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All Hands on Deck ~

Are the winter blahs getting you down? It's time to look forward to Spring and the Annual Fitting Out Party and Auction to be held on April 29 at Marshall School. Norm Livgard and Cliff Linder will be co-chairing this year's event and are looking for folks to fill positions from registration to clean up.

Auction donations are needed for our biggest fund raiser of the year. New or used items, boating related or not, gift certificates, services, anything that will make someone else part with their bucks. Bring your auction donations on the evening of the event. Last year's bake sale was a sell-out, so bring your best baked goods to raise funds for the Squadron. Chef Jack Sotebier and crew will be preparing a delicious Prime Rib dinner with



Photo by John Bray

2005 Fitting Out Crowd Enjoyed a Great Meal and Auction

all the trimmings. Appetizers will be available for a nominal fee, so come hungry!

**Lend a hand, and make this
our best
Fitting Out ever!**

Your Newsletter

It's a new year, and there's a new staff on board at your newsletter, The Channel Chatter. Our goal is to keep all Squadron members informed of upcoming events and class schedules, tell

you what's happening on the district and national level, and share news and photos of Squadron activities. There will be some new features, including a "letter to the editor" column,

and a "meet the new members" column. We welcome and encourage your comments and your contributions of articles and pictures.

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Commander's Report



Commander Grady Strand

MY WATCH YEAR

IT'S BEEN A REAL PLEASURE BEING YOUR COMMANDER DURING THE WATCH YEAR 2005/2006. I HAVE WORKED ALONG SIDE

SOME EXTREMELY TALENTED AND DEDICATED SQUAD-

RON MEMBERS. THE BOARD AND BRIDGE WERE THERE EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. THEIR HELP AND ENCOURAGEMENT WAS A KEY IN KEEPING OUR YEAR ON TRACK.

I HAD 5 GOALS I SPOKE ABOUT AT THE 2005 CHANGE OF WATCH. I WOULD LIKE TO BRIEFLY EXPLAIN THE GOALS, AND LET YOU KNOW HOW WE DID.

• MEMBERSHIP

OUR GOAL WAS TO GET A BETTER HANDLE ON THE SEQUENCE FROM SIGN UP TO FULL MEMBER. WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION WERE OPEN AND OUR NEW MEMBER WAS ABLE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF OUR SQUADRON. I BELIEVE COMMUNICATION IMPROVED BUT WERE ALL NEW MEMBERS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OUR SQUADRON? THERE LIES THE CHALLENGE.

• EDUCATION

OUR GOAL WAS TO CONTINUE TO OFFER QUALITY CLASSES TAUGHT BY QUALITY INSTRUCTORS. THROUGH JOE HESCH'S LEADERSHIP THIS WAS DONE. WE OFFERED TWO SAFE BOATING, BOAT SMART, SEAMANSHIP,

PILOTING, AND ADVANCED PILOTING. THE "TOP NOTCH" WE CAN DRAW UPON IN THIS SQUADRON IS AMAZING.

• BUDGET

IN 2004 WE HAD A POOR AUCTION IN TERMS OF A FUNDRAISER. WE NETTED ABOUT \$3,500. IN 2005 WE NETTED OVER \$10,000 AFTER EXPENSES. BUDGET PROBLEMS OVER. DURING THE YEAR WE TOOK AWAY THE FUNDRAISING DUTIES FROM THE ADMIN OFFICER AND GAVE THAT RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMANDER AND HIS/HER COMMITTEE.

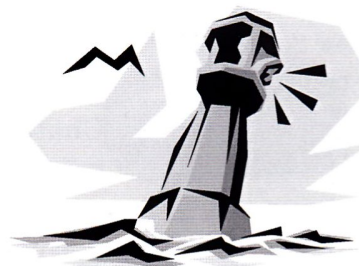
• LAKE ACTIVITIES

THE DINGHY RUN AT CRANE LAKE WAS A GREAT TIME WITH OVER 30 PEOPLE ATTENDING. I HOPE THESE ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE WITH MORE MEMBERS PARTICIPATING.

• VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

THE GOAL WAS TO IMPROVE ON NUMBERS OF EXAMINERS AND EXAMS. WE HAD 24 EXAMINERS DOING 356 EXAMS. WE ARE THE "SHINING STAR" OF DISTRICT 10, AS NO OTHER SQUADRON EVEN COMES CLOSE. WHAT A HUGE COMMUNITY SERVICE THIS IS!

IT'S BEEN A GREAT RIDE AND IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL HONOR TO SERVE AS YOUR COMMANDER.

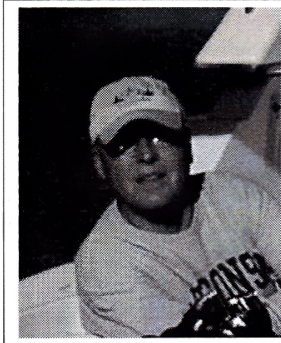


Executive Officer's Report

I was thinking recently about the Squadron, its beginning, and rich history. The old hellship, "Huloo", the "Tossing Tessie". "Seabird", "Flying Dutchman" were a few of the old boats belonging to some of the early Squadron members, who moored up at some of the first get-togethers. (What label of beer did they drink back then? Royal Bohemian, Fitgers?). Whether we're an old afterguard P/C (mossyback), sitting back and enjoying the fruits of our years of labor (or not), or a newer member recently joining the ranks and taking our first boating/piloting class, I sense there is a certain pride in being a member of our organization. Part of it is I believe, the impact the Squadron has had for almost 3/4 of a century in the boating community, in and around the Duluth, Superior Harbor. (During WWII, the U.S. Navy commissioned Squadron members who hadn't left for the battlefields to do homeland security in our harbor-Don't think they ever found any U-Boats, but they kept a "sailor's eye" on the dozen or so war-effort ship-building yards).

I have heard stories of members appreciating the impact the Duluth Power Squadron has had on their lives, whether it was growing up at the "dock" as a youngster of a member, or learning "the ropes" from their first boating and safety class offered by the Squadron, which helped launch the member into graduating to a 50 ton charter license. That's big.

Things change. Times change, and members change. It's been a great volunteer organization, and I believe it will continue to be a great volunteer organization. And this is where we move forward. By or around February 1, 2006 when you will have received your new Channel Chatter, and are reading these articles, I am going to believe that the incoming Bridge will be at a full compliment. With that we will have a lot of already seasoned leaders who have stepped up to continue to build upon the



**Executive Officer
Murray George**

Squadron's past. If that's the case then, let's signal to the engine room, full speed ahead, torpedoes be damned.

We're looking at some changes going forward. Commander Grady Strand decreed last year that we would look at simplifying life. That will continue, and be expanded upon. Everyone is really busy, and I believe we can

accomplish as much or more with 6 Executive Meetings during the year, special meetings as necessary, 4 General Meetings, and an Annual meeting thrown in. (Sorry Jim, we may have to amend the bylaws). More emphasis will be placed on our community and membership education programs. Less emphasis will be placed on our social events. This seems to be a general consensus. Joe Hesck, our Education Officer is excited about the 2006 programs, getting a new, and needed laptop, and flip-charts. Kay Bakke is ready to coordinate a Strategic Planning session for the Squadron to help sharpen our focus. We hope part of the outcome is "What do we want our Squadron to look like in 2010". Our Budget Meeting will focus on how and where we expect to wisely spend our valuable money. Most importantly, and making me feel really good is that members are already calling and asking to help, and others giving me a lot of support, and backing. I envision more input from our newer members. What can the Squadron do for you, the new members, so that you will want to get involved and help this volunteer organization continue to move ahead?

I'd really like the General Meetings to be enticing enough that a hundred members feel it's worthwhile enough to put those events on their calendar, and participate. We have a couple of very exciting programs already loaded for the General meetings, and I hope to have more. For example,

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Education Officer's Report

Education Officer Joe Hesch

Another year is drawing to a close and the education department has been busy as usual. We had classes in Seamanship last spring, Boat Smart last July, Public Boating and Advanced Piloting during October through December and are currently running a Piloting class with 9 students.

We have served more than 40 students so far and have had several new members sign up as a direct result of the Public Boating and Boat Smart classes. In addition, I know there are other prospective members who are contemplating joining but have yet to actually sign up. Hopefully this spring will see them joining also.

