

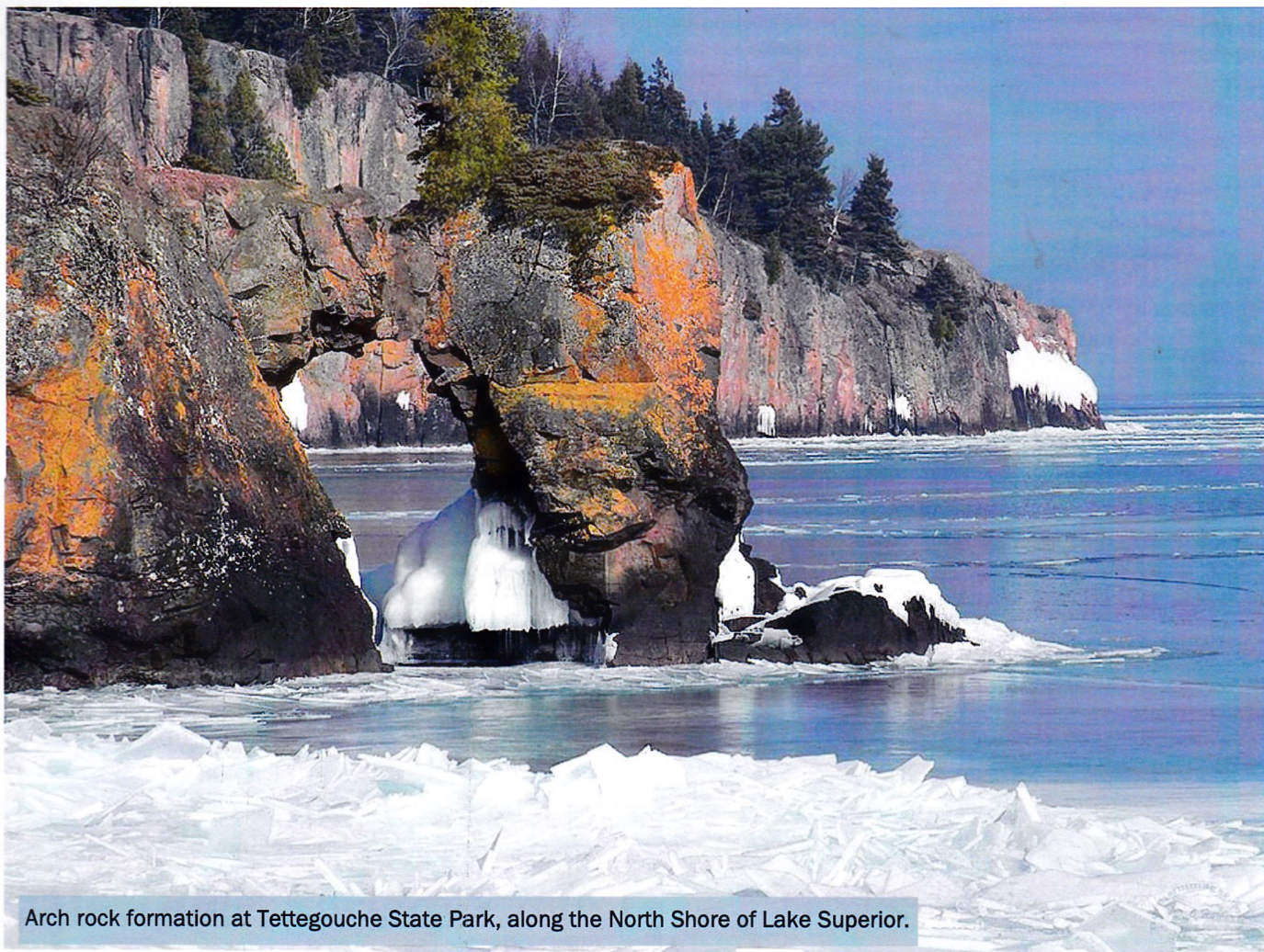
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Arch rock formation at Tettegouche State Park, along the North Shore of Lake Superior.

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Schedule of Upcoming Events

2003

December 4 Executive Board Meeting

December 6 Christmas Party, Glensheen Mansion,
starting at 1700 hrs.

2004

January 8 Executive Board Meeting

January 14-18 USPS Annual Meeting—Orlando

January 22 General Meeting

January 30-31 D/10 Winter Council Meeting—Wausau

February 5 Executive Board Meeting

February 18-22 Duluth Boat, Sport & Travel Show

February 19 Annual Meeting

March 4 Executive Board Meeting

March 6 Change of Watch

March 26-28 D/10 Spring Conference—Wausau, WI

March 19-23 Spring Governing Board—Pittsburgh

Duluth Power Squadron Annual Christmas Gathering

December 6th at Glensheen Mansion

1700 Hrs Self Guided Tour. 1700 Hrs. Social Hour
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Commander's Report

The past month has been extremely busy for a lot of our squadron members getting ready for the District's Fall Conference held here in Duluth October 31 – November 2. A good number of our members were there throughout the weekend. Friday's evening hospitality was packed with wall-to-wall Gilligan's Island characters. We could've had another contest - "How many Gilligan's Can you Count" (It was Halloween night).

A number of people should be thanked for such an outstanding event. Special Thanks to 1/Lt Valerie Ouellette and P/C Len Robinson for chairing the weekend.

Bonita Nelson and Laura Stuermer for doing all the tropical island decorations, P/C Bruce Beste, Mary Osvold, and Karen Bray for Friday's evening party and hospitality. P/C Jack Soetebier for transporting our Nat'l Rep. - V/C John Alter, arranging the Trolley Tour of the Duluth Skyline, and baking our dessert cake. P/C Gina Wuorinen and Daryl Ann Rock for the Alternate Luncheon, Dave and Kristi Stokes, Dave Rutford for providing outstanding entertainment. Marlene Flynn for her beautiful voice, singing the National Anthem, Pam and P/C Jay Halling for handling the raffle, Sue Larson for the Ship's Store, Lisa Robinson and P/C Mary Brisky for Registration, P/C Charlie and Mary Grubb for hosting the hospitality room, and P/C Bill Carlson for doing the "N" Club Presentation. I know there's more I've probably missed...

To everyone involved, whether you brought in appetizers, helped out in some way, or just came to lend support to our squadron and have fun while doing that, THANK YOU.

Capping the highlights of the

D10 Conference Meeting, Saturday, November 1:

The Conference voted down a resolution to consider making JN and N Classes Electives.

A resolution requesting National charge a one time \$10 assessment to all dues' renewals - to be used for publicizing and promoting "USPS" in magazines and media sources: Sent to the Planning Committee for further evaluation.

The Power of One Campaign is off and running as of 1 October 2003. All members are encouraged to recruit a new member or recover a non-reinstated member. There are incentives (prizes from National) as the numbers go up. Top goal of course, is to achieve 100% participation by all members, thereby doubling squadrons' memberships.

