

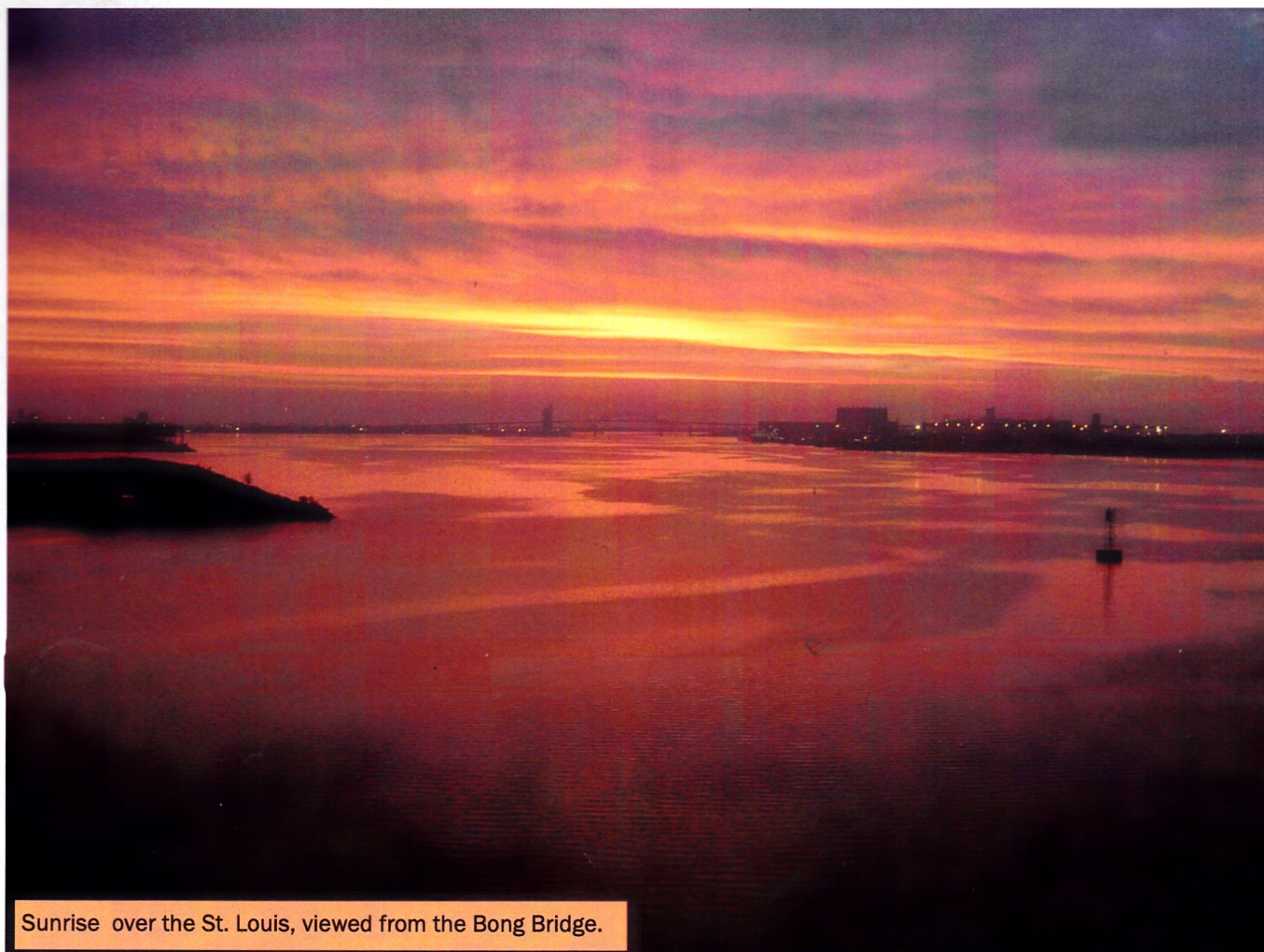
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Sunrise over the St. Louis, viewed from the Bong Bridge.

