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		le of Upcoming Events	
JUNE		CME Exams by USCG Aux, at Squadron Dock	
		General Meeting	
		New Member Cruise/Harbor Co-op Charting Day	
	23-25	District 10 Rendezvous - Sturgeon Bay	
JULY	4	4th Festivities & Boat Parade	
	6	Executive Board Meeting	



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Cover photo - US Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw WAGB-83

Shown is the Mackinaw making her way back into the Port of Duluth after helping to free several of the Great Lakes freighters that were trapped in the ice on Lake Superior. Some impressive stats that I have found on the Mackinaw. She has a length of 290' with a beam of 74'5", while drafting 19'. Also interesting is that she was built in 1944 at Toledo Ship Building, Toledo, Ohio, and now has a home port at Sheboygan, Michigan. She is powered by diesel electric producing 10,000 aft horsepower and 3000 forward horsepower. With two shafts aft she can cruise at 18.7 knots. When built, she was given the name of Manitowac.

Picture and article by P/C Dave Carlson N

## **Commander's Report**

It has been a busy spring for all the Bridge and committee members so far. I would like to thank everyone who has helped out at an event, worked on a committee, and/or participated in the event.

The USPS District Spring Conference that was held at the end of March was well attended by many of our members, along with their family members giving Duluth a good showing at this event. Many awards and certificates were presented to the Duluth Squadron at this event. Those awards have been passed onto the person or persons who contributed the most or to whomever the award was for.

I would like to pass on my congratulations to the following members:

P/C Bruce Nimmo, AP - became a 50 year member.

P/C Kenneth VanDyke, P - became a 25 year member.

James Marshall, P - became a 25 year member.

William Flaherty, P - became a 25 year member.

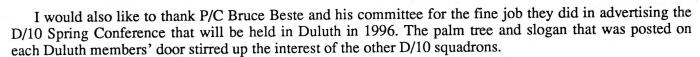
P/C Mary Brisky, AP - received the 3 Star Squadron Plaque.

Lt. Peggy Berg, P - received the Journalistic Excellence Award for the 1994-1995 year.

P/C David C. Carlson, N - received the Educational Fund Certificate of Merit.

P/C Robert Byrne, N - received the Cooperative Charting Honor Roll Certificate.

and this is only to mention a few of the awards.



The month of May has been a busy time with:

Co-Op Charting held on May 6th.

Dock Clean-Up held on May 13th.

Safe Boating Week held on May 20-26.

The month of June also will be busy with:

CME Exams by the Coast Guard Aux. being held on June 10.

New Member Cruise / Harbor Co-Op Charting being held on June 17.

D/10 Rendezvous in Sturgeon Bay being held on June 23-25.

I hope to see a large turn out for these events.

I have a message for the new members who have joined the Squadron recently. If you have any questions as to what certain events are that are being held, please ask any Bridge Officer at any time. We would all be glad to help you, to explain an event. We will also direct you to the member who can best help you. Participation in the Squadron events is the best way to get to know other members.

Cdr. Jay R. Halling, P





Cdr. Jay Halling, P (l) presesnting P/C Bruce Nimmo, AP (r) with his 50 year member plaque.



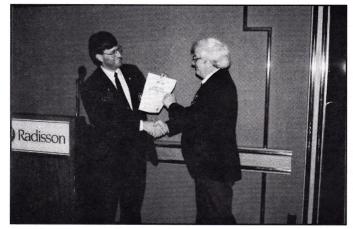
James Marshall, P (r) receiving a congratulatory handshake from Cdr. Jay Halling, P (l). Jim received his 25 year member pin.



Dave C. Rutford, JN (r) accepting a Certificate for Co-Op Charting Honor Roll from Cdr. Jay Halling, P (l).



P/C Richard D. Bibby, AP (r) receiving a Certificate of Appreciation for his commitment of service in the USPS Building Fund.



P/C Robert Byrne,  $\underline{N}$  (r) accepting a Certificate for making the USPS Co-Op Charting Honor Roll.



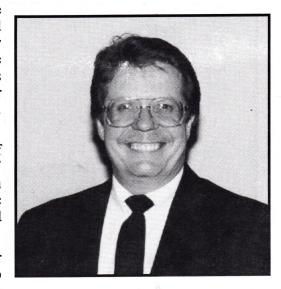
P/C David C. Carlson,  $\underline{N}$  (r) accepting a Certificate for his service in the USPS Educational Fund.

#### **Executive Officer's Report**

Did everyone get some bargains at our fitting our party? There were plenty to be had. I know two people who got exceptional bargains. Lenny Wicklund got a GPS for \$15.00 and Tracy Nelson got a Marine Radio for \$10.00. Can't beat that. Those are only two of the examples of the great deals at the party. I guess there is one other family that got a great deal. Commander Halling and family will have their boat at Barkers Island this year. You can be sure they will be using it more.

