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Change of Watch 2009—Members of the DUPS Bridge and Executive Board are administered the oath of office by District Commander Elect Kathy Schult on March 7. (Left)

Winter Fun Bash— Sun, snow, ice, kids, hot chocolate, food, bonfire, sleds, and snowmobiles all mixed together for a great Saturday afternoon get-together on March 14.



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Commander's Report

Due to the efforts of our officers, committee chairpersons, and members, I am pleased to report that the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron had a very successful 2008-09 Watch Year.

Although this success can be measured in several ways, the attendance at our meetings, events, and member classes has indicated strong member participation. In addition, the percentage of members that have contributed to our programs and events has indicated a strong member engagement. I would like to thank all who have contributed their time and talents towards accomplishing our goals. In particular, I would like to acknowledge those members who have earned a merit mark for service this past year and have included an alphabetical listing in this *Channel Chatter*. These members represent a cross section of our squadron, ranging from long-term members to new members that have joined within the last year

Together with our Education, Executive, and Administrative Officers, it was my pleasure to present three special awards at our recent Change of Watch ceremony on March 7th. These individuals are examples of leadership in our local Squadron and organization, as outlined in the USPS triangle. The awards and recipients are as follows.



Cdr Mary Brisky AP

2008 Commander's Awards

Education

In grateful acknowledgment and recognition of excellence as instructors in the Squadron Boating Course. This award was presented to:

Gary Battuello

Robert Hansen

Civic Service

In grateful acknowledgment of outstanding leadership and contribution to the Squadron's Vessel Safety Check Program. This award was presented to:

James Munger

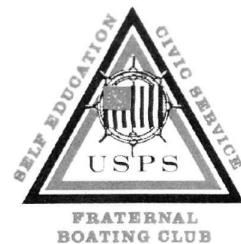
Membership

In acknowledgment of valuable contribution to the Squadron's programs and events. She has served as an exemplary member of this organization. This award was presented to:

Del Marie Clark

In addition to the individual awards that were presented during the recent Change of Watch, our Squadron was presented with the District 10 - 4 Star Squadron Award by District Commander Elect Kathy Schult. The metrics used for the award encompass the USPS goals of Education, Civic, Membership, and Membership Involvement and measured our squadron's improvement over the previous year. The following highlights some of the areas of growth.

- Increased squadron membership.
- Increased membership retention.
- Increase in courses offered to the public.
- Increase in the number of members taking advanced and elective courses.
- Increase in the number of Vessel Safety Exams conducted.
- Increase in the number of merit marks recipients.



In contemplating this past year's success and in preparing for another term, Duluth Squadron's 71st Year, I am reminded of a quote by Jim Rohn, a well known motivational speaker, stating that "Success is neither magical nor mysterious... it is the natural consequence of consistently applying the basic fundamentals." Whereas we will undoubtedly see some changes in the coming year, the other Bridge members and I remain committed to the goals of this organization - those that have made it both relevant and great. Along with the other squadrons in District 10, we look forward to a year of "Expanding opportunities".

Education Officer's Report

"The Itch".....When we were young, "the itch" was something we got from swimming in the nearby lake during August; some bug finding a home on US instead of the too green, weedy lake bed. With 50 degree air wafting through the open, recently screened window, our thoughts turn to whatever scratches our "itch" in spring. I prefer this latter "itch," and am excited for the experience to lift me from the winter doldrums.

During these longer, brighter days, we begin to follow through with winter lists and plans for boat uncovering, cleaning, repairs, preparations, installations and just sitting on the aft deck watching a sunset, even though we're still "on the hard." OK, the calendar indicates it is a bit early to do these activities but not by much.

As preparations for summer boating include checking safety equipment, consider preparing yourself and/or crew with review of safe boating knowledge and procedures. Especially if you are relatively new to boating,

you might consider enrolling in one of the **Seminars** offered this spring. See the schedule included below or check our website.

Happy Scratching!!!



