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50th Annual Christmas City of the North Parade



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Commander's Report

Our squadron's welcome to the Holiday Season started by participating in the Christmas City of the North parade and hosting our annual Christmas party on the following evening. Thank you to all who made this kickoff to the Season a great success.

One of the responsibilities associated with being a local squadron commander, is to compile and recommend a list of members to receive a merit mark for the past year. With the assistance of Len Robinson, this was completed last month. During our meeting to review that list, we were both aware of how many members it takes to promote and organize our squadron activities. The same was also apparent when drafting an introduction to the Duluth Squadron, for the organizers of the Christmas City of the North parade. The list of our squadron's contributions to the community and our membership programs or events is long. Equally so is the list of members that contribute their time to make things happen.

Recognizing that we are fortunate to have a host of talented and dedicated volunteers, our squadron's leadership team is also aware that some positions within the squadron have not been filled in the last couple of years. Coupled with the fact that a new year is just around the bend, we have a renewed focus towards team building and would like to encourage our Duluth Squadron members to participate in the Leadership Development Workshop being offered January 10-11 in the twin cities. The workshop is the inspiration of the US Power Squadron's national leadership team and was designed to train and develop local leaders, while providing material that would be equally beneficial for a member in furthering their business career. As such, this is a wonderful opportunity.

Active members, who contribute on an ongoing basis, are vital to the success of this squadron. Updating our squadron's website is one of those activities that Bob

Ouellette has provided and excelled in the past several years. Although it will not be officially presented until February, we have received notification that the Duluth website has received the 2008 USPS Website Award of Achievement. I would like to commend Bob

for maintaining this important communication link, not only for our members but for our public outreach efforts

With the Holiday Season now well underway, I am grateful to our many members who have made our squadron's success possible. And in this spirit, I would like to extend my wish for hope, health, and happiness to all our members during this Holiday Season and in the coming New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Cdr Mary Brisky, AP



Cdr Mary Brisky AP

***BOAT SAFELY...
THINK EDUCATION...
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National USPS Educational Proficiency Award

Members earn this award by successfully completing **Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting** and any three current elective courses. Duluth Sail and Power Squadron's most recent recipient of that award is **Valerie Ouellette**. She is one of only three DSPS women to achieve this distinction.

Congratulations Val!

Education Officer's Report

None of us can do individually what all of us can do together. I paraphrase a saying sometimes used in the business setting. The importance for our organization is phenomenal. **Teamwork**...we need and value member participation and assistance.

We greatly appreciate the assistance of members and friends who pitch in to help at all levels and activities. To long time members, THANK YOU very much for your past leadership.

In order to sustain any organization, continued participation and leadership is imperative at all organizational levels. To newer members looking for a way to become involved, please consider the following training opportunity.

We have a unique occasion in January to learn organization and leadership skills. Any or all of you can take part, with no strings attached. You can participate in this training due to curiosity, need in your personal life/work/business or to assist the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron. We, the leadership, would prefer the latter of course; but it is not a requirement. The workshop on January 10-11 in Bloomington is free to members. You are responsible for your own accommodations. I look forward to work with you at this leadership training opportunity.

Winter is our member education season. We will offer at least three member courses and numerous new 2-hour seminars. **Advanced Piloting** will be offered in January and February if we have at least 6 interested members. **Seamanship** is tentatively scheduled for late March and April. For details and other offerings visit our web site at www.duluthpowersquadron.com. Register or direct questions to kbak@cpinternet.com



Lt/C Kay Bakke, AP

Many of you talk with non member dock mates and friends about boating adventures, misadventures, fun and safety. Now is the time to remind your boating friends of the **Squadron Boating Course** offered to the public beginning January 6, 2009. See separate announcement and our web site at www.duluthpowersquadron.com for details.

Last and most important...Happy Holidays!

