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Fitting Out



Top left, Pat Joyal & crew fed over 100 hungry parties. Top right, Cdr Dave Stokes and auctioneer Stan Evavold kick off the dessert auction. Center left, Joanne Docteur examines her auction winnings. Left, Gina Wuorinen and Karen Bray with the "Sea Bag". Right, Bill Gooder received his 25 year membership card, presented by P/C Bob Stokes.



Photos by John Bray

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Commander's Report

Is summer coming? I have never seen a forty day East Wind before. With 37 degree surface water it has been less than comfortable on Park Point. We put the boats in the water on the 14th of May and I refuse to go back until the wind switches! That said, we should all be thankful when we look around the country and the world to see the devastation. We aren't dealing with fires, floods or 4-mile wide tornadoes.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the 25 members who worked tirelessly to plan and execute our Annual Fitting Out Party. I frankly wasn't in "ship shape" to attend as I was dealing with a spring cold, laryngitis and was physically drained from launching and fitting out boats. I tried to thank folks at the event, but as always, some are missed. In addition, there was a lot of conversation at the event and a weak sound system so it was difficult for attendees to hear all the announcements.

The membership should be aware that the stress of a tough economy has profound effects on small non-profit groups like ours. In fact, as you look around, many organizations are folding just like regular businesses around the country. It is increasingly difficult to secure donations and to find individuals to bid on auction items. The pressure on this event to produce the revenue for this organization to exist has become extreme. After paying the event bills, which were minimal, we put about \$ 5,500 in the bank. That's about half as much as our top years and not even enough to cover the base cost of the Squadron Dock. So I can't emphasize enough to the members who weren't able to attend or didn't make a contribution, how important it is to support this event. It's never too late to make a tax deductible contribution or start planning for next year.

Your bridge officers are working tirelessly to find other avenues for revenue streams. A special thanks to P/C Todd Carlson and his efforts to make the Captain's Platter Fishing Contest one of those streams. This great organization is a small business and your bridge takes great pride in operating it like one. We have a lot of talented business folks in our group and we are always open to your feedback and suggestions to make certain that this Squadron is around for a very long time. I would also like to thank the Shrine and Shriners in our group for helping us and providing a beautiful venue to

host our event. The Shriners will be using our dock on August 20th for their summer picnic, so if you are at the dock, make them feel welcome and give them a hand if needed.

Keep an eye on our calendar of upcoming events so you don't miss them. The Dock Clean-Up Day was a wash, but our chairs, Dave Solberg and Glenn Pratt still managed to get some things done. Watch for a rescheduled day to finish the work that wasn't accomplished.

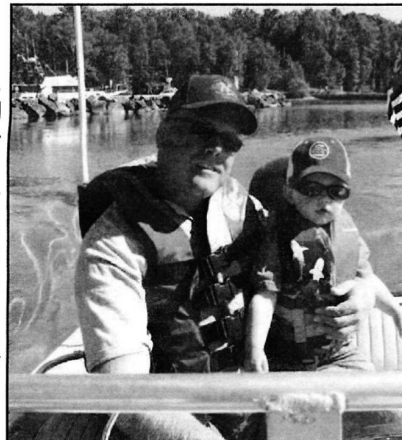
In mid-July, three Tall-Ships will again visit our harbor. This year will be a bit more low-key, but Visit Duluth's Gene Shaw says Squadron boats are welcome to escort the vessels in again. Watch for more to come at a later date.

Again, thanks to a great crew at Fitting Out. And a special thanks to our chefs; the Joyals, John O'Neil, Val Ouellette and Tom Linderholm. Last but not least, a huge thanks to our volunteer auctioneer, Stan Evavold from Nordic Auctions and Bill Gooder for helping to bring home the bacon for our Squadron.

My father and I also presented Bill Gooder with his 25th Year Membership Card for 25 years of hard-earned merit marks and life membership. Congratulations Bill and a sincere thank you for all that you have done over the past 25 years! Your witty, spontaneous and fun personality has been a bright spot in our Squadron.

Smooth Sailing and see you on the water!

