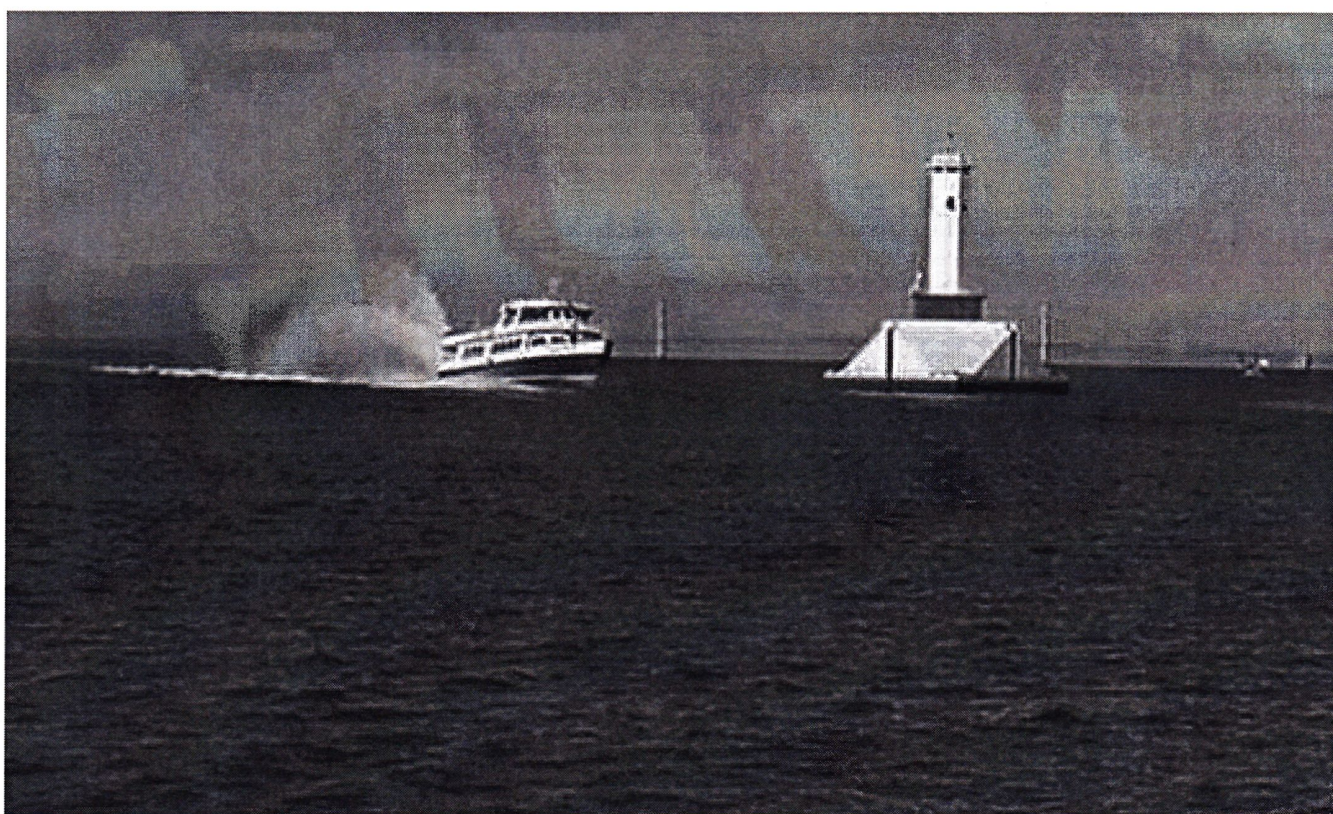


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"Rooster-tail" Ferry cruising past the Mackinac Lighthouse. Note Mackinac Bridge in background.

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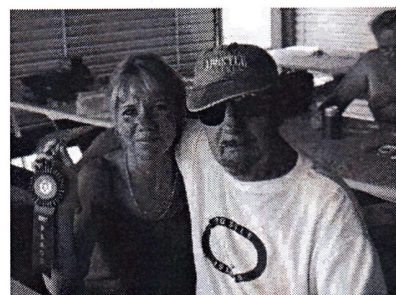
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September 20 General Meeting at Mr. D's.
October 4 Executive Board Meeting
October 19-21 D/10 Fall Conference
Oshkosh, WI
November 1 Executive Board Meeting
November 15 General Meeting at Mr. D's.
December 6 Executive Board Meeting
December 14 Christmas Party at Best Western
Edgewater
Dec 31- Jan 6 USPS National Meeting in
Orlando, Florida