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Executive Officer's Report

Greetings again, from the desk of the Executive Officer. After all the preparations, phone calls, and emails, we had a great time at the Christmas City of the North Parade. Dave Stokes lined up the best float you could have ever imagined. When we rolled around the corner from Lake Ave to Superior Street and the crowd saw the 33' Regal, everyone's jaws dropped. Anchor's Away boat sales not only provided a brand new boat, but a tow vehicle and a driver that had no problem maneuvering the monster of a float. (We could all learn something about trailering from this guy.) What a fantastic time. All aboard were dressed in life jackets and cold weather gear for the ride down Superior Street. After the parade, the float was on display for the Holiday party at the Inn on Lake Superior. What a showcase having the brand new boat with all the banners, lights and decorations parked (docked) right in front of the conference rooms. Great planning Dave!

With the year almost to a close, it is a good time to reflect on the past year and ask yourself if you achieved what you wanted from the Squadron. For those new members that have come aboard, welcome! It is a good time to ask questions about what opportunities are available for you. Our

Squadron is always in need of new faces at the helm, whether it be an event helper or the next bridge officer. The bridge is composed of members that enjoy spending time keeping this organization running smoothly and is always looking for some new ideas from new faces. Do you want to be the next chair of an event like the Christmas party? Do want to be the Commander someday? We would love the help. Get involved. Everyone on the bridge would be more than happy to explain positions, duties, and where help is needed. Check out the website or your roster for contact info.



Lt/C Todd Carlson S

We are all in the winter mode, preparing for hibernation from the cold. For those that followed the birds south, congratulations on getting while the getting is good. For the rest of us, get ready for a cold winter.

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Administrative Officer's Report

Boating Down Superior Street

For my last Channel Chatter contribution of 2008, it is with great satisfaction that I can report on the huge success of an idea I floated over a year ago--A BOAT FLOAT. Well, with a lot of planning, a little luck, and a ton of work, we did it!! This was no small undertaking but it was well worth the effort when you consider the incredible marketing exposure for our cause and organization. Yes, the Duluth Sail & Power Squadron finally participated in a 50-year-old Duluth tradition, "The Christmas City of The North Parade."

I need to thank my First Mate Kristi for working the phones and doing the paper work just to get us in to the event. Then a huge thanks to The Northlands News Center and Sharon Wallack for finding a spot for us in the line up. Once we were in, we needed a float. Todd Carlson wanted to build an ARK, but we were running low on time (not to mention pairs of animals). You wouldn't think it would be too hard to find a boat in an organization like ours, but in the end of November in Duluth, it proved a bit more challenging. After dozens of calls, perseverance paid off! A wonderful gentleman from Anchors Aweigh Yacht Sales in Afton Minnesota said "that sounds interesting". The next thing you know Paul Newman was hauling a brand new 33 foot Regal up I-35 to rendezvous with me on parade day.

A special thanks to Dwayne Falconer at Bears Heavy Duty for allowing us to use his parking lot and facilities to do our parade prep and decorating. It was a race against the clock but as it was for all of our events in 08, Mother Nature was on our side. Cold but clear and calm, the crew went to work. Dave Carlson, Dave Van House and Todd Carlson provided their decorating expertise. As a special treat, Don and Kathy Schult from district not only made the road trip up with much needed banners but dug right in with all the work as well. A truck and trailer load of gear, power cords, a ton of zip ties, my gen set and sound system, and all the decorations were in place and we were ready to depart on our first ever boat ride down Superior Street.

We had many souls aboard, all wearing life jackets on this maiden voyage- the Melanders, Schults, Townsends, Val Ouellette and even some folks from Minnesota Power wanted to ride with us. Todd Carlson and Brian Schmidt led the way by marching in front with a Safe Boating Course banner, and I manned the mic with the Beach Boys cranked up trying to warm up the crowd in 6 degree temps. Paul from Anchors Aweigh donned a Santa hat and rolled down his windows to smile and wave at the crowd like a true parade pro as he drove us down the route. New members Steve Townsend and his son pounded the pavement handing out over 500 life jacket whistles and a hefty bag full of candy from Cmdr Mary Brisky as the crew on board kept reloading their buckets. It was a well oiled machine;

we owe it all to Paul who took a big chance hauling that brand new Regal to Duluth for us when the South Shore had already seen over a foot of snow. One of Duluth's finest said "you guys have a lot of guts taking that thing out this time of year;" indeed!

