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## Schedule of Upcoming Events

April 3	Executive Board Meeting
April 26th	Fitting Out Party at Marshall School. Bring auction items between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., the party and Silent & Chinese Auctions begin at 4:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m., live auction at 7:30 p.m.
April 28th	Seamanship Class Begins—Central High
May 1	Executive Board Meeting
May 7-11	Nat'l Spring Governing Board—New Orleans
May 14-16	River Quest
May 15th	General Meeting with USCG Auxiliary —Safe Boating Week  Program will be about escaping a 100 mph storm on Lake Superior by Marlin Bree, author of "Wake of the Green Storm, A Survivor's Tale".
May 17th	Dock Clean Up Day and Bar-B-Q
May 17-23	Safe Boating Week
May 20 & 27	Vessel Examiner's Class
June 5	Executive Board Meeting
June 7	Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Day at the Power Squadron Dock. BBQ?
June 22	New Members Cruise
July 25-27, 2003	D/10 Summer Rendezvous hosted by Madison's Power Squadron in Dubuque, Iowa
Oct. 31—Nov. 2	Mark your calendar! Duluth will be hosting the Fall 2003 District 10 Conference at The Inn on Lake Superior. Theme: "Here on Gilligan's Isle!"

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## Commander's Report



Welcome to all our new members. I hope you find the Duluth Power Squadron a haven for developing new friendships while enjoying all that the squadron has to offer.

Did you know that way back in the early 1900's, a group of guys got together and figured out a way to make the pleasure of boating last all winter long without heading to Florida? The United States Power Squadron became a formable organization in 1913 and has grown to become one of the largest private,

fraternal, self supporting, non profit boating organizations in the world. (I read that somewhere; I didn't make it up.)

Through the Power Squadron, the winter months don't seem quite so long. There is opportunity to gather together frequently for social events, meetings with top notch speakers, and ongoing educational classes. Our Bridge members work hard to make these things worthwhile and enjoyable for you.

As you probably know, there are 3 sides to the USPS triangle. Besides social and educational, we are also known for the civic responsibilities we've undertaken. We offer Public Boating Classes, we manage a booth at the Duluth Boat Show, we are involved with River Quest, and we work with the Coast Guard Auxiliary in performing Vessel Safety exams.



Are you involved?

I am looking forward to the coming year as your Commander. Our Executive Board has some new faces. Some are fairly new members getting deeply involved early on. New to the Board are: Lt/C Grady Strand as Administrative Officer and 1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Joe Hesch, S, as Ass't. Educational Officer. New faces as Members at Large are: 1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Leland Rust, S, 1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Glen Pratt, S, and 1<sup>st</sup>/Lt David VanHouse.

We are striving to update our Bylaws. This is something that hasn't been done since 1993. One of the changes we plan, is to incorporate a new officer's position, that of Assistant Administrative Officer. This position has been approved at the National level. 1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Leland Rust will fill that position when our Bylaw changes are approved.

**Now duty requires that I inform you of my goals for the 2003 - 2004 watch year.**

**No. 1** Obtain 90% membership retention and increase total membership by 3% by the end of the 2003 calendar

year.

**No. 2** Conduct 2 Public Boating Classes. Offer (2) Advanced Grade and (3) Elective Courses. Provide Operations Training, Leadership Development, and Vessel Exam Courses.

**No. 3** Promote Safe Boating Awareness by participating in the Duluth Boat Show, River Quest, and by offering Vessel Safety Exams at area marinas and launch ramps.

**No. 4** Host and participate in the D10 Fall Conference to be held in Duluth, October 31 - November 2, 2003.

**No. 5** Enroll in the D/10 Cooperative Advertising Reimbursement Program.

**No. 6** Participate in the Cooperative Charting Program earning National Honor Roll Status.

**No. 7** Increase our number of Vessel Examiners by 5 and the number of Vessel Exams by 25%.

**No. 8** Continue to publish a quality bimonthly newsletter and achieve a "Distinction In Journalism Award."

**No. 9** Continue to support the USPS Educational Fund by making 100% contribution.

**No. 10** Participate in the Star Squadron Program earning "Three Star" status.

Hope to see you all at our Fitting Out Party, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Tracy has a spectacular event planned.

—Cdr. Sue Farrell, AP



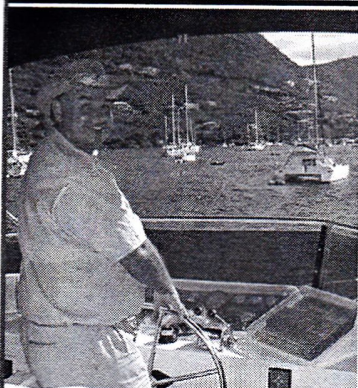
P.S.: As our country inches closer to war, be aware that a number of our members have children and family members in the Service. Keep them in your prayers and wish for them all, a safe return home.



The marvelous band "Rock A Billy Revue" entertained during the Change of Watch on March 8th, including bringing up Gina Wuorinen, Tracy Nelson, & Dorothy Holmes, dubbing them "Tracy and the Pussy Cats". See more photos from the Change Of Watch on pages 10-13.



