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Corn Roast Weekend

Ahoy from Davey Stokes! I'd like to give a big howling thank you to all who made the Haunted Corn Roast a frightening success. The ships and RVs of ghouls and fools were decked out with Halloween decorations ranging from large scary spiders on the Lucky Maru to the Gooder's spooky house on wheels.



In honor of the theme, the kids hit the dock in full costume and scored big treats (and a few tricks) from captains and first mates alike. We even had our own fortune teller! Thanks to Arlene Zapp for the prediction of a great future for the Duluth Sail & Power Squadron. The Monster Mash by the Shack-



"Good Witch" Ginny Soetebier offers a treat to Tanner Stokes

shakers was a graveyard smash and the dancing continued into the early morning hours. While it may have gotten a little scary toward the end of the night, no souls were lost (except for one flying ghost that hit the deck during the dance).



A sunny Corn Roast day welcomed a delayed dinghy run since it was too foggy on Saturday. The Gooders and lead judge Jim Robinson put on games for kids of all ages. The Hinsas' daughter, Ava, deserves special mention

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David Stokes, Murray George, Kay Bakke, Todd Carlson, Val Ouellette, Katie Gooder, Bonita Nelson, Candy Hengel, Harvey Hengel, Dave Carlson, Len Robinson, Carol Hesch, Bob Ouellette, John Bray



Commander's Report

In this report I will attempt to outline the Duluth Squadron activities and accomplishments for 2007, much of what will be presented in the Cdr's Report-2007 D10 Fall Conference, as well the Cdr's Annual Report to District- Watch Year 2007-2008:

Education: Our cornerstone and "Queen of Education", Kay Bakke, and Instructors completed the spring **Squadron Boating Class** with 25 attendees. The Course was also presented to 15 Saint Louis County Rescue Squad. Instructor-Steve Ferrell. Instructor Development, started Sept 18, Instructor-Larry Anderson. Piloting, started Sept 26, Instructor-Glenn Peterson. Upcoming: AP, EM, ME, Cruise Planning, Weather, S, and 4 seminars from GPS to VHF/DHC. Way to go Kay and all the instructors. You have given us a very strong educational department.

National Safe Boating Week: The Education Department presented a Safe Boating Course to 15 members of the St. Louis County Sheriff's Dept. Rescue Squad during this time.

Civic: Charlie Grubb and crew again successfully completed the 2 day, 6 boat trip **Riverquest**, PFD presentations to Duluth's 6th graders. An article about this event was published in a Lake Superior Marine Museum publication, with Charlie's beautiful portrait included

Fundraiser: A very successful **Fitting Out Party/Dinner/Auction** netted the DSPS over \$8,000 in profit. Hats off to Admin, Todd Carlson who took the lead, plus the well qualified, and hard working crew.

Roster: Again a very well done annual **DSPS Roster**, with no cost to the Squadron given revenue from ads. Val Ouellette and crew, publication, Dave Carlson, ads.

Communication Publication: Karen Bray and her bi-monthly **Channel Chatter** will again win her the coveted editors publication award. This is the best of any squadron in the country. Keep the many good articles coming.

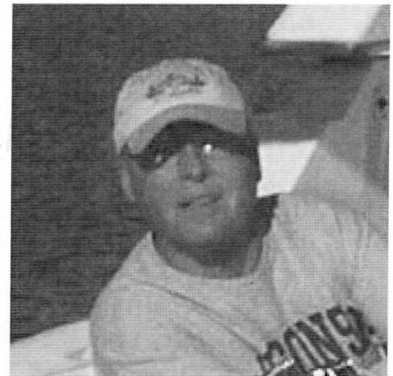
VSC's: Duluth is again leading D10 Squadrons in total exams closing on 300 for the year, chaired by Safety Officer, Jim Munger.

Membership: In the last 12 months, we have added 19 members, and have had 44 non-renewals.

Boating Activities: Our one major and successful "boating activities" event was the Great Lakes Cruising Club kickoff picnic co-hosted by the DSPS at the "Dock". Some 150 members from both groups enjoyed a great picnic.

D10 Activities: The DSPS had a full compliment of its officers at the D10 Spring Conference.

Squadron Activities: **Fishing Contest** hosted by Admin Officer, Todd Carlson attracted over 60 fishing participants at the dock, with many fish caught, and lunch provided. All fees went to prizes. Very successful as judged by the fisherman. **Corn Roast.** Probably the biggest and best in recent memory, hosted by Dave Stokes. Dave spent tens of dozens of hours in preparation as well as a huge financial contribution. Bill Gooder spent hours with the kid's games, and prizes. Dave Carlson fed over 80 people with



Commander Murray George, P

his Saturday Italian meal. Jack Soetebier and crew fed about 140 "roast beef of baron" dinners with fresh corn and all the trimmings. Murray, Todd, Keith, Howie, Karen and crew prepared & served a Sunday Brunch, and Larry, Diane, Marv, Micki, and crew prepared & served a Monday Breakfast. Everyone was well fed and then some. Adding live music (Shack Shakers), adult and kid games, dingy run, corn husking, Halloween theme, trick and treats for the kids, and just great camaraderie, along with Dave Stokes outdoing himself, the weekend turned out to be perfect. Bi-monthly Executive Committee and quarterly General Meetings with programs continue to be well done. Upcoming-Christmas Party which should again be as successful as last years at the Androy Hotel in Superior, WI., hosted by Lauri Welch and her crew.

General: Val Ouellette continues to spend a good part of each day juggling the Treasurer, Membership, and Flag Officer duties. Dave Carlson and Carol Hesch

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Education Officer's Report

By the time you are reading this issue of *Channel Chatter*, we have wrapped up the boats and stowed the supplies after another boating season. I hope your boating adventures were all you had hoped and planned.

