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The United States Power Squadron is America's #1Boating Organization. If you would like informátion about becoming a member, please contact Murray George@ 218-310-6231 <murray.w.george@s mithbarney.com > or Valerie Ouellette @727-6079.

Bring a Friend

We all agree that Lake Superior can be beautiful, alluring, scary and downright dangerous all on the same day. Yet we are drawn to her. As the Apostle Island National Park Service t-shirt says "The Lake is the Boss." Expand your horizons. Enjoy the Lake safely. Increase your knowledge of boating by enrolling in a squadron advanced grade or elec-

As the Winter schedule of member classes is announced, the educational department is proposing an idea. "Bring a Friend* to Class" to introduce a new member to classes, enhance learning, insure a 'study buddy' or just have more FUN while learning to boat safely. (*Bringing a friend is only a suggestion, not a requirement)

Are you new to the squadron, wanting to learn safe boating techniques while you make new friends? Take one of our winter courses. Better yet, consider bringing a friend, spouse or other family member.

Do you boat in the Bay without certain knowledge of what all of those "floating things" mean? Are your spouse and/or other family members reluctant to boat on Lake Superior because it is "too scary"? They are very wise! Bring that spouse, family member or friend to the Seamanship course to learn docking, anchoring, the "Rules of the Road," and

aids to navigation to SAFELY negotiate our beautiful boating environment.

By Kay Bakke, Asst. Education Officer

Would you like to learn engine maintenance basics to increase your confidence in cruising farther from port? Enroll alone or bring a fellow member to Engine Maintenance.

Do you have a cadre of squadron friends who cruise together? Bring one or more friends and join the Cruise Planning course.

Are you a seasoned boater and long time Duluth Squadron member and wish to "refresh" your knowledge base while meeting new squadron members? Bring a fellow member or enroll yourself in Engine Maintenance or Advanced Pilot-

For detailed course descriptions go to: www.usps.org and click on How do I..., then Educational, then Ed Home Page to find the courses list on the left.

Call or email Kay Bakke at 726-1300 or kbak@cpinternet.com if you have questions or wish to enroll in winter courses.

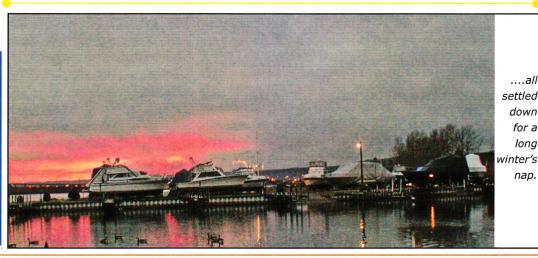
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From the District Bridge

D/Lt/C William V. Dohr, SN

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What is USPS University?

Are you a Senior Navigator with no more USPS courses to take? Are you an Advanced Pilot with Educational Proficiency and are not interested in more Advanced Grade or Elective courses? Are you a relatively new member and aren't sure where to begin? Are you a member that took a course or two many years ago and are not taking any more courses for whatever reason? Do we have a deal for you. You should consider taking more courses and seminars now under the new USPS University concept.

The USPS University concept will be launched this coming January. It will consist of our existing advanced grade courses in an updated format, more elective courses, seminar courses and four levels of boater certification. New to the USPS educational offerings will now be a choice of two-hour seminars (a series of topics of special interest to boaters) and a boater certification program. The university concept will allow you, the members, to pick and choose the courses that will help you work your way toward senior navigator and a particular certification level of your choice. Senior Navigator (Full Certificate) will be our usual five advanced grades, and any six of the elective courses. Also completing six seminars will qualify as an equivalent of an elective course. There will be four boater certification levels. They will be Inshore, Coastal, Advanced Coastal and Offshore. The levels of boater certification will be determined by passing the required AG, EC, Seminars and boat handling on-the-water skills. The exact requirements for each level are still to be determined. Your SEO will have this information as soon as it is released. Additional Elective courses that will be available soon are Marine Electrical, Marine Radio, Navigation Electronics, Offshore Weather and Advanced Seamanship. The first three listed will be a break-up of the current Marine Electronics Course.