## Executive Officer's Report



### Fitting Out Dinner & Auction

The next major event on our Power Squadron calendar is the Fitting Out Dinner and Auction. Here's what you need to know:

**What?** - Many consider this to be the most fun event of the year. Dinner will be prepared by Power Squadron chefs Jack Soetebier, Bruce Beste, and crew. Dinner will include:

Mixed Green Salad with Mandarin and Almond Dressing

Prime Rib

Yukon Gold Potatoes

Firehouse Baked Beans

European Crusty Roll

Jack's Famous Carrot Cake

Coffee You may bring beer, wine, or your favorite cocktail.

**How Much?** - The cost for the prime rib dinner with all the trimmings is just \$12/person for you and your spouse. Because it is BYOB, you don't even have a bar bill. This is cheaper than staying at home. AND you can invite up to (4) four friends, neighbors, or relatives as your guests for just \$6/person. Here's your chance to take someone out to a prime rib dinner for less than the price of lunch. Now they owe you and have to either take you out for a \$20 dinner or invite you over for a dinner that it takes them 3 hours to prepare. At this price we have to ask that you bring no more than four (4) guests.

**Where?** - Marshall High School cafeteria

**Why?** - Mostly because it is FUN! It is also a chance for you to buy things really cheap. This is our major fund raising event of the year. It provides the funding for things like our educational programs, dock lease, dock repairs, squadron insurance, etc.

**When?** - Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, we would like to get your auction donations prior to the night of the auction. Just call me 728-7102 for pickup. OR you can bring auction items between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on the day of the auction. The party and Silent & Chinese Auctions begin at 4:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m., live auction at 7:30 p.m.

**What to wear?** - This is a boating party, so dress like a boater! This gives you lots of latitude. If you own a yacht, a blue blazer with ascot and white slacks would be perfect. If you are like me and spend more time in the engine room than you do on deck, jeans and a t-shirt would be best. The ten best dressed people will get to be first in the food line. The worst dressed person will get a \$25 gift certificate from Mainstreet Clothiers.

**What do I need to bring?** - Please bring something of value that can either be raffled or auctioned off. Did you know that your donation is tax deductible? The Power Squadron is a 501 (c)3 corporation, therefore, you can deduct the value of your donation as a charitable contribution. Often the value of your donation is more than you would get if you sold the item. Here are some suggestions of items that would make good donations.

**Good Quality Used Items** - These do not have to be boating related. Please don't bring any junk. Here's a few ideas - fishing poles, rocking chair, dock hook, lamp, life vest, used electronics, fenders, lines, flashlight, anchor, anchor rode, or ???

**Something You Make Yourself** - i.e. woodwork, jam, smoked fish, arts or craft items, lawn ornaments, or ???

**Personal Services** - What can you do that others would value? Such as tree removal, a weekend at your cabin, professional services, snow plowing, a ride in a '57 Chevy Convertible, or ???

**Something from Your Employer** - Some ideas are gift certificates, products that they want to promote, a slow moving product, or ??? These should be a real donation and not a discount or "buy one get one free" type of offer.

I hope to see you there?

—Tracy Nelson, S

Executive Officer



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## Administrative Officer's Report



### AHOY MATIES!

(I promise I'll never start another report with that greeting. I just had to get it out of my system.)

My name is Grady Strand and along with Leland Rust, will be your Admin officers this year. Leland and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to

work with you this coming year.

I would like to tell you briefly about myself and Leland will do the same in the next Channel Chatter.

My wife, Julie, and I have been fascinated with Lake Superior the last twenty years and we decided to explore boating on the "big lake". We made the decision that before we even set foot on a boat on Lake Superior that

we would take the Safe Boating class taught by the Duluth Power Squadron. Not only did we learn safe boating, but we also received plenty of help in buying the right boat for us. We purchased a '93 23' Sea Ray in great condition and our boating experience began.

Boating brought a new dimension to our lives. The year started with our puppy Gus falling off the dock at Barkers into the ice cold waters in early May and ended with a voyage with my father in the Apostle Islands. It was a wonderful trip and one we both said we would remember forever. It was our last journey together because he died in November.

Leland and I are excited about our new positions in your squadron. The first big event coming soon will be the Fitting Out Party on April 26th. We hope to meet you all at that great event!

—Lt/C Grady Strand

Administrative Officer

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## Ramblings of an Old Salt.



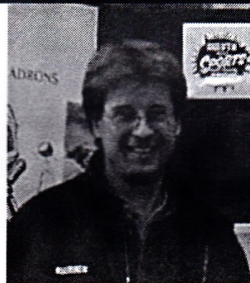
When I was young, I had trouble remembering things and was much too busy to just sit and have quiet thoughts. Now that I am old, I can remember clearly even small details - never mind whether they actually happened or not. I also have plenty of time for deep thoughts - most of which are stolen from others. This space is dedicated to those thoughts and remembrances - most of which have no connection with either boats or the sea.

