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	6 General Meeting & Pavilion Party, Duluth Power Squadron Dock
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First of a series on lighthouses each issue. I will have a different lighthouse and will list the location of the previous issue.

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



Commander's Report

Tonight as I write this article we are receiving some much needed rainfall. This spring has certainly been a nice one, allowing all of us to get our boats ready for the season much earlier.

The week of May 16 - 22, 1998 is National Safe Boating Week. I know this article will be published after this but one thing to keep in mind is we can promote Safe Boating throughout the summer. The squadron has a lot of promotional material to hand out all year long. If you would like some please contact myself or any bridge member. We have the 5th Annual Safe Boating Week General Meeting again this year with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. We have a great liaison relationship with them along with many other organizations in our local area. Our Public Boating Course which is put on in the late winter has a special night in which both Keith Olson and John Krull from the Minnesota and Wisconsin D.N.R.'s talk to our students. These gentlemen come to any classes in which we ask to give very important information needed. They are very dedicated to our organization because of the impact we can provide to promote safe boating. If you happen to see these men, thank them for helping out the Duluth Power Squadron. We also have been very fortunate to have the D.N.R. representatives from both states, Kim Elverum from Minnesota and Bill Engfer from Wisconsin, join us for our Safe Boating Week meeting.

On June 6, 1998 Coast Guard Marine Safety Inspections (CME) will be available at the squadron dock. You should have received a flyer with all the information about times on it. We also will have a General Meeting at the dock on that day and you can also come and check out the doors on the pavilion. Hope to see everyone there.

About the pavilion doors. We have a very dedicated crew which have installed most if not all the doors by now. They have worked very hard and deserve a big Thank You!! Why not come to the June 6th General Meeting and see the progress of our pavilion.

I would like to take a moment to thank some people for their efforts in the past few months. A big Thank You to Val & Bob Ouellette for all the hard work in making the Fitting Out Party a great Success. Also to Larry Evanson for helping secure the site, helping with every aspect of the party up there. Thank you, Larry. A big Thank You to the rest of the crew. 1/Lt Jean Hecht has put together our roster which is one of the most challenging pieces to work on. It's never done, as people join, move or change

boats, the roster is an ever changing document which needs constant updating. If you h a v e changes in the new roster, let Jean know by mail or at any event / meeting.



We will publish update sheets throughout the year to keep everyone updated. If you see Jean, thank her for all her work. A job well done. P/C Richard Bibby is always taking pictures during meetings and events. In the last issue the pictures from the Change of Watch were taken by Dick. He also gave me many photos for me to remember the event by. Thank you, Dick for all your hard work. Thank you to our new Lt/C Gina Beste-Wuorinen who has taken the Administrative Officer position and will be a great asset to the bridge. And again, I want to thank, on behalf of the squadron, the dock crew for installing the new doors on the pavilion.

We just completed participating in the St. Louis River Quest again this year. Over 600 sixth graders attended over 3 days and they learned all about life jackets from us again. Lots of questions and good times were had by all that participated.

Keep in mind the D/10 Summer Rendezvous in Bayfield in July. Get your registrations in early for a special drawing. See article and flyers in this issue for more details.

I had a great time in Madison for the Spring Conference this year. Many workshops providing us with loads of information. I also received several awards which will be presented at the June General Meeting at the dock. My wife Lisa and I had a great time with all our Duluth friends and all our friends from the other squadrons.

Have a great summer and see you in Paradise in July.

Cdr. Len Robinson, S

Executive Officer's Report



BOY! Did we have a PARTY! As I write this we do not have the final figures yet, but it looks like a very successful Fitting Out. We had served approximately 100 diners. There were others who made it late for the auction and games. We have a great group of volunteers to thank. Many hours of planning, calling and hauling make sure it all

comes off well. I want to thank all who worked in preparation and planning. Thanks to all who procured donations. This is a hard one for most of us. But it is critical to a successful auction. Thanks to all who helped the night of the auction, with the reception table, running items, the decorations and keeping track of items sold. I want to thank Bruce Beste for planning and setting up the games. Weren't they great! We may need more Turkeys next year! I have a special Thanks for Larry

Evanson who arranged for the Officers Club. He put in a lot of hours and shouldered a lot of responsibility. Be sure to thank him when you see him! I heard many positive comments about the Officers' Club, and we hope to use it again in the future.

We should all be in the water enjoying our boats soon. The CME weekend will be coming in June, and is a great chance to keep our skills sharp. Dr. Jim Munger always does a great job with that, especially when the weather cooperates. The inspections are a good way to keep on top of the condition of legal and safety equipment. I have always appreciated the chance to try fire extinguishers and flares.

River Quest is another event that is always enjoyed by those who participate.

