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This issue is packed with information about your squadron!

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Cover photo -

Spring is Here? With the warm weather my thoughts have turned to boating. This brought on the search for open water. After only driving a few miles, I found open water behind the U.S.C.G. Sundew. This may not be enough open water but a spirit raiser that spring will soon be here.

Picture and caption by P/C Dave Carlson, N

Commander's Report

Well, here we go!!! Finally, after going through three plus years of working up to the goal of becoming Commander of the Duluth Power Squadron, I say to myself, "hey I made it". Sounds hard to believe, but it's now happening. Not to bore anyone with details but this all started with P/C Jay Halling, AP calling me one evening three years ago with a question about chairing the Corn Roast. I had to stop and think about it but did answer that I would. Well that went off without a hitch, and the next thing I know P/C Bob Stokes, AP is asking me if I would become the next squadron's administrative officer. I said whoa, now what have I gotten myself into. Well, as I said three short years later, here I am with the opportunity to serve as your Commander.



I want to sincerely thank everyone for their support up to now and also the chance to serve as your next Commander. The past months have been busy readying myself and the many people who make up the elected and appointed officers of our squadron. Please review our squadron goals, which are located on the following page. They outline some of the things we are trying to accomplish during this watch year of 1996-1997. Although there are eleven goals listed I want to emphasize a couple.

Goal Number 8. Continue to identify other local organizations having a relationship to boating and establish a liaison relationship.

We are now working more closely with the Coast Guard Auxiliary with Safe Boating Week activities. This is one relationship we want to continue. With Jim Munger, N, now appointed as our Squadron's Safety Officer, this relationship will begin to grow even more. This past December, I was invited to attend the Coast Guard Auxiliary's Change of Watch. Our Squadron is thought highly of and regarded with respect from both the auxiliary and the Coast Guard. We can thank our past officers and members for their hard work developing this relationship.

Goal Number 10. Have Duluth Squadron members qualify and earn 100 merit marks.

This doesn't sound like much does it? Well this is the year to do it. With everything happening this year, we should be able to have over 100 members receive merit marks. With the Duluth Squadron hosting the District 10 Spring Conference and the many classes to proctor it should be a snap. If everyone volunteered one or two nights at the Safe Boating Class, we could have 200 merit marks. It's easy. So let's do it.

Our 1996 Change of Watch turned out to be a great time. We had over 85 people join in on the festivities. The Greysolon Plaza Ballroom was the site. After the extensive damage from the broken water piping in February 1994, the remodeling turned out beautifully! The ballroom was restored to its finest with all the repainting and the new floor. The District 10 Commander Nominee, David Rupley, JN, flew in from Stevens Point to administer the oath to me. It was quite an honor to have been sworn in, in such a great old building. From the flag ceremony, dinner music, dinner, to the Shelly Bergen entertainment, everything went off without a hitch.

Watch for events coming up: April General Meeting - Guest Speaker, Craig Sanders of the National Weather Service speaking about Duluth's new weather station and new Doppler Radar system. May General Meeting - co-hosting kick-off Safe Boating Week with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. June General Meeting - pavilion dedication and more!!!

Lastly, I want to personally thank all of the people that helped us put on the great Change of Watch this year. Everyone did a fantastic job. Thank you, and now let's get on with a great year.

Cdr Jerry Carlson, AP



DULUTH POWER SQUADRON 1996 - 1997 GOALS

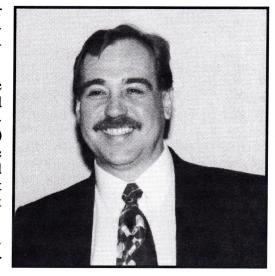
Goal No. 1:	Retain 90% of our active and additional active members from December 1, 1995 to January 31, 1997.
Goal No. 2:	Promote membership growth by signing up 25 new active and additional active members from December 1, 1995 to November 30, 1997.
Goal No. 3:	Conduct two (2) Boating Courses, one (1) Boating Safely Course, and promote public relations through participation in the Duluth Boat Show and activities during National Safe Boating Week.
Goal No. 4:	Enroll in the District 10 Cooperative Advertising Reimbursement Program.
Goal No. 5:	Conduct an Operations Training and Leadership Development Program. Have Bridge Officer complete the courses, if they have not previously done so.
Goal No. 6:	Offer (3) advanced grade courses and (4) elective courses.
Goal No. 7:	Participate in the District 10 Rendezvous, to be held in Sheboygan/Milwaukee.
Goal No. 8:	Continue to identify other local organizations having a relationship to boating and establish a liaison relationship.
Goal No. 9:	Continue to support the USPS Education Fund by making a 100% contribution.
Goal No. 10:	Have Duluth Squadron members qualify and earn 100 Merit Marks.
Goal No. 11:	Earn 3 Star Squadron Status.

