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## Schedule of Upcoming Events

### 2005

6&7 June VCS Examination Class

2 June Executive Board meeting Keglers Bar&Grill

11 June VSC Day at the dock/Power Squadron Fishing Contest

18 June Vessel Exams at Barkers Island

25-26 June Madeline Island Rendezvous

4 July 4th of July Celebration

7 July Executive Board meeting Keglers

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## Commander's Report

The Duluth Sail and Power Squadron had its 67<sup>th</sup> annual Change of Watch on February 19 at the Northland Country Club. I'm honored and look forward to the opportunity of being your commander for the watch year of 2005/2006. I also look forward to serving with a fine group of individuals on the new bridge.

I would like to thank five individuals for keeping our "ship steadied" during some rough weather last year. P/C Tracy and Jan Nelson for completing what they said they would do last year. It would have been very easy for both of them after their move to Florida to quit the squadron. They didn't. Tracy chaired the boat fair, fishing contest and the Lake Superior cruise after their move. Jan continued as our editor for the Channel Chatter until December. The Channel Chatter won another award for 2004 and the 3 events Tracy chaired were huge successes. The fishing contest will be here as an event for a long time.

The next two individuals who kept us "afloat" were P/C Dave & Rhobley Mattson. Dave and Rhobley stepped in when we really needed them. Both of them were at every event and every meeting. What a great job they did pulling us together with their warm smiles and hard work. Rhobley even gets my vote for best dancer at corn roast. I'm not sure about Dave "Two Left Feet" Mattson. The biggest thing I learned from Dave is not to panic when the seas get a little rough. Things have a way of working out.

The last individual I would like to thank is P/C Sue Farrell. Sue was my commander when I was

a "green horn" admin officer. She took me under her wing and taught me about the squadron. It was a joy and an honor to serve under Sue and I know she hears our thank you.

This year I welcome Lt/C Murray George as our new Executive Officer. Murray is very organized and energetic and he will get things done. Murray's father was the late P/C Wilfred George who served as commander in 1948 and 1949. I also welcome Lt/C Joe Hesch as Education Officer. Joe brings his skills to us as an educator. Joe was assistant education officer last year and has taught many classes over the years for the squadron. As we say welcome to new bridge officers we say good bye to my friends Terry Osvold and Laurie Welch. The great news is they have both said they will continue to help out when they can. They both did a great job as asst. admin and admin officers.

My motto this year is "KISSM" Keep It Simple Squadron Member". We have tried to reinvent the wheel too many times. We are a squadron for one reason. Teach safe boating to our members and boating community at large. That's it. Like D/P/C Art Mollica said during his District 10 watch year 1.) Promote safe boating 2.) Educate the community and members on safe boating and 3.) Have fun. One of the best lines in the Kevin Costner movie, "Field of Dreams" is "build it and they will come". I say educate and they will come (add new members and retain current members). That is our strength and we must build off of that strength.

Every new commander has goals for his/her watch year. I'm no different. My five goals

are as follows:

### 1.) Membership.

To add new and retain members by making sure we have a consistent flow between when they join as a new member and retaining the seasoned sailor.

### 2.) Education

My goal is to have Kay Bakke lead our instructor development program. Adding and retaining good instructors is the place we must start to have a quality education department.

### 3.) Our Squadron Budget.

This one is easy. With the guidance of Lt/C Jeff Stuermer, we must make sure what comes in (\$) equals what goes out.

### 4.) Vessel Safety Exams.

Our goal is to increase our number of examiners and exams. We will strive to win District 10 VSC trophy. We had the most VSC's of any squadron in District 10 in 2004 by a margin of almost 200 exams. Hats off to our examiners and especially Tom Rossini our #1 examiner with over 150 exams.

### 5.) Continue Our Boating Activities.

Put P/C Bruce Beste in charge and you know you will have fun. Bruce is our boating activities chair this year and we have a dinghy/small boat run to Nelson's Resort on Aug 5-7, Explore St Louis Bay in August and Mandaline Island in June.