I look forward to seeing you on the water and at the dock.

Lt/C Bob Ouellette, AP

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Administrative Officer's Report

Attending the D/10 Spring Conference in Madison to kick off the Summer Rendezvous proved once again D/10 members are excited to attend another event hosted by the Duluth members. Mark July 24-26 on your calendars!

At the April Executive Board meeting I was voted as the new Administrative Officer and hope to do a good job for you. We have a full calendar of events planned throughout the balance of the year and will need your involvement. Activities during May, June and July include the following:

River Quest will be held as this publication is being put to press. River Quest is a two-day activity put together aboard the Vista King for area sixth graders to learn about the activities around the Harbor. The Power Squadron's involvement is to teach them the proper type and fits of personal floatation devices. Contact an Executive Board member if this is an area you'd like to help out in the future.

The general meeting in June will be at the dock. Besides CME exams scheduled for members, plans are being coordinated to dedicate the new doors.

July 4th, Dave and Rhobley Mattson will be hosting these activities and look forward to an annual Friday night bonfire with Saturday being a day of dinghy rides, fishing contest, boat decorating, eating and coordinating members in a parade in front of the DECC. We are still looking for someone to coordinate games - please let me know if you are interested — we have some new ones considered.

As mentioned above, July 24-26th Duluth is hosting the D/10 Summer Rendezvous in Bayfield. Friday night a cruise aboard the Island Princess is planned, Saturday a



fishing contest, treasure hunt, dinghy run, the Bayfield Art Fest, Kids Crew activity, dinner and music are planned. Sunday morning P/C's within D/10 are asked to help out in cooking an omlet breakfast before members depart from the fun-packed weekend. Please get your registration forms turned in so we can plan accordingly. We need to hear from most members by June 15th.

Like I said, there's a full slate ahead. We just completed a successful fund raising event hosted by Bob Ouelette and his #1 Volunteer, Val. Thaks to all the members who helped organize the activity, work, participate and donate items. Dorothy and Muffy for the hours spent sewing, cooking and cross stitching special items for the auction were appreciated as well.

Great to see so many new members in class and at the events. In the future I hope to get to know all of you.

Lt/C Gina Beste-Wuorinen, P





On March 1st, the "hearty" members of the Duluth Power Squadron gathered at the Squadron Dock for a Winter Fun day. Members spent the afternoon participating in their favorite winter activities and then gathered around the campfire for a hot dog roast. PHOTO PROVIDED BY BILL GOODER.



COMPASS FORCE

As I am standing at the helm, looking forward to the horizon, my gaze is never far from my compass, sitting patiently and unassuming just in front of me. I enjoy it's gentle swing, free of any readout, blinking LCD lights, beeps or demands for 'input'. It just works its magic hour after hour, day after day without needing to be plugging in, or programmed. With it, in the dark, fog or far from shore I can proceed in confidence because of the quiet magic of its magnetic dance with its partner. Geomagnetism is a powerful partner, encompassing (there is a good word) the earth from pole to pole with lines of invisible force. We can sometimes see this partner on a dark night, dancing with others, over the north pole. There, electrons and protons from the sun are led in, impacting other molecules, which glow with their characteristic color.

This compass is an instrument of simple concept, improved over the centuries into this low maintenance, highly accurate tool for navigators. I read that the Chinese are credited with the first use of the compass, their "South Governor" or "South Pointer" being used about 300 B.C. This instrument was a carved piece of lodestone in the shape of a ladle that when spun on a smooth bronze plate always came to rest with the handle pointing South. A Chinese improvement on the South Governor was a magnetic needle hanging from a single silk strand, sensitive enough to discover declination, or the difference between magnetic north and true north, long before it was known in the West. But even this tool was preceded by thousands of years of serious, and I expect often playful exploration of the properties of lodestone. I can picture this early research into the physics of fundamental forces performed by a child amusing himself or herself with pieces of lodestone, chasing and capturing little pieces with a playmate on the cave floor. And perhaps they placed small pieces on wood chips floating in a puddle, and moved the chips with another piece of lodestone. Eventually, observation would reveal that left undisturbed they would attain one particular orientation. Such magic!

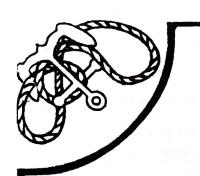
Even today it seems magic to me. Without the touch of matter on matter, magnetic force from the earth reaches out and caresses my compass. I walk through this force everyday, not seeing or feeling it, yet it gently guides my wandering compass card, overcomes its inertia and swings it back North. We live with magnetism and its wonders, like refrigerator decorations, motors and MRI devices, accepting them, some persons even knowing the mechanics of them intimately.

