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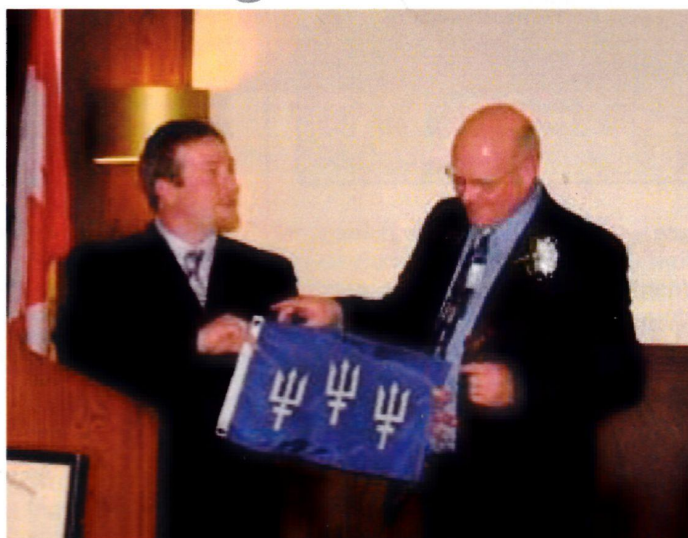
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Duluth Sail and Power Squadron Bridge from left, Cdr David R. Stokes, Admin Officer Patrick Joyal, Secretary Del Marie Clark, and Member at Large Duane Flynn. At right, P/C Todd Carlson turns over command to Cdr Dave Stokes.

Change of Watch



D-10 Spring Conference



D-10 Achievement Awards for the 2010 Summer Rendezvous, Apostle Islands Adventure, were presented to Dave Stokes, Len Robinson, and Todd Carlson by P/D/C Jim Pahl-Washa, left.

Tanner Stokes and Jessica Skelley put on their cowboy best for Country Western Night at the Spring Conference, right.



Photos by Dave and Kristi Stokes

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Commander's Report

The Duluth Sail and Power Squadron kicked off the 2011-2012 Watch Year in style with one of the best attended COW's in recent years. The event was extra special for me as it was held forty years (almost to the day) after my father's Change of Watch (P/C Bob Stokes), in the same Radisson Hotel in Duluth.

Scottish Bagpipes set the tone for the start of festivities followed by a parade of dignitaries recognizing our past commanders. District Commander Elect Mike Skelley attended with his wife Rebecca and daughter Jessica as well as our Canadian friends, Lakehead Power Squadron Commander Ian Robson and his wife Shirley.

Commander Elect Mike was very gracious in his remarks about Duluth's accomplishments. P/C Todd Carlson was honored for leading us to a 4-Star Squadron status (no small task) and a job well done.

I am very proud to lead our new bridge of highly qualified volunteers with the direct assistance of P/C Todd Carlson. Our slate is as follows: Executive Officer--Lt/C Jeffrey Hall; Education Officer--Lt/C John O'Neil, AP; Administration Officer--Lt/C Patrick Joyal; Secretary--Lt/C Del Marie Clark, P; Treasurer--P/C Murray George, P; and Members at Large--P/C Dave Carlson, SN; 1/Lt Duane Flynn,, AP; 1/Lt Glenn Pratt,, S; 1/Lt Jason Smitke.

Even the kids had a chance to enjoy the evening as they gathered at the pool and enjoyed a pizza party during the event.

On Sunday, we hosted our 3rd Annual Winter Dock Party, which again was well-attended and a great success. D-10 Commander Elect Mike and his crew joined us as well as officers, members, friends and family. The fire was roaring, the play-center was full of kids and ATV's and sleds zipped around Alouez Bay. As usual, there was an abundance of food, with Paul Graber's Elk Burgers highlighting the smorgasbord.

Our first big event around the corner will be the Fitting Out Party to be held at the Shrine Building on May 14th, 2011. Members are asked to contribute with time, talent and resources to make this our biggest fund raiser of the

year. Our calendar again is full with popular activities that have been ultra successful in the past year and loads of fun for members and potential new members. See the bottom of this page for our 2011 calendar of events.



**Cdr David R. Stokes, S
and Tanner**

This listing of events doesn't even touch on all the opportunities presented by our Education Department. Our Education Officer John O'Neil is hard at work modernizing our education department and making it more accessible than ever before through modern technology. John's passion for advanced knowledge and our organization is guaranteed to bolster our memberships' learning experience.