District 10 is a participant in the Anniversary Billing Test Group. Beginning with next May's membership renewal billing, you will be given the option to pay online by credit card, or pay by mail by credit card or check. New members (after this billing date) will be billed on their anniversary joining date. Payment for membership will now go directly to National. National will then transfer the Duluth portion of our dues electronically back to our account. Your feedback will be important once this takes effect!

Congratulations to 1/Lt David Van House for winning First Place in the District's Teaching Aid Competition. Dave's teaching aid will now go on to National to be judged at the Annual Meeting in Orlando (Jan.

14 – 18, 2004)

As you're reading this, it's getting closer to the end of my watch year. There's still way too many things that haven't been accomplished yet – and I still may not have the time to do. However, if you have thoughts or suggestions on ways to improve our squadron – be it recruitment tools for new members, ideas for classes you want to take, thoughts for increasing attendance at General Meetings, etc., Please contact me.

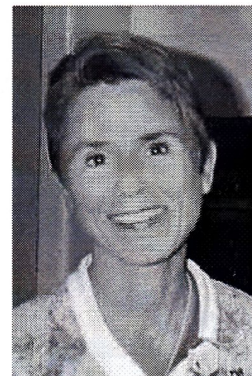
Our Channel Chatter is always looking for new ideas and articles for our award winning publication. A favorite, is articles from new members – why they joined the squadron, and their experiences on the water, etc. We need more of those. The Channel Chatter also needs some of your cruising experience articles - good or bad, - we can all learn from your experiences. My husband may (probably should) write an article about what happens if you winterize your engines at the haul out ramp figuring you're getting hauled out the next day, (the marina didn't figure it out) and the guys at the marina decide to start your engines and move your boat out of their way.....

Have a great Holiday and hope to see every one of you at our Christmas Party, December 6, at the Glensheen Mansion. Let's make this a record setter for member attendance!

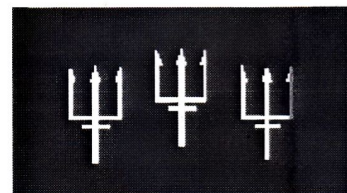
Yours in safe boating,

Sue Farrell

Commander



Commander Sue Farrell



Gilligan Sue Farrell

Executive Officer's Report

Congrats!



Executive Officer Tracy Nelson

Congratulations to Co-chairs Val and Lenny along with Commander Sue for an outstanding District 10 meeting on Halloween weekend. A BIG THANKS to them, their committee chairs, and all of the Duluth Power Squadron members who worked so hard. Did you hear about the presentations done by Dave Rutford and Dave & Kristi Stokes? Wow! They were unbelievable!

quite sure why she needed two gallons of anti-freeze for the job - I would have thought that one would be enough! Anyway the job is done and it is time for the Squadron to make plans for next year.

Isle Royale, the Keeweenaw Peninsula, or the Slate Islands? Maybe those who are fortunate enough to be able trailer their boats would like to make a trip to Leech Lake, Lake Vermillion, Voyagers Park, or ????

Along those lines, one of our members commented that most of the squadron's summer events are held at the dock and that perhaps we should have more actual boating events where we do a little cruising. When I first heard this, I was miffed that anyone would dare to suggest any change in our regular routine. But after I thought a bit, I had to admit that the idea had some merit. After all we don't want to be known as the Duluth DOCK Squadron, do we? So what do you think about planning a cruise or two for next summer? How about a short trip to somewhere like the Apostle Islands? Or a longer trip to

Last May we dedicated one Saturday for a dinghy run on some waters where most of us hadn't been before. Would you like to do that again? What do you think? Where would you like to go next year? Having a Squadron cruise is a great idea that I would not have thought of.

What other Great Ideas do you have to make our Squadron even better? Please call me at 728-7102 or email me at tracy@cw-duluth.com to share any ideas or suggestions that you may have.

Squadron Cruises in '04



Does Tracy have a new girlfriend?

By now I am sure that you all have your boats safely tucked away for the winter. This year that chore was made easier for me by the fact that my wife wanted to share the responsibility - so she decommissioned her kayak all by herself. I'm not

The Great Lakes Port — Duluth-Superior

The following port facts are from the Duluth Seaway Port Authority:

- The Twin Ports is located 2,342 miles (less than a week's sailing time) from the Atlantic Ocean.
- Lake Superior has 31,700 square miles of earth's freshest water.
- The Twin Ports' waterfront is 49 miles long with 17 miles of dredged channels.
- 1,100 vessels enter the twin ports annually.
- Maximum size permitted through Seaway locks is 740 feet length X 78 feet beam X 26 feet draft.
- Maximum size permitted through Soo locks is 1100 feet length X 105 feet beam X 32 feet draft.
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Administrative Officer's Report

POWER OF ONE CAMPAIGN



ONE OF THE AREAS OF FRUSTRATION FOR ANY NATIONAL, STATE, OR LOCAL ORGANIZATION IS GROWING AND RETAINING MEMBERSHIP. OUR DULUTH POWER SQUADRON IS NO DIFFERENT. WE HAVE HAD SOME

GROWTH OF NEW MEMBERS BUT CONTINUE TO LOSE OUR CURRENT MEMBERS.

THE NATIONAL UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON HAS STARTED A NEW CAMPAIGN CALLED "THE POWER OF ONE". THE WHOLE IDEA IS THAT WE ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE OVERALL MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND RETENTION.

PART ONE OF THE CAMPAIGN CENTERS ON A NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE COORDINATED BY LOCAL SQUADRONS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE NATIONAL USPS GIVES US THE TOOLS BUT WE HAVE THE "SAY" IN

WHERE AND HOW WE USE THESE RESOURCES.

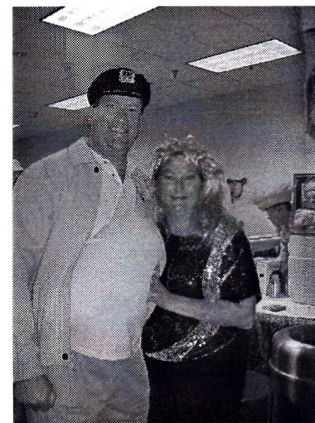
PART TWO OF THE CAMPAIGN INVOLVES A SPECIAL TEAM APPROACH. A COMMITTEE OF "AMBASSADORS" WHO CAN EFFECTIVELY TRANSFER INNOVATIVE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM IDEAS.

THE "POWER OF ONE" CAMPAIGN FOR OUR SQUADRON IS NEW AND WE MUST FIND OUR IDEAS TO INCREASE AND RETAIN MEMBERSHIP. WE CERTAINLY NEED YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS CHALLENGE.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY WINTER AND MAY THE THOUGHT OF A WARM BREEZE ON YOUR FAVORITE LAKE BE WITH YOU!

