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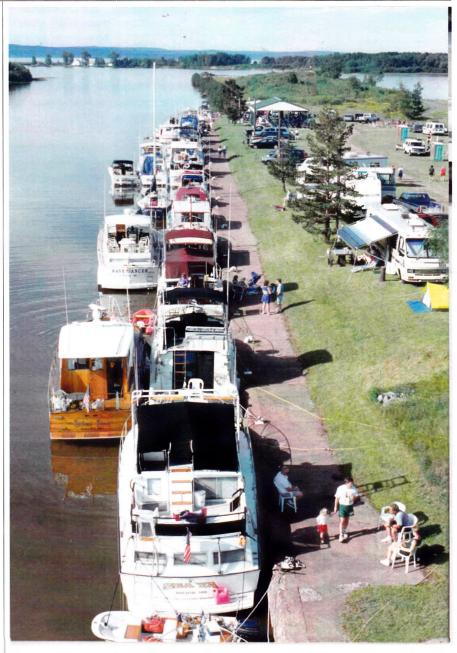
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Schedule of Upcoming Events

22-24 March	D/10 Spring Conference, Milwaukee, WI
4 April 27 April	Executive Board Meeting at Champs Fitting Out Party & Auction at the VFW Club, 2024 West Superior Street
2 May 10 & 17 May 15-19 May 15-16-17 May 16 May 18 May 18-24 May	Executive Board Meeting at Champs Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Training Spring Governing Board National meet- ing at The Adam's Mark, Houston, TX River Quest General Meeting with Coast Guard Aux. Dock Clean Up & BBQ Safe Boating Week
1 June 15 June	Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Day at Duluth Power Squadron Dock New Member Cruise
26-28 July	2002 District 10 Summer Rendezvous

Manitowoc, WI



Vessel Safety Check Program:

There's more than one good reason to participate in the Vessel Safety Check Program (formerly known as Courtesy Marine Examination (CME)). Not only is this important for boating safety, you can save \$\$\$! Here's a message from fellow Duluth Power Squadron member, Candy Hengel, who is wintering in Florida:



"We recently had our CME exam done in Florida on the boat, and the power squadron member doing the exam told us to contact our insurance company for a discount. If a member has PS boat insurance, they do give a discount on the premium for the successful issuing of the sticker for current year. I copied the completed exam check off form and faxed to insurance agent. It netted us an \$88.00 savings on the FL boat. We plan to do the same on the MN boat when back up there. SO, perhaps a few lines to alert members to that would be good. I do not know if other insurance companies honor that, but it would be worth a phone call on the members behalf to find out. Arne and Gina are visiting right now, and they were not aware of it, and do have PS insurance, so will do the same. :-)"

Commander's Report



It is a great honor that you, the membership, have the confidence in me to elect me as your Commander for 2002 - 2003. I will do my very best so you will not be disappointed. The quality and willingness of our mem-

bership to do their part with projects and events is what makes the Duluth Power Squadron the best.

March 2nd, found about 80 members and guests at the Kitchi Gammi Club for Change of Watch. We were also honored to have in attendance our friends from Thunder Bay and the Twin Cities. Due to bad weather in Wisconsin, D/10 EXO, Lt/C Mike Wiedel and his wife Kim were not able to attend. The food and entertainment was outstanding along with the best fellowship ever. My thanks to all that attended and those who helped to make this a memorable evening.

This year will be no exception. There are a number of very fine events planned, which you will hear about later. I am sure that with P/C Bruce Beste in charge of Boating Activities, they will be second to none.