As Commander, one of my goals is to simplify and stream-line the organization. That means fewer meetings, but more fun and learning. In order to do this, I am asking every member to step up and lend a helping hand; more involvement equals less work and more fun!

In closing, I would like to thank all those who couldn't make it to the COW for their kind words of regret on the RSVP's and even phone calls and emails. It means so very much to have your support. It's this sense of camaraderie that sets our Squadron apart.

Here's to setting a course for a great summer,

Commander David R. Stokes

2011 Calendar of Events

Riverquest—May 9- 12

Fitting Out—May 14

Dock Clean-Up Day—May 21

Captain's Platter & Vessel Safety Exams—June 11

East-West Sailing Regatta—June 4

Fourth of July

D-10 Summer Rendezvous in Door County—August 5

Corn Roast—September 2-5

Christmas City of the North Parade—November 18

Christmas Party—November 19

Educational Officer's Report

Boating season is upon us. The next month will most likely be spent readying our watercraft. This is the beginning of another Watch Year and with it, new ideas and Squadron advances.

One very big change this year will be the use of the Squadron Website, www.duluthsailandpowersquadron.com. This new website will continue to grow and hopefully become a conduit for communication through out the Squadron.

For Education here is what to look for.

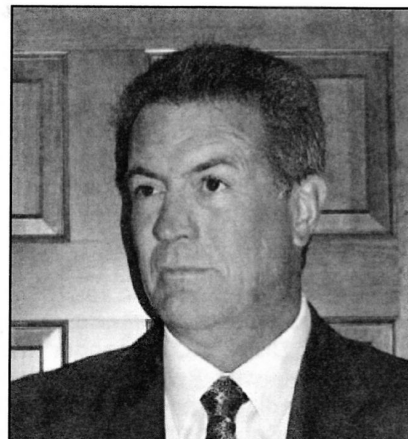
- Seminar & Course offerings will be shown on the site.
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Finally, there are equivalencies for advanced grades for members holding 6pack, 50 ton, 100 ton and additional licenses. All you need to do is contact the education department.

Have a safe spring

SEO



Lt/C John P. O'Neil, AP

District 10 Recognition

The following DSPS members received awards at the D-10 Spring Conference.

VSC Program Support Century Club 8th Year
Thomas F. Rossini

Service to District 10 Nominating Committee
2008-2011

P/D/Lt/C Dave Carlson, SN

Service to District 10
D10 Communicator Editor
D/Lt Karen Bray, S

Life Membership
25 Merit Marks
James E. Munger, SN

Service to District 10
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D/Lt David Stokes, S

D10 Achievement Award

Lt/C David R. Stokes, S

D10 2010 Summer Rendezvous Chair
Apostle Islands Adventure

D10 Achievement Award

Commander Todd Carlson, S

D10 2010 Summer Rendezvous Co-Chair
Apostle Islands Adventure

D10 Achievement Award

Lt/C Len Robinson, S

D10 2010 Summer Rendezvous Co-Chair
Apostle Islands Adventure

2010 Watch Year Four Star Squadron
Commander Todd Carlson, S

Executive Officer's Report

Hi all,

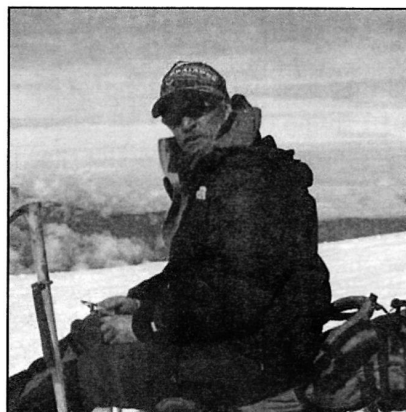
My name is Jeff Hall and I am the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron's newly elected/appointed XO.

My wife Paula and I, and our two children Dustin and Lindsey, came to Duluth in 1990 to get out of the madness of the Twin Cities (mostly the traffic). We were drawn to the area because of Lake Superior and the size of the community.

Paula and I were both heavily involved in Sailing and this seemed to be a natural fit. We have both raced competitively all over the Great Lakes and competed at many National and International Events. We currently own a 1983 Vagabond 42 Sailboat and have spent time racing/cruising her on the cold waters of Lake Superior.

