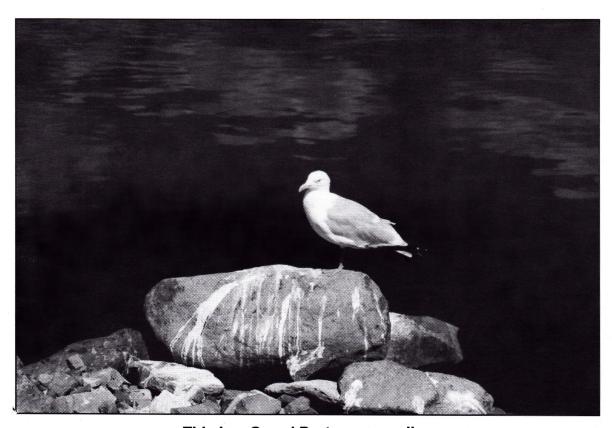
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Schedule of Upcoming Events

January 15	General Meeting
January 17-21	USPS National Meeting-Orlando
January 26-27	D/10 Winter Council—Stevens Point
February 1	Executive Board Meeting—Champs
February 5	Newsletter Deadline
February 12	Annual Meeting & Election—Pickwick
March 3rd	Change of Watch
March 5	Executive Board Meeting
March 5	Newsletter Deadline
March 22	General Meeting
March 30-31	D/10 Spring Conference, Milwaukee



The Manly Man's Wardrobe

Long ago lived a seaman named Captain Bravo. He was a manly man's man who showed no fear in facing his enemies. One day, while sailing the seven seas, a look-

out spotted a pirate ship and the crew became frantic. Captain Bravo bellowed, "Bring me my red shirt!" The First Mate quickly retrieved the captain's red shirt and while wearing the bright frock he led his mates into battle and defeated the pirates. Later on, the look-out again spotted not one, but two pirate ships. The captain again howled for his red shirt and once again vanquished the pirates.

That evening, the men sat on deck recounting the day's triumphs. One of them asked the captain, "Sir, why did you call for your red shirt before battle?" The captain replied, "If I am wounded in the attack, the shirt will not show my blood and thus, you men will continue to resist unafraid." The men sat in silence and marveled at the courage of such a manly man's man.

As dawn came the next morning, the look-out spotted not one, not two, but TEN pirate ships approaching. The rank and file all stared in worshipful silence at the captain and waited for his usual reply. Captain Bravo gazed with steely eyes upon the vast armada arrayed against his mighty sailing ship and without fear, turned and calmly shouted, "Get me my brown pants!"

Commander's Report

Happy New Year -

Working with Tom Cawcutt and helping where I can in setting his agenda for next year, I recently realized this would be my last article in the Channel Chatter as an officer. I started wondering, what should be my last words, updates, etc. I guess my thoughts roam to the incoming bridge -be as active as you can and get others involved.

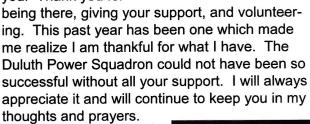
The General Boating classes start January 3rd and this is a great way to give to the community and get to know incoming members. So many of our new members this past year have been fun to get to know and energize one to keep spreading the word about safe boating practices. Set a goal and try to take at least one class in the next year or two or participate in an activity which you haven't been able to participate in previously.

Possibly sit in and review a class you've already taken. New instructors share their knowledge on a unit and keep it interesting. Steve always appreciates members willing to correct homework, give assistance or help on testing night. Give him a call. I'm sure you won't be turned down.

February the squadron will have its boat show

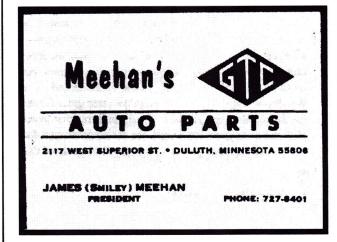
booth, April is the Fitting Out Party, May through August -safe boating events, co-op charting -predicted log, etc. Tom, Charlie and Sue would appreciate your volunteer efforts. Events go smoother when there are many pitching in who are willing to give assistance.