The Chinese Raffle and the Silent Auction gathered a lot of attention and both were a lot of fun to participate in. We had 117 people at the auction, the meal was great, and there was enough food and drink for everyone. Forrest Evavold again did a fantastic job as auctioneer. His talents surely increase the participation and profits.

Gordy Olson won the gift certificate at Marine General for selling the most raffle tickets. He sold over 180 tickets. Great job GORDO! Overall we sold 2,016 raffle tickets.



The TV VCR combination was won by Donna Nelson. The Blue Fin Bay Certificate was won by Bill Gooder and the Grandma's Certificate was won by Claudia Woollweever.

I want to express my thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets. I also want to thank the following who helped at the auction: Pam Halling, Gordy Olson, Rhonda Olson, Charlie Rouse, Kathy Rick, Adrian Rick, Dave Mattson, and Jay Halling.

Pam Anderson did an outstanding job as the chairperson of this event, she deserves special thanks. Everything went off without a hitch, and her documentation of everything was flawless. "Thanks, Pam".

Start planning to attend our next Fitting Out Party which will be held at the Radisson Hotel in the Great Hall, on April 27, 1996.

Lastly, don't forget the New Member Cruise coming on June 17. Remember last year the secret spots on the river that Jerry Rock showed everyone. Don't miss this one!!

Lt/C Jerry Carlson AP

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## **Administrative Officer's Report**



Spring is here and the boats are starting to go back into the water. It's time to start thinking about our summer boating activities. The first event, New Members Cruise, is scheduled for June 17. This year we will do something new, hopefully attracting more new members to join us. We will be looking for Squadron members to have new members aboard their boats to take them on a yet to be determined cruise. After the cruise, we will be meeting at the Squadron Dock for a snack. Squadron members that want to join us there are welcome. The times will be forth coming in a flyer to all members.

Another activity to look forward to is the 4th of July weekend. This event needs a chairperson. If you are interested, please give me a call.) The 4th is on a Tuesday this year. We will be celebrating it on the weekend before. The parade will still be on Tuesday. A flyer for this event will also be forth coming.

Other events are the Predicted Log, Treasure Hunt and the Corn Roast which is on September 2, 3 and 4. This event will be hoisted by Jerry and Laurie Rock. It looks to be a great time. Make sure you put it on your calendar.

Something new we are going to do this year is an Invitation to a Public Safe Boating Class packet. Each member will receive a packet of information including an invitation card to carry on board your boat to be prepared for opportunities to invite boaters to take a Public Safe Boating Class.

Dave A. Mattson, AP



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# A Second Look at Panama's Culebra Cut 83 Years Later

On their honeymoon in 1912, Will and Hazel Russell of Minneapolis enjoyed a Caribbean cruise on the White Star Line's SS LAURENTIC. Going ashore in Panama, they visited the new canal, then under construction. Will's 1912 photo shows the steam shovels and work trains busy in the famous Culebra Cut, near the Pacific end, where the canal cuts through the Continental Divide.

This spring P/C Dud Russell and his wife Bet transitted the canal aboard the Royal Cruise Line's STAR ODYSSEY, and with the help of the pilot, took a picture at the same location. The surrounding

hills have not changed appreciatively, but much of the big cut is now submerged under the deep waters of Gatun Lake, and in the intervening years, millions of tons of shipping have passed through this important waterway, which is soon to revert to the Republic of Panama.

Incidently the Captain of the STAR ODYSSEY need never be in any doubt about the exact location of his vessel. On his frequent rounds of the ship, he carries in his pocket a hand-held GPS unit!

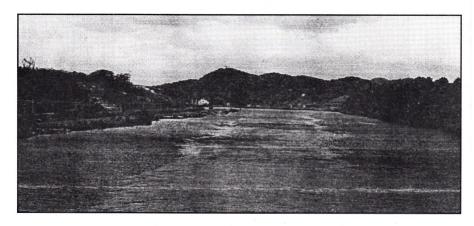
Dad's 1912 Panama pictures didn't reproduce very well, but may be this might still be of some interest to "Channel Chatter" readers. Sorry we excludit get up for the Change of Watch this year. We were cruising!

Dud Russell







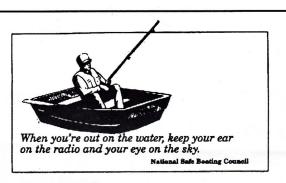


## **Co-Op Charting Day**

May 6th, 1995 was the nicest Saturday of the year so far. We had 8 people attend the event. Bill Carlson, Dave Carlson, Bob Holmes, Dorthey Holmes, David C. Rutford, David J. Rutford and myself. The Carlson's outnumbered the Rutfords. Everyone found a marker or found a place where one was supposed to be. I found three places in Superior where markers were at one time but the markers had been destroyed or paved over. I spent over an hour talking to someone by the old Union Station in Superior who had lived in the area for 44 years and she sure had some history to tell.

Start planning to attend the Harbor search which will be held on June 17.

Lt/C Jerry Carlson, AP



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#### **New Members**

The following have recently joined the Duluth Power Squadron. Please help make them feel welcome and a part of our boating organization.

