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## Corn Roast

By 1/Lt Dave Stokes

**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!** As you all know the 2006 DSPS Corn Roast was a tremendous success with great meals, games for the kids, the jump-a-roo, camaraderie, dancing, live music, fireplace stories, dinghy run, and all the fixings.

So mark your calendars now for this year's Labor Day weekend Corn Roast extravaganza. The annual event gets underway on Friday August 31, 2007. We'll have many of the fun activities returning from last year, plus some new surprises. Make sure to invite your friends and family

to turn this into the largest group of deckhands ever.

This year's theme is the "Haunted Corn Roast" so bring your ship of ghouls (or fools), all of your spooky gear, pumpkins, costumes, tricks or treats and fall decorations.

The band Shack Shakers will be returning for an encore performance Sunday night as part of their fall tour. Maybe we can even get them to play the "Monster-Mash!" Bill and Katie Gooder are back by popular demand with lots of games and events for big and little kids (plus there is new playground equipment).

There will be a dinghy run Sunday afternoon, a scrumptious primary meal cooked



Corn Husker's Competition

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## Commander's Report

Ah, the summer doldrums and the living is easy. Well, that may be for a lot of us, however your Squadron never sleeps. Since our last Channel Chatter report, I would like to update you on events. Riverquest was successfully completed, as was the Fishing Contest, Vessel Safety Exams at Barker's Island, the Great Lakes Cruising Club joint sponsored Picnic at our dock, and Executive Board meetings. Our Public Relations committee, Education Department, Treasurers Department, Membership Department, and Administrative Department, to name a few, continue to successfully accomplish their respective goals, and there are a few. We are up to date on all business, education, and event matters, and are financially solvent.

Your Bridge has recently adopted requirements for non-Squadron use of our Dock. That is, any non-member group who has been given permission to use the dock for an event must sign a hold harmless agreement, leave the dock in as good or better shape than when they arrived, and make a charitable contribution. So far this has been done with the 242 Club. The Shrine has been approved to use our dock in July, as has been NAPA in August. Your Bridge feels comfortable with these arrangements. Keep in mind that all DSPS members still have exclusive use of the dock at any time.

Our Nom-Com is very busy looking for a member to fill the Executive Officer position due to a resignation. The primary responsibility here is to head our Squadron as Commander next year. If you or anyone you know in the Squadron has an interest in filling in this upcoming, 12 month position, please don't hesitate to contact Len Robinson at 715-392-9838. We do have several candidates who will be moving up in the future, but those members really anticipate going

through the "chairs", that is, Admin, Exec, and Commander positions in that order.

I can say from personal experience my position has been and continues to be very rewarding. From knowledge gained, my re-

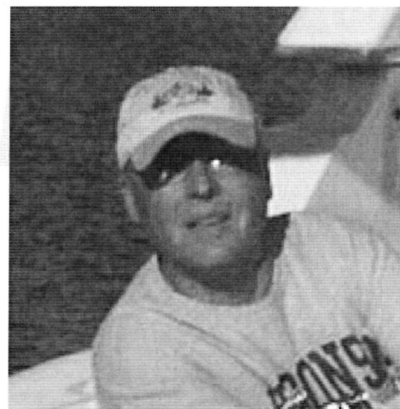
spect and admiration for our Past Commanders has increased dramatically. This is especially true when I look back at the prestigious list of Past Commanders. They all held full time jobs, were raising families for the most part, and then when their plate was full, they stepped up,

and without a pause, generously donated huge amounts of time to fill this Commander's position, and did it extremely well, without complaint. I find it is very gratifying to be called "Commander" by my fellow members and peers; I hope I've earned it. But I suspect it is even more gratifying to be addressed as "Past Commander" of our Squadron, having completed their accepted role well, which also gives them the privilege of flying the P/C Flag. For sure they have earned it. For that I take off my hat to all Past Commanders, and humbly thank them again for their past, and indeed, current accomplishments.

