating contest. Everyone enjoyed the fireworks and overall everyone had a great 3 days.

Question: Does anyone know where the dinghy race sign up sheet is?

Lt/C Jerry Carlson, AP

DPS Corn Roast

All right now!! Is everyone getting ready for the BEST corn roast ever?!

Mike and Loretta Billman are chairing this annual event and handling all the arrangements for our Labor Day end of summer party.

Rumors circulating already are Karoke, Dancing, Great Food, Adrian and Kathy Rick's Corn, Volleyball Tournament, Dinghy Race, Nemadji River Cruise, and ?????

If anyone has any ideas, get to Mike and Loretta, they can use the help.

Education - Supplemental Programs

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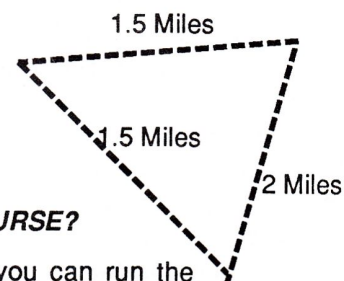
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Special Dingy Predicted Log, for those who can paddle or motor a dingy around a special course and predict their time.

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New Members

New members joining recently are:

Thomas Zbaracki, who owns a 22.5' power boat named "Rapsody Blue" and docks it at Harbor Cove. His wife's name is Mary.

Kevin Sikkila has been a boater for 20+ years. He sails a 20' boat named "Nemadji". His wife's name is Jill.

Steve Allison has been boating for over 20 years. He powers a 24' boat named "The Shadow". His wife's name is Teresa.

Bob and Sandy Rogers own a 17' power boat named "Bosan". They have been boating more than 15 years.

Erik James Liabraaten powers a 27' boat named "Rare Form". He works at Lakehead Boat Basin and does the embroidery of hats at the boat and home shows.

Robert Kuehl owns a power boat named "Wanda L". His boat has been docked in Bayfield this season.

Steve Farrell, S • Membership



Attending a general meeting and pictured are some of our newer squadron members: Mike Robbins, Kim Strandlund, Jan and Tracy Nelson, Alice and Kevin Haberman, and Steve Allison. Glad to have you on board!

Is Cellular The Answer?

I confess to being dismayed when beginning Lake Superior boating again after a 7 year absence and finding no radiotelephone service. The ability to contact a land line directly can be critical for emergencies and special messages.

What about cellular? It's great in a vehicle but, we found, even better on a boat. We have a 3 watt Motorola on Selchie with only its built-in antenna and recently gave it the acid test on our July 4th trip to the Apostles. (The weather was great, by the way, and Maron and Kelly caught a 30# redfin.)

Our carrier is US West Cellular and we had excellent local service up to Sand Island. I would imagine an outside antenna would have extended local service somewhat – certainly to Bear and Rocky Islands.

Approaching Red Cliff, however, the roam signal flashed and we soon were receiving a strong signal from Celulink in Ashland. The reception remained strong throughout the islands – even to the end of Outer.

Cost? Just a few dollars more a month than a regular phone and, of course, no installation fee. Per minute costs vary from about .40-.45 during peak hours to about .17 off peak. Roaming costs are higher – \$3.00/day and about .95/min. Obviously you'll want to try to make most of your calls the same day and keep them short to keep costs down.

The cost of the phone, itself, varies considerably, but be sure to get a 3 watt. \$100-300 is usual, but usually includes free air time. Ours cost only \$1.00 but, obviously, included no free time.

Coverage along the North Shore has gaps, but they could be narrowed considerably with a good antenna.

Is it worth it? We wouldn't be without cellular. Imagine anchoring late in the evening at Justice Bay at Sand Island and being able to call home for just .17/min.!

P/C Skip Waterhouse N

National Safe Boating Week

5 June to 11 June 1994 was recognized as National Safe Boating Week across the United States. On the 9th of June, our Duluth Power Squadron held a joint General Membership meeting with the Duluth Coast Guard Auxiliary at Barkers Island in Superior. Guest represented the Minnesota and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Coast Guard. We were given a perfect opportunity to build relations between the five organizations. We all are charged with the task of promoting safe boating, educating, and informing the public and users of our waterways. Our Squadron seized the opportunity and made the most of it.

