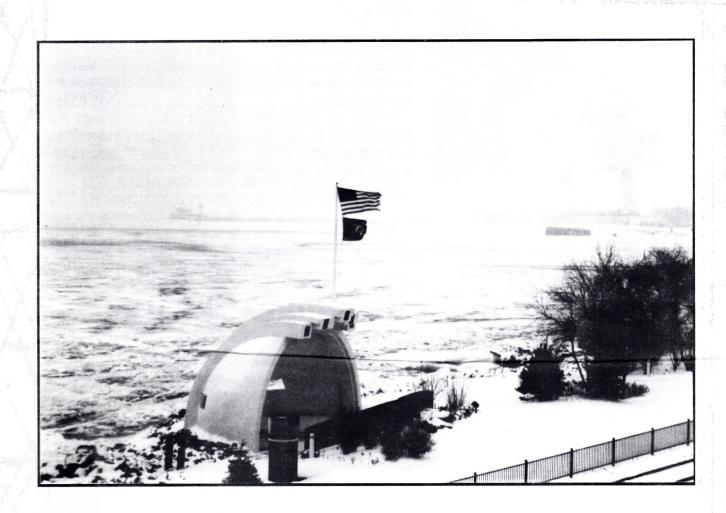
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Schedule of Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

| | 1-5 | Annual Meeting USPS - Miami, FL |
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| | 2 | Executive Board Meeting, Incline Station Meeting Room |
| | | Annual Meeting & Election, Grandma's Sport Garden, |
| | | Armchair Quarterback Lounge |
| | 15-19 | Boat Show - DECC |
| MARCH | | |
| | 2 | Executive Board Meeting, Incline Station Meeting Room |
| | | Change of Watch, Holiday Inn |
| | | District 10 Spring Conference - St. Paul |

A Sure Sign (cover photo)

A sure sign that the boating season is over for another year, when the flags are standing a breeze and the ice is starting to choke off the western end of Lake Superior. The last of the cargo vessels has traversed the lake for the last trip of the season, running at least a week longer than the average years. Not seen here, even though taken within about an hour of its entry on this day the 17t h of January 1995, the USCG Cutter Sundew entered the harbor officially closing the 1994 shipping season.

In the foreground of this picture is the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial honoring all those that served in the armed forces during that conflict.

......Picture and article by P/C Dave Carlson N

Commander's Report

It's a new year according to the calendar and soon to be a new watch year for our local squadron. Members on the bridge have been busy completing and filing reports for local, district and national business. One of these reports was the District 10 Star Squadron Award Program.

First developed in 1989, this program was devised to assist the local squadrons, providing goals and motivation. It recognizes performance and incorporates all departments within the squadron. The program has three award levels. We anticipate that the Duluth squadron will attain the highest level of achievement - the THREE STAR Squadron Status for 1994-95.

It should be noted that over the years, the Duluth squadron has been recognized as a leader in USPS. Our squadron has receive the THREE STAR Squadron Status every year since it was first implemented, besides having a history of receiving many other national and district awards. PARTICIPATION, SUPPORT, AND CONTRIBUTION.



These are factors that have notably added to our squadron's success over the years. Our members are the reason why the programs continue and why goals are successfully attained.

Not only is membership involvement critical for success, it is heartening to the leadership of an organization when members volunteer and follow through to support its causes. How wonderful this year has been and how sweet were the words, "I'll do that" or "I think that is a good idea" from so many. Our membership has worked together as a team with many "behind the scenes" players.

There are countless members that deserve special recognition. With the list of names too long for any single article, I'd like to mention a few with contributions you may not be aware of.

Bob Stokes & Dick Bibby For four years, they have headed up the fund raising for IOPNC.

While others would have given up, they continued with enthusiasm

and successfully reached their goal.

Donn Larson Provided public service announcements and secured media

coverage for the Boating Courses - a major reason why we have

such good attendance.

Bill Carlson Assisted the instructors in many courses - JN, Engine

Maintenance, and Public Boating to name a few.

Candy Hengel Provided resource information and support to the Bridge Officers -

especially one very appreciative commander.

Finally, I would like to thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your commander this past year. It has been a very rewarding experience and I appreciate your support and friendship. Regarding the future, I plan on keeping active in the Duluth Squadron and work with other squadrons on the district level. Again, I thank you.

Mary Brisky, AP

Executive Officer's Report



Christmas and New Year's is behind us now. Hope everyone had a great holiday.

Now it's time to start planning for the spring and summer events. It's time to finish up with the courses you have started. Time to start some of the other courses that will be offered. Advanced Piloting will be starting around February 8th. I will be participating in this course and would sure like alot of company. The second public boating course will be starting February 20th. Talk to your friends that have not taken the public boating course and get them to go. It's even a good time for you yourself to listen in with your friend and get a quick refresher about all the aspects of boating.

