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Schedule of Upcoming Events

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| 26-28 July | 2002 District 10 Summer Rendezvous at Manitowoc. |
| 9-11 August | Predicted Log & Commander's Cruise at Power Squadron Dock. |
| 31 Aug—2 Sept | Labor Day Corn Roast |
| 5 September | Executive Board Meeting. |
| 5 September | Channel Chatter deadline for October-November issue. |
| 11-15 September | Fall Governing Board Meeting— Des Moines, Iowa. |
| 10 September | General Meeting. |
| 21 September | Fall Dock Get-Together & BBQ. |
| 3 October | Executive Board Meeting. |
| 18-20 October | D/10 Fall Conference, Wausau, WI. |

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Commander's Report



What makes a Power Squadron a "Great Power Squadron? People like you. During my short time as your Commander I have gotten to know our members better. On and off the water there isn't a better group

of people. Be proud of yourselves and what you do.

There are a number of committees working for you to provide excellent activities such as educational classes, social events and upkeep and improvements at your Squadron Dock. Please support them in what they do by participating. You will be surprised in the fellowship you will receive.

All of you who attended the July 4th event at the Squadron Dock were able to see our latest improvements. The pavilion lighting was provided by P/C Dave Carlson and installed by your new Dock Master Lt Dave Solberg. A new deck has been built on the west end of the pavilion. The project was supervised by P/C Les Watters with work performed by a number of very talented members. We now have a new storage unit (10' X 40'). The grounds have been kept in excellent shape, but we have a very severe sinkhole which needs to be repaired. When you are at the dock, please use caution in the area of it. There is orange fencing around it, but still use CAUTION.

On Monday July 8th, a mother and her three young boys were swimming in Lester River when the strong water currents from past rains swept two of the boys and mom into danger. The mother was able to rescue her 8-year-old son as her 10-year-old son was swept out into the lake. She then went into the lake to save him. Bystanders called 911 who dispatched Police, Fire, and Coast Guard. A call was put out on channel 16 to any boats in the area that could assist. Our own

Dan and Pat Shearer were boating on the lake and responded. They rescued the boy and then aided the fire rescue swimmers by taking mom on board "SHEARER PLEASURE". Our hats are off to Dan and Pat for their heroic humanitarian efforts.

On August 11th, I will be hosting this years Commander's Cruise. This is the Commander's way of saying thank you to all of you. This year Jan and Tracy Nelson have offered their dock and yard in Kimball's Bay for the event. After some cruising we will end up there for an afternoon picnic hosted by your Commander. A flyer will be sent out with details.

Now, if this weather would only hold until January and then get even better, we all will be happy boaters.

-Cdr. Charles
Grubb, P

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Executive Officer's Report



I hope you've all been enjoying the warm weather we've been having the past few weeks. Some days are a little too hot to suit me, but I shouldn't complain. Winter isn't that far away. I hope you've all had a chance to see the new deck at the Power Squadron Dock built on Dock Clean-Up

Day. The work crew did a great job under the guidance of Les Watters. Have you noticed the new lighting in the Pavilion? Dock Master Lt. Dave Solberg has been busy installing it. We should no longer have to drape (or throw) that long cord of lights we've used in the past.

Vessel Safety Checks occurred June 1st at the Power Squadron Dock and June 8th at Barker's Island Marina. Over 100 boats were examined during those two weekends. If your boat still needs a VSC, contact Safety Officer, Lt. Jim Munger, N. He will get you in touch with a qualified examiner. Are you perhaps interested in becoming a Vessel Safety Check Examiner and missed the class in May? Attended the class but still need to test or retest? Contact Jim Munger (218-525-4011) for information.

I'd like to take this chance to thank Lt. Jim Munger, N for all the hard work he did putting together a successful Safe Boating Week Campaign, VSC Weekend and VSC Class. Approximately 10 squadron members and numerous Coast Guard Auxiliary members attended his class.