Pat Heytens cruises on a 31' power boat named "Prime Rib". He is owner of "The Shack" in Superior and his wife's name is Rene.

John Gaus and his wife Joanne (who joins as an adult family member) own a 29' power boat named "Rise N Shine". They berth their boat at the Knife River Marina.

Clifford Linder powers a 25' Bayliner named "3 Seasons". His wife's name is Betty.

Andrew Braydon has 30 years of boating experience behind him but does not currently own a boat.

Robert and Dorothy Holmes join with over 40 years of boating experience. They own a 18.5' power boat.

Elliot and Lynn Zunich own a 36' cruiser named "The Loan Arranger".

Thomas and Marlene Huston own a power boat named "Trout Run".

Paul Almirall joins with a 26' sailboat named "Santana" docked at Lakehead. His wife Sharon and daughter Catie join as family members.

Steve Balliette berths a 26' power boat named "Vesi Loma" at Spirit Lake Marina. His wife's name is Joanne.

All new members recently took the Safe Boating Class and joined upon completion.

Lt. Steve Farrell, S Membership



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#### **River Quest**

As I am writing this, the Vista Star is making its way back to the Arena dock site. On board is another group of 6th graders who have participated in the St. Louis River Quest. The only abnormal thing about it is the Vista Star has to bore its way through icebergs to return to the dock. Who would think on May 10th that the boats in the harbor and bay area would have to dodge icebergs.

River Quest is a joint effort to educate the 6th graders of the area schools about our river, harbor and lake. The following are sponsoring this project: The Seaway Port Authority, Coast Guard, WLSSD, EPA Lab, Corp. of Engineers, SRFI, Hallet Dock, LSPI, Lake Superior Center, Georgia Pacific, and the Duluth Power Squadron.

Each of the above businesses and organizations operate a "learning station" aboard the Vista Star where the students learn about the Harbor and the St. Louis River. The goal of River Quest is to provide a balanced view of the harbor, river, and estuary so students understand the multiple uses of a resource that forms the foundation of the Duluth-Superior community.

We, as the Duluth Power Squadron, have contributed greatly to this learning experience by showing how we practice and teach safe boating practices in the Duluth-Superior area.

This year we can thank the following who took time out from their jobs and busy schedules to help out. Steve Farrell, Adrian Rick, Mary Brisky, Mary Morrow, Gina Wuorinen, Bruce Beste, and Rhonda Olson.

#### Lt/C Jerry Carlson AP



Fitting Out Chairperson, Pam Anderson, selling raffle tickets at the Squadron's annual fundraiser, the Fitting Out Party.



Gordy Olson, the Squadron's Property/Supply Officer is shown here with his Ship's Store display. Gordy brings it to all Squadron functions with items for sale.



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Dear Ms. Olson:

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Sincerely,

Archie D. Chelseth Director of Public Affairs

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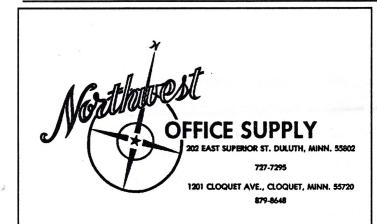
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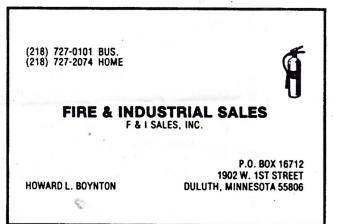
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## The Mosquito Squadron took its 1st annual "Spring Fling" on the

Snake River in Pine City. Eight dinghys attended, six from Duluth and two from the Twin Cities. There were a few memorable moments starting with Tony Wisocki forgetting to put the plug in his dinghy and it filled with water! He also forgot to turn his motor around and it was still inside the boat! Tom Holt just purchased his new dinghy and was so proud to take his family on the river, but at some moment gave it just a little too much gas and ran into Bruce and Chris Beste and Laurie and Jerry Rock. He tried to cover this up by saying "I meant to do that!" We now call his boat the "Crash Test Dummies". Jerry Rock left his garage with his new dinghy and new light but forgot to check the clearance. To make a long story short... he no longer has a light! The best is yet to come! Arne Wuorinen who we all know is one wild and crazy guy and usually doesn't do anything worthy of a Calabash. The day was just about over and they were headed back to the boat launch when weeds were sucked into one of the air jets on the Rush and Arne decides he's going to bend over the back of the boat and see if he can pull them out. He tells his crew to stand in the bow to raise the back and he bends way over feet in the air.. He falls in! His crew was laughing so hard they could barely help him back in. They all promised they wouldn't tell anyone back at the boat landing...They lied! They told everyone! Arne did get his crew back though. He drove all the way home with the heat on high!

Signed "Whispering Willy"

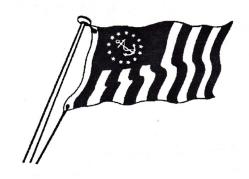






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