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## Corn Roast



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## Commander's Report

Greetings fellow members,

We have been very blessed this year with a very pleasant fall. The leaves are changing, the nights are cooler, and the morning frost sightings seem to be more and more every day. With every change in season, it seems the boater has to roll with the punches. By now, your boats should be in the crib for the long winter ahead. Hopefully everyone gained some great information from our general meeting October 21 on proper winterization of a boat.

Our Squadron has had such a fantastic summer. Besides the rendezvous, tall ships, corn roast, and unexpected parties at the dock, we have gained membership. 29 to be exact. We have not only added more members to our Squadron, but we have had more new members step-up to the plate and get involved. We are growing. We are achieving what our bridge has set out to do. We are trying to get people involved by doing the things they enjoy. The job as a member is to not only enjoy the dock, the classes, and the members; it is to give something back to the organization. It is as simple as helping clean up after a meal at an event, helping with a committee on planning an event, or maybe helping our education department teach a class. There are some rewarding jobs that are available. Please contact me or another member and get involved. We have the Christ-

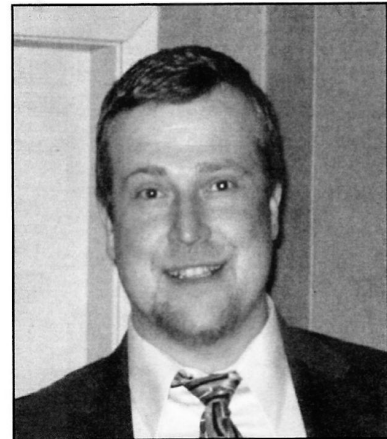
mas party and the Christmas City of the North Parade coming up. We could sure use the help.

Special thanks to those that contributed at the Corn Roast Celebration. We had great people once again performing the tasks to make a memorable event. The weather was an issue that seemed to be overlooked once the fun began. I hope that you all had a great time. Special congratulations to our new Corn King and Queen, Dave and Lauri Solberg. Good luck to you both as you make your new endeavor ruling the Corn Kingdom.

Pull out all the engine plugs and see you on the ice.

Todd Carlson

Commander



**Cdr Todd Carlson, S**



- **Dennis Archer**
- **Timothy Buck & family**
- **Kevin Connor & family**
- **Paul Winterscheidt & family**

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## Educational Officer's Report

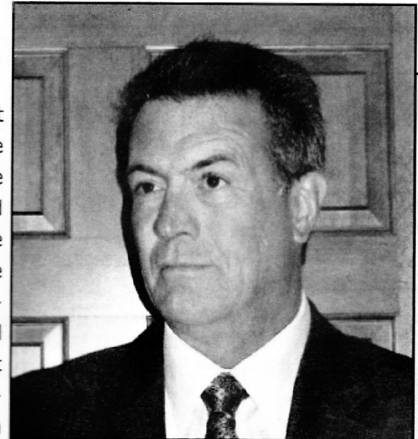
I am making plans to prepare Essence for the winter. Where did the summer go? I hope everyone has many fine memories of the 2010 summer and all it offered us.

I have spent the summer contemplating what is the best direction to take the Duluth Squadrons Education Department. Balancing both time commitments and Squadron interest is a very tricky task.

Our Squadron has some of the best and most committed instructors. As you probably know, I really take boating safety and education very seriously. That does not mean I don't believe in fun, just the opposite. An Educated boater can have fun, be enthusiastic and remain safe.