Commander Dave Stokes



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

I didn't realize it, but there are coupons in circulation good for about one gallon of gas at most retailers. I have seen them around, but until recently *never took advantage of them, and never realized their actual worth.* I think the marinas will take them too. You probably have one or two just lying around somewhere. Now is the time to use them before they lose their value and it's too late!!

Valuable coupon can be found on page 14.

Educational Officer's Report

Happy Summer. It looks to have the makings of a glorious boating season, along with an increase in boating traffic and incidents. As the DPS Education Officer, I have to ask the question "what can the Squadron Education Department do to help boaters be safer?"

Increasing safety awareness is the foundation of the USPS. Safety through EDUCATION has always been the message. The challenge for us is how we, as a squadron, get people to participate when "nobody has time." I try to always respect people's time commitment to Education. Committing one night a week for 10 - 12 weeks is often an impossible task. Hopefully with the help of technology, we can bridge the time gap and encourage participation in classes. Here is the plan; The Website for DPS Education is going to be changed. Education web page will have links to course descriptions, public and member only. Also, there will be a link to a course waiting list. This list will consist of people interested in taking the course allowing us to provide the classes the membership is interested in. You will also have an opportunity to preregister for a class when it is offered, on line. Register 30 days prior for class and you only pay for the material. Under 30 days material will have a 30% surcharge to cover shipping and handling expenses the squadron will incur.

Classes can use Webinars to handle some class material. Sessions will normally be about 90 minutes and include subjects that can be taught in a Webinar. This will decrease time commitments to classes. I am currently reviewing all the classes for potential opportunities. The webinar would be on your home computer at a designated time.

Various seminars will be presented as Webinars. Every Thursday in July and August a different Seminar will be held. Preregistration will be required and participation is limited to 25 people. Seminar cost will be \$10.00 with the option to purchase the class material at the class. Preregistration will require payment.

To accomplish these goals I will need assistance from the membership. Anyone who can volunteer for 4 hours over this Watch year, please, contact me. There are open positions for Electives Chair and committer members. I need committee members to help things run

smooth and provide input for direction.

Instructors, Thank you to all who volunteer their time to teach classes. Up until now an instructor taught an entire class. I am pro-

posing that multiple people instruct classes. A Specific class chairman would work to assign chapters to various members. You may have a specialty that you can share with a class without teaching everything. Look at the classes; see if you have an interest in teaching. Remember, you present yourself every day of your life. Teaching a class is no different than walking down the street.

You also will notice a link for "talk to the education department" feel free to contact me at any time. Email or phone me. Without your input I can only guess what you want.

I want to thank every member of the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron in advance for your assistance this year to make life a little easier for us all. Remember, 4 hrs in the next year.

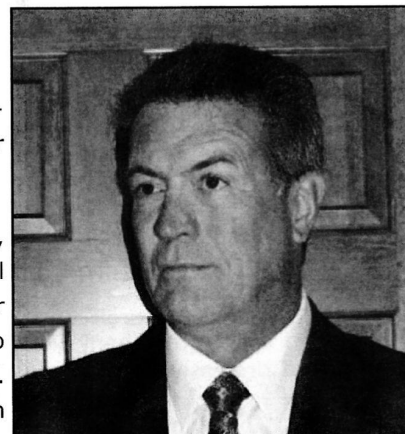
Anyone holding a Captains License is eligible to submit for equivalent grade requests. Please contact me for instructions. I will need a copy of all paperwork involved in your license; I then forward with a cover letter to National. This paper work must be submitted by the SEO.

We have started a Piloting Class in May; this will hopefully lead to an Advanced Piloting Class in the fall. We have 7 confirmed students. For those of you interested in Seamanship, a possible start date of September is in the making. I need instructors to hold these classes. Please contact me.

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Lt/C John P. O'Neil, AP

Executive Officer's Report

Paula, Dusty, and I have not been motivated at all this spring with the wet cold weather. Usually we are pretty fired up around April, but this spring has been a tough go.

