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Schedule of Upcoming Events

OCTOBER	2	Executive Board Meeting, Incline Station
	16	General Meeting, Shack Supper Club
	17-19	D/10 Fall Conference, Eau Claire, WI
NOVEMBER	6	Executive Board Meeting, Incline Station

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Motor Vessel Frontenac

Owned by Canada Steamship Lines Inc., built by Davie Shipbuilding Inc. in 1968. She is 729'7" x 75'3" x 39'8" and built as a bulk freighter and converted to a self-unloader in 1973. Look close at the picture, for what you see here may have been a first. The Frontenac is under her own power and backing out under the Aerial Bridge. Having talked with many Duluthians, no one could remember another vessel departing the Duluth Harbor in such a fashion.

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



Commander's Report

Fall is coming upon us. It won't be long and we will have to put our boats away. It's also time to start thinking about fall classes.

August 24 we had a Commander's breakfast at Harbor Cove. We had a great time. The Bridge cooked and fed pancakes and sausages to over 50 people. October 17-19 is the District 10 Fall Conference in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Anyone interested in going please fill out the form in this issue and send it in by October 1, 1997. I want to thank P/C Arne Wuorinen for putting on the Predicted Log. It was a great time and I came in 4th place.

The Corn Roast and Treasure Hunt was well attended and we had a great time. This event was chaired by 1/Lt Dave and Lt Pam Stokke. I want to thank everybody involved. It was nice to see so many people helping out.

Those who are interested in looking for geodetic markers please contact Lt/C Dave Rutherford. It is getting close to the end of the year. We need to get them in for our Star Squadron Status.

There is a new dock storage box at the Squadron Dock to house the Pavilion curtains and misc. items used during events. The keys are available from P/C Jerry Carlson, Lt/C Lenny Robinson and myself.

Merit marks are due by October 1. Please call people that held meetings or chaired events and get your information in to Gina Wuorinen.

We have two new 25-year members. They are Donn Larson and Marvin Wick. Just for everybody's information, 16 year olds can now join the Power Squadron. Just a reminder to everybody, if you have changes to the Roster for next year, you need to get them to 1/Lt Jean Hecht.

The September General Meeting was held at the Pickwick. Our speaker for the evening was Ray Skelton from the Seaway Port Authority. He spoke on non-indigenous aquatic species.

Our next General Meeting will be October 16. It will be held at the Shack Supper Club. Look for the upcoming flier.

Cdr. Dave Mattson, AP

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Executive Officer's Report

Hope everyone has had a great summer! It has been a very busy summer for my family with a large family reunion, 90th birthday party and trying to dodge rain drops for a boat ride. Seemed like everytime we planned a ride, mother nature didn't seem to cooperate but we did manage to enjoy many wonderful evenings.

Now as we start thinking about winterizing our boats, it is time to start thinking about education. A full list of classes being offered this fall and winter will be published soon so start planning. I have a personal goal to finish both Piloting and Advanced Pilot by winter.

Education from one of our classes will give you the knowledge to navigate safely and accurately. With that knowledge you can enter next year's predicted log. This year's Predicated Log was held on August 23rd with the "Sandean II", piloted by Dean Baltes winning 1st place. Congratulations to Dean. Second place was won by Dave Carlson and the "Eight Ball". Third place was won by Bruce Beste and "Tangled Lines" and 4th place was won by Commander Dave Mattson and "Carpe Deim". On Sunday morning the Bridge helped Commander Dave serve a wonderful pancake breakfast. Thank you Dave and Rhobley.

The next weekend we enjoyed our Annual Corn Roast weekend. I want to thank Pam and Dave Stokke for planning a great weekend. I also want to thank "everyone" that helped. Without alot of help, it couldn't be done. Again thank you to all.

In October, I will be attending the D/10 Fall Conference in Eau Claire, WI. Lots of good information is given to us during this weekend. I will keep you informed of any new developments.