This summer I had the privilege to remove 2 items from my bucket list. The first was to take a cruising vacation on Lake Superior up the North Shore to Canada. We visited Thunder Bay, Silver Islet and Thompson Island. I had the opportunity to put into practice many of the boating principals I have learned through the advanced courses. I Pre-plotted all courses for a good look at Time of Travel and Fuel Consumption. Prior to leaving, I calculated my total fuel consumption; any power boater knows it is less about time and more about fuel. I didn't want to get caught with a lack of the magic potion my boat so loves to consume and I also didn't want to have to purchase fuel in the upper bracket fuel zone of Isle Royal. I calculated 600 gallons consumed that week and happily report using only 591 gallons. I really got to know my boat and trust my knowledge. The second item was to do a crossing from Duluth to Bayfield in the dark. I have always wanted to put absolute trust into my electronics. This summer I had the opportunity to do just that. I awoke at 0300 to find wind and rain, not in my plans, on the Squadron Dock. I did a 2 hr prep including breakfast and departed at 0500. By this time the rain had let up but the wind was still an obstacle. Combining my GPS and Radar I slid through the Superior entrance and onto the lake. Waves were about 3' and quartering the front of the boat. Amazingly, for the first time, I felt all the movements of the boat. Without visual contact with the water, I positioned the boat and had a very smooth 12 knot ride. This smooth ride lasted until sunrise. When I could see the waves approaching I began to fight with them to hold course. I lost the "feel" of the boat and got a little jostled. About 2 hours into the journey the wind and wave direction changed to a following sea. I ramped up the speed to 18 knots and had a very enjoyable remainder of the trip.

As I look back at these trips I have realized the knowledge and confidence I have gained over the years. This knowledge was not all class work but also simple conversations with other that share the love of boating.



**Lt/C John P. O'Neil, AP**

This year I need help. I have Teachers, classrooms, study packets, now I need Students. I hope to offer the following classes: Engine Maintenance, Marine Electrical Systems and Weather. The only way these classes will happen is if members sign up for the classes. The classes will be organized after January 1. Contact me if you have an interest in taking one or all of these classes.

In addition, there will be a safe boating class starting on October 19<sup>th</sup> and lasting for 6 weeks. Thanksgiving week will have no class.

Just a quick note about this summer. The Squadron has 3 sides, Education, Civic and Social. Many of us have really missed out on the Social aspect of the Squadron. The best time to meet new people, enjoy those you know are the Social Activities. This summer's Rendezvous has become the "Bar" for all to follow. Duluth Squadron has the unique ability to bring people together and have fun. The Corn Roast was an absolute blast. Although I pride myself as a "cook", I have changed my rib recipe forever because of the mouth watering ribs I helped cook and consumed. Don't be shy. There is the upcoming Christmas Party, the Change of Watch and General Meetings to meet and exchange ideas and friendship. Take the first step to becoming a known member. I bet you will have fun doing it.

Live, Love and Learn

John

## ***Safe Boating Class begins October 19***



## Executive Officer's Report

The summer of 2010 was ship-shape for the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron and it's not over yet.

Three longs and two shorts (a full captain's salute!) for Commander Todd, Admin Pat along with the rest of the Bridge and membership for making 2010 one to remember. Our squadron has so much to be proud of; we have renewed energy with so many new members who have not only joined, but have become involved—thank you! It's also great to see so many sailboats joining us at the squadron dock this year. The dock hosted more events and saw more members enjoying themselves than ever before.

At Corn Roast this year it made me proud to dedicate our new Play Center in honor of Kolar Auto Group and our members who contributed to the newly formed Marv Anderson Memorial Activities Fund. This fund will help us make improvements at the dock that otherwise would not happen. A few things that have already been brought to the table are horse shoe pits, repainting our shuffle board, and a plaque for the pavilion recognizing fund contributors. So, please remember this tax-deductable fund when making your annual charitable contributions and help strengthen the future of our already fabulous dock facility.

On a personal note, I also want to thank my dad, Bob Stokes, and his crew for another great Perkins pancake and sausage breakfast at the event. Another small army of members helped make this a great Corn Roast. An-

other couple near and dear to my heart, Bill and Katie Gooder, have done an outstanding job organizing the kids' games for us during the last 4 years. And a special thanks to Past Commander Murray George for donating the medals for the children's awards ceremony (Tanner wears his to school almost every day). I was also very pleased this year to work as part of Admin Pat's team that did an incredible job.