Chili Contest Winners from Corn Roast Weekend:



Katie (holding ribbon) & Bill Gooder

Best overall: Katie Gooder
Most Unique: Rhobley Mattson
Spiciest: Vic Kleinsteuber
Meatless: Bob Ouellette

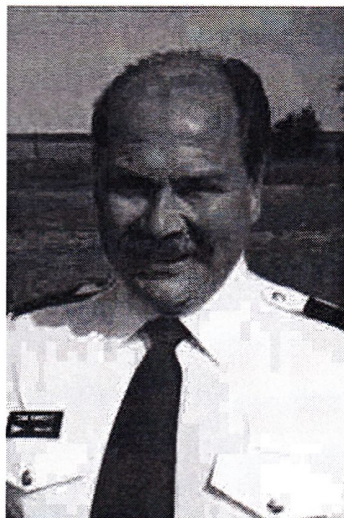


Corn Roast Labor Day Weekend:

The Corn Roast Decorating Crew, pictured left, included Steve and Joanne Balliette, Jan and Jim Axtell, Lee Carson, and Sue Farrell.

The Corn Roast Labor Day Weekend was a tremendous success! There were 24 entries in Saturday night's chili cook-off. At midnight on Sunday night, there were still 68 members dancing to Rock-A-Billy Revue. 41 boats were tied to the dock, 9 RVs and many cars parked in the lot. Any way you measure it, 'twas a GREAT success!!
More photos of Corn Roast on page 6, 7, and 8.

Commander's Report



Greetings!!

The summer has certainly gone by fast. It seems like I was just putting the Key of C in the water and now it's almost time to haul her home for the winter.

This summer's weather allowed for lots of activities for the Duluth Power Squadron. From the Dock Cleanup Day in May to our Corn Roast on Labor Day weekend, all were well attended and well organized. My

thanks to all of you that were involved and to those that attended. To those of you that couldn't attend, you missed a great time. Sorry you weren't there.

The D/10 Rendezvous was an absolute masterpiece. The entire rendezvous planning committee and workers deserve a standing "BRAVO" ovation by everyone that attended. The amount of time and commitment in planning this event is immeasurable. I have received many e-mails, cards, and notes thanking the Duluth Power Squadron for the job they did hosting the 2001 D/10 Rendezvous.

The Predicted Log/Commander's Cruise was a little light in participation. My thanks to those who were able to attend. In the Predicted Log competition, Steve Ballietto took third place, I took second, and Dean Baltes took first---again. © I had never run the Predicted Log until this year. I have always been intimidated by all the talk of "boy, you really need to know your boat....", compass headings, knowing your speed based on RPM's, all that kind of stuff. You know what? You do all that "timing" stuff every time you set out on a cruise. You know what speed you cruise at.... you know how far away your destination is....if you have a tachometer, you know what it reads at any set speed.... You know what? You run a Predicted Log almost every time you go somewhere. Whether it's on your boat or in your car. All you have to do is a little fine tuning, record and remember your speeds at various RPM's and sea conditions, and PARTICIPATE next year in the Predicted Log. It's that simple. Really!!!!!! AND MAYBE, just MAYBE, you'll have as much fun as I had. And I didn't even need to provide my own digital time. One was provided for me to use!!! So what's holding you back other than the same myths that I thought were the facts? NOTHING!! Next Year—Predicted Log—BE THERE!!!!!!©

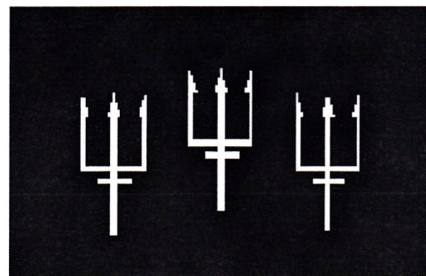
Corn Roast weekend had a spectacular turnout and all had a wonderful time. The weather was beautiful, the food was delicious, and everyone appreciated the hard work of all those involved that made it the success it was.

I will be attending the D/10 Fall Conference in Oshkosh on October 19th-21st. Usually this is a time of learning from and conversing with other Squadron Commanders and District Bridge Officers. I'll bring back to Duluth Squadron any useful information learned there.