This year's Christmas Party is being held with the 242 Yacht Club as a joint party. We have alot of fun things planned, stay tuned. If you would like to help, call John and Muffy Kalenowski as they would appreciate a little help.

Make your plans NOW to join us in Bayfield next July for the D/10 Summer Rendezvous. Docking space will be limited so plan your Apostle Islands vacation around July 24-26. More information with phone numbers and activities will be available soon.

Lt/C Len Robinson, P



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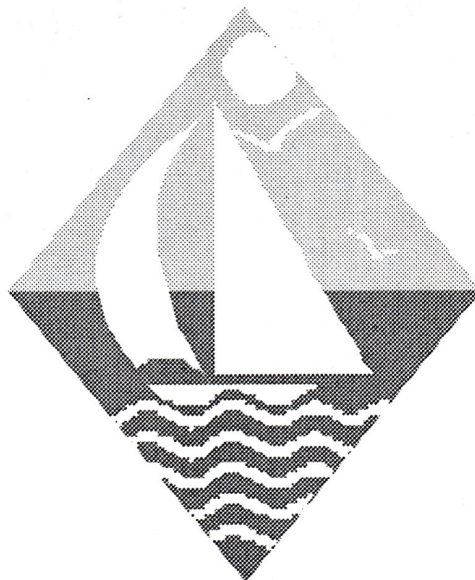
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1997 Predicted Log Contest

The Predicted Log is a contest between skippers to see who can come closest to predicting the time it takes them to run an 8 mile course with four to five legs with the use of only the engine tachometer and compass. This dates back to the time before Loran and GPS, when the use of a watch to measure time and distance were essential to navigating.

Duluth's predicted log contest started out back in the early 60's, with a traveling trophy.

23 August, at the Duluth Power Squadron's Dock, the 1997 Predicted Log was held. Skippers drew cards to determine which course they would run. Once the course was in hand they started their calculations on how long it would take to run and turned their predicted times in. Each boat would have an impartial passenger on board with a stop watch to let the skipper know when their predicted time for each leg was coming up, in time for them to turn on the next legs heading.

Courses begin and end at the Superior Entry breakwall. This year the winds and lake were still and boat traffic on the lake was minimal due to the overcast sky and forecast of rain. This would make for some accurate times at the first 3 places listed below testify.

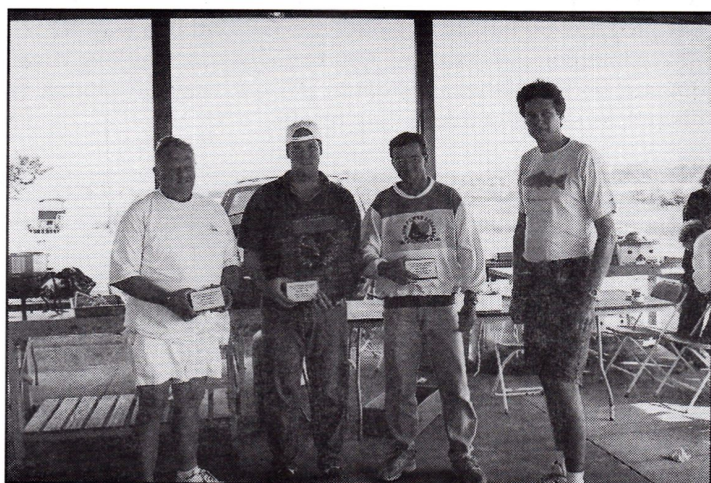
1st Place Dean Baltes, P, on the Sandean II a 27' Sea Ray Express predicted a time of 16 mintues flat. He ran it in 15 min. 50 sec., 10 seconds off for a 1.04% error.

2nd Place P/C Dave Carlson, N, on the Eight Ball a 32' Trojan Sport Fisherman, predicted 22 minutes, 15 second, finished 25 seconds fast with a 1.87% error.