As most may know Paula had to have some surgery on her neck where she was REQUIRED to wear a neck support device (a no lick collar) for six weeks. We all barely survived that - hardest on her of course as she had to wear the collar 24 / 7. She is still taking it easy, doing well and ready for it to warm up just a bit above 50.

I have pretty severe Osteo Arthritis of the R-Knee and will be having a full knee replacement on June 20th, being laid up for about 6 weeks. So I am hoping for some lay around time on the boat.

Work at Mn/DOT has very been busy with the possibility of a state shut down on July 1 as no budget deal/ compromise has been met.

The weather forecast looks to be changing for the better this week and weekend and I/we hope to be at Harbor Cove to get the boat uncovered and ready for her summer home.

mer home. In the Water !!!!

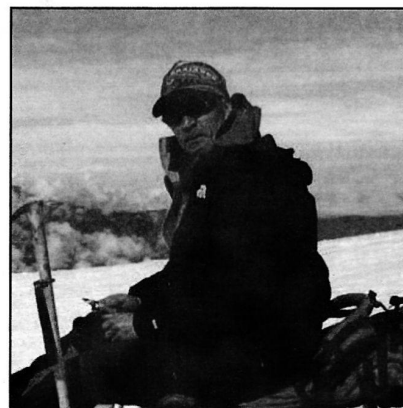
For those of you that have already launched this season REMEMBER: **SAFE BOATING STARTS WITH YOU !!!!!**

We hope to see you all on the water soon.

Cheers

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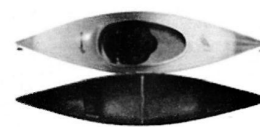
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Administrative Officer's Report

Ahoy Everyone,

I'm hoping that by the time you all are reading this, all of your spring tasks are done - gardens are planted, hulls are buffed and systems are commissioned. After the annual flurry of activity that happens each spring, I think we're all probably ready to take a deep breath and relax a bit on our boats, in our RV's, or wherever our Summer Happy Place happens to be. I'm still optimistic that the weather will turn soon and we will actually have a summer this year, though I'm not yet worried that the Cruisair A/C unit is still inaccessible at the back of the storage building.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Fitting Out Party and helped to make the event a success. This is our major fundraiser to help keep the Squadron moving forward, and all of your support is truly appreciated!

There is a long list of members who all pitched in to make this event happen, and it is very nice to see some of our newer members stepping up to help with these things.

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Pat Joyal

Administrative Officer



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If someone falls overboard, the recovery procedure requires that the first observer shout "Man Overboard." Throw the person a life preserver or any floatation device and more than one is helpful. Assign someone to constantly point to the person in the water. As skipper, you should immediately stop the boat. Approach the man overboard against the wind and current carefully and slowly. For smaller boats, turn off the engine in gear. The best place to bring a person aboard is over the transom on a boat with a low freeboard.

What would you do if a fire broke out on your boat? First, it is always good practice to correct any condition on board that might cause a fire. Keep bilges clean and check for fuel leaks. Inspect electrical wiring and repair any bare wires or loose connections.

Fires often occur when fueling. Make sure you ventilate your engine compartment and keep the fuel nozzle against the fill pipe when fueling. Be sure to sniff bilges for vapors. Notify all on board of the fire and have them put on a life jacket. Turn off all fuel supplies and disconnect electric power. Find the source of the fire and put it out with a fire extinguisher. If you are unable to get the fire under control, put out a Mayday distress call on your marine radio. Get people off the boat and as far away as possible if you are unable to put the fire out.

Collisions are the most frequent type of boat accidents. Most collisions occur in daylight on the weekends when visibility is

excellent and the weather is good. The occupants of both boats need to be checked for injuries and give first aid. Call the Coast Guard if there are serious injuries and try to have a good estimate of your position. The operators of both boats, after caring for people and property affected, must file accident reports with local authorities.

Restricted visibility, bad weather or getting swamped are other events than could occur on the water, and you want to know how to handle and prevent them.

Contact your Squadron's education department for a list of all classes available to you.