Thanks again for this honor and we'll see you on the water!!!!

—Lt/C GRADY STRAND

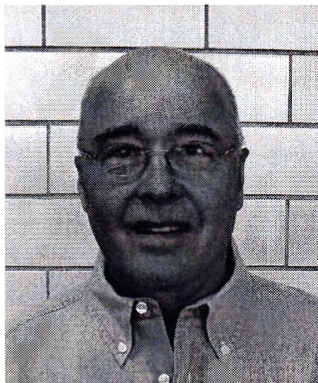


Commander Grady Strand

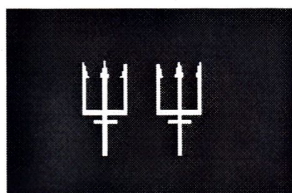




## Executive Officer's Report



Executive Officer Murray George



On a cold January day recently, Tom Cawcutt called and asked if I'd step up to the plate and take a position of a couple that were open in the Squadron. I rejoined in 2001 and haven't been very active. Not having a clue of what I was getting into, I agreed to the Executive Officer job. . All of a sudden I'm attending 1, 2, or 3 meetings a week, which I feel I must, to get up to speed. In this short while however, I've meet some real great people, who as a whole are very active and committed. My commitment is, that I will be also.

Given that I know, and have met a few of you, but have not met a good number of you, I thought I would tell you a bit about who I am, and concentrate more on my duties in the next Channel Chatter.

The Duluth Power Squadron is

not unfamiliar to me. Growing up on Park Point, I have been close to the water all my life—I fell off the dock too many times to mention. My dad, Bill George was one of the 12 founding members, plank owners I suppose, and a P/C. I can remember as a kid, playing around the docks at the Oatka (remember that?) when the Squadron was having a meeting, and hoot of a good time afterwards. The Duluth Rowing Club was a big part of my life for a while, as well as pulling some northerns out of the bay behind Herding Island. My first craft was a raft that at least could get me over to the Island, where I'm sure I lived some of Tom Sawyer's adventures. My second was a dinghy I bought from Clem Kriedler, owner of Clem and Helen's Store, for a dime. I conned some tar from the guys working on Park Point School to fix the boat enough so it would float. What a great surprise to receive a pair of oars for my birthday. Years later, graduating from the old Duluth Central, I went off into the Navy (naturally) for four years aboard a Destroyer, DDG-20 out of Pearl Harbor, Viet Nam and all that. Back home, UMD, and my first real job as a banker.

About that time, 1969-1970, I joined the Duluth Power Squadron, and the Duluth Keel Club. Jack Soetebier called me to crew on the Wednesday night races, which I did for awhile. That was until I thought I knew something about this sport, and promptly bought a 22-foot sailboat. In my first race as skipper, I nearly got run over by several boats, with a lot of people swearing at me, not yet knowing much about the rules of the

road. That night I did learn port from starboard right of way however. Not to be deterred, and getting fully immersed in the racing fever I never stopped for 35 years, having pounded up and down Lake Superior, and the other 4 Great Lakes, racing many boats over these years, including our last boat, "Midnight Express". The 1986 Chicago Mac however is my greatest experience, But there is not enough space here to tell that sea story.

Then last year, my wife, Lynda, and I bought a "stink potter", as those "rag and stickers" would say. Other sailors have accused me of "going over to the Dark Side". But we got a nice Carver that has, if you can believe it, hot and cold running water, a shower, and even a refrigerator. We dock at Harbor Cove, 18B, close to, and were introduced to Bob, and Val, Terry, and Mary, and a few others, who have helped me dock several times so I wouldn't tear off the swim platform. I do have some yellow paint on the side of my boat from practicing docking on an anchorage buoy. We've named it "Spirit of Duluth" in part because it came from Duluth, GA., on a beautiful lake there.

I know that the "Squadron" has a long and proud history of accomplishing its safety, and education mission, in no small part to you the members who have committed many long and hard, but rewarding hours. I am happy to have reinstated my membership after many years, and hope to find some of that pride myself by pitching in.