The next time you are in the Twin Cities, make sure to stop in at Anchors Aweigh. Say hi to Paul and Nancy at their family-run business, check out all the beautiful new boats in the show room and give them big thanks!!

We were very well received by the crowd of thousands who lined the streets. And for those who just wanted to sit back and enjoy the parade (along with treats and refreshments) Doug Melander invited members to his Downtown business, Mainstream Fashions- thanks Doug!

Believe it or not, this was only phase one of our holiday weekend extravaganza!! Now we moved to the Inn on Lake Superior where our annual Christmas party was to be held on Saturday night. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Monnie Goldfine for his unwavering support of our fine organization. Tressa Holti and The Inn's staff was exceptional; they had the parking lot coned off and ready for us to park our boat float right at the front door of the conference center. With the help of Duluth PD directing traffic, Paul wheeled her right in to position and it looked great outside the beautiful Inn on Lake Superior. Thanks again to one of our newest members Ken Goldfine, and one of our oldest members P/C Monnie Goldfine and their wonderful staff for helping us with our event!!

Our party committee also did a great job: Lauri Solberg, Todd Carlson, Len Robinson, Ken and Mary Jane Olson and Karen and John Bray to name a few. The room was beautiful and the food was off the charts!! Thanks to Jen and her crew from Savories, WOW! Our silent auction raised nearly \$500.00 for those in need this holiday season. Plus, members brought donations of toys, clothing and canned goods to make this Christmas brighter for some less fortunate individuals in our community.



**Lt./C David Stokes
and Tanner**

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--- Please mark your calendar---
Leadership Development Opportunity

By Cdr Mary Brisky
 and Education Officer Kay Bakke

As a local squadron of District 10, we have the opportunity to participate in an upcoming leadership development workshop scheduled for the weekend of January 10-11th in Bloomington, Minnesota. The material being covered in the day and half workshop (Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-1) was developed by the national organization of the United States Power Squadrons, to train local members to assume the responsibility of leadership and carry the organization forward.



The training workshop is the most extensive update of its kind in over a decade. The workshop material is equally applicable to career development as it is to volunteer activities within the squadron. Some of the many topics covered in the comprehensive workshop agenda include:

Basic Requirements of Leadership: building on the core competencies you already have and bringing forward your professional leadership competencies.

Leadership and Your Work Environment: organizational values; understanding climate & culture; how knowing human behavior is a key to leadership.

Motivating People: understanding what motivates and guidelines for motivating others

Using Creativity in Problem Solving: the brainstorming process

Due to the nature of the workshop material and the fact that the workshop will be conducted over a weekend in the twin cities, we would like to extend an invitation to any member that is interested in attending and is either serving as a committee or event chairperson, or has an interest to do so. The course and its materials are provided at no charge to our members, however travel, meals, and hotel accommodations are at the member's expense. We are looking into securing a reduced hotel rate for our Duluth contingency. District 10 may help to defray some costs. Watch our website for further details.

This is a great opportunity for our members to be able to participate in this type of training, at a nominal cost compared to similar leadership training seminars offered elsewhere. In addition, the training should prove to be a great team building opportunity for our Duluth squadron, as a number of our officers have already committed to participate. Please take a look at your calendar and consider attending this workshop.

If you need more information or want to attend, please contact Mary Brisky at marybrisky@yahoo.com or Kay Bakke at kbak@cpinternet.com by Monday, December 29th.

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On Sunday morning it was cleanup time. Del Clark is always there to lend a hand and David Barnum helped with all the heavy lifting at The Inn and back in Esko for the unload, thanks guys. Lastly I'd like to thank everyone who helped out in any way, including all the folks who RSVP'ed and attended the weekend festivities- we can't do it without participation!!

