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Schedule of Upcoming Events

August 2nd BBQ at Power Squadron Dock

August 7th Executive Board Meeting

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 2003 District 10 Conference at The Inn
on Lake Superior in Duluth. Theme is Gilligan's Island!



The Duluth Power Squadron is hosting the District 10 2003 Fall Conference on October 31—November 2, 2003. If you can help a little or help a lot, please contact conference chairs, Val Ouellette and Len Robinson.

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Commander's Report

As you're reading this article, my watch year is about half over. It's truly going by so quickly, it's hard to imagine. I'd like to give you an update on the Spring Governing Board Meeting I attended in May. The number of National Meetings held each year was a big issue. It was approved to go from 3 meetings to 2 National Meetings a year starting in 2006. The Annual Meeting will be held January 3 - 8 in Orlando, 2006. Next will be New York City, August 15 - 20, 2006, followed by the 2007 Annual meeting in Jacksonville, FL Jan. 20 - 25. The offset to dropping one meeting per year is to enlarge the National Meetings by a day to cover all needed business and allow more free time for tours and such.

There is a new membership program in the works called "The Power of One". It provides for individual and squadron recognition for membership growth. This program will be launched during the Fall Governing Board Meeting, September 4 - 6, 2003 in Reno, Nevada. The "Power of One Campaign" is designed to increase member involvement and increase membership / member retention at the squadron level. You'll see and hear more about it in the Ensign Magazine in coming issues.

A MOA was signed with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Sea Scouts.

There is a USPS Cookbook Program in progress.

Even though Anniversary Billing / Headquarters, Credit Card Billing dues collection was defeated in January, there were a significant number of Districts (D10 was one) that expressed

an interest in setting up a "Beta Test" of the program to see how it could work on scaled down version. To that end, National is looking for several volunteer Districts to support this endeavor. Our District will vote to participate in this endeavor, at the Summer Council Meeting being held during the D10 Rendezvous in Dubuque, IA on July 26, 2003.

Last May, Safety Officer, Lt Jim Munger, N coordinated a Vessel Examiner's Class that netted us 11 new Vessel Examiners. Added to our current 13 examiners, we now have 24 members conducting Vessel Exams. Congratulations to our newest examiners: D/Lt/C Dave Carlson, N, Lt/C Tracy Nelson, S, Lt. Jan Nelson, S, 1/Lt Joe Hesch, S, 1/Lt Glen Pratt, S, Peggy Hecht, S, Will Rodermann, P, P/C Jay Halling, AP, Jessica Ochis, Lucky Nelson, S, and Lt/C Grady Strand. Vessel exams were conducted at the Power Squadron dock on June 7 and at Barker's Island Marina, June 15. Approximately 100 vessel exams were performed over the 2 weekends.

To those who attended our 4th of July Event at the dock: It was a great weekend! Lt/C Grady Strand and 1/Lt Terry Osbold did a tremendous job in organizing and putting it together.

I hope you are enjoying your summer and plan to join us during Labor Day Weekend at our Annual Corn Roast Festivities. Lt/C Grady Strand has a great event in store for us.

Our Power Squadron Dock has seen a lot of upgrades this year: A new deck for socializing and cooking, and an increase in

electric power for boaters and motor homes. Check it out if you haven't been there in awhile.

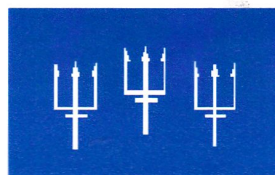
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— Sue Farrell

Commander



Commander Sue Farrell



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Executive Officer's Report



Executive Officer Tracy Nelson

A lot has happened in the Executive Department since the last issue. Here's a brief summary.

In May, Doc Munger conducted training for a new class of Vessel Safety Examiners. Apparently he did a good job because everyone passed. Our new examiners are Peggy Hecht, Jessica Ochis, Will Rodeman, Lucky Nelson, D.C. Carlson, Joe Hesch, Glen Pratt, Jay Halling, Jan Nelson, Grady Strand, and Tracy Nelson. This now gives us a total of 24 members who are certified to do Vessel Safety Examinations.

In June, our vessel Safety Examiners were busy doing 93 exams in just two weeks. As of this writing, they have done 115 exams. This brings us well on our way to our goal of 125 examines. If you

know of anyone who would like to have an exam done, please call me at 728-7102.