3rd Place P/C Bruce Beste, JN on Tangled Lines a 23' Bayliner Express, predicted 16 minutes 10 seconds finished 47 seconds off with a 4.8% error.

A fine morning was ended with the children's dingy predicted log, where the kids predicted how long it would take to row across the squadron dock slip and back. Mike Baltes, taking after his father, took home the first place prize, Jeremy Baltes 2nd and Tyler Beste 3rd. Next year come out and join in on the fun of seeing how well you know your boat and how it performs.

P/C Arne D. Wuorinen, JN



Left to Right. Dave Carlson, 2nd Place; Dean Baltes, 1st Place; Bruce Beste, 3rd Place; and Arne Wuorinen, Predicted Log Chair.



Left to Right. Jeremy Baltes, Mike Baltes, Tyler Beste and Nick Baltes.



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Racine to Duluth: The Final Exam

Perhaps it was the result of fear of Lake Superior, or good luck being docked next to a Power Squadron member, or perhaps I can claim having good sense, but no matter what the reason, I did join the Duluth Power Squadron. I knew that safe pleasure boating on Lake Superior in a 39 foot cruiser required much more information on the risks involved and much more skill than my Midwestern experience in canoes and 16 foot fishing boats had provided. In the Power Squadron I have been able to learn a lot of the basic information that has helped to make boating for my family a safe and enjoyable activity. (Even on Lake Superior which I admit scares me with its cold water and stormy weather.)

Since joining the Duluth Power Squadron in 1995 I have taken the Boating Course, Seamanship, Cruise Planning, Piloting and Advanced Piloting. Other members have been helpful by sharing their local knowledge and experience.



Steve Balliet and Jean Hecht working the Soo Locks.

My most recent learning experience occurred for me aboard the new *Colonel's Lady*, a 42 foot Carver, when I was invited along with Bill Carlson to help on a 6 day transport from Racine, Wisconsin to Duluth. Many thanks to Bob and Jean Hecht for giving me this opportunity to learn more aboard their new boat. I hope I contributed some to making it a safe and enjoyable trip for them.

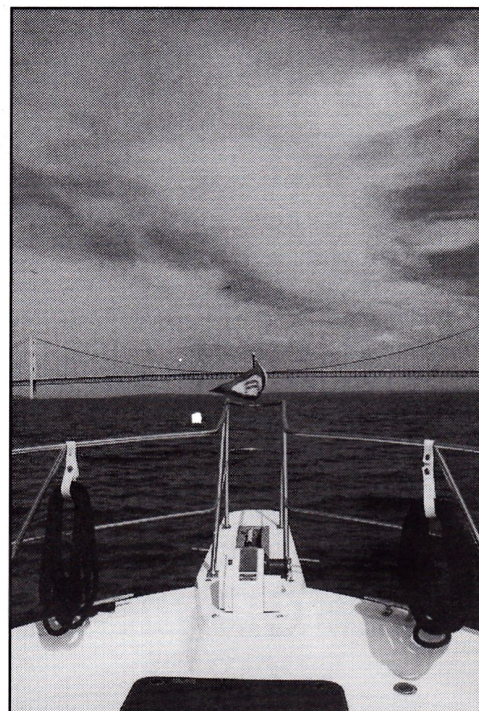
As one learns in Cruise Planning, the work for a cruise begins long before departure date. While my part in this was quite small, with Bob and Jean doing the arranging and packing, I could see and appreciate the thorough nature of their preparations. And in our meeting some days prior to departure we went over final details, including advise to Jean on how to accommodate my vegetarian diet. As we loaded the boat in Racine I knew we had all we would need, from the necessary PFD's, flares and fire extinguishers, to tools and thoughtfully, warm clothes which I had not brought enough of myself.

