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## Schedule of Upcoming Events

January 25-27 D/10 Winter Council  
February 7 Executive Board Meeting at Champs  
February 13-17 Duluth Boat Show  
February 21 Annual Meeting at Pickwick  
March 2 Change of Watch at Kitchi Gammi Club  
March 7 Executive Board Meeting  
March 22-24 D/10 Spring Conference, Milwaukee, WI  
April 27 Fitting Out Party.  
Plan to attend the 2002 District 10 Summer Rendezvous  
July 26-28 Manitowoc, WI See page ? For details.



## Adopt-A-Chart Project

Working on the Adopt-A-Chart project, locating  
25 points of interest that have changed, are  
(left to right)  
Sue Farrell, Gina Beste-Wuorinen, Charlie  
Grubb, and Jim Munger.



## Commander's Report



Dear Duluth  
Power Squadron -

Hard to believe the year  
as Commander is about  
to come to a close. It's  
been a great year with  
activities and business.  
It's also been a year  
with challenges and  
changes. For the  
Squadron as well as

me personally.

Thank you all for helping this year to be a  
wonderful experience for me and the rest of  
the Bridge. Your willingness to step up to  
the plate has made this year a joy and I'm  
proud to say I'm a member of the Duluth  
Power Squadron.

Our membership went up and down with  
non-renewals and new members alike, how-  
ever it seems to remain on an even keel  
when all is said and done. Seems to hover  
right around the 230-240 mark. Our educa-  
tional classes are phenomenal due mostly to  
the officers we have in charge of education  
and the instructors that give their time to  
teach.

Our activities this year were many and well  
attended. The planning and organization of  
an event has a large impact on how the  
event pulls off, but the attendance of the  
members is the final factor that makes it or  
breaks it. Thanks for coming out and sup-  
porting the Squadron at functions and  
events.

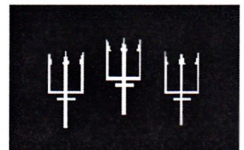
We truly are a GREAT organization and a  
fun bunch people!! It has been a pleasure to  
be Commander this past year. I know the  
incoming bridge will receive all the support

and help that has been extended this past  
year to the Bridge and me. Thank you for  
allowing me to serve on the Bridge. I've  
learned a lot over the past few years and I  
hope I've fulfilled all of your expectations as  
Commander. My best to the incoming bridge  
officers and all their plans that are already  
underway.

On a personal note, I've sold the "Key of  
C"!!! SO.....I'm looking for invitations to  
"Come Aboard" with anyone of you that  
might want a passenger. How's that for  
boldness? It must be a new side of this soon  
to be "Past Commander" coming out. I'm  
starting to look for another boat, but until I  
find one.....:-)

See you at the Boat Show - February 13-17  
at the DECC, and at the Change of  
Watch - March 2nd at the Kitchi Gammi  
Club. Have a wonderful winter.

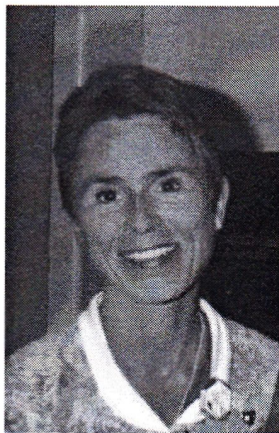
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## Administrative Officer's Report



The holidays are finally behind us and I hope each of you had a nice Christmas. Here's hoping Santa brought you something to keep your mind on boating until the warm weather returns and our boats thaw out.

Our Squadron Christmas Party was held Friday evening, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western Edgewater. About 75 enjoyed a tasty Savories' Buffet and the music of the Strikepoint Handbell Ensemble, followed by Marty Herman on the keyboard entertaining us until the end. Approximately \$685.00 was raised during the silent auction. The proceeds purchased toys that were then donated to Operation Rudolph and Toyland Express. A big Thank You goes to our Christmas Party Chairs, Pam and Jay Halling, and Len and Lisa Robinson for doing such a nice job.

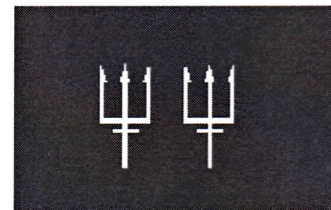
As you are reading this, the first Safe Boating Class should be ending. Following the Boat Show, the second Safe Boating Class will start. Classes are held at Central High School and help with grading homework and final exams is always needed and appreciated. On the last night of class, (after the final exam) a small reception is held for the class participants, where students are given the opportunity to join the Duluth Power Squadron. Everyone is welcome. It's a nice opportunity to greet our newest members and make them feel welcome.