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On the business front, I've been working with Grady, Terry, Val, and a great group on the Fitting Out Dinner, River Quest with Charlie Grubb, Safe Boating day at the Dock, and Vessel Safety Examiner classes, with Doc Munger and others. It looks like all those events and others are falling into place very nicely.

Vessel Examiner Class: Regardless of the date published in the upcoming Roster, the date that Jim Munger has set is Monday, Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>, presumably at the USCG Station on Park Point. For those who were active examiners last year, the Bridge is asking that everyone return and do at least 10 exams to get a merit mark. Also for those who ever had a thought of doing this, please step forward, take the class, and do a few exams in your own marina or wherever. I will become qualified this spring, and the Bridge very much wants 10 to 12 new Examiners. Thanks for that.

See you at the Fitting Out Dinner, and other events this summer. If we don't know each other, I'd be pleased if you came up and introduced yourself.

**Lt/C Murray George**



## Safety Officers

Except for some shoreline ice we have open water everywhere. I'm anxious to get my boat a float, to do Vessel Safety Checks and start a new record breaking safe boating season in the Twin Ports.

### To ALL Vessel Examiners and wannabe Examiners!

I have the 2005 Decals and exam forms. Let me know how many you need. I plan to distribute some of the material at the Fitting Out party and will mail or otherwise deliver at least ten decals to each examiner.

### Remember This Mark Your Calendars

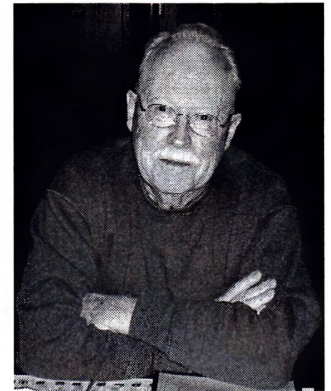
### All New and Current Examiners

A refresher course and a class for new examiners will be held jointly for Squadron and Auxiliary members on May 23 and 23 at Coast Guard Station Duluth at 6:30 PM (1830.) Expect to spend at least 2 1/2 hours each night. People interested should let me know and I will get Vessel Safety Check Manuals to you on May 21 at the Squadron Dock (or you let me know where) so you can start learning about the Program before the Class begins. There will be a final multiple choice open book exam. Finally new examiners must do five VSCs with a currently qualified examiner. After

### Lets top last year.

Schedules for examiners to go to different marinas will be set up but remember this date for a joint VE DAY at Barker's Island on June 18. Donuts and coffee and lots of Vessel Safety Checks.

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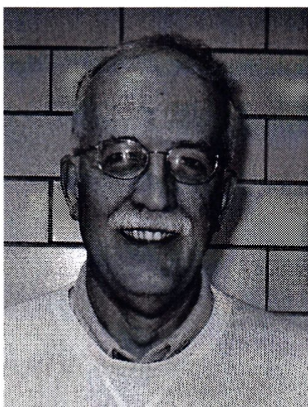
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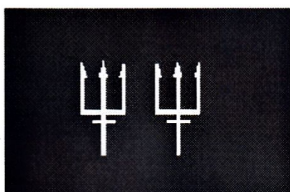
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## Squadron Education Officer's Report

A new year has begun and the squadron education department is already in full swing. Cdr. Grady Strand has made education a top priority this year and we all need to recognize that community boat safety education as well as the continued education of our members is one of the prime reasons for the existence of the squadron.

Our education department is comprised of several very dedicated members who have taken on significant direct assignments. Assistant Education Officer Steve Balliette brings extensive education experience having served as Education Officer several years. Kay Bakke, the Instructor Advocate, is actively soliciting volunteers who will be instructors. Bob Ouellette is the Student Advocate. Please contact him with your elective course requests. Advertising will be handled by Glen Pratt for the Public Boating course and through our squadron WEB site for the elective courses. Steve Balliette is the WEB site administrator and you should check the site for current class schedules.