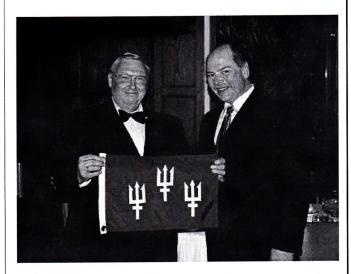
My goals for this coming year are: (1) – Our squadron member retention will be 90% or District 10's percentage of retention, which ever is greater. (2) – Increase the membership of the Duluth Power Squadron by four. (3) – Increase the number of VSC Examiners. (4) – Increase the number of squadron members participating in the Co-op Chart and Geodetic Survey program. (5) – Get more new members involved by encouraging them to participate in the new member involvement program. (6) – Continued 100% participation in the Education Fund. (7) – Erect a sign at the boat landing area under the High Bridge promoting the USPS (and Duluth Squadron), informing the public of safe boating and

education programs available. A second sign could be erected in Superior too. I also have a couple of ideas for the Squadron Dock, which will be discussed later.

Just think, 30 days and we'll see you on the water.

CDR. CHARLES GRUBB, P DULUTH POWER SQUADRON





Commander Charlie Grubb receiving commander's flag from P/C Tom Cawcutt during the Change of Watch held on March 2nd at the Kitchi Gammi Club.



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Executive Officer's Report



Greetings. I hope to enjoy this year as your new Executive Officer.

The first order of business is to remind all of you that the Fitting Out Party and Fundraising Auction is quickly approaching. It is to be held at the VFW, 2024 W. Superior St. You've seen the fliers and sold all those raffles tickets. Thank you! Now please bring your friends and checkbooks (we don't take American Express, or Visa or MC) and plan to have a good time.

During the month of May as all our boats are being readied for the water, our thoughts turn more to our safety on the water. Safe Boating Week is May 18th –25th. Our Squadron, during that time, passes out bags filled with Safe Boating Information; at boat launch ramps and marinas in this area. If you're interested in helping, please give me a call. VSC (Vessel Safety Check) Day at the Duluth Power Squadron Dock will be held Saturday, June 1. A flier will be sent to inform you of times. I believe a dock BBQ and General Meeting at the dock is also planned for that day.

The following information is taken from the USPS National Website.

What is a Vessel Safety Check (VSC)?

A Vessel Safety Check is a courtesy examination of your boat (Vessel) to verify the presence and condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and the Federal regulations. The Vessel Examiner is a trained specialist and is a member of the US Power Squadrons or the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. They will also make certain recommendations and discuss certain safety issues that will make you a safer hoater.

This is not boarding or a law enforcement issue. No citations will be given as a result of this encounter. We will supply you with a copy of our evaluation so that you may follow some of the suggestions given. Vessels that pass will be able to display our distinctive VSC decal. This does not exempt you from law enforcement boarding, but you can be prepared to make this a positive encounter.

It is a free check of a vessel's equipment for compliance with federal and state safety requirements. The vessel examiners performing this service have been trained to look for some of the more common problems, which might occur in your boat or its associated safety equipment. Some of the items we check are;

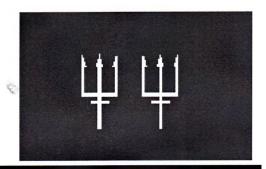
- Proper display of numbers
- o Registration/Documentation

- Personal Flotation Devices; Life Jackets
- o Visual Distress Signals
- o Fire extinguishers
- Ventilation
- Backfire flame control
- Sound producing devices
- o Navigation lights
- o State requirements
- Overall vessel condition

If a vessel meets all of the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) requirements it is awarded a VSC decal.

If you would like to become a VSC Examiner, please contact me and I'll get the necessary information to you.

L/C Sue Farrell, AP Executive Officer





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Administrative Officer's Report



Forty years ago JFK said "Ask not what your Power Squadron can do for you, but what you can do for vour Power Squadron" (or something like that). As we begin our new 2002 - 2003Power Squadron year, I would like BOTH. I'd like to know what you

would like the Duluth Power Squadron to do for you during the next twelve months AND I'd like to hear what you would be willing to do to help your Power Squadron. To make it easy for you to provide this feedback, you will be receiving in the mail a questionnaire. This is your chance to gripe, complain, let off steam, or even say what you like about our squadron. Please fill it out and pop it back in the mail right away. If you have lots and lots of ideas, you can email me: tracy@cw-duluth.com. If you really want to give me an

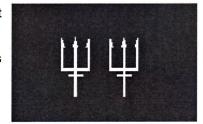
earful, call me at 728-7102.