Change of Watch is always an exciting time. Charlie Grubb is planning an outstanding and memorable event this year. Information will

be in your hands soon. Don't miss watching the Sacred Calabash change hands to someone more deserving.

It's also not too soon to start making plans for the Fitting Out Party, April 27<sup>th</sup> at the VFW in the West End. Information and Raffle Tickets will be mailed to you. If you plan to contact your prior contributors for the auction, let me know so that we can keep our list of business contacts up to date. Remember, this is the only fund raising event the squadron holds each year. Your support is crucial to make this fun event successful.

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## Safety Officer's Report

### Vessel Safety Check Requirements. Is your boat ready?

By Lt. Jim Munger, N

#### USCG Minimum Equipment Requirements for Recreational Vessels - Rev. 10/23/2001

Boat Length in Feet		Less than 16', canoes, kayaks	16' to 26' (8m)	26' to 39.4' (12m)	40' to 65'	65' to 165' (50m)
	<b>Personal Flotation Devices</b>	One Type I, II, III, or V per person. PFD's must be CG Approved, wearable by the intended user and readily accessible	One Type I, II, III, or V per person plus one Type IV throw able device. PFD's must be CG Approved, wearable by the intended user and readily accessible. The Type IV throw able device must be located such that it is immediately available.			
	<b>Fire Extinguishers</b>  No fixed system	One B-I any type. Fire extinguishers required on any boat with enclosed fuel or engine spaces, enclosed living spaces, or permanent (not movable by one person) fuel tanks.	One B-II or two B-I		One B-II and one B-I or three B-I	One or more B-II (Depends on weight)
	With fixed system	No portables required	One B-I		Two B-I or one B-II	
	<b>Visual Distress Signals</b>	Night signals required when operating between sunset and sunrise.	Minimum of three day-use and three night-use or three day/night combination pyrotechnic devices. Non-pyrotechnic substitutes: 1 orange flag (day-use) and 1 electric S-O-S signal light (night-use)			
	<b>Sound Producing Devices</b>	Horn or whistle recommended to signal intentions or position. Under Rule 33 of the Navigation Rules, boats under 12m MUST have aboard a means of making an efficient sound.			One bell not less than 200mm diameter for boats 12m to 20m or 300mm for boats larger than 20m and one whistle or horn required to signal intentions or position.	
	<b>Backfire Flame Arrestors</b>	One CG-Approved device on each carburetor of all gasoline-powered engines built after April 1940, except outboards. Arrestor should be kept clean to prevent contamination from propagating a flame.				
	<b>Ventilation</b>	CG-standard powered system required on gasoline-powered vessels with enclosed engine spaces built after 1 August 1980. Boats built earlier must have either natural or powered ventilation in the fuel tank compartment.				
	<b>Navigation Lights</b> Under power	Sidelights, stern light, masthead light. Boats 16' or longer must also have an 360° all-around white anchor light capable of being lit independently from the red/green/white running lights. Sailboats under power are considered powerboats and must follow "under power" rules.				
	Under sail	Sidelights and stern light. Boats under sail under 12m can substitute a tri-color light for separate sidelights and stern lights. Sailboats under power are considered powerboats and must follow "under power" rules.				
	Rowing	Sailboats and powerboats under 7m and under 7 knots can substitute a white lantern in place of the required lights.				
	At Anchor	All around white light visible for 2nm at night unless in a chart-designated anchorage.				
Visibility range		1 nm side lights, 2 nm all others		3nm masthead, 2 nm all others		5nm masthead, 2nm all others
	<b>Pollution Regulations</b>	"Honor system", no plaques required.		5" X 8" Oil Discharge placard and 4" X 9" MARPOL Trash placards. Vessels over 39.4' with a galley must have a Waste Management Plan.		
	<b>Marine Sanitation Devices</b>	Vessels with installed head facilities must have an operable CG-Certified Type I, II, or III Marine Sanitation Device (MSD). Any "Y" value for discharge overboard must be located in such a manner or affixed to prevent accidental discharge of untreated waste into water.				Type II or III MSD only.
	<b>Navigation Rules</b>	Familiarity with the rules is recommended but not required. Boaters should be familiar with the "Rules of the Road" for crossing and overtaking situations, as well as meeting other vessels head on.			Vessels 12m (39.4') or over are required to have a current copy of the USDOT USCG International - Inland Navigation Rules aboard.	

