

Duluth Sail and Power Squadron

Channel Chatter



United States Power Squadrons

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Chad Lowney, AP

Greetings!

As another boating season fast approaches, we are preparing to welcome a new bridge to The Duluth Sail & Power Squadron (DSPS). At our annual membership meeting, held in early February, our membership voted on the new slate of Bridge Officers and Executive Committee. What a wonderful team that has volunteered to lead us into the new year. Please make an effort to thank them and to volunteer your skills, knowledge and time to assist them in making this next year another exciting and eventful one.



For those that don't know me, a short introduction. I was born and raised in Superior, WI and have never left. My wife Stacy, daughter Dakota and I make our home in Billings Park. We began our boating career racing sailboats and now enjoy fishing, cruising, and entertaining on our Bayliner 3888. Aside from the DSPS we've been very active in other boating community boards such as the Duluth Yacht Club and Barkers Island Yacht Club. Our daughter keeps us pretty busy but still find plenty of time to enjoy Lake Superior.

There are many people in our squadron that have helped me reach this position. I want to thank those that supported, pushed and believed that I was the right candidate. I am proud that you have elected me to be the Commander of the Duluth Sail & Power Squadron for 2018 and I look forward to working along side all of you to continue to grow our great boating community!

My slogan for 2018 is going to be "Transparency".

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Squadron Commander

CDR Chad Lowney

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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Being transparent is a powerful thing, if you can trust yourself and be trusted by others. The digital age has allowed people to learn more about their leaders. As such, social media has suddenly given people the permission to enter a leader's personal space; a place they were previously prohibited from entering. The digital age has changed the levels of transparency that we expect from people too.

It will be my goal as Commander to open up our squadron to our members. I want our members to be informed. I want our members to come to my fellow bridge members and ask, "what can I do to help". This will be my goal for 2018, and it begins now with the "dusting off" of the Channel Chatter. My year will focus on information. From the Channel Chatter to publishing our meeting minutes to making sure our members are getting their emails. I want everyone to be informed to what we are doing and how we are doing it.

I am looking forward to exploring new options and/or revisiting areas that can help our boating community and make it safer on the water. One thing we can do is to reach out to and support paddlers while at the same time, encourage them to join our Squadron. The More the Merrier. We can do this while having fun in the process.

As I write this we have just finished up with a successful boat show with 40 potential new members. Change of Watch is coming up in a week and then to start planning for the Fitting Out party. It's going to be a busy year and I look forward to engaging with all of our current and new members. I am excited to work with our newly elected bridge members and am confident they will do great in their positions.

On a last note, I'd like to thank outgoing Commander Tom Linderholm. Working with Tom on the bridge for the past 6 years has been fun and inspiring. I've watched Tom juggle a full time job, go to school full time, and raise a family. Somewhere in the middle of all that he found some hours to run our squadron. Even after Tom steps down as Commander he will still be involved with everything we do as a squadron, investing his time by tirelessly volunteering in all of our upcoming activities. So thank you for all you have done and continue to do Tom.

I'll see you on the water!



Squadron Executive Officer

Lt/C Jason Yecoshenko

Greetings everyone,

As I am writing this, watching the winter Olympics and the snow pile up, I am dreaming of shorts and bare feet on the beach at Captains Cove. Those of you who get to spend extended periods down south, keep posting the pictures on social media, it gives the rest of us hope.

I am looking forward to continuing to serve the DSPS this upcoming year as your incoming Executive Officer. I will work with Chad and others to learn and do the best I am able in this position. I thank all who gave ideas and helped in the last couple years while serving as Administrative Officer. I couldn't have done it without you.

As you all know we hosted the D-10 Fall Conference here in Duluth last fall and it was a great success. Everyone that attended absolutely loved it here. We are very fortunate with the Canal Park area and all it has to offer for events like this. We are looking forward to next time.

Upcoming we have our annual Fitting Out party the end of April, invites will be out soon. This is a great fundraiser for us to start the year out and always a fun time to get together after the long winter and see old friends and hopefully make some new ones. With that being said, bring out your friends that may not be members and we'll gladly sign them up.

In closing, I'm sure you all have your supplies piled by the door waiting for the white stuff to go away and get to the boat. Spring will be here before you know and we'll be back at the dock enjoying camaraderie and probably telling a few fishing tales. Fair seas and following winds my friends.



Members at Large

1/Lt Krister Mattson

I would like to introduce myself to members that may not know my background. My experience with the water began at a young age as my parents brought me north from southern Minnesota in the summers. That was a start of my love for Lake Superior. 16 years ago, I had an opportunity to move to the area for work and I have not looked back. Being from farm country boating was not something my family did although I did start to sail with some coworkers. Fast forward to today and I am now on my third sailboat "LOKI" in which friends and family sail competitively in the Duluth Yacht Club. All around the lake I have met many people that share enthusiasm for the water and being on it. The Sail and Power Squadron is great organization with many boaters that I enjoy being around. Hope to see you out on the water!



Squadron Educational Officer

Lt/C Guy Partch

Hi Everyone,

My Name is Guy Partch and I am the current SEO. I joined the Squadron three years ago to take the advanced classes. Last year I became the SEO and I have been working to get up to speed and to organize the ABC courses. In 2018 I hope to offer at least two advanced grades-we have a Seamanship offering in February and I will work to have another course offering in the fall.

Check out our website for webinars and other on-line learning opportunities through National.

See you on the water!



Squadron Secretary

Lt/C Stacy Lowney

A note from the Secretary...

