

Channel Chatter



United States Power Squadrons

FITTING OUT



The annual Fitting Out fund raiser was held April 28 at the AAD Temple. Over 100 Squadron members and guests enjoyed a great dinner, fabulous prizes, and visiting with friends, old and new.

Auctioneer Forrest Evavold (left) worked his magic on the crowd.

Rhobley Mattson managed the popular Ring Toss game.



Cdr Pat Joyal tossed the coins for the Heads & Tails game. The winner was P/C Richard Bibby.

Fitting Out photos by John Bray

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Squadron Commander

Ahoy Everyone,

As you read this, our boating season will be in full swing! Although we had some hope for an early start to the season with the ice leaving the harbor in late March, the Northland dashed those hopes on the rocks as the weather has held true to form with average temperatures, wind, and precipitation. I guess that's part of the charm of this region.

Our first Exec Board meeting of the watch year, and the annual Fitting Out Party are now in the record books. Thanks to Tom Linderholm and his team for pulling off such a successful Fitting Out event, and thanks to all of you who donated items and attended!

We have several more events coming up as you will read about in the other articles in this Channel Chatter. I strongly urge all of you to pick one event or activity that is of interest to you and volunteer some of your time and talents to help make it a successful reality. The more involved I have become with our Squadron, the more I realize how many people it takes to effectively keep things running. My heartfelt thanks go out to all of you who continue to help out with these activities!

I am very much looking forward to participating in the Captain's

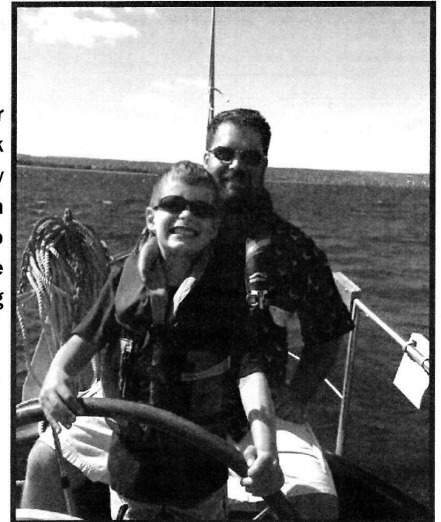
Platter and Mentor Duluth Day at the dock in June. I am equally excited to participate in the events as I am to seeing all of you while we have fun doing what we love.

See you on the water!

Respectfully,

-Pat Joyal

Commander, DSPS



Cdr Pat Joyal and Cole

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

The season is here. Time to shine up our watercraft and hit the big waters. But let us not forget to check our SAFETY EQUIPMENT. Check out your life jackets, fire extinguishers, bilge pumps, running lights, signal flares, and all the other gear that we depend on to keep us safe.

Duluth Sail & Power Squadron has a good team of examiners that are willing to visit your boat, and do a safety check for you. Contact anyone on the list below for a VSC. Exams can be done at your dock, at the Captains Platter Fishing Contest on June 9, or at Barkers Island on June 16th just to name a few places.

Contact VSC Chair Dave Carlson if you are interested in becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner.

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Wanted: Channel Chatter Editor

Opportunity to Serve

If you are interested contact Secretary Paula Hall.
If you have questions about the job, contact Karen Bray.

Squadron Educational Officer

SEO Mary Rantala

Is everybody excited about the upcoming boating season? Now we just need the weather to cooperate. Looking ahead to fall I would like some input as to what classes members would like to have offered. Please check out the DSPS web site for class descriptions.

We had two classes for the America's Boating Course this spring. I would like to thank Steve Farrell for teaching the Monday night class that was held at Woodland Middle School. Steve took time from his busy schedule to teach the class. There were 15 students that completed the course. We had three kids attend the class with their parents. It was great to see them wanting to learn the fundamentals of safe boating.

We also had another ABC class that met at Barkers Island on Saturday morning. That was an intense class, meeting for only three weeks. Les Watters did a wonderful job getting through all the material. A big thank you goes out to Les for taking the time to drive up from Drummond WI to teach that class. There were 12 students that completed this course.

My goal as SEO is to involve everybody in classes. There is a class out there for you! Again, I would like to have some input regarding what classes people would be interested in taking. I would like to get classes for fall and winter set up by early summer. We will then have adequate time to find locations and teachers. Please feel free to Email or call me if you have suggestions for future classes. I have been looking at the Power Squadron roster, and I can see that there are a number of members, my husband for example, that we could involve in classes. Have a safe and fun boating season and feel free to contact me whenever.