I hope everyone had fun this past year, what a great way to wrap up 08 and here's to smooth sailing for everyone and our Squadron in 2009!!

Keep your sleds on the trail,

Admin Dave

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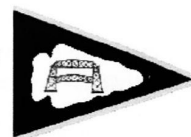
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Teaching Aid Competition

By Cdr Mary Brisky

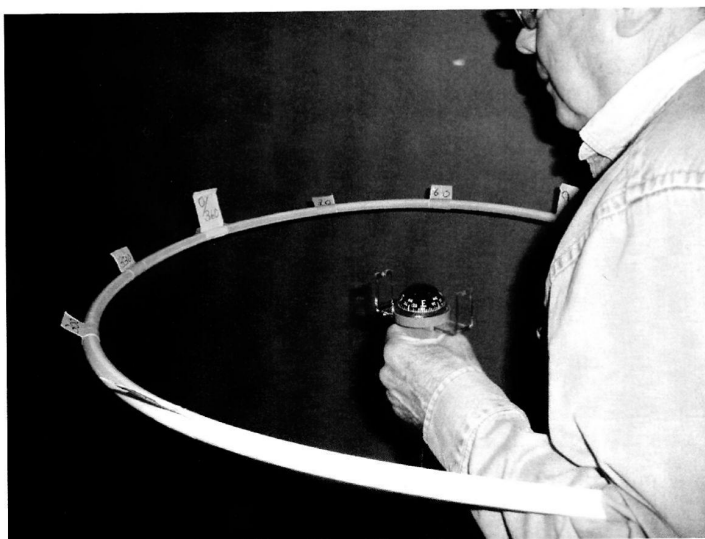
You may recall from training sessions or courses you have taken in the Power Squadron or other venues, that teaching aids are often used to help students visualize a concept and thus enhance learning.

Each year the National US Power Squadron sponsors a teaching aid competition. The goal is to encourage squadron instructors to create learning aids which will assist in presenting concepts in their respective course. The fall conference, traditionally focused on education issues, is when local competition occurs. At the November conference, current District Education Officer, John Winger awarded Kay Bakke "First Place" in this year's District 10 competition. While assisting with the *AP* course, Kay created an aid to assist students better understand the concept of Relative Bearing in *Piloting* and *Advance Piloting* courses. **Congratulations Kay!**



Above: John Winger, District Education Officer , Kay Bakke, Duluth Sail and Power Squadron Education Officer, and Bob DeNoto, SEO Door County.

Below: Kay's Relative Bearing Teaching Aid demonstrated by John Sjogren.



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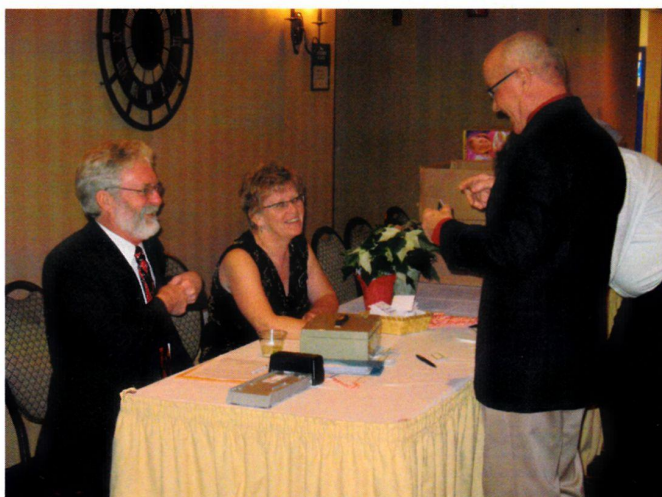
Photos by John Bray



A good sized crowd enjoyed the 2008 Christmas Party at the Inn on Lake Superior Ballroom.



