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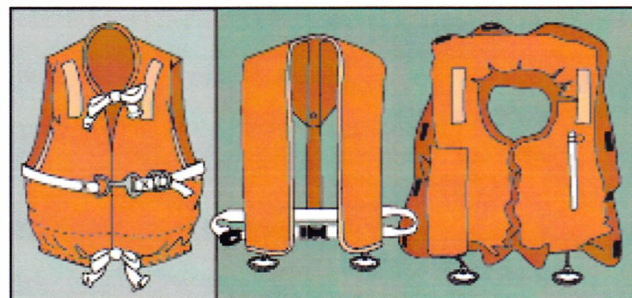
Schedule of Upcoming Events

1 June	Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Day at Duluth Power Squadron Dock
2 June	General Meeting & Steak Fry
6 June	New Member Cruise at Barker's Island Clubhouse
8 June	Executive Board Meeting
	Vessel Safety Check-Barker's Island
3 July	Evening Dock Party
4 July	4th of July Celebration & Boat Parade in front of the DECC
11 July	Executive Board Meeting
11 July	Channel Chatter Deadline for August-September issue.
26-28 July	2002 District 10 Summer Rendezvous at Manitowoc
31 Aug—2 Sept	Labor Day Corn Roast



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Commander's Report



Greetings from some place on top of a snow bank, which I thought, should be from top deck of the boat (seeing it is May 2nd). I wanted to start this column saying something positive about the weather and how much fun it has been getting the boat ready in the nice warm weather. But being the gentleman I am, all I will say is YUCK !!!

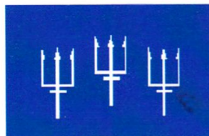
Last Saturday evening our annual Fitting Out party was held and a very nice amount of money was raised. For that I would like to thank each and every one of you that participated in one form or another. I am sure LT/C Sue Farrell will have a complete report for the Squadron, as she was chair of the event.

When the budget was set earlier this year, we didn't have any money in it for dock improvements. However, we have budgeted for repairs. As most of you know, we are seriously short of storage space at the dock and nothing "permanent" can be built there. My feeling is that we have a solution to this dilemma. One of our members has recently purchased some shipping containers (the type that are placed on cargo ships for over seas shipping) of both 20-ft & 40-ft lengths. These containers are made of very heavy steel, are water tight, and are very vandal resistant. It would need some scraping and painting. Some of the lumber we purchased a few years ago could be used for blocking, transplant some of the bushes on the property (from down by the gate) around it and we would have all the storage needed. He is

willing to sell the squadron one of the 20-ft containers for \$1500.00 or a 40-ft for \$1800.00, FOB at the dock. With respect to the amount of money raised at Fitting Out and the amount, which is presently in the bank, my suggestion to the membership is that the Squadron vote on purchasing either one of the 20 or 40-ft units.

With a little luck in the weather dept. we will see you on the water soon.

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Executive Officer's Report



Greetings to all

I need to write this while it is still so fresh in my mind. Of course, by the time you read this, a month will have passed, so put up with me. Our Fitting Out Party and Fundraising Auction

(last Saturday, April

27th) was a huge success. Notice that I said "our". This was not my party. It was "ours", and due to the involvement and participation of all that attended and were involved, it was a great event. A record number of people attended this year. I saw a lot of new members, some of which joined only 2 days earlier at the end of the Public Boating Class. My thanks to all those who helped, even in a small way. Special thanks goes out to P/C's Jack Soetebier and Bruce Beste for a fabulous meal, to Jan and Tracy Nelson, Val Ouellette and Gina Wuorinen for everything they did to make the evening run smoothly. Jack's Prime Rib and Carrot Cake (yes, he made it himself) were probably the best I've ever tasted. If you think so too, please let him know. Perhaps, he'll consider offering to do it again next year.

On May 15, 16 and 17, approximately 800 6th grade students from around the area experienced River Quest. The Duluth Power Squadron is one of about a dozen organizations that participate in manning a station on the Vista King. The students, while rotating through the different stations learn about environmental issues and safety on the water. The DPS teaches the importance of wearing life jackets; different types available, proper

fit, and Federal Requirements.