*-from a Duluth Power Squadron "Old Salt"*

### Philosophical Notes To Make You Chuckle

- A clean desk is a sign of a cluttered desk drawer.
- Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have any film.
- There's no future in time travel.
- Boycott shampoo! Demand the REAL pool!
- If you choke a smurf, what color does it turn?
- A day without sunshine is like, night.
- Who is General Failure and why is he reading my hard disc?
- What happens if you get scared half to death, twice?
- Energizer Bunny arrested...charged with battery.
- Chocolate: the OTHER major food group.
- If you can't convince them, confuse them.
- Death is hereditary.
- I poured Spot remover on my dog. Now he's gone.
- I used to have an open mind but my brains kept falling out.
- Multi-tasking -- screwing up several things at once.
- I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder.
- Shin: A device for finding furniture in the dark.
- How do you tell when you run out of invisible ink?
- Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
- I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.
- I'm writing a book. I've got the page numbers done.
- Laughing stock: cattle with a sense of humor.
- Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
- Wear short sleeves! Support your right to bare arms!
- For Sale: Parachute. Only used once. Never opened. Small stain.
- Friends may come and go, but enemies tend to accumulate.
- How does Teflon stick to the pan?
- OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- Corduroy pillows: They're making headlines!
- All those who believe in psychokinesis raise my hand.

## Do You Have Current Charts?



P/C Arne Wuorinen

**The U.S.  
Department of  
Transportation,  
has updated the  
following area  
charts;**

- Duluth Superior Harbor and Upper St. Louis River, updated Oct. 2002
- Great Lakes, updated Oct 2002
- Redridge/Saxon Harbor, updated Jan. 2003, including Ontonagon Harbor, Black River Harbor, and Saxon Harbor.
- Apostle Islands, updated Feb. 2003, including Chequamegon Bay, Bayfield Harbor, Pike's Bay Harbor, La Pointe Harbor.
- Little Girls Point to Silver Bay, Feb. 2003 including Duluth and Apostle Islands, Cornecopia Harbor, Port Wing Harbor, Knife River Harbor, Two Harbors

The Duluth Power Squadron, through a USPS Adopt-a-Chart Coop-Charting Program has had many members submitting changes that are now reflected in the updated Duluth Harbor Chart.

The Apostle Island Chart has the updated inserts of the dock layout for Pikes Bay Marina as one of the many changes.

Here's a short story based on the importance in having the most recent updated chart. You are cruising from Duluth to Bayfield and decided you will spend the night at Port Superior Marina because you enjoyed it three years ago when you were last in the area.

The wind is still blowing strong, it's getting dark and you and your crew are getting tired of being on the water all day. You pass Bayfield and are making your approach to Port Superior, so you take a closer look at the Apostle Island chart you used last time. It is still in good condition. Comparing the chart to your radar screen, something is different.

They don't match. The old railroad boxcars that used to be part of the break wall and used to show up so clearly on your radar, aren't showing up like they used to.

You slow down, put the wife on the bow for a lookout and proceed with caution, spot lights blaring.



**...continued... Do You Have Current Charts?**

After fifteen tense minutes you see the entrance to the NEW break wall and have figured that Port Superior must have expanded. You're tired, it's late, the weather is bad and you and your crew are stressed out. All you want to do is find the first open dock and settle in for the night. Now with everything changed around you can't find the transient docks, so you pick the first open dock and settle in, you will get up early and check in right away in the morning. After a much needed and good nights rest you head over to Port Superior's Office. It's a beautiful day, you feel good and you let them know how much you like their new addition only to be informed you're not at Port Superior but you are in a new marina, Pikes Bay.

The stress with your crew, the possibility of damaging your boat, and the embarrassment of not knowing where you were can be avoided by using a current chart.

-Submitted by: PC Arne Wuorinen, JN



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## Squadron Members— Please Vote!

The National Planning Committee in cooperation with the Educational Department has developed a survey to determine the feelings of our members concerning our educational offerings.

As ... (some of you may) know, there is a continual drop off of registration in the Advanced Grade courses. **We want to know how we can reverse that trend and provide for the wants and needs of our current and future members.**

Please let us know! The survey can be accessed directly from a link on the Planning Committee web page [www.usps.org/national/plancom](http://www.usps.org/national/plancom).

## Senior Education Officer's Report:

### Ahoy mates! This is your education officer speaking

-----Sounds like something you'd have heard on the "Love Boat" series or one of those old war movies. Unfortunately they're both still occasionally on cable.



Lt/C Steve Farrell

We just completed the first squadron boating course (SBC) series on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, with a final exam, reception, and membership offering to the new graduates. Being a Methodist myself, I failed to realize that it was a religious holiday "First of Muharram". Maybe that had something to do with the excellence of the test scores, I don't know. Val, is that a Catholic holiday?

The post boat show SBC series has met twice now (2/24&3/3) on Monday evenings at Central High school. They have five more classes and the final to go so it's not too late for someone to jump in and catch up. Remember, this class can be self studied with a phone call to me for any proctoring or help with questions. I can also give the final exam anytime a person feels he or she is ready.

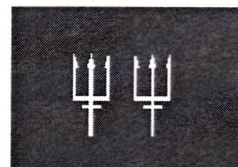
Engine Maintenance has also been meeting at Central on Tuesday evenings. Fifteen people enrolled and most have completed the final exam for the basic course. They are now a couple weeks into the "Advanced" course and are looking for a half dozen or so frozen engine blocks on which to test their newly developed skills. Or better yet, if you've been considering re-powering that old trawler of yours with a modern BIG block and turning it into something more like an express cruiser please contact Bill or Harlan ----- the class is eager to learn!

