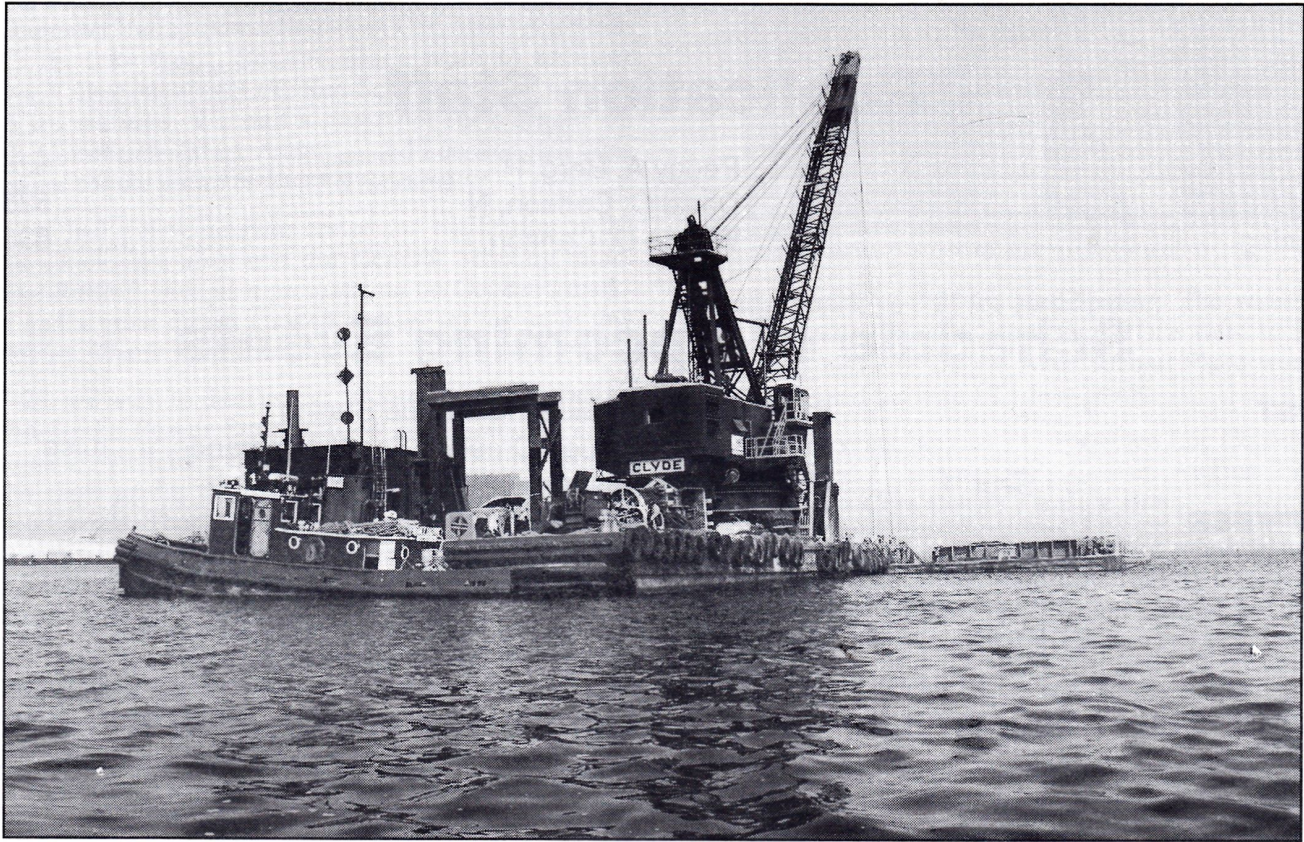


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## Schedule of Upcoming Events

<b>AUGUST</b>	7 .....	Executive Board Meeting, Incline Station
	23 .....	Predicted Log/Bridge Omelete Feed/Commander's Cruise
	29 - Sept. 1 .....	Corn Roast/Treasure Hunt
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	1 .....	Corn Roast/Treasure Hunt
	4 .....	Executive Board Meeting, Incline Station
	18 .....	General Meeting
	10-14 .....	Fall Gov. Board, Marriott Rivercenter, San Antonio, TX

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*Photo and article by P/C Dave C. Carlson, N*





# Commander's Report

Summer is finally here. Let the boating season begin.