A VSC Class for new instructors was held during May. Jim Munger coordinated and led this class. June 1, VSC Day at the Dock begins with VSC exams for member's boats, followed by a General Meeting and BBQ. If your boat still needs a VSC Exam, contact Jim Munger. He can give you a list of current examiners to get this set up.

We have a big day planned this year for Predicted Log. It's sure to be a fun filled day you won't want to miss. Watch for more information as the date approaches.

New Rosters will be in your hands soon. Keep them handy, and when you run into a new member, please make them feel a part of our organization. It's the camaraderie and participation of our members that keeps our organization what it is.

L/C Sue Farrell
Executive Officer



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Administrative Officer's Report



Hey, it's baseball season so it's just natural to think in groups of three, right?

Strike One - Thanks Volunteers

Here's thanks to all the volunteers that make our Squadron work. It takes several hundred volunteers to staff the more than two dozen events/projects that the Squadron is involved with each year. (There were at least 52 members that helped with the Fitting Out Party last month!) We only have approximately 250 members and some are unable to help for various reasons. Therefore, in order to get everything done, each member needs to volunteer to help with more than one event. So, if you are asked to volunteer, say "Yes". If you're not asked, let someone know - we always need more help. If you are one of the many who volunteers more than once, thanks for everything you do.

Strike Two - Member Survey

Last month you should have received, in the mail, a Member Survey. This was your chance to tell us:

- What Squadron activities you enjoy;
- What Squadron activities you would like to help with;
- What classes you would like to see offered next year; and
- What suggestions you have to improve the Squadron and what it does.

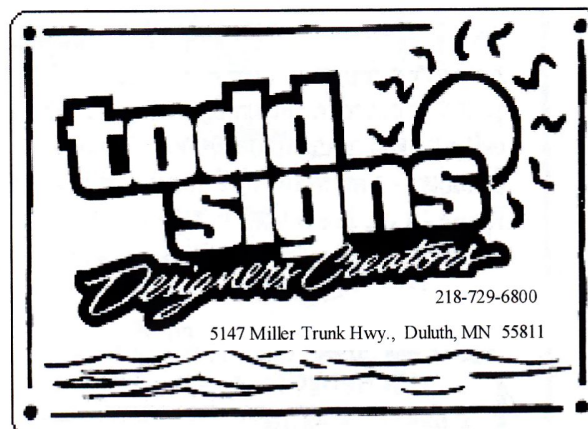
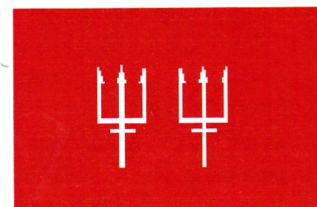
So far 57 of you have taken the time to fill it out and return it. If you're one of those 57, thanks for your feedback. If you haven't returned it and are

starting to feel so guilty (and I hope you are) that you are going to mail the survey in the next five minutes - thank you. Remember that it is bad luck not to return it. If you lost the survey and want another copy, just contact me. My phone and email are listed below.

Strike Three - Webmaster Wanted

In his Secretary's Report, Jim talks about the web site that we have been building over the past two years. It is now fully functional. However, it will need to be continually updated and improved. We need someone to do this. Since we don't have the money to pay someone to do this, we need your help to find us a volunteer (or draftee). This person doesn't need to be a professional. Someone who has done even a few personal web pages could probably handle this. Who do you know that fits this description? Who do you know that has built their own web site? Just give me a name and we will do the recruiting. Just call or email me with your suggestions.

Lt/C Tracy Nelson
Administrative Officer
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District 10 Spring Conference Held In Milwaukee.

The District 10 Spring Conference was held in Milwaukee on March 22-24. Representing your Duluth Power Squadron were Sue Farrell, Len and Lisa Robinson, and Tracy and Jan Nelson. The Friday night party had a Hawaiian theme, with Saturday full of business meetings and various workshops. Two special memories of the conference are photographed below.

P/D/C Alan Wentworth, SN was presented the Franklin W. Wedge Safety Award in recognition of exemplary humanitarian acts by a D/10 member. Alan helped save the life of a woman who was not breathing and had no pulse, at the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando. The woman is now doing well.

The other memorable event was at the Saturday night banquet where a special "lighthouse" cake was

prominently displayed and was scheduled to be served as dessert. While Len & Lisa Robinson and Tracy & Jan Nelson were standing about five feet from the table, the tower tipped over. And no one had touched it! Unfortunately, the dessert was totally destroyed!