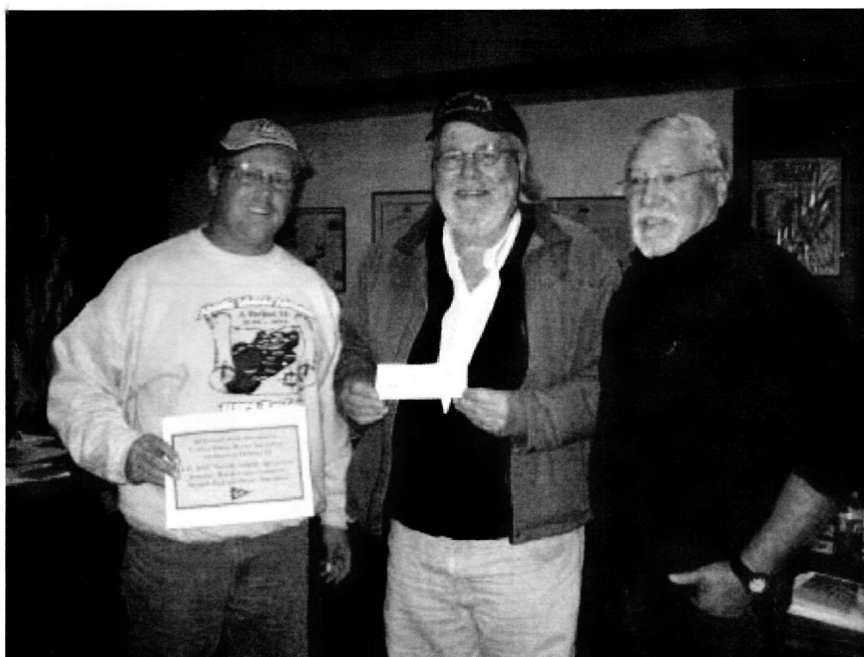


**Lt/C David Stokes, S  
and Tanner**

The D-10 2010 Apostle Islands Adventure Summer Rendezvous is still receiving rave reviews in Bayfield and at the District level. I made a trip to Bayfield to meet with the Harbor Commission to present them a check for additional cleats on the City Dock. We raised more than \$700.00 from district-wide members who attended the Rendezvous. Our group made a lasting impression on our beloved South Shore town; the Squadron will be recognized with a plaque to be located on City Dock for this contribution. What a great way for the Squadron to gain recognition on one of the busiest tourist docks on Lake Superior. Our members also put money in the hat to get the Fosters something for the Sundew. We presented Jeff with a 5 x 8 custom Duluth Sail & Power Squadron bow pennant to fly proudly on the Sundew. So when you are near the Sundew, take note of your squadron's colors on the bow.

Thanks to everyone who helped make 2010 one of the best years so far for the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron! Happy fall and winter from the crew of the Purr-ecious Time; we look forward to a few more gatherings as we wait for warm breezes to blow again.

Executive Officer Dave



Dave presenting the check for additional cleats on city dock to Bayfield Mayor Larry MacDonald and Harbor Commissioner Eric Fredenberg

## Administrative Officer's Report

Ahoy Everyone,

I am fortunate enough to be writing this month's column from the Chief's Mess on board the retired USCGC Sundew en route to Bayfield for the annual Apple Festival. This weekend's voyage is a fitting finale to what has been an incredible summer.

The Corn Roast was the final major event for the DSPS boating season. Thanks to many members' hard work and participation (not to mention a bit of luck on the weather front), the event was as successful as we had hoped it would be. While there were quite a few faces of the "regulars" missing this year, it was great to see many new and prospective members join us for a fun filled weekend at the Dock. Those of us who arrived on Thursday night to set up on Friday were a bit concerned as the wind howled and the rain fell horizontally for the better portion of the day. However, the forecast for Saturday and Sunday called for the storm to clear, so we crossed our fingers.