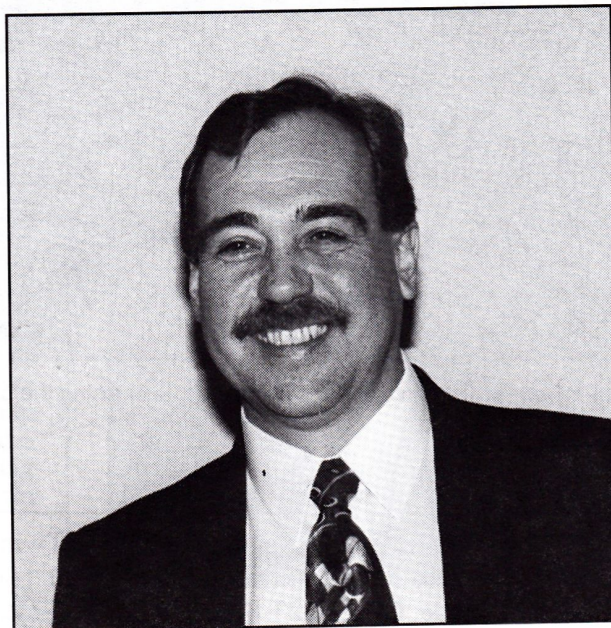
June 7, we had a Rendezvous at our Power Squadron Dock with the Chippewa Valley Power Squadron. This was also the weekend of the CME exams from the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Friday evening the weather was great. Those of us that made it there when we did were lucky. That evening, the wind changed to the NE and we were socked in with fog. The only people to make it to the dock by boat early Saturday, were Lt Jim Munger and his wife, Peg. Thanks to the Coast Guard Auxiliary, 11 boats received their CME stickers that day.

We had a fishing contest scheduled for Saturday that was postponed until Sunday. First place went to the Commander of the Chippewa Valley Power Squadron Cdr. Mark Anderson for a 12 lb. lake trout. Second place went to another Chippewa Valley member, Lt/C Ken Schultz. One of his fish was a 6 lb. walleye. We had a great pot luck dinner on Saturday. Commander Mark Anderson and I cooked pancakes and sausages for the group on Sunday morning.

June 21 we had a new member cruise and orientation at the Squadron Dock. We also held our General Meeting there. Lt/C Dave Rutford gave us a presentation on Geodetic markers. We had a great dinner cooked and set up for us by my wife Rhobley. Thank you, Rhobley.

June 27-29, we went to the District 10 Rendezvous hosted by the Minnetonka Power Squadron on Big Island in Lake Minnetonka. We had 12 members of the Duluth Power Squadron show up for this event. We had a great time with many good meals. Thank you Minnetonka for this wonderful time on your Island Paradise. We can't forget the Duluth Power Squadron will be hosting the next District 10 Rendezvous in Bayfield on July 24-26, 1998.

July 4 we met at the Squadron dock for a potluck dinner, boat decorating contest and boat parade. We had 13 boats in the




parade. Thank you all for participating. The winners of the boat decorating contest were: First Place went to P/C Gene Rock and his wife Daryle Ann, Second Place went to 1/Lt Bob Hecht and his wife 1/Lt Jean Hecht.

Upcoming events: August 23 - Predicted Log Contest / Bridge Omelet Feed / Commander's Cruise. August 29 through September 1 - Corn Roast / Treasure Hunt.

ALERT: We have had 46 members not reinstate their membership. We have a very hard time finding members to help on committees and run for officer's positions. This is your Power Squadron. To make it work, we need your help!

**Cdr. Dave Mattson, AP**



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# Executive Officer's Report

I hope everyone is having a good summer even with the weather we have been having. This has been a very busy summer for my family. I had an opportunity to travel to Green Bay for the Packers first pre-season game on July 26. With football just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about our Annual Corn Roast on Labor Day Weekend. Again this year, Pam and Dave Stokke will be the chairpersons for this fun filled weekend. If they call you and ask for help, please say yes! A lot of work goes into planning this event and even the smallest job is a big help. All you past commanders should get out your hats and aprons for the cooking of the meat. This tradition started several years ago and a lot of stories and fun are had by PC's while they are tending to the meat. A tentative schedule will be the Treasure Hunt on Saturday with a possible river or lake run with campfire music on Saturday night. Sunday is our big day with games for all. Our meal Sunday evening and a dance that night. Monday a.m. we hope to put on our pancake breakfast which is always good. Bring family and friends as they are always welcome. Just a reminder that we need a very accurate count for planning our meal. If someone from the calling committee does not contact you, please call myself or Dave & Pam Stokke. Let's hope for a nice weekend of weather. Plan now to attend.

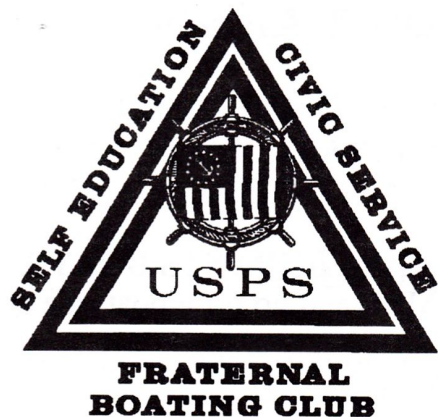
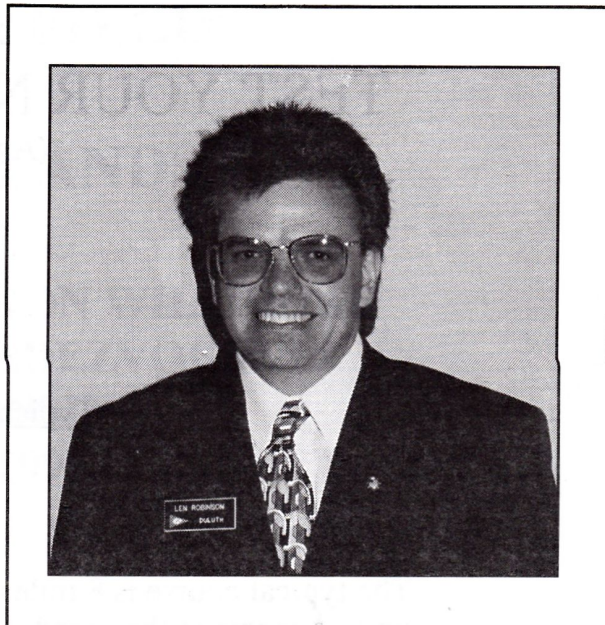
Remember August 23rd for the Commander's Cruise / Predicated Log / Bridge Omelet Feed. If you are not sure about this event, please call Dave or myself. We would be glad to tell you about it. This weekend is open to everyone. And again, bring family and friends along.

