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Fitting Out

A good time, a great meal, and parting with some of your cash, all for the benefit of squadron activities
More Fitting Out photos on pages 8&9



Auctioneer Forrest Evavold works the crowd assisted by P/C Grady Strand and P/C Bob Ouellette



Admin. Officer Todd Carlson and Commander Murray George with a cool raffle item



Shelley Herman helps Lynda George reel in a prize at the Fish Pond

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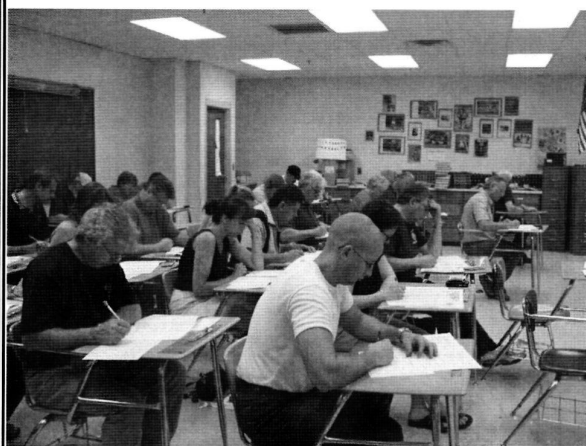
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Welcome New Members!

- Paul E. and Margaret Christensen - 23' Sailboat
- Paul M. Christensen and Tess Hilty - 35' Sailboat "Imagine"
- Scott and Cindy Kellet - 36' Power "Genna Louise"
- Bill and Susie Lannon - 22' "Little Leo"
- Steve and Julie Latour - 28' "Off Duty"
- Lisa Sundberg - 17' -as yet unnamed
- William and Shirley Rappana - 27' "All R's"

Congratulations and Welcome!



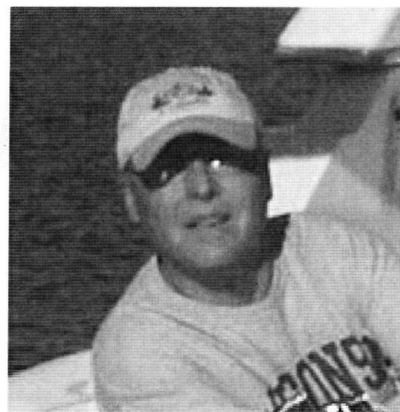
25 people successfully completed the spring session of Safe Boating. They are shown here during the exam.

Photo by Kay Bakke

Commander's Report

Looking at my last authored Commander's Report from a KOA campsite table 2 months ago, it is obvious a lot has happened in that time. Sugarloaf Key, March, sunny, 80 degrees -Duluth, May, fog, rain, 54 degrees. Gotta love it. In the meantime most of us have our boats in the water, and we have a wonderful Duluth summer to look forward to. D10 Spring Conference in Stevens Point-well done. Fitting Out Event-extremely successful, any way you look at it-Thank you one and all who made it a success by your participation, large and small. Education-graduated 24 from the Safe Boating Class earlier in May-bravo **Kay Bakke, Grady Strand** and group. Riverquest-in process to be successfully completed -thank you again **Charlie Grubb** and volunteers. Meetings-scheduled and well attended. Vessel Safety Exams, Captain's Platter Fishing Contest, Dock cleanup, GLCC joint event in July at the dock are all upcoming events that look to be well organized and about to come off successfully with a lot of participation. Website. PLEASE go to your Website (go to your search engine such as Google and type in Duluth Power Squadron). It is just awesome, up to date, with a lot of information, and links to other stuff, plus little icons that spin around, all thanks to **Bob Ouellette**. We will be using this much more in the future as a communication tool. **Val Ouellette**, as membership chair has been very busy signing up new members, and there have been quite a few. Some of you are aware that your Executive Committee recently approved a motion relating to inviting and authorizing groups to use our "dock". The motion that passed included 3 parts: 1. All groups authorized to use the dock will have their key officers execute and submit a hold harmless agreement, on behalf of the group. 2. The group will leave the dock in the same condition as when their event started. 3. The group will make a voluntary contribution to the DSPS. This action was important in that it led the way for us to authorize groups such as the 242 Club, and others to use our

dock on a time by time basis, and is setting a good precedent for us to follow in the future. Executive Officer, **Lt/C Terry Osbold, S**, authored these well thought out terms.



