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Uh-oh.....I should have taken that Weather Class!!!



While in a boat, most of us would rather avoid this storm cloud when at all possible.

It is a beautiful photo but it might evoke a different emotion from the fly bridge of a boat filled with the grandchildren. As unpredictable as Lake Superior weather seems, there are some relatively simple (and inexpensive) habits and techniques which are available to the average boater. Employing some of these skills could help assure safety on the water. Consider enrolling in the

Weather class to learn more.

Weather

Modules 1 & 2

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6:00 to 8:30 pm

Cost of materials—\$61

To enroll contact Kay Bakke
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New Member News

Congratulations and Welcome to Steven B. Sigford and his wife Patty. He is currently taking the Engine Maintenance Class after taking the Safe Boating class a couple years ago.

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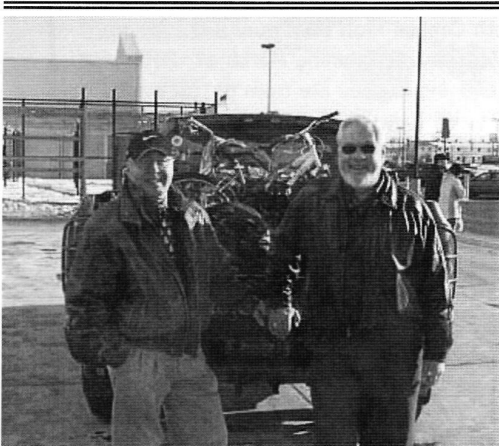
The United States Power Squadron is America's #1 Boating Organization. If you would like information about becoming a member, contact Cdr. Murray George at 218-310-6231

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Commander's Report

All I ever wanted to be was a Past Commander, and it may well happen this time. (I was a P/C for 10 minutes at the Change of Watch last year between being dismissed and being sworn in to the new Bridge). Seriously, I took on the Commander position with a positive and can do attitude. We have moved some mountains, and some molehills. Most of our programs, education, events, and membership involvement have been measured with high marks. As your Commander, I have been busy, pleased, and honored to have served in this position. I have met a lot of real nice people, and have gained some wonderful friends. Two years ago, I said that I would measure my tenure as a success if I was having as much fun today as I was having two years ago. Well I consider this last two years a success. I believe that our Squadron has also been successful. We have grown, and our educational department continues to make a larger impact on the boating community.

With the help of a lot of dedicated members, we have put in place a very strong leadership group going forward that will be second to none. I believe we will also see some continuity for the next few years, interested and involved members stepping up, with new ideas and plans being put to work. If we continue to actively promote our mission of safe boating education, and have fun at the same time, we will continue to thrive.

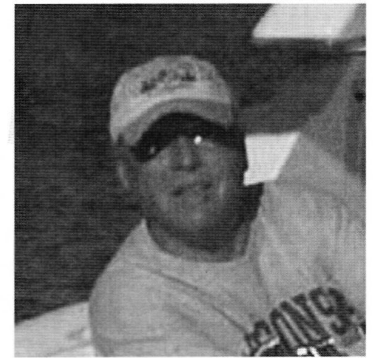


Cdr Murray George and P/C Bob Ouellette unloaded a sleigh-full of toys at the Salvation Army Headquarters. The toys were purchased with the proceeds from the DSPS Christmas party silent auction.

It looks like the powers that be have set some hooks, and put me to work on the Exec Committee (that's probably a given as Immediate P/C), NomCom, Star Program representative, working with Doc Munger on some safety stuff, VSE's and who knows what else. So you will likely still see me around.

I will proudly fly my P/C Flag as I have been flying the Commander Flag. And a thank you to everyone who has given me help over the last of couple years. It has been significant, and very much appreciated.

Cdr Murray George



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December 28, 2007

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Dear Friends,

It gives me great joy to express my appreciation to you for your support this Christmas season. And it is a joy to share good news with you.

The good news is that, thanks to your generous gift of toys and bikes, The Salvation Army of Duluth was able to make the Christmas season happier for 1681 families and 2975 children of our community.

But our goals extend far beyond the holiday season. We seek to enable growth and self-sufficiency for those who seek our assistance. Your support assures that we will continue Doing the Most Good with skill and compassion all year long.

God bless and Happy New Year!

Alan Carlson
Envoy Alan Carlson
Range Area Coordinator

Education Officer's Report

It is winter which is Education season in our squadron. It is a time we can think and learn about safe boating adventures. To that end, the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron Education department is offering a full slate of member courses this winter and spring. I am a happy to announce that **Engine Maintenance** and **Advanced Piloting** began the first week of January.