Who Wants to be a Millionaire - Practice session

If you're lonesome, how can you find out when the next Power Squadron party is? If you're bored and need something else to do, how do you find out when classes are scheduled? It's 1900 hours and you're trying to decide if you should boat to Bayfield in the morning, how can you find out what tomorrow's weather will be? The answer to all three questions can be found at: http://www.usps.org/localusps/duluth/. This is the web site for the Duluth Power Squadron. Check it out. If you have suggestions of other information that we should include on the web site, please share that with one of the bridge officers.

P.S. – If you don't have a computer or are digitally

challenged, the next party is the Fitting Out Party on Saturday, April 27th. Mark that date in your log books now.



Lt/C Tracy Nelson, S

Don't forget to check out our very own Duluth Power Squadron web site at:

> http://www. usps.org/ localusps/ duluth/



Secretary's Report



Guess who's coming to dinner? By 1/Lt. Jim Swanson, S

"Are you coming to dinner on Thursday?" If we were to be asked such a question by a friend, it would be a great insult to not respond and even more

of an insult to agree to come and then not show up.

At our Executive Board meeting on Thursday, March 7th, there was quite a bit of discussion about the Squadron calling committee and how low morale was with many of them.

The big frustration seems to come from unanswered messages left on answering machines. When there is no response, it creates several problems.

First, having a fairly good idea about how many will be at a meeting means that there will be enough space and enough food for the meeting. When we have our "host" prepare a specific meal, that number is very important.

Second, it is an insult to our own member who left the message. When you don't respond, it tends to make that caller see the task of calling as a rather worthless activity.

I become frustrated with telemarketers and other such calls, but this is one of our own asking about something which should have at least enough importance to each of us as a member of the Duluth Power Squadron that we would acknowledge the "invitation".

When you get your next invitation to dinner with the Squadron membership, please take the time to say "yes" or "no". It matters!

Safety Officer's Report

Vessel Safety Check Training

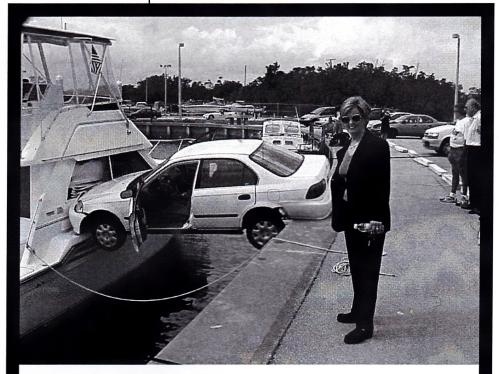
By Lt. Jim Munger, N

Vessel Safety Check (VSC) training is tentatively scheduled for May 10 and



May 17, 6 PM at Jim Munger's home. Potluck meal or barbecue. Final exam, open book, will be May 17. Be ready for VSC week first week of June at the Squadron Dock to become fully qualified. Vessel Safety Checks will also be held at Barker's Island on June 8th. A full crew of qualified examiners will be needed. You need to do only five Vessel examinations per year to stay qualified.

If you miss your five, the next year you need to do two supervised exams to become re-qualified. With Squadron and Auxiliary cooperation, the VSC Program is one of the best ways to teach safe recreational boating. Stay tuned for further details.



Is this a new type of fender to be used when docking or what?

Our thanks to John Bray, captain of Lake Superior's "Scandinavian Riviera", who submitted this photo to the Channel Chatter.

Duluth Power Squadron's Fitting Out Party and Auction 2002



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Speed Regulations in the Duluth Ship Canal

(Our thanks to P/C Bob Ouellette, who brought the following to the attention of the Channel Chatter.)