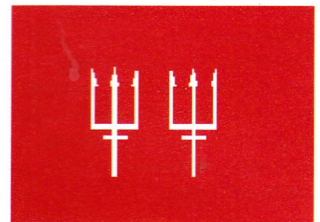
This year, the Predicted Log Contest was held during the 4th of July activities. Third place was won by John O'Neil, who was a guest of Kim Strandlund. Second place was won by Grady Strand whose actual time was just 13 seconds off from his predicted time. First place was won by "yours truly". Believe me this is much better than being dead last – which is where I

was last year.

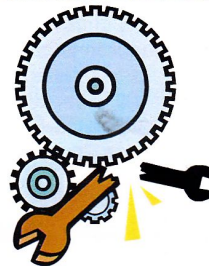
Enjoy the rest of your boating season!

—Tracy Nelson

Executive Officer



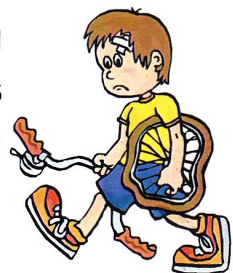
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Bruce Beste wants your old junk and he needs it soon!!

He's looking for things like an old broken antennae with it's knob, that old hose and clamp you were going to throw away, a used joker valve from the head, a broken fish finder & knobs, old nuts and bolts. ANYTHING like that. Call him at 728-7110 or drop it off at his office at 1400 London Road.

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Administrative Officer's Report

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Extreme Monster Egg Roll Machine Contest

Country Costumes

Blue Ribbon Cooking Contests

Chicken Dance

Corny Entertainment

Corn Roast Corn Counting

Country Kitchen Band

Cows, Pigs, and Chickens

Midway Games

Yep, you guessed it! Our own Country Fair Corn Roast. Be ready to hoe down with the best of them for a dog gone good

time! Our chair this year is Bonita Nelson and she is ready to bring us a good old-fashioned Country Fair. It will be a Corn Roast with plenty of games, food, and fun. The games, food, and fun will all have that country twist. Will we have our omelet breakfast on Sunday morning or could it be something a little different? Hmmm—I'll let you decide. "Rock a Billy Re-vue" will get us up and "Kickin our Heels" Sunday evening. Please let us know if we can count on you to help. Call Bonita Nelson or Grady Strand. Plan on attending this once in a "blue moon event".

The 4th of July was a big success and it is due to our members helping out. Chef Tom Rich, Glen Pratt, and Eric Pratt prepared a mouth watering BBQ chicken dinner with all the fixins. Dean Baltes and

his crew again put a marvelous omelet breakfast together on the 4th.

Festivities concluded on July 5th with a Commander's Cruise and 1st Annual Commander's BBQ. Thanks Sue for capping off a great weekend.

Look for an event on August 2, which contains a possible fish dinner. We'll keep you posted.

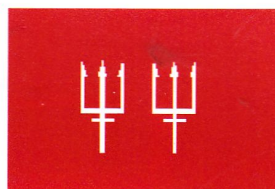
So go to the attic and haul out your country clothes and straw hats and we'll see you at the 2003 Corn Roast!

-Grady Strand

Administrative Officer



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Dinghy Run Was Well Attended on Saturday, May 31st.



Almost ready to go!



Where shall we go next?



Larry & Nancy with ??? & ???.



Very serious Ken Clark with antennae made from stars. What next?



Grady Strand shown mixing "Sail Away" drinks for all.



Viewing beautiful homes.



P/C Bob and Commander Roberta Ruef from Central Wisconsin Power Squadron joined us for the Dinghy Run.



Corrine and D.C. Carlson.



Arne & Gina Wuorinen, Chris Beste, Grady & Julie Strand, Rhobley & Dave Mattson were ready for burgers.



Shelley & Mary Herman with guests (sitting directly across from them), Jan Nelson, Ken Clark, and Tracy Nelson.

Some Of Our Newest Members.



At the May general meeting, the following folks were announced and sworn in as new members: Jessica & Sean Ochis, Jeannett Hanson, Jim & Janet Paul, and Beth & Mike Arbour.



We know you're ready for the water. IS YOUR BATTERY?

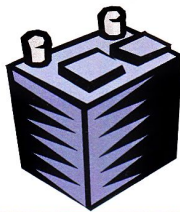
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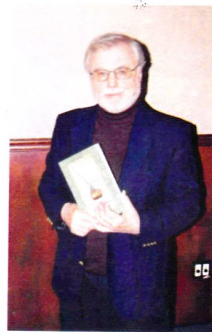
May General Meeting Photos.



Commander Sue Farrell, left, presenting National Life-Saving Award to Dan Shearer with P/C Charlie Grubb on right.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla Commander Dave Hooey (left) with Commander Sue, Superior Mayor Dave Ross, and Doc Munger.



