

Duluth Sail and Power Squadron

Channel Chatter



United States Power Squadrons

Mentor Duluth Day

See Admin
article on page 4



Photos by
Cassie Flynn,
Mentor Duluth
Program
Advocate

Volume 2012 Issue 3

August, 2012

Inside this issue:

Commander	3
Education	3
Admin	4
Secretary and Membership	5
Member at Large	5
Vessel Safety Checks	4
Corn Roast	6
Calendar	11

The *Channel Chatter* is published six times per year for the members of the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron, a unit of United States Power Squadrons®.

**Boating is Fun...
We'll Show You How!**

www.duluthsailandpowersquadron.com

Bridge Officers 2012–2013

Commander	Cdr Patrick Joyal	H 651-674-8756 C 612-618-1576	pjdsgn7@netscape.net
Executive Officer			
Educational Officer	Lt/C Mary Rantala	H 218-724-1647	mlrantala@charter.net
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Lance Olson	H 715-398-0140 C 218-340-3598	lance_r_olson@hotmail.com
Asst. Admin Officer	1/Lt Laura Solberg, S	H 715-395-0315 C 218-390-8693	lsolberg@nbofc.com
Secretary	Lt/C Paula Hall	H 218-728-0294 C 218-348-9470	pallahalla@msn.com
Treasurer	P/C Murray George, P	H 218-728-1567 C 218-310-6231	mgeorge44@aol.com
Immediate Past Commander	P/C David Stokes, S	H 218-879-4409 C 218-310-3972	dave@stokesmediahouse.tv

Executive Committee Members at Large

P/C Dave Carlson, SN	C 218-393-6222	H 218-525-1438	dcc@chartermi.net
1/Lt Jason Smitke	C 218-428-3010	H 218-848-2050	jasonallen3010@gmail.com
1/Lt Tom Linderholm	C 218-349-2728		tlinderholm1@hotmail.com
1/Lt Paul Snider		H 715-392-6832	paul@superioryachtservices.com

Website www.duluthsailandpowersquadron.com

Webmaster P/C Bob Ouellette, AP H 218-727-6079 C 218-348-6656 westernharbor@juno.com



Channel Chatter Staff

Editor	1/Lt Karen Bray, S	H 218-72-0663	kobray@charter.net
Advertising	P/C Dave Carlson, SN	H 218-525-1438	dcc@chartermi.net
Photo Editing	John Bray	H 218-722-0663	jebray@charter.net

Squadron Commander

Ahoy Everyone,

It never ceases to amaze me how quickly time flies each summer. Given all of the events and activities that the Squadron runs, I suppose that this should not come as a surprise.

Please take the time to read the articles from our other members in this issue of the Channel Chatter. In them, I hope that you all get a sense of the many different outreach and education activities that your Squadron supports. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I strongly encourage all of you to consider volunteering to help out with some aspect of running the Squadron. There are plenty of opportunities to do so, and the more of us pitch in, the healthier our Squadron will be.

We are in the planning stages for the Annual Corn Roast, and we also need volunteers to help with our 2nd Mentor Duluth event on September 15th. Please contact myself or Lance Olson if you are interested in helping with either of these events.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and I hope to see many of you at the Corn Roast!

Respectfully,

-Pat Joyal

Commander, DSPS



Cdr Pat Joyal and Cole

Squadron Educational Officer

SEO Mary Rantala

All I can say is "WOW" what a warm July we've had. I hope that this wonderful weather lasts through August and into September. I know that everybody has been having a great time out on the water.

Kay Bakke and I staffed the life jacket display at the Water Safety Expo held on July 12th at the Park Point Beach House. The Expo was organized by Larry Anderson and Dave Carlson, and a big thank you goes out to them. We had life jackets from Marine General Supply for adults and children to try on and look at. There were some good questions about life jackets, about sizing and which jacket for what use. We handed out a lot of water safety coloring books to kids, the Minnesota Safe Boating Regulations and other brochures to adults. We had an ABC book on the table and had questions about the class and where to find the information about upcoming classes. This was the first time that Kay or I had been to the Expo, so we could not really judge the turn out, but it was great fun to see everybody interested in all the displays. There were displays about rip currents, weather, beach clean up, facts about Lake Superior and

kayak safety.