For those of you who have absolutely no letters behind your name (advanced grade letters that is, not jr or III) I strongly suggest you consider enrolling in Seamanship this spring. It will also be held at Central HS, 6:30-8:30, Monday and Wednesday evenings, April 28<sup>th</sup>-May 19<sup>th</sup>. Passing this course will entitle you to take both Piloting and Advanced Piloting next fall and winter.

I think I'm done preaching so,

Over and out (that's wrong you know)

-Lt/C Steve Farrell AP  
Senior Education Officer

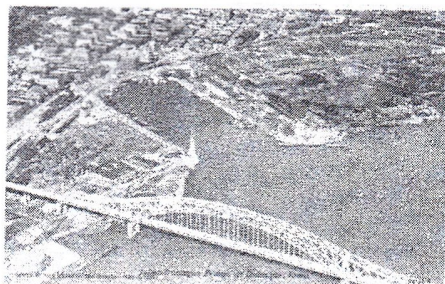




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Saturday Breakfast Buffet (Included with Room Registration, limit 2)		- 0 -
Saturday Ice Harbor Lunch @ \$10 ea		
Saturday Five Flags Dinner @ \$25 ea Select Choice		
1. Grilled Pepperloin: Marinated beef tenderloin rolled in cracked pepperloin	1. ____	
2. Chicken Marsala: lightly sautéed breast of chicken with marsala wine sauce and mushrooms	2. ____	
3. Grilled Iowa Brook Trout: stuffed with crabmeat	3. ____	
Sunday Breakfast Buffet (Included with Room Registration, limit 2)		- 0 -
Rendezvous Clothing (total dollar amount)		
Total Amount Enclosed		

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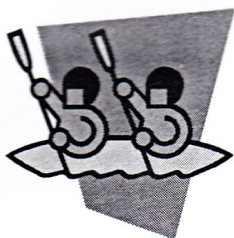
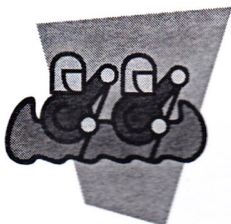
I/we will stay at ☐ Holiday Inn ☐ Marina ☐ RV Park ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

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## "Kids Of USPS" Screensaver. Send In Your Photos!

The Youth Activities Team is putting together a screensaver featuring the children of USPS. Please send photos featuring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or neighbors involved in a boating or Power Squadron activity.

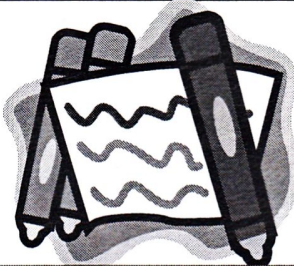


Send digital photos to:  
P/C Kathleen E. Bisogno, AP  
bisognok@hotmail.com  
Send conventional photos to:

## Sixth USPS Youth Poster Contest. Deadline Summer Rendezvous.

The Sixth USPS Youth Poster Contest is again being offered to our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors. This contest is open to ALL children from 6 to 14 years old. There are three divisions: 6-8, 9-11, and 12-14. The theme is "Catch the Boating Safety Habit".

Start recruiting your little ones now. There will be judging at the Squadron, District and National levels. Prizes will be awarded.

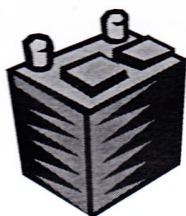


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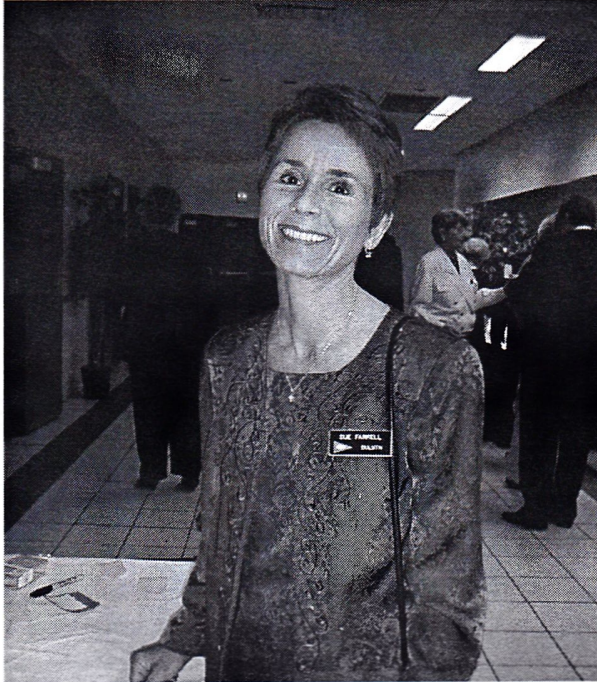
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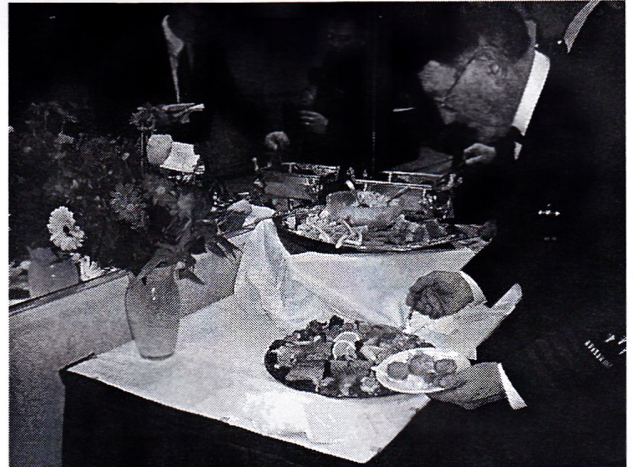
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## Change of Watch 2003-2004!



