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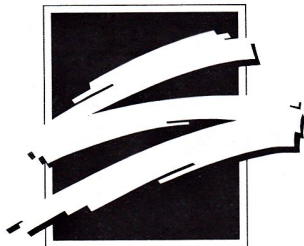
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Schedule of Upcoming Events

JUNE	5	Executive Board Meeting, Incline Station
	7	CME Exams by USCG Aux., Squadron Dock
	7-8	Rendezvous with Chippewa Valley, Squadron Dock
	21	General Meeting, Squadron Dock
	21	New Member Cruise, Squadron Dock
	27-29	Summer Rendezvous, Minnetonka, MN
JULY	3	Executive Board Meeting, Incline Station
	4	July 4th Festivities & Boat Parade

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Commander's Report

May 15, 1997

The weather has been very cold, but my boat is in the water. I feel good about that. Everyday I see more and more boats at the Marina. Summer is just around the corner. I am looking forward to my first warm cruise.

June 7, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be at the Power Squadron dock giving us our annual inspection for our CME's. We hope to see the Coast Guard show up with their 44 footer and give us tours, and also give us a flare demonstration and allow us to shoot off our old flares.

This year during the same weekend we will be hosting a Rendezvous with Chippewa Valley Power Squadron. There will be a fishing contest in the morning with prizes, a pot luck dinner in the evening, and breakfast will be served Sunday morning. This looks to be a lot of fun. I hope everyone can join us.

The June 19 General Meeting is going to be changed to June 21, Saturday. It will start with a New Member Cruise from Harbor Cove and end at the Power Squadron Dock with a new Member Orientation. We will be having a meeting at the Pavilion with a presentation on Geodetic markers. We may even go looking for some markers at the dock. For the people who don't know what this is all about, they can get a first hand demonstration. Look for the Flier.


Our 4th annual joint meeting for the kick off of Safe Boating Week, with the Coast Guard Auxiliary on



May 15 was a great success. We had the Minnesota and Wisconsin DNR, Coast Guard and Coast Guard Safety representatives there. I would like to thank our Safety Officer, Lt. Jim Munger, N, for his help and all the Coast Guard Auxiliary that were there.

I want to thank everybody who helped with the Fitting Out Party. It was a great success. Also, thank you to the people who helped with River Quest. This was a lot of fun.

Cdr. Dave Mattson, AP


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Executive Officer's Report

On April 26th we held our annual Fitting Out Party and Auction. This years auction was very successful and I would like to thank everyone who helped make it a memorable night. Please take time to thank the businesses who donated items for the auction. I think everyone enjoyed the great food and atmosphere at the Shrine Auditorium. The prize the the best "Fitting Out Garb" went to Bruce Nimmo (nice coveralls, Bruce!). The prize for the most raffle tickets sold went to Cheryl Stokke. She sold 75 tickets. What an accomplishment! The winners of the raffle ticket drawing are as follows:

1st Prize - Color TV/VCR	Justin Stokke
2nd Prize - \$100.00 Blue Fin Bay Certificate	Polly Holt
3rd Prize - \$50.00 Pickwick Cedrtificate	Jim Munger
4th Prize - \$20.00 Perkins Cert.	Richard Carlson

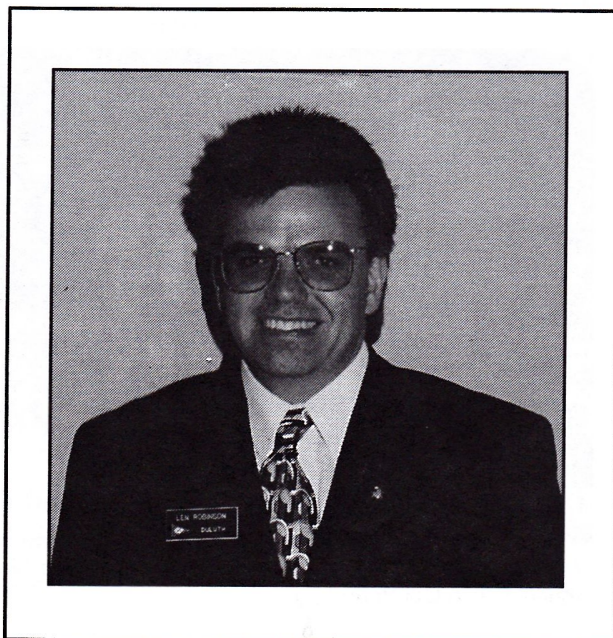
Many nice items were also purchased through the Silent Auction. This summer we hope to see Gene Rock with the nice cooler he won. I know that Gene will probably have the cooler full at all times for his friends. There are just too many people to thank for their help. So I just want to say "Thank You" to all.