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## Schedule of Upcoming Events

1 April Executive Board Meeting—Radisson 5:30  
24 April Fitting Out Party—Marshall School  
27 April Executive Board Meeting (May)—Radisson 5:30

12-13-14 May River Quest  
16-22 May Safe Boating Week  
19-23 May Spring Governing Board—Pittsburgh  
22 May General Meeting  
15 May Dock Clean Up and Bar-B-Q  
25-27 May Vessel Safety Examiners Class & Refresher at Coast Guard Station in Duluth

3 Jun Executive Board Meeting—Radisson 5:30  
5 Jun Vessel Safety Check at Harbor Cove, Sand Point, Lakehead, and Spirit Lake Marinas.  
12 June Vessel Safety Check at Barker's Island  
19 Jun Fishing Contest at Squadron Dock  
20 Jun General Meeting & New Members Cruise

1 July Executive Board Meeting—Radisson 5:30  
3 July Evening Dock Party & Lighted Boat Parade  
4 July 4th of July Celebration

#### Other Squadron Cruises Scheduled for 2004:

6<sup>th</sup>—10<sup>th</sup> August —Four Days on Lake Vermillion  
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## Commander's Report

# Win a new 2004 SeaRay!

(Are you a  
member?)

Are you a member? Most of us would say, because we have paid our money, that we are a member. I would argue that we aren't members unless we participate. We can buy a ticket to a football game, but that doesn't make us a member of that team. Our Squadron has approximately 250 people who pay dues, but less than half (maybe less than 100) are active members. If, during the past year, you have taken an advanced grade class, taught a boating class, been actively involved in one of our many civic service activities, or taken responsibility for some part of one of our fraternal events. (Sorry but serving

beans at the Corn Roast doesn't qualify. You don't have to chair an event, but you must take responsibility for some aspect of it.). If you have done just one of these things, then you are a member.

Chances are that I am preaching to the choir here, because only an active member would bother to read my drivel. However, if you aren't an active member, please call me (310-2200) and ask how you can help.

You probably want to know what all this has to do with you winning a new SeaRay? The answer, of course, nothing!

## Guiding Principles for the coming Year

As you are probably aware, there are three reasons for the United States Sail and Power Squadron's

existence. It has sometimes been said that these are the three "legs" that the Squadron is built upon.

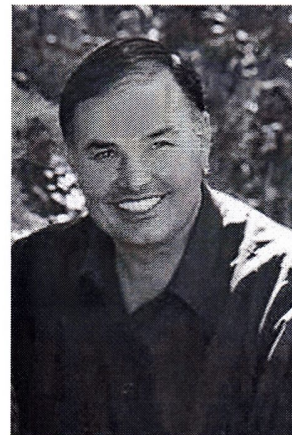
The first of these "legs" is fraternal. This includes the general meetings, dock parties, and all other events that give us a chance to get to know our fellow boaters better. It is the opinion of your new bridge that our Squadron does an outstanding job in this area – perhaps even too good of a job. Therefore, it is our intent to spend slightly less time and energy in this area.

The second leg is education. This includes both public education and the education of members in the advanced grades. The bridge feels that we need to invest more of our resources, both time and money, into more public and member education.

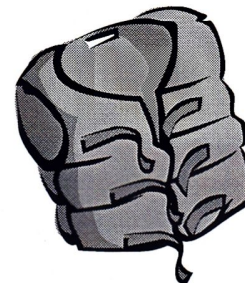
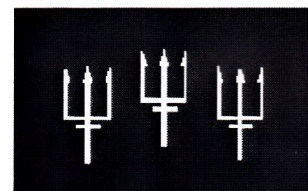
The third "leg" is civic service. This includes activities such as River Watch, Vessel Safety Checks, promoting safe boating, Coop Charting, etc. The bridge feels that this area deserves more time and money.

What ideas do you have that would make our Squadron even better?

-Cdr Tracy Nelson, S



Commander Tracy Nelson



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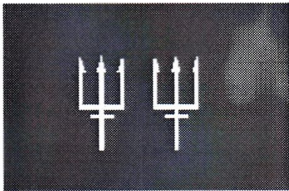
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## Executive Officer's Report



Executive Officer Grady Strand



### IT MUST BE SPRING BECAUSE IT'S TIME FOR FITTING OUT/ RIVERQUEST

Our fitting out event this year will be held at The Marshall School starting at 6:00PM.

The same wonderful chefs, Jack Soetebier and Bruce Beste will again treat us.

The rumor has it that the same tender, mouth watering prime rib and other tasty treats will be back again! Did I hear someone say carrot cake?

We will be having our main auction with auctioneer, Karl Norman, leading the way. There will also be a silent and raffle auction for those who want to take the time and study each donation.

Did someone say donations? Please don't forget to bring donation(s). We can use anything

that you can bring to your party. This is our only true fundraiser of the year.

They can be things in your attic that haven't seen the light of day for years. Pictures, exercise equipment, boating stuff, you name it and it will sell. Our Districts theme this year is "Thinking outside the box". We as members can and must do that together to make this a successful fundraiser.