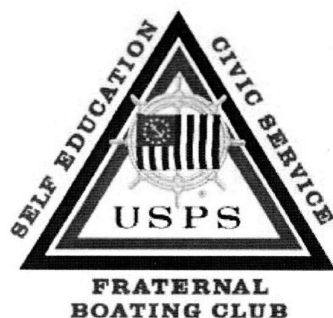
**Corn Roast** - Currently, meetings are in process to ensure another successful 2007 Labor Day weekend Corn Roast event. Volunteers are needed. Call our Committee Head, Dave Stokes, 218-310-3972 to see where you might fit in. For the primary dinner Sunday evening, we are going back to some long time tradition. The Past Commanders will be preparing and serving up that scrumptious meal.

**District 10 Fall Conference** - Please look at your calendar and see if you might be able to attend the Fall Conference at the Chula Vista Resort in the WI Dells, November 2-4. Not only is it educational, but the attendees in the past have had a great time at the dinners, presentations, and other events. It would be really nice to have a noticeable Duluth contingent.

Continue to have a wonderful summer, and safe boating!



Commander Murray George, P





## Education Officer's Report

I hope you all are having a safe and fun boating season.

First, I wish to thank Steve Farrell for his continuing efforts to promote and provide safe boating education to the public. Steve taught our spring public *Squadron Boating Course* finishing in May. Just when I thought we had completed that course the St Louis County Rescue Squad called to inquire about offering the course to 15 of their members. Steve unselfishly gave of his time, immediately coaching the Rescue Squad members to successfully complete the course.

I also wish to thank Bill Carlson for assisting with Squadron Boating Course, Karen Bray for providing treats at the completion of the May course and all the volunteers who were on hand during final exam night to invite graduates to join the squadron.

Secondly, it is only August but we are planning fall courses already. If you are wondering how you might get involved in the squadron, you may wish to consider becoming a trained instructor. We are required by National headquarters to have trained instructors teach our *Squadron Boating Course* to the public. To that end, Larry Anderson will teach the *Instructor Development* course beginning September 18. Open to any members, the course prepares you to teach *SBC*. Taking *ID* does not obligate you to teach the boating course. This is an opportunity for you to explore and/or develop your teaching skills. Although we need trained instructors, we want willing ones. I PROMISE to not harass, harangue or otherwise cajole you into teaching the course.

Who knows! You may find a hidden talent or arouse a forgotten skill.

Attention *Seamanship* graduates...recent or past. *Piloting* is the first of four sequential navigation courses offered by USPS—*Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation* (celestial) and *Navigation*. We are reminded by recent boating accidents the importance of knowing how to coordinate the use of GPS with a paper chart and the islands ahead. *Piloting* and Glenn Peterson will teach you just those skills, and more!

One approach to this sequence of courses might be to find a “study buddy” or “study group” and try to take the classes together over the 2-3 year period it takes to complete them. We will offer *Advanced Piloting* this winter and *JN* and *N* as there is a demand.

(For a more broad description of USPS courses, go to the National web site at [www.usps.org/national/eddept](http://www.usps.org/national/eddept))

If you have questions or wish to register, please email me at [kbak@cpinternet.com](mailto:kbak@cpinternet.com)



Lt/C Kay Bakke, AP

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by your Past Commanders on Sunday evening, and the blueberry pancake breakfast cooked to your delight on Monday morning. We are requesting that all past Commanders please report to the galley and contact Dave Stokes (218-310-3972 or [dave@stokesmediahouse.tv](mailto:dave@stokesmediahouse.tv)) prior to the event to determine your availability for this grand affair.

We are also looking for volunteers and ideas to put the finishing touches on this event. This is a great way for new members to get involved and have fun. Call or email Dave

Stokes at the above address/ phone of your interest, and attend the first meeting Tuesday, August 7, 5:30PM at the Incline Station. Future meetings are scheduled for August 14 and wrap-up on August 28. This is just a sneak peak at some of the activities—planning is still in the works so join in on creating a Halloween to remember in September!



