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Schedule of Upcoming Events

May 31st Dinghy Run—Iron River, WI 9:30AM

June 5 Executive Board Meeting—Green Mill

June 7 Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Day at the Power Squadron Dock. & BBQ.

June 14 Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Day at Barker's Island

June 22 New Members Cruise

July 4-6 4th of July Celebration at Power Squadron Dock

July 5th Predicted Log/Commander's Cruise

July 10th Executive Board Meeting

July 25-27, 2003 D/10 Summer Rendezvous hosted by Madison's Power Squadron in Dubuque, Iowa

August 2nd BBQ at Power Squadron Dock

August 7th Executive Board Meeting

August 22 & 23 Dragon Boat Races

August 29-Sept 1 Labor Day Corn Roast Weekend

September 3-7 Fall Governing Board Meeting—Reno, NV

September 11 Executive Board Meeting

September 18 General Meeting-Lake View Castle

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



Congratulations and thanks to Lt/C Tracy Nelson for putting on a tremendous Fitting Out Party.

The success of this event can be credited to everything he and his crew worked so hard for. Over 200 members and guests in attendance at Marshall High School enjoyed a great prime rib meal and a fun filled auction.

I'd like to welcome new members to the Board. 1/Lt Terry Osvoid has accepted the position of Assistant Administrative Officer and 1/Lt Valerie Ouellette comes to the Board as Member at Large.

Both are going to be strong assets to their positions.



Our annual membership drive is underway. You should have all received dues statements. Don't delay in sending that back in. We'd like to see everyone renew their membership this year!

By the time you're reading this article, our Vessel Examiner's Class will be completed and the squadron should have several new VE's. VSC day at the squadron dock is being held Saturday June 7. Bring your boats by water or trailer for a Vessel Exam and then plan to stay for a BBQ.

Vessel Exams will also be offered at Barker's Island Marina on June 14.

Want to be a Vessel Examiner but weren't able to take the class? Contact Lt. Jim Munger, N for a manual to self study. The exam can be taken anytime you are ready and can even be taken online at USPS.org. (After entering the web site, enter the VSC site listed under the Executive Department)

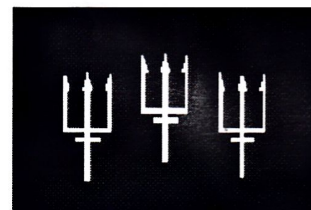
Now on a sad note, I'd like to inform you that one of our members passed away a couple months ago.

Joe Szarke. Joe was a fairly new member to our squadron living in the Twin Cities area. Steve & I met Joe on Mackinaw Island a couple years ago when we were both bringing our boats to Duluth. He joined our squadron shortly soon after. His name will be listed in the Last Horizons in the June Ensign issue.

We have a great summer in store for you. Watch for fliers and attend for the fun of it.

See you on the water.

—Sue Farrell
Commander



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Executive Officer's Report



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Squadron Website

Have you visited our website lately? You can find it at

"duluthpowersquadron.com". Easy to remember, eh? This is the most current and authoritative source for information regarding your squadron. Want to know when the next meeting is, who is in charge of what, what classes are going to be offered, etc.? This is the place to find it. Steve Balliette has done a great job with this. Check it out.

Fitting Out Dinner & Auction

Our Squadron Dinner & Auction was held at Marshall School on Saturday, April 26th. Financially we exceeded our expectations, but the highlight for me was the attendance - nearly 230 people attended. The most exciting thing was that all except one of our new members were able to attend! If you were there, I hope that you had a good time. If you weren't there, ask someone who was - maybe they will encourage you to make it next year.

Special thanks to everyone that helped solicit donations, cook, work the registration table, setup, decorate, clean up, carry auction items, etc. Without the help of more than 40 volunteers this event would not be possible.

River Quest

By the time you read this, River Quest will have been completed. For those of you who may not be familiar with it, River Quest is a program where 6 groups of 6th graders (over 800 kids!) spend 4 hours cruising on the Vista Star. (Kinda makes you wish you were a 6th grader, doesn't it?) During these 4 hours, they learn about things like:

- How the Corp of Engineers measures the water level on a lake that is always moving;

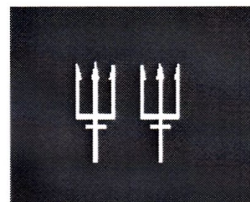
- How the Coast Guard cleans up an oil spill;
- How WLSSD works;
- Who needs to use PFDs and how to wear them;
- How a ship is fueled;
- Where pollution on land ends up;
- How a ship is trimmed;
- If you can see water pollution;
- What Midwest Energy does with water from the St. Louis Bay;
- What exotic fish are in the river; and
- What are "best management practices".