Lt/C Kay Bakke, AP

New Seminars for Members and the Public

A few more **Seminars** have been added to the *USPS University* series this year. We are happy to announce the seminar schedule below, each taught by a *DSPS* member. If you have a life schedule which does not accommodate a full length, 10 week course, **Seminars** are an excellent way to expand your safe boating knowledge. **Seminars** provide members of the public an example of United States Power Squadron quality courses while receiving pertinent safe boating information in a shorter time frame. Each **Seminar** is a one night, 2 hour program, introducing a specific boating topic. Students leave with valuable safe boating information for Lake Superior, Duluth/Superior Bay and/or inland lakes as well as a waterproof *Captain's Quick Guide* or text for each topic. Find complete **Seminar** descriptions at www.usps.org Look at *courses & seminars* under *Education*.

All classes meet at Central High School Community Education at 6:00 p.m. Please arrive early to pay for and receive materials. You must pre-register on line at www.duluthpowersquadron.com at least 3 days prior to the course. A minimum of six (6) students is needed to offer the class.

March 23	Marine Radar	\$32	John Harrison
March 26	VHF/DSC Radio	\$25	Duane Flynn
March 30	Paddle Smart	\$25	Dave Poulin
April 13	Small Boat Trailing	\$27	Gary Battuello
April 20	Using Marine GPS	\$25	John O'Neil
April 23	Anchoring	\$20	Gary Battuello
April 27	Chart Reading	\$25	Glenn Peterson
April 30	Sail Trim/Rig Tuning	\$20	Murray George & Bob Ouellette



Executive Officer's Report

Greetings to all. Welcome to the 2009 Watch year. Well, since the executive board did such a nice job last year, it was decided that we were all going to do it again. It has been a pleasure working with this Bridge last year and I am sure it will continue. A couple quick notes for you all: April 25th will be the annual Fitting Out Party held at the All American Club in Duluth. The flyer is in this issue and you should have received one in your mail box. This is great event to kick off the boating season. It is also a great opportunity to find some great "boating" items at the silent and live auctions.

We also have the Captain's Platter Fishing Contest coming up June 13 of this year. The committee could really use some help this year with registration, fish identification and weigh-in, Vessel Safety Checks, and the food. If you are looking to chip in and get a Merit Mark this year, please get a hold of me right away. You are all welcome to come down to the dock and join in the fun.

I am incorporating my Captain's Log article into my department report. This season of ice fishing on Lake Superior has been interesting. I thought I have seen it all. While spending a nice day enjoying the fishing and the weather out by Outer Island in the Apostles, a ½

ton pick-up truck drove right by. If you can imagine the layout of the Islands, you may know that Outer Island is over 25 miles from Bayfield. I know that ice conditions are fair out there but Outer Island??? Anyway, please be safe on the ice. I know I have written a few articles about fishing on thinner ice but please understand that thinner ice vs. questionable ice are two different animals. Check your way, along the way. There is a quote that still holds true to me "there are old bobbbers and there are bold bobbbers, but there are no old, bold, bobbbers." (Quote from Lyle Laurvick) (Bobbing is the act of ice fishing deep water for lake trout.)