You can reach me at 218-724-1647 or E-mail me at mlrantala@charter.net

Thanks to all for making the DSPS so great.

Mary Rantala SEO

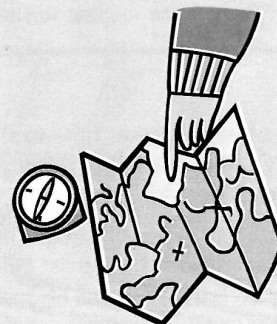
Learning is Fun—DSPS Will Show You How!

SEO Mary Rantala is compiling a list of Squadron Members interested in increasing their boating knowledge and improving their boating skills. Some of the following classes will be scheduled for fall and winter. Contact Mary at 218-724-1647 or email her at mlrantala@charter.net so that she may schedule classes according to demand.

Seamanship covers basic deck seamanship, marlinspike (knots and ropes), anchoring and rafting, basic boat care and maintenance, and nautical and USPS customs and etiquette. **Piloting** is the first and most basic navigation course, covering chart reading, course plotting, and basic coastal or inland navigation, including basic GPS usage. This course goes into more detail than the charting information covered in the public courses.

Advanced Piloting covers more advanced coastal navigation techniques, navigation in tides and currents, and more advanced GPS usage. **Junior Navigation** teaches the basics of offshore navigation, including basic celestial navigation using the sun and offshore course planning. **Navigation** is the most advanced navigation course taught by USPS, covering more advanced celestial navigation techniques, emergency navigation, and additional sight reduction techniques.

Weather covers weather forecasting and reading weather patterns on-board. **Cruise Planning** covers topics of interest for someone planning a cruise – whether for just a weekend or for a year – including preparation and planning, anchoring, security, chartering, and cruising outside the US. **Marine Electronics** covers installation and maintenance of both boat electrical systems (AC and DC) and marine electronics (VHF radio, radar, GPS, etc). **Engine Maintenance** covers the operating principles and basic care and maintenance of outboard and inboard engines, including diesels. **Sail** covers everything from the basic elements of how a sailboat works to sail trim, rig tuning, and sailboat racing. **Instructor Development** teaches effective communication skills for not only USPS instructors but everyone, covering various methods of presenting information to others, effective use of audiovisual aids (including PowerPoint), etc.



Squadron Administrative Officer

Admin Lance Olson, P

I hope that everyone is enjoying Spring and that your boats are in the water. I am looking forward to a great boating season and enjoying the events we have planned.

One event we are continuing from last year, is our involvement with Mentor Duluth with two events planned this year on June 23 and September 15. Mentor Duluth is a Twin Ports based organization that matches adults with children who can benefit from positive role models. Community members and children are matched based on similar interests and personality. Last year, DSPS sponsored an event at the squadron dock where we provided a boating safety presentation geared toward young adults followed by lunch and then a harbor tour. The goals were to provide community outreach in the form of boating education for area youth and to get kids who otherwise may not have the opportunity interested in boating.

The time on the water allowed us to reiterate the safety lessons

we learned at the dock, especially the importance of life jackets, and also provide a brief history of the Duluth harbor. Everyone had a great time and it was a great success so we are looking forward to the two events planned this summer and fall.

I encourage anyone with an interest to contact Mentor Duluth to become a mentor. Further information about the program is provided below. If you are interested in participating in one of the planned events, please contact me at 218-340-3598 or by email at lance_r_olson@hotmail.com.

Fair Winds,

Lt/C Lance R. Olson, P

DSPS Administration Officer



Make a difference in a child's life: become a mentor.

Mission:

To assist eligible youth in their development into healthy and contributing members of society by offering mentoring programs that foster relationships with positive adult role models.

Overview:

Mentor Duluth is a collaboration of six youth-serving agencies which include the Duluth Area Family YMCA, Boys & Girls Club of the Northland, Copeland Valley Youth Center, Neighborhood Youth Services, Proctor Hermantown Community Education, and the YWCA of Duluth. Strengthened by 70 years of mentoring experience, the program is dedicated to matching positive adult role models with children ages 5-17. There are currently nearly 300 matches and 200 children waiting for a mentor.

Mentor Duluth believes that all young people have a need for a positive adult, outside of their family, to provide support. Our mentors are asked to be a role model, guide, resource, and - most importantly - a friend to their mentees. Most youth enrolled are from single-parent families or those with special circumstances.