I currently hold a USCG 100t Master License with Towing & Sailing endorsements. I am also an FAA Licensed Pilot with Instrument Ratings.

Away from the Lake, my wife and I have climbed Mt Rainier @14,410ft I have gone on to climb several peaks in South America, with summits around the 20,000ft mark.



Lt/C Jeffrey Hall

I have been employed with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for 21 years, working in Maintenance Operations.

I look forward to serving the membership of Duluth Sail and Power Squadron.

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Attention Please!

Our 2011 Duluth Sail and Power Squadron Roster will soon be published. Valerie Ouellette is diligently working on updating everyone's information so that we may have a complete and correct roster of members. Please send any updates or changes to Val at westernharbor@charter.net or mail to 702 Lake Ave. South, Duluth, MN 55802. Information should include name, address, phone(s), email, boat name, boat length and type, name of marina. Your information is needed by April 12 to be included in the 2011 Roster.

Thank You!

Administrative Officer's Report

I spent this past last weekend of March attending the 2011 D10 spring conference on Saturday, and ice fishing with my son on Sunday. To say that I'm ready for this lengthy winter to come to a conclusion is an understatement. I'm thinking of retrofitting our boat with ice runners for the "summer." Alas, the seasons will change, and by July this will all hopefully be but a memory...

We have another fun filled season ahead for our Squadron, and your bridge is already in the planning stages for these various events where we get to socialize and support our Squadron.

There are 2 new events that I want to highlight so that all of you can start thinking about them:

1) **SUNDEW WORK PARTY:** This will be a new event that will be held on a Saturday this spring. The date is still TBD, but we are targeting date sometime between late April and late May. The premise of this event will be to get as many members as we can down to the Sundew for a few hours to pitch in on a few maintenance projects aboard. As can be imagined, there are lots of little projects that need doing to keep her in shape. Your Bridge felt that this would be an excellent opportunity for us to spend an afternoon together doing "boat stuff" and help fellow member Jeff Foster keep the old girl in shape. Once we nail down the date and logistics, we will get the word out to you all with an e-mail blast and flyer.

2) **SAILING REGATTA:** Saturday, June 4th, we will host the 2nd annual "East-West Regatta" at the Squadron

Dock. We hosted the inauguration of this competitive event between the sailors of the Duluth Yacht Club and the Barker's Island Yacht Club last summer. Despite the weather, the event was quite successful and we have gained a few new members and

made several new friends. If the weather cooperates and we have enough interest from all of you, we will put together a few boats to take out anyone who wants to watch some of the racing action. The day's racing will be followed with a picnic style dinner cooked by yours truly. After dinner, we will have a bonfire and share the day's stories. As the date approaches, I urge any of you who may be interested in watching some of the racing to contact me.

I hope to see you all at the Fitting Out party on May 14!

Respectfully,

Admin Pat

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**Lt/C Pat Joyal
and Cole**



- **Gary Campbell**
- **Scott Hansen**
- **Mihailo Lalich**
- **Thomas Linderholm**
- **Jay Zink**

"Language of the Seas" Sails in From Earlier Times

P/D/C Harvey Hengel, SN

P/C Candace Hengel, SN

On why boats are "shes" and right is "starboard"

Have you ever wondered why all ships are referred to in the feminine gender? Many of our nautical expressions and terms come from England and go back centuries. An explanation of why ships are called "she" is because the word "ship" is in the feminine gender in all romance languages.



Spit and polish goes back to the Victorian era where a sailor's spittle and a little polish were needed to keep gear looking ship shape.

The origins of the term "port" for the left side of the vessel and "starboard" for the right is an interesting story. It is believed that "port" referred to a harbor. Three centuries ago, the steering gear was on the right, so the ship always tied up to port side to. The steering board was on the right, so the right side became starboard.

The universal distress call "SOS" has no meaning. It was adopted in 1908 because three dots, three dashes and three dots were easy to remember. "Mayday" is a mispronunciation of the French word "maidez," or help me.

"Fathom" is a nautical measurement of about 6 feet. Originally it meant the length of a man's arms when wrapped around the object of his affection.