The speaker for the evening was Marlin Bree on the Wake of the Green Storm.



Kim Elverum from the Minnesota DNR boating law office, speaking on boating safety.



Duluth City Councilor Jim Stauber representing Mayor Gary Doty.



Bob Ouellette receiving the Cooperative Charting Honor Roll Award from Commander Farrell.



Dave Rutford receiving the Cooperative Charting Honor Roll Award from Commander Farrell.



D.C. Carlson receiving the Educational Fund Award plaque from Commander Farrell.



P/C Charlie Grubb receiving Three-Star Squadron Award from Commander Farrell.

Ramblings of an Old Salt. To all concerned...

I am hereby officially tendering my resignation as an adult.

I have decided I would like to accept the responsibilities of an 8 year-old again.

I want to go to McDonald's and think that it's a four star restaurant.

I want to sail sticks across a fresh mud puddle and make a sidewalk with rocks.

I want to think M&Ms are better than money because you can eat them.

I want to lie under a big oak tree and run a lemonade stand with my friends on a hot summer's day.

I want to return to a time when life was simple.... When all you knew were colors, multiplication tables, and nursery rhymes, but that didn't bother you because you didn't know and you didn't care. All you knew was to be happy because you were blissfully unaware of all the things that should make you worried or upset.

I want to think the world is fair. That everyone is honest and good.

I want to believe that anything is possible.

I want to be oblivious to the complexities of life and be overly excited by the little things.

I want to live simple again, one that does not consist

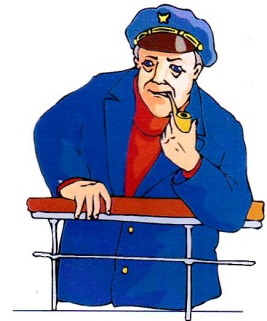
of computer crashes, mountains of paperwork, depressing news, how to survive more days in the month than there is money in the bank, doctor bills, gossip, illness, and loss of loved ones.

I want to believe in the power of smiles, hugs, a kind word, truth, justice, peace, dreams, the imagination, mankind, and making angels in the snow.

So . . . here's my check-book, my car keys, my credit card bills and my 401K statements. I am officially resigning from adulthood.

And if you want to discuss this further you will have to catch me.....

.....'cause.



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.

—A Duluth Power Squadron "Old Salt".

River Quest



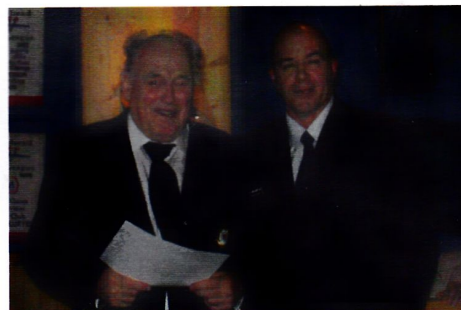
Jack Soetebier and Jim Swanson (in photo left) were two of several Power Squadron members who presented a program about boating safety to six groups of 6th graders. The River Quest banner (shown in photo on right) was displayed on the side of the Vista Star during the May event.



Duluth Power Squadron Visits Thunder Bay.



Left to right: Rob Crowe (Training Officer), Jim Coslett (Treasurer), Bob Barker (Membership).



Jim Coslett (left) being presented with his 34th Merit Mark by Commander John Rowe.



Left to right, John Rowe (Commander), Ian Robson (Secretary) and in the background seated is Duluth Power Squadron's Val Ouellette.



Thunder Bay member Gillian Rowe in centre with glasses. Boating class in background about to be pledged as members.



Left to right, Duluth P/C Bob Ouellette visiting with Thunder Bay Commander, John Rowe.

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Thunder Bay Commander John Rowe pledging Bridge: Left to right, Andre Saj (Supply Officer), Bob Barker (Membership Officer), Jim Coslett (Treasurer), Ian Robson (secretary), and Rob Crowe (Training Officer).

Vessel Safety Check Examiners Pass Test and Perform Exams.



Pictured above are students and instructors at the Vessel Safety Examiners class. All students passed the course! Students and instructors pictured above are (1st row, left to right) Jim Munger, Robert Harris, R.J. Hecht, D.C. Carlson. (2nd row left to right) Jan Nelson, Jessica Orchis, Jay Halling, Will Rodeman, Joe Hesch, Grady Strand, Glenn Pratt, Tracy Nelson, Lucky Nelson, and Peggy Hecht. There are now 23 active Vessel Examiners in the Duluth Power Squadron.