ORDINANCE NO. 9419 BY COUNCILORS PRETTNER SOLON AND HALES: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 26-10 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO SPEED REGULATIONS IN THE DULUTH SHIP CANAL.

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1. That Section 26-10 of the Duluth City Code, 1959, is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 26-10. Speed regulations--in Duluth ship canal.

No person shall <u>operate</u> a watercraft at <u>greater than slow-no wake</u> speed in the entrance to the city harbor, commonly called the Duluth Ship Canal. <u>Slow-no wake speed is the minimum speed necessary to maintain steerage, but in no case greater than five miles per hour.</u>

The provisions of this Section shall not apply to:

- (a) Emergency, enforcement or resource management personnel when acting in the performance of their duties;
- (b) To any watercraft when it becomes necessary for such watercraft to exceed five miles per hour:
 - (1) Due to water or wind conditions which affect safety and steerage; or
 - (2) To avoid a potential collision.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days from and after its passage and publication. (Effective date: September 19, 1999)

Councilors Prettner Solon and Hales moved passage of the ordinance and the same was adopted upon the following vote:

Yeas: Councilors Fena, Gilbert, Hales, Hogg, Prettner Solon, Rapaich, Swapinski and President Keenan -- 8

Nays: None -- 0

Absent: Councilor Edwards -- 1

Passed August 9, 1999 Approved August 9, 1999 GARY L. DOTY, Mayor

ATTEST:

JEFFREY J. COX, City Clerk



Wanted! We're trying to find the Duluth Power Squadron's sextants. One of them is brass and was kept in a wooden carrying case. There were 3 or 4 others that were gray plastic and were kept in plastic case. These are needed to instruct our Advanced Piloting class. If anyone has any ideas of where they might be, please contact Dave Carlson at 525-1438.

What's in a Label? PFD Classification and Labeling



(Article taken, in part, from the March/April 2002 issue of Small Craft Advisory.)

Concerns have been raised by boating safety officials in the United States, the boating industry and the boating public about the readability and understandability of personal flotation device (PFD) labels. With the introduction of the fully inflatable PFDs, the clarity of labels has become even more critical.

The U.S. Coast Guard has funded a two-year grant to redesign the labeling for PFDs. The goal of this project is to provide the recreational boating consumer with more accurate and comprehensive information about design, uses, quality, fit and types of PFDs....

The result of this work will be the production of revised labels and the delivery of a draft standard to the Standard Technical Panel for PFDs at Underwriters Laboratories. This work is expected to be completed by the late 2002-early 2003 time frame.

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staterod	om, 44	HP		\$139,00	00

40' Marine Trader - 1986 Sundeck new paint, new electronics, 750 hrs. on T/200-hp Perkins\$119,000

40' Marine Trader - 1985, Sundeck trawler, T/200 HP Volvo diesels, perfect liveaboard or cruise Great Circle route\$132,500



43' Cheoy Lee

37' Holiday Mansion - 1982, 260hp Volvo w/ 400 hrs., new Vacuflush, outdrive & carpet in 2001.\$25,000

37' Tiara - 1997, Open model, T/450 HP Cummins, full electronics, perfect condition\$320,000

34' Cruisers - 1986, 6.5 kw gen.,	
Espirit 3370, T454 with only 600 hrs	Š.,
new canvas\$49,900	

33' SeaRay - 1995, Generator, air,
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27' SeaRay - 1988, T/185 HP, 10" beam, white w/blue trim ..\$25,900

23' Regal - 1992, single engine, w/tandem axle trailer\$18,000

Our Dream: To Cruise the "Great Circle Route"



Jim and Janet Axtell sitting around the campfire at last year's Corn Roast weekend at the Duluth Power Squadron dock.

The Duluth Power Squadron is helping with our dream to cruise the "The Great Circle Route" via a trawler. Not having experience in boating on the Great Lakes, the river system, or the intracoastal waters, we decided we needed some education.