Commander Murray George, P

Given it is almost June, a good majority of the heavy lifting has been done for the year, and so far all is going well. The social, fun, and volunteer meter is on the rise. Don't forget to ask and get involved if you are sitting on the edge, or are a new member who hasn't been involved yet. **Kay Bakke, Grady Strand, Bob Hansen, and Rod Saline** are hard at work in building our Education and Public Relations departments. National believes that the new USPS University with new materials, classes, offerings will be the exciting building blocks of the USPS future. This may be especially true, given that more states are looking at and putting into place boating safety, education, and certification requirements. Could it be that our Squadron will be offering required boating certification/safety classes to hundreds of boaters a year in years to come? As a lot of you have seen recently, our own Administrative Officer, **Lt/C Todd Carlson** (soon to be Advanced Grade Seaman) has stepped up and is so involved that I can't keep up to, or track of him. He is running real fast, and gets my vote as this Channel Chatter's Best Volunteer Award. Hats off to you Todd. With a lot of member volunteers doing this heavy lifting, my job is just getting easier, and more satisfying. Thanks a lot to all.

Membership Report

There are many special benefits you receive for being a member of the USPS Fraternal, Education, Civic Service—we have it all! Our many benefits are a real plus to all members. The benefit package is growing rapidly. The following are structured to the USPS Member, and can only be obtained by a person with a current membership card. Here is the listing of the current benefits. For more information, please refer to the National Website at:

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Lt/C Valerie Ouellette, AP

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- USPS Port Captains
- West Marine Discount
- Liaison with governmental agencies –see website
- Discounts with Maptech
- The Ensign Magazine
- 40% Discount from Sounding Magazine
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Education Officer's Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took part in and assisted with the Fitting Out Party. This event is a major fund raising activity for the squadron, from which the Education department benefits greatly. We appreciate all of you who spent time and/or money to help the year's Fitting Out Party be a success.

During the first week of May, the spring **Squadron Boating class** reached a conclusion. I appreciate Steve Farrell's commitment to teaching the course. Twenty-five people successfully completed the course and at least five of them have become members of the squadron. Welcome to those new members and we hope you join us for some of our member courses.

I am thrilled to announce that we have a full slate of member courses scheduled for next fall, winter and spring. Right now it seems like it is time to go boating; and it is! When we are packing our boats away in the fall, and you are reluctantly thinking winter (yuk), consider brightening up your winter blahs by getting some boating friends together to enroll in a member course.

There is somewhat of an "order" in which to take the courses. It is best (but not a requirement) to take **Seamanship** first. The only true prerequisite is you must take **Piloting** in preparation for **Advanced Piloting**. And you must have passed **P** and **AP** in order to take **Junior Navigation** and **Navigation**. The other courses we are offering are elective courses and can be taken at any time in any order. This year the materials for **Seamanship**, **Engine Maintenance**, and **Marine Electronics** have all been revised and updated. I am pleased to announce that we have very capable and competent members in place to teach the courses.

We will try to offer the 2-4 hour seminars on selected Saturdays in

late April and early May. The other courses will meet in the evening during the week.

The schedule is shown below. I have included the number of two-hour sessions to complete each course. We will need at least 6 people in a

course to offer it. Cost of the courses is only for materials and varies from \$35-60. I have not included specific prices or dates; you can view those on line this fall on our website at www.duluthpowersquadron.com. Those of you interested in any fall offerings should begin watching the web site in mid July. The deadline for registration is generally one month prior to the first night of class. If you have questions or wish to pre-register, please email me at kbak@cpinternet.com



Lt/C Kay Bakke, AP

Season	Course	Start Date	# of sessions
Fall	Instructor Development	Sept	4
	Piloting	Oct	10
Winter	Advanced Piloting	Jan	10
	Engine Maintenance	Jan	8
	Marine Electronics	Jan	8
	Cruise Planning	Feb	5
Spring	Weather	March	8
	Seamanship	April	8
	Seminar -- GPS	April/May	1
	Seminar -- VHF/DSC	April/May	1
	Seminar -- Chart Use	April/May	1
	Seminar -- On Brd Wx	April/May	1



Administrative Officer's Report

Greetings All. It has been nice to finally see spring arrive in our area. We have definitely had a mixture of strange weather. The nice days followed by cold ones, has definitely made it feel like a typical spring in Duluth and Superior. I am sure that most of you have filled your free time with boat wax and bottom paint preparing for another great season on the water. I always forget about the work involved in getting the boat ready for the season.