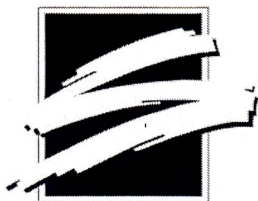


Admin Officer Grand Strand



Does Grady have a new girlfriend?

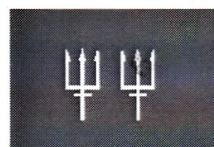
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Lt/C Steve Farrell

Senior Education Officer's Report:

Here are some classes coming up soon:

Weather, starting Tuesday, December 2nd

Piloting, starting Tuesday, December 2nd.

Safe Boating Class (open to the public) starting Tuesday, January 6th.

2nd Safe Boating Class (open to the public) will begin in March.

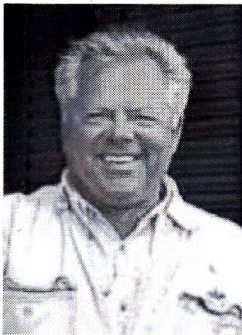
Seamanship Class will follow the Safe Boating Classes.

Questions? Just call me! H-729-8871

-Lt/C Steve Farrell AP

Senior Education Officer

Coastal Cleanup Day in Florida.



P/D/C Harvey Hengel

COASTAL CLEANUP DAY in the Ft. Myers/Cape Coral, Florida area is an annual and in some areas semi-annual event. They also have a MONOFILAMENT MADNESS weekend where hundreds of pounds of discarded mono line is collected. Florida also has the Adopt A Roadway program similar to Minnesota. Bottom line, cleaning up after people!

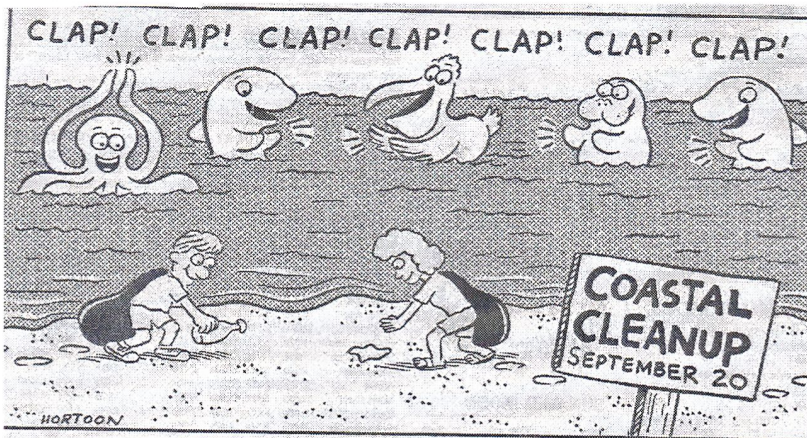
Here is why it is necessary to have these organized unpleasant events. On a Saturday in September, 458 volunteers scoured a portion of the 21 mile area of accessible shoreline. By noon they had collected 3,664 pounds of garbage. As you can imagine, nearly "everything under the sun" was discarded by someone. A seventh grader was quoted "That was nasty. Good thing we were cleaning today so no one else would find that".

Following is a partial list of common items of marine debris with the biodegradation time line, courtesy of Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, Florida.

Paper towels	2-4 weeks
Newspaper	6 weeks
Apple Core	2 months
Cardboard	2 months
Cotton Gloves	1-5 months
Waxed Milk Carton	3 months
Beverage Holder (6 pack type)	Photo Degradable 6 months
Diaper (biodegradable)	1 Year
Wool Gloves	1 Year
Plywood	1-3 Years
Tin (Soup) Can	50 Years
Styrofoam Cup	50 Years
Styrofoam Buoy	80 Years
Aluminum Can	200 Years
Diaper (not biodegradable)	450 Years
Plastic Bottle	450 Years
Beverage Holder (6 pack type)	Not Biodegradable 400 Years
Monofilament Fish Line	600 Years
Glass Bottles and Jars	Undetermined

It is hoped this article will impress upon all of us to practice proper disposal.

Submitted by P/D/C Harvey Hengel SN who lives in Cape Coral, Florida during the winter months.



District 10 Fall Meeting Held in Duluth, Oct 31–Nov 1.

"Wasn't it a Party!!!" was heard from all directions following the District 10 Fall Conference held at The Inn on Lake Superior on Halloween weekend.

Working with the theme of "Welcome to Gilligan's Island", the tropical setting with wonderful decorations brought warmth to the atmosphere if not to the temperatures.

Friday night started with a real bash with P/C Bruce Beste chairing the event. With help from Karen Bray and Mary Osvoild there was so much food that it wouldn't all fit on the tables, which stretched from wall to wall and therefore, had to be rotated. Every trip to get a snack proved to bring surprises at the ever changing selection. The mixer operated by Marty Herman encouraged everyone to mingle with a great Dock Box for the prize. Estimates range around 200 stranded islanders sampling tropical refreshments concocted by Don and Diane Hanson assisted by Ken Page and Dean Baltes bartending. Whew – what a workout!!! What is this about some escaping the island to the "TOGA"!!! I understand there were some new moves to practice.!!

Marlene Flynn singing a beautiful version of the National Anthem opened Saturday's morning business meeting. An opening greeting from Mayor Doty posing

the question to the attendees as to how many were in Duluth for the first time? When half the hands went up he received a great laugh when he inquired – "HOW COME". A representative from the Coast Guard also spoke regarding Port news and issues. Saturday's lunch serving 110 was a special treat with colorful parrots as center pieces and Dave and Kristi Stokes demonstrating their love of the lake with a photo and sound show of "The Moods of Lake Superior". We truly live in a beautiful area. After lunch attendants had an opportunity to tour the Coast Guard ships and station or take a trolley ride along the scenic skyline boulevard narrated by a representative from the Duluth Convention and Visitors Bureau. There were seminars available as well to educate and motivate our members.

Saturday night's program consisted of awards being presented and a speech from our National Rep. V/C John Alter. The raffle was a huge hit with over 1400 tickets sold with wonderful items to remember the weekend. Our own Dave Van House won FIRST PRIZE for his entrant in the Teaching Aid competition. Way to go Dave!! The unique dinner was provided for 150 guests and was topped off with P/C Jack Soetebiers fabulous carrot cake. Not to mention the centerpieces which included palm trees, a sunken SS Minnow and live fish! The program put on by Dave Rutford on his trip down the

Mississippi had everyone rolling in their chairs. I was concerned that Al Wentworth was going to end up on the floor from laughter. I understand that Dave has had offers to go on the road with his show – it's great having such talented celebrities in our squadron.

Sunday finalized the weekend with Bill Carlson SN providing the program for the prestigious "N" Club gathering. Great job Bill.