Newly-installed Commander Sue Farrell!



P/C Bill Heiland of Chippewa Valley Power Squadron helping himself to the smoked salmon at the hors d'oeuvres table.



Power Squadron ladies Sharon Page, Chris Beste, Linda Staninus, Gina Wuorinen, and Val Ouellette.



Jenny Mollica, Mary and P/C Charlie Grubb, D/10 Commander Art Mollica, N



MC Kristi Stokes (left) kept the evening events moving along well. Be sure to ask her to tell you the starboard and port joke!



Enjoying the evening with Tracy Nelson (2nd from left) are Lakehead Power Squadron members Tim Carlson, Commander John Rowe, and Sue Carlson.



## Change of Watch 2003-2004!



P/C Charlie Grubb applauds D/10 Commander Art Mollica, N as he brings district greetings to the Duluth Power Squadron.



Jack and Ginny Soetebier (seated) with REAR Commander of Canadian National Squadrons Ron Thomson and wife Ginny, and P/C Jim Coslett from Lakehead Power Squadron in Thunder Bay.



Ken Page, Charlie Grubb, Marty Herman, and Gina Wuorinen enjoying the festivities at the Change of Watch.



Enjoying the evening are Bill Heiland of Chippewa Valley Power Squadron with (seated l-r), Mavis and Harlan Eggert, Ken Docteur. Standing are Bob Beaudin, Gina Beste-Wuorinen, and Marty Herman.



Commander Sue Farrell presenting Past Commander Charlie Grubb with his plaque of appreciation and past-commander flag.



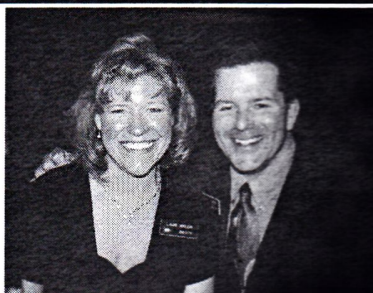
Dave & Kristi Stokes visiting with Lisa & Len Robinson.



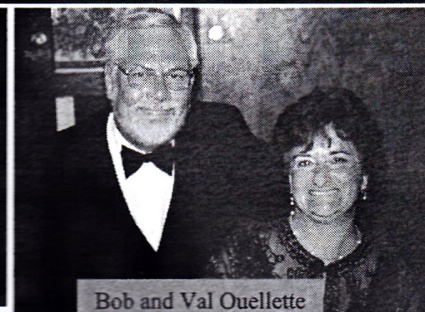
## Some of the Couples Who Attended the Change of Watch .



Carol and Joe Hesch



Lauri Welch and Dave Solberg



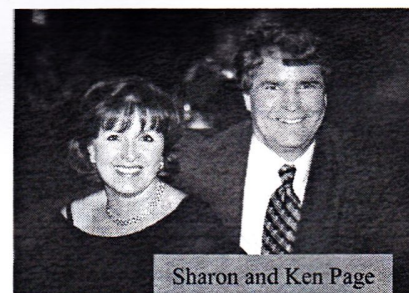
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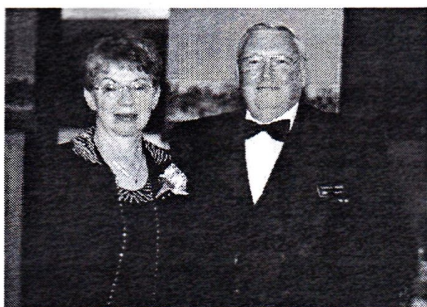
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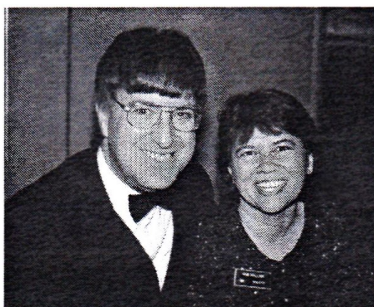
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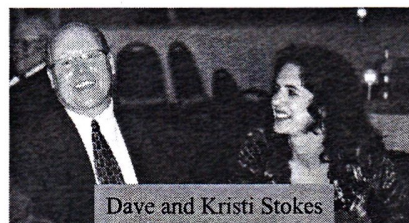
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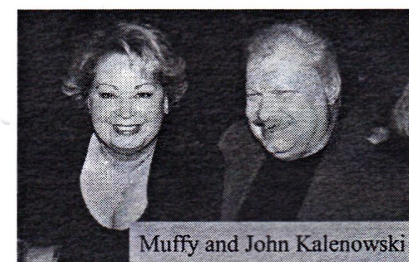
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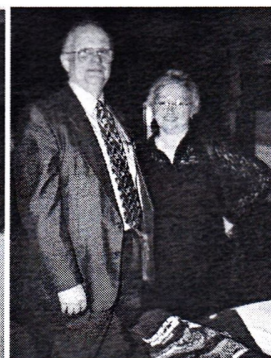
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Chris and Bruce Beste