I have just a few reminders as to courtesy at our dock facility. We would like all members to slow down to a no wake speed as they make the turn into the slip. We have alot of erosion and undermining happening which is cause by nature (Northeast wind and waves) and by excessive wakes. Remember your wake follows you in down that slip. We have had some problems with non-members using our dock also. If you notice someone as a non-member, go and introduce yourself and point out to them that it's a private dock but also tell them about our great organization. We will be posting some additional signage as to private property along with our information number. Remember anyone who stops maybe a potential new member. If you have a problem at the dock with trespassers, unruly people or medical & fire department needs, you can call the Superior Police Dept. at 394-0234. Let them know you are at the Duluth Power Squadron Dock in Allouez Bay and the nature of your call. If the gate is locked, let them know the private combination. A formal letter is being written to the Superior Police Dept. dispatch as to our dock facility and procedure to enter if need be.

One other side light, on June 5th I was involved in a truck accident which almost totaled my truck. I ALWAYS wear my seat belt when in my car or truck and make my passengers also wear them. I hit a drunk driver at a speed of about 50-55 mph. If I would not have been wearing a seat belt, I don't think I would be writing this article. I also have an air bag which inflated during the accident. If worked great. Next time you see the sign "Buckle Up - It Saves Lives", think about it. Also "Think Before You Drink" is a good one to remember. The other driver had a blood alcohol level of .31.

Hope everyone has a great summer and see you on the water.

**Lt/C Len Robinson, P**



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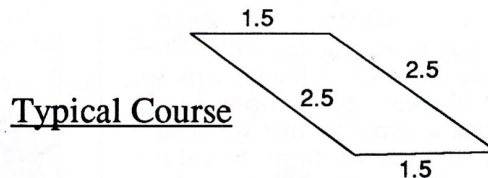




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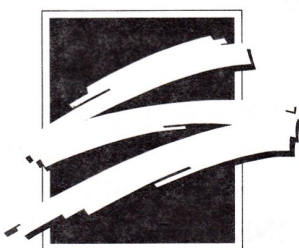
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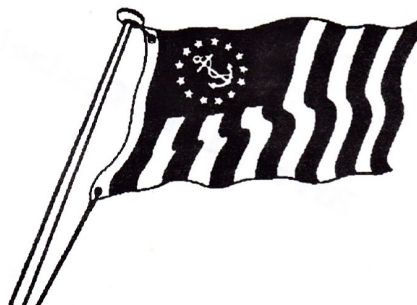
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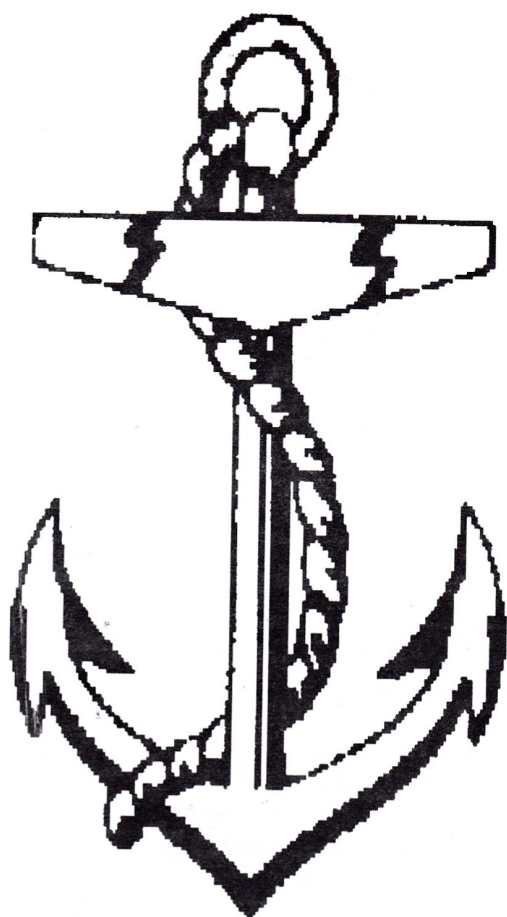


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