See you on the ice

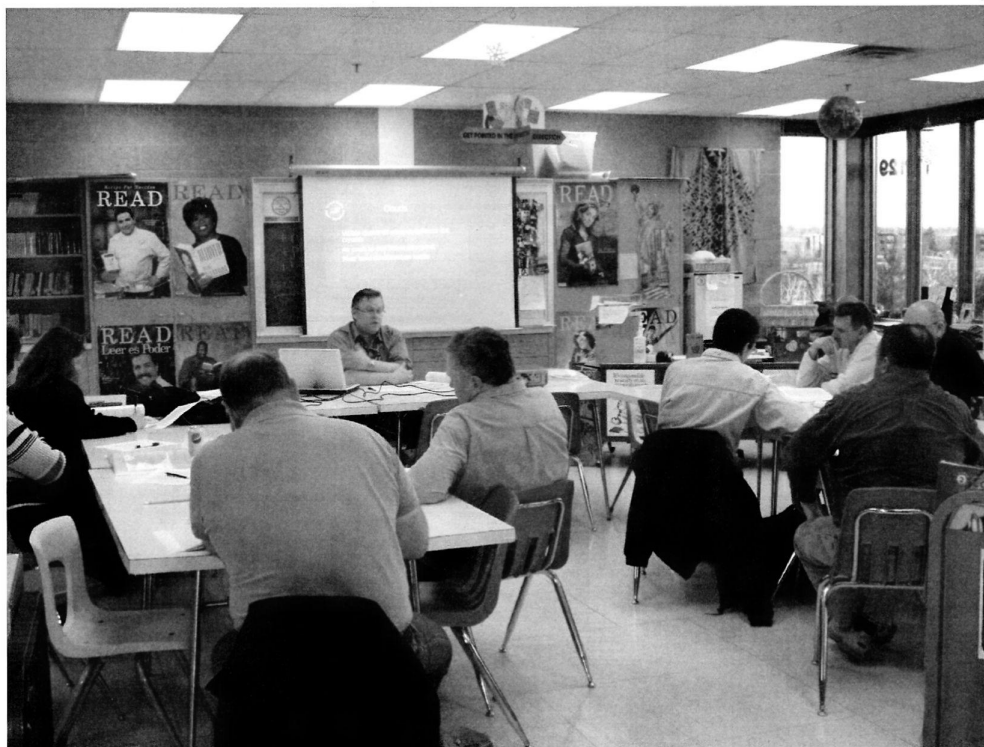
Todd Carlson



Lt/C Todd Carlson S



The Wednesday
night Weather
Class, led by
Meteorologist
Dave Anderson.



Administrative Officer's Report

2009 Winter Bash

Wow, who would have thought we could have so much fun at the Squadron Dock in the winter! If you missed this event, you missed the boat (or perhaps I should say the snowmobile).

By 2PM the temperatures had climbed into the mid 50's, the skies were blue and the winds were moderate. Heck, we have had corn roasts and 4th of July celebrations that have been colder. We had fresh snow and more than three feet of ice for the sleds and ATVs. Todd Carlson's ice auger had areas where it couldn't even hit water. It's hard to believe we lucked out with such a glorious day, especially when three days prior to our winter event it was 27 below zero and a day prior to that, a March snow storm hit on the last night of the public boating course. The class still went on and several new members were signed up.

To set the stage a bit: the bonfire was blazing and marshmallows were roasting, the grill was 300 degrees and like all Squadron events; the food was a plenty. Del Clark's chili was off the charts and Kristi's cowboy caviar gave everyone an extra kick.

There was no shortage of fun as the kids built two snowmen out on the ice next to the dock (thanks to the help of big kid Brian Schmidt). Plus, we trained in a few up and coming mushers on our tow-behind sled.

Forty members and guests made this a great way to usher in spring. The top brass of the crew included 5

past commanders: Bob Ouellette and Val, Jerry Carlson, Bob Stokes, Dick Bibby and Len Robinson.

Members included the Solbergs and their guests, the Melanders, Olsons, Gooders, Schmidts, Joyales, Executive Officer Todd Carlson, Del Clark, newly re-instated members Rick & Deb Long (thanks for coming back!), Frosty the Snowman and yours truly-the Stokes family.

Thanks to Todd for getting us plowed out, Dave Solberg for coordinating the port-a-potty and Ken Olson for bringing the fire wood.

Doug Melander said it best, "We are so fortunate to have this place and any time we can be down here is a gift." Indeed Doug, this day was a gift! The kids (big and small) were grinning all day and some of us even got sunburned.

What a great way to kick off 2009 at the dock!

Admin Dave

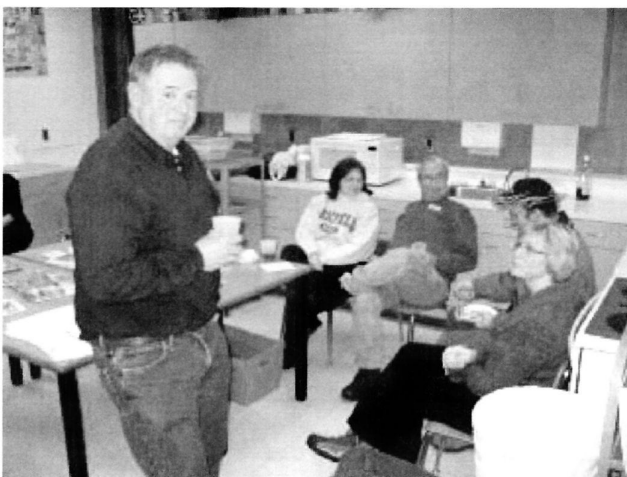


**Lt./C David Stokes
and Tanner**





Public Safe Boating Class concluded with test night and refreshments on March 10. Kay Bakke thanked the teachers, Gary Battuello, Bob Hansen, (above) and Steve Farrell (below right). Serving the treats were Del Clarke and Joanne and Ken Docteur (right).