Our Advanced Grade courses are in the process of complete revision to change the navigation concept to electronic systems as the first method used and conventional systems (bearings, ranges depths, celestial, etc.) as the second or backup method used. Piloting and Advance Piloting were completed two years ago. Seamanship and Junior Navigation have just been completed and are being beta tested this fall. The final versions of these two courses will be available early next year. Seamanship will be in one manual and will last about nine weeks. It will have emphasis on boat handling and rules of the road. A separate manual by Charlie Wing on Rules of the Road will be included and taught within the course. JN will be about 12 weeks long and will teach electronic navigation as the first method with sun sights as a backup navigation tool. Sight folders consisting of only sun sights will be graded at the squadron level after which there will be one open book test graded at

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Commander's Report

2007 here we come. This watch year is quickly coming to a close, and among other important responsibilities is that of the Nom-Com Committee, P/Cs Mary Brisky, Dave Mattson, and Grady Strand. They have put together a top notch Executive Committee to help us manage our Squadron into the future. As the announcements have been made at the most recent Executive Committee and General Meetings, to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in February, this is no secret. Terry Osvold, Kay Bakke, and Todd Carlson, will be your new Executive Officer, Educational Officer, and Administrative Officer respectively. That means by tradition that Terry will be nominated to step up as your Commander in 2008 and Todd in 2009. And my sources tell me our 2010 candidate is primping and preening. I couldn't be more pleased. The remainder of the 2006 bridge officers has graciously offered to give us another year of their truly incredible service, which is big since we are all volunteers. The slate is still shy by 2 new Members at Large. Commander, you would ask, six months ago when a few people mentioned I should run for another year, I said, "no way". A couple months ago I said to myself, "I could do this again", and recently I decided that I could and would accept the nomination. There are several reasons for my decision. When I broached this with Lynda, she said, "You need something to keep you busy" (as opposed to "split up the dinnerware honey and you're on your way"). Next, it is always the 10% of any organization that does 90% of the work. Well that 10% is an incredible group of dedicated members that has helped to make the Squadron. And you have helped make the Commander's position easier, and enjoyable. And finally along the way I have gained some new friends. Net plus for me. Isn't that what it's all about?

Notwithstanding other events, two recent events speak very clearly to this. Look how successful the 2006 Corn Roast weekend was. All told we had 40+ members who pitched in, which made the whole event non-stressful for anyone. And more recently, without being asked, our Administrative Officer, Lauri Welch took on putting together what will be a great (and inexpensive) Christmas Party. Hats off to everyone who contributed to Our Squadron this year. You know who you are, and at least you will be recognized with a merit mark (thank you again P/C Len Robinson) and as such will be listed in the Change of Watch Program. Some of us are unsung heroes like Carol Hesch. Who do you think takes all the thousands of mailings each year, folds them, addresses them, sorts them, and gets them out to you in a timely fashion? That's Carol. Thank

her next time you see her. And Valerie Ouellette has agreed to by my Flag Officer next year. There are 1001 reasons why I asked her.

Thinking about contributing to our Squadron, I just realized during the year that one of our requirements of mem-



Commander Murray George

bership is to do something for your Squadron during the year. Some of us don't do that anymore, but have given years of voluntary service. Some of us joined to use the dock. Some of us are involved in one way or another or a lot. And some of us haven't been involved, but maybe would like to be. This is the group that I would like to address. In the upcoming year, 1/Lt, Robert Hansen, Member at Large and P/C Len Robinson will organize a Membership Involvement Committee, and will be focusing on new members and their involvement. We will call you as we don't want anyone to slip through the cracks. But don't wait for the phone to ring, so whatever you want to do this next year please let Bob, Len, me or anyone of your Officers know of your interest. If you have questions about events or your involvement call or email me. I will help, or direct you in the right direction. A little effort goes a long way, and I guarantee you will have fun. We always need plenty of help for our events. Our education department is always looking for help, even if it is to attend a class, pass out books, monitor events, etc. New Vessel Examiners? It is a great experience, and education. I've done it for 2 years, and it is easy, enjoyable, but an important part of what we do. By the way it is the only event that if you do 5, the USPS automatically decrees you a merit mark. The spring Riverquest with P/C Charlie Grubb teaching youngsters about PFD's is a lot of fun, and a free ride and lunch on the Vista boat. Dock cleanup with Dave Solberg and crew – It's a party, but we get it done. Fishing Contest with Todd Carlson and crew- Don't know how to catch a fish? If we get enough interest I bet we can put on a fishing seminar at the dock that Saturday. You all have a lot of expertise in your own life and work that just might be of some value to our Squadron. Think about it. I look forward to the opportunity of being your Commander next year. See you there.