Winter can be an excellent time to plan and study for our next boating adventure or season. When you are sharing your memories of this summer's boating with non-members, please remind them that the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron offers safe boating courses to the public. We are offering the **Squadron Boating Course** in October on two Saturdays, 7 Wednesday evenings beginning in January and 7 Tuesday evenings beginning in March. Please remind them to visit our website at www.duluthpowersquadron.com for a current schedule.

We are hoping to offer **Engine Maintenance**, **Marine Electronics** and **Advanced Piloting** to members during the winter. Watch for a specific schedule in the next issue of *Channel Chatter* and on our web site at www.duluthpowersquadron.com

The Education department has a request....since a major focus of the Education department is member courses, we would like to hear from YOU.

What are your needs, questions, comments, and ideas regarding member courses?

How/when can we offer courses to meet the demands of your busy schedule?

Please send questions or comments to Kay Bakke, Squadron Education Officer at kbak@cpinternet.com



Lt/C Kay Bakke, AP

Learn to Cope with Boating Emergencies

PC Candy Hengel, SN and PDC Harvey Hengel, SN

CAPSIZING

Most boaters and outdoor sportsmen love water, including swimming, waterskiing and fishing. However, some people have a fear of water. Before you cast off in a boat you should find a life jacket and put it on to make sure it fits you properly. If you are a non swimmer, wear it at all times. Whenever water conditions or weather cause concern, have everybody aboard immediately put on their life jacket.

The marine environment is unforgiving. What may initially be a minor problem can rapidly develop into a situation beyond your control. Most boating fatalities are not weather related. Fatalities typically occur in open vessels on inland waters in the afternoon when the weather and visibility are good, the winds and water light to calm.

Capsizing and falling overboard are the leading causes of boating fatalities. To reduce the risk of capsizing or swamping, follow these rules: don't overload your vessel, turn your vessel at controlled speeds and if anchoring, secure the anchor line to the bow of the vessel, never to the stern. If you should capsize, or swamp your vessel, stay with the vessel. If the vessel remains afloat, try to climb onto the overturned vessel.

It is important to get as much of your body as possible out of cold water. Exposure to cold causes loss of body heat. Hypothermia is defined as a core or internal body temperature of less than 95 degrees. Hypothermia can kill. Even in water temperatures of 80 degrees, your core temperature will rapidly drop causing you to become lethargic, dizzy and sleepy.

A BOAT FIRE

Fire is the most feared thing that can happen to you while you are in a boat on the water. If the fire erupts while your vessel is under way, follow these steps: stop the vessel and have everyone who is not wearing a life jacket put one on. Keep the fire downwind. If the fire is at the back of the vessel, head the vessel into the wind. If the engine must be shut off, use a paddle to keep the bow into the wind.

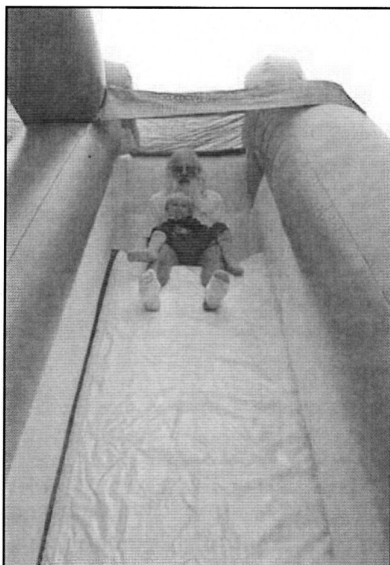
If the fire is forward, put the stern into the wind. If the motor catches fire, immediately shut off the fuel supply. Remember the P.A.S.S. word, an acronym for the four basic steps to using a fire extinguisher. Pull the safety pin by grabbing the ring and twisting. Aim the hose at the base of the fire. Squeeze the handle. Sweep the hose from side to side while discharging. Never use water on a gasoline, oil, grease or electrical fire. Water will spread a gas fire and will act as a conductor for electricity.

Summon help with your VHF radio. Providing you had enough time to make an SOS Mayday call, help may be on the way. Nearby boats may have heard your mayday call and be on the water to render assistance. If you have to abandon ship, jump into the water, swim as far away from the fire as possible. There is danger of burning fuel on the surface of the water around the burning vessel and also the chance of a large explosion from the fuel tanks aboard.

Be prepared for these emergencies, do practice drills aboard your vessel. It may save lives one day.

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for bringing her own game and donating prizes for all of the kids...thanks Ava! I don't know who had more fun; the athletes or the spectators. A truck-load of assorted prizes waited for the winners of each event—with so many toys, they out-did a birthday party. Grand prize at the medal ceremony was a keyboard and a computer, won by the Smith kids of the Lucky Maru crew.



Throughout the weekend, the Jump-a-roo was rocking with kids, the swings were swinging and the dunk tank was loaded with willing participants (that spared Commander Murray from a dunk this year). Back trails of the Squadron Dock turned into the Wild West with pony rides for all. Even expert riders like Brian Carlberg enjoyed a ride. Plus the ponies helped out with a bit of lawn mowing after Bob Stokes did all of the weed-eating.