How can my co-chair Len Robinson and I ever thank all the members of the Duluth Squadron that worked so hard over the past 18 months to put this conference together? All the meetings and preparations that go into a conference like this is incredible and requires a great deal of commitment.. Len, Sue and I could NEVER have pulled this off without everyone that said "Sure, I can do that"!!! Commander Sue has thanked them in her article so I will just say THANKS to all of you that worked with us. I have attended conferences over the past few years and you remember the really bad ones and the really good ones. I am sure no one left Duluth with anything but terrific memories and a desire to come back.

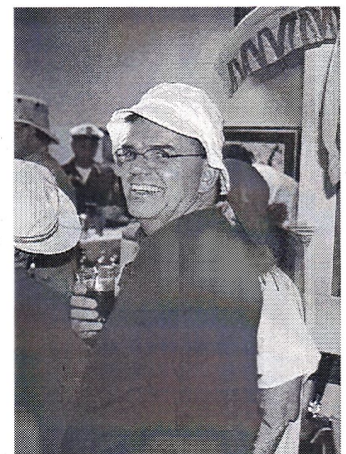
Thanks again to everyone for helping make this the Best Conference!!!

*1/Lt Valerie Ouellette AP
Conference Co-Chair.*



Val Ouellette had a pet parrot who stayed with her the entire Friday night.

Val Ouellette and Len Robinson (pictured below) were Co-Chairs for the District 10 meeting held in Duluth.





Fall District 10 Meeting Held in Duluth, October 31-November 2.

The District 10 Fall Conference was a great success! Seated at the registration table amidst the palm trees in photo at right, were Lisa Robinson, Lauri Welch and Mary Brisky helping (standing) Art Lamkin and Joanne Docteur. Many Duluth Power Squadron members assisted the chairs for the weekend event: Val Ouellette and Len Robinson. Decorations were chaired by Bonita and Lucky Nelson which showed an island flair were throughout the Inn on Lake Superior.



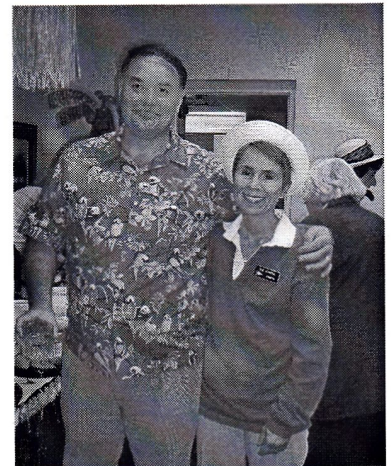
Ken Docteur and Darryl Anne Rock manned the Ship Store during part of the weekend.



Pam and Jay Halling worked at the raffle booth.

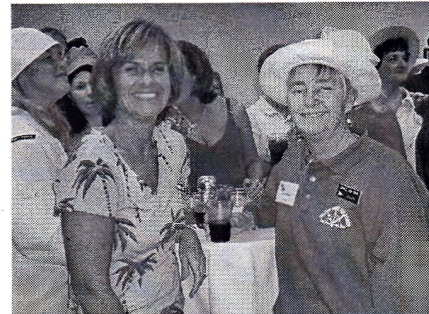


Corrine and D.C. Carlson enjoyed the Friday evening party.



Tracy Nelson & Sue (Gilligan) Farrell dressed up for Friday Nite's party.

District 10 Fall Meeting in Duluth. Friday, Oct. 31st Party.



Tropical Chris Beste and Daryle Ann "Gilligan" Rock at Friday night's party.

The Friday Night Costume Party was VERY crowded. Still, no one seemed to want to leave as everyone enjoyed the food, beverages, and silly costumes.



Bartenders Don Hansen And Dean Baltes.



Gruesome John O'Neil With "Ginger" Kim Strandlund.



"Ginger" Sharon Page.



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District 10 Fall Meeting in Duluth. Friday, Oct. 31st Party.



Carol Clark, above, stands with husband Ken who is wearing the Hamm's Bear (minus head) costume.



Attending Friday night's party were Arne Wuorinen, Jeff & Laura Stuermer, Robley Mattson, Val Ouellette, Julie & Grady Strand, and Kim & Mike Weidel.



Bruce Beste, chair of the Friday night party, with Lauri Welch.



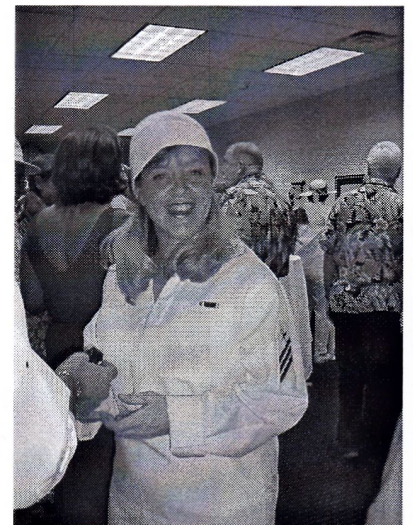
Thurston & Mrs. Howell (Ken & Joanne Docteur) stand with "Ginger" Smiley Meehan.



Grady Skipper Strand with wife Ginger-Julie Strand.



Winning a prize for 1st place costume as two palm trees were D/Lt/C Jeff Hamilton and Nancy Sullivan.



Sailor Gina Beste-Wuorinen enjoyed the Friday night party.

District 10 Fall Meeting in Duluth. Friday, Oct. 31st Party.



Shelly Herman as "Mary Ann" helped "Ginger" Smiley Meehan with his lipstick.



Mary Osvoid and Karen Bray, above, chaired the Friday Night hors d'oeuvres spread. Note some of the delicious food brought by Duluth Power Squadron members shown below!



Polly Holt and Ken Clark enjoying the party.

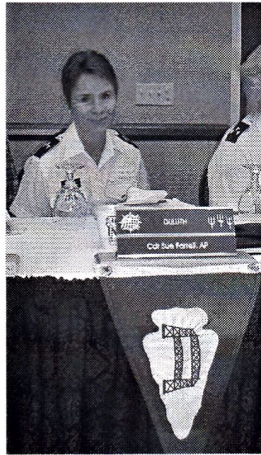




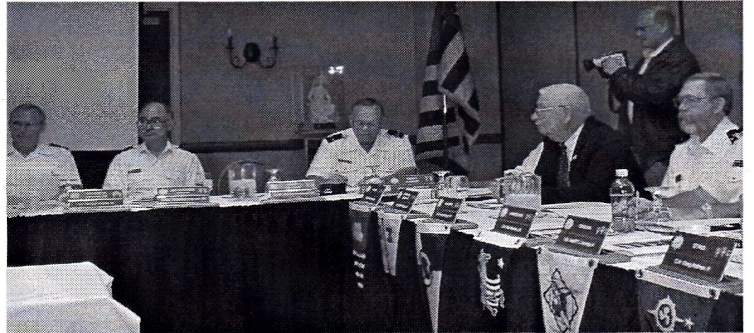
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Tracy Nelson and Charlie Grubb present the flags during the District 10 meeting.