Motoring up Lake Michigan Bob was faced with many decisions concerning our route and destinations. Power Squadron Classes gave me a comfortable familiarity with navigation charts, with using Latitude and Longitude, aids to navigation, course plotting and $60D=ST$ calculations. It became one of my jobs to plot our position, keep a log, figure routes, distances and estimates of time that I gave to the captain. I found the Power Squadron course plotter to be most handy, using it in conjunction with the Richardson Chart books.

The Colonel's Lady was equipped with a compass, Loran, GPS, radar and knot meter, all of which got frequent or continuous use throughout the 760 miles of the trip. I know that course setting, when one is in familiar waters on short jaunts, and pleasant weather is mostly done by sight, but I quickly felt the importance of knowing accurately where we were and where we were headed when we were far out on the lake, on a course that would last for hours and conclude in a strange port after dark. We first decided on our destination and route, observed the chart for hazards and the best route, figured the Lat/Lon of our destination, entered them in the Loran and GPS, then watched the compass and on-course indicators, and compared our progress on the chart, Loran and GPS. In this way we minimized the possible error of any one system. A wrong number entered on the electronics could put one way off course with disastrous or just embarrassing results.

The most difficult navigation and boat handling challenge came for us late at night, in the fog and wind as we crossed from Grand Marais, Michigan to the Keewauwaterway. Here the radar gave us the ability to continue running while being sure to avoid other boats and the Huron Island, and to find the waterway entrance in the dense fog.

Safety is often learned by experience: Have you been told to be careful jumping from the boat to the dock while wearing trifocals? I hadn't been and I learned judging the distance was hard.



The Colonel's Lady approaching the Mackinaw Bridge.

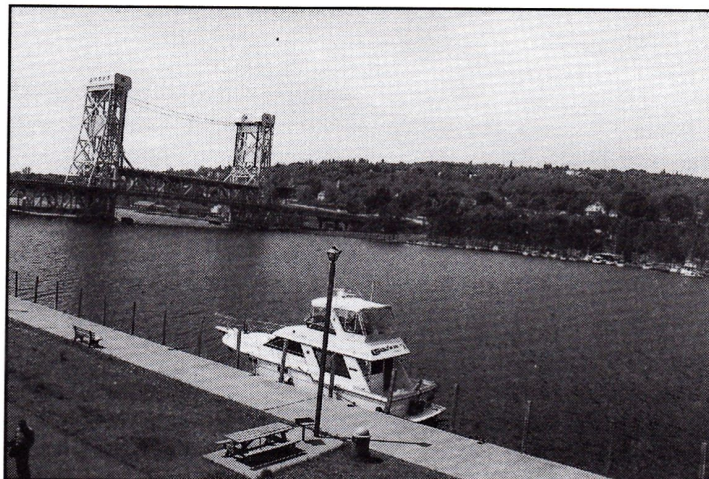


We learn about Person Overboard drills, but I learned a further lesson in this regard: While far out on Lake Superior I was alone at the helm on the flybridge while Bill went forward to retrieve an item from the front deck. Watching where I was going I missed seeing him come safely back to the stern deck. After a few moments of indecision and waiting for him to appear at the ladder, I realized I could wait no longer. I pulled back on the throttles to stop the boat. He soon appeared at the ladder wondering what was wrong. At that point I knew nothing was and I got underway again, resolving in the future to not even delay the few moments I had.

I learned to be very cautious about watching fuel consumption to estimate cruising distance. A poor estimate could result in a rescue situation or inconvenience when learning that no fuel is available at the only port of call within reach.

I learned how difficult it can be entering a strange harbor at night where the few significant navigation lights are easily lost in the background of street lights and advertising signs. Have good charts, binoculars, many people looking out, and have no hesitation to get on the radio or cell phone to ask directions.

Long trips like this can be tedious, with a fair amount of work



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along with a rich environment for learning. Thanks again to Bob and Jean Hecht, Bill Carlson and the Duluth Power Squadron for expanding my knowledge of safe boating.

Steve Balliet, AP



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P/C Bill George and his wife, Millie, celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary during the Corn Roast weekend.