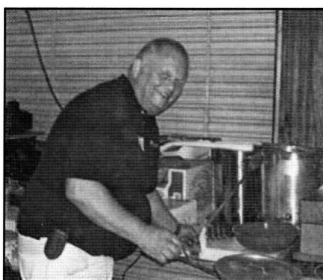
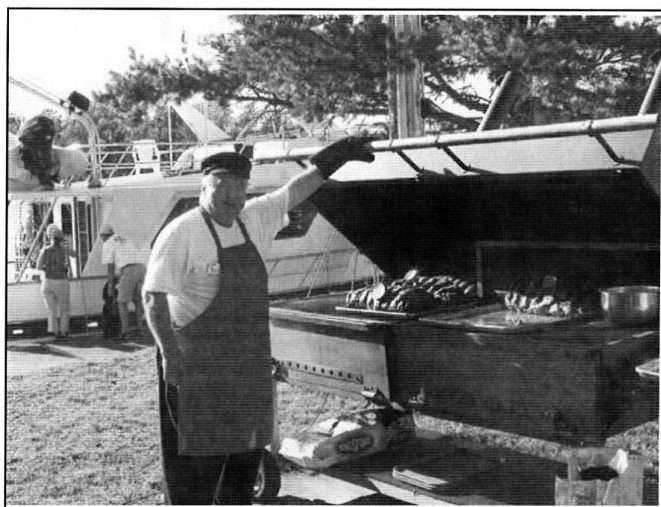


The Sunday News Tribune was delivered to over 40 back decks and RV doorsteps, and was a great treat for all in attendance.

Our corn was husked by skilled corn

husking contest participants and then the star of the show took over! I'm not sure we all realize how lucky we are when I say "Jack was back!" Thank you Past Commander Jack Soetebier! To perfection, Jack grilled, boiled and baked his way to what many Corn Roast critics dubbed the "best feast to date." I think the standard has been set. The Noyes' and Oliver's potato salad tempted the taste buds as well.

Todd Carlson walked many a corn field for top notch corn in a drought year (well, maybe he didn't walk it) and he scored some fabulous sweet corn that was cooked again, to perfection. A special thanks to our USCG crew for their help serving our members. And huge thanks also

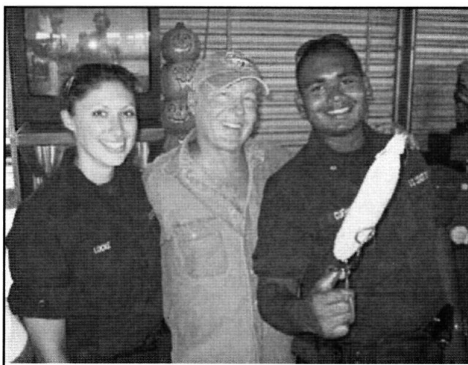
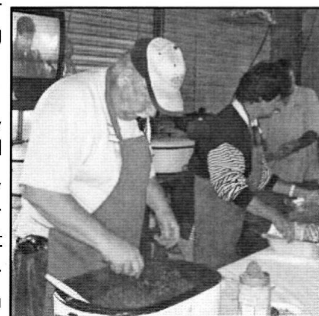


to the dozens of volunteers who helped put together this event.

Eating was a highlight, and Saturday night's taste of Italy by Dave Carlson and Duane Flynn was fabulous. From special recipe spaghetti to tasty salads by Val Ouellette & crew

and the delicious dessert competition, we didn't walk away hungry. Wayne & Kathy Carlson also gave a great helping hand.

For Sunday morning brunch, thanks go to Keith Kymala and Howie "Doug" Carlson. Plus, Karen Bray made the outstanding coffee cake that kept people coming back for seconds. On top of that, Karen kept us stocked with a full inventory of paper products and supplies all weekend long.



We topped off the weekend on Monday morning with a terrific pancake breakfast thanks to Larry and Diane Evanson, Marv Anderson and Micki Lund.

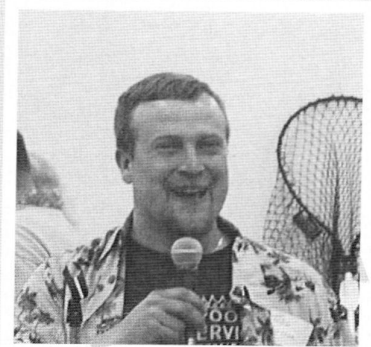
Major kudos to those who helped clean-up; there are too many of you to mention in this article, but you ALL KNOW WHO

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Administrative Officer's Report

Now that the summer mode is gone and we are all either out of the water or thinking about it, its time to think about the winter months in our near future. In the planning for winterizing the boat, we all are concerned about where to store the boat, getting the water system drained, winterizing the engine(s) and finally taking all the necessities off the boat for winter. I sit here typing this today thinking about the planning that goes into special events that this organization does. The corn roast committee did a fantastic job planning and organizing to make it one of the best corn roasts I have ever been to. Dave Stokes, hats off to you and your staff!!! We have the planning for the Christmas Party for this year coming up and we once again need to pull together to get it all organized. Event after event we organize and plan. We always want to make sure everything is in place, all are going to have a good time, and that the event will fit into our budget. Great work by really great people! Today I started thinking about the squadron's internal organizing. The hard work and time the executive committee contrib-

utes, the behind the scene organizers, and the great volunteers that, once again, pull together and get it all done. I have seen the changes in who the leaders are and who the great planners are. It always makes me wonder who is next. Who is going up the ranks? Who is going to plan the next party? Who are the future members? I know it's the age old question of "who", but it's still a question that floats around in my mind. We need to plan for the Squadron's future. We need to think about "who" and how do we find "who?" There needs to be many more "who's" in the future of this squadron. Are you the next "who?"