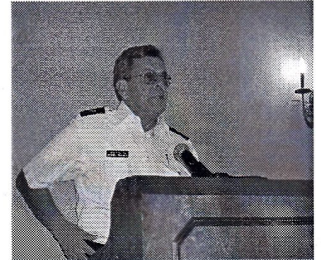
Commander Sue Farrell, above, represented the Duluth Power Squadron during the District 10 meeting's official activities.



D/Lt/C Dave (D.C.) Carlson, center, performs his official secretarial duties during the District meeting. D.C. is flanked by P/D/C Mike Weidel, DEO Ted Smyczek, D.C., Cdr Ken Sparr, and Cdr. James Runge. Our own Dave Stokes, standing, filming.



Kristi Stokes introduces her husband, Dave, who showed his 20 years of films of the moods of Lake Superior for the luncheon program. Everyone agreed it was outstanding!



Bringing greetings from national at the weekend's activities was USPS National Treasurer, V/C John Alter.



Photographing the photographer, D.C. Carlson who is the Duluth Power Squadron's photographer.



Grady Strand, Carol and Joe Hesch are ready for lunch at the D/10 meeting.



Charlie & Mary Grubb have lunch with Marlene & Dewey Flynn.

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The work just never seemed to end for meeting co-chairs, Len Robinson and Val Ouellette. Seated above are Len, Bob & Val Ouellette, and Sue Farrell.

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Congratulations to 1/Lt David Van House for winning First Place in the District's Teaching Aid Competition. Dave's teaching aid will now go on to National to be judged at the Annual Meeting in Orlando (Jan. 14 – 18, 2004)

USPS National Treasurer, V/C John Alter on left, and D/C Art Mollica on the right.



Commander Sue Farrell, center, received the Duluth Power Squadron's award for retaining membership.



Bruce Beste, Arne & Gina Wuorinen enjoyed Dave Rutford's presentation after the evening dinner.



Dave Rutford received a standing ovation for his presentation on his raft trip down the Mississippi which occurred in 1955.



Steve Farrell, RJ & Peggy Hecht, Marlene Flynn, and Kristi Stokes enjoying the District 10 meeting.

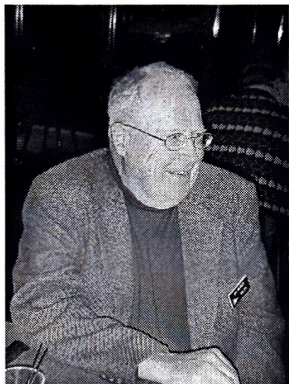


Len Robinson announces raffle winners while Pam & Jay Halling hold up two of the many raffle prizes. Seated in front are Lisa Robinson, Peg & R.J. Hecht.



Kim Strandlund draws a raffle ticket from box held by Val Ouellette. John O'Neil takes a seat after winning a shirt from the raffle drawing.

Safety Officer's Report.



Lt. Jim Munger, Safety Officer.

1. Duluth Squadron Vessel Examiners performed 159 examinations in 2003. Number of VSC Decals issued, 141. Failure to receive a decal was due to missing or outdated flares, missing or out of date documentation or registration. In one situation the backfire flame arrestor was missing. PFDs factored in at least one failure. Increased safety awareness of the Skippers involved could save lives!

In 2004 Squadron members can continue to promote safer recreational boating by becoming Vessel Examiners. We plan training and refresher courses for Vessel Examiners to begin the 2004 boating season.

2. According to an item in Boat US, quoted in the "Beacon" published by the

USCGuard Auxiliary Association:

"Boat US has learned that some of the plastic flare guns made by Olin (now Orion) can't be opened wide enough to accept a flare cartridge and would be useless in an emergency. Ted Swanson, a marine surveyor in Florida, regularly checks flare guns while doing surveys and found that 13% of the Olin guns (9 out of 69) he has inspected can't be fully opened.

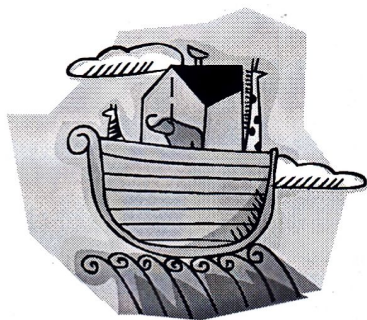
A spokesman at Orion Safety Products confirmed the problem; nylon material used to keep the breech closed can deform and jam the opening mechanism. Any Olin plastic flare gun is suspect, as are Orion guns made before 2000, the year the mechanism was reengineered (guns with the modification have the USCG approval code 160

028/12/1 stamped on the body). A recall has not been issued, although Orion has agreed to replace any of the defective guns, regardless of age. Orion recommends checking the operation of the guns now and at the beginning of every season; if the breech won't open, the gun should be sent back for replacement."

Note: as Squadron Safety Officer, I have repeatedly in boating classes, urged boaters to refer to a "Flare launcher" rather than a "flare gun." To use the term "gun" raises "eyebrows" of border agents in US and Canada!

—Lt. Jim Munger
Safety Officer

Everything I Need To Know About Life, I Learned From Noah's Ark.



One: Don't miss the boat.
Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat.
Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
Four: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to

do something really big.
Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
Six: Build your future on high ground.
Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
Eight: Speed isn't always

an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
Nine: When you're stressed, float a while.
Ten: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

Dock Report.

By Lt. Glen Pratt, S and Lt. David Solberg, Dock Master

By now, most of you have been to the dock and seen the many improvements that were made there this year. We have been trying to write this article for some time now, but somehow the summer seemed to continually get in our way of the keyboard.

The improvements were started before dock clean up day with the trenching in of another 100 Amps of electrical power, putting us at a whopping 200Amps. I didn't hear one breaker popping all summer! While the trenching part sounds relatively easy, it certainly proved to be a challenge. The entire grass area is nothing but concrete footings, steel re-bar, and rocks. What we accomplished would have been impossible without the help of three great individuals.

Don Burm Jr. who is employed by Superior Water & Light, donated many hours of his time to help set new power poles and swap over the lines to the new poles. SWLP was kind enough to donate the poles, an auger truck to set the poles, and a bucket truck to change over the power lines and lights. If any of you know Don, please help us thank him for his generosity.

Tom Johnson, owner of Four Star Construction in Superior

donated the excavator that enabled us to get the trench dug across our concrete field. I'm not sure what Tom would normally charge for this machine, but I'm sure it is substantial. I'm sure his donation saved us hundreds, if not thousands of dollars. Four Star Construction specializes in concrete work, and will do work in both Minnesota and Wisconsin. If any Power Squadron members need any concrete work etc., Please give Tom a call at 715-394-9564

We all should support those who help support us.