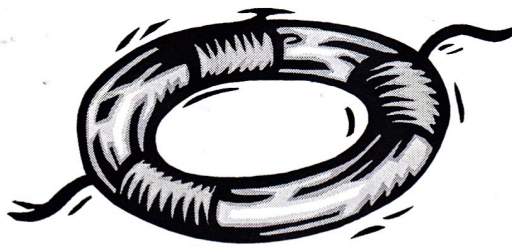


## Recipient of NASBLA and Bonner Awards.

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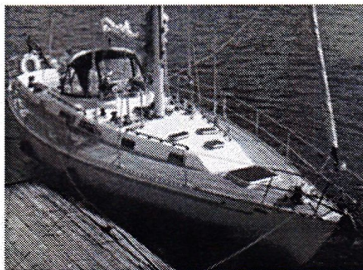
**Kim Elverum** has been with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources since 1971 where he has served as boat and water safety coordinator since 1974. He has served on numerous NASBLA committees, appointed as chair on four, and was elected president in 1987. During his career, Elverum served three 3-year terms on the National Boating Safety Advisory Council, 20 years on the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Marine Engineering Council

and was vice chair of the National Safe Boating Council. He coordinated production of five issues of *Boating Safety Dollars At Work* for the association. Elverum has received both the NASBLA and Bonner Awards, in addition to two commendations from the Coast Guard.



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**27' SeaRay** - 1997 Sundancer, 7.4 Bravo 3 200 hrs., SS prop, vacuflush .....\$52,500

**27' SeaRay** - 1995, single 454 engine, low hrs .....\$33,900

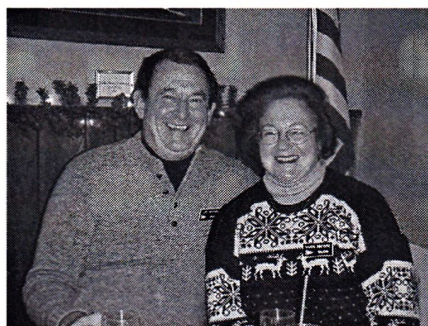
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## Thou Shall Not Run Thy Diesel Engine to Dryness!



Les and Karen Watters at January's General Meeting of the Duluth Power Squadron.

By P/C Lester V. Watters, A.P

The old adage "If God had wanted man to spend time on water, He would have equipped man with fins and gills" wasn't too far off this summer as we sailed Lake Superior. One of

the commandments of boating is, or should be, THOU SHALT NOT RUN THY DIESEL ENGINE TO DRYNESS. This year the diesel fuel on board was about four years old sooo, we thought that we would use all of the old fuel and, when it ran dry, we would refill from portable tanks. SOOO, about five miles off the shore of one of the Apostle Islands the engine went chug—chug, — —. No problem—the sun was high, the wind was calm, the beverages were cool and liquidy, and all that we had to do was refill the tank, start the engine and proceed to the anchorage.

WRONGGGG! When the diesel in the fuel lines to the engine is gone, air fills the lines and needs to be purged before the fuel can get to the cylinders and the engine restarted. We read all of this out of the "How to Book" that we store somewhere on the boat each summer. SOOO, we opened valves that were sort-of in the right place as shown in the sketches and watched as air and diesel fuel spit and sprayed all over the bottom of the boat as battery power ran the "whinny pump thing". We then used battery power to heat the cylinders and energize the electric starter to turn the engine over. During each of the many times that we repeated this, all we got was a chug—chug—nothing. About an hour later we noticed that the battery power wasn't doing so great and the chance to radio for aid was diminishing. After one last attempt at twisting the twisty things and spitting and spraying air and fuel all over the place, the engine finally went chug—chug—vroom. The boat smelled of sweat and diesel fuel as we anchored for the evening but the cool liquidy things tasted good in the twilight of the evening.



## January General Meeting Photos



Commander Tom Cawcutt, S presenting P/C Les Watters, AP with 25 year pin at January General Meeting.



Cliff and Betty Linder laughing when spilling a glass of water....during January general meeting's presentation of the importance of pure water.



Tony Coda and Paul Robbins presentation on water and air purification, at the January general meeting.