Lt/C Todd Carlson

A Special Event—Craig Blacklock at the Nov. 15 General Meeting

Join Craig Blacklock for an evening of highlights from his recent book and movie, Minnesota's North Shore. Craig, who is one of the nation's leading nature photographers, has specialized in Lake Superior since 1984. Many of you know his previous books on Superior: The Lake Superior Images; Gooseberry; The Duluth Portfolio; and A Voice Within—The Lake Superior Nudes. Minnesota's North Shore is a large-format book in the tradition of The

Lake Superior Images, but with the added bonus of a three hour movie. Craig will be showing us excerpts from the movie projected in high definition.

An ardent conservationist, Craig has worked for years to foster the preservation of the Lake Superior landscape. In this book, he has teamed up with the Minnesota Land Trust to promote their new Lake Superior Protection Initiative.

Craig will have books and his 2008 Lake Superior calendar on hand, so bring your holiday gift list and your checkbook along!

Commander's Report

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continue to put out and mail all of our publications and flyers. Len Robinson works throughout the year in completing the Merit Mark reports and filings. Dave Solberg, Lauri Welch and crew continue to maintain the Dock, along with volunteers. New Public Relations by Bob Hansen and Rod Saline have created an impact with new

advertising and distribution. Our all important Nom-Com Committee, Mary Brisky, Len Robinson, and Dave Mattson have had additional duties of filling the 2007 Exec slot, and 2008 Cdr position. Our Webmaster, Bob Ouellette has taken on the huge responsibility of significantly updating and keeping our website current. Use it, as it is great. Mr. Bibby has done yeoman's duty in sending cards and memorials, as well as being our active Chaplin. Finally,

P/C Robert E Stokes, AP, (44 merit marks) will be presented his 50 year membership award, plaque, pin and tribute at the D10 Fall Conference. Congratulations.

Thanks a lot to all members who contributed and attended during this year.

Your contributions and involvement continues to be vital to our success.

Respectfully submitted;

Cdr *Murray W George*

Trans Superior Recap

By Cdr Murray George

Keith Stauber is the owner, and skipper of the J35, "Papa Gaucho" that won the 20th running of the Trans-Superior Race, some 387 statute miles from Sault Ste Marie MI to Duluth MN.

The race started at noon, Saturday, Aug 4, 2007 at the bottom of Whitefish bay, and Papa Gaucho finished at 8PM, Monday evening some 56 hours later, averaging almost 7 miles an hour across the lake. This was one of the fastest races on record.

Of the 9 crew members aboard, the Duluth sailors included Keith Stauber, Bob Boynton, Murray George, Andy George, and Chris Juntinen.

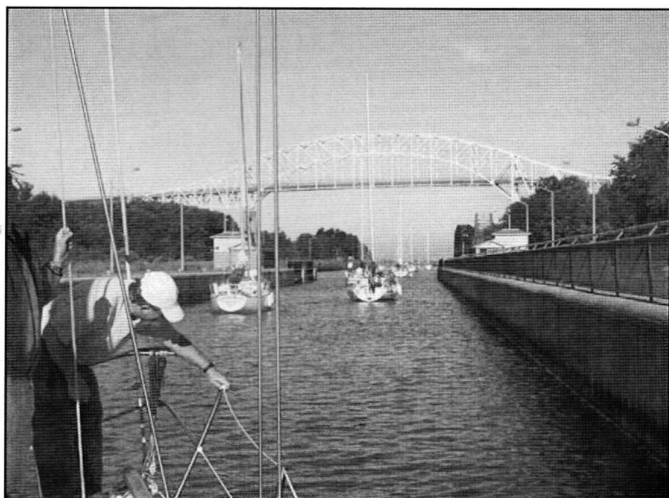
The boat sailed fast out of Whitefish bay close hauled in a building NE wind. Rounding the corner of Whitefish Point the wind clocked to the south during Saturday night into Sunday and they sailed a fast close spinaker reach to Copper Harbor, catching 3 of their class boats as they all ran into light wind.

Rounding and leaving the Keewawaw Peninsula Sunday evening the wind stayed south but picked up to 20 knots true, on the nose. The Duluth boat sailed close hauled on a south westerly course, pounding to weather into 6 to 8 foot seas with 25 knots of wind across the deck all night, sailing 7 knots to weather, flying a new #1, large heavy headsail. It

was not a particularly cold night, but the few seas that swept the deck were indeed cold. Good foul weather gear, life jackets, and secured safety lines were the order of the night. Throughout the night the crew weight was kept to the high side, they sailed a fast and straight course and put most of the competition behind them.

By Monday morning/afternoon midway between Silver Bay, and Outer Island the wind lightened and backed to a NE. "Papa Gaucho" had the two 50 footers ahead on the north shore, and a 38 footer, the only other boat ahead, off their port bow on the south shore. Much to the crew's delight the notorious NE build to 20+ knots throughout Monday afternoon and evening, and "Papa" finished within 4 hours and 2 hours respectively behind the two fifty footers, however each had to give "Papa" over 6 hours in corrected time, or beat "Papa" by over 6 hours. The 38 finished 30 minutes ahead, but had to give "Papa" over 1 hour in corrected time. Stauber and crew did some fast surfing to the finish off the Duluth piers in this building NE to win the Trans-Superior overall, as well as the coveted Baghley trophy which is presented to the first Duluth boat to win.

Jack Soetebier, and Dr. John Pierpont who are credited with establishing the first Trans-Superior race in 1969 were also honored at the banquet the following Thursday.