Looking ahead to the fall we have a weather class in place starting in October. Dave Anderson has graciously offer to teach the class on Tuesday nights. Warm weather can produce fast moving weather systems which in turn can bring on severe storms. This class is invaluable for every kind of boater. I have a couple of calls out for teachers for the fall ABC class and will get that finalized soon. The DSPS web site duluthsailandpowersquadron.com will be the place for more information on all the classes. There are quite a few members with no class initials after their name. Now is a great time to support the DSPS and take a class or two. I'm still looking for member input on what winter class you would like to have offered. You can Email me at mlrantala@charter.net or call at 218-724-1647. If I can't answer please leave a message. Thank you. Be safe out on the water and have fun.

Looking for an interesting, creative,
and rewarding way to serve
the Squadron?

Come on board as the Channel Chatter Editor!

Volunteer Opportunity

Contact Cdr Pat Joyal pidsgn7@netscape.net

or Secretary Paula Hall pallahalla@msn.com

for more information.

Squadron Administrative Officer

Admin Lance Olson, P

Hello All,

I hope everyone is enjoying summer and that you have been able to spend a lot of time on the water. The squadron has been busy and we have more events coming. Here is a summary:

Mentor Duluth: I wrote about our involvement with Mentor Duluth in the May issue of the Channel Chatter so I won't go into great detail here. Due to the great success last year, we had two events with Mentor Duluth scheduled for this year in June and September. The June event was cancelled due to weather, but we made it up on July 28 and we had perfect weather. We had 13 kids and 4 chaperones from Mentor Duluth on three boats. Thanks to Dave Carlson with Hat Trick and Paul Snider with Madeline for volunteering their boats and captain services. Thanks also to Jason Smitke for helping out. If you want to read more about it, we made the front page of the Local News section of the Duluth News Tribune on July 29. Our next event is September 15 so please contact me if you would like to participate.

East/West Sailing Regatta: On August 4, the Duluth Yacht Club will sponsor the East/West Sailing Regatta at the squadron dock. We have been working with the DYU for a couple of years now for this event which is a sailing competition between the DYU and the Barker's Island Yacht Club. It is a great opportunity for the members of these other clubs to learn more about us and our facilities and, hopefully, we will gain some new members. If you would like to meet some sailors and see some sailboats, go down to the dock on that date. They are often looking for crew so you may even get to race.

Corn Roast: The corn roast is scheduled for Labor Day weekend with activities kicking off Friday, August 31 and going through Monday. Please see page 6 in this issue for a schedule of events. We're tentatively planning to add an omelet brunch on Saturday morning so please plan to join us for that. Please also RSVP for Saturday's shrimp boil and Sunday's corn roast and ribs so we can get an accurate count for food planning. Without the RSVP we have to guess and we don't want to be short on food.

Cheers,

Lt/C Lance R. Olson, P
DPS Administration Officer



Vessel Safety Check Report

As of 7/28/12 our Duluth Squadron is on a very good pace to set a new high mark for vessel safety exams. As of today we have completed 124 exams with 118 being rewarded the coveted window sticker. In the order of exams passed I will list our examiners and the number of exams they have completed.

Dave Carlson – 28, Bob Hecht – 15, Murray George – 14, Julia Rossini – 13, Larry Anderson – 11, Bob Stokes – 10, Jason Smitke – 9, Len Robinson – 8, Charlie Grubb – 6, Tom Cawcutt – 4

There is still time for all of our examiners to complete the 10 exams needed to get the beloved Merit Mark earning them one step closer to Life Membership.

We have received extra stickers so if you are in need of an exam please call one of the squadron examiners listed in the roster. We have the people and the resources to check out your craft.

P/C Dave Carlson SN

VSC Chairman



Membership

Hey gang,

I just want to voice some concerns that I have. I received a list of non-renewing members. If you know any of those who have decided not to renew, and you know why, please let me know. I would like to be able to address this issue with some real knowledge.

To the members who continue decade after a decade, please help me, to help others to understand what has made you stay committed to this club, especially for the new members.