Splice the main brace when the sun goes down over the yardarm comes from the old sailing days, when it was difficult and dangerous work to splice the main brace or mainstay, and the crew would receive a double shot of rum when the job was complete.

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Vessel Safety Checks

Boat owners, it will soon be time to launch your boats for another season on the water. Let's make it a safe 2011. Our Squadron will have 15 examiners this year. We will have an organized exam day at Barker's Island as in the past. When the date is set, I will send all examiners an email with the date and time. We already have a date set to do exams at the Air National Guard Base. Sorry examiners, if you were going to sign up for this one, but it is now filled.

Last year, we did 294 exams. Let's see if we can do more this year.

If you are a member at one of the boat yards in Duluth and want to set up a schedule for your yard please send the details to me at dcc@chartermi.net.

If you were an examiner in the past and want to get back on board send me an email and we can get you setup.

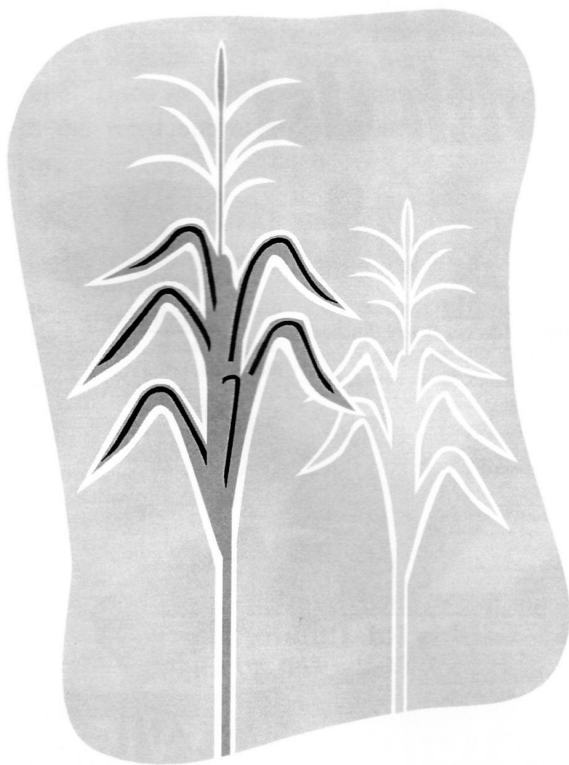
Hoping you have smooth water.

P/C Dave Carlson SN

VSC Chairman



ATTENTION ALL PAST COMMANDERS, SPOUSES AND FAMILIES

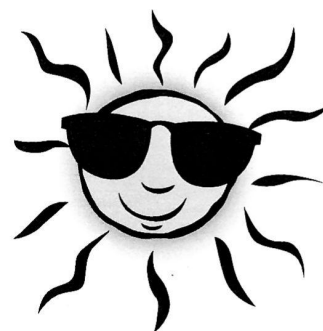


All Past Commanders will be honored and recognized for their years of service at the upcoming annual Corn Roast in September of 2011. More details to follow. Please mark your calendar now. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,
Cdr. Dave Stokes

Duluth Sail and Power Squadron

Fitting Out Fund Raiser



**5:00 - Social Hour
& Silent Auction**

6:30 - Dinner

7:30 - Live Auction

Dinner and Auction

Saturday, May 14, 2011

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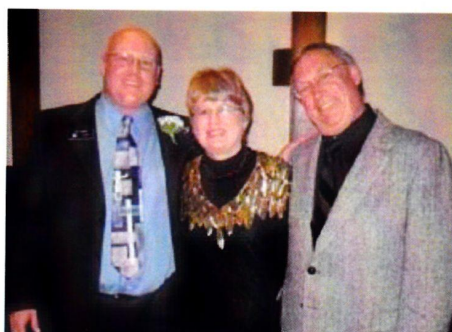
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Change of Watch



D/C Michael Skelley AP administers the oath of office to new DSPS Cdr David R. Stokes S, as Kristi Stokes looks on, above. At left, the Stokes family is proud of their two generation Commander status, which includes P/C Bob Stokes AP and Cdr Dave Stokes.



Cdr Stokes was joined by many friends including Capt. Sherman and Jane Edwards of Bayfield, left.

At right, Cdr Stokes with DSPS Executive Officer Jeff Hall, Education Officer John O'Neil, and Member at Large Dave Carlson.