Over the past few years, our squadron has been involved in the Cooperative Charting Adopt a Chart Program. The Duluth Power Squadron has adopted the Duluth / Superior Harbor Chart and Lt. David C. Rutford, JN, our Cooperative Charting Chair is working with a few others to submit harbor chart updates. Our harbor changes yearly with new buildings added and

old ones torn down for example. If you have changes to submit, please contact Dave.

Are you looking for another fun weekend? Plan to be at the dock on the weekend of August 10-11 for the Predicted Log Contest and Commander's Cruise. Arrive early Friday evening to use the Squadron Grills to prepare your own meal and to socialize. Saturday morning, the Predicted Log Contest starts bright and early and goes till everyone is done that wants to participate. Saturday afternoon, a Geodetic Mark Treasure Hunt will take place. (If you've not hunted for Geodetic Marks before, a handheld GPS is helpful) Plan to stay for the BBQ featuring: Bourbon Steak, baked sweet potatoes w/ brown sugar, raspberry spinach salad, roll and other things not yet decided as this is being written.

Plan on spending the night at the dock, for on Sunday morning, Commander Charlie Grubb, P will lead you on the Commander's Cruise (location to be determined dependent on weather conditions). After the cruise, you're welcome to return to the dock or your respective marinas. Please join us for this weekend. You don't have to have a boat to participate. Ride-alongs are welcome.

Hope to see you all in Manitowoc, WI. July 26-28 for the D10 Rendezvous.

Lt/C Sue Farrell, AP
Executive Officer

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Administrative Officer's Report



Win Big Bucks!

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First, just in case you missed the 4th of July events that were held at the Squadron dock, we will give you an update. Here are the facts:

1. The weather was absolutely PERFECT! The sun was out all day with just enough clouds to decorate the sky. There was a gentle breeze which not only kept the temperature down, but also kept the flies away.
2. Unfortunately, we had some vandalism at the dock after dark on July 3rd. Officer Kalenowski is investigating. No arrests have been made, but there are rumors that Shelley Herman was fingerprinted and detained for questioning.
3. Over 100 members and guests attended some or all of the events.
4. 135 meals were served. There were 41 omelet breakfasts and 94 of the biggest BBQ chickens that I have ever seen!! Most birds that size live in Australia.
5. This year Arne Wuorinen added a new twist to the traditional Dinghy Run. He thought that it would be a good community service if we did a Fire Patrol of the harbor. Sure enough a fire was spotted in a yard on Park Point. The owners weren't home and apparently an arsonist had started a fire that was burning some railroad ties and a bush that was in the yard. We're happy to report that the Fire Patrol stopped and put out the fire without any loss of life --- this really happened.
6. Kids of all ages had fun with various

games ranging from a marshmallow eating relay to a watermelon seed spitting contest.

7. The boat decorating contest was won by Corinne & Dennis Daily for the second year in a row. Second place was shared by the Rock and Herman families. Third place was captured by the Bestes.
8. Sharon Page won a gift certificate from Betty's Pies for her first place dessert that she called "Better Than Sex". Ken, her husband, was not available for comment.

Thank you to all who attended this year's events and special thanks to those listed below who gave of their time and talents to make this a fun event.

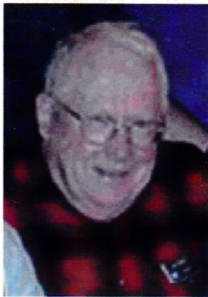
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 Tom Rich, BBQ crew
 Leland Rust, BBQ crew
 Glenn Pratt, BBQ crew
 Karen & Les Watters, boat decorating judges
 Peggy & Bob Hecht, boat decorating judges
 Mary Ostroum & friends, dessert judges
 Dave Carlson, photographer
 And everyone else who worked on this event.

Now, more about the "Big Money Event". Some of the residents of Harbor Cove have been overheard bragging about their cookouts. While the Barker's Island Hickory Chicks claim that they do the classiest BBQs. When I asked Lucky Nelson what he thought about this controversy, he said that no one could cook like the crew at Spirit Lake. Dick Sturm said that he thought that F dock really knew how to grill until he went to Pike's Bay, and so it went. So to settle this dispute, we are going to have the First Annual BBQ Challenge at the Corn Roast this year. With cash prizes and traveling trophies for both individuals and marina teams. To request details, send an email to: tracy@cw-duluth.com.