Vessel Examiners:

Please promote safer boating by doing Vessel Safety Checks. Do a little one on one public education with each exam. Pound the docks, get as many VSCs as possible. Remember, you need 10 examinations to earn a merit mark!

—Safety Officer
Jim Munger

Would you like your boat examined?
Terrific! Please contact Doc Munger or any of the Vessel Safety Examiners!

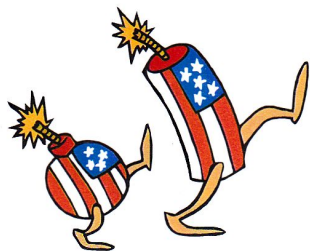


Red shirts were everywhere! on Saturday, June 14th at Barker's Island. Pictured above are about half of the Duluth Power Squadron members who performed Vessel Safety Examinations....not all of them had donned their red shirts yet. Pictured left to right are Dorothy Holmes, D.C. Carlson, Peggy Hecht, Jim Swanson, Jan Nelson, Tom Cawcutt, Grady Strand, Jessica Ochis, Len Robinson, and R.J. Hecht.

So far, 95 vessels have been examined and reported to National! Congrats to all!



Dorothy Holmes and Doc Munger organizing the Vessel Safety Check examinations and paperwork used at Barker's Island. **Safety Officer Jim Munger** was in charge of all the activities.



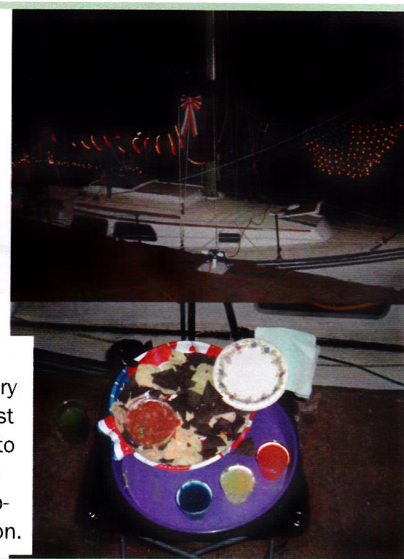
3rd of July Festivities!!! 1st Place Luminary—Summer's Passion!



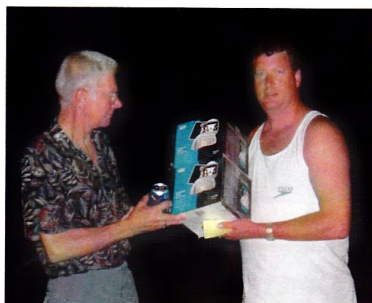
Lori Dahl, above, with her black lab, relaxing and enjoying the 3rd of July bonfire.



Ramone Krah received the 1st Place award from Grady Strand, for the 3rd of July luminary boat decorating contest. According to contest rules, bribes were allowed—so notice in photo at right, the chips, salsa, and patriotic drinks which were offered to all judges. Photo in upper right is Ramone's boat, Summer's Passion.



3rd of July Festivities!!! 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Place!



Lucky Nelson, above, receiving 2nd place price from Grady Strand. Shown in two photos below are Lucky and Bonita Nelson's boat, the Lucky Maru.



Doug Dahl (above and left) received 3rd place for the Dahl House at the 3rd of July contest.



Receiving 5th place award in the luminary boat decorating contest are Sue and Dick Larson, who decorated their boat pictured on right, Carved In Stone.



The Colonel's Lady received 4th place, presented by Grady Strand to RJ Hecht. Pictured below are Peggy, Matt, and RJ Hecht putting the finishing touches on their boat.



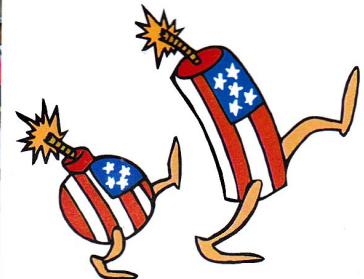
More 4th of July Fun!



Glenn Pratt assisted Tom Rich who were responsible for the delicious onion-stuffed chickens that were roasted for the 4th of July dinner.



Julie and Grady Strand, above, chaired the 4th of July weekend festivities.



Receiving **1st Place** in the 4th of July daylight decorating contest was Summer's Passion! So Ramone Krah! 's sailboat, pictured above, won 1st Place in both the luminary & daylight




Chris & Bruce Beste's boat, Tangled Lines was decorated for the 4th of July contest, pictured at left and also above.



Does anyone know the story on this upside-down flag? Hmm-mm, is this a Calabash candidate?



Peggy Hecht had a festive hair decoration for the 4th of July. RJ Hecht is on Peggy's right.



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5th of July Fun! Commander's Cruise & Predicted Log.