Nick Theil, who is employed by Four Star Construction, donated his time as the operator of the equipment. He also donated his personal Skid Loader, and torches to help with our tangled up mess. Nick even left the skid loader so we could spread out the top soil and the gravel by the wood dock, and around the two wood decks. I felt that was very trusting of him, since I was the one operating it. (I've been known to back over things)

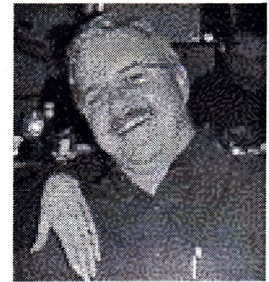
Without the help of these three individuals, we would not have been able to complete our upgrade. It is so gratifying to see and realize that there still are so many people that are willing to help without any monetary gain for themselves. Don, Tom, and Nick all deserve a great big ATTA-BOY for their contribution. If you know any of these people, please help

us thank them!

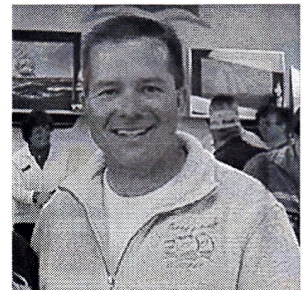
We also had a great crew for dock clean up day. Much of the day was spent fixing what we had tore up. We also managed to add the wood deck on the north side of the pavilion, and replace all the bad planks on the wood dock. I don't have the names of all the people that helped, but I know Dave will be turning in many names for merit marks!

I forgot to mention, did you notice the sink hole is gone?? Will it come back? Only time will tell, but we will not let it beat us.

Dave and I hope you have all had a great summer, and hope you have had a chance to use our wonderful dock facility. We hope you like what we have accomplished this year. Dave and I have some ideas for next year projects, but I doubt we will be anywhere near as aggressive as we were this year.

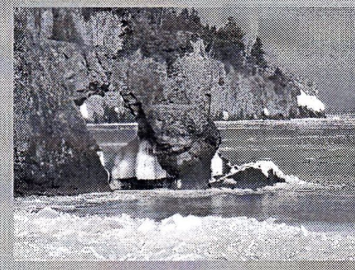


Glenn Pratt



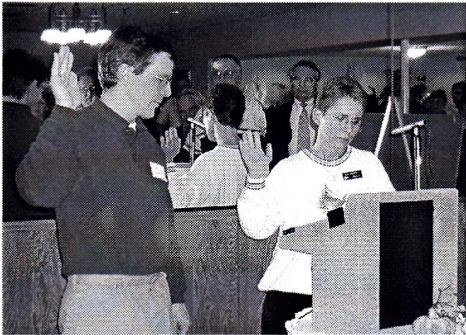
Dave Solberg

"Did you notice the sink hole is gone?? Will it come back? Only time will tell, but we will not let it beat us."



Power Squadron members! When you see Dennis O'Hara, please thank him for allowing us to use his terrific photographs in the Channel Chatter! To see more of Dennis' photography, go to: www.northernimages.com

November General Meeting Photos.



Commander Sue swearing in our newest Power Squadron member, Jim Welinski.



Meteorologist George Kessler drew a large crowd at November's general meeting, entertaining members with facts and stories about the weather.



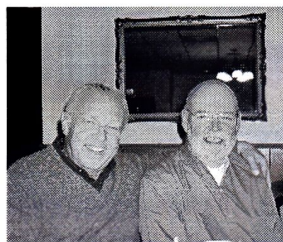
John Harrison, Gil Porter, Dick Amatuzio, and Dick Bibby visiting.



DC Carlson sold raffle tickets to Dave Van House, Harlan & Mavis Eggert, D.C. (standing), Pat & Dave Mattson.



Mrs. Docteur, left, introduced by son Ken Docteur, standing, with Joanne Docteur seated at right.



Jim Gustafson and Dave Carlson enjoyed the November general meeting.

Wedding Bells Ring for Squadron Members.



The happy couple pictured above are Duluth Power Squadron members, P/C Tom Cawcutt and Robin Theisen who were married on Saturday, October 25th. Our best wishes to both of them!

All Power Squadron Members
are invited to . . .

Tom Cawcutt's Xmas Concert

7PM on December 19th

Queen of Peace Catholic
Church in Cloquet

Tickets: \$8.



Ramblings of an Old Salt.

TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandpa's lap.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like

nailing Jell-O to a tree.

- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.

- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.

- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.

- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.

- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you

know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.

- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.

- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

SUCCESS:

At age 4 success is . . . not peeing in your pants.

At age 12 success is . . . having friends.

At age 16 success is . . . having a drivers license.

At age 20 success is . . . going all the way.

At age 35 success is . . . having money.

At age 50 success is . . . having money.

At age 60 success is . . . going all the way.

At age 70 success is . . . having a drivers license.

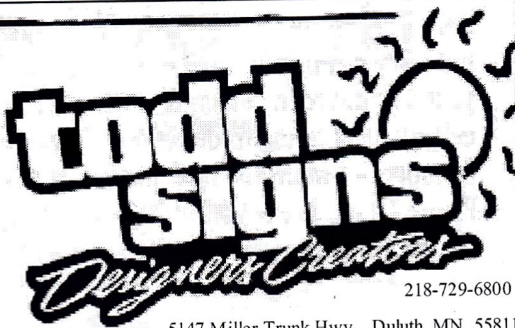
At age 75 success is . . . having friends.

At age 80 success is . . . not peeing in your pants.



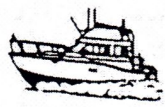
When I was young, I had trouble remembering things and was much too busy to just sit and have quiet thoughts. Now that I am old, I can remember clearly even small details - never mind whether they actually happened or not. I also have plenty of time for deep thoughts - most of which are stolen from others. 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".

Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way BUT never forget to remember the blessings that come each day.



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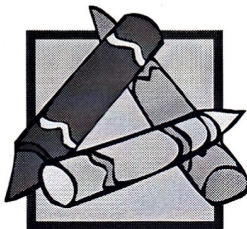


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Seventh USPS® Youth Poster Contest

The seventh USPS® Youth Poster Contest Theme is "Water Smart + Boat Smart = Fun". The contest starts fall 2003.

Who Can Enter?

The contest is open to all children ages 6 to 14 years old. There will be three (3) age divisions: 6 - 8, 9 - 11, and 12 - 14.

Contest Rules

- The entry must be vertical, not horizontal, in orientation.
- The entry must be on 15-by-20 or 14-by-22-inch poster paper.
- Participants may sketch the design lightly with pencil, but the end result must be a color poster.
- There is no limit to the type of media used, except professional illustrations, photos or copyrighted material may not be used, and computer generated art may not be submitted.
- Do not fold the poster.
- The poster will be judged for the idea presented more than artistic ability.
- The contest entry form must be completed and pasted on back of the poster

- One entry per person, please.
- All entries become the property of United States Power Squadrons, which reserves the right to display or otherwise use the submission and modify any poster for future reproduction.