—Lt/C Tracy Nelson, S

HELP WANTED

by Lt. James E. Munger, Safety Officer & Vessel Safety Check Chair



Help wanted! Become a Vessel Examiner.

Must be able to communicate, be knowledgeable in State Boating laws, Federal Regulations, Coast Guard Policy, boat building standards, marine safety, public education, boat handling and dedicated to saving lives! If your boat hasn't received a Safety Check Decal yet, it's not too late.

If interested, apply in person to the Squadron Safety Officer for details on how you can help. You only need to take the Vessel Safety Check course, pass the 70 question open book examination and complete five training Vessel Examinations with a qualified Squadron or Coast Guard Auxiliary Examiner. The Vessel Safety Check program challenges the best trained and most dedicated members. To be the best, one must be active in all facets of the Power Squadron.

To be an effective Squadron member requires dedication and action. Dedicated to recreational Boating and active in promoting safer boating among our fellow boaters. As a member, participate in public education, in on-the-water activities, on Squadron committees, at Squadron meetings and enjoy fellowship at the Squadron Dock.

Be a Vessel Examiner. The VSC Program is a shared responsibility with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Alone, neither organization can effectively reach the vast numbers of recreational boaters. Minnesota is one of the top three States with the most registered boats. Only a small fraction of registered boats ever receive a Vessel Safety Check! From kayaks and canoes, to PWCs, to outboards and live-aboard cruisers, the boating community looks to us to provide the most up to date information on boating safety regulations.

Safe boating classes and Vessel examinations by the Squadron and the Auxiliary have helped reduce the number of boating accidents nationwide. A VSC is truly a one-on-one mini public education course. The Coast Guard calls this, Preventive Search and Rescue. Keep up the good work! Advertise VSCs all summer long. If you don't do Vessel examinations yourself, tell your friends to contact the Squadron Safety Officer or the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla Vessel Examiner Staff Officer. (Jim Munger at 525 4011 or Rex Clyde at 879 9473.)

By the way, both of us are members of the Auxiliary and the Power Squadron. The Coast Guard needs more of us these days. Join the Auxiliary too! Squadron members are automatically eligible to become Coast Guard Auxiliarists and part of Team Coast Guard.

by Jimmy Johnson

May 28, 2002

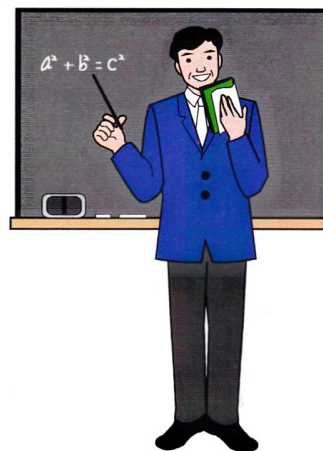


New Member Orientation



Pictured above are those who attended the New Member Orientation held at Barker's Island Club House on Sunday, June 1st. From left to right: Julie and Grady Strand, Ramone Krah, Commander Charlie Grubb, Bob Browne, Joe & Carol Hesch, Pam & Jim Bunt, and Tom Rich. The very successful event was planned and chaired by Val Ouellette.

Educational Officer Update



Here's a quick update on Education from Lt/C Steve Farrell (via Scoop Nelson):

- The Advanced Piloting class has taken the final and we're awaiting the test results.
- The Seamanship class will be taking the final exam the weekend of 7/12/02.
- There appears to be interest in a Kid's Class on Boating Safety. There are many questions including:
 - When would most kids be able to attend? Summertime?
 - During the school year immediately after school?
 - During the school year in the evening?
 - Could we get instructors to volunteer to teach those classes during those times?
 - Should we wait until after the Duluth Boat Show 2003 to hold this class, so we can market it during the boat show?

Vessel Safety Check Training Class



Pictured at Vessel Safety Certification training class are (front row) Rollie Nelson, Ramone Kral, Instructor Jim Munger, Bob Hecht, (second row) Jan Nelson, Gina Beste-Wuorinen, Sue Farrell, (back row) Richard Bakke, Wayne Carlson, Charlie Grubb, Kay Bakke, and Jim Swanson. Classes were held at the Coast Guard station in May.