D/Lt Tom J. Zembal received the results and forwarded them to each squadron about the 1994 Cooperative Charting Program. District 10, for the first time ever, had all twelve squadrons make the Honor Roll. Out of 33 districts

in USPS, 19 districts made the Honor Roll. District 10 came in 7th on overall ranking. District 10 is one of only four other districts in USPS to have all of the squadrons on the Honor Roll.

Duluth Squadron had two members who made the Individual Honor Roll: Leo Kennedy, who came in 8th, and David C. Rutford. Congratulations to both of these members for an outstanding job for themselves and for the squadron.

Already for 1995, all squadrons in District 10 had completed the minimum number of requirements as far as the number of members needed to participate. Our Squadron goal this year is to increase the number of members who do participate in the program and to increase the number of members to be on the Individual Honor Roll. Call P/C Bob Bryne to get any information you need to find the geodetic marks and make this event part of your vacation travels.

The District 10 Winter Council Meeting was held January 27 and 28 in Stevens Point. It was a great time to meet with District Bridge to talk out concerns and to talk about the upcoming year.

The Boat Show (Feb. 15 - 19) will be coming up. The squadron booth will again be set up and your help manning the booth will greatly be appreciated. Call or see 1/Lt Gordy Olson for time available.

Lt/C Jay Halling, P

DPS Boat Show Booth

The Duluth Power Squadron will again have it's booth on display at the annual Boat Show at the DECC, February 15 - 19, 1995. Stop by and see the great display our squadron has or call Gordy Olson if you'd like to spend time in the booth promoting safe boating. The show hours are:

| Wednesday, February 15 | 5:00 pm - 10:30 pm |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Thursday, February 16 | 5:00 pm - 10:30 pm |
| Friday, February 17 | 12 Noon - 10:30 pm |
| Saturday, February 18 | 12 Noon - 10:30 pm |
| Sunday, February 19 | 12 Noon - 5:30 pm |

Administrative Officer's Report

I hope everyone has made their New Years Resolutions and will be able to stick by them. My major resolution is to have my Channel Chatter articles in on time. (that is after this one!!)

Finally our winter is half over, or so it seems. Sitting here the first week in January, (actually the 2nd week), with the temperatures in the +20 range and hardly any snow on the ground. It could be the middle of March or the first week in April. It sure has been an easy winter to keep the boats swept off.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas party. I think everyone had a very enjoyable time. Kim Strandland did a fantastic job as chairperson, with help from her very capable staff. The dinner was great, the DJ did a fine job getting people out on the floor to dance and the silent auction raised a lot of money for Operation Rudolph. So "Thanks Kim", and good luck!!



In this issue of the Channel Chatter I'm going to ask the question before the end of my article. The Horse latitudes are located roughly 30 degrees North. Why are they called the Horse latitudes??? You will have to wait until you either take the weather class or run into someone who has, before you know the answer. So next year if anyone is looking for a quick way to pass the winter and also to learn alot, be sure to enroll in the Weather class. Bob Wilson is the very capable instructor and he brings everything across so it can be understood and also guarantees that you will be able to tell three days ahead, when the rain will start falling. Now we can start saying; "Bob Wilson told us it would be like this".

Events coming up very soon are the Change of Watch and our annual squadron money maker, the Fitting Out Party. Pam Anderson is the chairperson of the fitting out party this year. She will be needing everyone to get out and help. As this is our only money making activity of the year we need everyone to give a special effort to help where they can. We need people contacting the many businesses that have donated in the past and also calling on any new potential squadron contributors. So give Pam a call and join in on the planning fun. The last Fitting Out Party was a record money maker for our squadron and let's make this one a "new" record.

Lt/C Jerry Carlson, AP

Call to the DPS Annual Meeting & Election

Don't miss the Duluth Power Squadron's Annual Meeting & Election that will be held February 9th at Grandma's Sports Garden, Armchair Quarterback Lounge. In addition to the meeting and election, we will have the pleasure of three speakers. Joe Radtke will be talking about fiberglass repair and restoration, Ed Makowsky will have plenty of tips for you in getting your boat ready for spring and John Harrison will be speaking about electronics, specifically electronic charting.

1800 • Social Hour

1900 • Dinner

2000 • Annual Meeting

Program to follow meeting

Education Officer's Report

How is our squadron meeting the needs of our community? Let me tell you of sixty-one examples we have in our current Public Boating Class. Some of them own large cabin cruisers, a healthy handful are sailboaters, a bunch have runabouts or small fishing boats and a few have no boat at all! Boat ownership aside, every one of them share something important with us, a love of boating and a desire to enjoy it safely.

Help show them we admire their efforts by showing up to help out at class, correcting homework, passing out materials, or just answering questions.

This class will be over by February 22nd but a new one starts on Monday the 20th. Hope to see you there!