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Dock Clean-up Day

By Dave Solberg

Nine brave souls came to the dock for dock clean-up. They were Craig and Gina Oliver, Murray Keogan, Ken Olson, Paul Snider, Todd Carlson, Glen Pratt and his father-in-law, and I. Thank you to everyone who took a chance on the weather holding out and coming down to get the things done. It was a cold and north-

easterly day and I appreciate your dedication to the squadron. The list of accomplishments wasn't as long as we hoped, but with the help of everyone we managed to get the lawn mowers serviced, checked the power on the poles, cleaned out the fire pit, and cut and stacked lots of firewood!



There's still plenty to do for those of you that were hoping to earn your merit mark at dock clean-up. The week of June 6th we plan on power washing the pavilion, trimming the grass and getting the lawn mowed. If you'd like to help, contact me at 218-348-8113 and I will let you know what days we'll be down there. The more help we have the less time it will take and it's a fun way to get to know your fellow squadron members.

Thanks again to the volunteers on May 21st. The dock is a great place to camp out with your boat or land yacht and it's in better shape now, with your help.

Dave Solberg

Dock Master

Vessel Safety Check Day at Barkers Island June 18

By P/C Dave Carlson SN

Volunteers needed for VSC's day at Barkers Island, I would like to see 3 or 4 examiners sign up to work this event as in the past. This is the joint day along with the USCG Auxiliary. Please let me know if you can make this event. We also need 2 examiners to work the Captains Platter on Friday June 17th & 18th. Again let me know if you can work this event.

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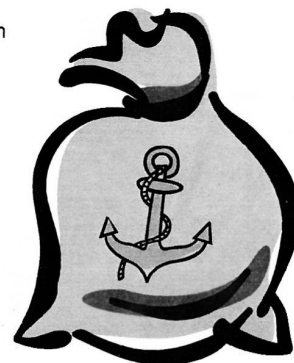
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| 2 paper towels | 1 Ship, Captain, Crew Dice Game | 1 15' Braided Dock Line |
| 1 Sealand toilet paper | 1 Starbrite Scrub Brush & Handle | 1 50' Nylon Anchor Line |
| 1 No Damp DeHumidifier | 1 Starbrite Boat Hook | 3 Taylor Dock Fenders |
| 1 Century Pocket Knife | 1 Starbrite Canvas Support Pole Tip | 1 Lighted Mirror |
| 1 Seachoice Bottle Opener | 1 Starbrite Extend-a-mop | 1 Buoy Key ring |
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| 1 Navigator's Pencil Set | 1 bumper sticker | 1 pair pink fish socks |
| 1 Weems & Plath Photo Log | 1 Mirror Glaze plastic cleaner | 1 DSPS Sweatshirt |
| 1 Aerial Bridge Shot Glass | 1 Mirror Glaze plastic detailer | |
| 1 Wood Flag Pole | 1 Shower Shield | |
| 1 Pirate Flag | 1 3.5 Anchor | |
| 1 Youth Life Jacket | 1 Set Aluminum Magnetic Clips | |
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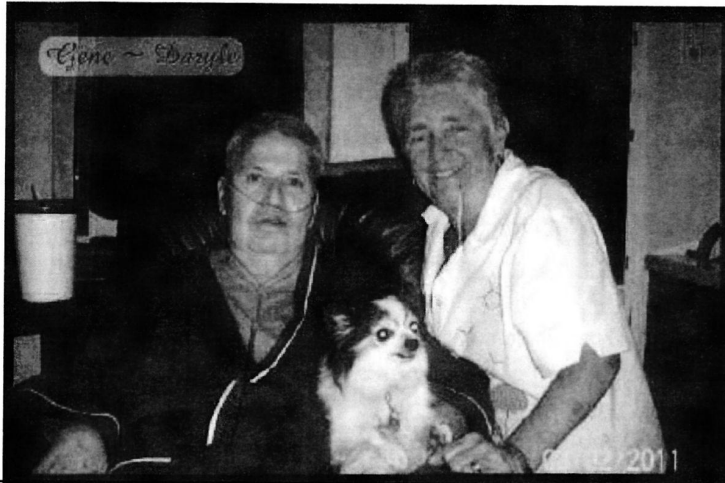
A Salute to P/C Gene Rock, SN

By P/C Robert and Suzie Stokes

Eugene L. Rock joined the Duluth Power Squadron in 1965. He obtained the rank of Past Commander and earned 35 merit marks, achieving Life Membership in USPS. He attended classes and was a Senior Navigator. He also was a charter member of the Sand Point Yacht Club. Gene enjoyed many years of cruising on Lake Superior with his family and friends aboard the Daryle Ann, the Tally Ho and the Rock-y. He will be greatly missed.