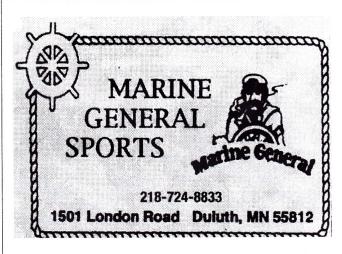
For myself, all I can say is one big thank you. Thank you for



—Cdr Gina L. Beste-Wuorinen, P







Executive Officer's Report



GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL!!!!!!! HOPE THIS FINDS ALL OF YOU IN THE BEST OF HEALTH AND THE UP MOST SPIR-ITS!! BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, IT WILL BE ONLY A SHORT TIME TO GO TO THE CHANGE OF WATCH. IT'S GETTING **CLOSER AND CLOSER** -FASTER AND FASTER!!!! I BELIEVE ALL THE DE-TAILS HAVE BEEN AT-TENDED TO AND THE FI-NAL LOOSE ENDS ARE GETTING WRAPPED UP. THE QUESTION NOW BE-

FORE YOU AS A SQUADRON IS -"HOW WELL WILL YOUR INCOMING COMMANDER AND BRIDGE LEAD?" MY ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION IS THIS -"TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY!"

EVER SINCE I ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, THE SQUADRON MEMBERS HAVE ALWAYS PROVIDED ME WITH THE BEST ABILITIES ONE COULD POSSIBLY ASK FOR. SAYING YES TO A TASK, FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH A COMMITMENT, OR ATTENDING A FUNCTION THAT NEEDED SUPPORT. YOU MEMBERS HAVE AL-WAYS BEEN THERE. I ASK FOR THAT CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR YOUR INCOMING BRIDGE. NO MATTER HOW WELL A FUNCTION IS PLANNED, IT'S ONLY AS SUCCESSFUL AS THE MEMBERS MAKE, IT. PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING THE "CHANGE OF WATCH" CER-EMONY, TO BE HELD ON MARCH 3rd, 2001, AT THE HOLIDAY INN-DULUTH. THE SOCIAL MIXER WILL START AT 1745 HRS IN THE GREAT LAKES BALL-ROOM. THE CUSTOMARY PAST COMMANDER'S PROMENADE AT 1830 HRS WILL KICK OFF THE PRO-GRAM AND THE INVOCATION/DINNER WILL BE AT 1845 SHARP! MORE INFORMATION WILL BE IN THE INVITA-TIONS BEING SENT OUT. I HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!!

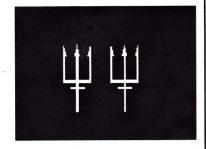
THERE WILL BE A SQUADRON GENERAL MEETING HELD IN MARCH ON THE 22nd. DETAILS AND LOCATION WILL BE IN THE FLYER OUT IN MARCH. JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW OF THE DATE CHANGE FROM THE 15th TO THE 22nd OF MARCH. ONE OTHER DATE CHANGE -THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 1st AT CHAMPS WILL BE MARCH 5th INSTEAD DUE TO THE WEATHER CLASS HELD ON THURSDAY NITES. IT WILL STILL BE AT CHAMPS -MEETING STARTING AT 1900 HRS.

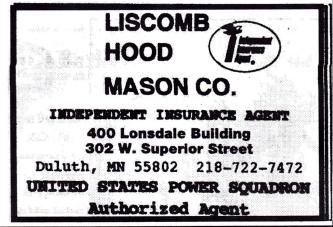
SO WHO GOT THE ANSWER FIGURED OUT TO THE BRAIN TEASER IN THE LAST CHANNEL CHATTER? IF YOU GOT THE ANSWER -GOOD FOR YOU!!!! IF YOU NEED SOME HELP, HERE IT IS........94 AT .50 CENTS, 1 AT \$3.00, AND 5 AT \$10.00. NOW YOU HAVE SPENT \$100.00 DOLLARS AND HAVE EXACTLY 100 ANIMALS. THERE YOU HAVE IT.

IN CLOSING, LET ME SHARE THIS WITH YOU. THE INFAMOUS CALABASH AWARD WILL BE EXCHANGING HANDS AGAIN AT THIS YEAR'S CHANGE OF WATCH. SQUADRON MEMBER DAVE RUTFORD IS NOW IN POSSESSION OF THIS SACRED AWARD ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO PASS IT ON TO THE NEXT RECIPIENT. HE NEEDS NAMES AND STORIES SUBMITTED TO HIM PRIOR TO THE CHANGE OF WATCH SO HE CAN DECIDE WHO IS THE BEST CANDIDATE TO RECEIVE THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD. DAVE'S PHONE NUMBER IS 724-4854. OR MAIL THE NAME AND INFORMATION TO HIM AT: DAVID C. RUTFORD, 1915 WAVERLY AVE., DULUTH, MN 55803. BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINEE EARLY ENOUGH TO GIVE HIM PLENTY OF TIME TO REVIEW THEM ALL AND CHOOSE THE BEST ONE.