Any Social Club has its membership growth ups and downs, and we do continue to grow. As the "Membership Chair" I am dedicated to the retention as well as growth of membership.

I believe the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron has potential to be one of the largest squadrons in our district, just based on the people we are in this area.

So let's work together to get our information out there, to get folks educated on safe boating and let others know about the fun we have, as a group who all love of water sports.

Don't forget to get involve in our next large membership fun event, the Corn Roast. Great food, great fun, great people!!!!

There is a lot to do and the need for a lot of hands. Come help out!

See you there,

Paula J Hall
Your Membership Chair



Paula J Hall
Secretary and Membership Chair

Executive Committee Member at Large

1/Lt Paul Snider

Sailing with Children

I've been sailing for about 18 years or so now, the last seven summers with our child Madeline, age 7. When my wife Tiffany and I bought our first "big" boat in the summer of 1997 we heard all about how people started sailing with friends or spouses and when the kids came the boats were sold. The kids didn't like sailing, were involved in other activities or with friends and the time was no longer there to go sailing, were just a few of the justifications for selling the boat after the kids were born. "Enjoy sailing now before you have kids" was the well meaning advice that was often given to us. And...we did. We'd spend days and weekends on the boat and on the water. Just sailing.

After Madeline was born, particularly as she became more mobile, we began to change our sailing style in order to keep her engaged and having fun. Instead of just sailing all day, we'd go shorter for periods of time and bring items on the boat for her entertainment, from dolls to dvds. We also incorporated more anchoring into our sailing, taking the dinghy to the beach and letting Madeline play in the water and do things she enjoyed. Not only does Madeline enjoy these adjustments to our sailing routine, we do as well. These changes added variety and excitement, and have made our boating experience



Paul Snider
Member at Large

even better. As a side benefit our boat handling and communication skills have improved as well. Communicating while anchoring can be a challenge in ideal conditions, add in an impatient 5 year old and now you have a real challenge on your hands.

This years adjustments will be made around the healing of the boat. Last summer, and so far this year, Madeline is showing a fear of healing. We will take action to lessen the heal of the boat and reassure her that sailing is not only safe, but fun and exciting as well.

Madeline is only seven years old and I'm sure the challenges will continue as she enters her pre-teen and teenage years, as will the rewards of sailing with children. We have been successful at maintaining our sailing lifestyle, and with thoughtful consideration for Madeline's fears and concerns, and joys as well, we will continue to do so well into the future. With any luck at all, Madeline will grow to appreciate the lifestyle as much as we do. We will see you, and your kids, on the water.

Make a Splash!

at the
**Duluth Sail & Power
Squadron**



Corn Roast Celebration

August 31—September 3 at the Squadron Dock

Come by boat, car, truck,
motor home, bike, etc....

Just make sure to come!

Everyone is Welcome!

Bring your friends and
family for a fun-filled
weekend.

Arriving by boat? Call for docking
assistance on Channel 16—there's
room for everyone!

A Deluge of Favorite Attractions
including the dunk tank,
bounce house, and play center
will be available all weekend!



Please remember there is no entry fee for this
entire weekend. The cost of your meal ticket
is the only funding for all of the activities,
unless we receive additional donations.
Please support the fine meals provided, and
consider joining other Squadron members in
making additional donations to keep this
generational Labor Day tradition rolling.

A FLOOD of Activities will include:

Friday, August 31

*After registration, the dock grill will be ready for open grilling.
All weekend—Vessel Safety Checks will be available by request.*

Saturday, Sept 1

*10:00 am Omelet & Hash Brown Brunch prepared by P/C Todd
Carlson and crew of Past Commanders. \$6*

2:00 pm Dinghy Run

*6:00 pm—Shrimp Boil Dinner (grilled chicken alternative) by Tom
Linderholm & crew. Bring your favorite dessert to share and en-
ter in the dessert contest. Cost: \$15. Kids under 12 half price or
\$5 kids alternate meal. RSVP required.*

8:00 pm—Smokin' Joe's Old time Karaoke Show & Bon Fire

Sunday, Sept. 2

*8:00 am—10:30 am—Pancake and Sausage Breakfast donated by
Perkins Family Restaurants and prepared by Jason and Leslie
Smitke and crew. Cost \$5*

11:00 am—Pony Rides

1:00 pm—Kids Games

*5:00 pm—Corn Roast & BBQ Rib Fest Dinner. Cost \$15 for adults,
half price for kids under 12 or \$5 kids pizza party. Prepared by
Cdr Pat Joyal and crew. RSVP required.*

7:00 pm—Kid's Awards Ceremony and Prizes

8:00 pm—Dance to the Music of the ShackShakers

Monday, Sept. 3

8:30—10:30 am —Coffee & donuts, clean up and departure.