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Sharon Page won first place among all of the desserts served at the BBQ on the afternoon of the 4th of July. And there was some tough competition too, including the magnificent towering strawberry cream puffs (everyone held their breath while they watched Lucky and Chris Nelson walk down the deck carefully bringing the tower to the pavilion), almond-bark dipped strawberries and more. Sharon's recipe was requested by many, many people...and according to Sharon, the best part of all is that it's easy!

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Why I Belong.

A Member's Story.

Joining the Duluth Power Squadron seemed like the thing to do after I took the Safe Boating course with my son Matthew in 1993. We had just bought a 25' powerboat and felt that we needed to learn how to operate safely. My wife Sharon and son Reid took the course the next year and they joined the Squadron too.

Like a lot of new members, we took the Seaman-ship class the next year and attended a few meet-ings. We worked at the Power Squadron booth at the Duluth Sports show and had a good time meeting new people and boating with them. We were pretty active and even got a job working with the New Member Committee sending out the new member packets, which we still do. The Power Squadron was a good sized part of our social lives in those days.



Brian and Sharon Haataja.

Our boating came to a temporary halt when we had problems with our boat a few years back. The repairs needed were more than we wanted to spend so we were left with a 14' boat and a canoe. Not much to go out on the "big lake" with. Because we were left without a boat we talked about dropping out of the Squadron in 1998, but I sent the dues in anyway deciding to think it over for another year. That September we got a call from Sharon's family in Windom, MN. Her nephew had been water skiing near Windom and had been in an accident. The two 18-yr. old boys had been skiing with two 17-yr. old girls. The boys decided to ski together and let the girls drive the boat. The only problem was that the girls hadn't ever driven a boat before and didn't know how to operate it safely. When they went to pick up the skiers after a spill, they approached from the windward side and didn't shut down the motor or even put it in neutral. The prop hit Mike as he dove away from it and he almost lost his whole foot. The surgeon was very talented and managed to reconstruct and save all but the outside of it. Mike is still bothered by the injury and always will be.

When we heard about the accident, the hospital stay and pain involved, we realized how fortunate we were to have an organization dedicated to teaching people of all ages how to be safe while boating. We also realized that even though we didn't do as much boating, the Squadron still was a good way for us to invest our time and it deserved our support. Everyone should have the opportunity to attend a boating education class because you never know when you will be called upon to help if you are on the water. If there had been classes available, Mike's accident may have been avoided.

—Brian Haataja



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Seems Like We Just Joined!

A Member's Story.



Lauri Welch and David Solberg at New Member Orientation.

It has been over a year since we stopped by the Power Squadron booth at the boat show in Duluth. Time sure flies! We signed up for the Safe Boating course at that time and completed it last spring. Now, we are finishing up with the Seamanship course and plan to continue on with more advanced courses. The topics and presentations of the classes are great! The information is helping us to become better, safer boaters. We have learned, there is a lot more to this boating stuff than starting the engine and heading out! We recommend to everyone we know who enjoys boating to take the Safe Boating Course and to sign up with the Power Squadron.

While attending the Safe Boating classes we met other members of the squadron. They were all so friendly and made us feel welcomed that we decided this would be a great group to get involved with. And we were right! From the very first function we attended, we've felt like we have been members for years! Because of this, we have become more involved.

We have a great time at the different events the squadron hosts throughout the year! Whether it's helping to get the dock ready for the new season, sitting around the campfire during the

corn roast, or any of the other activities we attend. With the new friends we have met, getting involved is more like fun than an effort.

During the past year we decided to shop for a larger boat. Many members were more than happy to show us their boats and give us ideas on what to look for. We received a lot of advice on what works and what doesn't for the type of boat we were shopping for. Then one of the members gave us a tip on a boat for sale. We checked it out and ended up buying it! Enjoying it ever since! The hard part now, is trying to come up with a name for the boat!