Mary Grubb with special guests District 10 Executive Officer Kathy Schult, and Don Schult



Ken and Mary Jane Olson at the registration table with P/C Murray George



Mary Miller and Ann Melander managed the Silent Auction

Ours was the only Float that really could!





Admin. Dave Stokes and Frosty the Snowman
Emcee the program



Rhobley Mattson wins a Silent Auction prize



Savories Catering served a delicious Buffet



Another successful event organized by Exec. Todd Carlson,
Admin. Dave Stokes, & P/C Len Robinson



Karen Bray, Patty & Steve Sigford



Cdr Mary Brisky chats with Jenny & Steve Townsend

CO2 PFD Inflator Failure

Reprinted from the U.S. Coast Guard website
uscgboating.org

The U.S. Coast Guard has been made aware of a potential problem when installing CO2 cylinders that have bayonet tips in inflatable personal flotation devices (PFDs or life jackets). If a cylinder is not properly installed, the PFD will not inflate with CO2. The problem may affect several thousand PFDs, but the Coast Guard is only aware of one incident to date.

Some Mustang, Protexion, and Stearns/SOSpenders PFDs using Halkey-Roberts' inflators can indicate a green "Ready" status when the CO2 cylinder is not properly installed. This false positive green indication occurs when the cylinder-bayonet assembly is inserted in the inflator, not turned, and the cylinder is not ejected.

Cylinders with bayonet tips are designed to be pushed in and turned 1/8th turn clockwise to a full stop to secure the cylinder. When the cylinder is not turned to secure it in place, the PFD will not inflate with CO2. The PFD may still be inflated orally. If the CO2 cylinder is not turned, the mechanism is supposed to eject it. In some production units a false positive green indication can be achieved by simply pushing the cylinder into the mechanism without turning it 1/8th turn to a full stop. According to the consumer report, a user was led to believe the cylinder-bayonet was properly engaged without turning it due to the firm seating of the cylinder-bayonet, which also prevented the cylinder-bayonet from ejecting as designed.

Consumers should check the model number of the PFD (located on the manufacturer's label) to see if your PFD is affected.

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MD3083	MD3084				

From **Protexion Products** 1-800-268-3112 www.nautilusbyprotexion.com

Model # NIV3000	NIV3500	NIV4000	NIV4500
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Updated cylinder installation instructions are on the home pages of manufacturers' websites and at the Coast Guard website. Check your device to ensure that the inserted CO2 cylinder-bayonet has been fully turned clockwise prior to use. For a complete list of model numbers, go to www.uscgboating.org/alerts.



Attending the D10 Fall Conference: Admin Dave Stokes, Cdr Mary Brisky, SEO Kay Bakke, and P/C Len Robinson.



Hardworking members of the Fall 2008 Piloting class include Del Clark, instructor Glenn Peterson, Ray Sickler, Les Martin, Marty Martin, Steve Sigford, and Bill Miller.

Photo by Kay Bakke



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1 cup chopped green bell pepper

1 cup chopped red bell pepper

1 cup chopped yellow bell pepper

1 cup chopped red onion

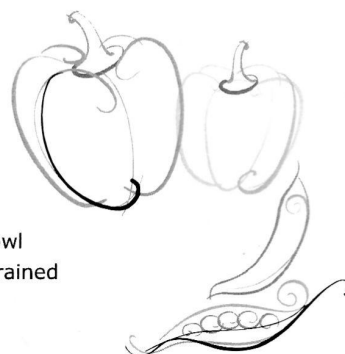
1 1/2 cup cherry tomatoes quartered

1 cup chopped fresh parsley

Add dressing. Toss well. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

Serve with tortilla chips or saltine crackers.

Recipe submitted by Nancy Anderson, a part time resident of Alabama.