Everyone's a winner at Corn Roast!



D/C Robert Stierna presented the Five Star Award to Commander Murray George at the District 10 Spring Conference in April.

Lt/C Valerie Ouellette, who was present at the conference, commented "This is the highest award a commander can get from the District Commander for meeting objectives set forth from District. Murray was the only commander out of all the 12 squadrons in the district and the District Commander said that he never thought he would be handing out the 5 Star Award due to the requirements. Truly a honor!!"



## Safety Report

1/Lt Jim Munger, N

### Safety Officer's Vessel Safety Check Report

So far this season, the Squadron has been busy with Safety Checks. The numbers are not all in, so our total for the year still has some time to go. My records so far are 228 examinations by 13 Vessel Examiners. There is time to do more. Please be sure to give me the examination reports you still have in your briefcase!

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TO SEE YOU AT  
THE DOCK SOON!

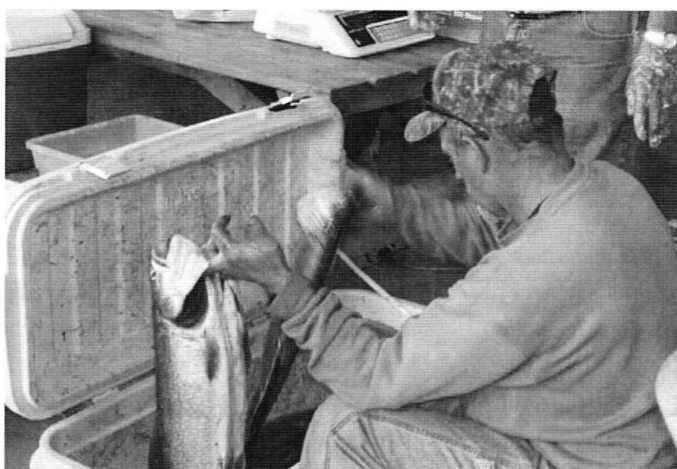
Jim Munger and  
Bob Hecht discuss  
Vessel Safety Exams  
with several members  
of the USCG.

*Photo by Peggy Hecht*



## Administrative Officer's Report

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and getting some boating in. I have taken a few trips to Lake Michigan to do some fishing and had a couple great weekends hanging out at the Squadron dock. It is nice to have such a facility to use anytime you want to escape from the marina environment. You never know who will stop in. I have seen members out for a boat ride stop at the dock for a picnic or to just stretch their legs after spending the day on the water. What a place!



*Photos by Bob Ouellette*

June 9<sup>th</sup> we had the Captains Platter Fishing Contest. What a turnout! We registered 75 people in the event this year. Friday night the boats started showing up and many stayed both nights at the dock. The weather cooperated and we all had a great time.

We gave away a mountain of door prizes to the participants along with gift certificates to Marine General and Fisherman's Corners to the winners of the contest. Hat's off to all that helped put it together! Many great compliments about our facility from the non-member participants. Commander Murray performed several Vessel Safety Checks and answered questions about equipment requirements. We also provided information about the squadron and the classes that the education department has coming up. All in all, great event! Thanks again to all that helped out.