We currently have a small class in Public Boating being conducted on Mondays April 11, 18, and 25<sup>th</sup>. The next course will be a Boat Smart two-day course that will be held July 25 and 26 at Central High School. Instructors are not yet set for that class. Hey, that's your next opportunity to step forward if you haven't yet instructed a class. Contact Kay Bakke. She will be happy to help get you certified to be an instructor.

In addition to two planned Public Boating classes next fall and winter, elective classes start in September with Seamanship. Piloting will start in November and Advanced Piloting also in November. We are also tentatively planning a Weather Course. No date has been set for that class as yet. Remember, we are always open for your special requests. We can't run every course each year, but we want to help you achieve advanced grades and that can only happen when you complete advanced courses. Please contact Bob Ouellette with your requests.

As I said, this year promises to be very busy with classes.

Please take advantage of the opportunities to further your boating education. You will meet many members, make new friends, and become even more knowledgeable boaters. Besides, given our expert instructors, classes tend to be challenging, informative and often fun experiences.

See you in class and on the water,

—Lt/C Joe Hesch, S



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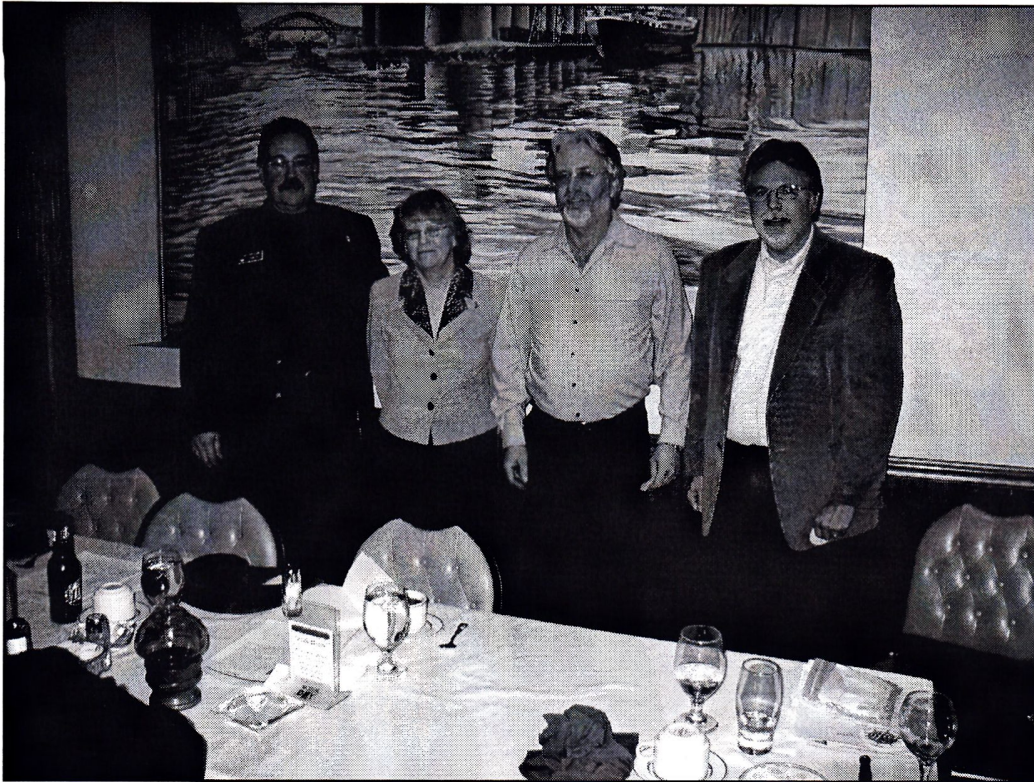
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### Superior Ideals

THE eyes that looked back at me through my BBC News camera were sunken and withdrawn, the eyes of a young Ugandan mother, who seemed to have given up hope and resigned herself to her fate....her death. She was one of two rows of women, some with their babies in their arms, in a small clinic in central Uganda, facing exactly the same certainty. It was not if, it was when! This was a place called Luwerro, which had been known as the "killing fields" of Uganda, during President Amin's reign of terror, in the 1970's. The death awaiting the young mother was AIDS, that horrifying disease which is now devastating the lives of men, women and children throughout Africa. A large portion of a whole generation has disappeared, leaving grandparents and elderly to take on the impossible task of caring for the orphans who have survived. For the children, it's a case of simple survival, with virtually no hope of an education or a future, a catch twenty two situation for a country still struggling out of economic disaster and genocide. Poverty and disease are things that these stoic people simply have to accept as normal, human beings who shouldn't have to.