Hot Buttered Rum

Mix together:

1 cup brown sugar

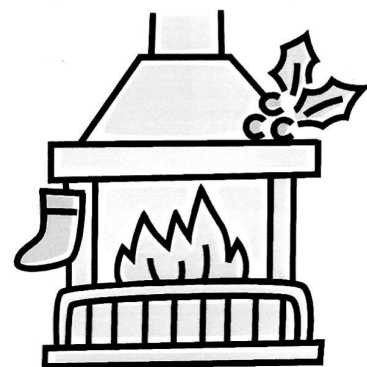
1 cup powdered sugar

1 cup butter (room temperature)

1 quart vanilla ice cream (softened)

Store in your freezer. To mix a drink, put one to two tablespoons of mixture into mug, add one ounce of dark rum, 8 ounces of boiling water, and sprinkle with nutmeg.

Recipe submitted by Karen Bray



Your Help is Needed

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Some DSPS members may not be aware that our own Squadron secretary, Jim Swanson is also an ordained minister. He recently officiated at the marriage of Grady and Julie Strand's daughter, Krista. They shared this note and photo with us.

I thought our membership would enjoy the picture w/ Pastor Jim marrying our daughter and new son in law, Krista and Jason Holder. Pastor Jim did a wonderful job and his sermon at the ceremony was very good. People came up to him after the ceremony and told him it was the best sermon at a wedding they had ever heard.

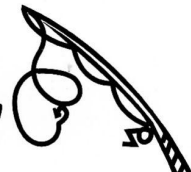
P/C Grady Strand



**Planning for the 2009 Captains Platter Fishing Contest will begin on
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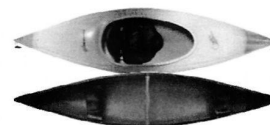
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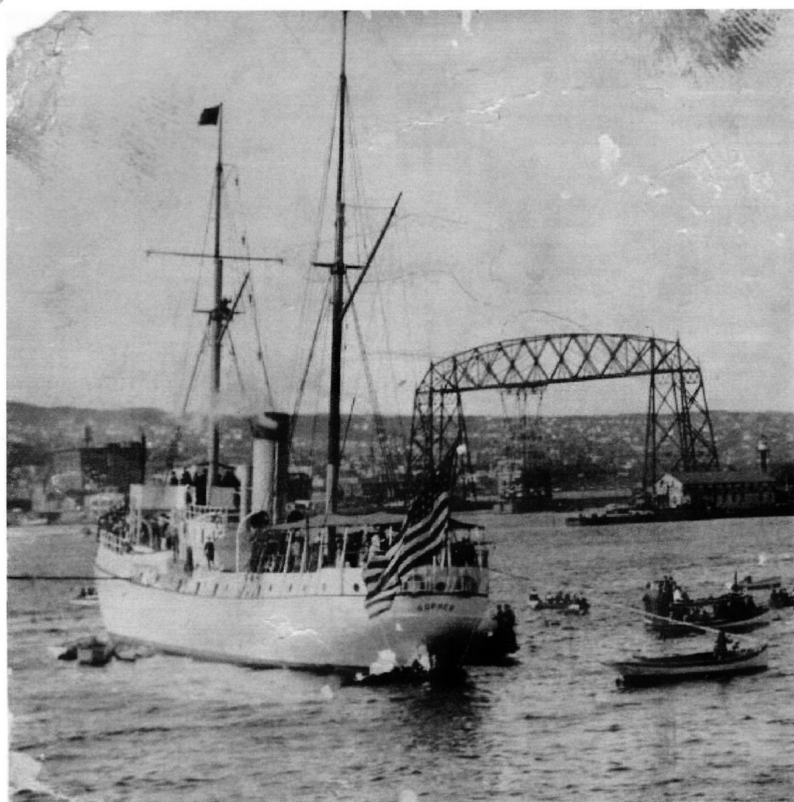
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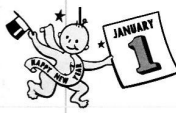


Schedule of JANUARY 2009 Events



- Jan. 8—Executive Board Meeting

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Captain's Log 11-30-08

For those that are now following along with this column, I appreciate your interest. As you may know, or some of you that don't, I have been sharing with you all a few excerpts from my log book aboard the *Sotally Tober*. I also have shared a few fishing stories from Lake Superior and even ice fishing adventures on the big lake. I am out of interesting stories to share at this time. Since we are right on the edge of a new ice fishing season, I will have more "Captain's log adventures" to come. Stay tuned.....