Congratulations Piloting Students

The following members successfully completed the fall **Piloting** course, taught by Glenn Peterson. Congratulations and safe boating to all!

Phil Arnold

Del Marie Clark

Bill Miller, III

Les Martin

Bill Lannon

Gary Minter

Mary Martin

Ray Sickler

Boaters should know rules, regulations.....

P/C Candy Hengel, SN

P/D/C Harvey A. Hengel, SN

- Fog: Proceed at slow speed. One prolonged blast of your horn every two minutes. Radar, if you have it, can see through fog.
- Running lights: The law requires them. Must have on from dusk to dawn, in fog or heavy rain or limited visibility.
- Meeting another boat: The boat on the right has the right-of-way.
- Passing another boat: Pass on his starboard, or your port. Sound your horn once for passing on his starboard. If passing on his port, give two blasts of your horn. If he returns five quick blasts on his horn, do not pass.
- Man Overboard: Mark man overboard on GPS if you have one. Raise alarm by shouting "Man Overboard". If there are others on board, instruct a crew member to watch the person in the water and point continuously to him. Immediately throw a life ring and attachment overboard. Ensure the propeller is not turning when you are alongside the person in the water. If you can see the person in the water clearly, a simple 180 degree turn is the quickest. If you cannot see the person, send a mayday call on your VHF radio.
- Mayday call. Call Placed on Channel 16 when in danger of sinking or when life is threatened.
- High wind, rain: Everyone don a personal flotation device(PFD), station a lookout forward, reduce speed and attempt to get to shelter.
- Anchor light: When at anchor, it needs to be on from dusk to dawn and be visible in a 360 degree circle.
- Backing out or leaving dock: One long blast on horn for 2 or 3 seconds.
- Pan-Pan call: Not life threatening, i.e. log floating in area. Use Channel 16 and give location.
- The American flag: It should be flown on the stern or the mast. The flag should be flown from sun up to sun down. It may be flown at night, but only when entering or leaving port.
- When do you fly your flag at half mast? Only at the direction of the President of the U.S. or a state governor.
- SOS: It means Save our Ship. When sent by light, it is three quick flashes followed by three long flashes followed by 3 quick flashes. On the radio it sounds like, dit, dit, dit, da, da, da, dit, dit, dit.



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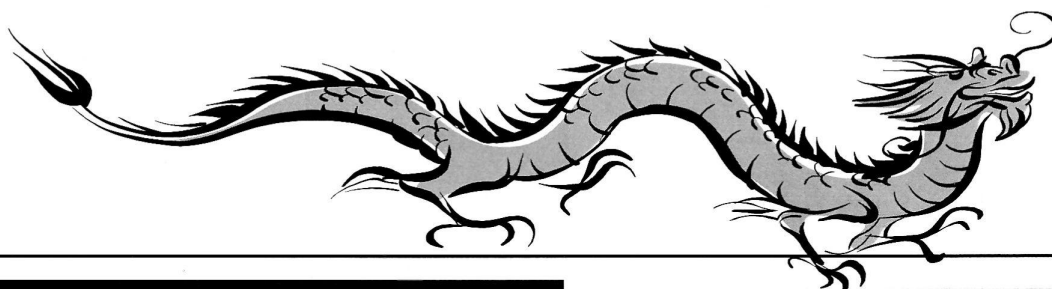
"Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?"

George Carlin

Attention All Rowers!!!



As you may be aware, Rotary in conjunction with the Duluth Boat Club puts on the annual Dragon Boat Races at Barkers Island every August to fund a local charity. As this is a great civic event as well as a potential P. R opportunity, there seems to be some interest in members of the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron to enter a team in the race. The specifics are forthcoming but if you have any interest in joining the group to row this year, would you please contact Katie Gooder at elandan37@aol.com . We can only accommodate between 22 - 26 people so please express your interest soon so we can move forward in the planning.