If sounds like fun, that's because it is. If you'd like to know more about this stuff, contact Grady Strand and he'll get you a ticket for next year. Call soon since we can only take 6 Squadron members.

Vessel Safety Training and Exams

If you'd like to have your boat inspected, email me at: tracy@cw-duluth.com or call 728-7102 and we'll make arrangements.

For more information, see the commander's article in this issue.



Here's to safe boating!

—Lt/C Tracy Nelson

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Administrative Officer's Report



When we last visited, the cold, brutal winds of the far north were still raging outside our doors. We would lift the corner of our quilt to look outside once in awhile to hopefully see the signs of spring. A robin, fly, melting ice, and maybe some open water. ANYTHING!

Guess what! It's here and it's time for some much deserved fun and adventure.

Before we get to the fun, I would like to introduce Terry and Mary Osvold. Julie and I met the Osvold's in our 2002 Safe Boating class and we are lucky to have them on our team. Terry is our new Assistant Administrative Officer and we welcome Terry and Mary. Terry and Mary will bring enthusiasm, hard work, and their love of the open seas to our squadron.

Now back to fun and adventure.

We hope to have an action packed fun filled year planned for all of you.

We will start out the year with a dinghy run on Saturday, May 31 in Iron River, Wisconsin, starting at 9:30 A.M. This event will be chaired by our own dinghy master, Bruce Beste. We will explore the lakes in the area so be ready for some exploration. More info on where to meet, etc. will be in a flyer to be sent in the middle of May.

Our new member cruise will be on June 22 and Val Ouellette will be leading the day. This day is dedicated to our new members and is a day to inform and enlighten them on the highlights of the Duluth Power Squadron. There will be refreshments, food, and weather permitting, a cruise. Look again for the flyer.

This brings us to the July 4th celebration at the dock. I see bonfires with lively chatter and maybe a

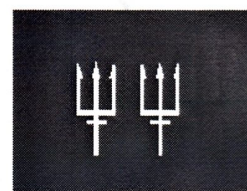
song or two, terrific breakfasts, boat parade, boat decoration contest, predicted log, Commander Sue Farrell's Cruise, and of course a dinner on the 4th that will test all our taste buds. Look for that all-important flyer coming to you in the middle of June.

All of these events need volunteers so be ready for a phone call to help.

If you have any suggestions or would like to be a volunteer, I can be reached at 724-2293 (h), 590-3254 (cell) or my e-mail: glstrand@fedins.com

See you on the Dock!

—Lt/C Grady Strand



Larry Anderson, left, taught Operations Training one evening to Grady Strand, Sue Farrell, and Glenn Pratt.

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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 an anonymous Duluth Power Squadron "Old Salt"

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- If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
 - A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
 - Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
 - For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism.
 - He who hesitates is probably right.
 - Never do card tricks for your poker buddies.
 - No one is listening until you make a mistake.
 - Success always occurs in private, and failure in full view.
 - The hardness of butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.
 - The severity of the itch is proportional to the reach.
 - To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
 - To succeed in politics, it is often necessary to rise above your principles.
 - Two wrongs are only the beginning.
 - Work is accomplished by those employees who have not reached their level of incompetence.
 - The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
 - Monday is an awful way to spend 1/7th of your life.
 - The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.
 - Sometimes the light at the end of the tunnel is the headlight of an approaching train.

River Quest.



Lt. Commander Steve Farrell, show above instructing area youth aboard one of the Vista fleet during River Quest.

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Reflecting?

What with all the sadness and trauma going on in the world recently, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person which almost went unnoticed last week.

Larry La Prise, the man who wrote "The Hokey Pokey," died peacefully at age 93.

The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in. And then the trouble started...



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Senior Education Officer's Report:

Greetings!