Executive Officer's Report

Hello, I am your new Executive Officer and this is a new year with new goals to accomplish. I am looking forward to the experience. Welcome aboard to all the new officers. I am looking forward to working with all of you.

The boat show went well. We had 50 people sign up to man the booth at the DECC. Those of you that helped might have noticed that we did things a little different this year. Shamrock Productions allowed us 20 free passes if we bought the rest of the 50 passes at a 50% discount which we did. This allowed us to come in early and stay late without having to bring the passes back and forth. I felt it went well and if there are any comments please let me know. I think we probably will do this again next year. Thank you all for participating.

The Fitting Out Party will be April 27. Polly Holt and I are cochairing it. Please read the information in this Channel Chatter and help support this event.



This year we will again be involved with River Quest. Please also read the article on this event. If you are interested in helping please contact me. There are still a few spots open. Our presentations will be on life jackets (They Float, You Don't) and knot tying. The cruise will be aboard the Vista Star. There are three days, May 8, 9 and 10 from 8:30 am to Noon and Noon to 4:00 pm. We have two to three presenters in each time slot.

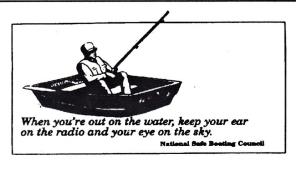
Lt/C Dave A. Mattson, AP

Education Report

Just a few quick notes to let you know there will be a flier coming out shortly about three classes beginning in April. There will be Seamanship, Sailing and for our kids ages 12 to 18 there will be Boating Safely. Boating Safely will allow them to obtain a youth operators permit in Wisconsin and Minnesota. After they complete the course, what could be better than to start our kids on the right foot, in a sport that we all love so much?

Cruise Planning is being well attended at our newest classroom - WLSSD conference room. Also on March 27th we graduated 55 new boaters from the public boating course. The second class started March 26th at Lake Superior College. If there's anyone interested in helping out with the classes, please come on up to the classes. Your help would be gratefully appreciated.

1/Lt Gerald Rock, AP Assistant Educational Officer



Leadership
in environmental stewardship:
not just an idea...it's our responsibility.



Advanced Classes - Graduates

Seamanship (S)

Richard H. Hansen Lynn Zunich Elliot Zunich Steve Balliette Marlene J. Huston Thomas G. Huston Robert S. Holmes Andrew G. Braydon John Kalenowski Mary A. Morrow

Piloting (P)

Dale Nummi
Larry A. LaPlante
Bob Marchand
Larry R. Stingl
John F. Degrood
Kevin Haberman
Sue J. Fena
Daniel K. Watson
Valerie Ouellette
Sheryl Johnson
Steve P. Johnson
Robert H. Ouellette
Kathleen M. Rick
Maurice G. Alexander

Steve Balliette

Robert Campbell
Robert S. Holmes
Marlene J. Huston
Thomas G. Huston
John Kalenowski
Mary A. Morrow
Gina Beste-Wuorinen
Elliot Zunich
Lynn Zunich

Advanced Pilot (AP)

Dale Nummi
Larry A. LaPlante
Bob Marchand
Kevin Haberman
Sue J. Fena
Daniel K. Watson
Sue Farrell
Steve Farrell
Michael Spencer
Jay R. Halling

Junior Navigator (JN)

Bruce A. Beste Thomas A. Holt Arne D. Wuorinen Sean R. Beaudin

Engine Maintenance

Mark D. Johnson
Roy W. Bulloch
Gordy M. Olson
David A. Mattson
Arvid F. Lokken
Edward W. Engelson
Gary A. Battuello
Bruce A. Beste
Donald P. Hansen
James Robinson, Jr.

Instructor Qualification

Gilbert T. Richey Mary M. Richey

Weather

David B. Fitch Jim M. Langdon Richard S. Gudowski

Congratulations!