Photo of Gene, Daryle, and Rocky

by P/C Jerry and Barb Carlson



River Quest Draws Over 1000 Area Students

By P/C Charlie Grubb, AP

River Quest 2011, was held May 9 – 12, 2011. For those who don't know what River Quest is, I will let you in on a "well kept secret". The River Quest program started 19 years ago. It is a program designed to teach 6th grade students from the Duluth/Superior and surrounding area schools how the activity of businesses and people affect the St. Louis River and Harbor. The goal of River Quest is to provide a balanced view of the harbor, river, and estuary so students understand the multiple uses of a resource that forms the foundation of the Duluth/Superior community. Presenters for this year were: Corps of Engineers, Sappi Paper, New Page Paper, WLLSD, Duluth Sail & Power Squadron, Twin Ports Rip Currents, City of Duluth Comfort Systems, Murphy Oil USA, Great Lakes Aquarium & MN DNR MinnAqua Program, Duluth Seaway Port Authority & GLMRI, EPA & Superior National Forest, MN Sea Grant Program, US Coast

Guard & USCG Auxiliary. There also are numerous businesses who participate financially. Without them, the River Quest program would not be.

Our part of the program was and is to teach the students water safety and the proper use of Life Jackets.

This year there were over 1000 students attending, which is a record. This program has become so popular with the schools, that we now have a waiting list to attend. This year was the second year of 3 ½ days of taking the students out on the Vista Star for half day sessions, for a total of seven trips.

P/C Charlie Grubb, AP



At left, Cdr Dave Stokes and P/C Bob Stokes demonstrate the use of Life Jackets to students aboard the Vista Star.

Lucky area 6th graders board the Vista Star for an educational harbor cruise, right.



On May 3, 2000, President Clinton made Global Position-

By Donn Larson

ing System, or GPS, technology freely available for use outside the military. President Reagan had made a similar pronouncement in 1983, stating it was for the common good. This was a big deal in theory, but in practice, the highest-quality signal was still only available to the military, with an intentionally degraded signal designated for civilian use. This practice, known as Selective Availability, included several intentional, random errors to prevent enemy military from using it as a weapons guidance system. It wasn't foolproof, though, and President Clinton ordered Selective Availability turned off at midnight on May 1, 2000, saving the FAA millions of dollars a year in maintenance costs.

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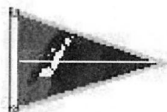
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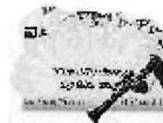
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When you arrive, you need to check-in at the Pavilion, intersection of Neenah & East Oak St., Sturgeon Bay. The Pavilion is open for registration on Friday, Aug. 5 at 1500 to 1730 and Saturday, Aug. 6 at 0700. You will be given tickets for events for which you registered, and apparel that you may have ordered.

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"The 'Big Easy' by the Bay"

This event, hosted by Door County Sail & Power Squadron, will take place on the Green Bay side of Lake Michigan in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. The *Pavilion*, on the west side of Sturgeon Bay, will be the focal point of the weekend's festivities. The Sawyer Park Pavilion and Boat Launch is at the intersection of Neenah and East Oak Street; south-west of the new Oregon Street Bridge across from the Cellcom Building and the GLAS, gourmet coffee shop.



Harbor Lady Dinner/Cruise

Anchored at the East wall at Stone Harbor Resort, 107 N. 1st Ave., Sturgeon Bay.