Mentors:

Our mentors come from all walks of life. If you are dependable, enjoy working with youth, and are willing to have some fun, we are looking for you! Mentoring takes place in the community, and activities can be anything from sporting events or cooking dinner to hiking up the North Shore or participating in activities organized by Mentor Duluth.

Mentors must be over 18 years old with a reliable means of transportation. They also must be able to dedicate 10-12 hours per month for a minimum of one year to their mentee.

Squadron Secretary

In 1989 Jeff and I began racing sailboats on Lake Superior, on the weekends. We fell in love with the lake, the community and her people, so decided to find jobs and move here from the Twin Cities to finish raising our family. We have been playing on the greatest of the Great Lakes ever since.

I volunteer for the American Cancer Society as a member of a team for the Duluth Relay for Life. I have been involved with ACS since 2004, after losing my Mother to Breast Cancer. Raising Funds and awareness in the fight against Cancer is my year round commitment.

When not begging for donations, I spend as much time on the water as possible. There is no place I would rather be than on a boat afloat. This is why I chose to help out with the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron. Safe boating, and educating people about safe boating, makes my experience on the water more fun and relaxed, knowing others are being safe also.

So, you can look for me out on the water on our sailboat, "Pier Illusion", a Vagabond 42. Or on the 180 ft, retired Coast Guard Cutter, "Sundew", where I am lucky enough to be able to volunteer some time.

As your new Membership Chair, I will do my best to promote our Squadron to increase and maintain our membership. I ask you all to help me out by taking photos during your boating, fishing and fun events and sharing them with us all.

Hope to see you all at our next event and out on the water soon.

COME ON SUNSHINE & WARMER WEATHER!

Lt/C Paula J Hall
Squadron Secretary



Paula J Hall
Secretary and Membership Chair

Membership

Hey kids, just wanted to let you all know that currently we are 219 members strong.

Nice family size! 😊

I would like to see it grow to a litter size of 250 this year. I will be working on making that happen and hope you will help out by talking to your friends and family that may not yet be members, and encourage them to join.

In regards to membership renewal dues, if you are like me, you don't know when your dues are due.

National does, and will send you an email letting you know. It is set

up, so it is easy to pay online, right at that time. However, if you miss the email or just don't get around to it, National will send you, via snail mail, a renewal notice. Please keep our squadron strong and pay your dues promptly.

Thanks and looking forward to seeing you all around the docks soon.

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Executive Committee Member at Large

Hello everyone! Happy spring, albeit one day at a time. For those of you who don't know me, my name Jason Smitke, aka The Wind-talker. I have a 30 ft Trojan power boat and I love boating and fishing!! I am a father of three daughters and soon to be step father to 2 more... talk about rock and roll!! I have been a member of Duluth Sail and Power Squadron for three years and on the Bridge for two years as a Member at Large.

If you didn't make to the Fitting Out party you missed a great time. Fitting Out is our annual fund raiser to help with expenses for the year.

I encourage you to stop by our dock facility often this summer. There is always a good time with lots of conversation and company around the bonfire. Also, check out our many classes on safety and education through out the year.

I hope to see you on the water this summer!! Happy boating!!

Jason Smitke



Jason Smitke

Executive Committee Member at Large

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Executive Committee Member at Large

One of my first duties as a newly elected Member at Large for 2012 was to man the chair for the **Fitting Out Party**, something fairly new to me as last year I attended as a non-member. It was overwhelming to see the support from our members and encouraging receiving as many RSVP's as I did, it certainly helped from the planning side.

Thanks to all of you for making my first function a success! We rose well over \$7,000 to assist in this year's expenses at the dock through multiple avenues. All of our successes were due to the ability of our members to raise donations and commit their efforts in volunteering. Some of the individuals and businesses I would like to thank and encourage you to visit are Carlson Refrigeration for their donation of the chest freezer, Upper Lakes Foods for donating all of our dinner, Jeff Foster Trucking, Stokes Media and the Kolar family for donating the iPad, Caribou Highlands Lodge on Lutsen Mountain for the weekend stay, David and Rhobly Mattson for the generous donation of meats for the freezer and auction, and everyone else who brought new and used auction items and services for the evening.

I would like to give special thanks to the following for leading a blind dog to water, Karen Bray for her decorations, Val for her fantastic salads, Dave & Lauri Solberg for taking care of all of the silent auction and gathering the loose ends and also P/C Murray

George, Paul Snider and Shelly Micke for taking what was probably the hardest job of keeping all of the accounting straight, P/C Todd Carlson for his guidance and ability to raise revenues and Commander Pat Joyal for his MC abilities and leadership. This never would have happened without you all!