D-10 Conference

March 26, 2011 the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron was awarded with "Four Star Squadron" status for the 2010 watch year. This is an honor to be able to get this award for our Squadron from the District 10 Commander. This award shows how hard each of the departments worked last year and the accomplishments they achieved. Thank you to all and I wish the next watch year the same success.

Immediate Past Commander Todd Carlson, S

At right, P/C Carlson receives the Four Star Squadron award from D-10 Executive Officer Richard Baker. Also receiving the award is Minnetonka Cdr Robert Gaddes.





Winter Dock Party

D/C Mike Skelley, Rebecca Skelley, and their daughter Jessica (on the Play Center) joined the fun at the Winter Dock party, above.

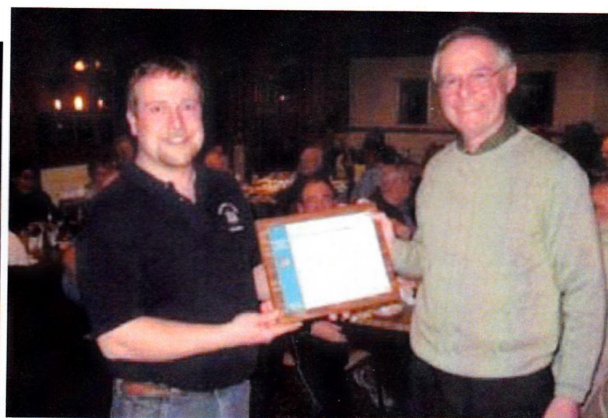
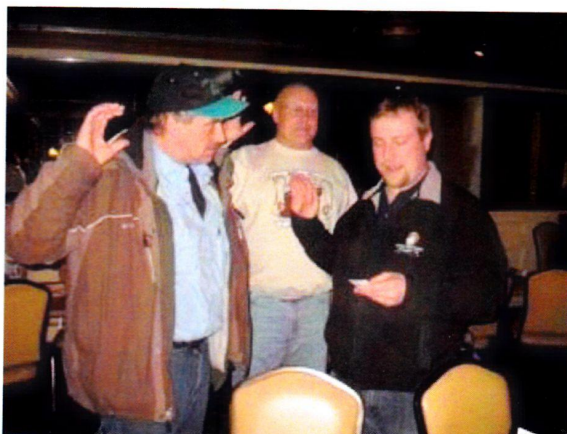
Peter Kolar of the Kolar Auto Group presents Cdr Dave Stokes with a \$5000 donation toward the Dock Play Center, below.



Membership

New member Jay Zink is sworn in by Cdr Todd Carlson.

Far right, Cdr Carlson presents the Lifetime Achievement award to Jim Robinson SN.



Photos on these pages by Dave and Kristi Stokes

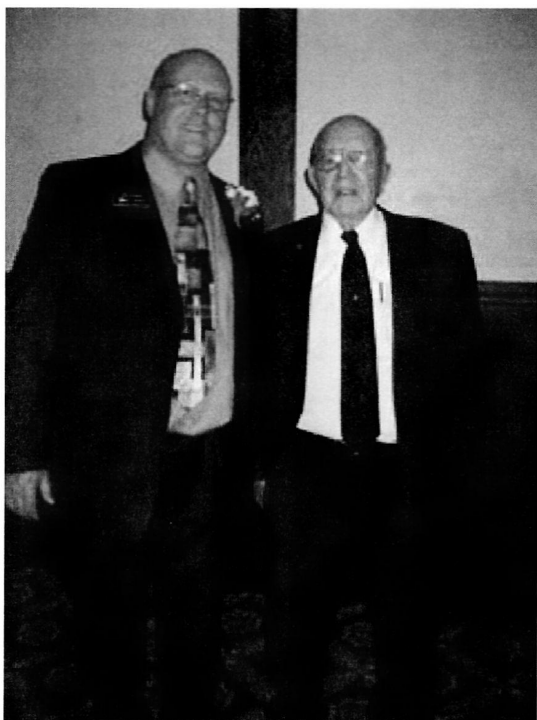


Change of Watch

Change of Watch kicked off with a parade of Bagpipes, above.

At right, Cdr Ian Robson of the Thunder Bay Squadron with Cdr Stokes.

Below, Cdr Stokes is congratulated by P/C Richard Bibby, AP, Squadron Chaplain.