Education - Supplemental Programs

AMATEUR RADIO
INTRO. TO ASTRONOMY
INTRO. TO SAILING
PREDICTED LOG CONTEST
OCEANOGRAPHY
ELEMENTS OF BOAT DESIGN
CALCULATORS FOR NAV.
ELECTRONIC NAVIGATION

COMPASS ADJUSTING
SKIPPER SAVER
PREP FOR C. G. LICENSE
BOAT INSURANCE
HAND TOOLS
PRINCIPLES OF WATER SKIING
SIGHT REDUCTION METHODS
MARLINSPIKE

COMPASS ADJUSTING

THIS PROGRAM DESCRIBES "EVERY METHOD KNOWN TO MAN" FOR THE SKIPPER OF A BOAT WITH A PLASTIC, WOOD, OR ALUMINUM HULL TO DETERMINE HIS VESSEL'S PRECISE HEADING, IN SUNNY WEATHER OR FOUL. INCLUDED IN THE TEXT IS THE USE OF THE PELORUS AS WELL AS THE MANIPULATION OF THE COMPASS CORRECTOR MAGNETS.

INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE SELF-STUDY COURSES? MOST COST LESS THAN \$10.00 PER BOOK AND CAN BE EASILY ORDERED FOR YOU! FOR MORE INFORMATION ON AVAILABLE BOOKS, CONTACT SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER L_1/C ADRIAN RICK @ 624-3772.

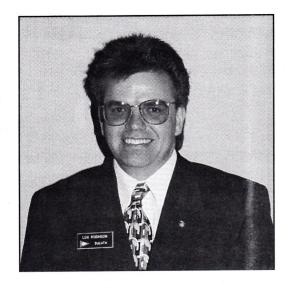


Administrative Officer's Report

Think Spring!

All of us are turning our thoughts to the upcoming boating season with great anticipation. With our boating season just around the corner now, May 18th will be our annual Dock Cleanup Day. Dockmaster Lt Joel Berg, AP will be needing all the help you can give to prepare our facilities for the summer. Please contact Joel ahead of time to let him know how you can help. A flyer will be going out in the mail to let you know times and tools needed. Some of the projects that need to be addressed are: sink holes which continue to be a problem, securing the land behind the small boat dock and continuing to update the electric service on the light poles. Remember the dock is there for you to use anytime, not just for squadron activities.

With the National Membership declining, overall Duluth has maintained almost all of our members. This year we have several exciting events happening and would like to see new and old



members get involved. If you have any new or old ideas, please pass them along to myself or any other bridge members. We have several people from the public boating course who have either joined the squadron or are interested in membership. Please invite a new member to a meeting or event to make them more comfortable. We all have been there. If you would like to help out with any of our summer events, please contact me. Many members don't realize the work it takes to put on some of the events and the more people involved, only makes it easier.

1/Lt Len Robinson, S

Attention all Committee Chairpersons, Officers, Members!

All funds collected in form of a check must be turned in to the Treasurer no later than one week upon receipt of the check.

My mailing address is 5727 Wargin Rd., Duluth, MN 55810.

Thank you.

Lt/C Paulette M. Holt, S • Treasurer





Don't forget the upcoming

April 18th General Meeting

which will be at the

Pickwick Restaurant Social Hour 1800

The featured speaker will be Craig Sanders of NOAA & the National Weather Service.

Craig will be speaking on the new Doppler Radar System and how it will effect boating on Lake Superior.





Videos

FYI The Duluth Power Squadron has about 20 videos available that can be checked out by members for home viewing.

If you are looking to brush up on what you learned in the "Basic Boating Course" check out the 80 minute video on <u>Basic Boating</u> or the 40 minute video on <u>Sailing</u> produced by the U.S.P.S.

Safety issues are addressed by the videos: <u>Lifelines</u>, <u>A Little Common Sense</u>, <u>Cold</u>, <u>Wet & Alive</u>, <u>The Choice is Yours</u>, and <u>Man Over-Board</u>. Most of which are produced by the U.S. Coast Guard. Some videos are as short as 13 minutes, but viewing it with your family could make the difference in a life threatening situation.

And, for the handy man or woman, we have two videos on Engine Maintenance - one for marine gas and one for marine diesel engines.

Do any of these "spark" your interest? Videos will be available at the General Meetings or call Pam Halling at 722-8172 (evenings) and check one out today!

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Courtesy of U.S. Dept. of Interior National Park Service

- 1. Let someone KNOW where you are going and when you are coming back.
- 2. KNOW that all safety equipment is on board.
- 3. KNOW fuel supply and boat's range.
- 4. KNOW the weather forecast and watch for sudden changes.
- 5. KNOW that all passengers are provided with a personal flotation device (PFD).
- 6. KNOW the effects of alcohol on the water.
- 7. KNOW to stay with the boat.
- 8. KNOW the lake level and water conditions.
- 9. KNOW the effects of the sun and heat.
- 10. KNOW to watch for the unexpected.