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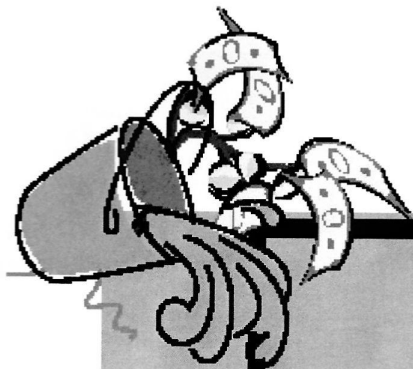
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Anderson, Larry	Evavold, Forest S.	Kylmala, Keith	Robinson Jr., James D.
Anderson, Marv	Farrell, Steve	Larson, Barbara	Rossini, Julia K.
Bakke, Kay	Flynn, Duane R.	Linder, Clifford A.	Rossini, Thomas F.
Barnum, David C.	George, Murray W.	Mattson, David A.	Saline, Rod L.
Battuello, Gary A.	Goeder, William C.	Mattson, David C.	Schmidt, Brian C.
Berkeland, Ron	Grubb, Charles N.	Mattson, Patricia A.	Soetebier, John W.
Bibby, Richard D.	Grubb, Lorie A.	Munger, James E.	Solberg, David A.
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Evanson, Larry R.	Krokum, Scott L.	Robinson, Lisa A.	Zapp, Jeff

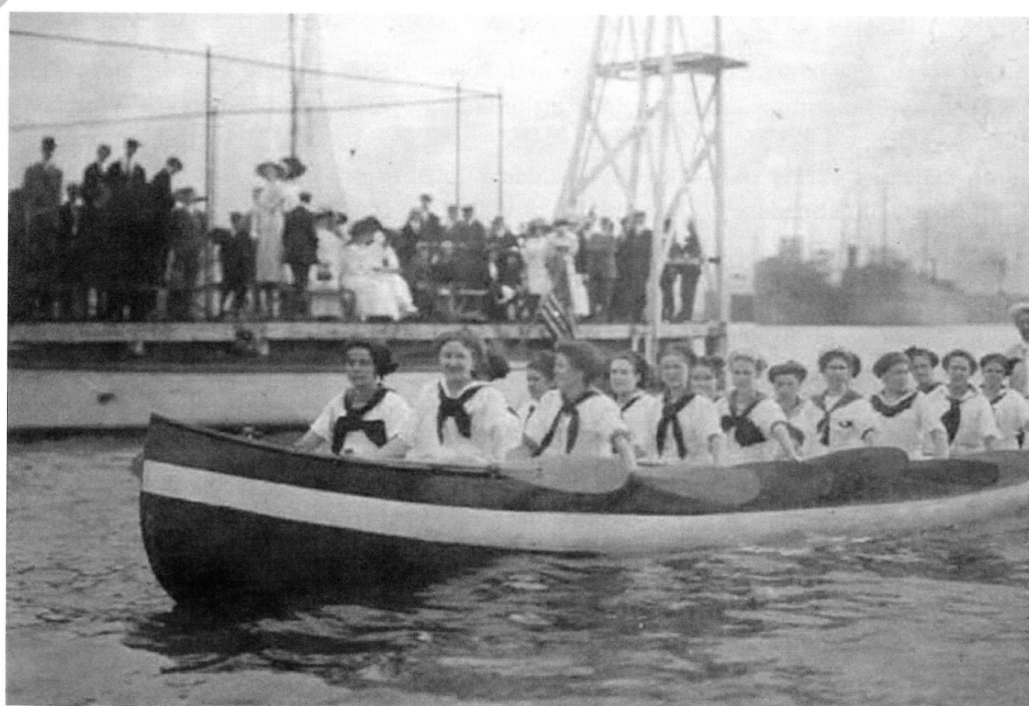
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New Membership Chair Del Marie Clark

By Karen Bray

Meet Del Marie Clark, one of Duluth Sail and Power Squadron's newer members. Del's helpful attitude and abilities have landed her right in the middle of many squadron activities during the past year, including July 4th, Corn Roast, Christmas Party, and Change of Watch.

