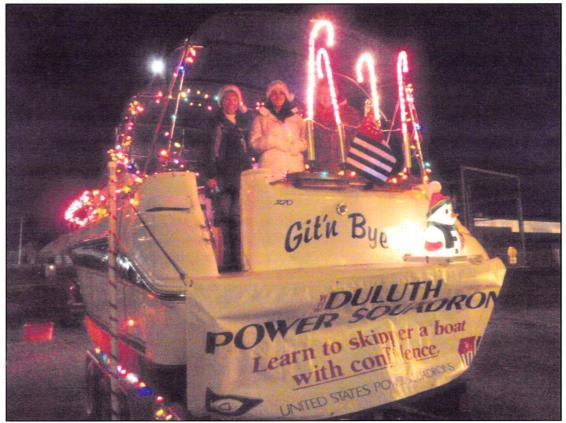


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Ken and MaryJane Olson's Git'n Bye served as our Float in the 2010 Christmas City of the North Parade on 19 November. Despite brisk winds and low temps, a hardy crew of DSPS members and families rode the float and walked alongside, passing out compasses, candy, and whistles to the crowds of parade-goers.



More photos on page 7 and back cover.







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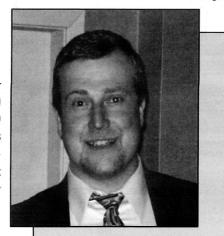
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Commander's Report

Holiday Greetings fellow members,

The winter season has kicked into high gear and I am sure you are all enjoying the winter festivities. As a Squadron, I feel we have had a great ending to our 2010 season. We had some members that attended the District 10 Fall Conference in Green Bay last month. At the event, our Squadron was presented with an award for our success with hosting the summer rendezvous in Bayfield. This was a great feeling of appreciation from the District for the hard work that was done by many for that event. Without any doubt, we sure know how to plan a party.

The month of November was as eventful as most for the Squadron. We had a great group of people that teamed up for a public relations opportunity. Ken and Mary Jane Olson offered not only their heated and finished building



Cdr Todd Carlson, S

for a meeting, but their boat for the Christmas City of the North Parade. We had a great pot-luck/decorating party in their building. We turned a 27' Sea Ray into a multi-lighted, Duluth Sail and Power Squadron bannered, Christmas tree on wheels. The boat gleamed as it cruised down Superior Street with summer music blazing. We had a great group of kids and parents walking along with the boat, wearing warm clothes and life jackets. We handed out a ton of candy, along with life jacket whistles with the USPS logo on them, and keychain compasses with our logo and website address. It was a great PR event for our Squadron. Special thanks to the Olsons for their generosity and to all that helped with this project.

The night after the parade, a hardy group of members met for the Christmas party at Grandma's Saloon for dinner and social. After, we bundled up and walked through the Bentleyville Tour of Lights. Typical winds off the lake kept us moving, but we still had time for the kids to visit with Santa and enjoy the lights.

Watch the website for upcoming events and thank you to all that support this Squadron.

Happy Holidays,

Todd Carlson

Commander





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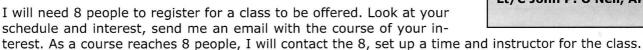
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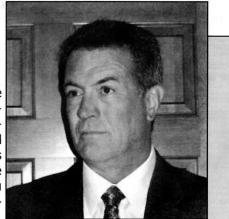
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Educational Officer's Report

Merry Christmas.

I hope all is well and you all have the holiday spirit. Winter is the time of renewal. The New Year gives us all the opportunity to reevaluate our goals and commitments. One of the main considerations for me is what to offer the squadron in the way of advanced and elective classes. Of course the main thing is students; this is where the membership comes in. I want to offer a group of possible classes. Remember, there are no longer any prerequisites, so you can take any advanced course. Some possible classes are Seamanship, Piloting, Marine Electronics, Engine Maintenance or Weather.





Lt/C John P. O'Neil, AP

Safe Boating will be held in January, February and March. April is possible if there is enough interest. Make sure to talk to all your friends and neighbors about the upcoming Safe Boating classes.

Of course, I am always looking for instructors. Remember, you only need to teach a section of a course.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank You, VSC Examiners

Over the past season our examiners have done a great job checking our boats to help keep us safe on the water. Again our squadron has done a yeoman's job completing 294 exams and finding 254 that have passed the exam. This was done with 12 examiners participating.

The following members gave of the time to serve on this very important committee;

Larry Anderson, David Carlson, Todd Carlson, Tom Cawcutt Sr., Murray George, Charles Grubb, Robert Hecht Sr., Leonard Robinson, Thomas Rossini, Julia Rossini, Kenneth Schultz and Robert Stokes.

Remember to give them all a good hand shake of thanks for a job well done.

I will be conducting a class to train additional examiners for the coming season. Classes will begin on January 5^{th} at 1830. Location will be Sand Point Yacht Club. Members that are interested in becoming examiners should contact P/C Dave C. Carlson SN at $\underline{dcc@chartermi.net}$. I will need to know by December 15^{th} so I can order the needed manuals and tests.