27 APRIL 1996

Is it marked on your calendar?

DULUTH POWER SQUADRON

Fitting Out Party 1996

Radisson Hotel

1800 hours - Social Hour

1900 hours - Dinner Buffet

RAFFLE

PRIZES

- TV/VCR Combination (AC/DC)
 - \$100 Gift Certificate to Bluefin Bay Resort
- \$50 Gift Certificate to Pickwick
- \$20 Gift Certificate to Perkins

TICKETS

If you haven't turned in ticket sales, please bring them Saturday night.

Need more tickets?

Contact Polly Holt, 729-6072.

See You There!

COST

\$8.00 per person (includes tax & tip)

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Quality Donation Item

Back by popular demand!

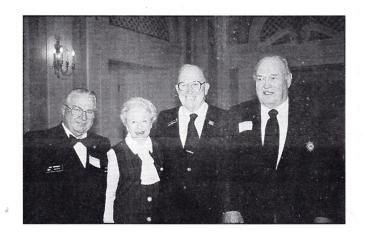
Chinese Raffle

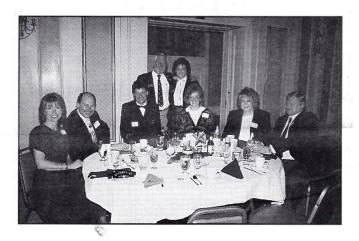
- * Buy tickets at the table for drawings
- * \$1.00 per ticket
- * Look over the "choice" items
- * Enter as many tickets as you like on any or all items
- * No Auction bidding on these items

1996 Change of Watch



















The Sacred Calabash

After the calling of seven Duluth Power Squadron members to take a "hot seat" in front of the Change of Watch audience, this year's Calabash was awarded to 1/Lt Robert J. Hecht, Sr., P.

Every year at the Change of Watch, a squadron member is awarded the Calabash for the biggest boating blunder. The winner must proudly display the award in a prominent place in their home or boat and passes it on to the following year's worthy candidate.

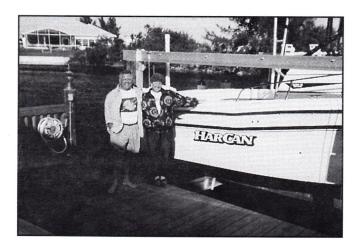
February 1996

Past Commanders Candy and Harvey Hengel are standing by their new dock and boat lift. The boat is a Grady White, about 26'. Their home is located on a private waterway in Cape Coral that leads to the Gulf of

Mexico and among the islands that are offshore of Fort Meyers, Florida. Every Thursday is Cruise Day, when they take turns with Jack Salo of Duluth, using their boats for a tour of the many waterways, restaurants, or other water recreation.

Note the bare feet and shorts on Harvey, which shows that they are getting into the Florida lifestyle. They both send their regards to the Duluth Power Squadron and expect to be boating with you all this coming summer.

Your Roving Reporter



Boat Show 1996

Many thanks go out to the following members who helped man our booth at the Duluth Sports and Camping Show this past February. Everyone did a great job spreading the word about the United States Power Squadron.

Tom and Polly Holt Don and Diana Hansen Greg Brisky Ken Page Jim Langdon Cliff and Betty Hinder Larry and Nancy Anderson Bob and Dorothy Holmes Dave Carlson Bob Byrne Walt and Diedre Plude Brian and Sharon Haataja Jack Soetebier Steve Farrell Art and Charlie Lamken Val and Bob Ouellette Rick and Linda Stanius

Art Mahlberg
Steve Balliette
Jerry Carlson
Jay and Pam Halling
Bob Beaudin
Joyce Nelson
Bob Hecht
Jerry Rock
Dave Rutford
Dick Bibby
Bob Stokes
Kevin Haberman



Steve Johnson
Bruce and Chris Beste
Gordy Olson
Dave Mattson
Tom and Linda Grover
Sue Fena

St. Louis River Quest

The third annual series of River Quest educational cruises for area sixth grade students has been set for Wednesday and Thursday (May 10-11) aboard the harbor excursion boat Vista Star.