As you read this newsletter, students in Piloting, Weather, and Engine Maintenance are preparing for their exams. I wish them the best!

Advanced Piloting class is scheduled to begin February 15th. Take advantage of it if at all possible. Also, watch for the upcoming Cruise Planning Course.

Lt/C Adrian Rick SEO

Remember, it's your money in the form of membership dues that make it possible to offer the great classes we currently enjoy. Please encourage non-members interested in advanced grades to contact our membership chair first!

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Safe Boating is No Accident!!!

New Members

Michelle Rookey joins with over 20 years of boating experience. She lives in St. Paul and owns a 28' Cruisers Inc.

Kay Bakke who is a past family member has changed status to become an active member. She has many years of experience both with power and sailboats.

David Jennings owns a 32' power boat named "Marie Goh". He also has many years of boating experience. His wife's name is Yoshiko.

Mike Ekholm owns a 23' power boat named "What a Feelin". He docks at Barker's Island. His wife's name is Pam.

Bruce Warnygora owns a 36' Trojan Sedan Cruiser named "Libido". He and his wife "Cay" join with many years of boating background. Bruce has extensive experience with boat repairs, maintenance, rebuilds, etc. His boat is docked at Riverside and he works at Spirit Lake Marina.

Steve Farrell, S • Membership

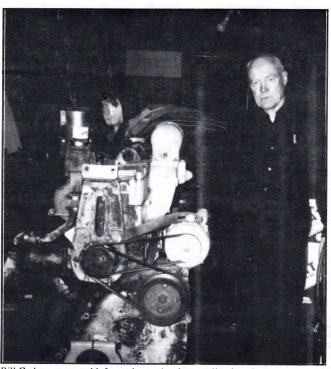


Instructor Ed Makowsky teaches from the USPS Course material and provides background information from his experience as a certified technician.

Engine Maintenance Class



Students receive instruction on engine electrical and starter mechanisms.



Bill Carlson presented information to the class on diesel engines.

Christmas Party Thanks

Thank you to all the squadron members who so graciously gave their time and energies to planning and hosting/hostessing the Christmas party. Because of all your help, the party was a success. Those of you who were not able to attend this year missed a lot of fun, so mark next year's party on your calendar and plan on being there.

The following members and their time and efforts are greatly appreciated:

Gary Battuello "Silent Auction and Door Prize Announcer Extrodinaire"

Mary & Greg Brisky "Historians of Christmas Past"

Jerry Carlson "President" and "Santa's Helper"

Pam & Jay Halling"Communications Specialists - Personal Invitations" & other members of the calling committee

Harvey Hengel"Ho Ho Ho!"

Larry LaPlante"Entertainment Scout"

Brenda LaPlante "Decoration Designer/Planner/Buyer & Visual Display"

Rhonda Olson "Taker of the Funds"

And thank you to everyone who contributed to the Silent Auction, either through bringing a gift and/or bidding on items.

Kim Strandlund, Christmas Party Chair



Chairperson Kim Strandlund (center) with committee members Gary Battuello (left) and Charlie Rouse (right). A good time was had by all.



Jim Marshall and his wife, Jan Biga. Jim continues to be one of our Boating Course instructors and presented the first session in January. A second course starts Feb. 20th.

Throwables Thrown Out

Beginning in May 1995, recreational boats less than 16 feet must have a wearable life jacket for each person on board in order to satisfy federal safety regulations under new Coast Guard rules.

The new rules still do not specify that life jackets be worn. However, the change will mean that having a "Type IV" throwable flotation cushion in a small boat will no longer be sufficient. Boaters must have on board Type I, II or III wearable life jackets, or be wearing a "hybrid" Type V. The rules for vessels 16 feet and over remain unchanged.

Another change will allow states to set their own requirements for life jackets on children, an initiative strongly called for in the National Transportation Safety Board's boating safety report issued last spring. Already, 19 states have some form of life jacket requirement for children. States will also be granted the authority to set their own life jacket requirements for sailboards, personal watercrafts, canoes & kayaks.

Secretary of Transportation Federico Pena, who has jurisdiction over the Coast Guard, has taken a strong interest in boating safety and said he personally witnessed a boating accident in which he helped two people who were not wearing life jackets.

The tragic deaths of seven family members that occured in an Arkansas boating accident last summer could have been prevented if they had been wearing life jackets, Pena said. In that particular accident, five children, age 10 to a baby of 18 months, drowned after their 12-foot boat swamped on a calm, clear day.



P/C Skip & Kelly Waterhouse. Skip was an instructor for the recently held JN course.

Canoes and kayaks less than 16 feet are also included in the new life jacket requirement effective May 1995, however, canoe liveries and rental companies will have an additional year to comply. The Coast Guard will continue its federal exemption for sailboards, racing shells, rowing sculls and racing canoes and kayaks.