Jan and Tracy Nelson



Cliff and Betty Linder

*Our thanks to photographer, Dick Bibby, who took most of the wonderful Change of Watch photos shown here.*



## Calabash Winner and more Change of Watch Photos.



The infamous Calabash was awarded to Tom Cawcutt by last year's victim, Steve Farrell. Tom won for selling his boat and forgetting his past-commander's flag on the boat all summer long.

Other Calabash candidates included Dave Mattson (right) and (below) Tracy Nelson, Gina Wuorinen, and THE WINNER: Tom Cawcutt.



Jeff Stuermer dining with Jay and Pam Halling.



Jim Munger visiting with Roberta and Dave Van House.

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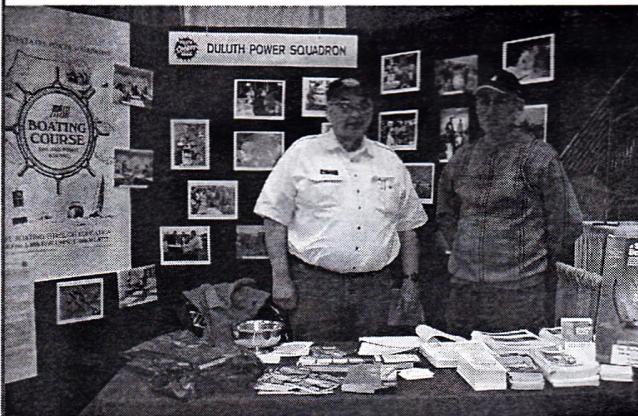
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## Power Squadron Members at the Duluth Boat Show.



Jim Swanson and Larry Stengel working at the Duluth Power Squadron booth at the boat show.



Bruce Beste, Arne Wuorinen, Jan Nelson, and Jim Swanson standing in the Squadron's booth at the boat show.



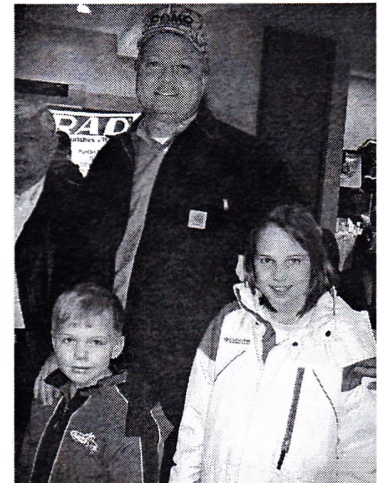
Ken Page explaining the Power Squadron's activities to a boat show attendee.



Looks like Dave Rutford may be getting into trouble at the boat show. Do you suppose he bought a new Grady-White?



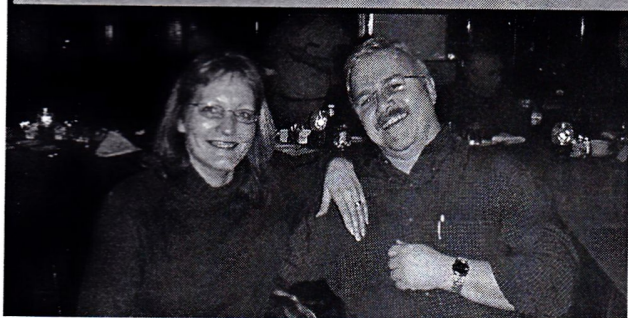
Greg & Mary Brisky attend the Duluth Boat Show with Arne Wuorinen and Bruce Beste.



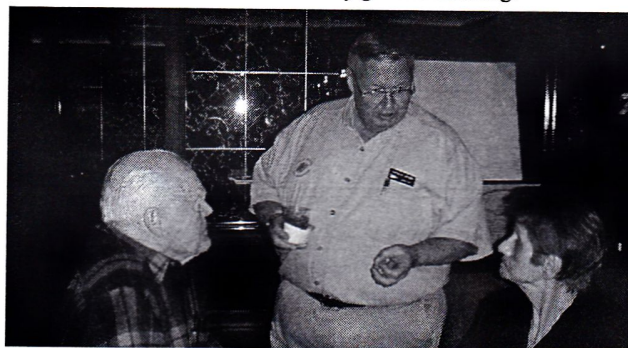
Joel Berg and children Adam and Janelle attended the Boat Show.



## February General Meeting.



Obviously, Sally and Glen Pratt were having a light-hearted discussion at the February general meeting.



Cdr. Charlie Grubb chatting with Bill & Ann Carlson.