By the time you read this, another off-boating season of classes will have been completed. We had a total of 45 students enrolled in the two Squadron Boating Courses, 14 in Engine Maintenance, and 14 in Seamanship. If there



Lt/C Steve Farrell

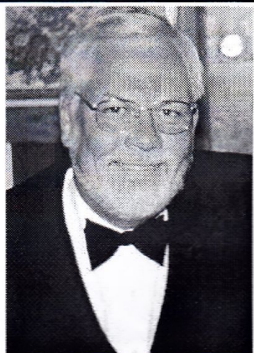
seems to be enough interest during the vessel safety checks in June, I may schedule a Boat Smart course mid summer. This is the abbreviated two day course that omits the chapters on compass, charting, and piloting, but upon completion entitles the student to membership in the squadron. Those topics would then be covered later in advanced grade courses. Another suggestion was to offer the first Squadron Boating Course [SBC] in the fall while boating is still fresh in people's minds, rather than the traditional January start. This would be followed by an additional SBC mid winter and Seamanship in the spring. It is also another year for Piloting and Advanced Piloting for those who have mastered Seamanship. Dave Anderson, our own honorary member and local meteorologist, is willing to do another Weather course with help from the National Weather Service. This is one of our more challenging courses and has been revised with two new text books this year. Any additional electives would depend upon interest expressed so let me know if there is anything specific you'd like to see.

I wish every squadron member would try to take at least one course every year. After all, it is through education, as well as experience, that we become safer and more responsible boaters.

Lt/C Steve Farrell, AP
Educational Officer



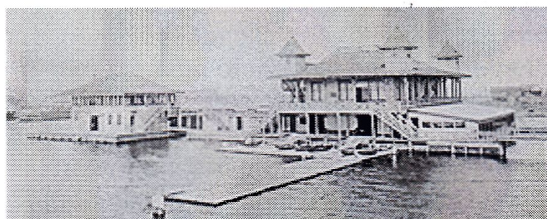
The Duluth Boat Club Then and Now.



P/C Bob Ouellette

(The following article is submitted by P/C Bob Ouellette. Bob serves as a Community Member on the Board of the Duluth Boat Club and will submit articles to the Channel Chatter periodically so we can follow the evolution of the Duluth Boat Club.)

THE DULUTH BOAT CLUB THEN AND NOW



Water droplets glisten in the early morning sun as rower's practice in the harbor. White sails and whitecaps shine in the bright afternoon as a pram regatta rounds a mark. Adventure for young and old, participants and observers. The Duluth Boat Club then and now.

At the turn of the last century, The Duluth Boat Club was the hub of aquatic recreation in the city. Many yacht clubs across the country are modeled after Duluth's old club. With a membership of 1400, it was also a social center for dances weddings and harbor events. It declined with time and was disbanded in the late 1920's. Rowers revived the name in 1956, then in 1978 called their organization the Duluth Rowing Club to more correctly represent their activities.

A few years ago a grass roots effort to revive the Duluth Boat Club was started by individuals from several boating organizations. The idea was to include all water sports and boating organizations to share in a facility.

From the start the Duluth Power Squadron supported the Duluth Boat Club concept. While we haven't seen direct involvement in the facility as good for DPS, we have

maintained a loose affiliation with the Duluth Boat Club. With mutual goals of safety on the water we can see opportunities to conduct classes for people we might not reach otherwise.

So what's happening with the Duluth Boat Club? The facility is to be built on Park Point, on the bay, between 14th and 16th streets. State, Federal and local governments owned this land, so acquisition took a while. The city will own the facility and lease it to the Duluth Boat Club, but the construction expenses will have to be covered by grants and donations. Last summer the 367th Engineering Battalion of the Army Reserve cleared debris from the beach and prepared the site for construction. Bill Kanuit of Lakehead Oil donated their fuel. The Duluth Rotary Club 25 donated \$25,000 in matching funds for the construction of the first building. Donations are close to matching at this time. Architect Jon Helstrom has designed the buildings, and worked with the State of Minnesota, the DNR and the city to define the site and lay out the boat ramp. This summer the DNR plans to build that ramp. Volunteers will be assisting the construction of the Rotary 25 building this summer. Materials are being offered at cost from Hermantown Lumber and Baumgarten & Sons. The property lease with the City of Duluth was approved at the City Council meeting Feb. 24th. Currently the Duluth Boat Club is acquiring a crane to launch & retrieve smaller keelboats for international regattas. Eventually there will be some kind of breakwall and docks.