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Education Officer's Report

Instructors Needed

Are you a long time member wanting to stay involved in squadron educational activities? Are you a squadron member with teacher/trainer experience? Are you a squadron member wanting to help promote safe boating practices?

The Education department is building a core of resource members to teach public and member classes in the years to come. You may even have a friend who would like to "team teach" a squadron course. The Education department will provide assistance, resources and support to willing applicants. You will have a chance to preview the course materials prior to making a commitment.

Qualifications: You have moderate to extensive boating experience AND have one of the following:

- Completed USPS Instructor Development, Instructor Qualification, or Leadership Training, OR
- Previous trainer/teacher experience in business, military,
 Coast Guard Auxiliary, college, or public/private school OR

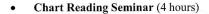
 Previous experience teaching squadron or CG Auxiliary classes

The squadron currently needs instructors for the following winter and spring offerings:

- Seamanship (9-2 hour sessions)
- Cruise planning (5-2 hour sessions)

GPS Seminar (8 hours)

Assistant Education Officer Kay Bakke



Call or email Kay Bakke at 726-1300 or kbak@cpinternet.com if you have questions or wish to volunteer to teach a class.





Winter Course Schedule

Engine Maintenance	8 Sessions	Wednesday	January 3—Feb. 28	Instructors will be Harlan Eggert and Bill Carlson
Advanced Piloting*	10 Sessions	Tuesday	January 16—March 30	Instructor will be Jim Robinson
Seamanship	9 Sessions	Wednesday	March 7—May 9	Instructor to be announced
Cruise Planning	5 Sessions	Saturday	March 10—April 7	Instructor to be announced

All Classes meet at Barker's Island Marina Clubhouse from 6—8:30 p.m. Meeting time for the Cruise Planning class will be announced. We need a minimum of 8 students to offer any course.

*Piloting is a pre-requisite for Advanced Piloting.

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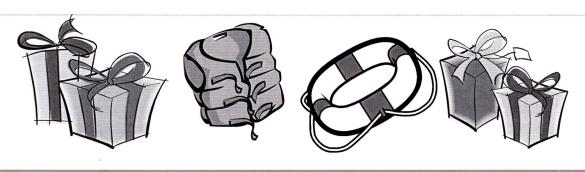
Safety Officer Jim Munger

Safety Officer's Report

District Ten Squadron : Duluth Minnesota Vessel Safety Check 2006

As you can see, Duluth
marked another successful
year. In a close partnership
with the Coast Guard Auxil-
iary, well over 300 vessels re-
ceived a Safety Check Decal.
But we can still improve.
These numbers reflect only a
small number of boats in our
area. A vast number of
smaller boats are out yet to
be examined and I suspect
most of there are 16-20 feet
in length. Most accidents re-
ported are in boats of this
size. And remember, some
80% of drownings happen be-
cause the boater was not
wearing his PFD.

Name	Total Vessel Safety Checks	Number of Checks Passed
Gina Beste-Wuorinen	8	8
David C. Carlson	29	27
Tom Cawcutt	10	9
Steve Farrell	10	9
Murray W. George	20	18
Charles Nixon Grubb	11	10
Robert Hecht	14	13
Margaret Hecht	13	12
Raymone Kral	15	15
Leonard A. Robinson	8	8
Thomas F. Rossini	113	76
Kenneth L. Schultz	14	12
Larry J. Anderson	Requalified	
Total Active Examiners—12		
Total Vessel Safety Checks	265	217



Administrative Officer's Report

By now everyone has their boats tucked away for the winter and we're settling in for the long months ahead where we can only dream about being on the water. I find the best way to make the days pass by a little easier is to have something to look forward to. What I'm looking forward to right now is the Squadron's Christmas Party! You should have received the flyers already giving you the details about the evening. Here's a reminder of the evenings itinerary:

• Our annual party will be on December 9th at the Androy Banquet Room, upstairs of the Androy Hotel in Superior. There is an elevator available.



Admin. Officer Lauri Welch

- Social hour is from 5:30 to 7:00. Great time to visit with your squadron friends!
- A home-made dinner buffet featuring broasted chicken, carved roast beef and ham will be served by Papa Don and crew.
- After dinner we will be entertained by PC Tom Cawcutt playing our holiday favorites, followed by Todd Carlson providing us music for our listening and dancing enjoyment.
- A cash bar will also be available.
- Silent auction throughout the evening to benefit the less fortunate by providing them a better Christmas. Please bring a wrapped item with a clue to what the contents are for people to bid on



Mary Osvold, Rhobley Mattson, Lauri Welch, and Val Ouellette work on decorations for the Christmas party.