SINCERELY,

LT/C TOM CAWCUTT, SR. S EXECUTIVE OFFICER





Administrative Officer's Report



I hope each and every one of you has had a wonderful holiday season. I know Mary and I did. This years "Old Fashion" Christmas Party was a huge success. The food was great, the students from Denfeld High School sang to a stand-

ing ovation, and our own Tom Cawcutt did an outstanding performance on the electric piano. We all wanted Tom to keep playing and singing, but you know he's a little shy. Now, if Santa would only have refinished that pile of teak which is sitting in my garage.

Our joint Weather Course with the Coast Guard Auxiliary is in full swing with a good turn out of students. In the first three weeks Dave Anderson (KBJR weather) our lead instructor, told us what we have studied so far, took him two years to learn in meteorology school. As I look back, Piloting was a piece of cake.

Now that the holidays are over and our lives get back to normal, mark your calendars and make an extra effort to attend some of the Squadron's wintertime events. On January 15th our general membership meeting will be held. February 12th is our Annual meeting and March 3rd is the Change of Watch. Help us send Commander Gina to that special place for all Past Commanders and welcome our year 2001, Commander Tom Cawcutt Sr.

Keep warm.

-Lt/C Charles Grubb, P

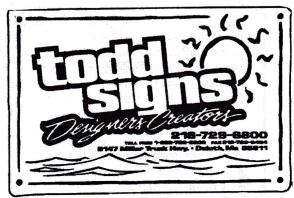


Education Report

The first Public Safety Boating Class started on January 3rd with a second class beginning on February 28th.

Interested in taking Seamanship Class? Please contact Steve at number listed below. This class will probably start around the last week in February.

Lt/C Steve Balliette, AP cellular #218-391-7991





Christmas Party Photos December 15th, 2000



Lenny and Lisa Robinson visiting with some of the Stokes clan.



More of the Stokes group. They brought the whole family!

hank you to the following members for their work planing the Duluth Power Squadron Christmas Party.

Val and Bob Oullette Lenny Robinson Jan and Tracy Nelson Tom Cawcutt Chris Beste

Thank you to all who attended and helped with the evenings activities.

—Greg Brisky and Bruce Beste Co-Chairs



Mavis Eggert, Polly Holt, Val Oullette, Pat Mattson

WANTED

The squadron is looking for a central storage space. This space should be easily accessible for supplies year round and preferably when supplies are needed.

The types of things that will be stored are: educational supplies, teaching aids, flags and stands, boat show booth and supplies, and promotional material.

If you have space available or have any suggestions, please contact P/C Len Robinson at 879-3769 or P/C Arne Wuorinen at 879-1897.

Christmas Party Entertainment—Denfeld's Steppin' Up





e were privileged to hear three entertainment groups during this year's Christmas Party. The Strollers took requests during our social hour. Immediately after dinner, the Denfeld High School group, Steppin' Up, sang several selections of Christmas Carols followed by their Americana Dance Show. (All photos on this page are of members watching Steppin' Up.) Finally, our own Tom Cawcutt entertained the group with both carols and original pieces which he played on his Yamaha Clavinova keyboard.















Calabash What is it?

by Scoop (Jan) Nelson



The Calabash Award is bestowed upon some poor unsuspecting member every year at the Change of Watch. This award is given to the member who has had the funniest/craziest blooper over the past year. Members try to hide their bloopers, but the secrets usually are found out. Do you know where the word "calabash" came from or how the award started? Read on!

For the past couple of months, I've been talking to Power Squadron members asking who would know the origin of the word "calabash" and how it became the name of our annual award. I found many members who did not know but they'd refer me to someone they thought might know. Finally, someone suggested that I call long-time Power Squadron members, Jack and Ginny Soetebier. I caught Ginny Soetebier at home that day. As Ginny remembered, the award started sometime in the 1940s. The Duluth Power Squadron was much smaller then and, of course, only men were allowed as members in the organization at that time. After Power Squadron classes, a group would gather for cocktails in a bar that is located where the current Shish-ka-bar is. This group decided that there should be a fun award given annually for the member who had the biggest "woops" of the season. She thought the word "Calabash"

represented the physical award, which you may have noticed is a sort of toasting cup (see definition #4 below: gourd, used as a container). Did you know that the Calabash cup is kept/carried in a furlined chamber pot? Ginny said this container was created by furrier, Bill Wegner, and that was awarded along with the Calabash cup the year that O.A. Burghdorf (nickname: Burgie, a former Sears manager) won the Calabash award.

calabash

cal·a·bash [káll bàsh] (plural cal·a·bash·es) noun

- 1. tropical American evergreen tree: a tropical American evergreen tree with bell-shaped flowers and large round fruit. Latin name *Crescentia cujete*
- 2. See bottle gourd
- **3. fruit of calabash plant:** the large ball-shaped fruit of the calabash tree, or of the bottle gourd or some other gourd
- **4. gourd used as container:** the hollowed-out dried shell of the calabash fruit or of the bottle gourd or some other gourd, used as a container

[Mid-17th century. Via French calabasse from, ultimately, Persian karbuz "melon."]