Squadron & School Contests

School posters will be judged first at the school then with squadron entries at the squadron level. Posters must be judged at the squadron level prior to judging at the district level (spring conference or summer rendezvous). Posters should be submitted to the individual designated by the squadron commander. Squadron & school winners will be announced after judging is concluded. First-, second- and third-place winners in each age category at the squadron level can be entered at the district level.

District Contests

At the district level, posters should be submitted to the individual designated by the district commander. District winners will be announced after judging is concluded. First-place winners in each age category can be entered into judging at the national level.

The National Contest

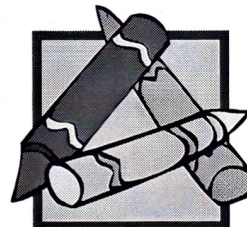
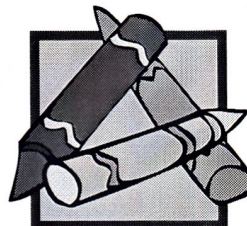
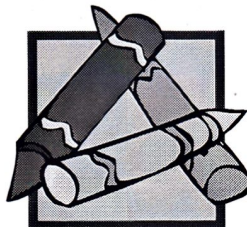
National level submissions may be made through Thursday, 09 September 2004 at the fall Governing Board Meeting in Jacksonville, FL. The entries will be numbered with age indicated. Attendees may view the posters at a prominent display area.

The grand prizewinner and two runners-up in each division will be presented with a monetary award and announced at the Governing Board Meeting.

After judging at the national level is completed, non-winning entries will be returned to the respective districts. All participants at the national level will receive certificates of appreciation signed by the Chief Commander.

Deadline for Entries

- Squadron level - prior to judging at District level.
- District level - District spring conference or summer rendezvous.
- National level - 09 September 2004 at the USPS fall Governing Board Meeting in Jacksonville, FL. Please mark the entry Attn: P/R/C Priscilla B. Clarke, AP.



Seventh USPS® Youth Poster Contest Entry Form - 2003-2004

Theme: Water Smart + Boat Smart = Fun

Instructions: Complete this form and paste on back of poster. Send entry to your squadron's designated chairman. All entries become the property of USPS, which reserves the right to display or otherwise use submission.

Deadline for squadron-level entries: Prior to District deadline (Spring Conference or Summer Rendezvous).

Artist Name:						Age	
Address							
City		State		Zip		Telephone: A/C	No.
<input type="checkbox"/> Please check if this is a school entry. School name:							
School Address:							
City		State		Zip		Teacher Name	
Squadron						District	
Squadron Member's Name							
Address							
City		State		Zip		Telephone: A/C	No.

Water Smart + Boat Smart = Fun!

Are there any children or grandchildren of Duluth Power Squadron members who like to color? Get them busy working on an entry for the 7th USPS Youth Poster Contest. (See rules at left.) Here are what the judges are looking for:

1. What is a poster? It gives a message that matches/relates to contest theme.
2. What makes a good poster? It should catch your eye, be easy to read quickly, and gets the message across.
3. How do you create a good poster? Plan your idea by practicing on a separate sheet of paper. Make several and choose the best one for the final poster.
4. Questions to ask yourself before you submit your poster for judging: Does the poster fill the requirements of the contest listed on previous page? Is the poster easy to read? Does the poster look original, something that will catch the judges' eyes?

GOOD LUCK!!!

WANT ADS:

Note: This is a free service for all members. Contact your newsletter editor if you'd like to place a want ad.

Carver 42' Cockpit Motor Yacht

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30' Buccaneer Sailboat

35' Chris Craft - 1978 350 Catalina T/235 HP, Gen., Radar, Loran, Full electric galley\$40,000

32' Bayliner - 1996, 3255 Avanti, T/250 HP Mercs, new engines, fisherman's dream!\$57,900

31' Blue Seas - 1988, 210 HP Cummins deisel w/1141 hrs., perfect condition\$122,500

30' Chris Craft Crowne - 1995, only 400 hrs. on TV8's, includes trailer\$47,500

30' Buccaneer Sailboat - 1978, Volvo Penta inboard, four sails, EZ Loader trailer, more!...\$17,000



31' Blue Seas

29' Cruisers - 1981 Villa Vee 288, Convertible, full current electronics, ready to fish\$35,000

27' SeaRay - 1991 270 Sundancer Twin 175HP w/SS props, radar, GPS C-map, a perfect 10!\$31,900

27' SeaRay - 1987, 270 Sundancer T/205 V8s w/ 750hrs, New electronics inc. radar, GPS, C-map and radio, trailer opt.\$25,000

26' SeaRay -1985, Amberjack, T/ 170 HP, 10' beam, trailer...\$14,900

18' SeaDoo Challenger - 1997, twin 110 HP Rotax engines, very fast - safe - fun, w/trailer\$9,500

50' Marine Trader Sedan - 1980, Perfect liveaboard. T/160 HP, Gen., AP, radar, Located in Virgin Islands, This could be your perfect vacation getaway\$149,900

48' Hi-Star Sundeck Motoryacht 1989, Very well built, Gen., AP, radar, GPS, T/3208 Cats, Over \$3000 in spares\$289,000

42' Carver Cockpit Motoryacht - 1987, T/454 with only 800 hrs, very spacious\$145,000

38' Bayliner - 1986 Motoryacht, T/175 HP Hinos.....\$90,000

37' Holiday Mansion - 1982, 260hp Volvo w/400 hrs., new Vacuflush, outdrive & carpet in 2001.\$25,000

Can You Cook? Prove it!!! Submit Your Favorite Recipe.



The USPS Auxiliary Advisory Committee is publishing a national cookbook called "By Land or By Sea". They would like to include recipes from all over the country.

We have LOTS of great cooks in the Duluth Power Squadron! Right? So submit your favorite recipe or recipes using the form at right. Mail your entry to:

Donna Selden
5109 West Franklin Street
Richmond, VA 23226-1510

Or email it to her at seldens@comcast.net.

All recipes will be tested prior to selection, so it is a contest of sorts—but with no prize or payment. The winning entries will be printed in the USPS national cookbook.

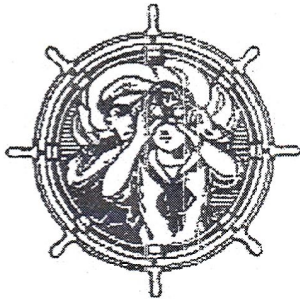
You can expect the finished cookbook to be in print approximately May 2004.

Don't delay!! Send in your entry now! Because the deadline to submit an entry is January 1, 2004!!

You KNOW It's A Bad Day When...



THANKS TO:
RJ and Peggy Hecht
who sent these
photos to the
"Channel Chatter".