Members of our Squadron assembled and distributed over 400 packets of information concerning safe boating and US, MN and Wisc boating regulations. Thanks to all who helped on this project.

Twenty-five municipalities in our region responded to our request and proclaimed Safe Boating Week in their towns and cities.

Courtesy Marine Exams were conducted at the Power Squadron Dock on 11 June. Over 30 squadron members had their boats examined.

The Coast Guard demonstrated flares, lighted buoys, and survival suits. They gave tours of the 44 ft. search and rescue vessel stationed here. The Coast Guard supervised a Squadron Members flare shoot that afforded us hands-on experience.

Member Howard Boynton organized and supervised a hands-on fire extinguisher shoot. Both of these events were helpful to many of the youths that were enrolled in the Squadron Boating Safely Course.

Duluth Squadron Members should feel proud of their squadron's efforts in this National Promotion. I am. Thanks everyone for their contribution.

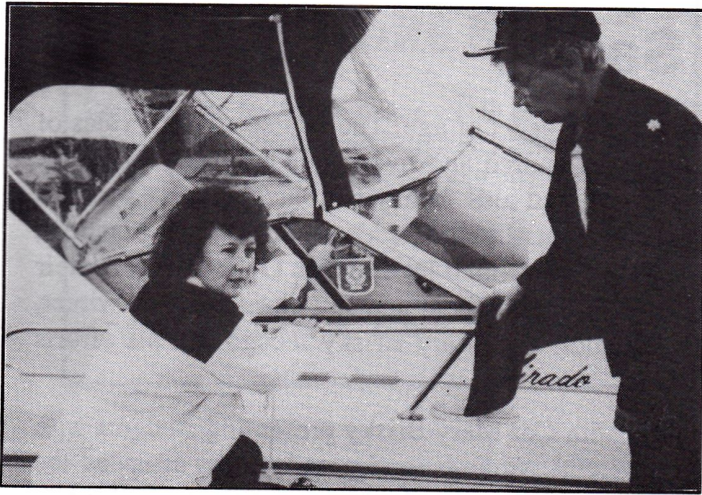
P/C Bruce Beste

Squadron Safety Officer



In a joint effort, various departments of the Duluth Squadron were instrumental in publicizing National Safe Boating week, June 5-11, and the importance of boating safety. Pictured with the proclamations from both cities of Duluth and Superior are Duluth Squadron officers with the guest speakers representing the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin at the June 9th general meeting. Left to right they are: Lt Joe Golden (PR Chairperson), Lt/C Jay Halling (Executive Officer), P/C Bruce Beste (Safety Officer), Kim Elverum (Boat & Water Safety Coordinator - St. Paul), Bill Engfer (Boating Law Administrator - Madison) and Cdr Mary Brisky.





USCGA Flotilla Commander, Peg Munger, awards DPS Commander Mary Brisky the Courtesy Marine Exam Decal #000 009 at the dock festivities held June 11th. If you were unable to make the event and would like to have your boat examined, please contact Jim Munger 525-4011.



James Munger shows how a bouy's lights work and Coast Guard member wears survival suit.



Squadron members look at lighted bouy and tour the Coast Guard search and rescue vessel.



Tommy Holt holding flares for demonstration



Lt/C Jerry Carlson shooting his flare gun to demonstrate.

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Boating Safely

A Boating Safely course was recently conducted for youth 9-18 years of age. The course covered rules of the road, types of boats and their propulsion, safety equipment required and recommended, boat trailering, docking, anchoring, fire extinguisher and visual distress demos, and aids to navigation. The class sessions used video for the lecture portion and hands on experience. Parents of the students helped iwth practical, teaching and provided snacks for each evening. Representatives from MN and WI DNR covered their respective states regulations. Brian Wuorinen, who completed the public boat and sail class this past winter, helped monitor the class and worked with the course coordinator. Cdr Mary Brisky recognized his efforts with a certificate of appreciation.

A graduation ceremony was conducted on the last evening, with Cdr Mary Brisky presenting students with their certificates, wallet cards, patches and a t-shirt. Many parents, siblings, and grandparents attended the ceremony. There were 23 students who completed the course and became safer boaters. Congratulations to all of you!

The proud graduates are:

Michael Baltes
Corey Beste
Steven Farrell
Jenny Halling
Tommy Holt
Chad Olson
Andrew Rick
Steven Rick
Dustin Rock
Jesse Stokke
Stacey Stokke
Greg Wuorinen

Nicholas Baltes
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MOVING ON...