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Commander Sue Farrell serving brats to Kristi Stokes, Peggy Hecht, & Val Ouellette during her complimentary meal at Sue's Commander's cruise.



Filling their plates at the food buffet were Chris & Lucky Nelson, Matt Hecht, Arne Wuorinen, Bonita Nelson & RJ Hecht.



What can be nicer than a quick siesta after dinner, as Dave Mattson demonstrates above!



Both root beer and regular beer were on tap, which John Lane demonstrated.



Kristi & Dave Stokes and Howard & Edith Boynton checked out the buffet line.



There were seven entrants in the Predicted Log contest. Pictured above are John O'Neil receiving 3rd place and Tracy Nelson with 1st place. Grady Strand, with his picture "cut and pasted" into photo at right, won 2nd place. Grady was at a friend's wedding when the awards were presented.

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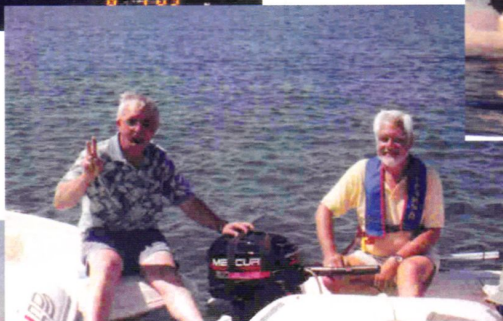
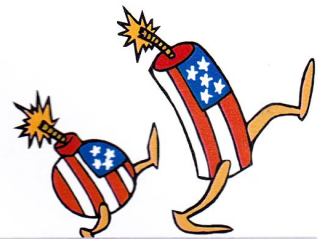
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Grady and Julie's new RIB

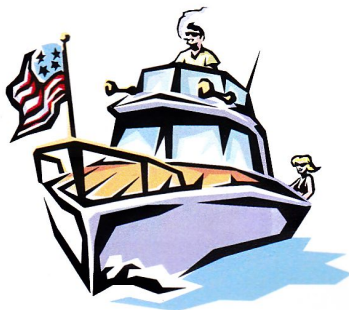


First Place—Summer Passion

Second Place—Dahl Haus

Third Place—Bison Buoy





Apostle Island Boaters

I'd like to update everyone on the subject of "wilderness designation" of the Apostle Islands.

According to management assistant Jim Nepstad a recommendation has been drafted and released to the press for public review and comment. An open house in Duluth is scheduled for August 5th at a yet undecided location. A 90 day period for response will conclude October 17th.

The current recommendation by park management is that 80% of the Apostle Island Lakeshore be designated wilderness. That means that 80% of the area should not have any visible signs of past or present human development.

The only things allowed in these areas would be hiking trails and outhouses; no developed campsites, fire rings, or picnic tables. The other 20% would allow the maintenance or

natural decay of light houses, farmsteads, quarries, fish camps, etc.

This would include most of Sand, Basswood, and Long Islands, quarry bay area on Stockton, the entire tombola connecting Stockton and Presque, the Presque harbor and campgrounds, the cabin area on Rocky, the fish camp on Manitou, and possibly a few other areas. In essence, pretty much nothing would change while the major land mass of the islands would be legally protected from development in the future.

In contrast, the Wilderness Society has endorsed a much higher % to be in the wilderness category. On May 10th I was involved in the Apostle Island Journalism Program where 15 or so journalists from area newspapers came to hear several speakers: myself representing the boaters' interests, Bob Krumenaker park superintendent, Pro-

fessor William Cronon, U. of Wisconsin wilderness authority, and Rebecca Rom, national president of the wilderness society. After listening to all of the parties involved, I feel the 80-20 proposal is an excellent compromise.

Additional information may be accessed at www.nps.gov/apis/wstudy.htm, or by calling management assistant Jim Nepstad at 715 779-3398 ext 102.

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—Lt/C Steve Farrel
Education Officer

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August 23—Oktoberfest (German Food and Festivities, of course!) Social Hour at 5:00.

—Lt/C Kim Strandlund
Executive Officer

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New Member Cruise



New Member Cruise attendees on June 22nd at Barker's Island included (left to right) Tracy Nelson, R.J. Hecht, Judi & Richard Tokarczyk, Jennett Hanson, Bob Ouellette, Commander Sue Farrell, Matt Hecht, Val Ouellette, Mary Osvold, Grady Strand, Steve Farrell, and Terry Osvold.

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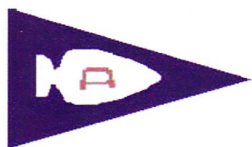
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