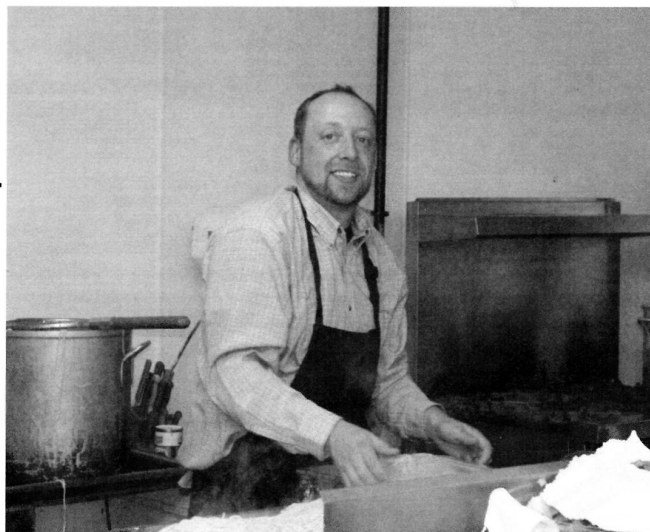
Also, congratulations to Larry Evanson for his win of the iPad, Shelly Micke for bringing home the bacon on the Ultimate Meat Raffle, and P/C Richard Bibby on his weekend stay at Caribou Highlands!

For some reason I volunteered to do it next year, so if you feel like you missed out on all the fun, I am already accepting additional volunteers.

Tight Lines!

Tom Linderholm

Member at Large



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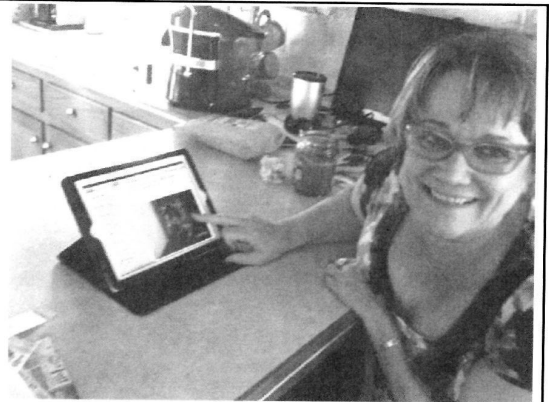
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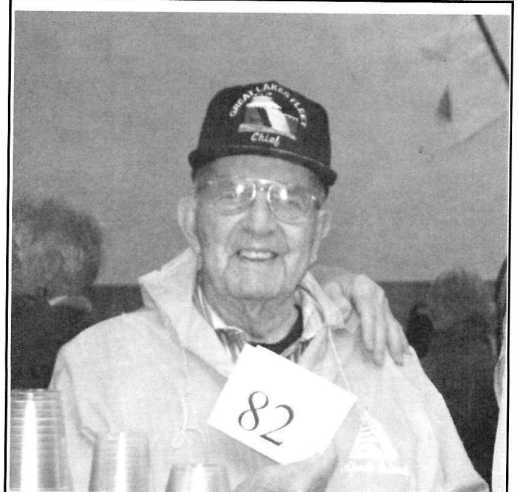
There were many excellent prizes to be won at the Fitting Out Party on April 28. One of the top prizes was an \$800 value iPad, won by Larry and Diane Evanson (right) and generously donated by Jeff Foster Trucking, Kolar Auto World, and Stokes Media House.

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Shelly Micke (left) was the happy winner of the freezer full of prime cuts of meat. The freezer was donated by Carlson Refrigeration Company, P/C Gerry Carlson and P/C Todd Carlson.



P/C Richard Bibby won the weekend package for 6 donated by Odyssey Resorts—Caribou Highlands Lodge.