We can't thank instructors Cdr. Grady Strand, Ramone Kral, Jim Robinson, Kay Bakke, Steve Farrell, Jim Munger, and others enough. They're great instructors who do a terrific job. In addition, behind the scenes, Bob Ouellette, Glen Pratt and several others have been invaluable in support of education through publicity, technical support and various other services.

These names and numbers are great to see, but we need many more players to enable the squadron to fulfill its most important mission – education. Remember, that's why the Power Squadrons primarily exist – to educate the public in boating safety and to

help everyone enjoy water sports safely. As both Cdr. Grady Strand and incoming Cdr. Murray George have said many times, social activities are fun and necessary, but we're really about education.

For the new administrative year, the emphasis on education will be even stronger. We're going to be off and running with another Public Boating class starting March 14th. It runs for 8 sessions on Tuesday evenings. Please help promote it to your friends, family, neighbors etc.

We still hope to have a Weather class yet this spring. Boat Smart will run again this summer. Seamanship and Public Boating are planned again for next Fall. However, we need students for all of the classes. Remember, we can't run our advanced classes without students and instructors. For you prospective instructors, Kay Bakke is planning an instructor course sometime. Please call Bob Ouellette with your advanced course requests ASAP so that we can schedule the courses you want. With more than 220 members, we should be able to run several advanced classes each year. Your only costs are for the books and your time. Have a great year and see you on the water.

*Learning is like rowing upstream...not to
advance is to drop back.*

Chinese Proverb

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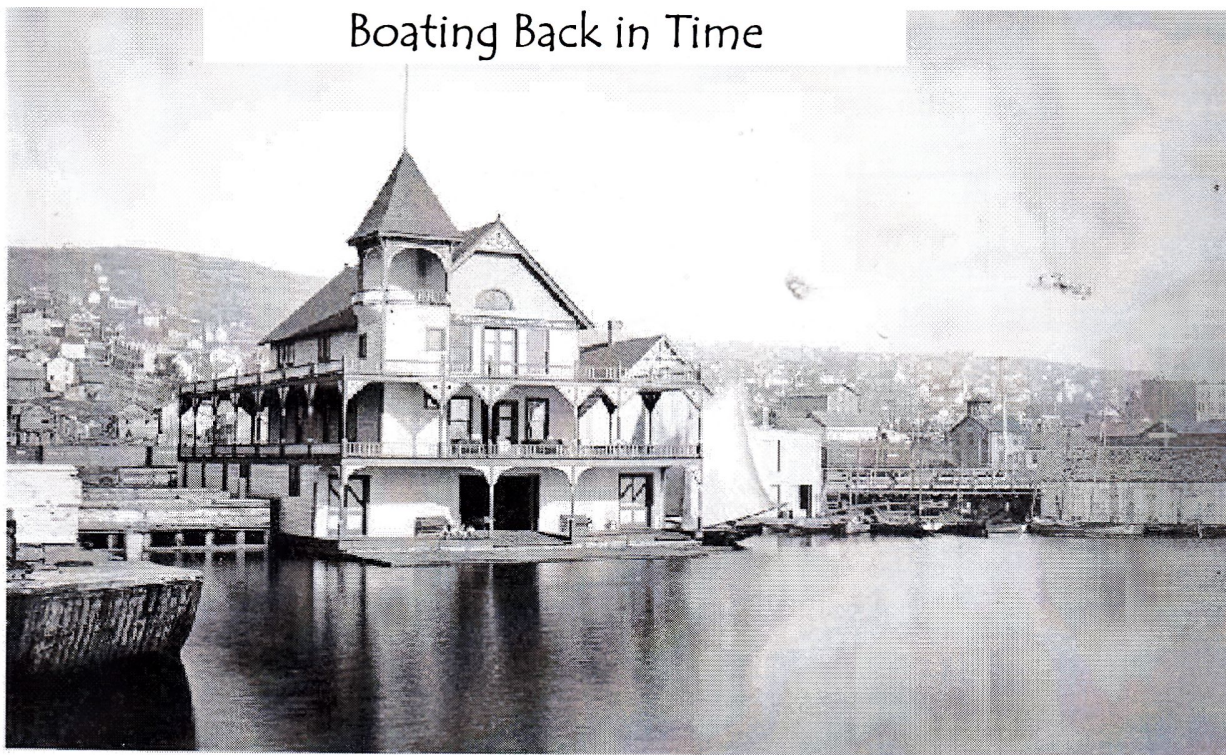
March 23 is John Anderson's incredible slide presentation of his kayaking ventures on some of the most exotic, and beautiful lakes in the world including Lake Baikal in Siberia near the Mongolian border. We will have committees and chairs for each social event. The Change of Watch event is in place and ready for participation. The Fitting Out Party already has a lot of volunteers, co-chairs, parts are in place, and will be a great event. The Corn Roast already has a couple volunteers, and we'll have even more volunteers who said that programs have been lacking, to re-establish those events. would like to see every member get out of the Squadron what they expect, and every member be interested and willing to step up and contribute what they feel they should, and are comfortable