We look forward to being members of the Duluth Power Squadron for a long time. The education we'll receive by attending classes; the many stories that will be shared; and the friendships we will gain over the years. We strongly suggest to all new members, come around and attend some of the functions. We hope they will be as happy with everything the squadron has to offer as we are.

Having a fun summer,

David & Lauri



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Dock Clean-Up Day on May 18th.



Thank you to all who were able to take the time out of your busy schedules to come down to the dock on May 18th and help out. A lot more was accomplished during that day than was hoped! A new deck was built on the west side of the pavilion and looks great! Overhead doors were repaired and adjusted, lights and receptacles were tested and repaired, and one new light pole was installed because the existing one was cracked. New lights were also installed inside the pavilion. Thank you to Dave Carlson for donating them to the squadron. Cleaning of the picnic tables and pavilion floor turned out to be a timely project, and one that will need to be done again because of the birds nesting in the overhead doors. Garbage was picked up and the fire and sand pits were cleaned out. The sinkholes turned into a major project that wasn't expected! One of the holes opened up and the crew working on it had their hands full! They didn't win the battle though, and other measures have to be taken to fill it up. The hole is marked off with warning tape and snow fencing and we also covered it with pallets. Please use caution in this area and other areas piled with rocks. We hope to have this matter taken care of soon.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Dave and Rhobley Mattson. They prepared a great lunch for everyone that day, which helped reenergized us so we could finish the job!

David Solberg



Many Power Squadron members donated their time and energy to cleaning up the Duluth Power Squadron Dock. THANKS to all!



Karen Watters and Lauri Welch.



Dave & Rhobley Mattson prepared a great lunch for everyone at the dock. Enjoying the food with the Mattsons are Dave Van House and Joel Berg.

More Photos of Dock Clean-Up Day

The Channel Chatter thanks Lynne Etzell for sharing her photos of Dock Clean-Up Day!



Some of the crew who helped on Dock Clean-Up Day included Dock Master Dave Solberg , Joel Berg, Vic Kleinsteu-ber, Les Waters, Steve Farrell, Steve Rantala, Jeff Stuermer, John Etzell, Lucky Nelson, and Dave Van House.



Lynne Etzell and Lauri Solberg



Dave Carlson power-washing the pavilion's overhead doors.

Duluth Power Squadron Members Rescue 10-Year-Old.



Pat and Dan Shearer, with "Shearer Pleasure" in background.

Fellow Duluth Power Squadron members, Dan and Pat Shearer, rescued a drowning 10-year old boy, and also pulled in his mother and 2 firefighters from Lake Superior on Monday evening, July 8th.

Dan and Pat were out for an evening ride on their boat, Shearer Pleasure, which is a 26' twin screw Cruisers Inc. powerboat. They left their marina at Lakehead Boat Basin, went out the Superior Entry and cruised along the south shore of Lake Superior. They turned north and crossed the lake heading toward the water tower at the Lester River. As Dan & Pat drew close to the Lester River at about 8:30 PM, on VHF Channel 16 they heard someone calling

"the power boat that is just east of the Lester River". When Dan & Pat responded, they were asked to assist in the rescue of a 10-year-old boy.

Why did he need rescuing? Here's what happened:

According to various media reports, the strong currents created by heavy rains Sunday and Monday, carried Chris Van House, 10, from a sandbar along London Road, where he was swimming with his mother and two brothers, Ryan, 8, and Pat, 6. "It was so fast," said Chris' mother, Mary Van House of Duluth. "It was just so fast. It really didn't sink in... that we were in such danger." Mary called for help after Ryan slipped from the sandbar into a strong current. As she struggled to reach Ryan, rushing water carried Chris away from shore, she said. A bystander called 911 from a cell phone, according to a Duluth Police Department statement released Monday night. Police officers and firefighters arrived to see Mary Van House and Chris "bobbing in the water, well off shore," about 150 yards.

That's when Duluth police asked for help from Dan and Pat Shearer using a marine radio channel 16, Sgt. Mike Olson said. Dan and Pat Shearer, who were boating on Lake Superior, rescued Chris, Olson said. Firefighters, who swam toward the victims, helped Mary board the Shearer's boat, "Shearer Pleasure."