What do you call 800-900 sixth graders from 12 schools on one boat in a three-day period? RIVERQUEST! The goal of Riverquest is to provide a balanced view of the harbor, river, and

estuary so students understand the multiple uses of our great resource, Lake Superior. The Duluth Power Squadron has a station on the Vista King and we show students why we must always wear a personal safety device. We show them the how, why, whereas, of PFD's. If you would like to be part of this "give back to the community" activity, please gives me a call.

SEE YOU  
AT FITTING OUT

—Lt/C Grady Strand, S

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

—Mark Twain



## Administrative Officer's Report—Early Spring Anticipations

Greetings fellow boaters and Squadron members.

My name is Terry Osvold, and I have been chosen to be our next years Administrative Officer. My un-official title is, "Party Planner". I just want to say how proud I am to have so much support and trust in my abilities to assume such a challenge.

My wife, Mary and I have been Squadron members now going on 4-years. We are proud to be a part of the organization and truly enjoy the fellowship and events the Squadron holds every year.

Like most who enter into the realm of Lake Superior Boating, the bug has bitten both Mary and I to the point that in our hearts, we boat all year long. At this point, we have more boats than we have members in the family. This is a long story. Our two sons, Ryan and Nicholas also very much enjoy our

new found interests in boating.

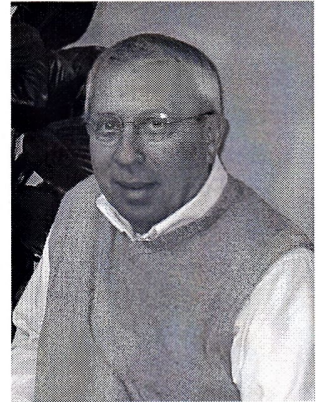
By the time you read this, it will have become officially "Spring". Once again, the Squadron has a full calendar of events planned for your enjoyment and participation this year. In order for all members to enjoy these great events, I am asking for a total commitment from all members, not just a few, to assist in some way, before, during or after these event. Please don't wait to be asked. Put your best foot forward and volunteer. Remember, the early bird gets the worm. There has not been one time in all of the committees or events that I have participated in that we have not had a good time. Please contact me or our new assistant Administrative officer, Lauri Welch and get on the volunteer list. Remember, this is your organization; we all get out of it what we put into it. For those veteran Sea Dogs, who

have been in this organization much longer than this newer member, please, we need your expertise. Just because you have been here and done this, doesn't exempt you from sharing your knowledge. You are the members who know what works and doesn't work.

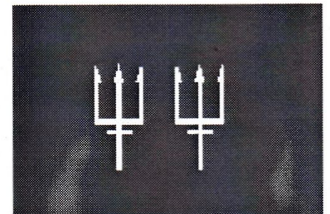
I have faith in this organization and its members. With total member commitment, I believe this can be the best Squadron year ever.

And now for the L-O-N-G S-T-O-R-Y about why your Admin officer has so many boats.

Once upon a time, there was this young man who liked water.——— Oh I think this is a better story to tell sitting around a camp fire with friends. Come and join me this Summer for the details if you promise not to laugh too loud.



Administrative Officer Terry Osvold





## This is For All Who Knew Brenda Johnson.



*Submitted by Joyce Noyes.*

First, I would like to thank Bruce Beste and Steve Balliette, as they were both instrumental in Ron and I meeting Brenda and Dan Johnson. Bruce encouraged Ron to join the Power Squadron. Steve influenced us both in getting involved in helping with the education classes where we later met Brenda and Dan in the Safe Boating Class. For those who did not know this wonderful couple, maybe what I am about to write will help you to know them.

After taking the Safe Boating Class, Dan and Brenda bought a 31 foot SeaRay. Harvey Hengel was gracious enough to teach them how to dock this big boat. They had gone from a small Glastron to this large boat. They docked at Barkers Island and that started our wonderful times on the water with them. Arne and Gina Wuorinen sold them their dinghy and our fun increased tremendously. We went on dinghy runs up the Nemadji, cookouts, etc. They loved harassing our dog, and she loved the attention. If you knew them and you know my husband Ron, you could see how this friendship could blossom as Dan and Ron share a sense of humor that seems to promote mischief when they are together. We spent Easter together, Thanksgiving together, and we achieved a level of friendship that felt more like family. But life isn't always about boat rides, laughter and fun. Brenda was diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

After her diagnosis, we continued our boating, laughter and fun. Brenda and Dan had lots to talk about, lots to do, with chemo treatments in Houston at the research center, and planning ahead for what they knew would be the final outcome. For a young couple faced with all this, they grew stronger every day. They faced things as they came. And we did our best to stand by them.