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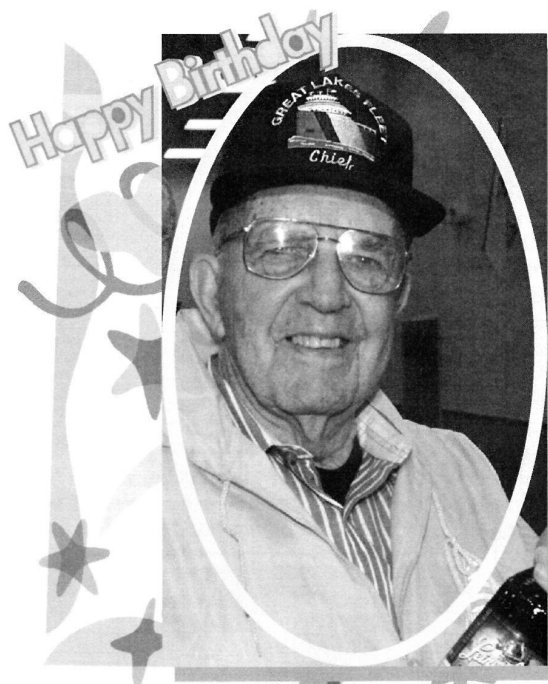
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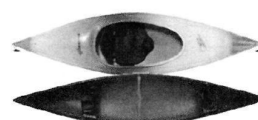
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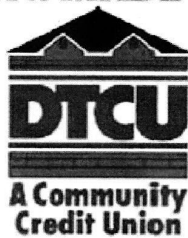
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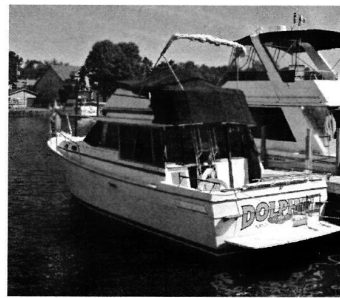


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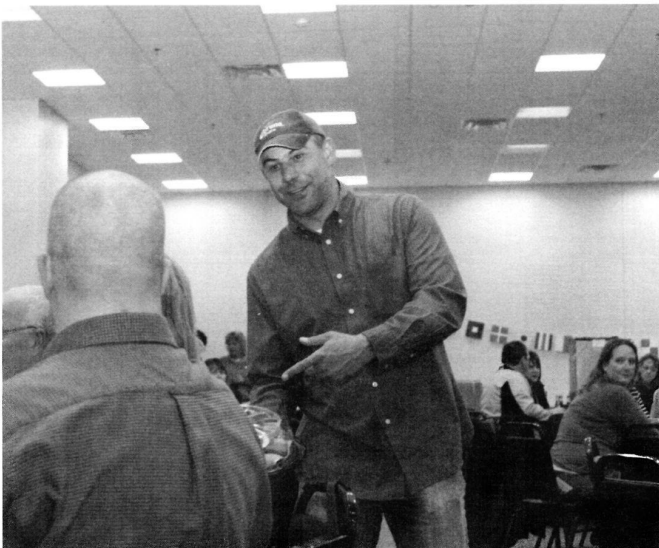


SEO Mary Rantala and Secretary Paula Hall shop the merchandise.

MORE Fitting Out Fun



P/C Dave Stokes presented a really nice thank you/award to Channel Chatter editor Karen Bray.



Jeff Birman worked the bidders. He's a recent graduate of the Safe Boating class.

P/C Dave Stokes uses his marketing skills on Marlene Flynn and Karen Watters. (He did sell ALL the tickets!)



D-10 Summer Rendezvous

Dear Squadron member,

Welcome to the 2012 Summer Rendezvous in Beautiful Central Wisconsin on the Chain of Lakes in Waupaca, Wisconsin. We are going to show you that boating is indeed fun!

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Paul Roberts, AP

Central Wisconsin Commander

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Grabber Taxidermy is donating a FREE MOUNTING for the biggest fish caught during the Captain's Platter. Alternate prize: a \$100 certificate toward the mounting of your choice.







Free Vessel Safety Checks will be available on Friday from 6 pm—9 pm, and on Saturday from 12 pm—5 pm. Anyone with a current Vessel Safety Check sticker will qualify for a drawing.

Any Questions? Contact Todd Carlson at 218-348-4733

Volunteers needed—contact P/C Todd Carlson

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National Safe Boating Week

Dock Clean -up Day

May 30—dock clean up day at the Squadron dock. Join in whenever you can, day or night. Contact Paul Lind at (218) 390-2927 for more information.

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June 9—Captain's Platter Fishing Contest. See page 14 for details.

June 9 & 16—Vessel Safety Checks. See page 3 for details.

Exec. Bd. Meets at Squadron Dock

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Fitting Out



Future Fitting Out Committee: Taylor Schmidt, Tanner Stokes, Brandon Schmidt



The Financial Crew: Shelly Micke, Paul Snider, Tiffany Snider



Auction Organizers Mary Jane Olson & Lauri Solberg



Fitting Out Brain Trust: Cdr Pat Joyal, P/C Todd Carlson, and Event Chair & Chef, Tom Linderholm