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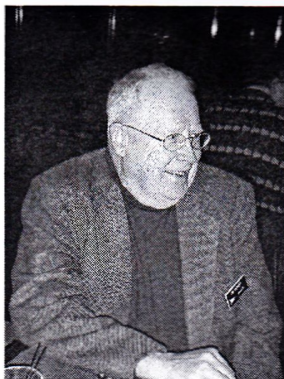
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## Safety Officer's Report by Jim Munger.



### Fast Facts for Minnesota on the new Federal Requirement for Children to Wear Life Jackets

(prepared by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources—Boat & Water Safety Section)

#### *New Federal Requirements:*

Safety Officer, Doc Munger

Effective December 23, 2002, U.S. Coast Guard regulations require children under 13 years of age to wear an appropriate USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD or life jacket) on recreational vessels, if the vessel is underway and the child is not below decks or in an enclosed cabin.

Here is more background on this new regulation:

- This is a federal, not a state requirement and may be enforced only by agencies such as the U.S. Coast Guard or the National Park Service. It cannot be enforced by MN DNR conservation officers, or county sheriff's deputies.
- It is effective only on lakes and rivers subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. *Some examples would be:* Lake Superior, Lake Winnibigoshish, Leech & Cass Lakes, the Gull & Whitefish Lake Chains, portions of the Minnesota, Mississippi, St. Croix & St. Louis Rivers, Big Stone & Traverse Lakes, Lake of the Woods, Rainy, Namakan and Kabetogama Lakes, as well as most other lakes and rivers on the Canadian-Minnesota Border.

#### *Minnesota does not have a similar law covering all boats:*

- Although Minnesota does not have a similar requirement for kids to wear life jackets aboard all craft, surveys conducted at Metro area public accesses by the MN DNR in 1984 and again in 1996, showed a huge increase in the percentage of boaters of all ages wearing PFDs—especially children. In 1984, 47% of children under 12 were observed to be wearing life vests—by 1996 that number had grown to 88%. A 2001 study of five counties in Central Minnesota also showed an 88% wear rate amongst this age group.

- The high percentage of children voluntarily wearing PFDs in Minnesota is reflected in boat accident statistics. In the 10 years from 1993 through 2002, there were two fatal boat accidents in which a child less than 13 was killed. In both accidents, trauma was the cause of death, neither victim left the craft and both victims were wearing a life jacket.
- Current Minnesota law does require all persons who operate or ride personal watercraft (PWC, Jet Skis, Sea Doos, etc.) to wear a life jacket.
- The DNR continues to strongly urge all boat occupants—adults, teenagers and children, especially in craft less than 20 feet long, to wear a life jacket at all times on the water. The Coast Guard estimates that 80 percent of boating deaths in the country (which are primarily a result of falls overboard & capsizing) could be eliminated if all boaters wore a life jacket.

*For more information on the new federal requirements, contact:*

- US Coast Guard Boating Safety Hotline at 800-368-5647,
- US Coast Guard Station—Duluth at 218-720-5413, or
- US Coast Guard Boating Safety Website: [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org)

## Vessel Safety Check Classes

This year the classes to train examiners for Vessel Safety Check will be held in two sessions. To be certified, members must attend both sessions.

The classes will be on Tuesday May 20th and Tuesday May 27th. For more information, members should contact Jim Munger at 525-4011 or Tracy Nelson at 728-7102.



## Fall 2003 District-10 Conference To Be Held in Duluth!



The Duluth Power Squadron will be hosting the District 10 2003 Fall Conference...and plans are already underway. Mark your calendar for October 31—November 2, 2003.

Chairs for the event are Val Ouellette, Len Robinson, and Sue Farrell. **THEY WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP**, so call them if you can volunteer. Whether you can offer just a little help, or a lot of help—they'd love to hear from you.

Theme for the event? "Here on Gilligan's Isle!!" And the imaginations of Duluth Power Squadron members are already running wild! So far, there is a contest on Friday evening with awards for the best look-alikes for Gilligan, the Skipper, Mary Ann, Ginger, the Professor, and Mr. and Mrs. Howell. There are plans for having a S.S. Minnow or something like it. The speaker for Saturday lunch and Saturday dinner will be a Duluth Power Squadron member, Dave Rutford, telling about his boating experiences on a raft trip down the Mississippi river.



The 2003 Fall Conference will be held at The Inn on Lake Superior (888-668-4352) with a limited number of rooms reserved at \$129/room. There is also a limited number of rooms reserved at The Edgewater

for \$79/room with shuttle service available. See our web site for more information on the event: [www.duluthpowersquadron.com](http://www.duluthpowersquadron.com).

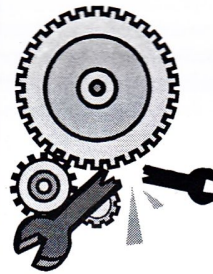
We hope that all goes well during the weekend event and that there are no storms that send all of us crashing into a deserted island.