I am sure that you all have heard about the great turn out at the Fitting Out Party. We had a fantastic meal, games, outstanding auction and raffle items, and just an all around fun time. The Shrine facility was more than we expected. There was plenty of room to move around and socialize with fellow members. We had such a great turn-out; we came close to running out of tables for dinner and auction items! I think that it was a good problem to have.

We are getting close to the summertime events now. Bob Ouellette has done a great job putting event information on the website. If you haven't looked at it in a while, you will be surprised. The website has great information about past events, current ones, education opportunities, and much more.

www.duluthpowersquadron.com

We have the Captain's Platter Fishing Contest coming up

and it looks to be another great event this year. Every year we have increased the number of participants. All we need now is nice weather. Even if you don't fish, it is a great time at the dock visiting with the members and

looking at the fish that are being weighed in. There have been some big fish that have been weighed in the last few years. Come one, come all!!!

In closing, I would like to thank everyone that was on the Fitting Out Party planning committee and everyone that helped out at the event. Anyone that takes a little time to help plan an event needs to be thanked. We are always looking for fresh faces to plan events and always seem to get the same people. The point I am stressing is "Get Involved." This organization is run by its volunteer members and needs more people participating. We don't need to get more members; we need to get more members involved! If anyone has a little spare time to donate to the Power Squadron, please ask where you can help.



Lt/C Todd Carlson



Members of the Duluth delegation who attended the Spring Conference at Steven's Point, WI include:

Andy George, son of C Murray George, Lt/C Kay Bakke, Lt/C Valerie Ouellette, P/C Bob Ouellette, P/C Dave Carlson, and Corinne Carlson.

Captain's Platter Fishing Contest



Sponsored by the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron
"Safe Boating Through Education"
www.duluthpowersquadron.com

When: Saturday, June 9, 2007

6 a.m.—4 p.m.

Where: Lake Superior and the

St. Louis River

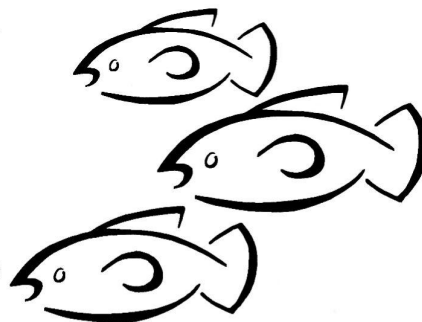
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Open to the Public!



For rules, registration, and other information, see the website
<www.duluthpowersquadron.com> or
contact Todd Carlson at 218-348-4733

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each of the following categories:

- *Walleye*
- *King Salmon*
- *Lake Trout*
- *Other Salmon*
- *Captain's Platter (combined weight of largest of each species caught by the boat)*

***Door
Prizes!***

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3pm-5pm!***



The new Shrine AAD Temple was the site of the April 28 fundraiser, Fitting Out. 150 members and guests attended. A catered Spaghetti dinner was followed by a Silent Auction, Games, and a Live Auction.

Photos by John Bray



Dale and Linda Reno chat with Julie Strand



Admin. Todd Carlson, Security Officer, Exec. Terry Osvold, and David C. Mattson



P/C Grady Strand assists Auctioneer Forrest Evavold



Commander Murray George watches as Keith Kylmala flips for the Heads or Tails Game



Treasurer Valerie Ouellette



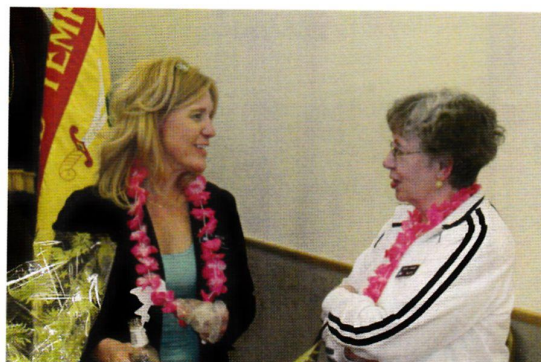
Fish Pond Girls—Karen Bray, Pat Mattson, Mavis Eggert, Jessica Meehan, Shelley Herman, and P/C Gina Wuorinen



Wayne and Kathy Carlson sign up with the help of the hard working registration crew, Ken Olson, Mary Jane Olson, and Katie Gooder



A great spaghetti dinner, and Jack's Carrot Cake, too!