The new Bridge, hard at work.

Captain's Platter Fishing Contest

Saturday, June 11, 2011



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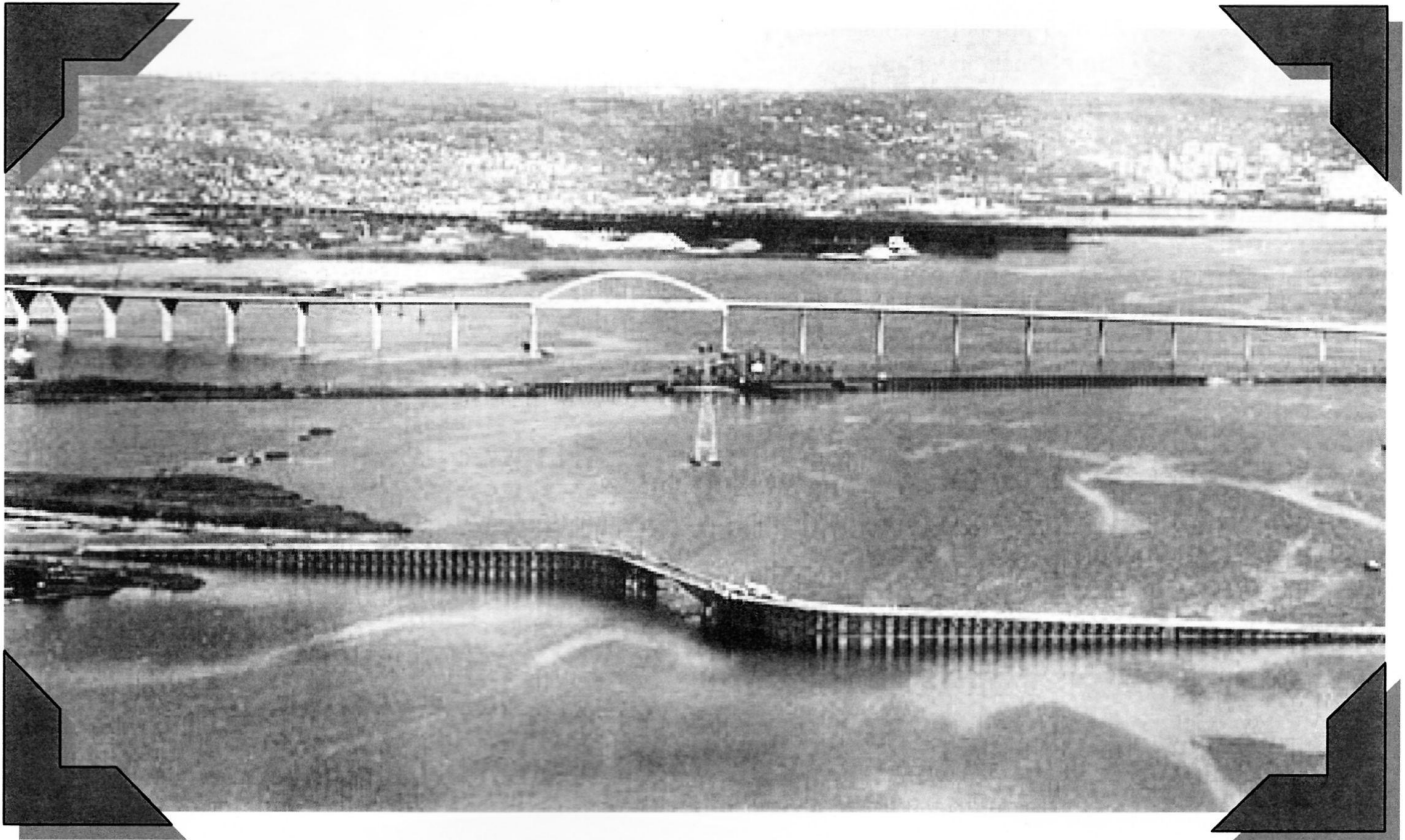
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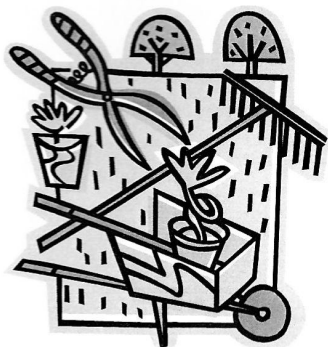
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Squadron Dock Clean-up Day