We kept our times fun and as normal as we could, addressing what was happening, yet not dwelling on it.

Dan and Brenda moved back home to North Dakota shortly after Christmas of 2001. The grace they used in telling us was commendable. After a nice dinner at their house, they eased it into the conversation. How do young people get so considerate of others? So caring? For those of you who have that special couple that you boat with or are just friends with, don't take them for granted. This hurt us that they were moving away; but when you love someone, you let them go when they need to. They needed their families.

Brenda passed away March 5th. Her long struggle is now over. I write now to let all of you know that she not only lived her life with class, she left with class. She planned her whole funeral, picked hymns, prayers, her casket, her resting spot, the food for the luncheon. She gave Dan a 12 string guitar for Christmas, then asked him to play and sing with her brother-in-law at her Mass. They did and they did it very well, no wrong notes, no crackling voices. They sang loud and joyous, returning to their seats with huge smiles, having fulfilled Brenda's wishes.

If you knew Brenda, you know that the planning was part of who she was. And remembering others was part of who she was. Ron was one of her hand-picked pallbearers, a job he felt proud to do. For those of you who did not know Brenda, hopefully this short recount will help you to feel you did know her. And may we never take our Squadron friendships lightly, for they are much more than FUN ON THE WATER.



## January General Meeting & D/10 Winter Council Meeting.



Entertaining at the January General Meeting were the Duluth Power Squadron's singing group called "The Duluth Cruisers" which included (left to right) Tom Cawcutt, Jan Nelson, D.C. Carlson, Marlene Flynn, and Steve Farrell. Sue Farrell, in front, with D.C. Carlson, brought the Squadron music back from the National Meeting. Not pictured is Marty Herman who accompanied and advised the group.



Tracy Nelson, center, attended the D/10 Power Squadron Winter Council meeting and learned the many things for which the Commander is responsible.



Attending Winter Council meeting in Wausau is (right) Commander Sue Farrell visiting with Bernie Dohr.

### Boating

In what other sport can you be wet, cold, hungry, happy, seasick, and scared - all at the same time!

## Education Report:

Our classes are in process... With HIGH attendance at Public Safe Boating Classes!!

1st Safe Boating Class (open to the public) started Tuesday, January 6th and ended March 23rd.

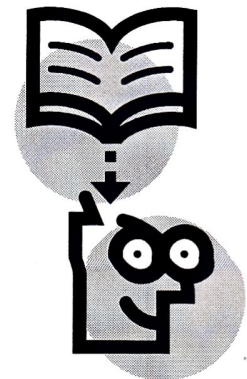
2nd Safe Boating Class (open to the public) started on March 1st.

Weather Class started Tuesday, December 2nd and finished in March.

Piloting Class started Tuesday, December 2nd and finished in March.

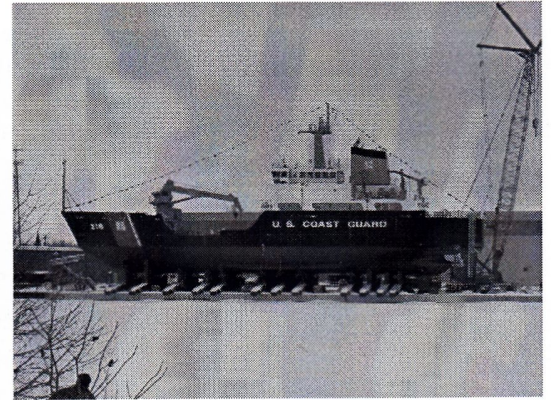
Seamanship Class will follow the two Safe Boating Classes.

A BIG THANKS to all the instructors and others who are helping make these classes a success.





## Squadron Members Attend Launching of Alder.



Many Duluth Power Squadron members attended the launching of the newest ice-breaker on the Great Lakes, the Alder.



Ramone Kral, Gloria Syck, Jim Munger, John Syck visiting.



Don Larson, Donna Larson, & Larry Anderson having lunch.



Gina Wuorinen chatting with Gil Porter and friends.



Jim Robinson, Harlan Eggert, & Mark Nyman at lunch.