RSVP to [DSPS@ carlson-lakeshore.com](mailto:DSPS@carlson-lakeshore.com) (preferred)
or call 218-348-4733

Member's Marketplace

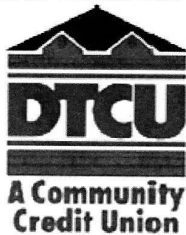
DSPS members may place one want ad (3.5" x 2") free of charge. Continuation of the ad in subsequent issues may be purchased for \$10 per issue, payable in advance. Larger ads may be purchased by arrangements with the editor.

Checks should be made out to DSPS, and must be mailed by 9/15/12 for the October issue.

Send your check to Karen Bray, 2024 Minnesota Ave., Duluth, MN 55802.



**BOAT AND BOAT SLIP
FINANCING MADE EASY AT:**



A WHOLE COMMUNITY STRONG - Become a part of it
www.dtcu.net

Downtown
722-9242

Miller Hill
279-3828

Kenwood
724-8218

Paul Reinier

Service Center Manager
paul.reinier@diamondvogel.com
Cell: 218.391.6955

**Diamond
Vogel** 
The Miracle of Paint™

1701 London Road • Duluth, MN 55812
Ph: 218.728.4477 • Toll free: 800.777.8519 • Fax: 218.728.6581
www.diamondvogel.com

**Hansen's
Auto Service & Little Store**

3802 Trinity Road • Duluth, MN 55811

Now Offering

- Full Service Shop • RV Dump
- Ultra Low Diesel • Propane
- RV Friendly

shop@hansensautoservice.com



218-723-8236 Shop
218-727-1308 Store



Specializing In On-site Canvas Work

**BIG B'S
BOAT CANVAS**

132 Commonwealth Ave.
Duluth, MN 55808

(218) 940-8959



Mortgage Services

A division of National Bank of Commerce

Lauri Solberg

Mortgage Banker

1314 East Superior Street
Duluth MN 55805

Office: 218-740-2437

Cell: 218-390-8693

Fax: 218-724-3007

lsolberg@nbofc.com

Visit nbofc.com for online mortgage applications.



Boating: A Tradition With Rules

By P/R/C Greg Scotten, SN
Publications Coordinator
Marketing/PR Committee
United States Power Squadrons

Pleasure boating has existed since the dawn of civilization. One of the earliest forms of human transportation and enjoyment involved jumping on a floating piece of wood and moving it through the water. This activity flourished, improved, and developed its own traditions. Because waterways lacked traffic lights, yield signs, and directional signals, courteous practices developed into regulations to enable vessels to proceed safely through traffic.

Unfortunately, fewer than 5% of today's boaters have ever had instruction in safe vessel operation. And these people who are often operating water vehicles far more lethal than their automobiles. This might explain why so many of them cross our bows from an illegal direction or giving us strange looks when we provide a sound signal indicating how we intend to pass them. These people are not only ignoring safety, but are missing out on an understanding of the rich traditions of the sea.

Over the years, I have gathered stories to help others learn the rules of the nautical "road." One old tale reports that in the early days the steering of vessels was achieved by attaching boards to one side and moving the board laterally in the water. Because people tended to be right handed, the right side of the boat became the steering side and became known as the "steer-board side." Today it is called the "starboard." These "steer-boards" could not be moved laterally when a boat was tight against a dock, so the left side was brought to the dock or "port" and became called the "port side."

These practices had implications for safe navigation. With the "steer-board station" on the right side of the vessel, the operator could not see the boats that were approaching on the left. His vision was blocked by sails, crewmen, or piles of cargo. So it became the practice for boats to "give way" to any vessel that was approaching on its right side. This became one of the basic foundations of marine law.