Mark L. Anderson has moved and transferred membership to the St. Paul Power Squadron.

Due to his transfer, the Executive Department is looking for one of our members to be the new liason officer.

For more information, contact Jay Halling @ 722-8172.

EDITOR'S CORRECTION

In the Feb.-March 1994 Channel Chatter, past editor, Dave Carlson wrote a farewell article that was supposed to state that his first issue took him *eighty* hours to produce, not eight. My apologies, Dave.

Eighty hours! Wow! Thanks again, Dave for your dedication and hard work.

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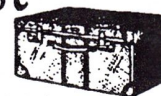
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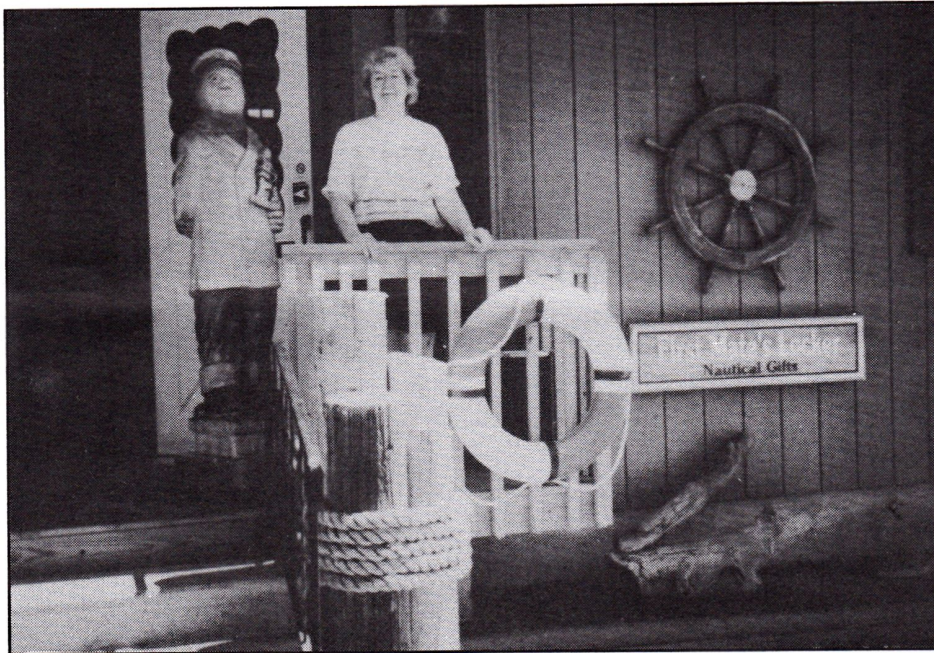
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Featured Contributor

First Mate's Locker is located at Lake Breeze Motel Resort. It has evolved over the past couple years from a gift nook located in the motel office to the present larger space. In the beginning it seemed natural for Lake Breeze to have a nautical theme because of our location, and because we had an interest in sailing. T-shirts were designed with our name and the boating theme. From there, more nautical items were added, necessitating more room so Bob was moved out of his office, and the wall was knocked down. As I got more and more involved with adding new nautical items, it became clear that we'd have to have still more room. So last winter, the old porch was enclosed and the entrance revised.

It was without a name until last winter, and the **First Mate's Locker** appeared. That too seemed to fit.

We take our vacation in the off season. While Bob is happy to visit boatyards and look at boats, I always seek out gift shops. Surprisingly, there aren't a lot which feature nautical items. Those that have nautical things though are usually great about sharing information about suppliers. It was on a



trip to the west coast that I found the Harbour Lights lighthouses. These are limited edition replicas of lighthouses found throughout the country. Currently we have about forty different ones including Split Rock, Sand Island and Mackinac Island.

Other gifts which can be found here are pewter items by FORT; these include letter openers, money clips, cork stoppers, frames, bookends – plus many more gifts with a nautical theme. There are brass signs, wall plaques, lanterns, weather plaques,

Tervis tumblers, Coasterstone coasters and of course shirts. I have a selection which features Lake Superior, Duluth or the North Shore.

We are open year round. So, stop in to browse and have a cup of coffee!

Margaret Chrysler

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