## Preparing For Change Of Watch.

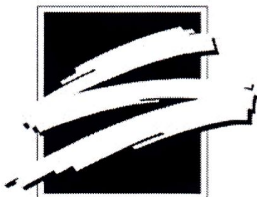


Bonita Nelson and Peggy Hecht, above, creating corsages and flower arrangements from fresh flowers, for the Change of Watch. Bonita is former owner of Paper Capers and Peggy is former floral designer for Engwall Florists. Jan Nelson, also in photo, doesn't know a bloomin' thing about the subject of floral arrangements, but she tried to help and certainly appreciated all of Peggy and Bonita's work.

The results of Bonita and Peggy's expertise are pictured on right with head table arrangement (above right), the table centerpieces (right), plus the corsages and boutonnieres worn by many bridge members and (lower right) being pinned on Peggy Hecht by Jan Nelson.



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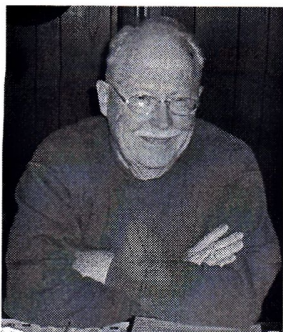
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## PAN PAN PAN!



Safety Officer, Doc Munger

Pronounced, "pahn, pahn, pahn", heard on your VHF radio is recognized as an urgent message, just short of a MAY-DAY. One hopes never to have to make this call.

Several things come to mind which should avert this call:

- Get a Vessel Safety Check.
- Have all of the prescribed safety equipment on your boat.
- Take Safe Boating Courses.
- Know Your Navigation Rules.
- Maintain a Proper Lookout.
- Know the Weather Forecast.
- Wear Your PFD.
- Boat Smart From the Start.
- Wear Your Life Jacket.
- It Floats, You Don't.

Much more could be said about preparedness on your boat but the single most important risk factor to consider is your Life Jacket! All of our boating organizations continually stress this. How many catchy

slogans can you remember from National Safe Boating Weeks past?

Other factors include alcohol abuse and hypothermia but in spite of all our efforts to promote PFD use, a 2002 study funded by the Wallup-Breaux Trust

Fund, there has been no improvement in PFD wear rates over the five year period, 1998-2002.\* Our approach has not improved the situation. Recreational boating statistics in the U. S. and Canada show that some 80% of recreational boating fatalities drown, and that wearing life jackets could have saved some 80% of those who drowned. These figures have remained about the same over several years. Interestingly, the wear rated increases in rough weather, but most fatalities occur in fair, calm weather! The unexpected man overboard shout comes too late even if your lifejacket is immediately available. Have you ever tried to put your lifejacket on when you were swimming?

The United States Coast Guard passed a regulation requiring children 12 and under to wear a PROPER FITTING life-jacket. Think of other life saving equipment: Seat Belts, Bike Helmets, for example.

Statistics continue to show that boats under 22 feet were involved in the vast majority of accidents and fatalities which were completely unexpected. Making sure that recreational boaters, hunters and fishermen actually wear their life-jacket would be the single most effective way to reduce these deaths.

Should states adopt mandatory wearing of lifejacket? What do you think? Talk about it. More and more people are wearing seat belts, bike helmets and the like. Life jackets could save lives.

-Jim Munger, CGAUX FSO-VE and Safety Officer, Duluth Power Squadron.

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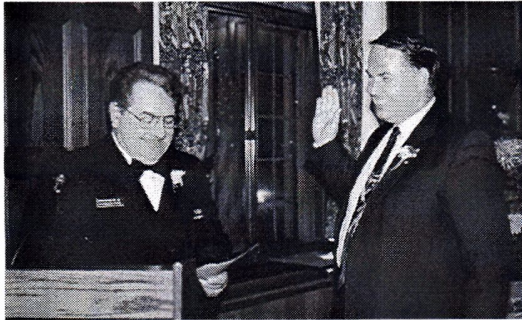
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— LEN ROBINSON —



## 2004 Change of Watch Photos



Incoming District 10 Commander Don Schult swearing in the newest Duluth Power Squadron Commander Tracy Nelson.



Outgoing Commander Sue Farrell receiving the coveted Past Commander Flag from incoming Commander Tracy Nelson.



Commander Tracy's family attended the Change of Watch. Couple on left are son Stuart with his fiancée Sara Ross, couple on right are son Bryan with his fiancée Laura Drickhamer, and in-center are Commander Tracy Nelson with wife Jan.



Commander Sue Farrell addressing the crowd while summarizing her past year, during the Change of Watch.