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2. Remove all the easily removable electronics and store at home. Extreme cold and moisture will sometimes damage circuit boards and LCD displays and contribute to scratchy volume controls, etc.

3. If you lay down your VHF or LORAN-C antennas, make sure water can't get into the bottoms of those antennas. They are usually not sealed very well from water getting into them that way and this usually destroys them.

4. On handheld radios or other battery operated devices like GPS units, charge the battery fully, then remove the battery. Keep in mind that on your GPS you may lose some waypoints over the winter, but that is better than a bum battery by spring.

5. Don't let the radar antenna support your winter cover. The weight of the snow can collapse the antenna. I see one or two every spring where this has happened, and it is an expensive repair as there is usually also water damage by the time it is noticed.

*P/C John Harrison, AP
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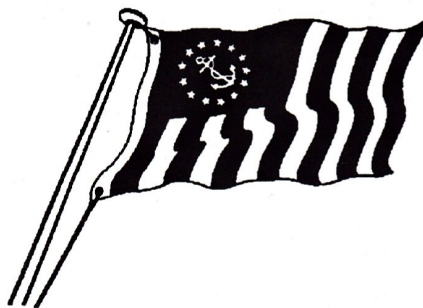
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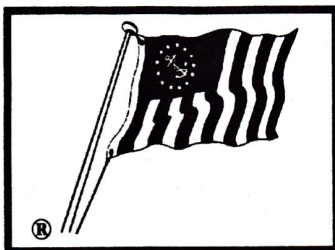
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SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER

0700-1000 Registration
0700-0730 Continental Breakfast for Workshop
0730-0930 Commander's Workshop ☺
0730-0930 Executive Dept. Workshop ☺
0730-0930 Education Dept. Workshop ☺
0730-0930 Administrative Dept. Workshop ☺
0730-0930 Sec/Treas Dept. Workshop ☺
0800-1445 Ship's Store - CVPS
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0945-1015 Welcome - MN/WI DNR Representatives Remarks ☺
1015-1100 Seminar A - What's new in Boating Education ☺
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1015-1100 Seminar B - Computers, USPS, and You - ☺
1100-1145 Seminar C - What's new in Cruise Planning
1100-1145 Seminar D - Marketing ☺
1130-1545 Spouse/Alternate Luncheon - Activity
1145-1215 Teaching Aid Demonstration and Judging ☺
1215-1315 Member's Luncheon
1315-1500 Fall Conference Meeting ☺
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1500 Adjourn
1530- 1700 Leadership Development Seminar - Part I ☺
1800 Social Hour/Cash Bar
1900 Dinner - Program

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER

0730-0830 Bridge Meeting
0830-0930 Workshop/Brainstorming Session - ☺
0930-1100 Leadership Development Seminar - Part II - ☺
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The summer is slipping away very fast. I think we all wish we could slow down summer boating months and speed up the non-boating months of winter.

Many of you and your members had the opportunity to enjoy the wonderful Summer Rendezvous on Big Island, Lake Minnetonka. Thank you for your participation. The District would like to thank the Rendezvous Chair, P/C Julia Rossini, AP and her entire committee for a job well done. Nearly 200 people participated in this years' event. Even though the weather did not completely cooperate those in attendance seemed to really enjoy themselves.

As we look forward the Fall Governing Board and Fall District Meeting require our attendance along with the writing of merit marks and the D/10 Communicator. The next immediate deadline occurs with the 15 August absolute deadline for articles to be included in the 10's Communicator. Please contact our new Editor: Lt/C Mark Hagen, P, 763 Hagen Road, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729, Tel. 715-726-9836 All Bridge Officers need to submit a timely article. Any Squadron Commander is more than welcome to submit articles for inclusion in the 10's Communicator.

The Education Department needs to have you submit your candidate for the 3 District Awards. Please contact your SEO and Executive Committee for recommendations to these 3 awards.