The cost for the dinner is only \$15.00 in advance or \$17.00 at the door. Make your reservation by calling 715-395-0315 or mail your registration form and money before December 6th to: Lauri Welch, C/O National Bank of Commerce, 4105 Richard Avenue, Hermantown, MN 55811 so you won't have to worry about it at the door.

This year we want the best turnout ever, so please set aside the evening and join us in spreading holiday cheer!

Pre-registration Form	
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The Metropolis, a steamboat with side wheels, carried passengers and freight throughout the Great Lakes over 100 years ago. From Duluth it traveled what was known as the South Shore route. The building with the cupola behind the Metropolis is the Lake Superior and Mississippi Railway Depot, built in 1870 and located on Third Avenue East and the waterfront. This photo was taken in the 1870's or 1880's.

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

One Stop Christmas Shopping!

The DSPS Ship's Store has a good selection of Denim Shirts, Caps, T shirts, Tote bags, and other logo items for all of the boaters on your gift list.

The new Squadron Burgee (one size fits all) is also available.

The Ship's Store is located at the Harbor Cove Boat Works on Park Point, 1025 Minnesota Ave.

Hours are Monday thru Friday, 9am—6pm, Saturday, noon—6pm. At this time of year, it's a good idea to call ahead to make sure Zack or Lisa will be there to assist you—218-727-4342.

About the USPS (no, not the postal service)

By Al Harmon

Excerpt from the publication Squadron Administrative Officer

Before we start on the every day stuff, let's make sure you know about the USPS. The USPS is represented best by this triangle. It is an organization dedicated to self education, civic service, as well as a fraternal boating But it is also a private organization, non-profit, non-governmental, and military. It was organized in 1914. Its membership approaches 41,000 members out of 450 squadrons in virtually all states including Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Japan. It also has the distinction of being the world's largest private boating education organization.

What's in it for members

A great variety of courses to choose from: As a USPS member, you and your family can enroll in a great variety of advanced grades and elective courses which are only available to USPS members. These courses include Seamanship, Piloting, Celestial Navigation, Weather, Sail, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, and Cruise Planning. In addition, USPS offers more than two dozen self study courses on such subjects as Water Sports, Boat Insurance, Oceanography, Introduction to Sailing, Preparation for Coast Guard Licensing, and much more.

Meeting with other boaters in your area, you will join with other knowledgeable boaters who are familiar with the local waters, the best anchorages, and marinas and boat repair shops.

Participation in a variety of on water activities: As a USPS member, you are automatically invited to join in the squadron and district cruises, rendezvous, predicted log contests, raftings, and other on-water activities.

Savings on Boat Insurance: There are many marine insurance companies which provide discounts to those who complete advanced boating courses. This savings can be significant.

Thinking of boating in a river, lake, or ocean far from you home? USPS has a Port Captain program which will provide names and phone numbers of local USPS members who know the territory.



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Seaman phrases became common

P/C Candy Hengel, SN

"Down the Hatch," "piping hot," "point blank" began in boating

Many of the figures of speech that we use from day to day are derived from the language and customs of the sea. The word "port" is obvious to sailors caught in a storm who would wish to be safely in port. The word comes from the Latin word portus haven. The same word in Portuguese means the left hand side of a vessel, when facing forward. Some believe the steering board on early ships was on the right side of the vessel. In times past, mariners steered by the stars, thus the right side of the ship became the starboard side. When these ancient vessel's came into port, they tied up port side to, as the steering board was on the right side of the ship.

The "head" is the vessel's lavatory or toilet. The head was placed in the bow of the sailing ships due to the wind blowing from the stern. The sailors ate a lot of beans. Another version of why the facilities aboard ship were called heads is that a figurehead was carved into the bow of the ship. A sailor wishing to make use of the privy said he was going to visit the figurehead. In today's Navy, the person assigned to clean the head, usually as punishment, is referred to as the captain of the head.

"Harbor" is an Anglo-Saxon word and for seamen, a harbor is an area providing protected anchorage. To harbor implies containment, hence the metaphor, to harbor a grudge.

"Hatch" is a covering over an opening taken from the Old English word haec for a gate. Down the hatch is a hardy salute to enthusiastically open the mouth and pour liquid down to the gullet.