Spring is here, so it must be time for Dock Clean- Up Day. Saturday, May 21 at 9 am is the chosen date and time to get our Squadron Dock in shape for another great boating season. Dave Solberg and Ken Olson are heading up this worthy project, and need help with yard



work, cement work, painting, brush cutting, and general clean-up. Bring your work gloves. There will be jobs large and small for any ability level. Lunch will be provided, and you'll leave knowing you have made a valuable contribution to your Squadron. Any Questions? Contact Dave at 218-348-8113.



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information, see
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Schedule of May 2011 Events

- May 9–12 Riverquest.
- May 14—Fitting Out Party and Auction at the AAD Temple. See page 9 for details.
- May 21 Dock Clean up day—see page 16 for details.

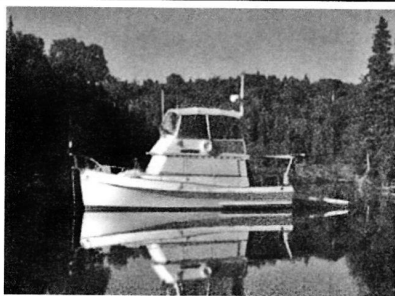
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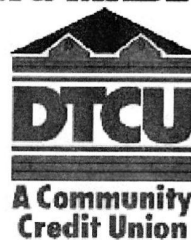
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The Pirate

A pirate walked into a bar, and the bartender said, "Hey, I haven't seen you in a while. What happened? You look terrible."

"What do you mean?" said the pirate, "I feel fine."

"What about the wooden leg? You didn't have that before."

"Well," said the pirate, "We were in a battle, and I got hit with a cannon ball, but I'm fine now."

The bartender replied, "Well, OK, but what about that hook? What happened to your hand?"

The pirate explained, "We were in another battle. I boarded a ship and got into a sword fight. My hand was cut off. I got fitted with a hook but I'm fine, really."

"What about that eye patch?"

"Oh," said the pirate, "One day we were at sea, and a flock of birds flew over. I looked up, and one of them ____ in my eye."

"You're kidding," said the bartender. "You couldn't lose an eye just from bird ____."

"It was my first day with the hook."

Waders

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

ADJUTANT, AVOCET, BITTERN,
COURSER, CURLEW, EGRET,
GODWIT, HERON, IBIS, JABIRU,
JACANA, KILLDEER, LAPWING,
MARABOU, OYSTER CATCHER,
PHALAROPE, PLOVER,
SANDERLING, SANDPIPER,
SHOEBILL, SNIPE,
STILT, STORK,
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WOODCOCK, YELLOWLEGS.



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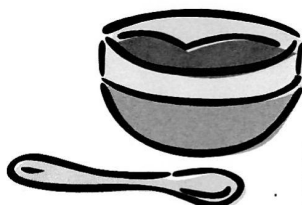
Easy Rhubarb Cake

- 4 cups chopped rhubarb
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 oz. pkg. strawberry Jello
- White or yellow cake mix
- 1 cup water

1/3 cup melted butter

Whipped cream or topping

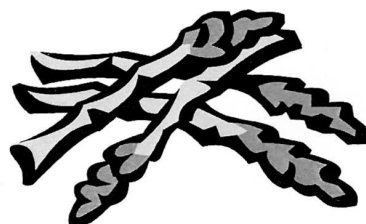
Put rhubarb in a 9x13 baking dish. Sprinkle with sugar and dry jello. Beat the cake mix with water and butter, pour over rhubarb to cover completely. Bake at 350 for 45 minutes. Serve warm or cool with whipped cream.



Sauteed Asparagus

- 1/2 cup Balsamic Vinaigrette dressing
- 1 red or yellow pepper, cut in strips
- 1 small onion, cut in wedges
- 1 lb. fresh asparagus
- 1/4 cup parmesan cheese

Heat half of the dressing in a large non-stick skillet. Add pepper strips and onion, cook 4 or 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add asparagus and remaining dressing. Cover and simmer on low heat 5–7 minutes until asparagus is crisp-tender. Top with cheese.



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Springtime in Bayfield—The Alder breaking the channel out for ferryboats.

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