Still to me it is a mystery that does not go away when I read about the physics of fundamental forces of the atom, of quantum theory, of QED or Quantum ElectroDynamics. But then, even gravity is a grand mystery to me. Perhaps I need to just go back to my compass, brush up on TVMDC, and recheck my deviation table.

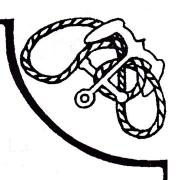
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Steve Balliette, AP









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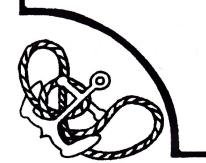
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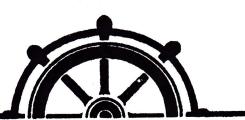
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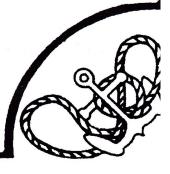
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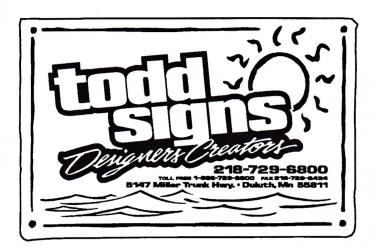
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.... a note from the Editor ...

Dick Bibby has been a great contributor to our Channel Chatter newsletter over the past years. Unfortunately, I forget to give him the credit he deserves for all of the wonderful photos he takes, the time he spends taking those shots and getting them to me. My apologies, Dick.

Peggy Berg

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Friday, 24 July

- 1500 1900 Registration at the Bayfield Pavilion
- 1800 1845 Frying Wisconsin Cheese Curds at the Dock
- 1900 2100 Cruise aboard the Island Princess and enjoy the beauty of the islands

Saturday, 25 July

- 0800 1200 Registration at the Bayfield Pavilion
- 0800 1800 Fishing Tournament participants must register prior to 0900
- 0800 1800 Bayfield Art Festival enjoy the cuisine & arts of the area
- 1000 1800 Treasure Hunt (do when it fits in sites will be in Bayfield shops)
- 1000 1130 Kids Crew Activity (will include a Treasure Hunt and Hike) free activity
- 1400 1500 Tour of the Apostle Island National Park Building free activity
- 1800 1900 Social Hour at the Bayfield Pavilion
- 1900 1910 Awarding of Treasure Hunt and Fishing Contest Winners
- 1900 2100 Dinner and Entertainment at Bayfield Pavilion (Chicken & Ribs)

Sunday, 26 July

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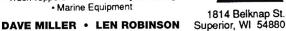
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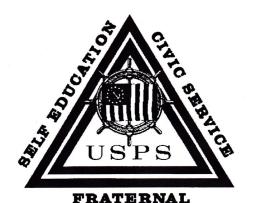
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District 10 to Host 1998 Fall Governing Board Meeting in Minneapolis!

By Jean S. Peterson, P Chair, 1998 Fall G/B

What is a Governing Board?

The Governing Board is the board of directors of USPS. It controls management, finances and policies of the national organization and regulates the policies of Districts and Squadrons.

Several years ago, the National Meetings Committee selected Minneapolis as the location for the 1998 Fall Governing Board, with District 10 hosting. The meeting will be held at the downtown Minneapolis Marriott City Center 23 - 27 September 1998.

Who does what?

The National Meetings Committee makes most of the contractual arrangements, invites VIP's, makes most meal selections, assigns meeting rooms and times, coordinates AV requirements and OK's the final bills. They also work closely with the local committee.

What does the local host district do?

We handle the "social" activities. We arrange tours outside the hotel, the social luncheon, Saturday evening dinner-dance and ladies hospitality. Usually this entails coordinating

registration and tickets, transportation and reception committees, publicity, printing and coordinating the budget for these activities.

We have already established many key committees and chairs have been filling positions. As we build toward the event, each committee will have additional staffing needs. Committees established so far are:

- Registration
- Publicity
- Transportation/Reception
- Graphics
- Information Center
- Personnel/Merit Mark
- Member Luncheon
- Social Luncheon
- Budget & Finance
- Camping/RV

We'll be looking for volunteers for all these committees and other activities as we proceed. Upcoming newsletter articles will outline specific duties and needs of each committee!

What are we going to need??

YOU - TO ATTEND AND HELP US. Watch for more information as we build toward 23-27 September 1998! OR, simply call and volunteer!! Jean Peterson, Phone: (612) 546-3689 or E-mail: JPatPBC@aol.com



23-27 September 1998 Fall Governing Board Committees Need You!

By Jean S. Peterson, P Chair, 1998 Fall G/B

This article will highlight the local committees and their responsibilities for the 1998 Fall Governing Board. Committees are broken into two types -- Activities that make a Governing Board more enjoyable and Operations that make a Governing Board function.