By late Friday evening the wind had abated considerably and it looked like there might be a shred of truth in NOAA's prediction. By Saturday morning, the weather



was clear and crisp – perfect for Corn Roast! The official festivities kicked off with Commander Carlson's Mystery Dinghy Run. A contingent of 6 boats braved a short run in the choppy harbor to reach the calm waters of the Nemadji River. From there, we ran up the river a few miles and rafted up to enjoy the scenery and some beverages that the Commander was gracious enough to provide for the group. Realizing we had stretched our schedule a bit, we ran back to the Dock to prepare the Shrimp boil dinner for the evening.

Sunday started with Bob Stokes and crew serving up the best pancake and sausage breakfast in District 10 – thanks guys! After the breakfast clean-up was concluded, the kids activities got underway in earnest. Pony rides, the dunk tank, and games all worked to insure that the kids would sleep well that night. At the conclusion of the games, the Playcenter was officially dedicated. About that time, the Babyback Ribs on which I had worked since Saturday evening were finally ready and the dinner bell was rung. Once everyone finished eating, the Gooders handed out medals and prizes, and then we all danced the night away to the music provided by the ShackShakers.

Monday saw another turn in the weather as the wind steadily increased throughout the morning. By the time the cleanup was complete and Cole and I were able to take our boat back to Harbor Cove, it was gusting into the low 30's from the NE, and we were taking steady spray over the bow in the bay!

Thanks to everyone

Respectfully,

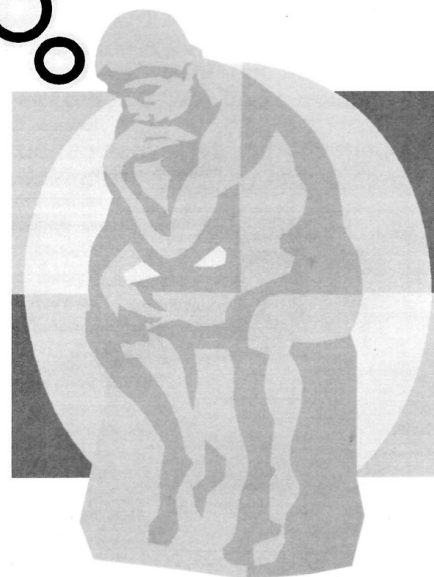
Pat Joyal

Admin officer



**Lt/C Pat Joyal  
and Cole**

# Got Ideas?



Your Duluth Sail and Power Squadron Bridge is putting together a "Wish List", and we need to know what you would like to see happening within the Squadron. Dock improvements? Different activities? Changes in the Educational programs? More or less meetings? You name it, we'd love to hear from you! Please be specific. Your response can be kept confidential if you wish. Your ideas are important to us.

Thank You for participating!

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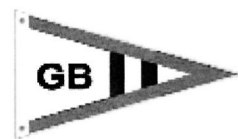
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P/C Candy Hengel, SN

P/D/C Harvey Hengel, SN

Manufacturers are in the rope business. Most ropes used on board ships are called "lines." Boats have anchor, dock, towing, heaving and water skiing lines.

Larger lines on big boats are called hawsers

Lines can be purchased in nylon, polyester, polypropylene or natural fibers. Nylon is the strongest and most elastic of the commonly used synthetics. This makes nylon the choice for anchoring and mooring since its elasticity helps absorb shock loads. However for this same reason it is undesirable for use as halyards on sail boats.

Polyester is nearly as strong as nylon but has considerably less stretch. This is the material of choice for running rigging aboard sailboats.

Polypropylene is significantly less strong than either nylon or polyester and is more susceptible to chafe abrasion and deterioration from direct sunlight. Its prime value is that it floats. This is the line of choice for water skiing lines, small dingy painters and heaving lines.

Modern synthetic line requires only minimum care to ensure long and satisfactory use. If you observe the following guidelines, it will ensure long and satisfactory use:

Do not overload. A load of 75 percent of the line's working strength may permanently damage the line.