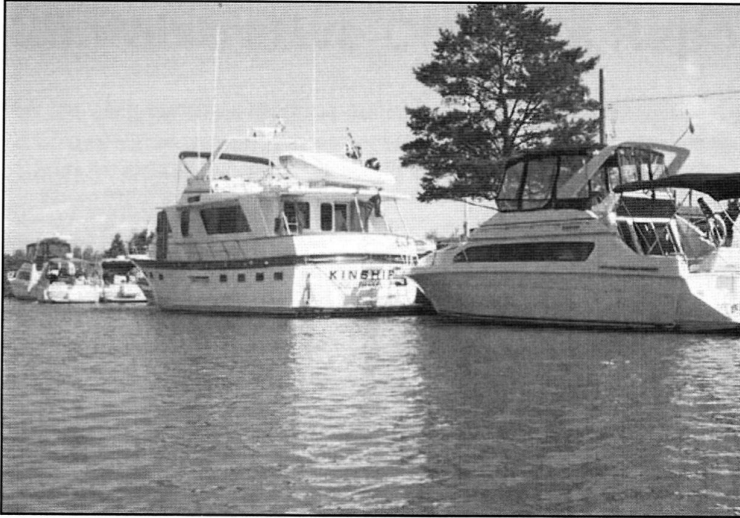


Pierpont-Soetebier Youth Sailing Fund Established

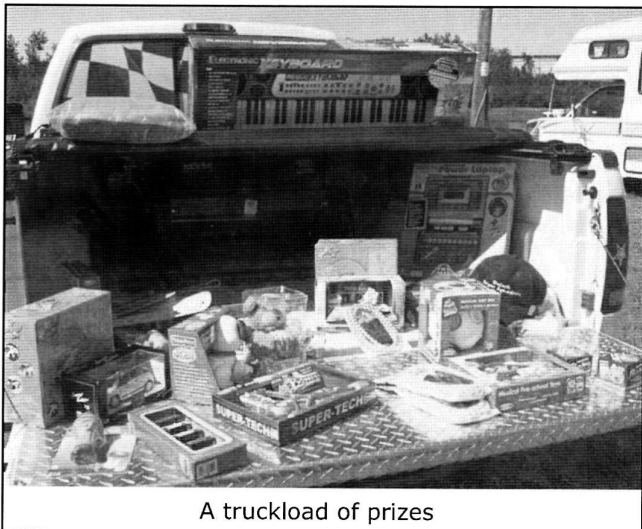
Doc Pierpont and Jack Soetebier are credited with establishing the Trans Superior Race in 1969. These men were a major influence on the development of sailboat racing on the western end of Lake Superior. As a way to remember and honor their lifelong accomplishments, especially as they relate to "The Trans," a permanent capital fund has been established to benefit the Duluth Superior Sailing Association, a 501c3 organization. www.sailingforall.org.

For a limited time, anyone donating \$100 or more will receive a 2007 Trans Skipper's hat (the one only the skippers received) signed on the bill by both Doc and Jack.

Please send any donations to DSSA by following the link to their website. The kids appreciate it.



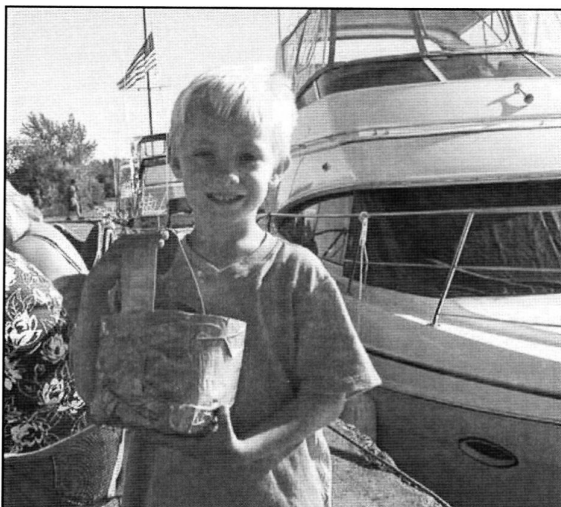
Ellie Mae and Jerry Bolin, our dock neighbors, were introduced by Dave Stokes. The Bolins, who own Superior Shooter's Supply, keep watch on the DSPS Dock property year round.



A truckload of prizes



P/C Bob Stokes and Corn Roast King Kong



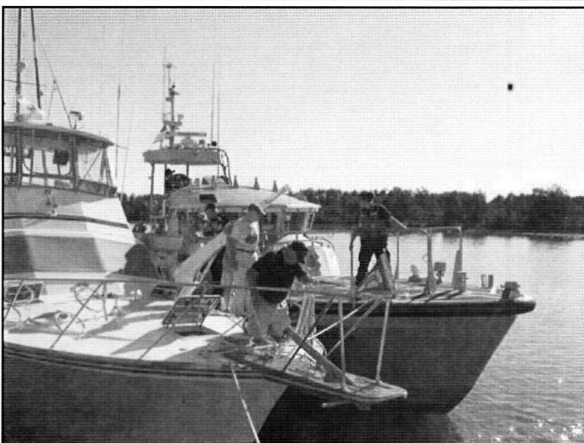
Jonathan Melander made his own trick or treat bag out of Marine Duct tape!