Dan Shearer said "We pulled all four people into our boat, turned on the heater, and put a jacket on Chris. Eventually the Fire Department came out in their little Zodiac and brought all four of them back to shore." Pat added, "We were just happy to be there and able to help."

Lake Superior's cold water put the boy at risk for hypothermia, said Mark Herman, captain of the Duluth Fire Department Engine No. 6. The water temperature at the mouth of the Lester River was estimated to be near 65 degrees, but it drops farther from shore, Herman said. Children often

Continued...Duluth Power Squadron Members Rescue 10-Year-Old.

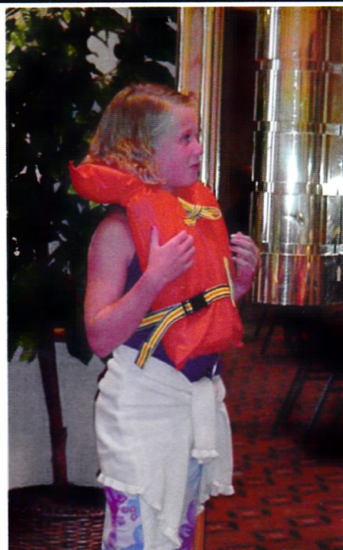
swim in Lester River, a "relatively safe swimming hole" he said. But overnight rains created unusually strong currents and undertows. High river levels created churning water that sent logs drifting well into Lake Superior on Monday, Herman said. "There's a tremendous amount of current," he said.

Dan Shearer said, "As I pulled that 10-year-old boy out of the water and looked into his eyes, I really felt good. It was very emotional."

"Ironically", Dan said, "21 years ago to the day (July 8th), I almost died in a boating incident. When I realized that, it made saving the life of the 10-year-old even more special."

Dan and Pat Shearer—a great example of Duluth Power Squadron members who use the skills they've learned during boating classes, and continue to practice them while boating on Lake Superior.

Boating Safety—Especially For Kids.



On July 10th, Duluth Power Squadron members **Bruce Beste** and **Greg Brisky** presented a program on boating safety, for the Kiwanis Club of Friendly Duluth.

The children and grandchildren of the Kiwanians helped during the presentation by trying on the life jackets and answering questions about boating safety.



Children pictured above with Bruce Beste and Greg Brisky are Joslyn and Nels Danielson, Melissa and John Madison, Ted, Joey and Billy Menor, and Alex and Nicole Began.



4th Of July Fun!



The Dinghy Run was a big hit! No one knew where leaders, Bruce and Chris Beste, would go as they started out on the trip. Above and below is where they ended up (a beach near Sand Point), having Strawberry Daiquiris under a blue and white awning while listening to patriotic music. A big thanks to Harvey Hengel for his help setting things up.



Howard Boynton adding his assistance by emptying trash & putting in liners at the 4th of July party.



Dean Baltes, chair of the breakfast committee, taking an omelet order from Bonita Nelson.



Jim Swanson, Steve & Sue Farrell eating the made-to-order omelets with Edith Boynton.



Sue Farrell is ready to place her order with the omelet crew pictured above, Dean Baltes, Grady Strand, and Bruce Beste. Julie Strand and Sandy Baltes are working hard, just to the left of this picture. **Thanks to Sandy and Dean Baltes, who chaired the breakfast.**

The Games People Play....at the 4th of July Party.



Carol Clark (shown above) and her husband, Ken, chaired the "Games" during the 4th of July festivities. Carol is tying marshmallows onto strings for one of the favorite events.



Both the participants and spectators enjoyed the Marshmallow game. Above is Daryle Ann and Gene Rock's grandson, trying to remove a marshmallow with only his mouth.



Carol Clark holds the flag out of the way, while Corey Beste tries to remove a marshmallow.



Tiffany Rock's friend, above, shows her best technique for getting the marshmallow off the string. No hands allowed!



Chris Beste had a hard time breaking the balloon.



The adults had so much fun watching the kids in the marshmallow game, that they wanted to try it too. On the picnic table, you see the watermelons used for the seed-spitting contest.