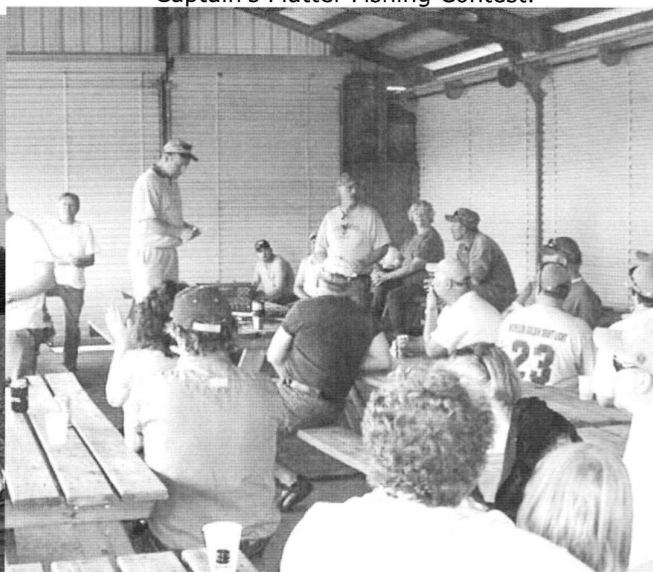
Lt/C Todd Carlson

See you at the Corn Roast!

June 9 was a beautiful day for a Fishing Contest (or just relaxing) at the Squadron Dock.



Admin. Officer / Contest Chairman Todd Carlson distributed prizes to 75 participants at the Captain's Platter Fishing Contest.



## Know how to signal for help in open water

P/C Candy Hengel, SN

P/D/C Harvey Hengel, SN

Let's hope we never have to signal for help when we're out on the water enjoying the experience. Even with the best boats and equipment, trouble can come without warning.

How would you signal for help in the event of an emergency?

Most everyone has a cell phone as they are relatively inexpensive and easy to use. A boater may be reluctant to broadcast his predicament over the VHF radio where everyone within range can hear him. There are some drawbacks to the cell phone as your only source of communication. Cell phones have limited power and range. They have a low watt of power and must be near a tower to be heard. They are a reliable source of emergency communication if you understand their restrictions.

All boats should be equipped with a VHF marine radio even if it's a portable handheld model. During an emergency situation it would be an advantage to have other boats hearing your emergency communication on Channel 16. There may be boaters nearby who may be able to render assistance. The VHF radio also has limitations. The signal you put out is strictly line of sight communication of about eight to ten miles or four to five miles for handheld units. The higher the antenna the farther your signal can be received. Sailboats with tall masts can transmit 20-25 miles. It's possible that the Coast Guard, with its tall VHF towers, could pick up your signal much farther away.

Digital Selective Calling, or DSC, marine radios have the capacity to send signals to other DSC equipped radios, including the Coast Guard, much like a phone. They can be interfaced with your GPS to send out emergency signals, giving your exact location.

Emergency Position Indicating Radio beacons, (EPIRB) are generally used off-shore. The unit sends out a signal which is picked up by satellites and relayed to the Coast Guard. They can be activated manually or once the unit is submerged.

EPIRB units must be registered, are somewhat expensive and require a battery.

If you don't have any electronic means of communications, flares, distress flags, mirrors and CDs are other methods of signaling your distress.

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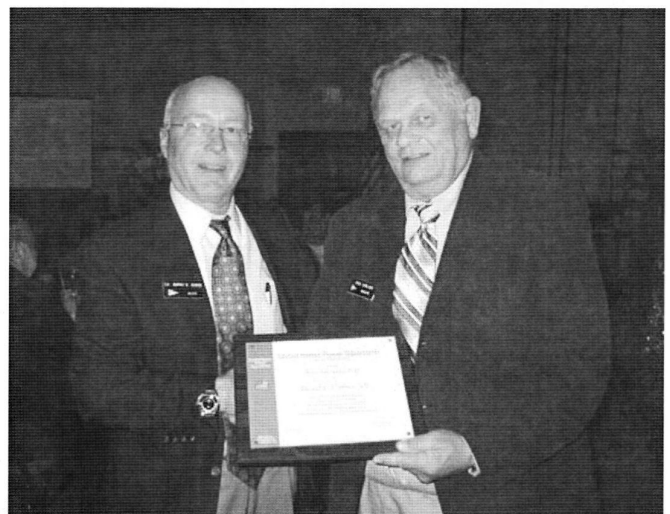
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P/D/Lt/C Dave Carlson, SN was presented with a Life Membership Award recently by Cdr Murray George.