Even without a facility, programs have been underway. The most visible was the use of the Duluth Boat Club to handle the logistics of the Dragon Boat race last summer. Boat building, canoe and kayak races are others. Youth programs are an important focus.

For a list of current affiliates, upcoming summer programs, and other information, please check out the website <http://www.duluthboatclub.org>.

I would encourage anyone who has any questions or would like to get involved please contact me (Bob Ouellette) at 218-727-6079, or the Duluth Boat Club president, Keith Stauber at 218-722-6255.

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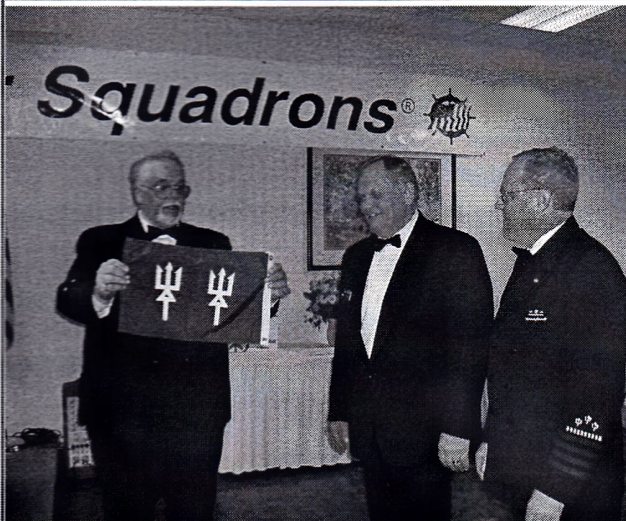


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— DAVE MILLER —

— LEN ROBINSON —

District 10 Spring Meeting. Honors for Duluth Power Squadron.



Dave Carlson (center) was installed as District 10 Secretary at the St. Paul D/10 spring meeting. Art Mollica is shown presenting the ensign to Dave with Dennis Peterson on Dave's left.



Some of the large contingency of Duluth Power Squadron members who attended the spring D/10 meeting included Steve Farrell, Len Robinson, Bob & Val Ouellette, Sue Farrell, and Tracy Nelson. Commander Sue is holding some of the awards that were received which included the Franklin D. Wedge Award (Life-Saving), 3-Star Squadron Award, and Cooperative Charting Award.

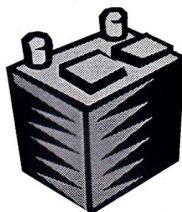
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Fitting Out Party and Auction



Ken Clark, Grady Strand, and Tracy Nelson watching Julie Strand keep track of 230 diners and 300+ auction items on the new auction computer system.



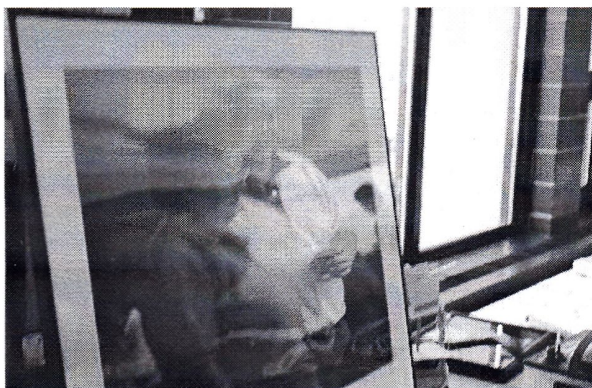
Auctioneer Carl Norman getting ready to auction off a few more of the total 300+ items.



Carolyn Swanson is receiving prime rib from Terry Osvold while Dean Baltes looks on. She was one of 230 total guests.



Chef Jack Soetebier serving Black Angus prime rib to John Lane.



Can you see Pat and Dave Mattson's reflection in the above Lake Superior print? Dave Carlson took this artistic photograph of the Mattsons as they were looking at auction items.



Sandy & Carl Norman having dinner with Jan & Tracy Nelson.

Fitting Out Party and Auction



←Linda Stanius, Sue Farrell, and Sandy Baltes were sure having fun serving dinner.



Mary Osvold and Rhobley Mattson with Chef Bruce Beste.