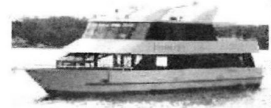
The buffet includes: seasoned and baked Cod filet, bowtie Pasta w/Shrimp Alfredo sauce, coleslaw, fresh steamed vegetables, rye bread, assorted rolls and fresh baked on-board cookies, ice tea and coffee.



Door County Maritime Museum

120 N. Madison Ave., Sturgeon Bay, WI, 920-743-5958

Door County Maritime Museum's annual "Wooden Boat Show" is part of the registration fee. The "Wooden Boat Show" venue allows for both adult and children exhibits and activities; it also allows for food, entertainment and time to explore both the museum and historic downtown Sturgeon Bay.



The 'Big Easy' by the Bay Saturday Evening

This event will feature dinner and fireworks accompanied by the live band, "Talk of the Town," led by Kevin Van Ess. Kevin brings us a 6-piece band fronted by his jazz clarinet. He is well known in jazz/Dixie-land circles - including playing with Pete Fountain in New Orleans. He is a vibrant, exciting, *live* entertainer... with an energy-driven band... who will bring us three hours of music during our *social and dinner*... ultimately leading up to the fireworks, taking place at the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club. This event is included in your registration fee for the Rendezvous.



Art Crawl

A self-paced walk to local artist studios and galleries, all within Sturgeon Bay. See original pottery, jewelry, and paintings by local artists including Karen DeNoto and Patsy Stierma. Get a ticket for a prize drawing from each place you visit. Sunday morning at 1000 there will be a drawing for original works donated by Patsy and Karen.



Trenchard, Words in Poems

Walk the Docks




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Event	Date	Time	Place
Harbor Lady Sunset Dinner/Cruise	Fri., Aug. 5	1800-2100	Anchored at the East wall at Stone Harbor Resort, 107 N. 1st Ave., Sturgeon Bay.
Continental Breakfast	Sat., Aug. 6	0700-0930	At the Pavilion
Maritime Museum & Wooden Boat Show	Sat. & Sun., Aug. 6 & 7	1030-1600	120 N. Madison Ave., Sturgeon Bay.
Art Crawl	Sat., Aug. 6	1000-1700	Meet at the Pavilion
Walk the Docks	Sat., Aug. 6	1430-1630	Meet at the Pavilion
Dinner, music, fireworks and silent auction	Sat., Aug. 6	1730-2230	At the Pavilion
Hot Breakfast	Sun., Aug. 7	0700-0930	At the Pavilion
Art Works Drawing	Sun., Aug. 7	0930	At the Pavilion

June 2011


Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 East West Regatta
5	6	7	8 ☾	9	10	11 Captain's Platter
12	13	14  Flag Day	15 ○	16	17	18 VSC's at Barker's
19  Father's Day	20	21  Summer	22	23 ☾	24	25 Park Point Art Fair
26 Park Point Art Fair	27	28	29	30		

- June 4—East West Sailing Regatta at the Squadron Dock and on Superior Bay
- June 11—Captain's Platter Fishing Contest at the Squadron Dock
- June 18—Vessel Safety Checks at Barker's Island. More information on page 8.

Schedule of Events July 2011

- July 4—Independence Day event at the Squadron Dock
- Duluth Music and Maritime Festival July 15 - 20

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Muffuletta Dip

1/2 cup green olives, chopped

1/2 cup black olives, chopped

2 Tbsp. Italian dressing

8 oz. cream cheese

1 cup shredded Mozzarella

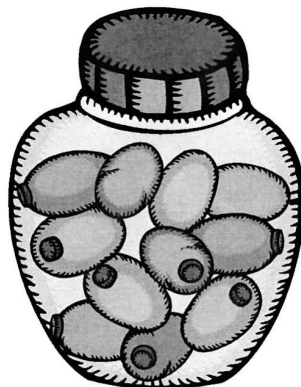
1 cup chopped sliced ham

1 cup chopped Salami

Mix together the olives and dressing, set aside.

Mix the rest of the ingredients and spread in a 9" glass pie plate. Bake 15 minutes, or until heated.

Top with olive mixture and serve with crackers.



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