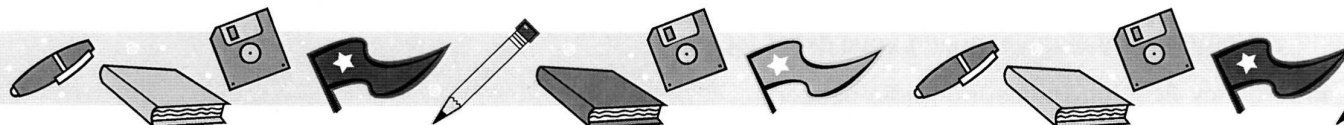
**The Education department is pleased to announce two member course offerings this fall.**

September 18 will mark the beginning of our fall squadron educational offerings. Unlike other USPS courses, the ***Instructor Development*** course is not designed to enhance boating skills. Rather, its emphasis is on enhancing instructor skills. The course has been designed to demonstrate interactive teaching methods, to prepare lesson plans and give four presentations to their peers utilizing a variety of teaching aids and presentation skills; all focused on adult learning. Each presentation is to be given on a topic from one of the public boating classes with the intent that upon completion of the course every student will be qualified to teach or proctor at a squadron boating class.

We are pleased to announce that Larry Anderson, long time member of the Duluth Power Squadron will teach the course. Larry is a retired Duluth Public Schools teacher and teaches ***ID*** during the winter months for the Perdido Bay Power Squadron in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

**Instructor Development (ID)** (6 sessions) Member course: Elective

<b>Day/Date:</b>	Tuesdays, September 18 to October 24		
<b>Time:</b>	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	<b>Location:</b>	Barkers Island Marina Club House
<b>Cost:</b>	no charge	<b>Instructors:</b>	Larry Anderson
<b>To register contact:</b>	Kay Bakke	<b><u>Registration deadline:</u></b>	September 18
	218-726-1300 or	** Need 4 members to hold the class	
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Member Glenn Peterson will teach the ten (10) week ***Piloting*** course beginning Wednesday, September 26. ***Piloting*** is the first and most basic navigation course, covering chart reading, course plotting, and basic coastal or inland navigation, including basic GPS usage. This course goes into more detail than the charting information covered in the public courses. ***Piloting***, the first of four thorough navigation courses, must be taken in sequence with ***Advanced Piloting***, ***Junior Navigation*** and ***Navigation***. We are pleased to have Glenn join our instructor staff. He has 35 years of boating experience and has taught 15 years for the State of Minnesota Fire Center.

**Piloting (P)** (10 sessions) Member course: Advanced Grade

<b>Day/Date:</b>	Wednesdays, beginning September 26
<b>Time:</b>	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$48, payable at first class session
<u>Note:</u> there will be additional cost for plotter and quality divider	
<b>Location:</b>	Barkers Island Marina Club House

<b>Instructors:</b>	Glenn Peterson	<b>To register contact:</b>	Kay Bakke at 218-726-1300 or kbak@cpinternet.com
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<b><u>Registration deadline:</u></b>	September 26	** Need 8 members to hold the class and there is only room for 12.
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Visit our web site at [www.duluthpowersquadron.com](http://www.duluthpowersquadron.com) for a more detailed course description.

## Sign up for Safer Boating

Do you know anyone new to boating? Or someone who needs to learn how to be a safe boater? The Duluth Sail and Power Squadron is offering four easy ways to learn Safe Boating. Pass this information along!

**America's Boating Course** is self study. Work with a text and interactive CD. There is a proctored exam upon completion. To register contact Joe Hesck @ 525-2857.