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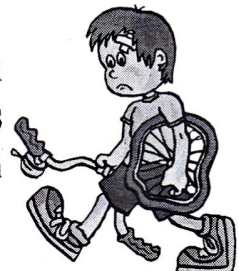
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**Now, what do you suppose Bruce is going to do with this stuff?**





## Our 6-Week Trip in the North Channel.

## A Member's Story.



### —from the ship's log of Duluth Power Squadron Members, Tom and Julie Rossini.

#### FOURTH SEGMENT OF OUR TRIP

July 18<sup>th</sup>

We planned to depart St. Ignace in the early morning hours however the wind and the waves were not inviting. With the weather forecast predicting the same conditions for the next day, we decided to lay-over another day. We caught up on some reading and worked on boat maintenance and other pertinent items. We also spent some time exploring the town of St. Ignace and it's shops.

July 19<sup>th</sup>

We left St. Ignace at 5:30 am in a light mist but otherwise fine boating weather.

Going under the Mackinaw Bridge is a tremendous and awe inspiring experience. Our intended destination was Charlevoix Harbor. However, they had a festival starting the next day so no transient slips were available. We turned instead to Little Traverse Bay and the harbor of Petoskey. When we arrived we were surprised to find *The Lazy Sea Dog*, Bud and Rosemary Flynn, were also in harbor there. We spent three great days exploring all the neat places in the area, with the Flynn's as our tour guide. They had boated this area several years in a row and were very familiar with it's points of interest. We went to Harbor Springs, which is across the bay from Petoskey. The town is quite lovely and has a large

marina. In the marina we saw a number of huge boats at the "exorbitant" end of the price scale. Many of the boats were over 100' and included several Hatteras', Azumuthuss', Vikings and Fead Ships. We also went to Bay View, a very exclusive community, hosting, or as Tom says, "boasting", a new marina. The slips alone go for \$250,000-\$300,000.

July 21<sup>st</sup>

We departed early morning on our next leg on the way to Manitowoc. Our day's destination was the town of Leland, Michigan. The journey began a bit rough with

3 to 4 foot high waves. The last hour and ½ of our days' trip was a much quieter ride as the wind and waves settled down. Leland is a wonderful little town with a 60 slip marina. They have converted their old fishing village into incredible shops, clothing and treasures as well as ice cream stores and restaurants. It's like shopping in a village of boutiques. We found a restaurant adjacent to a dam, with a beautiful waterfall. The deck is built right over the water. You can even feel the mist from the water spilling through the dam. We decided to hold up in this picturesque town due in part to high waves ( and because Julie wanted to explore the shops). That evening a 146' Feadship came into the harbor for overnight dockage. This privately owned vessel had eight full time crew members dressed in uniform whites. They all had white captains dress hats and white gloves. This seemed a bit out of place as the four, male crewmembers, fueled the boat and pumped the head. The vessel also had two "dinghys" One was a 26' cutty with twin I/O's the other was an amphibious car with twin props. It sure would be the way to get around town. Drive the vehicle as a boat up to the launch ramp then switch to the tires in car mode and drive to the restaurants or whatever.

July 23<sup>rd</sup>

We departed Leland with our first stop in Frankford, for fuel. We found a really neat little town but will have to wait til next time to explore it in depth. After fueling up we continued our trip to Manitowoc. This turned out to be a 120-mile trek across Lake Michigan. We had a decent day for crossing but in the last forty miles the wind picked up and our ride got a bit bouncy. We arrived at 2:45 with a time zone change and settled in at the marina for four days of fun at the District 10 rendezvous.

July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>



We did all of our normal maintenance, did laundry, cleaned the boat and serviced the engine. Thanks to Dave and Corrine Carlson, from Duluth Power Squadron, we were able to go to the grocery store and resupply and make provisions for the many visitors we knew we would have at the rendezvous.

July 26<sup>th</sup>

The event started with a dinner at the Maritime Inn. Members from seven

Districts were present to participate in the rendezvous. The Chief Commander and several Past Chief Commanders were there to honor Past Chief Commander, Art Farr SN and the US Armed Forces who served aboard the WWII sub that was built there in Manitowoc. After a dinner and short program the fun got started. Many members of District 10 as well as those from other Districts congregated on the docks and aboard USPS vessels. Camaraderie and story telling went on until the wee hours of the morning with everyone having a great time

July 27<sup>th</sup>

The morning program honored Past Chief Commander Farr with a presentation of the ship's battle flag and other memorabilia. After the luncheon a tour of the Berger Boat Factory commenced. The evening followed with a program and dinner.

*Tom and Julie Rossini, checking out the area aboard their dinghy.*



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Once they determined the role that manure played in the explosions, everybody began stamping the bundles with the term **SHIP HIGH IN TRANSIT**. This was so sailors would know to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of methane. Thus evolved the term S.H.I.T., which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day.

You probably did not know the history of this word. Neither did I. I always thought it was a golf term.

*(Article taken from Lakeland Boating, March 2003 issue.)*



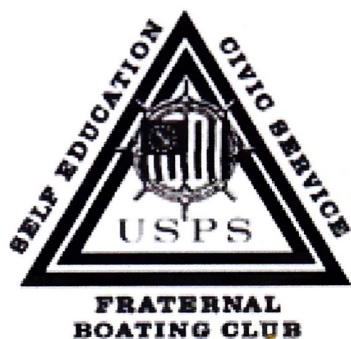
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And wherever you're going that's wherever you are.  
And nobody knows it but me.