By Land and By Sea
The Cuisine of the United States Power Squadrons
The USPS Cookbook

ENTRY FORM

A Project of the USPS Auxiliary Advisory Committee

Category (check one)

Appetizer <input type="checkbox"/>	Soup or Salad <input type="checkbox"/>	Meat <input type="checkbox"/>
Bread <input type="checkbox"/>	Entree <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Side Dish <input type="checkbox"/>	Dessert <input type="checkbox"/>	

Name _____

Squadron _____

District _____

Recipe Name _____

ONLY ONE RECIPE PER PAGE

Ingredients: List all ingredients in order of use.

Servings: _____

Instructions: List all preparation steps in order.

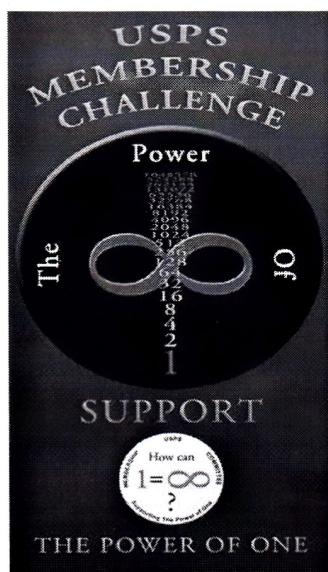
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The Power of One. (A Message From National.)

We are pleased to introduce a new USPS®-wide initiative aimed at accelerating membership growth through a two-pronged approach. The Power of One campaign consists of elements that taken together will enable squadrons to dramatically increase new recruitments, while concurrently addressing the need to involve and retain their existing members. This initiative is intended to be a process that focuses on encouraging individual members within Squadrons to take the leadership role in the recruitment and retention process. Local squadrons and districts are free to plan and implement any appropriate membership recruitment and retention programs of their choosing.

In 1976, USPS had over 80,000 members; however, during the subsequent 15-year period, USPS membership has fallen off to less than 60,000. To significantly and successfully address the USPS membership growth issue, individual USPS members must be engaged in the process. Recruitment and involvement/retention are fundamentally about interpersonal relationships. As noted in the recent "Power of One" speeches, it is not national, district, or squadron committees striving to create incentive campaigns or innovative programs that make the difference, it is the dedication and determination of individual members that makes the sys-

tem work. Clearly, the old adage that 'member involvement is everyone's job' continues to be true. The Power of One Campaign seeks to address the membership issue by focusing on a USPS-wide membership drive centering on individual members that is organized and coordinated by individual Squadrons. This bottom-up membership driven process has a great chance of succeeding because it engages all USPS members in the solution.

Squadron Recognition through Individual Member Achievements

The goal of this program component is to recognize and reward Squadrons through the achievement of individual members within their ranks. Recognition levels are as follows:

-All USPS members who recruit at least one new member or reinstate a previous member,

-Those individuals who achieve distinction by reaching the five and ten new member recruitment levels, and

-The 25 USPS Members who recruit at least fifteen new members into USPS. (Everyone reaching the 15th new members recruited level would be automatically entered in a drawing for the 25 award slots.)

The USPS recruiter will receive award recognition and reward as follows:

--1st new member —
Power of One - **lapel pin**

--5th new member —
Power of One - **hat**

--10th new member —
Power of One - "**Captain's Club jacket w/ Power of One**" logo

--15th new member —
Power of One - "**Admiral's Club jacket w/ Power of One**" logo

plus be entered into a drawing to receive special national recognition and an expenses reimbursed trip to the USPS 2005 Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL including:

---presentation of a "Power of One" Admiral's Club jacket by C/C during the GovBd

---an invitation to attend a C/C's reception as a USPS VIP

---expense reimbursed trip to the USPS 2005 Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL would include an allocation up to the following amounts for airfare (\$250), hotel (\$250), Saturday noon Member's Luncheon (\$35), and the Saturday evening Dinner Dance (\$50) totaling \$585.00 in travel support.

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The Power of One (...continued)

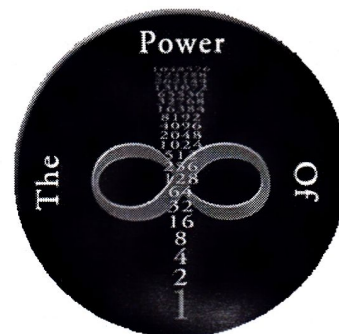
All USPS Members reaching Power of One "Admiral's Club" or "Captain's Club" recognition level of achievement will receive a special Certificate acknowledging their "Admiral's Club" or "Captain's Club" award status in addition to having their names engraved on an honorary plaque that will be placed on display at USPS HQ. The first round of individual level recognition and reward will be presented at the USPS 2005 Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL.

Assignment of credit
The determination of who would be assigned the credit for new member re-

cruits, including reinstatements, i.e. the member on the dock that introduced a new member to the public boating class, the public boating course chairman who taught the class, or the Squadron membership chairman who worked to recruit the potential member into USPS has been the single most discussed topic involving this program. Interestingly, the solution was simple and came from the suggestion of a member who attended the Squadron Officers and General Members meeting at the New Orleans GovBd. The suggestion was, rather than USPS members hag-

gle over who should receive credit for their joining, modify the USPS Membership Application form blank referencing the endorsing Squadron member to read, "Which USPS member most influenced you to join the United States Power Squadrons?" In this way, the new recruit will specify who will be assigned credit for their membership. This represents a simple, yet eloquent, solution.

Watch for more about the Power of One Campaign in future issues.





**USPS District 10
Winter Council Meeting
January 30 – 31, 2004
Westwood Center
Wausau, WI**

Squadron _____
 Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
 Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____
 District Position _____
 Squadron Position _____

	Number	Total
Friday Evening Buffet Soup, salad, chicken, cod, vegetables, coffee, tea, dessert	\$17.50	_____
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Saturday Lunch Buffet Soup, salad, sandwich buffet, beverage	\$13.25	_____
Total		_____

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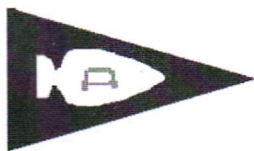
If you would like to order a Duluth Power Squadron name tag to wear to Power Squadron events, let Sue Larson know ASAP—preferably by email at CountrySel@aol.com, or by phone at 879-3462. Sue can NOT order these name tags individually, and her next order will be going in soon. Be sure to include your name, and any other information desired on your name tag.

Duluth Power Squadron Ships Store



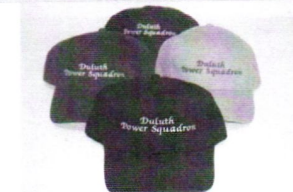
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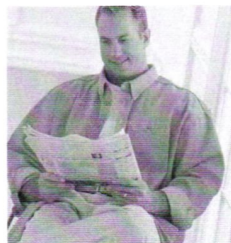


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