**Squadron Boating Course** will be offered in two locations:

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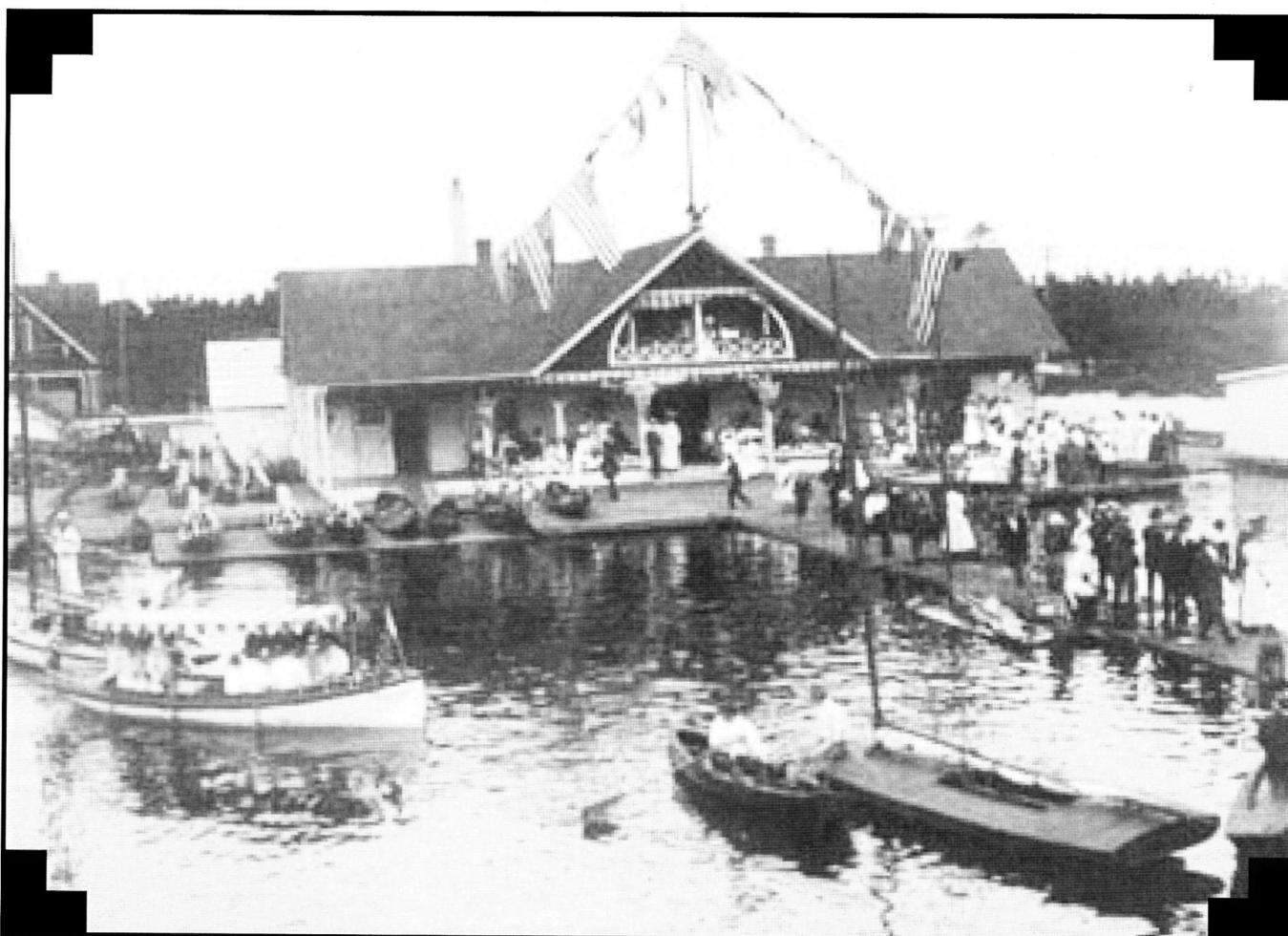
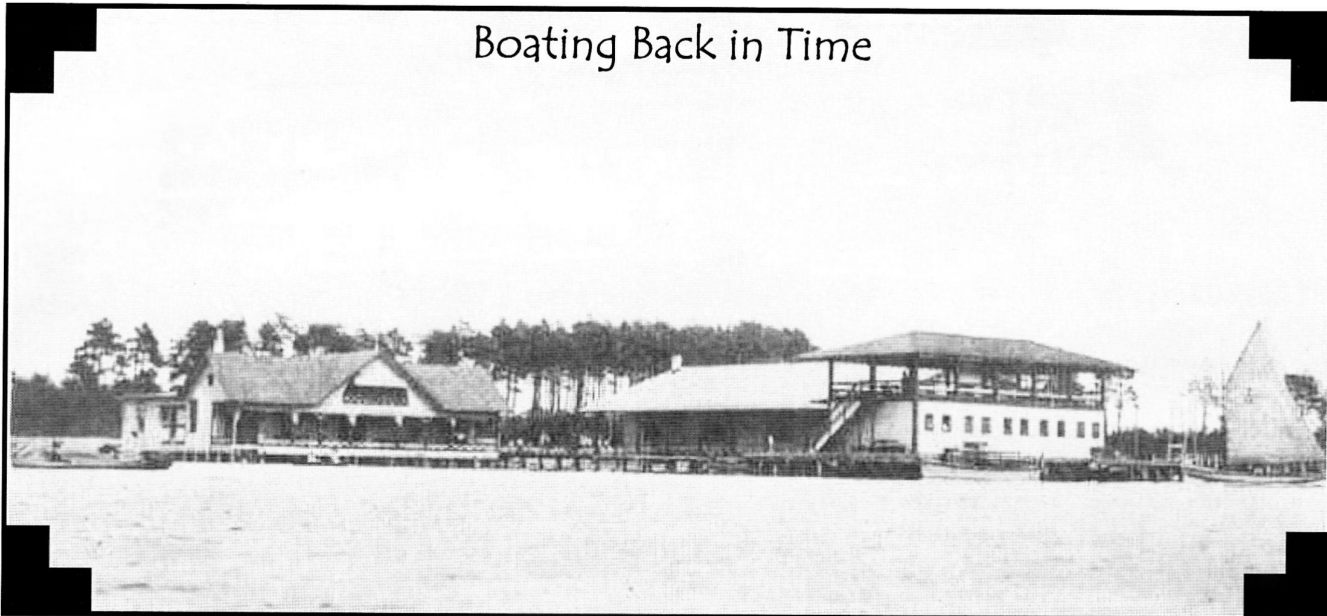