The 3rd Of July Evening.



Wednesday evening was such a beautiful, warm night that no one wanted it to end!
Above is Sue & Steve Farrell's boat, "Second Chance", decorated for the 4th of July.



Daryle Rock, Sue Farrell, and Gina Beste-Wuorinen laughing while Shelley Herman appears to have toilet paper in her hand!. Is that boat "Tangled Lines"?



Daryle Rock, Gloria De Smedt, Arne Wuorinen, Marty and Shelley Herman enjoying the July 3rd evening.



Standing in front of "Second Chance" is Steve Farrell, who is putting bunny ears on **4th of July party chairman, Tracy Nelson.**



Amanda Herman, standing on the sundeck of "See Ya" was dressed in 4th of July garb.



Arne Wuorinen holding his black lab, Tugboat, visiting with Marty and Shelley Herman. The boats decorated with lights, like "See Ya" shown above, were lovely.

Beware of Leaving Your Boat At The Dock...TP-ing Tangled Lines!



Bruce and Chris Beste discovered that their boat decorations were altered after they left the Duluth Power Squadron Dock on Wednesday night, July 3rd.

Shelley Herman of "See Ya" had earlier commented about how the lights on "Tangled Lines" were a little large for that size of boat. Friendly bantering continued as Bruce and Chris were leaving the dock around 11:30 PM. After Bestes left, 5 un-named suspects decided that "Tangled Lines" needed re-decorating. The crime was noted the following day when the Beste family returned to complete their boat decorations...which of course, they never did. Bruce Beste requested John Kalenowski's help in apprehending the criminals. A Kangaroo Court was set up with Judge John Kalenowski presiding and Solicitor Bruce Beste prosecuting the suspects.



Pictures beginning at top and following clockwise: Tangled Lines on evening of July 3rd after being re-decorated with Marty and Shelley Herman striking a Titanic pose; the message left behind saying "Happy 4th from Big Lights"; Jim Beste laughing while Bruce Beste questioned Shelley Herman in front of Judge John Kalenowski ; Shelley Herman and Sue Farrell squirming as Judge Kalenowski and Dave Michelson listen while Bruce Beste interrogates; and finally a photo of the suspected criminals including Sue Farrell, Gina Beste-Wuorinen, Jan Nelson, Shelley Herman, Daryle Ann Rock, and on boat are Bruce Beste with Marty Herman.

Do you suppose there will be pay-backs?



4th of July BBQ.



Leland Rust and Tom Rich worked hard with **BBQ Dinner Chairs Dave and Rhobley Mattson** when serving. It was a wonderful BBQ Chicken meal on the 4th of July.



Tom Rich "manning the grill" during the 4th of July BBQ Chicken preparation.



Tom Rich, Leland Rust, Chair Dave Mattson, and Glenn Pratt were all part of the Chicken BBQ Team!



Karen and Les Watters visiting with Peg & Bob Hecht.



Mike and Dean Baltes visit with Jim Swanson while enjoying the 4th!

Boat Decorating Contest at 4th Of July Dock Party.

For the second year in a row, **Excalibur (Dennis and Corinne Daily)** won **1st place** at the Duluth Power Squadron's 4th of July Boat Decorating Contest. Second place was a tie between **See Ya (Marty and Shelley Herman)** and **Rocky (Gene and Daryle Ann Rock)**. Third place was awarded to **Tangled Lines (Bruce and Chris Beste)** who started decorating their boat and never finished because, after leaving Wednesday evening, had their boat re-decorated with toilet-paper.



2nd Place: See Ya



2nd Place: Rocky



3rd Place: Tangled Lines



1st Place: Excalibur!

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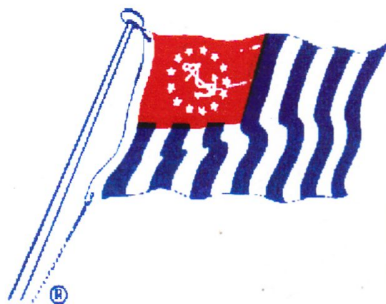
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