I would like to just take a moment to share my opinion in regards to handling non-member visitors at the Squadron Dock. In the Squadron Policies it states that any non-member present at the dock not invited by a member is to be asked to leave. I would hope we haven't created an "unwelcoming atmosphere" to non-members because of the wording in the policy. I guess what I'd like to encourage is that we all approach a non-member visitor as a perspective new member. Introduce yourself, explain what the dock facility is, who's it is, and who can and can't use it. You be the one to determine whether to ask them to leave or invite them to stay as your guest. Use your own discretion on greeting and handling non-member visitors. Chances are they'll leave on their own if they're not interested or possibly turn out to be new members if given the chance.

In closing, I hope to see you at the General Meeting on November 15th. Our guest speaker will be Gloria DeSmedt. She'll have a great presentation for us. Watch for flyers. See ya there.

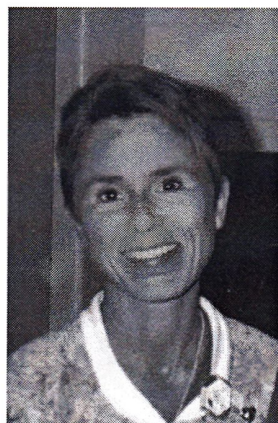
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Administrative Officer's Report



Another Labor Day Weekend is behind us signaling the rapid end of summer. I hope your season was enjoyable.

This past weekend our Labor Day Weekend Corn Roast was held. The weather was nice and participation was even better. To all those who helped with part or all of the weekend, Thank You. Activity at the dock actually started on Wednesday, before Corn

Roast Weekend. A number of members gathered to power wash the dock and pavilion. This in itself is no small feat, but was accomplished with several power washers and a fire truck (acquired by CDR Tom Cawcutt). Jan and Jim Axtell were in charge of decorations. Following a Pirating Theme, they decorated the pavilion in like fashion. It looked truly beautiful with swaying Pirate ships and white Christmas lights everywhere.

Along with the traditional meals, (Corn Roast, Omelet breakfast, and Pancake breakfast) a Chili Cook-Off was held. Four categories were judged from 24 entries. The Best Overall category was won by Katie Gooder, Most unique by Rhobley Mattson, Best Meatless by Bob Ouellette, and Spiciest by Vic Kleinstein.

Also included this year was an Appetizer spread fit for a King. John and Sue Lane prepared a multitude of different Buffalo dishes for sampling that were delicious.

If you missed the weekend, hope you make it next year.

Operations Training and Leadership Development classes were held Sept 11 and 12th at Sand Point Marina. Larry Anderson was the facilitator.

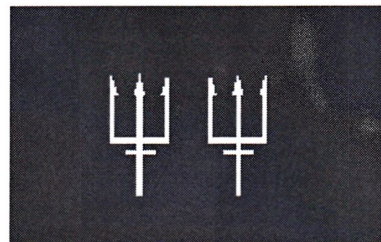
Looking ahead, The Christmas Party will be held Friday evening, December 14, 2001 at the Best Western Edgewater. Chairs for the event are Pam and Jay Halling, and Len and Lisa Robinson.

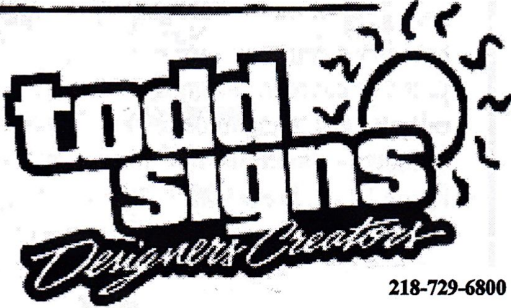
And lastly, it's not too early to start thinking about the Fitting Out Party (held in April). We are still looking for a location that's suitable for food preparation and our auction. Call me if you have any ideas. Chairs for the event are still needed too.

I'll be attending the D10 Fall Conference October 19-21 in Oshkosh, WI. I'll report on that in the next Channel Chatter.

Take care,

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How can you participate in this study?

Write Jim Nepstad, Management Assistant, Apostles Islands National Lakeshore, Route 1, Box 4, Bayfield, WI 54814. Or you can call Jim at 715.779-3398 ext. 102 or email him at jim_nepstad@nps.gov.

Additional information on this study is available at the following web site:

<http://www.nps.gov/apis/wstudy.htm>.

(Thanks to Lt/C Steve Farrell, AP for providing this information to Channel Chatter.)