At the Minneapolis Boat Show three years ago, we obtained the phone number of the Duluth Power Squadron, made the call, and Steve Balliette told us the details of the safe Boating course. We decided to attend the class and found the quality of instructors impressive. Since the beginning course, we have attended five others and have not been disappointed yet. Our travel time is an hour and a half one way so I will not deny a few groans when it came time to leave

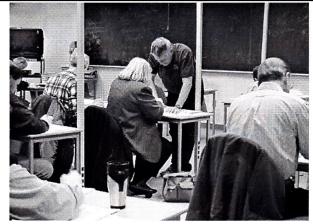
for class. We will not remember everything that we have been taught, but the resources are at our fingertips.

The support of boating friends has been wonderful. Just when our non-boating friends start convincing us that living on a boat for one to two years is insane, we heard in a member's voice the love of boating and saw a look of desire in their face to do the great circle route themselves. It has reassured us that this dream adventure is something we should pursue. It is nice to have adventurous friends like yourself.

This past summer we became involved in the decorating committee for the Labor Day Corn Roast. The involvement in this event has made us more committed to the Power Squadron. Being involved is work, but it is fun. Sue Farrell was there for support in every step of the way. Everyone shares the tasks. Working with someone brings the friendship to a new level.

The first outing on the "Big Cold Lake Superior" (hopefully) will be this summer. If you are interested in standing by our sides for the first few days, please let us know. Your knowledge and experience will be appreciated. Flipping the pages of our books might cause more panic. Janet likes to cook. Jim has stories that are fun to hear. Bring our friendship and education to another level!

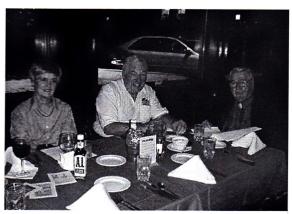
Janet and Jim Axtell 715-635-7770 jjaxtell@spacestar.net





Safe Boating Class—it was final exam night. Above left is Steve Farrell answering a question for one of the students taking the exam. Shown in above right photo are many, many Power Squadron members helping to grade tests, including Tom Cawcutt, Jay Halling, Steve Farrell, Len Robinson, Bob & Val Ouellette.

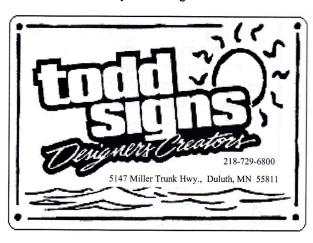
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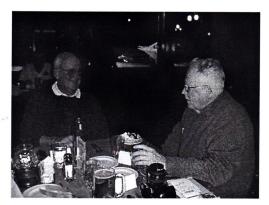


Jan and Jim Marshall chatting with Jack Soetebier before dinner at the February General Meeting. Jim's program during the evening's meeting was a beautiful photo presentation of boating spots on Lake Superior.



Bill Carlson chatting with Dave Carlson during February's meeting.





Harlan Eggert visiting with Jim Munger.



A private moment with John and Muffy Kalenowski.



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Change of Watch, March 2nd, at the Kitchi Gammi Club.



Cdr. Charles N. Grubb, P, begins his 2002-2003 year as commander of the Duluth Power Squadron.



D/LT/C Art Mollica, AP left, represented District 10 at the Change of Watch. Pictured on right are Charles N. Grubb, P with wife, Mary, as Charlie is being installed as Commander of the Duluth Power Squadron on Saturday, March 2nd at the Kitchi Gammi



Harlan & Mavis Eggert enjoying the evening.



Doc Munger visiting with Art Mollica.



Chatting during the Change of Watch are Val Ouellette, Lisa Robinson, Pam Halling, Bob Ouellette, Jay Halling, and Robley Mattson.



Enjoying dessert are Dave and Pat Carlson.