During the week of May 12th we participated in River Quest. This program teaches 6th grade students about the St. Louis River and Lake Superior. This year's theme was the same as last years. "Life Jackets - They Float, You Don't!" Many questions and fun was had by the students and also with the volunteers which took time out of their busy schedules to teach a very important lesson. We hope this program will continue in the future as we feel it is important to get our information to this group of kids.

May 17th - 23rd was National Safe Boating Week. Again this year we assembled over 300 packets and passed them out during the week at various boat landings, marinas and businesses around the area. On June 7th you will have the opportunity to have the Coast Guard Auxiliary inspect your vessel and receive a CME sticker showing that your boat has all the correct safety items on board. That weekend we also are planning a rendezvous with the Chippewa Falls Power Squadron at our Squadron Dock facilities. A flyer will provide you will all the needed details. Please plan to come and stay the weekend.

One way we keep our Non-Profit status is Co-Op/Charting. Dave Rutford is just waiting for people interested in helping our squadron obtain District and/or National Honor Roll. This is a fun activity which can be enjoyed by the whole family. Ask Dave about all the different ways you can help. Co-Op charting is not only finding geodetic markers but also making chart corrections. In the near future we hope to receive information on an adopt-a-chart program in which the Duluth Power Squadron will be recognized for making corrections to the Navigational Charts we all use. We need your help! Call Dave for all the details.

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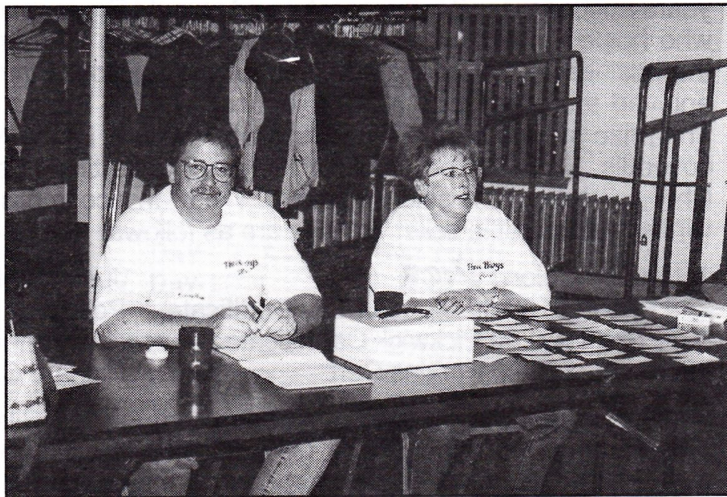
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Fitting Out Party



Val Ouellette, Cheryl Stokke and Commander Dave Mattson at the Annual Fitting Out Party.



Murray Keogan and Cheryl Stokke at the check in table.

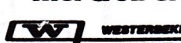


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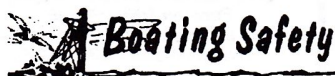
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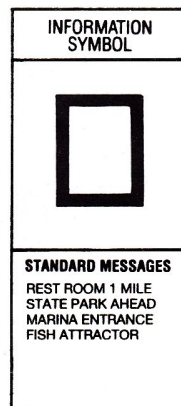
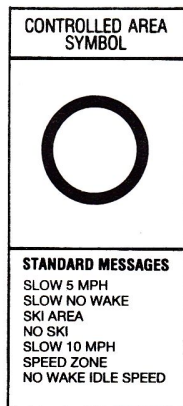
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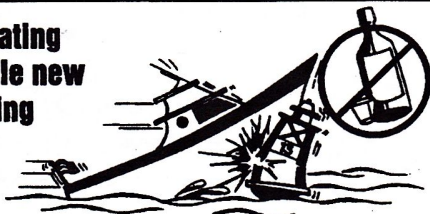
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