Channel 16 verses Channel 9

According to information received from a Coast Guard communication, the increasing volume of radio calls between recreational boaters over Channel 16 continues to degrade it's primary role as a hailing and distress frequency. The CG and FCC have assigned Channel 09 as an additional calling frequency for recreational boaters in the US Waters of the 9th Coast Guard District (Great Lakes).

(Thanks to Lt. Jim Munger, N for providing this information to Channel Chatter.)

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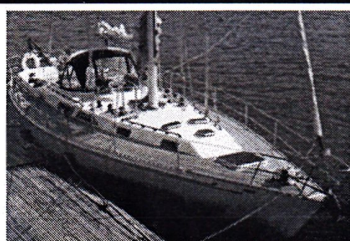
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Pictures from Corn Roast



Dick Sturm, Lisa Unger, Tom Cawcutt, & Marlene Flynn.



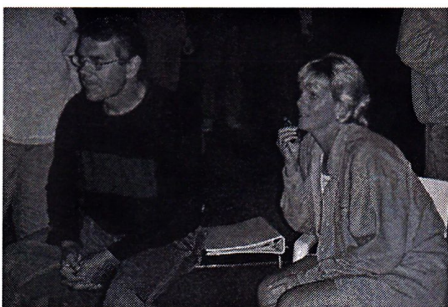
Saturday Night's entertainment by Terrol Cousineau.



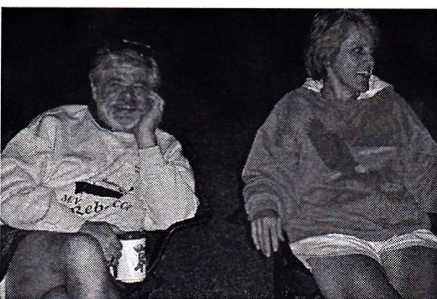
Corn Roast King and Queen, Gene Rock and Val Ouellette.



Arne Wuorinen and Ken Page.



Dick Sturm and Lisa Unger.



Jim and Jan Axtell around campfire.



Below....Relaxing on "Snowbird" are Tracy Nelson, Carol and Ken Clark, and Val Ouellette.

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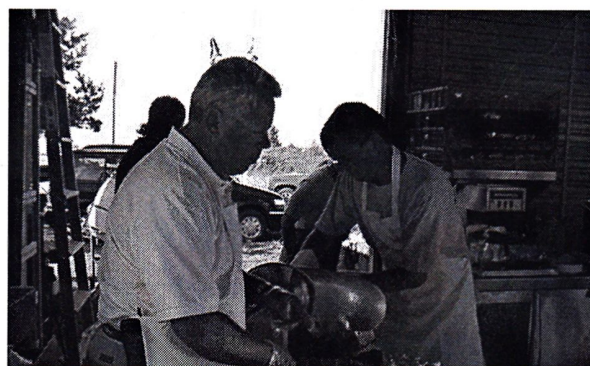
Chatting around the campfire are Princess and Steve Balliette, Bonnie, Scott, Scott's friend Sarah, and Kimber Langdon.



Gathering around the bonfire with moon rising in background, Howard Boynton is joined by his son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Mary Beth Boynton.



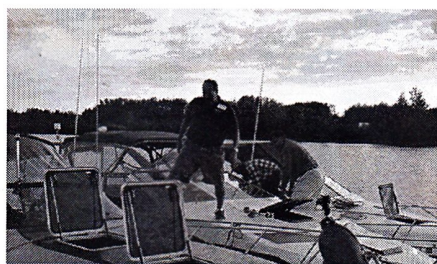
Kids dancing and singing on Sunday night with the Rock-A-Billy Revue.



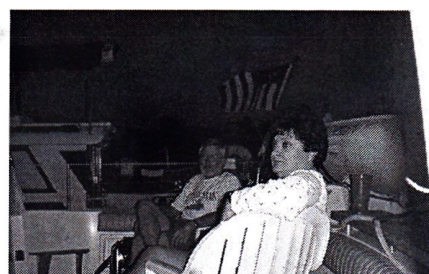
Harvey Hengel and Bruce Beste carving meat for Sunday Corn Roast.



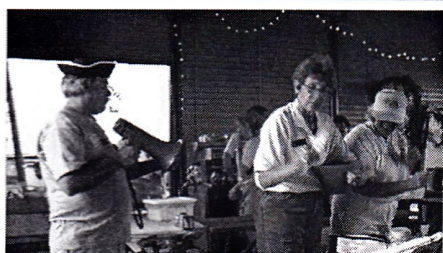
Moon rising over "Deo Volente's" ensign.