St. Louis River Quest, created in 1993, is an educational program sponsored by 40 public agencies, political subdivisions and industrial organizations concerned with the utilization and preservation of the St. Louis River estuary. It is designed to provide hands-on experience for sixth grade students in the St. Louis River basin to enhance awareness and understanding of the lower river and harbor, its communities and associated interrelationships.

There will be four half-day cruises aboard the Vista Star accommodating 621 students from Grant, Cloquet, Carlton, Nettleton, Superior, Hermantown, Lincoln and Lakewood.

During each cruise the students visit 11 learning stations which are designed to increase their awareness of how industry and government work together toward environmental improvements in the St. Louis River basin. Voyages will be from 9 am - 11:30 am and from Noon - 2:30 pm both days.

Ray Skelton, special projects director for the Seaway Port Authority of Duluth and Chairman of River Quest, says "the River Quest program is an effective tool in helping the students become environmentally conscious by providing them lessons in water quality, soil conservation, pollution control, maritime commerce, harbor maintenance, boating safety, fish habitat and sewage treatment."



Merit Marks Earned in 1995

Amundson, Dale W. Anderson, Larry J. Anderson, Pamela M. Baltes, Dean Beaudin, Robert C. Beaudin, Sean R. Berg, Joel F. Berg, Peggy A. Beste, Bruce A. Beste-Wuorinen, Gina Bibby, Richard D. Billman, Michael D. Boynton, Howard L. Brisky, Greg R. Brisky, Mary Ann Bulloch, Roy W. Byrne, Robert J. Carlson, David C. Carlson, Gerald A. Carlson, William A. Dulinski, Jeffrev D. Eggert, Harlan A. Farrell, Steve Farrell, Sue Fena, Sue J. Forsyth, Dell W. Golden, James J. Haataja, Brian M.

Haataja, Sharon M.

anytime.

Haberman, Kevin Halling, Jay R. Hansen, Donald P. Harrison, John Hecht, Jean M. Hecht, Sr., Robert J. Hengel, Candance L. Hengel, Harvey A. Holt, Paulette M. Holt, Thomas A. Johnson, Steve P. Kennedy, Leo J. Kuehl, Robert C. Lamken, Arthur T. Langdon, Jim M. Larson, Donn LaPlante, Larry A. LiaBraaten, Erick James Makowsky, Jr., Edward L. Marshall, James R. Mason, Sidney R. Mattson, David A. Meehan, Jr., James L. Miller, David Morrow, Mary A. Munger, James E. Naslund, Karen A. Nelson, Tracy Olson, Gordy M.

Olson, Rhonda Irene Ouellette, Robert H. Ouellette, Valerie Page, Kenneth G. Porter, Clarence G. Radtke, Joseph G. Richey, Gilbert T. Richey, Mary M. Rick, Adrian G. Rick, Kathleen M. Robinson, Leonard A. Robinson, Jr., James D. Rock, Eugene L. Rock, Gerald S. Rouse, Charles H. Rutford, David C. Simonson, Daniel Soetebier, John W. Solon, Heather Meehan Stanius, Rickard A. Stariha, Jerry Stokes, Robert E. Stokke, David E. Strandlund, Kim A. Tuhkanen, Jim P. Waterhouse, Ron E. Wilson, Robert E. Wuorinen, Arne D.



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The Duluth Power Squadron is **HOT!** District 10 is Hot? USPS is **Hot**

... and we had a **Hot** Hot?

Spring Conference on 22-24 March to prove it.

As anticipated, we had a good turn out with 190 District 10 members and guests registered for the weekend. The kickoff of the conference included the registration table with decorations portraying the tropical theme - complete with pirates, a cockatoo named Baby, sun gods, and palm trees. Fellow district members were greeted at a warm reception in the hospitality suite Friday evening. The evening's festivities included exotic foods and beverages. Participants received a "message in a bottle" directing them to buried treasures.

Our Duluth members staffed the registration table throughout the weekend, providing information and directions. Duluth members tended a co-op charting answer booth. Next to these, the ship's store was fully stocked with embroidered sweatshirts for six other squadrons and a good assortment of other items from the national ship's store.

On Saturday, the Duluth squadron hosted an alternate luncheon and tour of the Glensheen Mansion for 34 ladies. The members lunch served 101 at the Top of the Harbor Restaurant, presenting a panoramic view of the city. At the close of the business meeting fifty out-of-town guests toured the Canal Park Marine Museum, with a special presentation from Pat Laberdie.

We had something for everyone at this conference, including the kids. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary sponsored an in-the-water PFD safety demonstration at the hotel's pool. A life guard was on duty for extra swimming fun.