Successful pleasure boating involves learning about safe boating practices, laws and traditions. These include outfitting every boat with effective sound producing devices, proper night time navigation lights, life vests, and fire extinguishers. Boaters increase confidence by having their vessels inspected regularly by members the United States Power Squadrons. This is a confidential, non-punitive, free service involving a check list of the safety equipment required by the United States Coast Guard. Boaters should also continually seek to increase their boating information and to engage in boating education. Those who have done these things have proven to be safer boaters and have been rewarded with preferential treatment by insurance companies.

The oldest boating education organization is the United States Power Squadrons which is about to celebrate it one hundredth anniversary year. Contact them at www.USPS.org or contact your local squadron. As its members remind us: "Boating is fun...We'll show you how!"

Not Your Grandma's Apple Dumplings

- 2 large tart apples, peeled and cored
- 2 cans crescent roll dough
- 1 cup butter
- 1 1/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 can mountain dew



Spray a 9x13 baking dish with pan release. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut each apple into 8 wedges. Separate the dough into triangles. Wrap each apple piece in dough, pinch to seal, and place in dish. Melt butter, stir in sugar and cinnamon until dissolved, pour over the apple dumplings. Pour Dew over all. Bake for 45 minutes until golden brown.

Minnesota Coaches, Inc.

Joe Krois
Motor Coach Dispatcher

3941 E. Calvary Rd. Duluth, MN 55803

Duluth – 218-724-1707
or
1-800-203-7020
Cell – 218-590-6084

E-mail: JoeKrois@juno.com
www.minnesotacoaches.com

Last Chance Liquor & Wine Cellar

**Complete Party Planning
Delivery Service**

Beer and Wine Making Supplies

phone 218-727-6825 fax 218-727-6826

**619 East Fourth Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55805**



JOIN THE CHALLENGE

ViSalus Science Body by Vi
90 Day Challenge

- ◆ Weight Management & Healthy Nutrition
- ◆ Heart Smart
- ◆ Build Body Muscle
- ◆ Nutritional Meal Replacement for ALL AGES
- ◆ Type 2 Diabetic friendly
- ◆ Water + shake mix = 90 calories
- ◆ UNDER \$2 per meal Mix with water, milk, or juice
- ◆ \$49 per bag plus shipping & handling (about \$58)
- ◆ Sweet cream flavor tastes like cake mix
- ◆ Get Your Product FREE

Become a PROMOTER (NO INVENTORY) & EARN your Bonus of a BLACK BMW, plus more! I earned mine in 51 days!!
We are growing DOUBLE DIGIT EVERY MONTH!!!

Check it all out on my website www.507318.bodybyvi.com
ORDER your supply or call or email me with any questions. Gail Leland

218-940-3462

glelanddul@aol.com



4510 Grand Avenue, Duluth

**More Locations—More Parts
Shop NAPA First & Get the
Good Stuff!**

**Show your power
squadron membership
card for discounts on all
items in the store!**



We Stock Marine Parts & Accessories

- Tune-up Parts
- Starters/Alternators
- Filters
- Water Pumps
- Engine Parts
- Lower Unit Components
- Drive Shafts & Bellows
- Shift Cables
- Trim Hoses

West Duluth 4615 Grand Ave. 623-6272



HERMANTOWN 4785 W. Arrowhead Road 722-8434 SUPERIOR 3305 Tower Avenue 394-7278

On Land or Water...We Keep America Running.



East West Regatta

Past Commodore of
the Barker's Island
Yacht Club
Chad Lowney
cooking the meal
with DSPS member
Dave VanHouse at
the Squadron dock
grill.

Photo by P/C Todd Carlson

Over 20 Years of Award Winning Regional & National Broadcast Experience



Professional Creative Team Serving
All Video Production Needs
SD/HD Digital Videography & Editing

STOKES
MEDIA HOUSE

www.stokesmediahouse.tv
218-310-3972

Cookie Temptations

Gourmet Sugar Cookies
Designed in the Finest Chocolates

Store Hours:
Monday—Friday 9:00am—5:00pm
Saturday 10:00am—3:00pm
Sunday—Closed

Visit us on our website at: www.cookietemptations.com
Call us at: 218-724-2000 or Toll free 877-724-2088
Store location: 4025 Woodland Ave. Duluth

NORTHWEST OUTLET INC.