Del is a native of Cloquet who now resides in Duluth. From early childhood, her parents took her canoeing, camping, boating, and fishing during the summer. A



few years ago, she went sailing with a group of friends. Del decided she would learn to sail instead of just riding along as a passenger. She took sailing lessons the following summer, and now sails every summer. Del intends to continue her boating education through Duluth Sail and Power Squadron. So far she has completed the

Safe Boating Course, Seamanship, Piloting, and is currently enrolled in the Weather Class. "Boating safety and education are so important, and I want to learn as much as I can. I think the DSPS does a great job teaching the public about safety", Del said.

Recently, Del agreed to take on the position of Membership Chair for Duluth Sail and Power Squadron. Her goals are to increase membership, and to make new members feel welcomed. She hopes that some of our current members will offer to mentor newer members, answering questions they may have, and encouraging them to attend Squadron events and activities. Del says, "If they enjoy the organization, hopefully they will ask their friends to join, too."

When you see Del at your next Squadron event, please thank her for contributing her time and talents to the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron.

If you would like to become a Mentor to a new member, please email Del Clark at <delic11@yahoo.com>



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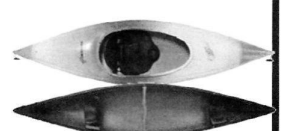
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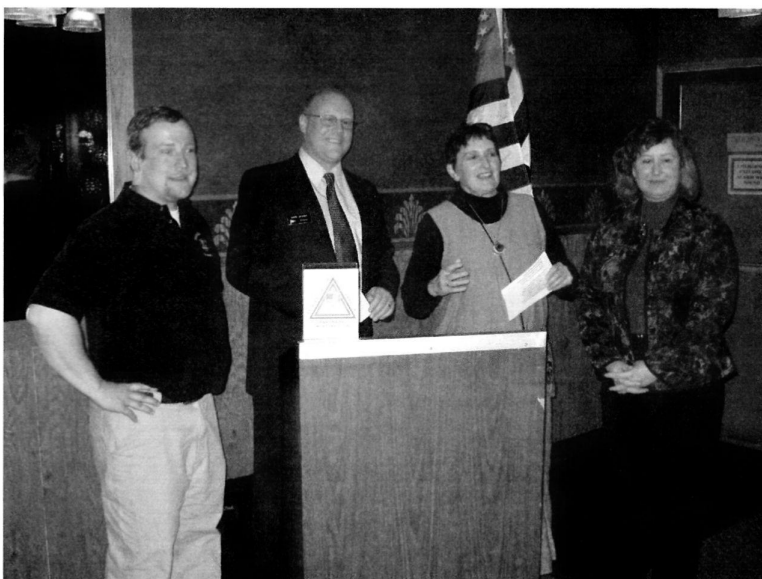
Vintage Channel Chatter—1971

The Squadron Rendezvous was held at Bayfield, Wisconsin, on July 3,4,5, 1971. More than 50 boats attended. The highlights of the Rendezvous included a moonlight ferry boat cruise and dance which a capacity crowd enjoyed, a fishing contest with a 10 pound Lake Trout being the largest fish caught, and a spectacular fireworks display.

The Squadron Treasure Hunt was held on August 15, 1971. It originated at the Squadron Dock at Allouez. A new and unusual approach to the Treasure Hunt was augmented this year under the Chairmanship of Ken Holmgren, Erling Hansen, and Dick Gajewski. Fifteen boats participated in the contest. At various locations, the contestants found envelopes containing playing cards. When the hunt was completed, the contestants opened the envelopes and the highest poker hand of the five cards was the winner of the Treasure Hunt. Jim Bujold had the best poker hand and won first prize, with the three other winners also receiving prizes. A good time was had by all.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ray J. Ignatius Jr., AP
Administrative Officer*

Thanks to P/C Bob Stokes for saving and sharing his Channel Chatter Collection.