Small boats were target in the the new life jacket rules because statistics have shown that 40% of boating fatalities occur in small, open boats.

from Boat US Reports, Volume XXVIII, Nov. 1993



New members John & Muffy Kalenowski. They recently purchased a new 27' Seaway which is berthed at Barker's Island. John is with the Duluth Police Department & Muff is a nurse.



Administrative Officer Jerry Carlson (right) with Santa (Harvey Hengel). Santa came prepared with a PFD to the party.

TO:

Lt/C Mary A. Morrow

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Superior, WI 54880

FROM:

Lt Gerald Rock, AP

303 E. 9th Street Superior, WI 54880

RE:

1995-96 Slate of Officers

In accordance with the By-laws of the Duluth Power Squadron, the Nominating Committee has selected the following slate of candidates for elected officers and elected committees for the 1995-96 term.

> Commander Jay R. Halling, P Lt/C Gerald A. Carlson, AP Executive Officer Lt/C Adrian G. Rick, AP* **Education Officer** 1/Lt Sean Beaudin, AP* Asst. Education Officer Administrative Officer Lt/C David A. Mattson, AP Lt/C Mary A. Morrow Secretary 1/Lt Gina Beste-Wuorinen, S Asst. Secretary Treasurer Lt/C Rhonda I. Olson, P Asst. Treasurer 1/Lt Valerie Ouellette, S

Executive Committee Members at Large

1/Lt Robert J. Hecht Sr., P 1/Lt Gordy M. Olson, P 1/Lt Leonard A. Robinson, S 1/Lt Rickard Stanius, P

Nominating Committee

P/C Mary A. Brisky, AP (3 yr)

Rules Committee

P/C Candance L. Hengel, N

Audit Committee

Jeffrey D. Dulinski, S

*Pending approval of National Education Officer

Respectfully submitted,

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

P/C Greg R. Brisky, AP

P/C Bruce A. Beste, AP

Lt Gerald Rock, AP

Chairman, Nominating Committee

DULUTH POWER SQUADRON MEETING & EVENTS 1995 - 1996

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| February 9 March 2 Executive Board Meeting March 4 March 30 (Tentative) General Meeting April 6 Executive Board Meeting May 4 Executive Board Meeting May 25 General Meeting June 1 June 15 June 15 General Meeting Executive Board Meeting Executive Board Meeting Executive Board Meeting July 6 Executive Board Meeting Executive Board Meeting |
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| Annual Meeting USPS - Miami, FL Boat Show - DECC Change of Watch District 10 Spring Conference - Minneapolis, MN Fitting Out Party Coop Charting Day Canadian Change of Watch Dock Clean-up USPS Spring Governing Board - Louisville, KY CME Exams by USCG Aux, at Squadron Dock National Safe Boating Week New Member Crisica/Harbor Conference |

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I would like to thank all squadron members who contributed articles, photos and suggestions to the squadron's newsletter, the Channel Chatter this past year.

Due to all of our efforts, we have earned the "Journalistic Excellence" award for the 1994 Watch Year.

Peggy Berg, P • Editor





Leo Kennedy, pictured above with his wife Dede, placed <u>8th in the Nation</u> for the 1994 Cooperative Charting Program, Individual Honor Roll. Congratulations, Leo, on a terrific job!

FITTING OUT PARTY 1995

April 22, 1995

Mark your calendars now -- and be thinking what you can do to make this the **Biggest and Best FITTING OUT PARTY ever!**

Committee Meetings will tentatively be held on Tuesday nights (Mondays after February 20) at the Duluth Technical College. If you can't make the meetings, you can still assist in the planning. Work toward your Merit Mark 1995 by helping to plan the party and assisting with Public Boating at the same time.

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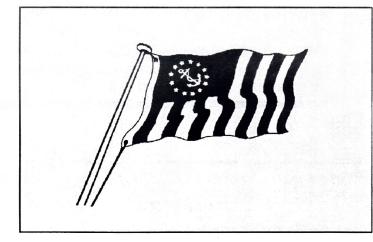
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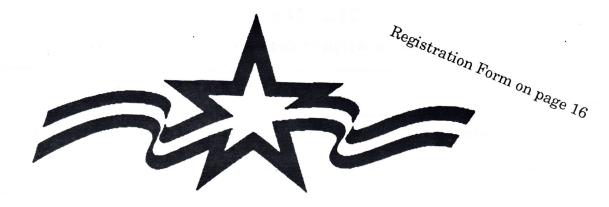
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A locally owned company, Northwest Office Supply's Duluth store has been open for 42 years. Northwest Office opened in downtown Cloquet about 16 years ago. "We're here to stay," Sundberg said.

Vice President Gary Massey attributes Northwest Office Supply's success to the expertise of its 17 dedicated employees. "Our employees work as a team and know what needs to be done," Massey said. "Everybody's instrumental."

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