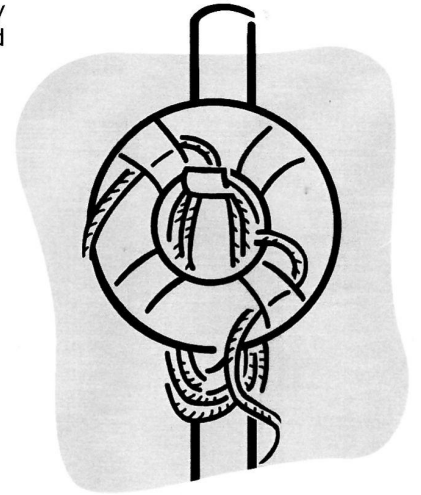
Avoid kinks in the line. They create stress, weaken the line and accelerate wear.

Avoid sharp bends in the line. Use a thimble to splice the line around. This makes the spliced eye more resistant to chafing.

Avoid contact with chemicals. Synthetic fiber lines are resistant to most chemicals, but they invite trouble.

Cleanse and rinse line regularly. Dirt and grit should be removed by hand washing and rinsed by hosing down.

Stow carefully. While modern synthetic line can be stowed wet, they should be coiled and well ventilated.



Several Duluth Sail and Power Squadron members donated their time, talents, and boats at the 2010 **Dragon Boat Festival** in August. The Lake Superior Dragon Boat Festival is an annual fundraising event organized by the Superior Rotary Club, Duluth's Harbortown Rotary Club and the Superior Sunrise Centennial Rotary Club. The race is held in the Superior Bay off Barker's Island in Superior, Wisconsin.



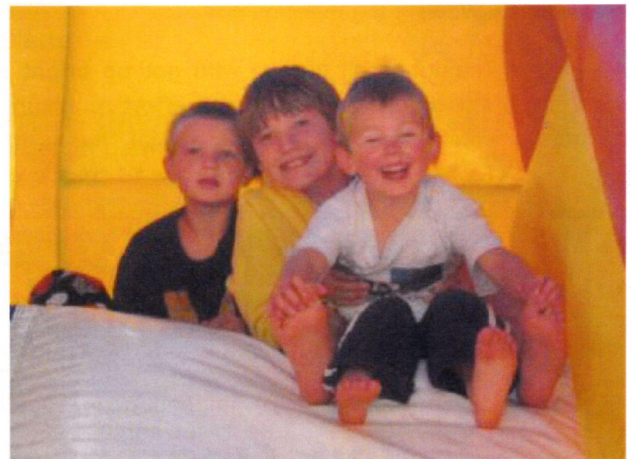




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## CORN ROAST



## Corn Roast Pancake Breakfast

By P/C Bob Stokes, AP

Our ongoing Sunday morning Pancake Breakfast at this year's Corn Roast was another mouth-watering success. Once again, Gloria DeSmedt brought her own supply of chocolate chips to create smiley-faces on the griddled delights for the children. The Squadron, as always, is so very grateful to member Dillon Flaherty for donating the scrumptious pancake batter and sausage links. Both were perfectly cooked and, as per prior years, Perkins gave us more than adequate portions so that the attendees could return for second and even third helpings of the culinary eats! Please continue your patronage of our fine local Perkins Restaurants (and those far away, too) to show our further support of these fine establishments. This year we served over 70 bountiful breakfasts. Wow!

Again, our thanks to all of you who got up bright and early and volunteered your time and effort to assure us of another rousing success. Very special thanks to all

who contributed to the breakfast in varied ways. These include Len Robinson, Bill Carlson, Gloria Desmedt, Daryle Rock, Duane and Marlene Flynn, Dave and Pat Mattson, Dave Carlson, Arne Wuorinen, and Lauri Solberg.



The Corn Roast, with all of its overall events, was picture-perfect weather-wise, attendance was great and a good time was had by all. The Pancake Breakfast planners are already looking ahead to next year and smacking their lips in anticipation. See you there.

Bob Stokes, Chair



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Karen Bray, 2024 Minnesota Ave., Duluth, 55802

You could be in the next Squadron Kid's Corner!