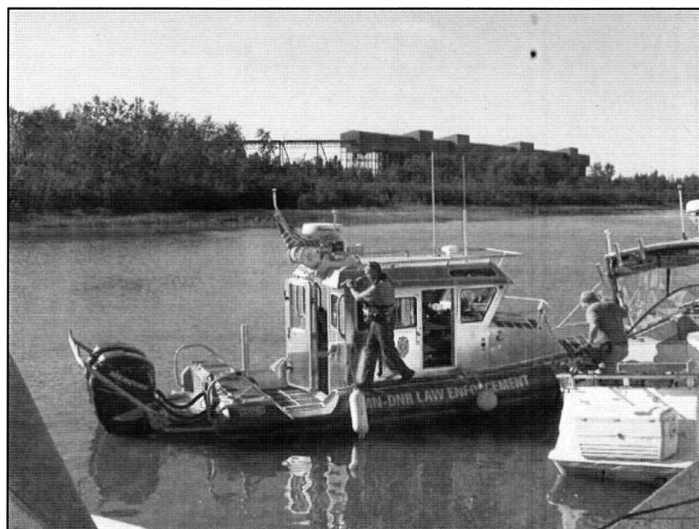
Mary Osvoild and Queen Ann Melander serving



P/C Soetebier serves prime rib to P/C Bibby



The Coast Guard ties up aided by Steve Farrell and Bill Carlson



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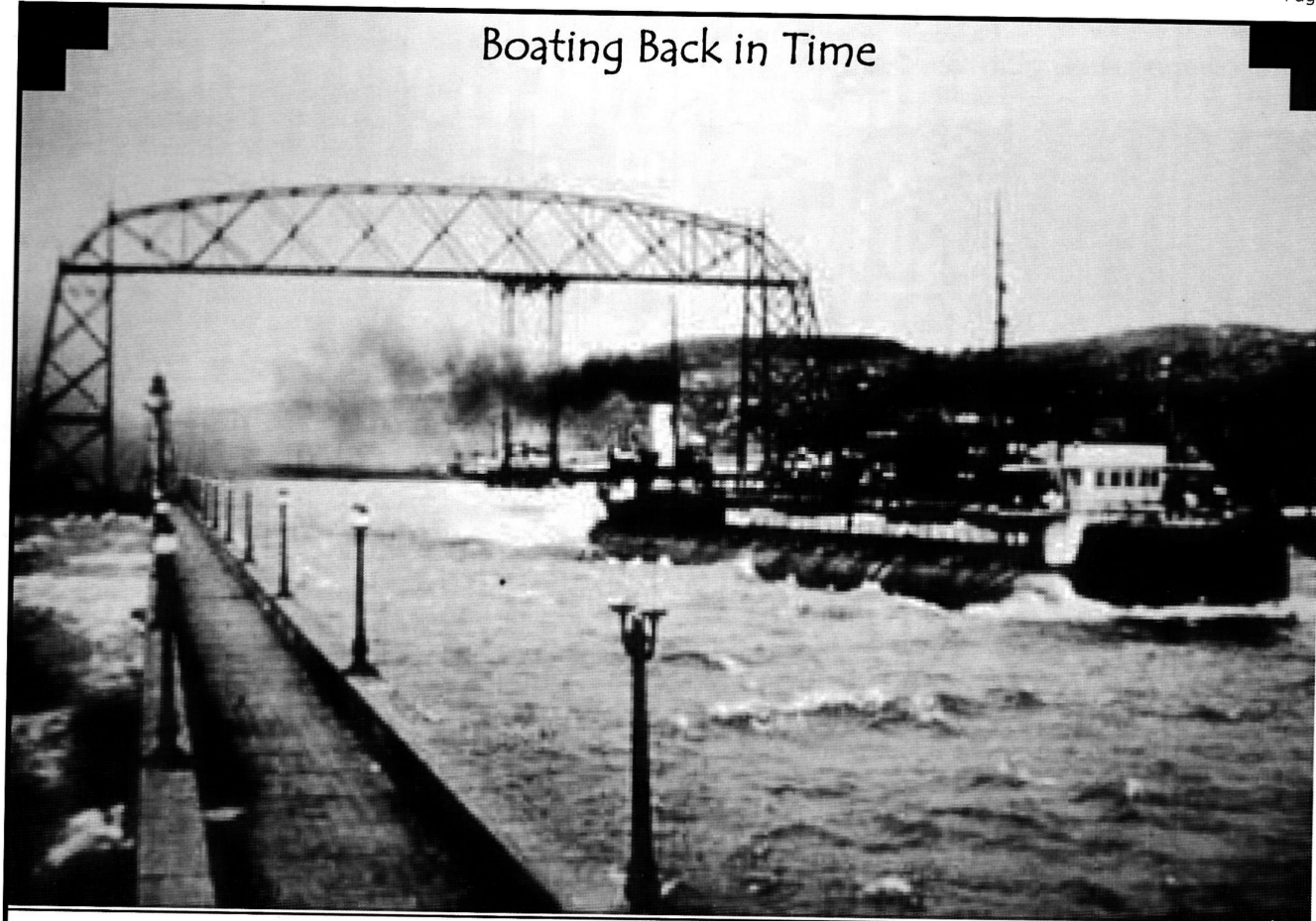


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Boating Back in Time



The Duluth Aerial Ferry Bridge inaugurated passenger service on March 27, 1905.
It could carry up to 125,000 pounds at a top speed of 4 m.p.h.
In this 1910 photo, the whaleback steamer *Alexander McDougall* departs Duluth.

Photo courtesy of David Ouse of the Duluth Public Library

Bonita Nelson's Carmel Corn was a big hit at Corn Roast Weekend. She had many requests for the recipe, so she is sharing it here~

Thanks Bonita!

If you do not have experience with candy making, go online to www.allrecipes.com/HowTo/Candy-Making-Tips/Detail.aspx to learn about the different stages and some safety tips.

Kathleen's Carmel Corn

Pop 2 cups of popcorn kernels. Set popped corn aside in buttered bowls or pans. In a large heavy saucepan, mix together:

- 1 cup butter (no substitutes)
- 2 cups dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup light brown corn syrup
- 2 tsp. dark molasses
- 1 tsp. salt

Cook, stirring constantly, to 270°—290°, or Soft Crack Stage. Test in cold water. Remove from heat and stir in 2 tsp. Maplegine flavoring and 1/2 tsp. baking soda. Drizzle over popped corn and stir to coat. Enjoy!