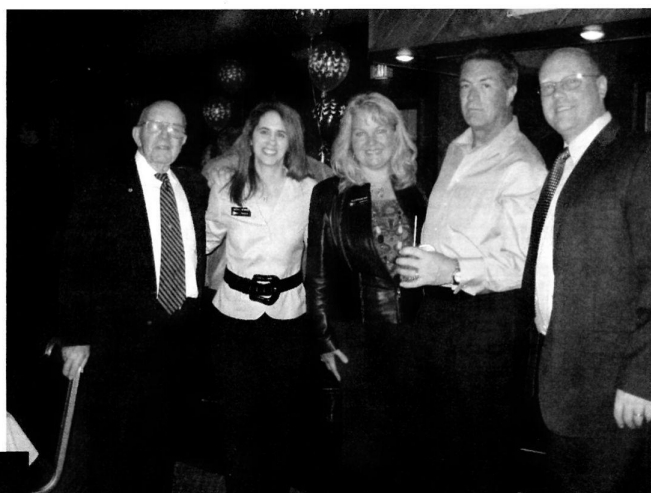
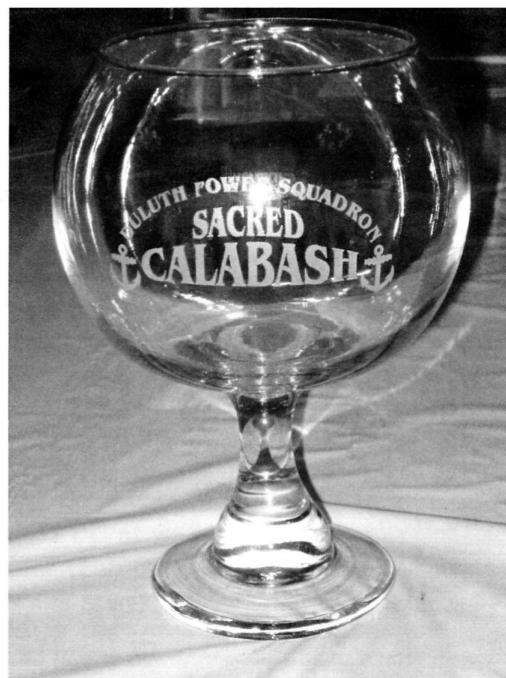


Above: Exec. Officer Todd Carlson, Admin. Officer Dave Stokes, Education Officer Kay Bakke, Commander Mary Brisky.

Below left: Valerie Ouellette receives the Educational Proficiency Award from Kay Bakke and Cdr Mary Brisky.

Below right: P/C Richard Bibby, Kristi Stokes, Kim O'Neil, John O'Neil, Dave Stokes.






Change of Watch



Photos in this issue were provided by Todd Carlson, Del Clarke, Mary Jane Olson, Bob Ouellette and Dave Stokes.

April 2009

Schedule of Events






Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Weather Class 	2 Exec. Board	3	4
5	6	7 Seamanship Class	8 Weather Class April Fool's	9 Passover Begins 	10	11
12  Easter	13 Seminar	14 Seamanship Class	15 Weather Class IRS Day	16	17	18
19	20 Seminar 	21 Seamanship Class	22 Weather Class Earth Day	23 Seminar	24 Arbor Day 	25 Fitting Out
26	27 Seminar	28	29 Weather Class	30 Seminar		

- April 2 Exec. Board Meets at the Spot
- April 25—Fitting Out Party and Fund Raiser at the All American Club, see details on page 11.
- For a schedule of seminars offered, see page 4.

For the most up-to-the-minute information, see
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Schedule of May 2009 Events

- May 7—Executive Board Meeting at the Spot
- May 16—22 National Safe Boating Week
- May 21 -General Meeting location to be announced
- May 30 -Dock Clean-up Day at the Squadron Dock

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 May Day 	2
3	4	5 Cinco De Mayo	6	7 Exec. Board	8	9 
10  Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16 Natl. Safe Boating Week Begins
17 National Safe Boating Week	18	19	20 	21 General Meeting	22	23
24	25  Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30 Dock Clean-up
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MEMBER'S MARKETPLACE

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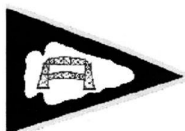
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The next two months will offer a chance to view meteor showers on the following dates.