### Green Tomato Cake

a recipe from Val Ouellette

2 ¼ cups sugar  
1 Cup Vegetable oil or melted shortening  
3 Eggs  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
3 cups flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon cinnamon  
½ teaspoon nutmeg  
1 cup pecans or walnuts  
1 cup raisins  
2 ½ cups diced green tomatoes  
Coconut (optional)



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In mixing bowl, beat sugar, vegetable oil or shortening, eggs and vanilla until smooth and creamy. Sift together the flour, salt, baking powder, cinnamon, and nutmeg; Slowly beat into egg mixture. Blend well. Stir in pecans, raisins and tomatoes. Pour into greased 9 X 13 inch pan. Top with coconut if desired. Bake for 1 hour, or until wooden pick or cake tester inserted in center comes out clean.



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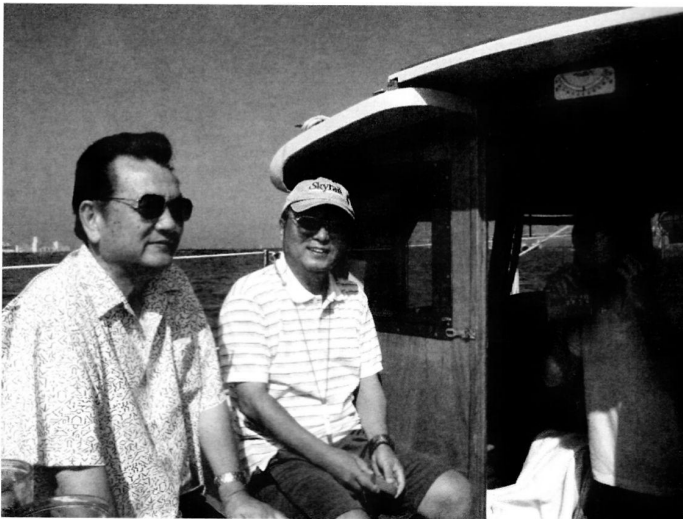


## Sister City Visitors Enjoy Boating Hospitality

P/C Bob Ouellette and Lt/C Val Ouellette took a group of Sister City representatives from Ohara, Japan on a tour of the Duluth/Superior harbor on August 23.

The cruise, aboard the Ouellette's sailboat, *Deo Volente*, included a trip under the aerial bridge so that the visitors could see the city from the water vantage point. They then did a tour in the Harbor (to show them the windmill blades) and up the St. Louis River to give them a look at the coal loading facility as well as the ore docks, followed by a short tour of Fraser Shipyards.

Bob and Val wanted to treat the visitors to some local cuisine so they offered some samplings of a variety of smoked fish. According to Val, "That was a real hit once we coaxed them to eat it. They



are very polite and cordial people and didn't want to impose on us. Watching them eating smoked herring with their own Chopsticks was really fun!! " The Ohara visitors spoke very little English, but they did have an interpreter along.

Bob was invited to be part of the Sister City Group that went to Thunder Bay last fall to attend a presentation of Thunder Bay's new and very extensive Waterfront Development, and be a part of the contingent to attend the dedication of their new City Hall. Bob is the president of the Duluth Boat Club and is very interested in a similar development here in Duluth on our waterfront.

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## Duluth Sail and Power Squadron

# Christmas Party



**Saturday, November 20, 2010 at the Inn on Lake Superior**

**Northern Lights Banquet Room**

**5:30 Social and Silent Auction**

**6:30 Dinner**

Bring a wrapped gift, with a due to the contents,  
for the Silent Auction.

Proceeds from the auction will be donated  
to a local toy drive for needy families.



### Dinner Choices

Applewood Bacon Wrapped Cornish Game Hen with raspberry-balsamic sauce  
and layered sweet potato parve

or

Pepper Crusted Filet of Beef Tenderloin with cognac demi-glace  
and fresh spinach, potato and sweet onion gratin.

Dinners include a fresh vegetable medley, choice of salad, European rolls,  
and gourmet coffee, herbal tea, or milk.