Some of the chefs who prepared a delicious prime rib dinner for 230 guests were (left to right) Terry Osvold, Dean Baltes, Ron Noyes, Jack Soetebier, Bruce Beste, Dave Mattson, Bob Burns, and Jack Arnold.



Riki and Carey McManus toasting before dinner.



Linda Stanius and Val Ouellette are serving salads to (left to right) Jim Marshall, Steve Farrell, John & Gloria De Smedt, and Howard & Edith Boynton.



Marlene and Tom Huston enjoyed dinner before the auction.



Jim Munger, Dave Van House, Sandy & Carl Norman, Sally & Glen Pratt, Greg Brisky being served by Mary Osvold.

Fitting Out Party and Auction



Suzi and Garry Nordstrom with son, Christopher, checking out the 300+ auction items which were donated by area businesses & members.



Bonnie and Ken Schultz of the Chippewa Valley Power Squadron traveled to Duluth for the festivities.



Corrine Carlson chats with John DeSmedt at the Fitting Out Party and Auction



Working on CLEAN-UP were Riki McManus, Jeff Zapp, Julie Strand, and Dave Rutford.



Banker Carol Clark kept track of the auction and dinner money with help from her husband, Ken. Ken chaired the registration committee.

Western Isle Royale Boaters Association

WIRBA 2nd Annual Banquet

The Western Isle Royale Boaters Association Group will be holding their 2nd Annual Banquet at Lakeview Castle on Thursday June 19th.

Social starts at 5:30pm, Dinner at 7:00pm. Door prizes, Silent Auction, Good Food, Great time to meet old friends and make new ones. All Welcome.



Call Dave Miller, Len Robinson, or Sue Falconer at 715-392-9838 with any questions. Tickets available at Northwest Outlet or from any WIRBA member.

Isle Royale Cruise Aboard Keweenaw Star

The Isle Royale Boaters Association annual Isle Royale meeting will be held on Isle Royale at Rock Harbor on July 19, 2003. Members and Non-members can cruise aboard the Keweenaw Star (110' cruise boat) to the meeting. The cruise will depart Houghton, MI at 7am EDT on July 19, 2003, will arrive Grand Portage, MN 10:00am CDT, will depart Grand Portage approximately 10:30am and arrive at Rock Harbor 3:00pm EDT. Passengers can enjoy the meeting or Rock Harbor area. The Keweenaw Star will depart Rock Harbor at 5:30pm EDT and arrive Grand Portage, MN at 8:00pm CDT. The Keweenaw Star will return to Houghton, MI on July 20, 2003. Lodging will be available at Grand Portage Lodge and Casino that night.

Prices: Houghton Round-trip 7-19 to 7-20 \$180.00/person (lodging not included)
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Cold Feet



Cold feet! It's mid-April and these geese can't figure out why there's ice on the largest freshwater lake in the world, Lake Superior. U.S. Coast Guard ice-cutter, Sundew, in the background.

(Photos by Dennis O'Hara, of www.northernimages.com)

It's mid-April 2003, spring is definitely in the air and we boaters are thinking about splashing our boats. But that doesn't mean Lake Superior is ready for spring! Duluth Power Squadron members know that the largest lake in the world frequently has no ice all winter long until the end of March draws near. That's when you'll often see ice forming and it's a time when watching Lake Superior gets really fun. I think it's fun for two reasons:

The first reason is that some people can't resist fishing on the ice. For days, you'll see people out there drilling holes in the lake and trying to catch lake trout. Then the wind will change direction and it's not unusual for a fisherman or two plus their equipment to get blown out into the middle of the lake. The Duluth office of the U.S. Coast Guard then gets a call and has to rescue the people from a

floating island of ice.

The second reason? When it's NOT boating season, I think we all love it when the wind blows. When the wind is out of the west and there's ice, it gets blown to the northeastern side of Lake Superior and our view is of the dazzling, deep blue waters. However, if the wind blows from the northeast for a few days, as it did last week with winds as high as 58 mph, all of the ice from the entire lake gets blown into our western corner and the huge ice chunks pile up higher and higher. This is the most fun to watch. Some of these piles reach 20 feet or more...which is amazing when you realize that ice is also pushed another 20 feet below the water. Because Duluth is the largest of the Great Lakes ports (we generally have around 40 million metric tons of cargo pass through the port each year), it's not unusual to have one of the big commercial boats caught in this mass of ice. Last week, two commercial boats, the Canadian Progress and the Canadian Olympic, were stuck.