Enjoying Change of Watch in photo on right are (seated) Bonnie & Ken Schultz and standing, Ken & Joanne Docteur, Arne Wuorinen, and Mark Anderson.



A **BIG THANK YOU** to these Power Squadron members who contributed photographs to this issue (and past issues) of your Channel Chatter. They include D.C. Carlson, Vic Kleinsteuber, John Bray, Dick Bibby, R.J. and Peggy Hecht.

Another **BIG THANK YOU** to all of the members who continue to contribute articles to your Channel Chatter. Without them, we would have a very skinny and boring publication.



## Change of Watch 2004 Photos:



An overhead view of the Change of Watch in the Great Hall of the Kitchi Gammi Club.



Bob Stokes instructs Charlie Grubb, Arne Wuorinen, Greg Brisky, and Bob Ouellette on presenting colors during Change of Watch.



Incoming District 10 Commander Don Schult with his wife, Kathy, enjoyed the Change of Watch.



Jim Swanson, Treasurer of the Duluth Power Squadron, enjoying the Change of Watch with his wife, Carolyn.



Visiting at the Change of Watch are Minnetonka Power Squadron Commander Kim Strandlund with fiancé John O'Neil visiting with Bonnie & Ken Schult of the Chippewa Valley Power Squadron of Wisconsin.



## Change of Watch 2004 Photos:



Joanne Docteur with husband, Treasurer Ken Docteur.



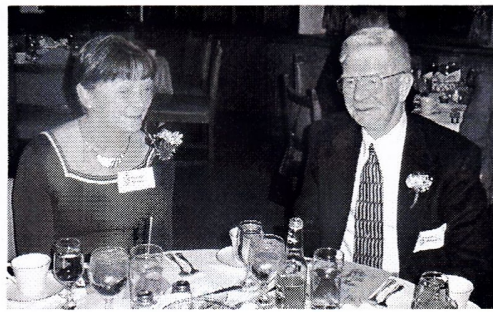
Julie Strand with husband, Executive Commander Grady Strand, relaxing after dinner at the Change of Watch.



Mary Brisky visits with Len and Lisa Robinson before dinner is served.



Grady Strand, Doc Munger, and Bob Ouellette visit with Thunder Bay, Ontario Power Squadron Commander John Rowe.



Bonita and Lucky Nelson chatting during dinner and enjoying the Change of Watch.



District 10 Commander Art Mollica visits with John O'Neil, Minnetonka P.S. Commander Kim Strandlund, and Duluth P.S. incoming Commander Tracy Nelson.



Riki & Cary McManus seemed to really enjoy the festivities at the Kitchi Gammi Club.



Master of Ceremonies John Bray with his wife, Karen. Between his MC duties and taking photographs, John hardly had a moment to sit.



Dave Solberg and Asst. Administrative Officer Lauri Welch at the Change of Watch.



## Change of Watch 2004 Photos:



After presenting award, Commander Sue receives hug from Bruce Beste.



Charlie Grubb receiving award from Sue Farrell.



Commander Sue Farrell handed out numerous awards including one to Channel Chatter editor, Scoop Nelson.



Dick Bibby receiving award from Sue.



Commander Sue presenting award to Jack Soetebier.



Lucky & Bonita Nelson received award from Commander Sue Farrell.



Tom Cawcutt enjoys award from Sue.



Sue Farrell presents award to Val Ouellette and Len Robinson.



Safety Officer Doc Jim Munger receives award from Commander Sue.



## Change of Watch 2004 Photos:



Cdr. Tracy Nelson looks for correct ensigns as incoming District 10 Commander Don Schult swears in some of the 2004-2005 bridge members Valerie Ouellette, Jim Swanson, Grady Strand, Lauri Welch, Ken Docteur, and R.J. Hecht.



Overhead photograph of one table in Great Hall of Kitchi Gammi Club included (top clockwise) Alan Bradshaw, Jennett Hanson, Sandy Baltes, Dean Baltes, Bruce Beste, and Arne Wuorinen.



P/C Bob Stokes (right) greeting P/C Jim Coslett, Lakehead Power Squadron, Thunder Bay, Ontario.



Mary Osvold and Bob Hecht enjoy visiting during the Change of Watch.



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## Measurements—How Do You Figure That?

-by D.C. Carlson



D/Lt/C David C. Carlson, N

A nautical mile is based on the circumference of the planet Earth. If you were to cut the Earth in half at the equator, you could pick up one of the halves and look at the equator as a circle. You could divide that circle into 360 degrees. You could then divide a degree into 60 minutes. A minute of arc on the planet Earth is 1 nautical mile. This unit of measurement is used by all nations for air and sea travel.