Change of Watch, March 2nd, at the Kitchi Gammi Club.



2002-2003 Duluth Power Squadron Bridge and spouses who attended the Change of Watch included, from left to right, Cdr. Charlie Grubb and wife Mary, Sue and Steve Farrell, Jim and Carolyn Swanson, Val & Bob Ouellette, Jan and Tracy Nelson, and Jack Soetebier.







Awards for Civic, Fraternal, Educational, plus Commander's Personal award ...presented for 2000-2001 year by P/C Tom Cawcutt, S. Above left is Lt. Jim Munger, N receiving Civic award, above center is 1/Lt Val Ouellette, AP receiving Fraternal award, above left is P/C Len Robinson, S receiving Commander's personal award, and lower left is Lt/C Steve Farrell, AP receiving Educational Award.



Pictured right—> are Lucky and Bonita Nelson, Mary Grubb, and Robin Thiesen enjoying the festivities.

<—Pictured left is Tom Cawcutt presenting Educational Award to Steve Farrell.



Change of Watch, March 2nd, at the Kitchi Gammi Club.



Charles N. Grubb, P, was installed as Commander of the Duluth Power Squadron on Saturday, March 2nd at the Kitchi Gammi Club



Lisa Robinson, Dave Solberg and Lauri Welch at the Change of Watch.



P/C Jay Halling with wife Pam, chat with P/C Julia Rossini at Change of Watch.



Dave & Kristy Stokes visiting with Jim and Lee Bujold during the Change of Watch.



Therese and Mike Sundberg enjoying the evening.



Jack and Ginny Soetebier relaxing during dinner.



John & Dorothy Harrison visiting with Rosie & Rollie Nelson during the Change of Watch.

The "Sacred Calabash" was awarded at The Change of Watch.



Calabash candidates attending the Change of Watch included Bob Ouellette, Jan Nelson, Steve Farrell, Charlie Grubb, and Tom Cawcutt.

Tracy Nelson passed along the **Sacred Calabash award for 2002 to Steve Farrell**. Other candidates for the award included Cliff Linder, Ron Noyes, Bob Ouellette, Tom Cawcutt, Jan Nelson, Charlie Grubb, and Norm Livgard.

Bob Ouellette was nabbed flying his ensign at night from his sailing vessel, Deo Volente, during the Corn Roast weekend. Bob claimed that he had a light on the flag, but the evidence (photo) challenged that claim.

Cliff Linder didn't sink any boats, but became a candidate for the Sacred Calabash by, as Power Squadron treasurer, passing a bad check to....the bell-ringers of the First United Methodist Church.

Ron Noyes became a candidate when he left his crew (wife Joyce and friends) stranded. Finally his crew wrote H-E-L-P in the sand which didn't get Ron's attention but did get the attention of a plane which was flying overhead and began circling.

Norm Livgard was excited to get boating season underway. Unfortunately, neither engine had been completely winterized

and both blocks were cracked...so both engines had to be replaced.

Commander Charlie Grubb must have decided to use his dinghy as an aquarium. What else could explain why his dinghy was 3/4 full of water for weeks at a time last summer.

Jan Nelson was accused of running over a mooring line at Jost Van Dyke in the British Virgin Islands. It got caught on the prop and friend, **Ken Clark**, put on his mask, snorkel, fins, and saved the day by removing the tangled line from the prop.

Past Commander, Tom Cawcutt, was a candidate due to his forgetting to present the Commander's flag to newly installed Commander Charlie Grubb.

And finally, Calabash winner **Steve Farrell** won based upon running his boat aground while putting fenders out. Steve claimed Statue of Limitations since this happened more than a year ago, but the crowd denied his request and proclaimed him **winner of the Sacred Calabash for the year 2002!**



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Channel Chatter





The photo shown on the front page of the Channel Chatter...was taken by Power Squadron member, Bruce Beste, who climbed the mast of sailboat, Deo Volente.

Members watched from below.