More surprises and fun continued into Saturday's evening agenda. Everyone got involved during the predinner entertainment featuring favorite beach songs performed by a musical band. The banquet room was complete with palm trees, table centerpieces with live goldfish, and bird of paradise floral arrangements. Dinner was served to 151 people. The District 10 formal Change of Watch and award presentations followed. The evening was capped off with the finish of the treasure hunt, from the evening before. Door prizes were given away to lucky winners.

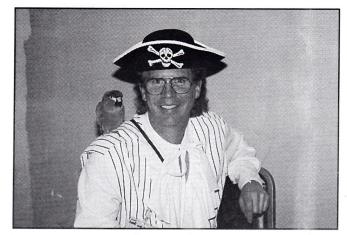
Sunday morning, Gil Porter bridged the gap between Great Lakes pilots and recreational boaters in his informative program at the "N Club" meeting. It was a great send off to our guests.

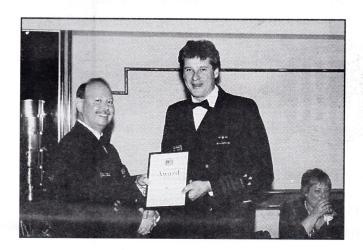
A special thanks to all who attended. You really made this conference Hot hot 12

P/C Bruce Beste, JN Chairperson

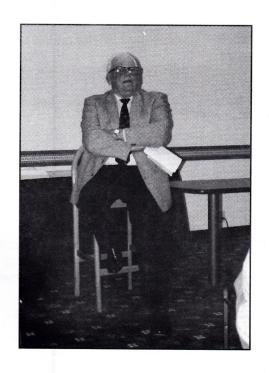


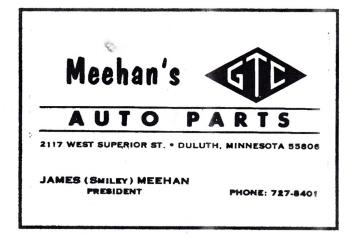












More on District 10 Conference



Congratulations to the Duluth Power Squadron!

At the District 10 Conference, the Duluth Power Squadron was awarded the prestigious Prince Henry Award.

This educational award is given to the squadron who has the most members successfully pass advanced grades than any other squadron in relationship to the size of the squadron. Duluth is the first squadron to win the award four times.

The Prince Henry Award was given to District 10 by the government of Portugal.



D/C Neil D. McMillin, N District 10 Commander

Dear Bruce,

What a fine conference you and
your Duluth team or chestrated. One
I'll never forget. It made my last
weekend as I'C very special your
Can be sure I really appreciatedly
your hard work. You made it
HOT HOT HOT HOT Warmest Regards,

Meil

The Duluth Power Squadron hosted a Hot Hot !!

Spring Conference for

District 10. The following members provided the energy and resources that made it happen:

Steve Balliette Lt Dean Baltes Sean Beaudin Lt Joel Berg Lt Peggy Berg P/C Richard Bibby P/C Greg Brisky P/C Mary Brisky 1/Lt Jean Hecht 1/Lt Robert Hecht, Sr. **Bob Holmes**

Lt Tom Holt Lt/C Polly Holt P/C Robert Byrne P/C Dave Carlson Cdr Jerry Carlson Mike Ekholm

P/C Harlan Eggert Lt Steve Farrell Sue Farrell P/C Jay Halling P/C Don Hansen Marleen Huston P/C Candy Hengel P/C Harvey Hengel

Art Lamken 1/Lt Erick Liabraaten Lt/C Dave Mattson Lt/C Mary Morrow Jack Morrow Lt James Munger 1/Lt Gordy Olson **Bob Ouellette** 1/Lt Val Ouellette

Kevin Owens Ken Page Rick Stanius P/C Robert Stokes David Stokke Dave Poulin Gil Porter Lt/C Adrian Rick

Kathy Rick Lt/C Lenny Robinson

P/C Gene Rock 1/Lt Jerry Rock Dave Rutford Rhonda Olson Tony Wisocki P/C Arne Wuorinen Gina Wuorinen

Also, the following non-members provided the same energy and enthusiasm:

Cindy Beaudin

Chris Beste Pam Halling Diana Hansen

Yvonne Hansen Tasha Mattson Jan Nelson

Sharon Page

Lisa Robinson Linda Stanius Daryl Ann Rock

Laurie Rock Pam Stokke Doug Rock

52 members and 15 non-members helped plan, promote, organize, and execute this terrific conference. We are over half way to Cdr Jerry's goal of 100 merit marks this year. Be proud of your Duluth Power

Squadron's efforts. We surely showed all of D/10 that we are one

Squadron! Thank you to all!