with, even if it's one thing.

Finally, we are in the process of streamlining the leadership responsibilities so that the Bridge positions from Commander on down, are no longer daunting or onerous, whereby members will be standing in line to assume these positions as an honor.

I wish us all to have a have a safe, and wonderful boating year. Given that, the boating season is fast arriving, or about 90 days away by my count, and I am getting excited. Lynda and I are planning on having an awesome boating year, and I would like everyone to join us. Ciao.

Boating Back in Time



The original Duluth Boat Club Clubhouse was located at the foot of 6th Ave. West during the late 1800's

Photo courtesy of David J. Ouse of the Duluth Public Library Reference Dept.

Member's Marketplace



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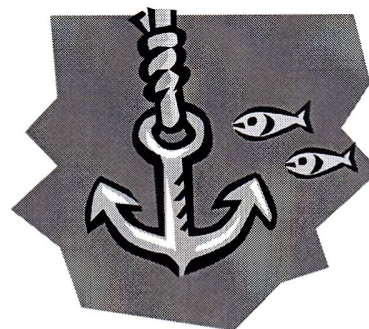
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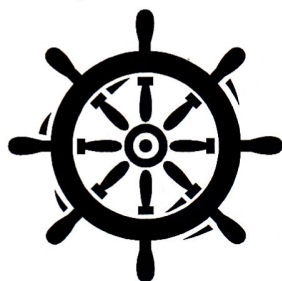
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Schedule of Events

- Feb. 2— Executive Committee Meeting at Kegler's (Incline Station) at 1730
- Feb. 16—Duluth Power Squadron Annual Meeting at the Shack Supper Club. 1730 social , 1830 dinner.
- Feb. 18—Duluth Power Squadron Change of Watch at Northland Country Club starting at 1730



February 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>Exec. Committee</i>	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16 <i>Annual Meeting</i>	17	18 <i>Change of Watch</i>
19	20 <i>President's Day</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

New Member Profile ~ Dan and Anna Krueger

When Dan and Anna Krueger and children Daniel (DJ) and Marissa attended the 2005 Corn Roast as guests of the Meehan/Van Loon clan, they had so much fun, they decided then and there to join the Squadron. They had recently purchased a 23' Uniflite hard-top and spent the summer exploring local waters. Their boat, "Hook's Ladder" is currently docked at Sand Point Yacht Club. Plans for 2006 include a cruise of the Apostle Islands.

Dan is a Captain



D.J. handles the lines as the Krueger family leaves their dock.

with the City of Duluth firefighters. He spent the month of September in Mississippi working with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts and still found time to attend Safe Boating class. Anna teaches Spanish at Superior Senior High School and is an avid gourmet cook. Daughter Genevieve is married to Joel Woodard and attends medical school in Pittsburgh. D.J. (13) is in 8th grade and Marissa is 10 and in 5th grade. Maggie May is their Black Lab puppy who is 5 months old and attends puppy classes. Whether you meet them at a Squadron event or on the water, please welcome the Krueger Family to the Squadron family!!