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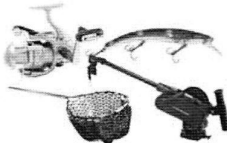
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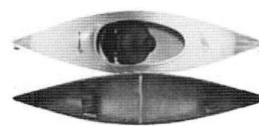
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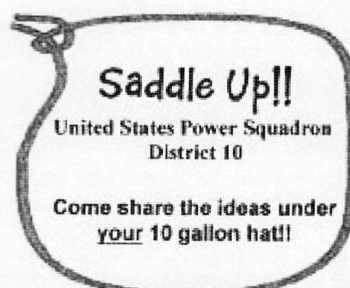
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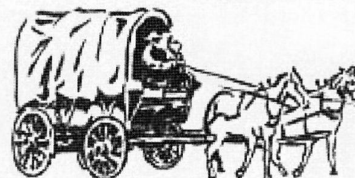
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- ★ Remember to bring your rodeo kits - see Madison Squadron website!

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 District Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Squadron Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse/Guest/Non-member attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is this your first time attending a District Conference? ☐ Yes ☐ No

#### Meal Information:

*Breakfast each day on your own. Resort offers a buffet and menu service.*

**Friday:** *Dinner on your own. (Chula Vista Resort has six restaurants and bars.)*

Bonfire at 7:00 p.m., weather permitting. Wild West Party starts at 8:00 p.m.

\$7/person for desserts & snacks. Cash bar.

	persons	amount
\$7 X	_____	= _____

#### Saturday:

*Lunch:* Chuck wagon BBQ lunch:

Salads, sides, burgers, ribs and shrimp!