P/C Bruce Beste Spring Conference Chair

Special thanks to Marcia Signorelli, Duluth Convention Bureau; Pat Laberdie, Maritime Museum; Isobel Rapaich, Duluth City Council; the Staff at the Glensheen Mansion; the entire staff at the Radisson Hotel Downtown Duluth; Jessica Lind, National Anthem; Nicole Gordon, Lifeguard; Rock A Bill Revue, Entertainment ... for all you help... D/10 Spring Conference Committee.

Spring Checklist

Have a plan. Make a check sheet on what has been done and what you have yet to do:

Check all required legal equipment; note each piece of equipment, checking its condition and operation.

Check all lines.

Life Jackets: air and hang them in their proper place in good condition.

Fire Extinguishers: make sure they are fully charged and in place.

Whistle and Bell: aboard and operating.

Lights: proper and operating.

Anchors and Line: in good condition with the bitter end of the anchor rode secured.

Flares: and other distress equipment on board and operating.

Ship-to-Shore Radio and RDF: on board and operational.

Mechanical Check: check steering gear, making sure there are no obstructions; rudder answers to wheel.

Lubrication: lubricate anything that requires it to reduce friction, wear or corrosion.

Fuel: check all fuel-line fittings and be sure that no trace of fuel odor exists. Pay particular attention to new fittings. Hose Connections: make sure clamps are tightened & in good condition; replace those that look bad. Now's a good time to *double-clamp* all of them.

Shaft(s): make certain that nothing is in the way and coupling bolts are tightened & secured by wire.

Batteries: fully charged and in good condition.

Crankcase Oil: at proper level.

While at dockside or at your mooring, before starting your engines, use the best sniffer you have your nose - to smell for fumes. Then switch on bilge blowers to clear bilges before starting the engine(s).

Start your engine(s) & let them run until warm. Check oil pressures gauge(s) - positive pressure should show almost immediately. Check cooling water; discharge should flow overboard soon after starting. Check ammeter(s); charging rate should show.

Listen to the engine(s). Idling rate should be normal. Unusual sounds and/or vibration may be an indication of a problem that could be corrected before causing damage. Check forward and reverse gears. Put in forward gear just enough to produce a slight surge, them go back to neutral. Repeat with reverse gear. The transitions should be smooth.

Pump any water out of the bilge, checking the bilge pump.

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Safe Boating Week

Greetings Fellow Boaters:

The 1996 boating season is soon approaching. With every day that passes, the days get warmer and longer. Boats will be coming out of storage soon.

May 18-24 is National Boating Week. This year's campaign message is "Life Jackets. They Float. Your Don't." This theme emphasizes the importance of wearing personal flotation devices (P.F.D.'s). Hope to see you at the May 16 General Meeting which will be held jointly with the U.S.C.G. Auxiliary.

Jim Munger, Safety Officer

Co-Op Charting

May 11 is scheduled for the Co-Op Charting day for the squadron. Please give David C. Rutford a call if you are planning on participating. There will also be more information forthcoming.



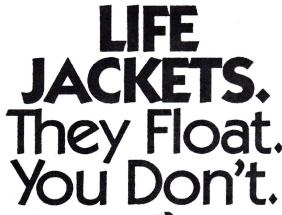
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General Management Plan Newsletter 1 November 1995

Dear Friends,

Isle Royale National Park holds a special place in the lives of many of us. We come here to explore the wilderness, to kayak or motorboat along its rugged shoreline, to fish in its clean waters, or to hike and backpack in its unspoiled forests. Many of us hope to bring our families and friends here to enjoy the features that make Isle Royale special.

To ensure that Isle Royale National Park continues to provide opportunities for people to enjoy the park while preserving its exceptional qualities, the National Park Service is beginning a major effort to take a new look at the future of the park. We will prepare a general management plan with your help that will provide park managers with a framework for making decisions about protecting park resources and providing for use by visitors. During the course of this process we will be asking a number of fundamental questions: What should the Park Service be doing to ensure that visitors continue to have a quality experience on the island? What levels and types of use are appropriate for the park? How should we manage the park's natural environment? To help answer these and other questions, the Park Service will seek the views of the state of Michigan, our Canadian neighbors, other federal agencies, interest groups, and the general public, both locally and nationally. The answers to these questions will guide the management of Isle Royale National Park into the 21st century.