A knot is a unit of measure for speed. If you are traveling at a speed of 1 nautical mile per hour, you are said to be traveling at a speed of 1 knot.

The next question was - where did the definition of the term mile originate? I did a little research and came up with the following. Thought you might find it interesting.

### English Customary Weights and Measures:

#### Distance:

In all traditional measuring systems, short distance units are based on the dimensions of the human body.

INCH - represents the width of a thumb.

FOOT - was originally the length of a human foot.

YARD - the distance from the tip of

the nose to the end of the middle finger of the outstretched hand (3 feet).

FATHOM - The total distance from one fingertip on your right hand to the fingertip on your left hand when you stretch your arms out to the sides as far as possible (6 feet).

ROD - 20 "natural" feet. (Has since been fixed at 5.5 yards or 16 ½ feet).

FURLONG - 40 rods make a furlong, the length of the traditional furrow as plowed by ox teams.

MILE - Originally defined to be the length of 1,000 paces of a Roman legion (a pace means two steps, right and left) roughly 5,000 feet. For a long time no one felt it necessary to be overly accurate for distances longer than a furlong. Eventually, in medieval England, the mile was made to equal 8 furlongs, which works out to be 5,280 feet.

#### Area:

In all the English-speaking countries, land is traditionally measured by the acre or "field" of a size that a farmer could plow in a single day. An acre is the area of a long and narrow Anglo-Saxon farm field, one furlong (40 rods) in length but only 4 rods wide. This works out, very awkwardly indeed, to be exactly 43,560 square feet. If we line up 10 of these 4 x 40 standard acres side by side, we get 10 acres in a square furlong, and since the mile is 8 furlongs there are exactly 10x8x8 = 640 acres in a square mile.



## Change of Watch 2004 Photos:



Edith Boynton with her husband, Past Commander Howard Boynton.



Suzi Stokes with her husband, Past Commander Bob Stokes.



Ginny Soetebier with her husband, Past Commander Jack Soetebier.



Dorothy Holmes accompanied Past Commander Dick Bibby.



Mary Grubb with husband, Past Commander Charlie Grubb.



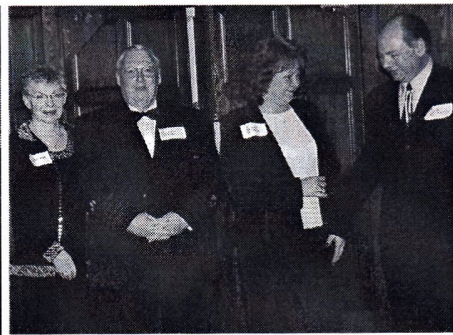
Pauline Taylor accompanied Past Commander Ken Van Dyke. In the background lining up are Ginny & Jack Soetebier & Dick Bibby.



P/C Dave Mattson with wife Rhobley, along with P/C Len Robinson with wife Lisa waiting for their names to be called during the Change of Watch when Past Commanders are presented to the group.



Val Ouellette chatted at the Change of Watch with District 10 Commander Art Mollica and Kathy Schult, wife of incoming D/10 Commander Don Schult.



Lining up for presentation of the Past Commanders are Mary & Charlie Grubb and Robin & Tom Cawcutt.



## Ramblings of an Old Salt—on Docking and Launching.



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".

- A successful docking is one that you can walk away from.
- The ease and success of launching and docking is inversely proportional to the number of witnesses.
- When boating, the number of dockings should equal the number of launches.
- The motor, if it starts, always runs while the boat is tied to the dock. If it doesn't start, there are people watching.
- If anything is dropped on the dock, only the most expensive or irreplaceable items will fall into the water [like your keys or cell phone].
- Docking under power in a motorboat is normal. Docking under sail is an adventure.
- The frequency in changes in the wind is inversely proportional to the proximity to the dock.
- Approaching a dock with a boat is like approaching a woman in a bar. Very seldom is a slow approach a poor approach.