The expression "point blank" originally came from the French meaning the center of a bull's eye on a target. When a ship was at point blank range, their guns were close enough to hit the bull's eye without having to allow for the curve of the trajectory. Today we use the word to mean direct or coming to the point. He accused him point blank of taking a bribe.

"Piping hot" is a phrase originating from the days when the bosun on a ship piped the ship's crew to meals while the food was still hot. We use the term today to describe food as being piping hot.

"Pitch in" dates back to the days when seamen sealing

the seams of the ship with pitch wanted help with a hot, dirty job. In today's environment, we use the expression to encourage others to help. If we all pitch in, we can get the house painted in no time.

Old and new boaters alike can sharpen their nautical terminology by taking advantage of the many excellent courses USPS has to offer. Contact your squadron education officer for availability and dates of classes.



From the District Bridge (Continued from page 2)

national. You can get a head start on the USPS University by taking seminars now. Four seminars (Using GPS, VHF/DSC, Reading Charts and Onboard Weather Forecasting) are on the shelf and can now be ordered from HQ. Several more seminars (Boat Handling, Knots, Sail Trim, Emergencies Onboard, Heavy Weather Sailing and Digital Charts) will be ready by year's end. By the end of 2007, it is expected to have 20-25 seminars available. You will be given credit in the Headquarters data system for having completed the seminar.

take them and will be given credit for them at HQ in the event they be- already have them on their schedule.

come members. If the three-year membership exam waiver is passed at the February 2007 national meeting, we will be able to recruit members directly from these seminars.

If you have any questions on this new USPS University concept, pleasecontact your SEO or me at billdohr@charter.net. For more detailed information you can download a slide presentation from the national website on the Educational Department home page. Click on "read more..." in the first paragraph and "PowerPoint presentation." Also encourage your Executive Committee and your educational department A side benefit to the seminars will be that the public will be allowed to to schedule some of our new seminars. Two of our eleven squadrons

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General Meeting and Dinner

A good sized crowd enjoyed the food and company at the pot luck held on November 16 at the Barker's Island Marina Clubhouse prior to the General Meeting. The centerpiece was a delicious Prime Rib, prepared and served by Jack Soetebier.



Photos by Jim Munger





Cooking Corner

Happy Holidays!

Admin. Officer Laurie Welch shares her recipes for an instant party.

If you have a recipe you think others would enjoy, please send it to <kobray@charter.net>

Laurie's Cheese Spread

Mix together 2 cups shredded Cheddar Cheese, 3/4 cup real Mayonnaise, 1/2 tsp. (or to taste) garlic powder, and 1/2 cup sliced green olives.

Good with Club crackers or your favorite cracker.



Sparkling Holiday Punch

32 oz. Cranberry juice cocktail, chilled 1 qt. orange juice, chilled 1/2 cup lemon juice, chilled 1 cup sugar



1 bottle (25.4 oz) Chablis or other dry white wine, chilled 1 bottle (25.4 oz) Champagne, chilled

Combine the juices and the sugar, stir until sugar is dissolved. Add wine and pour over ice in punch bowl. Stir in Champagne just before serving. Garnish with orange slices, if desired. Yield 5 quarts.

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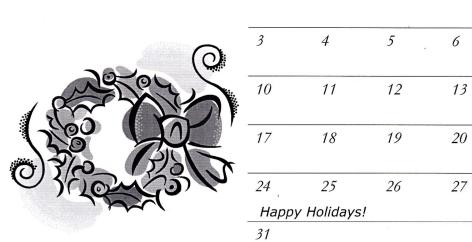
See "Freedom" at Barker's Island Marina. Gary Swapinski at 715-392-7131 or 218-341-1634 or Sid Mason at 218-724-6848

Want-Ads are free to members. Contact Karen at kobray@charter.net or 722-0663 to place an ad.

Schedule of Events

 Christmas Party at the Androy Hotel in Superior Social at 1730, Dinner at 0900. Bring a wrapped gift for the silent auction.

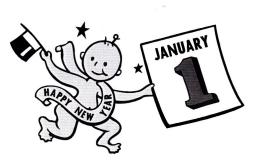




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Schedule of Events

- January 4—Exec. Bd. Meeting at Keglers 1730
- January 3—7—USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando FL



We're on the web! www.duluthpower squadron.com

January 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 USPS	4 Exec. Board	5 Annual	6 Meeting
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