## Christmas Party At The Edgewater Was A Hit!



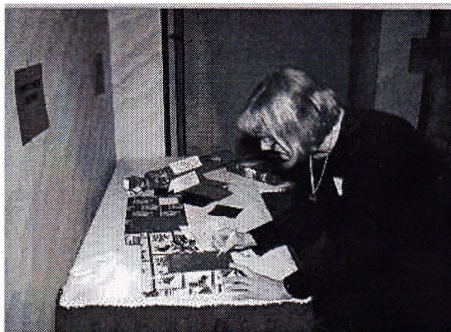
Marlene Flynn and Bob Oullette...enjoying Santa's attention and gifts. Gina Beste-Wuorinen is Santa's helper.



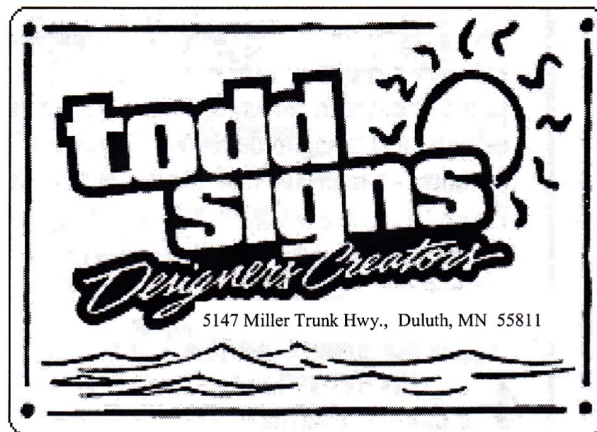
Marty Herman entertaining all the members at the Christmas Party.



Rhobley and Dave Mattson enjoying the Christmas party.



Susi Lane checking out the gifts at the Silent Auction.



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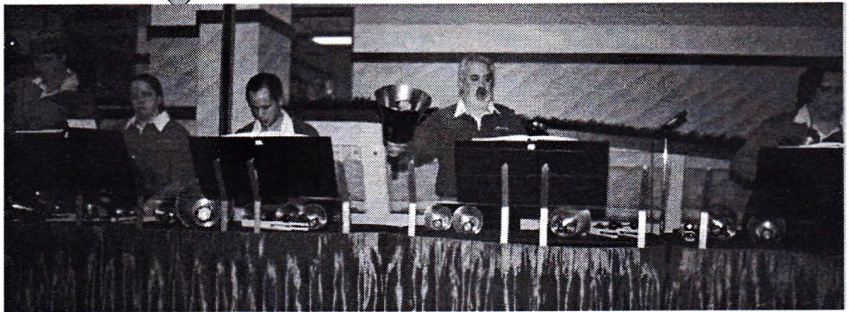
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## Christmas Party At The Edgewater Was A Hit!



Entertainment at the Christmas Party was superb! Pictured on the left, above and directly below is.....Strikepoint, a Hand Bell ensemble from First United Methodist Church (the "copper-top" church) directed by Bill Alexander. They generally ring with 10 members. After their performance, many Power Squadron members walked up and tried to ring the bells, too. Check out their web site at <http://www.strikepoint.com>



Dick Bibby and Pat Mattson, placing their bid on the gifts at the silent auction.



Jim Swanson and Harlan Eggert enjoying the Christmas Party.



I think you could gain weight, JUST LOOKING at the delicious choices on the dessert table. Yum!



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## Nominated Slate of Officers Notification

Date: January 14, 2002

To: Lt/C Muffy Kalenowski, S  
2827 Parkwood Lane  
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From: P/C Leonard A. Robinson, S  
77 Hideaway Lane  
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Re: 2002 – 2003 Slate of Officers

In accordance with the bylaws of the Duluth Power Squadron, the Nominating Committee has selected the following slate for the elected officers and elected committees for the 2002 – 2003 term. Slate of Officers to be voted on at the Annual Meeting to be held on February 21, 2002 at The Pickwick Restaurant.