*Get into the Spirit at Bentleyville!*  
*November 20 is opening night for the annual*  
*Holiday Light Show at Bayfront Park.*

Party-goers who wish to  
spend the night may  
reserve a room for  
\$125.00 plus tax  
by calling the  
Inn on Lake Superior  
at 218-726-1111

**RSVP by October 16, 2010** to Lauri Solberg, 2103 Linden Lane, Superior, WI 54880  
You may call Lauri at 715-395-0315 or 218-390-8693

Name(s) _____	Number attending _____ @ \$40 per person
Cornish Game Hen _____	How many _____
Beef Tenderloin _____	How many _____
	Total \$ _____

# REMINDER

## NAME and MEMBER No.: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

If additional space is needed, send an accompanying email with this form.

- 1) I taught or helped in teaching the following class(es); \_\_\_\_\_ Number of times: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) I proctored examinations for the following courses: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of times: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) I assisted in locating or filed reports on NOAA Chart Changes. (Co-op Charting): \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) I participated in Squadron general membership meetings. (Reports, minutes, discussion, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) I participated in Squadron Executive Committee meetings, Squadron Committee meetings, (Reports, minutes, discussion, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) I attended the following District, National Governing Board meetings: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) I wrote articles or submitted photos for the Channel Chatter or for *The Ensign*: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) I helped with the following National Safe Boating Week activities. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) I participated in committee meetings: List committee & activity: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) I recruited Boating Course students and participated in membership recruiting activities: \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) I created and/or demonstrated teaching aids at squadron classes, or at **District or National meetings**: \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) I planned or helped organize boating activities (Squadron or **District**): \_\_\_\_\_
- 13) I completed Vessel Safety Checks: \_\_\_\_\_

List any additional activities not covered on this form:

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND EMAIL IT TO THE DSPS MERIT MARK CHAIRMAN:

By October 23, 2010

P/C Len Robinson, S      robhideaway@msn.com


Mail to: 77 Hideaway Lane, Esko, MN 55733

Fax to: 715-392-1452 Attn: Len Robinson



# October 2010

## Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Exec. Committee Meeting	15	16
17	18	19 Safe Boating	20	21 General Membership Meeting	22	23
24	25	26 Safe Boating	27	28	29	30
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- 14 October—Executive Committee Meets at Barker's Island
- 21 October—General Membership Meeting at the Shack Supper Club









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

## Schedule of Events

# November 2010

- 5,6,7 November D-10 Fall Conference at Green Bay WI
- 20 November DSPTS Christmas Party at the Inn on Lake Superior. Contact Lauri at 715-395-0315 for reservations.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2  Safe Boating	3	4	5	6
7  Daylight savings	8	9 Safe Boating	10	11  Veteran's Day	12	13 
14	15	16 Safe Boating	17	18 General Meeting	19	20  Christmas Party
21 	22	23	24	25  Thanksgiving	26	27
28 	29	30 Safe Boating				

## MEMBER'S MARKETPLACE

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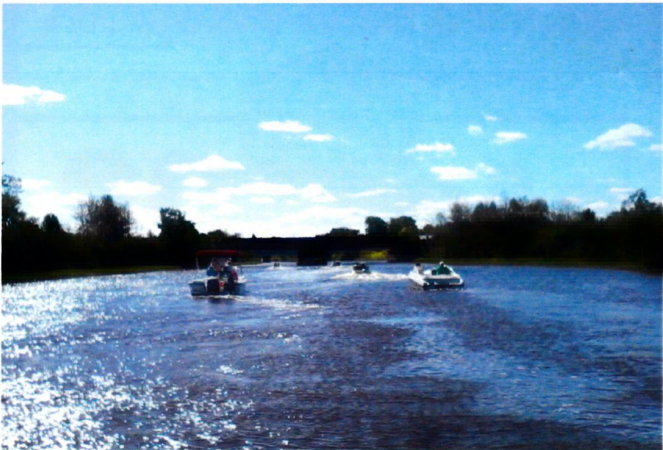


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