Sporting Goods, Clothing, Footwear, Athletics



Columbia **Carhartt**
Sportswear Company

MARINE EQUIPMENT • FISHING
CAMPING • CANOES • KAYAKS
HUNTING • TRUCK TOPPERS

www.northwestoutlet.com
715-392-9838
1-800-569-8142
1814 Biellknep Street • Superior WI 54880

Please support
our advertisers.
Let them know
you
**Saw it in the
Channel
Chatter!**

Marine General

"Get Outdoors with Us!"

Watersports

Tubes, Skis, Kneeboards, Wakeboards, Ropes, Pumps, etc.



Fishing

Rods, Reels, Downriggers, Nets, Bait & Tackle,

Electronics

Automotive GPS, Fishfinders, GPS Chartplotters, Radar Underwater Cameras, VHF and all the accessories!



Marine

Ropes, Fenders, Safety, Anchors, Paints & Waxes, Lights, Pumps & Switches, Shore Power, etc.



Small Boats

Kayaks, Canoes, Dinghies, Paddles, Oars, Life Vests and more

Hours
Mon-Sat 9-6
Sun 9-3



Marine General



Hunting

Stands, Blinds, Calls, Scents, Blaze and Camo Clothing, Boots, Gun Case, Shooting Accessories..



Camping

Tents, Sleeping Bags, Stoves, Heaters, and more!

Shop Online 24/7 www.marinegeneral.com

Stop in our store... 1501 London Rd. Duluth, MN 55812

Local: (218) 724-8833 Toll Free: 800-777-8557

Huge Selection! Best Customer Service!



8/31-9/3

Corn Roast Week-end - see flyer on page 6.

9/15 Mentor Day—see Admin. for more info.

September 2012

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1
Corn Roast

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 (

Corn Roast

9 10 11 12 13 14 15

Mentor Day

16 17 18 19 20 21 22)

23 24 25 26 27 28 29 O

30

Duluth  Power Squadron

P.O. Box 161074

Duluth, MN 55806

NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 492
DULUTH, MN



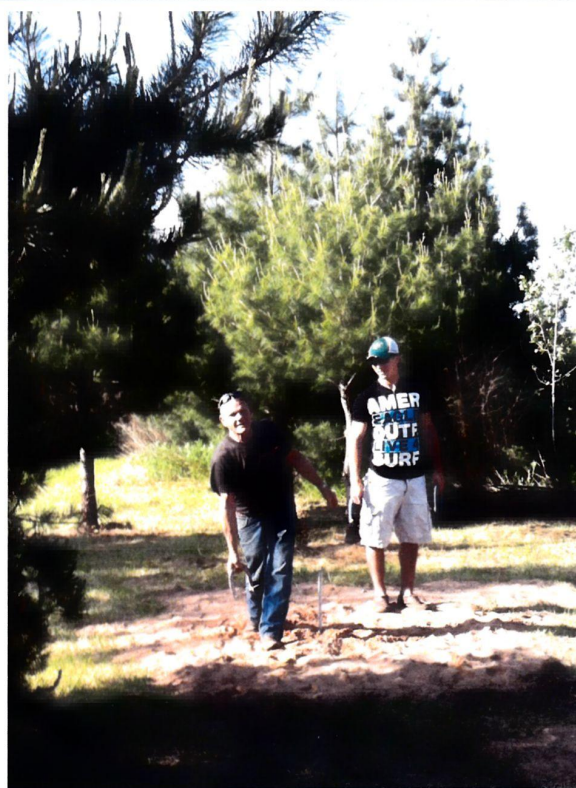
We're on the Web!

www.duluthsailandpowersquadron.com



Cole Joyal displays part of his catch in the Captain's
Platter Fishing Contest.

Photo by Cdr Pat Joyal



Paul Graber and Leroy Barnes installed new
horse shoe pits at the Squadron dock.

Photo by P/C Dave Carlson