\$18 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

*Dinner:* Combination plate with London Broil

and Honey-glazed Chicken, including

appetizer, salad, vegetable and dessert.

\$25 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian meals available on request.

**Sunday:** *on your own.*

Total all meals \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Attire:

**Friday Evening:** Wild West clothing

**Saturday:** Informal. Team USPS shirts,  
or USPS Blazer (no tie).

**Saturday Evening:** Business Casual or  
USPS Blazer. (Tie optional)

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#### Chula Vista Resort Information:



**Room Reservations:** Ask for United States Power Squadron Block rate before Oct. 3 to receive USPS rate of \$99/night. Also available: 2-bdrm. condo for \$289/night.

IF YOU RESERVE before July 1, you are eligible for a drawing for a free night at Chula Vista Resort (not including November 2, 3 or 4.) Winner announced at District 10 Rendezvous.

Call: 1-800-388-4782 or (local) 608-254-8366. Fax: 608-254-7653

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## Watch for Deadly Fish Virus

Article Submitted  
by Valerie Ouellette

Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS virus) is a new and deadly fish virus that killed huge numbers of fish in several Great Lakes waters in 2005 and 2006. It is probably in Lake Michigan and may be in Lake Superior and the Mississippi River. **The VHS virus is not a health threat to people who eat or handle infected fish**, but it is usually fatal to fish, causing them to bleed to death. It can infect more than 25 fish species, including game fish, panfish, and popular bait fish. Fisheries officials consider VHS virus a very serious threat to fish populations and fishing, particularly to inland waters. To prevent the spread, **emergency rules are in effect** that allow anglers and boaters to continue enjoying their pastimes, but to be more careful to keep our lakes, rivers, and fish healthy.

**What can you do to help prevent the spread of VHS virus?**

- Do not take live fish or fish eggs away from the boat landing.

- Drain your boat bilge, bait buckets, and livewells before leaving the landing
- Report large numbers of dead fish or fish with bloody spots to your local DNR fish biologist or conservation warden
- questions? Contact Fish Health Specialist Sue Marcquenski at 608-266-2871 or <susan.marcquenski@wisconsin.gov>

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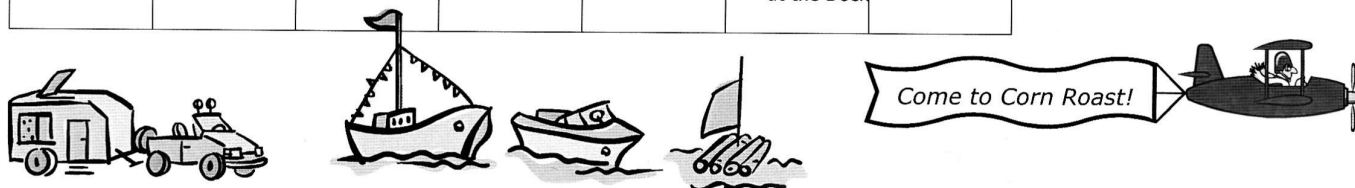
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# August 2007

## Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Corn Roast Meeting at Kegler's	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Corn Roast Meeting at Kegler's	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Corn Roast Meeting at Kegler's	29	30	31 Corn Roast at the Dock	

- Tuesday, 8/7, Corn Roast planning meeting at Kegler's—1730
- Tuesday, 8/14, Corn Roast meeting at Kegler's
- Tuesday, 8/28, Corn Roast meeting at Kegler's
- Friday, 8/31, Corn Roast Festivities Begin at the Squadron Dock



# Schedule of Events September 2007

- Saturday, 9/1 through Monday, 9/3—Corn Roast at the Squadron Dock.
- 9/5—9/9 USPS Fall Governing Bd Mtg, Norfolk
- 9/6 Executive Bd meeting
- 9/20 General Meeting

For the most up-to-the-minute information, see [www.duluthpowersquadron.com](http://www.duluthpowersquadron.com)

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 General Meeting	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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