Isn't this time of year just a great time to look out your window and watch the many views of Lake Superior?

-By Lt. Jan Nelson, S

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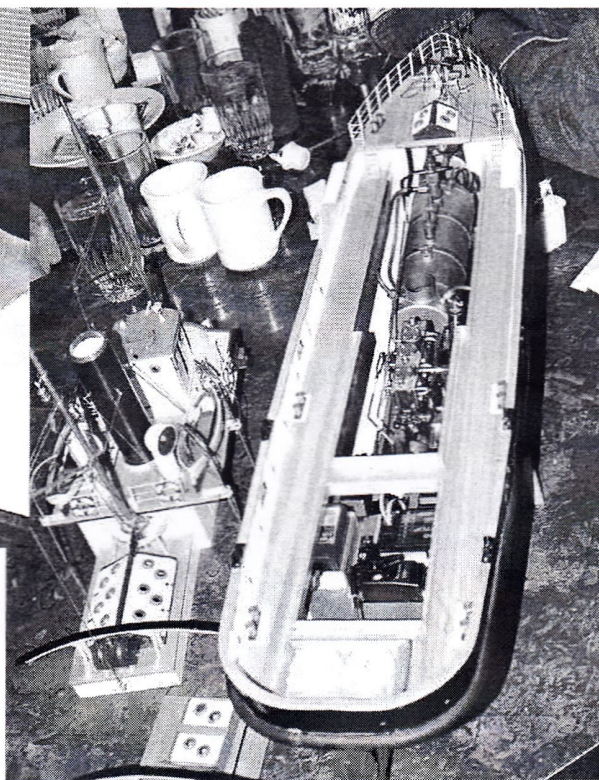
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A closer look at the 180-foot U.S. Coast Guard cutter, Sundew, trying to break up ice so commercial boats can enter and leave the port of Duluth. Photography by Dennis O'Hara of www.northernimages.com.



Bob Byrnes spent around 4 years building the pictured model replica of a steam-powered tug boat for Dick Bibby. Shown above at presentation are Bob Stokes, Gil Porter, and Dick Bibby. On the right is a close-up of the boat.



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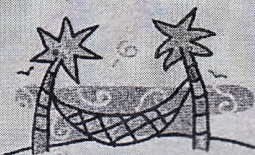
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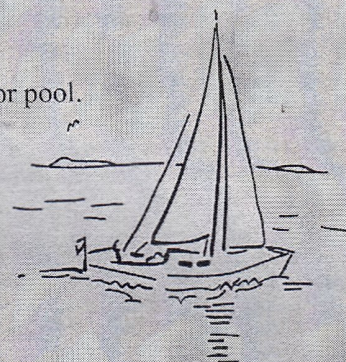
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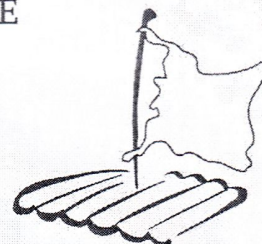
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Our 6-Week Trip in the North Channel.

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PART V -- FINAL LEG OF OUR SIX WEEK TRIP IN THE NORTH CHANNEL & DISTRICT 10 RENDEZVOUS

SUNDAY JULY 28TH

We departed Manitowoc at 5:00am bound for Leland, Michigan, the first leg of our trip home. We started out with light fog and a beam sea. By 6 am the fog lifted and the seas subsided to small following rollers. The trip went very quickly and it was enjoyable to be on the water for another day. We spent the night in Leland, one of our very favorite spots on the trip. There were a number of very large boats in port that evening. After we had settled in, a 124' Leadship pulled in just across from our slip. The vessel was very impressive and had a full time crew of eight all dressed in nautical whites including white gloves. The vessel also had two dinghies on the top deck, with power davits. The first one was a 24' cutty with twin IO's. The second was an amphibious car with twin engine. We had an enjoyable dinner followed by our "mandatory" stop at the ice cream place.