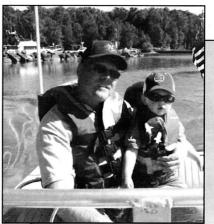
VSC Chairman P/C Dave Carlson SN

Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Department's position is that 2010 has been the best year our Squadron has had yet. Huge events & massive public relations impact combined with a cohesive team spirit has been the trademark for this watch year, and the year's not even over yet!

As Exec officer, I've assisted with fitting out, dock clean up, sailing regatta, Captain's Platter, 4th fest, D-10 2010 Rendezvous, tall ships escort & corn roast, to name a few. We now move on to organizing our Christmas party and & second effort to have a boat float in the Christmas City of The North Parade.

One special touch I'm personally proud to have been able to provide is a multi media element at our events. For example, we have documented our activities with professional video production gear and produced a virtual liv-



Lt/C David Stokes, S and Tanner

ing history for playback at our meetings & functions. This has served as not only entertainment but also as an element for generating excitement and interest in being or becoming a member of our group.

We have put an emphasis on public relations again this year. The Captain's Platter, Sailing regatta at the Dock, D-10 Rendezvous, Tall Ship escort & Parade are all homeruns on that front. We've had banners made, flyers printed, medals for kids games, the Commander on live radio and now are developing compass key chains with our logo & info to hand out during the parade.

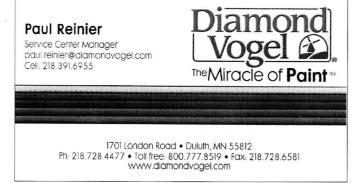
During the D-10 Rendezvous, we led the charge to raise \$700 for additional cleats on City Dock in Bayfield WI. As a result, the city has agreed to place a plaque on the heavily visited public dock commemorating the effort and the Power Squadron Rendezvous. We also printed dozens of extra copies of our highly acclaimed Channel Chatter "Rendezvous Special Edition" to hand out to key players. Oh yeah, we also brought a 180 foot Ice Breaker & Tallship to town with us for the Rendezvous! I can't emphasize enough what a huge PR year this has been for Duluth.

In closing, the creation of our Activities Fund and dedication of our new Play Center at the Dock are icing on the cake. We've seen the number of kids triple at our events, leading to a bright family future for our Squadron.

We look forward to 2011!

Respectfully,

Dave Stokes





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Administrative Officer's Report

Snow is flying, temperatures are dropping, and lakes are freezing. By this point, all of the boats and land yachts still in the Northland are tucked away for a long winter's nap and their owners are likely preparing for the Holidays and coming to grips with the prospect of another winter to get through. Last weekend, we were able to field a float in the annual Christmas City of the North Parade. Special thanks to Ken and Mary Jane Olson for pulling their SeaRay out of her heated storage spot and letting us decorate her for the parade. We handed out candy, whistles, and compasses with Power Squadron information on them. It was a very good public relations venue for us and it was a fun event been a part of. The following Saturday evening, several of us met in the Sand Bar of Grandma's restaurant for an informal Christmas gathering. It was a bit disappointing that we were not able to pull off our planned Christmas party, but the Bridge is already thinking of some other options to make this a more viable event next year. After the



Lt/C Pat Joyal and Cole

gathering at Grandma's, we went to the opening night of Bentleyville and had a great (although chilly) time! The kids all had their meetings with Mr. Claus, and frostbite was avoided by everyone.

Happy Holidays to Everyone!

Admin Pat

Your Wish List for Your Squadron

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!

Email your ideas to Admin Officer Pat Joyal

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P/C Tom Cawcutt Writes Winning Bentleyville Jingle

Though Wrenshall's Tom Cawcutt Sr. is a well-established singer, songwriter and performer, his latest curtain call is perhaps his most unusual. Cawcutt's original jingle was selected as the official theme song of Bentleyville, Nathan Bentley's annual Christmas lighting extravaganza now held at Duluth's Bayfront Park. Cawcutt's song was selected from 25 entries that were narrowed down to six finalists a month ago by Bentley and a panel of judges from the Bentleyville board of directors. Each finalist then was interviewed on the Northland's News Center and performed a preview of their song entry. The public was asked to vote for their favorite, and Cawcutt's was the one that came in ahead of the pack. "I feel like I won a Grammy," Cawcutt said.

Cawcutt and Bentley now plan to sit down together in coming weeks to work out final details for the song, and then it will be off to the recording studio for Cawcutt to perform the final version. Though Bentley will hold the copyright, Cawcutt will retain credit as composer. Cawcutt's piece, which has piano accompaniment, includes the lyrics: "Come on out and visit us at Bentleyville/Where the tour of lights will surely give you a thrill/You'll see Santa and Rudolph and Frosty, too/There's hot chocolate and hot cider just a'waiting for you/Come on down and visit us at Bentleyville/At the Bayfront Park in Duluth." "One of the nice things about Tom's song is that he talks about the key things to Bentleyville," Bentley said.