Dave Mattson and Tracy Nelson helping boats raft at dock.



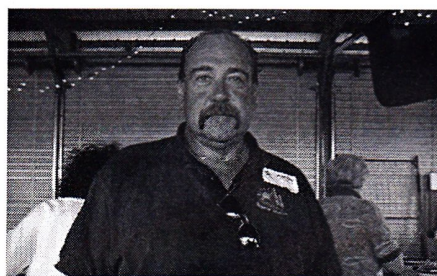
Rick and Linda Stanius relaxing aboard "Playing Hooky".



Ron Noyes, Dorothy Holmes, and Peg Nyre drawing prize-winners.



Steve Farrell, Gloria DeSmedt, and Candy Hengel enjoying campfire.

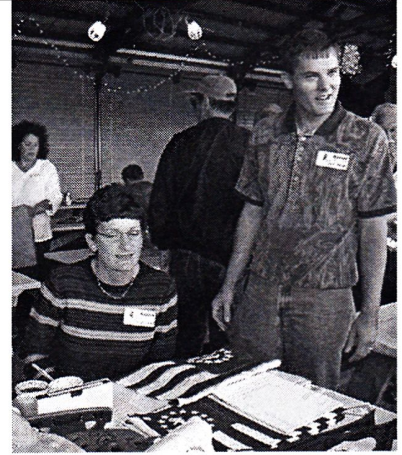


Dave Mattson drenched by squirting fish!

EVEN MORE Pictures from Corn Roast



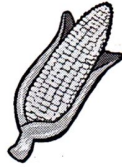
Bob Hecht delivering the Dockside Chat Friday night.



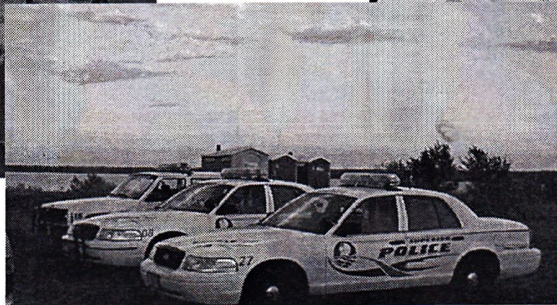
Brenda and Dan Johnson working at the Ship Store.



John and Suzi Lane of "Bison Buoy" making pizza on their Weber!



Connie Cawcutt, Bob Hecht and Peg Nyre enjoying the Corn Roast.



Superior WI Officers John Nowicki & Mike Jaszczak.

Superior Police officers stop by to help us judge the 24 entries in chili contest. Categories included best overall, meatless, most unique and hottest.

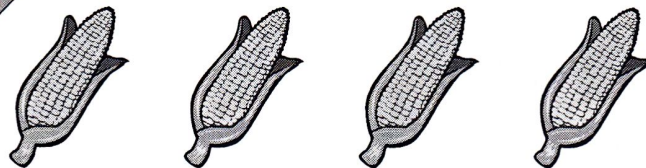


Power Squadron member John Kalenowski chats with Superior Wisconsin Officers Brian Caron and Nicholas Alexander.

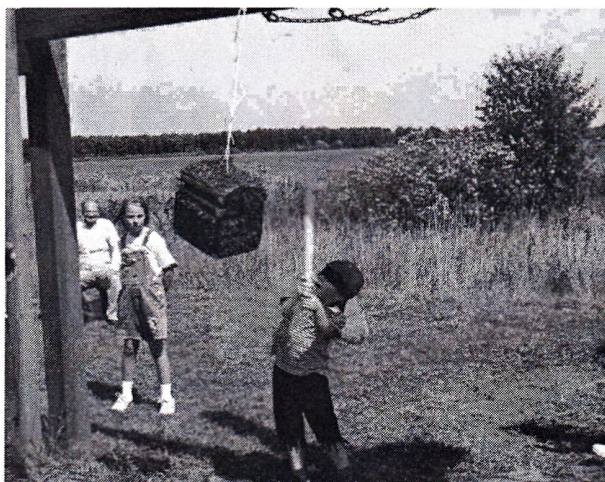
EVEN MORE Pictures from Corn Roast



Mixing coleslaw for the Corn Roast dinner are Joanne Balliette, Marlene Flynn, Dorothy Holmes, and Joyce Noyes.



Tossing marshmallows—one of the games the children played. Children's games were organized by Chris Beste.