P/D/C Alan Wentworth, SN, receiving award.



The lighthouse cake before, & after it tipped!

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37' Tiara

Secretary's Report

Communications within the Squadron is one very important part of the Secretary's job. That means I will attempt to make everyone aware of what is going on and how he or she might better enjoy and benefit from Squadron membership and participation.

In the last issue I wrote about the need to know how many people are planning to attend an event, especially when food service is involved. In the past, the main way of gathering that information was the Calling Committee. That was fine when the group was fairly small, but we have grown and are continuing to grow. Telephoning has become a pretty elaborate task. It often gives very inaccurate results.

Today we live with many more communication tools than in the past. One thing which is being considered is the use of the Internet. We have a web site which is now much easier to access with its new address: www.duluthpowersquadron.com. The information for all events is currently posted on the web site. This will always be your most accurate and up to date

source for any information regarding your Power Squadron.

E-mail gives us greatly speeded up direct communication. The message can be sent en mass and the response is simply a matter of keying the "reply to sender" icon and saying "yes" or "my regrets". It's virtually effortless!

Maybe you have some thoughts on how communications might be improved. If so, I hope that you will share them with me or any member of the Executive Committee. You might really have the best idea yet!

Lt/Cdr Jim Swanson, P
Squadron Secretary



Senseless Accident

(Reprinted, in part, from January 2002 www.lakelandboating.com and copy received at D/10 Spring Conference.)

Approximately 1,500 people die from accidental carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning every year, according to the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. An additional 10,000 people are forced to seek medical help.

And unfortunately, some of those victims are recreational boaters.

The situation may even be more serious than those numbers indicate. The Coast Guard notes that non-fatal cases are frequently misdiagnosed as flu or seasickness, so there are hundreds and perhaps thousands of cases that go unreported.

Part of the problem is that carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless, and non-irritating, so victims of CO poisoning usually don't know they're in danger. In

addition, the symptoms—diarrhea, headaches, dizziness, weakness, mental confusion, shortness of breath and visual problems—may lead victims to think it's flu or some other viral illness. ...Being waterproof, the hull and cabin (of your boat) usually create a tight envelope of relatively small volume, so any source of carbon monoxide can create a dangerous situation. Fortunately, reliable and affordable carbon monoxide detectors are available to warn of a dangerous CO concentration...



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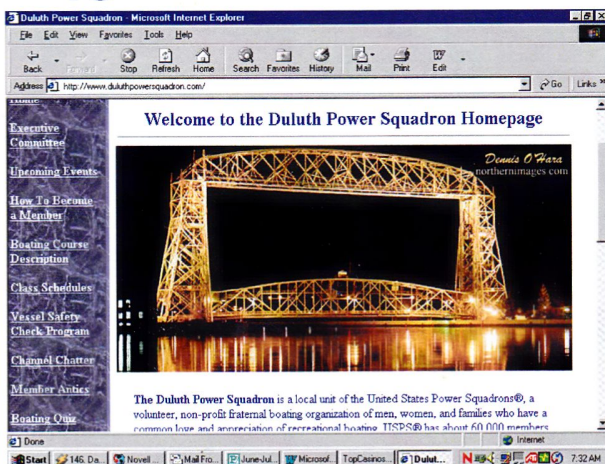
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The Duluth Power Squadron is looking for a new Web-Master! Do you have skills in this area? If so, we need you!

Please contact Administrative Officer, Tracy Nelson, to volunteer or if you'd like more information... at 728-7102 or email him at Tracy@CW-Duluth.com.



Isle Royale Boaters Assn.

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Announcing the 2002 Spring Banquet for the Isle Royale Boaters Association to be held on June 20, 2002 at Lakeview Castle. Cost for this event is \$25.00 per ticket. Times will be as follows: 6 p.m. – Social, 7 p.m. – Dinner, 8 p.m. – Program. For ticket information please contact Dave Miller, Len Robinson, or Sue Falconer at Northwest Outlet in Superior, 715-392-9838.