Asst. Admin. Laurie Welch chats with Mary Grubb

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Ignoring minimum wake zones can be costly

Whether you are an experienced sailor or are renting a boat for the first time, every captain needs to keep a sharp eye for boaters not conforming to the "Rules of the Road." There are a lot of folks out driving boats and many of them should not be. We have seen way too many persons behind the wheel of a boat who have no idea what they are doing and often cause accidents.

Keeping right is an important rule for any boat operator. You are supposed to stay to the right side of the channel and you should stay to the right when meeting a boat head-on. The steering wheel of many boats is on the right side, opposite of car steering wheels. This may confuse a lot of people when they meet oncoming traffic on the side they are sitting on, not keeping to the right.

Any vessel operating in a speed zone posted as slow speed-minimum wake must operator fully off plane and completely settled in water. This means no white tops showing on your wake and that your bow does not rise at all.

Drinking while driving a boat can get you in trouble in a hurry. Boating under the influence can get really expensive when you have to pay a hefty fine. The most important thing to do when piloting a boat is to think. Realize what you are doing and plan ahead. Know the rules and obey them. Other safe boating practices are to wear a life jacket; follow local navigation rules; be courteous and responsible operators.

You cannot necessarily predict when an accident might happen, which is why it is important that you boat with safety in mind.

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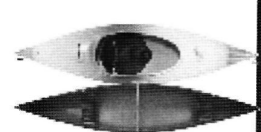
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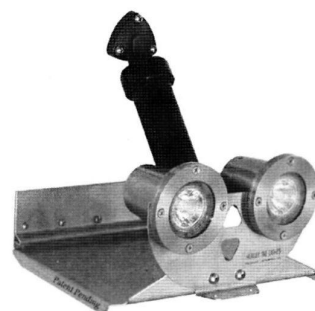
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Boating Back in Time

By P/C Richard D. Bibby

This photo was taken in Conneaut, Ohio back in the late 1930's. Pictured is the Great Lakes Towing's tug "MINNESOTA", as a steam powered tug, which even then was nearing some thirty years of age. Of special interest is the reality, that this small vessel, built in 1911, is presently stationed in Duluth, and (repowered in 1960) is still giving a good account of herself after some 95+ years of service, which is rather unbelievable... Shortly after the Company began repowering their fleet of steam tugs in 1949-



1950, the "MINNESOTA" was one of the two steam tugs that was involved in an experimental tug-of-war, held at Conneaut Harbor. The newly rebuilt/repowered "NORTH DAKOTA" was pitted against the "MINNESOTA" and "KENTUCKY" which were still under steam. The old "steam" diehards were disillusioned on that day, when at full throttle ahead for all three tugs, the repowered diesel pushed the two "steamers" backward at about one-half mile per hour!!! This event signaled the end of STEAM as it was evident that the Company's repowering program was highly successful. Pictured behind the "MINNESOTA" is the tug "NEW YORK". These two tugs served the very busy port of Conneaut for many years through this era of time!!!

MISSISSIPPI Mingle



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & RESERVATION INFO!

District 10 Summer Rendezvous – 6-8 JULY 2007

MISSISSIPPI Mingle

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hosted by Hiawatha Valley Sail & Power Squadron

COME BY LAND OR WATER AND ENJOY "PRETTY LITTLE RED WING!"

This is another very busy weekend in Red Wing – make your reservations early!

Join us for a relaxing Summer weekend in "Pretty Little Red Wing!"

Whether you're a longtime resident or a newcomer still trying to decide which way is north, there's always something to enjoy in Red Wing.

You'll be able to walk through historic areas and consider the beginnings of Red Wing's namesake pottery and shoes, view the Mississippi River from the vantage point of Memorial Park or Barn Bluff, or hike or bike Sorin's Bluff and savor the skyline of a city which spreads across 40 square miles!

Pretty Little Red Wing is celebrating its sesquicentennial in 2007 and you'll have an opportunity to experience both its rich history as well as an outdoor paradise.