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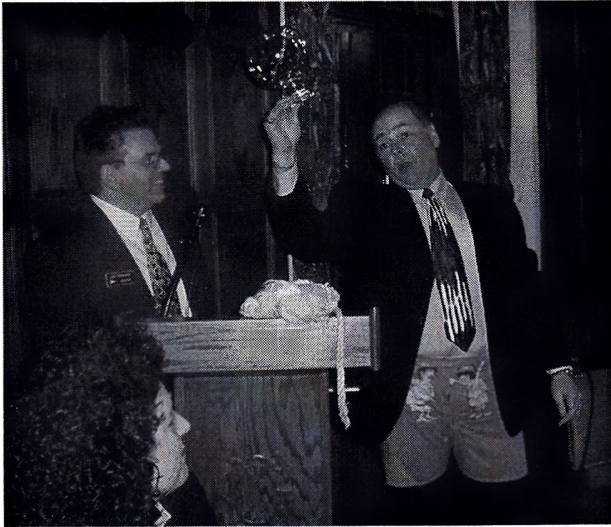
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## Change of Watch—Sacred Calabash and Magic Show



It's impossible, isn't it? How can you win the Sacred Calabash two years in a row? But with the unwanted help of Len Robinson, left, **Tom Cawcutt won for the second straight year.** Note the crazy shorts donned by the winner, Tom.



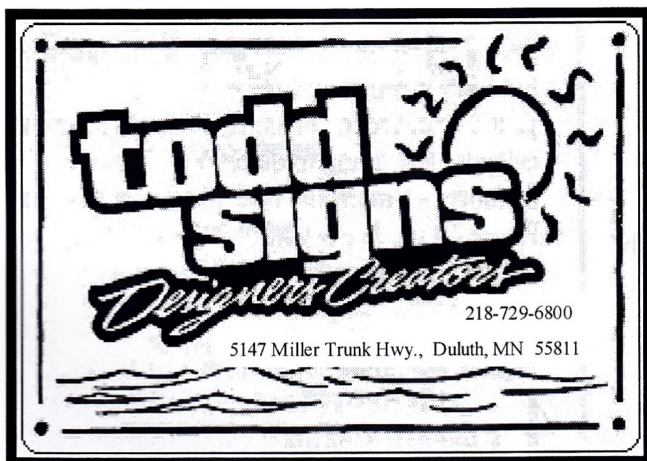
Sandy Baltes was the lovely assistant for Magician John Bushey who amazed and entertained all who attended the Change of Watch. Sandy was very determined to figure out the rings trick....but I don't think she did.



Magician John Bushey showed lemons, which he would use in his next magic trick, to Commander Tracy Nelson.



Joanne Docteur oooh-ing at the Magic Show.



Magician John Bushey asked Tom Cawcutt to examine the handcuffs and Tom declared that they were very strong.



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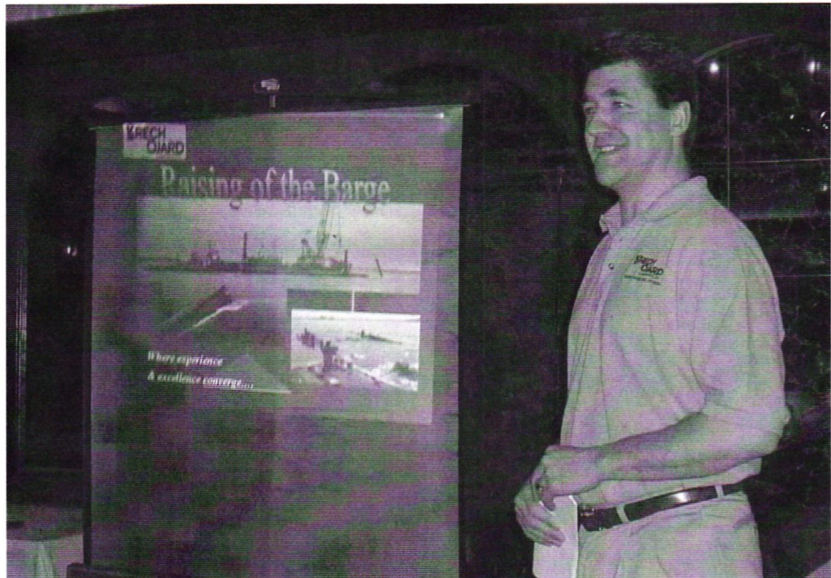
## March General Meeting at the Pickwick.



Roger & Jean Winter at the March meeting.



Edith & Howard Boynton attended the March general meeting at the Pickwick.



Chad Scott, Structural Engineer & Commercial Deep Sea Diver with Krech, Ojard & Associates, presented "Raising of the Barge" at the March General Meeting. Members were fascinated as they heard how the 210' x 40' barge was raised back in Nov 2001.



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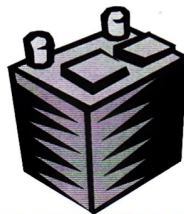
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