On April 21 -22 the Lyrids will be overhead between 3 and 5 a.m. in swift streaks, 10 to 20 per hour.

On a May 4 -5 the Eta Aquirids will be in the southeast sky between 3 and 5 a.m. There will be 20-40 per hour, in very long, swift paths.



Can you find the weather words in the box? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.

BLIZZARD, BREEZE, CHINOOK, CIRROCUMULUS, CIRROSTRATUS, CIRRUS, CLOUDY, COLD, CUMULONIMBUS, CUMULUS, CYCLONE, DOLDRUMS, DRIZZLE, DRY, FAIR, FOG, FREEZING, FROST, HAIL, HARMATTAN, HEATWAVE, HOT, HUMID, HURRICANE, LIGHTNING, MILD, MIST, MISTRAL, MONSOON, NIMBUS, OVERCAST, PRECIPITATION, RAIN, SHOWER, SIROCCO, SLEET, SLUSH, SNOW, STORM, STRATUS, SUNSHINE, THUNDER, TORNADO, TYPHOON, WIND, ZEPHYR.

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Chicken with Capers

1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts	salt and pepper	1/4 cup flour
2 Tbsp. butter	1 Tbsp. olive oil	1/2 cup chicken broth
2 Tbsp. rinsed & chopped capers	1 Tbsp. lemon juice	1 Tbsp. chopped parsley

Place the chicken between two pieces of plastic wrap. Pound with meat mallet to 1/4 inch thickness. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Dredge the chicken in flour, shake off excess. Melt 1 Tbsp. butter with the olive oil in skillet. Brown two chicken breasts at a time until no longer pink in center. Transfer to a platter and keep warm, repeat with remaining chicken. Add chicken broth to pan, cook until slightly thickened. Add capers, lemon juice, remaining butter, and parsley, pour sauce over chicken.

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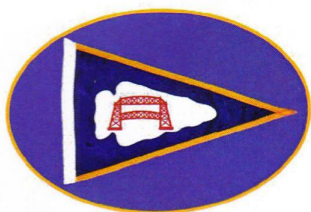
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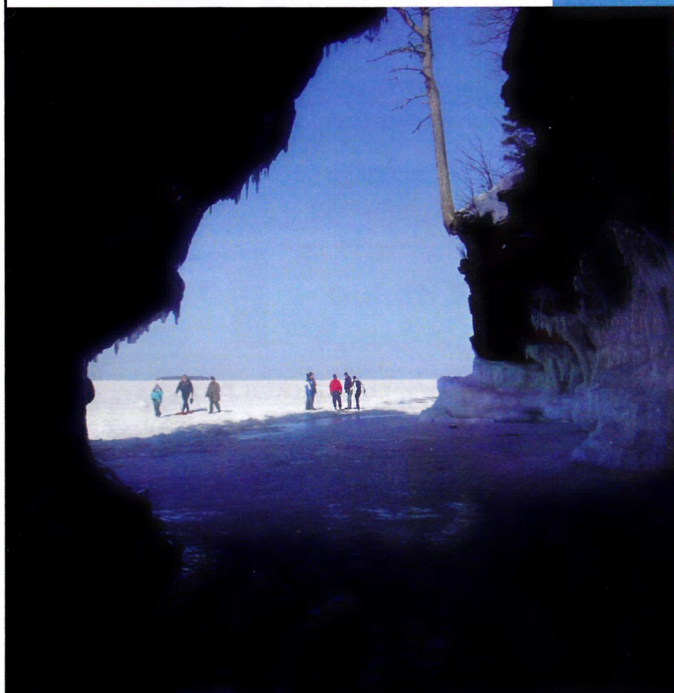


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**Lake Superior's North
and South Shore both had
plenty of ice this year**



Brighton Beach, above, 3/5/09 photo by Todd Carlson, who has a lot of experience with ice.



Mary Jane Olson took the photo at left of Ken Olson, Bill and Nori Ferris, and some friends from the UP, at the Meyer's Beach sea caves located 5 miles north of Cornucopia, WI. Park rangers there will give you instructions for finding the caves, and collect a parking fee. We'll have more information about this day trip next winter when the caves are again accessible.