• Bring your "big boat" and reserve a boat slip in Red Wing and/or Treasure Island.

• Bring your "shallow draft boat" and enjoy the main channel of the Mississippi or join in a backwater tour/cruise on Saturday afternoon. (There's a FREE launch ramp at Bay Point Park in Red Wing!)

• Bring your bicycles if you'd like to experience some great trail riding.

• Red Wing is a wonderful antique shopping destination.

• The options are endless for a summer weekend in Red Wing!

Helpful web sites:
www.redwing.org
www.treasureislandcasino.com
www.andersoncenter.org

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY – 6 July 2007

Friday evening activities will be held at Colvill Park, Hwy 61, Red Wing, MN (Colvill Courtyard)

1500 - 1900 Registration
1830 Barbecue dinner
1930 Karaoke

SATURDAY MORNING – 7 July 2007

You'll be able to choose between activities held at the Red Wing Library, Bay Point Park or the Anderson Center in Red Wing. Saturday evening activity will be aboard the Spirit of the Water at Treasure Island Resort & Casino located about 15 minutes by car from Red Wing.

0830 - 1300 Registration at Bay Point Park (Boat Ramp Pavilion in Red Wing)
0830 - 1000 Continental Breakfast (Requires pre-registration)
0900 - 1230 Bocce Ball Tournament (Requires pre-registration)
0930 - 1130 GPS Seminar (Requires pre-registration)
Red Wing Library (Foot Room)
East Ave & 3rd Street
1130 Box Lunch at Bay Point Park (Requires pre-registration)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1200 opening Summer Celebration of the Arts at the Anderson Center

(Set on 330 acres in the bluffs and region of the upper Mississippi this celebration highlights the work of over 85 artists, writers and musicians. Tour both indoor and outdoor open studios, music, art and book sales, demonstrations, food and refreshments. \$3.00 admission at the door!)

1230 - 1530 Backwater tour starting out at Bay Point Park
(If you would like to tour miles of backwaters located by Red Wing, you'll need a shallow-draft boat, dinghy, inflatable, jet boat, etc.)

1230 - 1530 Main Channel Boat Tour

SATURDAY EVENING

1730-2100 Treasure Island Resort & Casino DINNER CRUISE

(Cruise aboard Treasure Island's "Spirit of the Water." Dinner menu includes salad, chicken breast, Montreal seasoned rib eye steak, au gratin potatoes, vegetables and elegant dessert display.)

SUNDAY MORNING – 8 July 2007
1000 Treasure Island's Breakfast Buffet (informal gathering at the restaurant)

DIRECT HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

To secure group rate, reservations must be made by 5 June 2007

LODGING:

Rooms have been reserved at Treasure Island Resort & Casino and the Days Inn

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Another lodging option is the historic St. James Hotel in Red Wing – 651/388-2846

BOAT SLIPS

TREASURE ISLAND MARINA (DOCK C)

Slips at Treasure Island will be coordinated by HVSPS. Please complete the slip reservation information on the Registration form.
Please note: If you're coming by boat and won't have a vehicle, HVSPS will arrange for your transportation to events in Red Wing.

OLE MISS MARINA & RED WING MARINA

There are a limited number of slips at Ole Miss Marina – Bay Point Park and Red Wing Marina – both located in Red Wing, MN.
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P/C Dave Carlson, SN

I would like to ask anyone that is in charge of an event to please send me a report listing the individuals and the amount of time that they spent working. Such as: Teaching, Proctoring, Fitting Out Party, VSE's, Coop Charting and all of our events. This will help me fill out the Historian's Report. Anyone presenting an award to another Squadron member should also furnish the Award name and the person receiving the award. Class Instructors: I also need to know what classes are taught and the number of students that pass the class.



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Fishing Con- test/ VSC's
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Vessel Safety Checks
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Schedule of Events

June 9—Captain's Platter Fishing Contest at the Squadron Dock. Vessel Safety Checks will also be offered. See the website for more information.

June 16—Vessel Safety Checks at Barker's Island and other locations.

For the most up-to-the-minute information, see
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Schedule of Events

July 2007

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

July 5—Executive Committee Meets at Kegler's at 1730. Everyone Welcome.

July 14—DSPS and Great Lakes Cruising Club joint Picnic at the Squadron Dock. Check the website for more information.

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