If you do not plan to attend the National Governing Board Meeting please send your, Designation of alternative voter registration to the D/C as soon as possible. If you have ideas or concerns that you would like to bring up please notify me ASAP so that I can represent you at National.

If you do plan to attend the National Meeting we will again host a hospitality room on Friday and Saturday night. We will also be looking at a group dinner for anyone interested in attending. We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio.

The Fall Conference will be held in Eau Claire, WI. at the Midway Hotel (see reservation form and tentative agenda). We have the privilege of having C/C LM Barnes, N as our National representative this year. This is an excellent opportunity to talk to the leader of our organization and get input into this great organization. Make your reservations now!!!

I have included information about By-laws changes from D/Lt Tom Haegers, N, OT records for D/10 Membership records from 1996 June and 1997 June, Coop Charting Information for 1996-1997, the updated 30/60/90 day planner and information about the USPS Youth Poster contest.

Do not forget to talk with your PRO about submitting PR receipts and forms in order to obtain "Free Money" Send these in to P/C Julia Rossini, AP prior to the end of September 1997.



30/60/90 Day Calendar
Aug/ Sept/ Oct 1997

30 Day - August 1997

1. 1 Aug. DEO send FORM HQ800 for Fall Boating Class to HQ and Boat US.
2. Cdr Check with SEO that all materials for Fall classes are on hand.
3. Cdr Check on arrangements for teaching aids exhibit at Fall conference.
4. Cdr Continue to promote Fall Boating Classes.
5. Cdr See that members are informed of Fall AG and elective course offered.
6. Cdr If unable to attend Fall GB, give "Designation of Alternative Voter" form to other squadron member attending or to D/C.
7. Cdr If not already started, begin work on merit mark recommendations.
8. SEO Send nomination for Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching so that it reaches DEO prior to Aug. 18.
9. D/C Begin work on merit mark recommendations.
- 10 DEO Send suggestions for discussion at Fall GB meeting to the DEO handling the DEO meeting.
- 11 DEO Prepare educational program for Fall Conference. Order awards if necessary.
- 12 DEO Assist D/TA competition at Fall Conference.
- 13 15 August deadline for monthly report from District Bridge and Cdrs to D/C.
- 14 15 August deadline for D/10 Communicator articles to Editor!

60 Day - September 1997

1. D/Tr 1 September Report 990 filing status of all squadrons to HQ.
2. SEO 15 Sept. Summer Boating ED-27s due at HQ.
3. ALL 15 Sept. deadline for monthly reports from District Bridge and Cdrs.
4. DEO 23 Sept. Submit DEO nominations for Chapman Award to HQ.
5. ALL Attend Fall GB meeting.
6. ALL Plan to attend Fall Conference.
7. CDR Check progress of Fall Boating Classes.
8. SEO Be sure NomCom is working on slate for next year.
9. DEO Remind all SEO's to send a teaching aid to annual meeting.
- 10 DEO Report to SEO's on GB meeting.
- 11 DEO Prepare for educational activities at Fall Conference.

90 - Day October 1997

1. PRO 1 Oct. submit Co-operative Advertising to D/PRO.
2. ALL 17-19 Oct. Attend Fall Conference, Eau Claire, WI.
3. ALL Make reservations for USPS annual meeting.
4. ALL 15 October Monthly articles due to D/C.
5. CDR Encourage your Bridge & other members to attend Fall Conference.
6. CDR Merit mark recommendations must be in to Area Monitor by 15 Nov.
7. D/C Remind squadron commanders to participate in Parade of Publications at USPS Annual Meeting.
- 8 D/C Merit mark recommendations must be in to area monitor by 15 Nov.
9. DEO Conduct educational activities at Fall Conference. Send minutes to NEO, Asst. NEO, SEO's. and appropriate R/C's.
- 10 DEO Assist D/TA chairman to get best TA's to annual meeting.

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