Six students have begun the **Advanced Piloting** course. Under the guidance of instructors John O'Neil and Jim Robinson, they will study advance course plotting techniques, coordination of radar and chart information, the effects of wind currents on a boats course and much more.

Harlan Eggert began coaching 5 members in **Engine Maintenance**. Assisted by Bill Carlson, Harlan will teach the intricacies of inboard gasoline and diesel engines as well as outboards and stern drives. An invaluable section of this course introduces the "Get Home" kit and an emergency spare parts kit.

I appreciate the efforts of instructors Harlan Eggert, Bill Carlson, Jim Robinson and John O'Neil.

As you have seen in another section, **Weather** and **Seamanship** will be offered this spring. Meteorologist Dave Anderson, who is also a Coast Guard Auxiliary

member, will teach **Weather**. The course is scheduled for 10 weeks which is a large time commitment for some people. It is taught in two, five week modules with separate exams. If you are interested in taking **Weather** but are extremely busy, consider taking just the first module this year.

New members should be aware there is somewhat of a sequence to Advanced Grade courses. After you have completed the **Squadron Boating course** and become a member, **Seamanship** is the next logical course in which to enroll. This order is not a requirement but a suggestion. **Seamanship** is a great course to complete prior to **Piloting**, where you learn to plot and follow a course. Successful completion of **Piloting** IS a requirement for enrolling in **Advanced Piloting**. I am pleased to announce **Seamanship** will once again be taught by Keith Kymala.



Lt/C Kay Bakke, AP

Sign up for Safer Boating

Duluth Sail and Power Squadron will be offering the **Squadron Boating Course** to the public during the Winter of 2008. SBC is the beginner boating course, packed with information to become a safe and knowledgeable boater. Please encourage your boat-

ing friends or family to join the course which will be held at:

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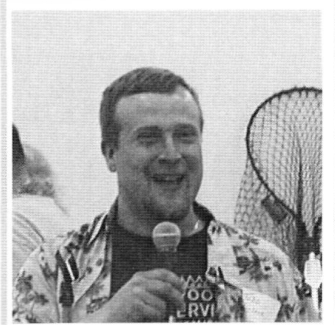
Administrative Officer's Report

The cold weather and the January blues are here. Hope you are all making the best of the winter.

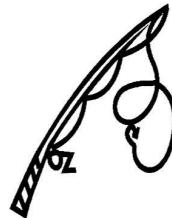
I attended a meeting in Superior regarding the renovation of the Arrowhead Fishing pier in Billings Park. The new facility will include a renovated boat launch, new fishing pier double the length of the existing pier, and a possible area for picnics or barbecuing. The city has received a state grant of \$46,000 for the project. In addition to that grant money, the city is committing \$450,000 to the project. This is very exciting for the city and the community. The old pier and launch has been rotting away and is no longer accessible. Very exciting!!

Planning for the fitting out party will be starting soon. This is a great opportunity to pitch in some help or suggestions so we can have another successful event. If anyone has any input, feel free to call me or drop an e-mail <todd@carlsonlakeshore.com>. Check the DSPS website for more info.

There are a few jobs that the squadron could use a hand with. Some big, some small. With the incoming bridge moving up the ranks, it would be nice to get some more volunteers to help out in various tasks. It is difficult to find the right person for some jobs because we don't know who can do what? So please step up and participate in something that interests you.

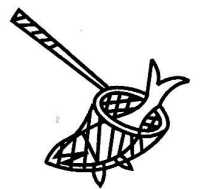


Lt/C Todd Carlson



Mark Your Calendar!

**Captain's Platter
Fishing Contest
Saturday, June 14
at the Squadron Dock**

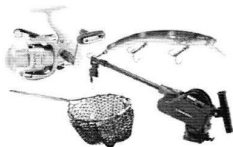


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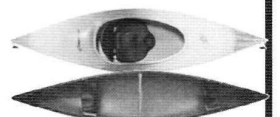
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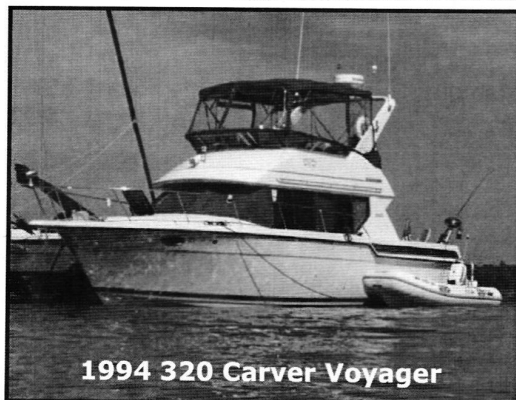
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The term "prolonged blast" means a blast from _____ to _____ seconds.