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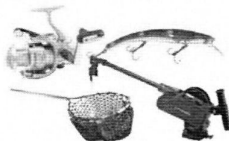
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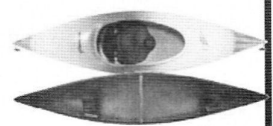
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YOU ARE! Rick Johnson on the broom, and Gloria "fingers" DeSmedt. She indeed scrubbed her fingers to the bone. Mike and Linda Kratt, thanks for hosting our Coast Guard vessel. Dave Barnum traveled all the way from the Chicago area to attend, and then won the "raft" award for the most boats tied off of the Halcyon. A special mention goes to Kay Bakke, Education Officer, for describing to everyone the upcoming fall and winter classes to be offered, as well as future plans for the Education Department. Volunteers and instructors are always being sought. No small task, for sure.

Tons of thanks to the committee who pulled this event all together: Murray George, Jack Soetebier, Karen Bray, Jim Robinson, Todd Carlson, Val & Bob Ouellette, Larry Evanson, Jim Swanson, Jeff Zapp, Duane Flynn, Dave Carlson, Marv Anderson, Keith Kilmala and Katie & Bill Gooder. Without everyone's help, this event would not have been a terrific success and such a great weekend for all those who attended! If anyone's name has not been mentioned, but should have, apologies abound. The city of Superior's street superintendent Todd Janigo and his crew graded new gravel to smooth out huge pot holes at our entrance, Thanks Todd!!

In closing, thanks to all who attended, provided a helping hand and supported this great event, especially all the new members

who participated—welcome aboard.

Don't forget to submit your request to Len Robinson for a merit mark if you gave us assistance!



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October 2007

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Safe Boating Class
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Safe Boating Class
28	29	30	31 			


- October 13 and 27—Safe Boating will be held at the Barker's Island Clubhouse from 0900—1500. This is a 12 hour course. Contact P/C Grady Strand @ 724-2293 to register.



Schedule of November 2007 Events

- Nov. 2,3,4—District 10 Fall Conference at Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI. Go to www.madisonsquadron.org for registration info.
- Nov. 15- General Meeting—Program by Craig Blacklock

For the most up-to-the-minute information, see www.duluthpowersquadron.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Exec. Board	2 District 10 Fall Conference at Wisconsin Dells	3
4 D-10 Fall Conference	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 General Meeting	16	17
18	19	20	21		23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

ALL HANDS ON DECK.....

AHOY MATES.....

Merit Marks 2007

Attention All Members!

It is that time of year again when I ask, what have you done for your squadron this year? That's right, it's time to fill out a Merit Mark form for the 2007 year. The event chairperson, an Officer in the squadron or the Commander has tracked most of your time, but I need you to take the responsibility to make sure we have your information. We want to make sure you get credit for the wonderful job you have done for the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron and USPS this year. Any activity, meeting, errand, helping out the squadron in any way counts toward a Merit Mark.

Please look at the form, take five minutes right now and fill it out. It won't take long and then you won't forget about it. I need these forms back to me by October 26th.

Please use the form to list your activities. You can always use another sheet of paper if the form is not enough room. Make sure to include the number of meetings, the number of hours it took to complete an activity. Don't forget to put your name and certificate number on it. Remember the Merit Mark year goes from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007. If your not sure if an activity or event qualifies for a merit mark, write it down, we will make that decision. Remember, this is your only payment for your hard work.

Family members are eligible for a Merit Mark. Please make sure to include anyone that is a family member in your submission, so that they get credit for their time worked.

All of your Bridge this year thanks you for your time and efforts put forward this past year. **THANK YOU!** Now, start writing and mail, fax or e-mail the form back soon!

All forms returned to me before the deadline will be put into a drawing for a special prize to be held at the Christmas Party!

P/C Len Robinson

Merit Mark Chairperson

Duluth Sail and Power Squadron Merit Mark Information Form

Name (as it appears on certificate): _____
 Certificate Number: _____ Squadron Member of _____

Please indicate which activities you have been involved with since January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. Please use additional space to list activities which do not appear on form.

Education

Classes Taught or assisted _____	Number of times _____
Classes proctored _____	Number of times _____
Helped organize/coordinate classes _____	Number of hours _____
Developed teaching aids _____	Number of hours _____
Interviewed Public Boating Class members _____	Number of times _____

Office Held / Committees Served On

Position Held _____	Number of meetings attended _____
Position Held _____	Number of meetings attended _____
Committee _____	Number of meetings attended _____
Committee _____	Number of meetings attended _____
National or District Office Held _____	

Meetings / Events

Presentations at General Meetings / Events _____	
Content of presentation _____	Number of hours _____
Presentations at District or National Level _____	
Content of presentation _____	Number of hours _____
National or District Conferences attended _____	
Organized District Events _____	Number of hours _____
Organized / Helped with Squadron Events _____	
Responsibilities _____	Number of hours _____
Developed / Mailed flyers. Event _____	Number of hours _____
Duluth Boat Show hours worked _____	Setup/take down hours _____
Number of Geodetic Markers filed _____	Number of hours _____
New Member Involvement night _____	Number of hours _____

Etc.