Activities Committees

The **Dinner Dance** Committee plans and executes all Saturday Evening Dinner Dance Activities; including seating assignments, decorations and entertainment. **Cdr Linda Golle** is chairing this event.

The Member's Lunch Committee is chaired by P/C Gary Nissen. Under his direction this committee will organize and execute the Saturday Member's Lunch activities.

The **Social Luncheon** (also called the Ladies Luncheon) is a fun alternate activity. It's a social gathering including entertainment. This event is being chaired by **Judie Fotsch**. The luncheon committee selects the menu, handles seating, the theme and decorations for the luncheon.

The Ladies' Hospitality Room is chaired by P/D/C Marty and Ginny Wirtz. This room serves as a place where member and non-member ladies may spend time to relax and meet.

We've also scheduled events under the category of Other Activities. We've secured the services of a professional tour company, but we'll need the help of District 10 Squadron members to assist on these tours to help insure everyone's enjoyment. These tours include a Mansion Tour and a Museum Tour between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Thursday, 24 September. Thursday evening's activity is Treasure Island Casino (the Midwest's only themed casino) with a private sit-down dinner.

Friday, September 25th's activity will be Mall of America and UnderWater World. A chance to see our areas #1 tourist attraction!

Operations Committees

The Reception/Transportation Committee is chaired by Merritt and Iva Peterson. Under their direction this committee will meet and greet the VIPs attending the Governing Board. They will need drivers and greeters at the airport and hotel to meet incoming flights, bring people to the hotel and return them to the airport after the Governing Board.

The Registration Committee is responsible for processing all reservations for all activities. They'll set up and staff the registration desk for ticket distribution Wednesday through Saturday, 23-26 September. This committee is key to running an organized meeting and is being chaired by P/D/C Neil McMillin.

An Information Center is also planned to provide all the information pertaining to the Governing Board, the hotel and tourist information pertaining to the City. This Center will need to be staffed the same hours as the Registration Booth.

We'll have a state-of-the-art Communications Committee chaired by D/Lt/C Ben and Marie Coons. They'll furnish communications equipment to key personnel to guarantee quick communication among committee members.

Other committees include the Budget and Finance Committee chaired by P/D/Lt/C Denny Peterson; PR committee chaired by P/C Brian Sanderson; Graphics Committee headed by P/C Sean Fernstrum.

What do we need?? YOU! TO ATTEND AND VOLUNTEER TO HELP US.

Help us staff Registration or Information Booths at the hotel; volunteer for the Reception committee as a driver or greeter; attend an event and serve as a D/10 host to insure everyone is having a good time; take photos for an album, etc. The list goes on. Simply call and volunteer!! Jean Peterson, Phone: (612) 546-3689 or E-mail: JPatPBC@aol.com

REGISTRATION

Must be received no later than 31 August 1998

USPS FALL Governing Board

Minneapolis Deflections

23 - 27 September 1998

Minneapolis Marriott City Center -- Minneapolis, Minnesota

Send your registration, along with checks made payable to:

USPS 1998 Fall
Governing Board
Attn: Stf/C Neil
McMillin, N
P.O. Box 2098
Maple Grove, MN 553117098

Activities:

Refund requests made after 31 August 1998 will be honored only if tickets are resold.

First Timer:

☐ If this is your first time attending a national meeting, please check this box. You will receive special information from the Member Involvement Committee.

RV Information:

☐ If you plan to travel to the Governing Board meeting in your RV, please check the box for more information.

Special Needs:

To make your activities more enjoyable, please attach a note explaining any special dietary needs or handicapped facilities required.

Dress Code:

Wednesday - Friday
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appropriate attire
Saturday - Uniform F
Saturday Evening Uniform A with bow tie

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Thursday, 24 Septe	mber 1998				
Mansion Tour (includes James J. Hill House; Governor's Mansion &/or St. Paul Cathedral, based on availability, and lunch at Forepaugh's) Limit: 184*	1000 - 1500 (10a-3p)	\$34			
Museum Tour (includes American Swedish Institute; Weisman Museum and lunch at the Minnesota History (Center) Limit: 92*	1000 - 1500 (10a-3p)	\$34			
Treasure Island Casino on the Mississippi (includes 1+ hour bus tour, private sit down dinner at the Midwest's only themed casino) Limit: 414*	1730 - 2330 (5:30p- 11:30p)	\$31			
Friday, 25 Septem	ber 1998				
Mall of America & UnderWater World (Includes bus, Mall Meet & Greet with gift bag, UnderWater World tour with lunch on your own at one of the Mall's 22 restaurants) Limit: 276*	0930 - 1530 (shuttling)	\$29			

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Members Luncheon

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