If you know the answers, congratulations!

If not, you may want to consider enrolling in the *Seamanship* course.

Top Ten Reasons to enroll in *Seamanship*

10. Learn or refresh safe boating techniques.
9. Learn or refresh the Rules of the Road
8. Meet other Squadron boaters
7. Learn or refresh techniques of Marlinspike seamanship
6. Learn docking skills
5. Learn concepts of preparedness for emergencies at sea
4. Learn techniques and applications of Anchoring, Mooring and Rafting
3. Learn collision and wake hazard avoidance
2. You will be well prepared for many fun, safe boating seasons!

And the **#1** reason to enroll in *Seamanship*....

.....Spring went by fast, its May 6—**time to uncover your boat!**



Seamanship

Taught by Keith Kylmala

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Friday, 4 April

1500-1900	Registration	Lobby
1500-1600	District Planning Committee	
1600-1700	District Nominating Committee (Closed meeting)	
1600-1700	<i>1st Timers Orientation- P/D/C Robert Stierna, SN</i>	
1800-2000	District Council Meeting	
2000-2200	Hawaiian Luau	

Saturday, 5 April

0630-0900	Breakfast – on your own	
0730-0930	Registration	Lobby
0730-0900	Commanders' Workshop	
	Executive Department Workshop	
	Administrative Department Workshop	
	Secretary Department Workshop	
	Treasurer Department Workshop	
	Education Department Workshop	
0915-1000	"New SEO Training"	Same Room
0900-1200	Shipmates Program	
	<i>The Art of Relaxation-Patsy Stierna</i>	
	<i>True Mineral & Aveda Make Up-Coles' Salon Estheticians</i>	
	<i>Fashion Trends by Weekenders-Renae Porath & Lori Ann Fout</i>	
0915-1045	A DB 2000 Project – P/D/C Jeff Hamilton, AP	
0915-1015	VSC Review & Update-P/D/C Neil McMillin,SN & P/D/C Art Mollica,SN	
1015-1215	USPS University – How to use a Chart (\$20.00) – Lt/C Bob DeNoto, JN	
1015-1100	How to do a Predicted Log- D/Lt/C Al Harmon, AP	
1115-1200	Membership-D/Lt/C Jim Pahl-Washa,JN	
1215-1300	Lunch	
1315-1600	District Conference Meeting	
1730-1830	Hospitality - Cash Bar	
1830-2200	Dinner	

Sunday, 6 April

0630-0900	Breakfast – on your own
0700-1000	Boat Operator Certifier Training - R/C Art Mollica,SN
1015-1100	Leadership Development- D/Lt Kris Harmon,AP & Lt/C Jeff Schott,AP
1100-1230	District 10 Bridge Meeting


Uniform of the Day:

Friday:	Informal Team USPS shirts, (Bridge will wear D/C Maury's shirt)
Friday Evening	Hawaiian Luau
Saturday	Informal Team USPS shirts
Saturday Evening	Uniform A with Bow Tie or Appropriate Evening Attire
Sunday	Informal Team USPS shirts, (Bridge will wear D/C Al's shirt)

To Register for the Spring Conference, go to <www.usps-d10.org/08SpringConfReg>

February 2008

Schedule of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Annual Meeting	22	23
24	25	26	27 Weather Class	28	29	

- Thursday, Feb. 21—
Annual Meeting to be held at the Pickwick Restaurant. 1730
- Wednesday, Feb. 27—
Weather Class begins (see cover story for details)

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

Schedule of March 2008 Events

- Saturday, March 1—
Change of Watch. Your invitation will be in the mail.
- Tuesday, March 11—
Public Safe Boating Class at Central High School (see pg.4)
- Tuesday, March 18—
Seamanship Class Begins (see pg. 7 for details)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Safe Boating	12	13	14	15
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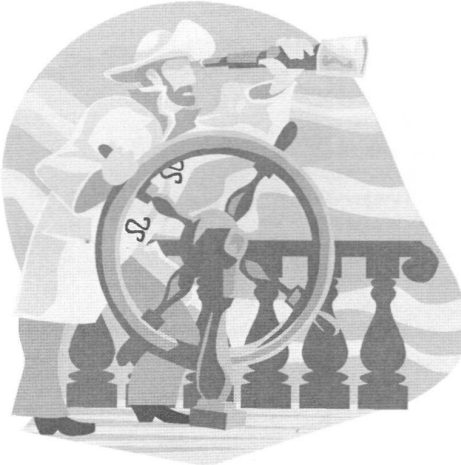
Many Words Have Seagoing Origin

So much of the language used today comes from the salty brine of the sea.