I had seen enough, witnessed enough human suffering to last me a lifetime and the pathos that seems to follow a people so abandoned, that the word "hope" has little meaning! For me, it was time to do something about it, long past the time of observing.

As I struggled in temperatures of 32 degrees Celsius [well into the 80's F], rowing my 120 lb single, Mondego 525, training scull along the equator, across flat calm waters, with not a breath of a breeze, I thought about that woman...and immediately found the courage to continue. This was my fourth day into a 200mile scull across the Ugandan waters of Lake Victoria, the second largest freshwater lake in the world. A little earlier I thought I'd spotted a crocodile lying close to one of the many inhabited islands dotted across the northern part of this great lake. One would have imagined that the sight of such a fearsome creature, so close, would have been a terrifying experience, but I was so tired, I was almost past caring. All thoughts of hippos, snakes and crocs had left my head I was just concentrating on making it through another exhausting day of rowing, the pain in my back, legs, arms and hands merely incidental.

Somehow, with more than a little encouragement from my friends on the backup ship and guidance from a force too great for me to comprehend, I made it to the opposite shore of this huge lake....the first time it had ever been done! The reason for this extraordinary journey was very simple, to raise the profile of the problems of poverty, lack of education and disease in this third world country and to raise much-needed money to build a completely new primary school in one of the most deprived slums called Kivulu, in the capital Kampala. It was going to take 50,000 pounds sterling [over 90,000 dollars US] to build this school and another 90,000 dollars US to build four wards for a hospital in South West Uganda in an area particularly hard hit by AIDS and malaria. Thanks to the generosity of the many people in Ireland, north and south, who supported my endeavour, we [the "Fields of Life" charity] raised well over the 180,000 dollars needed to build both the school and the hospital extension. I've since been back to film the opening of the school and the four wards, for BBC News in Northern Ireland and seen the value of real, practical and meaningful help from the west, in action. It may only be a small alleviating drop in the ocean of world misery, but it's a start!

Two and a half years later at the age of 58, I'm now about to repeat my efforts, only this time by rowing the length of Lake Superior, some 400 miles in ten to fourteen days, during the last two weeks in July, to raise money for BBC's "Children in Need" appeal for children in special need of help in Northern Ireland and for the building of another school, this time just across the border from Uganda, in a mountainous area of Kenya. I have received such an unprecedented and generous response already, from the people of the city of Duluth in northern Minnesota, on the edge of Lake Superior and in particular, from Duluth Rowing Club who have been outstanding, that my hopes for the fund-raising row across the lake are rising daily! Many times in the past I have had real proof that the rowing world pulls together when asked to help a good charitable cause. This is one occasion when I hope the rowing world and indeed the decent, ordinary folk of the United States, will wade in and help me.

This will be my third endurance row, the first, in June 2000, on river lakes and canals in Ireland, helped raise over 35,000 dollars US, to build four classrooms in a school in Uganda. That confirmed to me, that with a little effort and sacrifice, it is possible to make a real difference to the lives of others less fortunate. Help me, to help others, help themselves!

If you wish to make a donation to my "Lake Superior Row" for charity, send your cheque or postal order to EITHER/OR BOTH, but please make sure you make it out to whichever charity you wish and put in brackets after that [Lake Superior Row], that way we can account for how much is raised, what the donations apply to and where they have come from....thank you, on behalf of all the children who will benefit :

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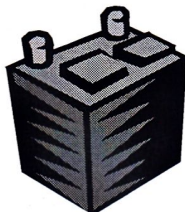
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