Todd Carlson

Can you find the musical instruments hidden in the box? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.



VIOLA, VIOLIN, WHISTLE, ZITHER.
SITAR, TAMBOURINE, TIMPANI, TROMBONE, TRUMPET, TUBA, VIBES,
LUTE, LYRE, MANDOLIN, MARIMBA, OCARINA, ORGAN, PIANO, RECORDER,
GUITAR, HARMONICA, HARMONIUM, HARP, HARPSICORD, KAZOO, KOTO,
DULCIMER, EUPHONIUM, FLUEGELHORN, FLUTE, FRENCH HORN, GONG,
CELLO, CLARINET, CLAVIER, CONCERTINA, CORNET, CYMBALS, DRUM,
ACCORDION, BAGPIPES, BANJO, BASSOON, BELL, BUGLE, CASTANETS,

Nautical Charts Critical to Navigating Waters Safely

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Colors give emphasis to various features.

Just as road maps show us how to get from one point to another on land, the navigational charts give you information on piloting your boat safely.

Nautical charts have a lot more detail than road maps. Charts show channels, shorelines, depths, hazards, bridge heights, buoys, channel markers, lighthouses and other information important to the boater. The nautical chart is essential for safe navigation in conjunction with supplemental navigational aids.

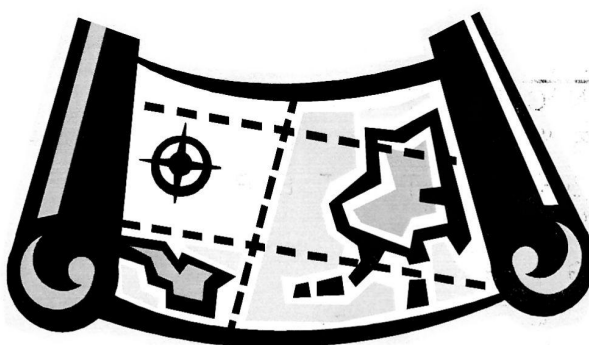
Nearly all charts use color to emphasize various features and to facilitate reading and interpretation. The basis colors are black, white, blue, green, magenta and gold or tan.

White is used to indicate deep safe water in which to navigate. When you look at a chart or screen on your GPS color plotter and it indicates your position in the white area, you are good to go.

The blue area on a chart indicates shallow water. In shallow water, you need to know your location or bearing because there may be as little as one foot of water at low tide increasing to six feet plus. Depending on the draft of your vessel, you may be safe maneuvering in the blue area, but be cautious of hazards such as rocks, sunken objects and changing bottom depths caused by storms. Many of these are marked with an aid to navigation as a slow area, swim area, rock area, danger zone etc.

The green area on a chart indicates areas that are submerged at some tidal stages, but uncovered at others, such as sandbars, coral reefs and marshes. This could mean that you only have inches to a foot of water. Unless you are in a kayak, you should avoid these areas.

Gold often appearing as tan indicates dry land and no sailor has been able to navigate on dry land with his boat. Most shorelines at the edge of the gold are shown as blue or green, and are hazardous because of rocks or shoals. So, if you are heading for shore, you need to look for a marked channel.



Magenta is used for many purposes. Red buoys are painted in magenta. Lighted buoys of this color have a magenta disc over the small circle portion to assist in identifying it as a lighted aid. This will flash red for port and green for starboard from dusk to daylight, marking a safe channel in which to navigate.

Black is used for most symbols, contour lines, manmade features and printed information.

Study the charts, read the legends and become familiar with the language of the charts. With time, they will be as easy to read as road maps.

For more detail about safe boating and a safe boat course, contact the Duluth Power Squadron.

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