Our English language is flexible, and words have taken on different meaning throughout the ages. Many of the words today were born of the sea.

Bowing and scraping: In the English Navy an officer's cocked hat was called a scraper. To bow and scrape originally meant to remove one's hat in salute of a superior. In today's usage it has come to mean servile toward someone or to show humility.

Flimsy: This was originally a certificate similar to a transfer in the Navy. The report was made on paper like that used in newspapers and comes from the word "film." Today it has come to mean weak as "He had a flimsy excuse."



Barge: In today's interpretation it means to

PDC Harvey Hengel, SN

P/C Candy Hengel, SN

aggressively force your way in or barge into a meeting. The word comes from the Greek "barks" for boat. Also, Latin for barge is a ship of burden. The earliest barges carried a huge load making them difficult to maneuver.

Let the cat out of the bag: Cat was short for whip, like a cat-of-nine tails. It was kept in a bag. When it was taken out, someone was in for a flogging. Hence to let the cat out of the bag was to put an unpleasant state of affairs into motion. Today, the expression carries the same connotation, to allow a secret to escape, to disclose information, usually unintentionally.

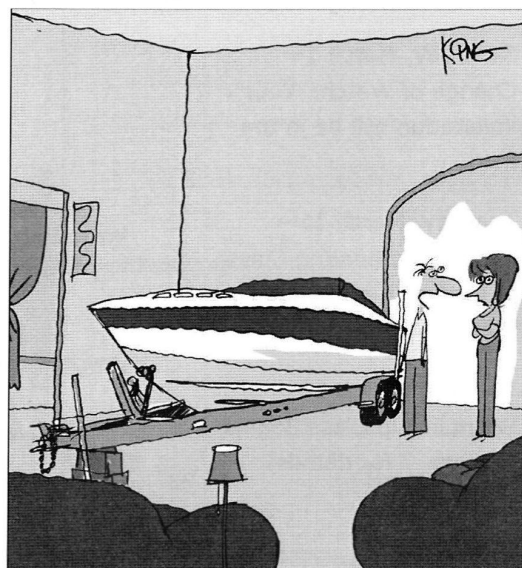
Touch and go: A vessel that lightly grazed the bottom, but was fortunate enough to continue making headway. We can all relate to this. In today's usage, it's something that's precarious, risky and just about comes off. For example: "It was touch and go whether he would pass the celestial navigation course."

To break new ground: To haul the anchor from the bottom where it was embedded and set off on a new voyage. In today's usage for example: "He broke new ground by being the first man to the moon."

The bitter end: A sailor's name for the end of the rope that is secured to the bits on the ship while tied up or at anchor. Today, a person could exclaim, "He saw the project through to the bitter end."

Have you moved? New email address? New boat? New phone number? New marina?

It's time to update the DSPS Roster for 2008-2009. Please relay your new information to Valerie Ouellette at 218-7276079 or westernharbor@charter.net by February 15.



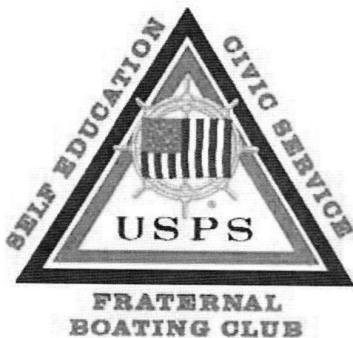
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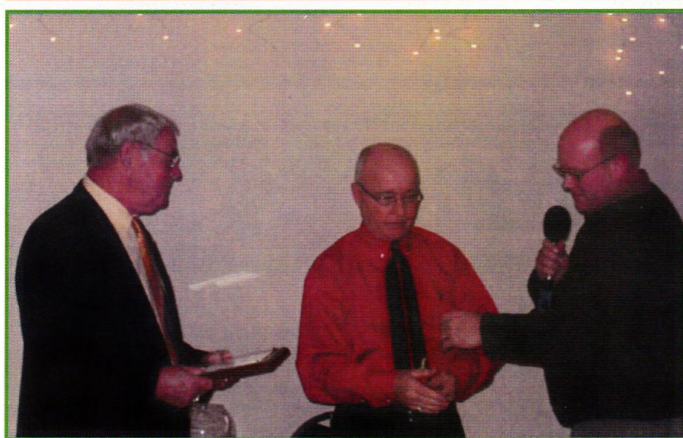
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P/C Bob Stokes (left) was presented with a 50 year certificate by Cdr Murray George, assisted by Dave Stokes.

DSPS
Christmas
Party



Friends, fun, food, and a little fundraising at the DSPS Christmas party on Dec. 8, 2007.



Photos by P/C Bob Ouellette