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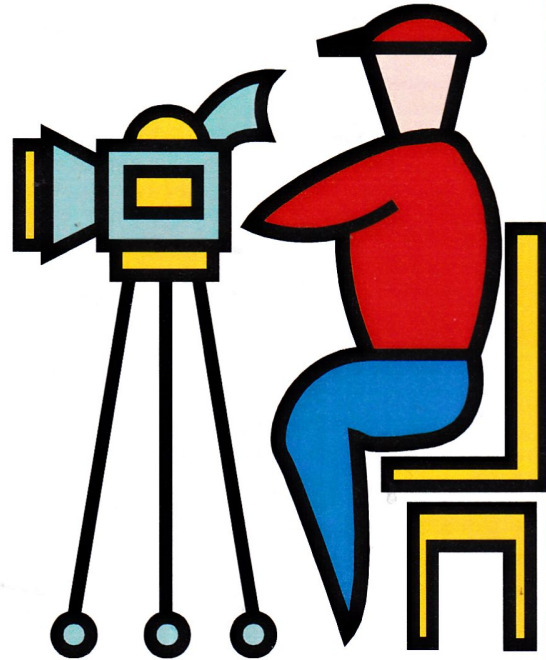
National USPS is looking for photos and articles from members!

We are too!! Your Channel Chatter newsletter always loves getting photos and articles from it's members. Those always seem to be the favorite part of our Duluth Power Squadron's newsletter. This issues contains an article from member Glen Pratt on page 11. Please do it! Just send us your articles or photos...either email to: Jan@CW-Duluth.com, or mail to the return address listed on page 16 of the Channel Chatter.

To submit your photographs to National USPS and perhaps be featured in The Ensign, send to: PHOTO CONTEST, P.O. Box 31664, Raleigh, NC 277622. The guidelines for submission are:

- Photo should be vertical
- Include your name, rank, grade and squadron
- Include description of boating activity occurring in photo and location for caption information
- Send a slide or an 8x10 inch or larger glossy photo
- E-mailed submissions and digital prints will not be accepted
- Photos may not be returned.

The guidelines for submission of photos and articles to the Channel Chatter? Just about ANYTHING GOES!!!!

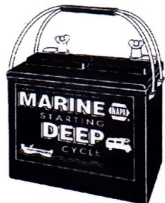


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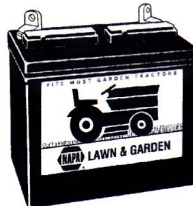
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1830 –	Chuckwagon Buffet, Entertainment		1130 – 1230	Lunch - Submarine Sandwich	
			1400 – 1600	Burger Boat Company Tour	
			1700 – 1800	Social Hour - Cash Bar	
			1800 –	Waterfront Buffet, Entertainment	
Saturday, 27 July			Sunday, 28 July		
0730 – 0930	Vessel Safety Check - Manitowoc Marina			Breakfast - Lakefront Continental	
0800 – 0930	Registration - Inn on Maritime Bay		0700 – 0900	Submarine <i>Cobia</i> Tours (on your own)	
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I'm New To Boating On The Big Lake. A Member's Story.

By Glen Pratt

Sue Farrell asked me to write a short article about being a new member in the Duluth Power Squadron, and to share my opinion so far.

I'm new to boating the Big lake, (my slip mates at Barkers will agree) but have owned several smaller inland boats over the years. This will be my third season coming up this summer on Lake Superior. I started out with a 24 ft Carver, but that only lasted one season as I came down immediately with two-foot fever. Last spring we purchased a 28 ft Carver, and so far have refused to be overcome with that urge to step up again.

I knew, upon buying a larger boat and intending to boat Lake Superior, I needed help. I signed up for the Safe Boating class at the Duluth Boat show (Feb 01), and took the class that spring. It was a great class, and gave me enough confidence to make a trip by water last summer to Isle Royale.

I originally became a member of the Squadron for the training only, and that remains a high priority for me. I am currently taking the weather class, and have every intention to continue next fall with more training. In the beginning, I really had no intentions to be actively involved in Squadron activities. I felt

I would just gain all of the knowledge that I could, and have fun boating. My wife Sally and I decided to attend the Fitting Out party last spring, and by golly, we had fun and even spent a little money.

We've since been to several other activities, and plan to attend even more this summer. By the way, if you see me coming in to the Squadron dock this summer, come running as I'll probably be a candidate for that Trophy I keep hearing about.