MONDAY JULY 29th

We departed at 5:30 with a hint of rain in the air. The forecast indicated some weather would be passing to the South of us. Our first two hours were fine, but then the breeze freshened and the waves quickly built to five foot with a quartering sea. We got some light rain and it seemed to clear. As we made the turn towards the Mackinaw Bridge, the seas calmed and a glimpse of the sun seemed to indicate a change in the weather. Within ten miles the dark storm clouds from the Southwest closed in behind us. What followed were torrential winds followed by numerous lightning strikes. We shortened our day's trip and tucked into St. Ignace Harbor to wait out the storm. It took until the following day for the storm to blow itself out.

TUESDAY JULY 30TH

We departed at 0600 bound for the St. Mary's River and the Sioux. The St. Mary's River and canal are extremely beautiful with a large number of buoys to signal the way. The entire area reminded us of Voyageurs National Park in Minnesota. We passed several large freighters that actually came within fifty feet of us in these narrow channels.

With no room to maneuver, it can get very exciting and nerve wracking. Fortunately, the ships were going slow and there was very little other traffic in the channel. We spent a great evening at Jack Kemp Marina sharing a cook out and beautiful sunset in the Sioux and later caught up on our laundry, e-mails and boat maintenance.

WEDNESDAY JULY 31ST

Rising nearly, we were ready to go at 5:00 am. We called the U.S. locks on Channel 14. They had no one in the locks so they were able to bring us in right away. The people working the locks told us that they are seldom busy at that time of the morning. With light winds and beautiful sunshine our cruising proved be spectacular. We planned to go all the way to Houghton-Hancock; however, a Coast Guard bulletin for bad weather sent us into Grand Marais, Michigan.

THURSDAY AUGUST 1ST

The main storm hit early in the morning with seventy mile per hour wind gusts and torrential rains. The storm was accompanied by a tremendous seiche. This occurs when you have a very high pressure system on one end of the Lake and a very low pressure system on the other end of the Lake. When this effect is accompanied by high winds it creates a kind of bathtub effect. Normally this effect will cause a rise and fall on Lake Superior of 6" to 12" which we have observed before. However in this case the conditions were perfect to create a rise and fall of seven (7') in a period of twenty minutes. At one extreme the water was spilling over the top of the retaining wall and twenty minutes later at the other extreme our boat props were touching the bottom. Two of the local 10 year old kids came by on their bikes. One of them rode his bike down the launch ramp to the waters edge. Having never seen the water that low he left his bike and ran to tell his buddy. When the two returned a little while later, they found the water spilling over the top of the launch ramp and the bike owner was very upset that someone had taken his bike. I told them to just wait a few minutes and they would see the bike reappear. They could hardly believe their eyes. We know that one foot of water on Lake Superior equals 6.82 trillion gallons. This means that in a twenty-minute period of time nearly 50 trillion gallons of water was moving without a single sound or any visible movement of water. The morale of course is "to never mess with Mother Nature" nor Lake Superior.

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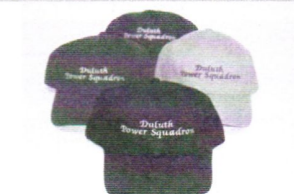
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FRIDAY AUGUST 2ND

Our trip to Houghton-Hancock was a wonderful and uneventful day both weather and adventure wise. As we pulled into Houghton-Hancock we knew we only had one last travel day to complete this spectacular adventure. We felt very fortunate to have taken Cruise Planning and all the other USPS courses that helped make this trip safer and more enjoyable. We did our normal maintenance and clean-up. We splurged on a fine dinner to commemorate our last night on our cruise

SATURDAY AUGUST 3RD

We left Houghton-Hancock at 0500 with a light fog and mist. This days journey was uneventful but we welcomed the friendly sites of the Apostle Islands as we

approached them from the East. As we pulled into our home harbor of Washburn, Wisconsin the crew of the Marty M welcomed us and helped us dock. Phil Hallin had guessed our return date and time to within an hour of our arrival. We enjoyed a spectacular time, great friends and memories to last a life time.

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



Channel Chatter

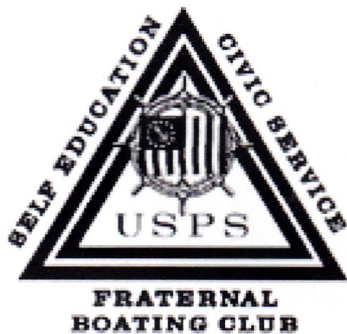
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