Commander	Cdr. Charles N. Grubb, P
Executive Officer	Lt/C Sue Farrell, AP
Educational Officer	Lt/C Steve Farrell, AP *
Asst. Educational Officer	P/Lt/C Steve Balliette, AP *
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Tracy Nelson, S
Secretary	Lt/C James R. Swanson, P
Asst. Secretary	1/Lt Valerie Ouellette, AP
Treasurer	Lt/C Clifford Linder, S
Asst. Treasurer	1/Lt Kenneth Docteur, S
Executive Committee	
Members At Large	1/Lt James Robinson, Jr., <u>N</u>
	1/Lt Robert Hecht, Sr., P
	1/Lt C. Malcolm Scott
	P/C John W. Soetebier, AP
Nominating Committee	P/C Thomas Cawcutt, Sr., S
Rules Committee	P/C Mary A. Brisky, AP
Audit Committee	Lt. Steve P. Johnson, P

- Approved by District 10 Educational Officer

Respectfully submitted, 2001 – 2002 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

P/C Leonard A. Robinson, S, Chairperson  
P/C Robert Ouellette, AP  
P/C Arne Wuorinen, JN



## Plan Now To Attend the 2002 District 10 Summer Rendezvous

District 10 of the United States Power Squadrons plans to hold its annual District Rendezvous at Manitowoc, WI on July 26-28, 2002. Events scheduled so far include a Friday night supper and entertainment, Saturday afternoon tour of the world famous Burger Boat Co. plant, Saturday evening party, and Sunday brunch. The Manitowoc area is an active place in the summertime. There are art museums, wineries, historical villages, and of course the S.S. Badger car ferry that can take you across Lake Michigan.

Look for information on the area at <http://www.manitowoc.org>. A crowd is expected, so make plans & get your reservations now. Please tell motels you are with the United States Power Squadrons (District 10 Summer Rendezvous) to obtain the promised rates.

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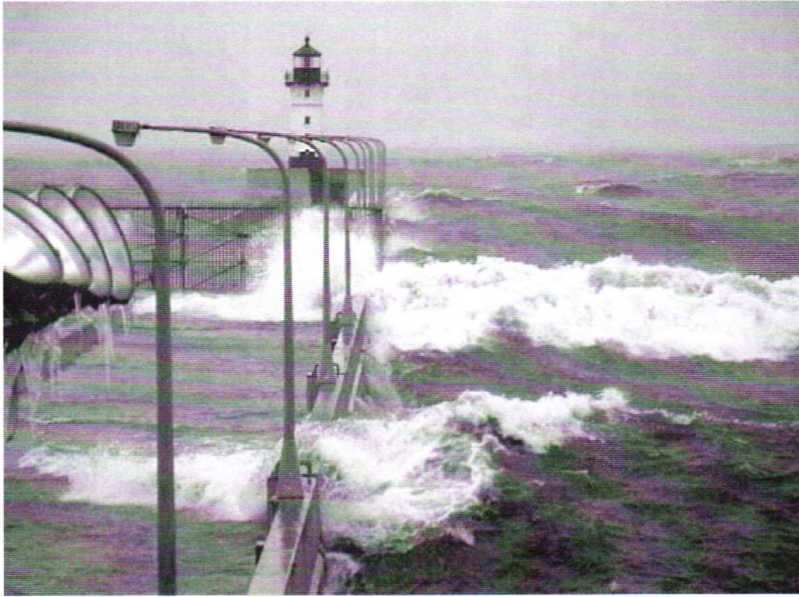
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## November 27th, 2001 Storm on Lake Superior..



Anyone who watched Lake Superior on November 27th, 2001, was in total awe of it's power. Waves were estimated at 17 feet and as they hit the Duluth Lake Walk, several sections were destroyed. These photos which show the power of the storm, were taken by Kenneth R. Newhams of the Duluth Shipping News. Our thanks to Ken for allowing us to print his photos! To view more photos of the storm, go to the following web page: <http://www.duluthshippingnews.com/waves.html>

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To the right  
is a photo  
of the  
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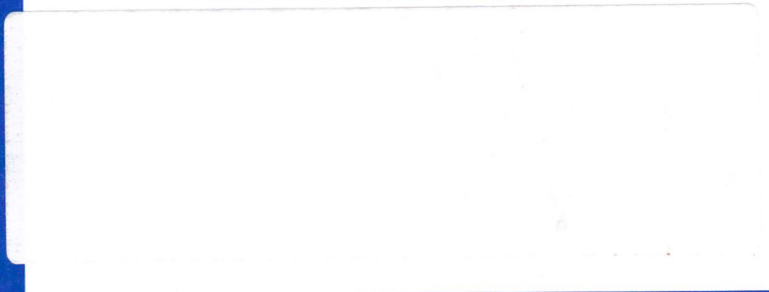
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