The biggest reason that I've become more involved in the Duluth Power Squadron is because of what I've witnessed over the last year. That is a whole lot of great people giving of their time to help others be more knowledgeable boaters and have fun doing it. I don't know about the rest of you, but if I take long enough, sooner or later I have to give something back. So with that said, I plan on helping where and when I can.

On a closing note, Sue asked me to give my thoughts on how I felt as a new member, and if I felt welcome. I've never felt like an outcast at any function I've attended, but I have a couple of thoughts I'll share. The most confusing thing for me was understanding how the Squadron really functions. A class for new members just for that purpose, may be helpful. Sticking on name tags at events would also be nice, as remembering a face is easy, but trying to put a name to it is difficult as best.

Thanks for letting me be part of this, and see you on the water.



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Fun and Games at the Fitting Out Party!

The PFD (personal flotation device) Relay got exciting as all six team members raced to put on and remove the various PFDs. Pictured at right are team members Mark Osvald, Mary Osvald, Karen Bray, Delores Osvald, Terry Osvald and more! Other games included the Man Overboard Relay, Knot-Tying Relay, and River Run Relay.

The Fitting Out Party was a record-breaking success raising more money and feeding more Power Squadron members and guests that anyone can remember!

A BIG thanks to Sue Farrell who chaired the event, and all of the many Power Squadron members who chaired the various committees and helped in making the night a success!



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The April 27th Fitting Out Party was a Success!



Steve Wesely auctioned off all the great items at the Fitting Out Party. Many members kept bringing new items up to Steve including those pictured standing above: Grady Strand, Lucky and Bonita Nelson, Bob Ouellette, and Suzie Nordstrom.



Count them! There were over 160 people who attended the Saturday, April 27th Fitting Out Party.

Survivor Games, at the Fitting Out Party



Bill and Nancy Filiowich, Lisa Robinson, and Tracy Nelson take a turn at the Lie Tying Relay. Scorers Karen Bray and Mary Osvold timed the event.



Lauri Welch and Jim Munger were two members who scored teams at the Survivor Games.



Ken Clark, left, is the scorekeeper explaining the PFD Relay.



Jeff Stuermer taking a turn at the Man-Overboard game which was scored by Val Ouellette.



Carol and Ken Clark watched all the shenanigans, er, I mean timed all the 6-member teams who tried the PFD relay.

Annual Fitting Out Party. It was a HUGE Success!



Lee Davern was examining the many, many auction items that were donated by area businesses and members to the Fitting Out Party.



Executive Chefs Jack Soetebier and Bruce Beste, were the two members in charge of the prime rib dinner. Hats off to both of them for a superb dinner!!



Greeting Power Squadron members at the entry were Gina Beste-Wuorinen, Pam Halling, Linda Stanius, and Jean Stenberg.



Chef Line-Up: Dean Baltus, Rick Stanius, Ron Noyes, Jack Soetebier, Bob Byrnes, Joan Nicoali, and Bruce Beste prepared a delicious meal.



Sharon Page, Chris Beste, and Muffy Kalenowski had fun while greeting members at the registration table Saturday night at the Fitting Out Party.



Suzy and Garry Nordstrom, Jim Swanson, and Jay Halling registered Tom Cawcutt and guest Robin Thiesen at the Fitting Out Party.

Channel Chatter

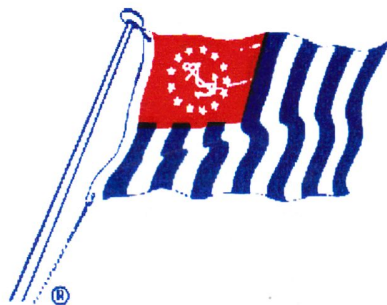
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Annual Fitting Out Party Was Huge Success!



A great time was had by over 160 Duluth Power Squadron members and guests at the April 27th Annual Fitting Out Party. Part of the festivities were the Survivor Games. Pictured on the left is one of the games called The River Run. At the River Run, participants raced remote-controlled boats down the river, making sure they stayed on the correct side of the nautical marks. Attempting the race in photo are Joe Hesch, Greg Thingbold, Ken Schultz, Carol Hesch, Glen Pratt, and scorekeepers Dave Solberg and Lauri Welch.

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