Schedule of Events

- March 9—Executive Board Meeting at Kegler's—1730
- March 23—Annual Meeting at the Shack Supper Club. 1730 social, 1830 dinner/meeting. Program to follow—John Anderson will give a slide presentation of kayaking Lake Baikal, Siberia and other exotic locations.
- March 31—April 2 D-10 Spring Conference (see registration form on page 10)

March 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Roster Deadline</i>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 <i>Exec. Bd. Meeting</i>	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 <i>St. Pat's</i>	18
19	20	21	22	23 <i>General Meeting</i>	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>D-10 Spring Conf.</i>	



It's that time of year again...we need your current information to update the Squadron Roster. 1/Lt Valerie Ouellette is working hard on this project, so please submit any changes to her by March 1 at the latest. You may use the coupon below (please print) and mail it to Val at 702 S. Lake Ave., Duluth, MN 55802 or email to <westernharbor@juno.com>

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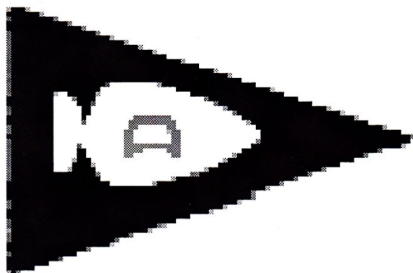
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Stuermer. Zach and Lisa of Harbor Boat Works, will have an area specially set aside for Power Squadron clothing, hats, accessories and other logo items. Laura plans to have things up and running by May 1, so stop in and try on !



WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

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Breakfast Information

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"Chef's Choice" Luncheon	\$20.00	\$22.00	X _____	= _____
Change of Watch Dinner: Pork Tenderloin (Minnesota Roast Pork Tenderloin w/ Grilled Apples & Cider Sauce)	\$33.50	\$37.00	X _____	= _____
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Attire for the D/10 2005 Fall Conference FRIDAY EVENING

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SATURDAY

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SATURDAY EVENING

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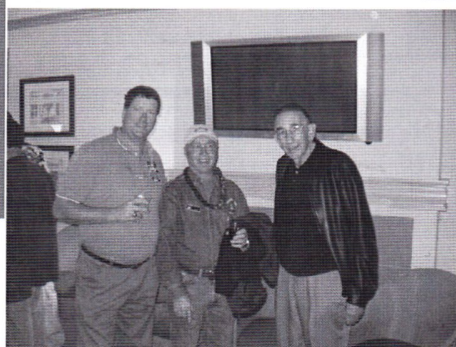
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D-10 Fall Conference



P/C Manley Goldfine

R/C Joseph Mesenberg presents 50 year Plaque to P/C Manley Goldfine at the D-10 Fall Conference in Sheboygan



G. Strand, M. George, M. Goldfine, and V. Ouellette enjoy refreshments at the Fall Conference

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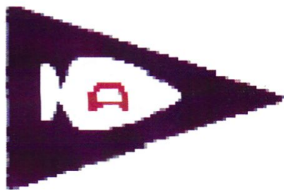
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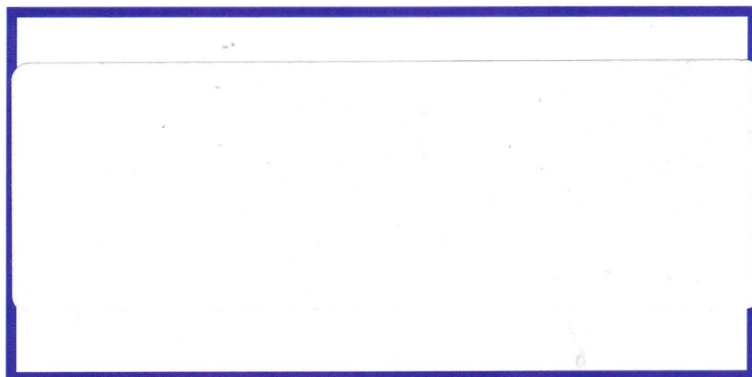
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curling, just come down to watch and cheer your friends on. There is a cash bar and an inexpensive menu. Ice time is \$10 per person. Bring a clean pair of athletic shoes to use on the ice. Anyone who is interested should call Ken or Joanne Docteur at 218-724-8627 to make reservations.