Distributed Safe Boating Material (where) _____	Number of hours _____
Vessel Safety Check Examiner _____	Number of checks done _____
River Quest Participant _____	Number of sessions _____
Promoted USPS/DPS How? _____	Number of hours _____
Dock Cleanup / Projects _____	Number of hours _____
Wrote articles/submitted photo for Publication _____	
Content of article / photo _____	
Calling Committee - number of calls made _____	
Other activities & activities not listed above: _____	

Submit by mail to: P/C Len Robinson

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NO LATER than October 31st

Want to Know a Member of Your D-10 Bridge? If not, skip to the next article. If so, Hang On!

D/Lt/C Al Harmon, AP

In the following months, each member of the District 10 Bridge will provide an article giving you "insider" information. I drew the winning straw, so I get to go first.

Background in Boating

I've been boating since I can remember. My dad (Robert) was an avid fisherman, so boats were always around us. My first remembrance of boating was driving a friend's beautiful wood Chris Craft (cockpit and all) on the White River in Indianapolis, Indiana. I'm told I was 5 at the time. Looking back, I'm not so sure how safe it was to let a 5 year old drive, but I'm sure my dad was close. I'm also sure I enjoyed it given the pleasure it gives me today to be outside in the sun, at a good clip, with what hair I have left blowing in the wind.

I started my adult boating in 1981 with a 16' Glastron ski boat with a 100hp Johnson on the back. My first real date with Kris was on that boat. 7 boats later, and for the last 12 years, Kris and I have enjoy boating in our 32' Carver. My dad didn't produce much of a fisherman, but Robert sure got me hooked on boating. Thanks Dad!

Why I joined the USPS

When we moved our boating to Red Wing in 1991, I was originally asked by 3 different Squadrons to join the USPS (Saint Paul, Minnetonka and Chippewa Valley). In retrospect, way to go on the recruiting! Fact was, I didn't want to choose, and I really didn't want to be in a boating organization. In addition, I didn't get the whole rank, uniform, grade thing, so I came up with what I believed to be the perfect "NO." I said I didn't boat in any of the Squadrons' "areas of interest", so if they ever started a Squadron in the area south of the Twin Cities, I'd join and be active.

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.

You know the rest of the story. Hiawatha Valley Sail and Power Squadron became "Provisional" in 1999; I was a charter member and its first Administrative Officer. I had to be good to my word didn't I? So, that's when I started to understand the organization and developed ideas about why I stay. Every Boat Smart I participate in, every VSC I perform is a way to give back to something I love to do. Every time I hear someone say "boating is a hole in the water in which you throw money," well they don't live in my world. I'm better because of it! Wow, I'd better take a break....I'm all worked up!!

USPS Outlook (5 years)

It's going to be tough breaking through to stability, but we'll come out the other side a little lighter in membership but with a purpose of effort and a resolve to grow again. Few organizations give for the sake of giving. The USPS does. I choose to believe a purposeful organization, well structured and with great tools visible to the public will succeed. We'll find a way to attract the Millennials and Gen X'ers, and their creative input will set us up for the future. I personally can't wait!

Conclusion & Most Immediate Need

Our most immediate need is member involvement. I see a lot of the same faces at our events (don't get me wrong, they're fine faces), but we can't do it all forever. People ultimately burn out. So...don't just find a new member, get them involved immediately. We to a great extent, are USPS's yesterday and today. New, involved members are the tomorrows in USPS. There's a joy just waiting to make someone's life better!

Well, that's about it. If you don't know what makes me tick when it comes to boating by now, just put a mike in my hand and ask more questions at our next event. There's a joke there - I don't need a mike. Happy & safe boating to you all!

Squadron Boating Course will be offered in two locations:

At the **Barker's Island Clubhouse** in Superior, two Saturdays, Oct. 13 and Oct. 27, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. (Twelve hours to complete the course).

Duluth Central High Community Education:

7 Wednesdays beginning Jan. 2, 2008 **OR**
7 Tuesdays beginning March 4, 2008.
All evening classes begin at 6:30
To register contact P/C Grady Strand
@ 724-2293

Did You Know?

- 38% of all water-related fatalities involve boats.
- 71% of these fatalities involve recreational boats.
- Of this 71%, 53% involve small powerboats, 30% involve canoes

Small, open boats continue to be the type of craft most often involved in fatal boating accidents.

Did You Know?

- Young adult males, 18—24 years of age, have the highest preventable water-related death rate, mostly due to alcohol consumption and not wearing a Personal Flotation Device.
- Drowning is one of the leading causes of death among those under 55 years of age.
- Only 10% of boating related drowning victims were wearing and approved flotation device properly.

Drinking and not wearing a PFD are major safety concerns.

Did You Know?

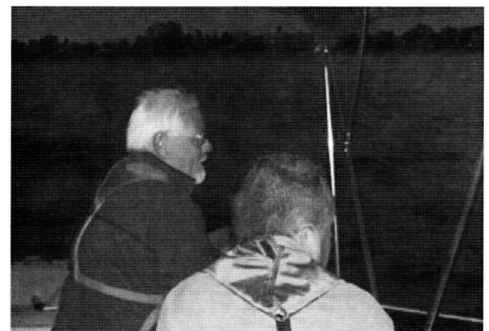
- Pleasure Craft account for more than 50% of the average reported 6000 search and rescue incidents.

Better Boating Education and safety practices are required to reduce the number of incidents and deduce both health care and rescue costs.

Take the National Safe Boating Test at www.usps.org/nsbt



On September 9, this sail boat ran aground on the beach of Park Point. The owner of the vessel had fallen overboard, and was rescued by the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department after one hour in the choppy, cold waters of Lake Superior. Several members of DSPS assisted with the salvage and towing of the sail boat. Hats off to Cdr Murray George, P/C Bob Ouellette, Val Ouellette, and Keith Kylmala for their efforts.



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