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From "On The Water" with the Fort Myers Power Squadron

By Ken Clark

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Have a clear understanding with your host on what you will be doing and where you will be going during the cruise. The amount and type of clothing to bring is dependent on this knowledge. Boats do not have limitless storage space. Wear the proper shoes. For example, do not wear high heels, or black rubber soles that would leave marks on the deck. Leather soles are too slippery to use aboard boats.

Do not ask, "what may I contribute for the cruise?" This strategy may border on getting the captain involved in using his boat for hire which requires a U.S. Coast Guard license. There are tactful means for friends to bring goodies on a cruise without giving the appearance of paying or trading for a cruise. Do not bring glass containers aboard that might easily break. Many items are now available in plastic containers, or you may repackage them at home. On a boat, regardless of its size, sooner or later it will roll or bounce, sending unsecured items scattering about. Bulkheads have been marred by flying cameras, binoculars, bottles, cans, etc. If you are a smoker, ask if smoking is allowed on-board, and whether there are any requirements as to when and where. Obviously, smoking is never allowed while taking on fuel nor immediately thereafter until the boat is well away from the fuel dock and well aired out. Hard sided luggage is a no-no and is not welcome aboard a boat. There is rarely storage space for it, and while maneuvering it around the tight spaces and corners, marring can damage the bulkheads.

Recognize your capabilities aboard and offer to help with chores that you can handle. Many times, sitting out of the way is the best help of all! If you are asked to do something, do not hesitate to ask how or to have the instructions repeated. Also remember that there may be more than one way to do a task, but generally the captain has his own preferred method. The old seaman's method of rolling clothes when packing for a voyage is very practical as clothes seem to require less space and actually become less wrinkled than if folded. When using sunscreen, be mindful of what you touch and where you sit. You don't want to leave grease spots all over the boat to remind your host never to invite you back.

Regardless, one of the most important attributes is the ability to maintain a pleasant attitude in the face of adversity. Keep a cheery disposition, even if it rains. No one likes a grouch. Most people like some quiet time. Bring along some reading material. Boats generally are rather confined spaces and it is true that a boat's living space appears to shrink about one foot per day when out to sea.

Whether planning a transatlantic voyage, or a half day cruise on a small lake, everyone aboard should be familiar with the basic safety equipment and the actions to take in the event of an emergency. For example, be aware of where the fire extinguishers are and how to properly douse a fire that you may confront. Also

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Above all, using common sense when going aboard someone else's vessel will hopefully make for a pleasant and memorable journey and initiate a return invitation.

Recreational boating can and should be one of life's more rewarding experiences. To gain confidence and to learn how to avoid and/or deal with adverse events on the water, take a safe boating course offered by the Power Squadrons in our area. . . .

(Article from Thursday, April 13, 2000 edition of "The News-Press Advertising Supplement" & was submitted by Duluth Power Squadron member P/C Candy Hengel).

Photos from September General Meeting.



Presenting the memorial from charter member P/C Wilfred A. George, are his family who were honored at the September General Meeting. They included his son Murray George, wife Mrs. Mildred George, grandson Seth Christiansen, son Geoffrey George, and son-in-law Wayne Carlson.



Commander Tom Cawcutt presenting lifetime membership award to Jim Marshall at September's General Meeting.



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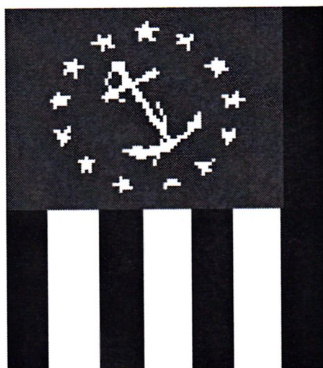
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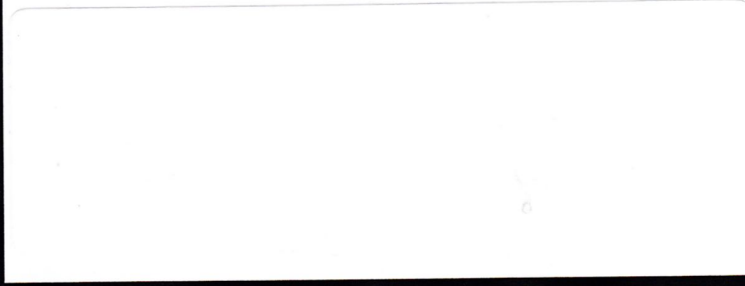
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