I want to invite you to join us in charting Isle Royale's future. Because the general management plan will affect park visitors and resources, your views and concerns are important to us. We expect the plan to take two years to complete, and we will be asking for your participation at various points in the process. By getting involved you can make a difference in the future of Isle Royale.

I appreciate your interest in the park and look forward to working with you throughout the planning effort. If you have any questions or comments at any time during the planning process, please feel free to contact us at Isle Royale National Park, 800 East Lakeshore Drive, Houghton, Michigan 49931-1895, or call us at (906) 482-0986.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Barnard Superintendent

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RENDEZUOUS MAY 5 FOR INFLATABLES

All Squadron Members Welcome

Join us for a fun filled day on the St. Croix. We will meet at Marine on the St. Croix at 0830 with departure set for 0900.

The plan is to make our way up to Taylors Falls and back.

We plan to eat lunch along the way. Maybe, Osceola Park !!??

Please contact Tom Rossini 612-888-4941 (if interested)

USPS District 10 Rendezvous

Motel Information

Ramada Inn 723 Center Avenue Sheboygan, WI 53081 (414) 458-1400 Ph. (414) 458-6767 Fax (40 Rooms Rsvd) Comfort Inn 4332 North 40th Street Sheboygan, WI 53083 (414) 457-7724 Ph. (414) 457-2597 Fax (15 Rooms rsvd) Select Inn 930 North 8th Street Sheboygan, WI 53081 (414)458-4641 Ph.

(10 Rooms Rsvd)

Rate: \$52.00 Until May 21

Rate: \$58.00 and up Until May 31.

Rate: \$65.00 Until May 21

Note: Extra charges for more then two adults may apply to the rates above. Make reservations **early** - as a major SCCA race is taking place nearby at Elkart Lake at the same time. A new **Holiday Inn** on Washington Avenue is scheduled to open on May 15, 1996. Call (800) 465-4329 for reservations - there is no prior arrangement.

Marina Information

Harbor Centre Marina 821 Broughton Drive Sheboygan, WI 53081 (414) 458-6665 Rates:

0.80 per foot without Pool privileges

1.10 per foot with Pool privileges

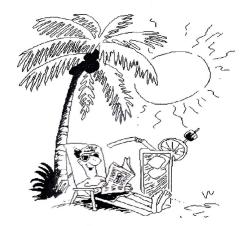
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June 21 - 23, 1996

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Sheboygan Power Squadron Milwaukee Power Squadron

Friday, 21 June	
1500 - 2000	Registration at Richardson Pavilion
1700 - 2000	Hors d'oeuvres and Entertainment at Richardson Pavilion
2001	Dinner at your choice of Restaurant
Saturday, 22 June	
0900 - 1200	Registration at the Richardson Pavilion
1000 - 1200	Poker Run
1000 - 1200	Kid's Crew Activities
1045 - 1200	Shopping & Tour of Sheboygan's historic waterfront by Trolley
1130 - 1330	Sheboygan Brats & Milwaukee Beverage
1400 - 1630	Tour of Kohler Design Center
1630 - 1800	Relax & Restoration
1800 - 1900	Social Hour at Sheboygan Yacht Club (Casual Attire)
1900 - 2200	Dinner and Entertainment at Sheboygan Yacht Club (Casual Attire)
Sunday, 23 June	
0800 - 1100	Pancake Breakfast at Richardson Pavilion

Registration Form	
Name	Reservations: Saturdays Beer & Brats Lunch
Squadron	Adults # @ \$5.00=
Address	Children #@ \$3.50=
	Saturday Evening Dinner
City,St,Zip	Chicken Breasts Stuffed with
Names & Ages of Children	Ham & Swiss Cheese
	Adults #@ \$15.00= Childrens#@ \$11.00= Tenderloin Steak 7oz
Make Checks Payable to: Milwaukee Power Squadron	Adults #@ \$17.00=
Mail To: D/Lt Phyllis Thompson, N Phone Day (414) 273-7877	Childrens#@ \$13.00=
9385 S. Burrell Evening (414) 762-2795	Sunday Pancake Breakfast
Oak Creek, WI 53154	Adult #@ \$6.00=
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Peggy Berg, Editor Channel Chatter 323 N. 61st Ave. W. Duluth, MN 55807 624-1478 (evenings), 723-9496 (daytime) 723-9122 (fax)

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