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Calabash

Mrs. Calabash where are you?

Jimmy Durante made this mysterious women's name his signature sign-off during the 1940s. But did she really exist?

By Ted Tyson of Scarborough, Ontario

"GOOD NIGHT, Mrs. Calabash--wherever you are!"
For years, Jimmy Durante ended his radio and television shows with that unusual sign-off. Most people thought the mysterious Mrs. Calabash must have been some fictional character that Durante dreamed up just to tease his audiences. But longtime residents of Calabash, North Carolina believe otherwise. The folks in this town will tell you she was a real person with a real name--and a fascinating story to boot. They claim that Mrs.Calabash was really a local woman named Lucille "Lucy" Coleman.



In 1940, Lucy was 28 years old and running a restaurant in Calabash, then a tiny seaside community bordering South Carolina. Durante and his touring entertainment troupe are said to have stopped in for supper one night. It may have been the genuine homespun friendliness of the young restaurant owner that prompted the gregarious Jimmy Durante to beckon Lucy over to his table for some short chitchat. "I'm going to make you famous," vowed Durante, thinking she recognized his well-known face. (In fact, at that moment, she didn't even know who he was!) Lucy's daughter, Clarice Holden, says she will never forget what happened next.

SECRET SIGN OFF "As Mr. Durante and his group were walking out the door after their meal," Clarice recalls, "he turned to my mom and said, 'Good night Mrs. Calabash.' "It wasn't long afterward that this popular entertainer began signing off his radio shows with a similar message. For years, audiences enjoyed this rather light-hearted farewell mystery. By the time of Durante's death in 1980, it had become one of his trademarks, almost as recognizable as his big "schnozzola". But while that sign-off may have remained a mystery to most folks, Calabash residents believe it was Durante's way of saying to Mrs. Coleman, "Hi, Lucy remember you, if you're still out there now."

Lucy Coleman passed away in 1989, nearly 50 years after her meeting with Jimmy Durante. Calabash residents note that Lucy recognized the significance of Durante's little secret message but preferred to stay out of the limelight. She had no desire to claim credit as the real "Mrs. Calabash." "Mom was a very private person," recalls Clarice, "She didn't speak much about her 'Mrs. Calabash' entity, and declined all interviews and all invitations to a ppear on television."

Apparently, Durante's popularity was so great that he could immortalize a prim Southern restaurant keeper. But neither he nor anyone else could get her to talk.

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"Superior Adventure"

You may have noticed in the last couple of issues a flyer titled "Superior Adventure", with hotel, marina, and campground information on it. If you don't already know, the Duluth Power Squadron is hosting

the D/10 Summer Rendezvous the weekend of July 20 –22, 2001 in beautiful Bayfield, WI.

Plan on joining the Duluth Squadron in hosting a wonderful event in Bayfield. If you attended the 1998 rendezvous, you will remember the great time we had. We plan on having MORE fun this time.

Some of the activities this time will be: cruise on the Island Princess to Stockton Island, cardboard boat race, Kid's crew, dinner cooked by the Bayfield Volunteer Fire Dept. and our own famous corn, and many other events throughout this funfilled weekend.

Plan your vacation around the weekend of July 20 – 22 in Bayfield. The flyer in this publication is providing you with information on accommodations in and around Bayfield. Most places have blocks of rooms set aside for the Power Squadron Members, so when making reservations, make sure you state that you are a Power Squadron Member. Remember there is limited availability in the area during the summer. Make your plans now, call, and make your reservation early.

If you are coming by boat, look at the flyer for marina information or call our Fleet Captain Dean Baltes to arrange for space at the City Dock. In the next few months the registration and shirt order form will be sent out and published in future issues.

If you have any questions on lodging please call P/C Len Robinson at 218-879-3769 or 218-391-3983. If you have any other questions or would like to help out, call Cdr Gina Wuorinen at 218-879-1897 or P/C Bruce Beste at 218-624-5696.

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