Cawcutt is pleased that his song won and said it was something that came easily to him. "I find that music just oozes out of me," he said. So when a friend at work asked him if he planned

to write a song for the competition, he didn't hesitate. "It was just there," he said. "I was at work when the words came to me, so I bounced it off some of my co-workers. They told me, 'You've just got to enter it.'

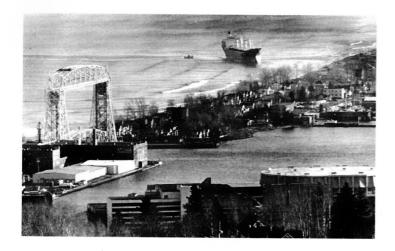
Since Cawcutt has performed at Bentleyville a couple of seasons in the past, he recalled observing what people seemed to enjoy the most. "There are people who dress up as Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and the kids just flock around them," Cawcutt said. "And of course, everyone loves Santa Claus." So that's what Cawcutt wrote about in his musical jingle.

After being selected the winner, Cawcutt was able to sit back and savor the moment. "Right now, I'm basking in the fun of knowing I won," he said with a grin. Cawcutt said he will perform his prize-winning Bentleyville jingle for the public at his annual Christmas concert, set for 7 p.m. Dec. 10 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Cloquet, at which he also will premiere his latest Christmas CD.



25 Years Ago.....

November 18, 1985. A 40 mph northeaster blew the Freighter Socrates ashore on Park Point. The 580 foot Socrates had been anchored off shore, waiting to come in to port and pick up a load of grain bound for Italy. For several days, crowds watched from shore as tugs and dredges worked to free the vessel. On November 24, the Socrates was finally pulled free from the sandy bottom.







From the recipe collection of Val Ouellette

Blue Cheese Orzo Salad

3/4 cup uncooked orzo pasta

3 cups fresh arugula or mixed field greens

5 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled

3/4 cup crumbled blue cheese

1/4 cup sliced green onions

1/4 cup chopped walnuts, toasted

WALNUT VINAIGRETTE:

1 Tablespoon red wine vinegar

1 clove garlic, peeled

1 teaspoon Creole or stone ground mustard (I used Dijon mustard since I did not have the stone ground)

1/2 teaspoon salt

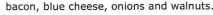
1/2 teaspoon brown sugar

1/4 cup chopped walnuts, toasted

1/4 cup olive oil

Directions:

 Cook orzo according to package directions; drain and place in a large bowl. Stir in the arugula,



In a blender, combine the first 6 vinaigrette ingredients; cover and process until smooth. While processing, gradually add oil in a steady stream. Pour over salad; toss to coat. Yield: 5 servings.

Creamy Crab Spread



2 green onions, thinly sliced

8 oz. reduced fat cream cheese

6 oz. can lump crabmeat, drained

1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

1/2 cup finely chopped red peppers

1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard

Mix all together, reserving half of the onions to sprinkle on top. Refrigerate for one hour to blend flavors. Serve with bagel chips or crackers.



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USPS Fun for Kids

By Jessica Skelley

The United States Power Squadron is a great place to learn about boats, take classes, and learn about safety, but it's a lot more fun for kids than it sounds. We do a lot of fun activities also, like social events with great food, games, and coloring contests. This year I attended Italian Night where we enjoyed pasta and meatballs, Caribbean Night, and a Luau that is always fun. We do games like sack races (when you get in a bag and hop to the finish line), ring toss, and there is sometimes a piñata where you get a lot of candy.

But that's not all, there are also District events like the Rendezvous, where you get to have all sorts of fun. Most of the time they have stuff planned like a tour to the capitol, a shopping treasure hunt, or boat rides. This summer we sailed on the tall ship "Roseway", where we got to help the crew raise the sails, as you can see in the picture (right). In addition, you can look forward to the cardboard boat races, they are so much fun. You and your team cheer on your team's boat as it races against the other Squadrons, you get timed and the best time wins.

We also get to participate in safety demonstrations. We get to watch flares being shot off and sometimes fire fighters come and do a demo about putting out fires. They start a fire in the fire pit and have volunteers show how to put out the fire. I learned how to P.A.S.S. (pull, aim, squeeze, sweep) to put out the fire with an extin-

guisher, it is so interesting. Another thing that I love most is swimming at the beach area, jumping off the swim platform, and making sand castles is so much fun. Also at most of the Rendezvous, there is a playground that all the kids are dying to play on together.

I've made a lot of great friends going to these Power Squadron events. Please join me at some future Squadron and District ovents. The United



Jessica aboard the Roseway

events. The United States Power Squadrons need more kids to be involved. Trust me, I am a kid and I love it!

Jessica's family are members of the Minnetonka Power Squadron. Her father is District 10 Executive Officer Mike Skelley.



Squadron Kid's Corner

Attention Squadron Kids



The Channel Chatter would like to hear from you! Write a story, a poem, tell us about your Squadron experiences, or send your favorite photo to kobray@charter.net. If you have a drawing you'd like to share, mail it to Karen Bray, 2024 Minnesota Ave., Duluth, 55802

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