The groundhog saw his shadow but that isn't going to stop my countdown to summer! Working just 8 blocks from the marina and seeing open water from my office window I find myself driving by our summer home "Laulaja" more often! Many winter projects for the boat this winter got put on the back burner with our 8 year old daughter Dakota's swimming, piano, and gymnastic commitments. With that said, I have a new appreciation for those that have multiple children and realize boat and house projects sometimes need to take a break. My husband Chad has been very active in the squadron over the last few years and most recently has been voted in for the commander position. I have previously been secretary for other local boating clubs such as DYC and BIYC so it seemed appropriate to add one more organization to my zip drive. With my hospitality background I enjoy much more than note taking within the squadron, over the years I have had the pleasure to help organize meet and greets, new member social events, membership wine & dine drives along with Bloody Mary fundraisers. I've enjoyed dressing the part for Labor Day festivities, this year the Pirate Labor Day theme in 2017 was a hoot! Already started my 2018 Mardi Gras outfit! I am very much looking forward to our 2nd season at Harbor Cove, many days on the water, and trips down the harbor! If you see "Laulaja" anchored out, docked or visiting Barker's Waterfront Grille please feel free to toot your boat horn, raft off or pull up a stool for a friendly hello!

Stacy Lowney



Past Commander

P/C Tom Linderholm

Commander's Report

Greetings, I wanted to take some time to thank the Duluth Sail & Power Squadron for giving me the opportunity to serve as its Commander. When I joined, on a whim with some strong reinforcement from P/C Todd Carlson I didn't do it to move up the ranks. At that time it wasn't in my wheelhouse that the journey I had embarked on would take me to where I am at today, but, it did.

Seven years ago I signed up to become a member of this great organization, your organization, and in doing so I knew that it would take a bit of volunteering to get to know the crew. When I began, I knew a handful of individuals in this 200 plus member organization. Over time, as I became part of the bridge, it gave me the opportunity to get to know a lot of the membership through its events. Lending my talents as a chef to help with fundraising events such as the Fitting Out Party, taking part in the Captain's Platter fishing contest as a competitor (2 time winner as well), working with area youth teaching safety at River Quest as well as encouraging others with Mentor Duluth and finally whipping up some fine omelets at Corn Roast.

I guess what I am getting at, if my family and I had not taken part in a lot of these events. I don't think we would have realized the Power Squadron at its full potential. That of an organization, built on civic duty and education but most importantly comradery amongst its members, that had I not devoted the time to take part in its events, I may never had made many of your acquaintances.

You know what else I find amazing? That this group, of volunteers, not only helps to ensure the safety of the waters that we all take part in, but throws some pretty fantastic family friendly events that we all look forward to each and every year.

So for those new members, and some of the others that haven't had the opportunity. If you really want to enjoy the squadron for all that it represents along with getting out and meeting most of our 200+ members, volunteer. It was probably one of the most important things I have done as a member of organization!

Thank you all for your help, support and well wishes in the past year and welcome to Commander Elect Chad Lowney, AP. I look forward to assisting you and your bridge in continuing the commitment to boater safety through education.

Tight Lines!

Tom Linderholm, AP



Squadron Treasurer

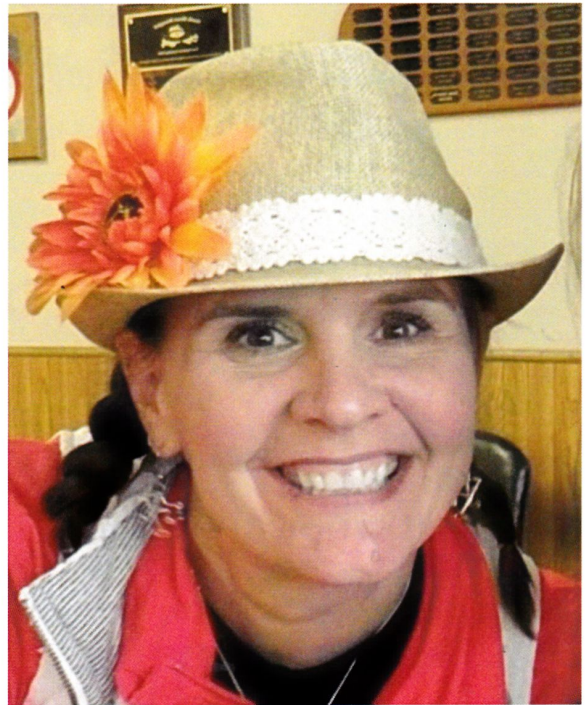
Lt/C Lori Yecoshenko

Greetings Duluth Sail & Power Squadron Members,

As I write this article, the sun is shining and the snow is slightly melting and we are in day two of above zero temperatures. The older I get, the less I am liking these long cold spells, but the visions of Ms. Ladybug cruising through the canal towards the open waters of Lake Superior keep me going.

In the meantime, our family will take advantage of hard water, which we do by curling as a family during the winter months. This season has been no exception and has been very exciting, as our youngest daughter Kristianna is curling competitive this year and her team participated in the 2018 Junior National Competition held in Detroit a couple of weeks ago and will participate in the U18 National Competition at the end of February, which will be held in Bemidji. And, being an Olympic year, our free time as of late has been watching and cheering on our USA Teams.

For those of you that I have not had the chance to meet yet, here is a bit about me and my family. I am married to the 2018 DSPS Executive Officer – Jason Yecoshenko, of which has been a solid 18 years of wedded bliss! We have three children, Fayth, Kristianna, and Brock, all growing up way too fast. I have an accounting background by trade and have been teaching accounting at Lake Superior College for about 10 years now, I love it!! A bonus is the more free time I have during the summer months.



Our DSPS is in the beginning of our new fiscal year, which began on February 1st. Our financials are good, we have had a net income the past two reporting periods I have been part of DSPS and a balance sheet that is strong. As a 501c3 nonprofit organization, although not taxed, we are required to file an annual tax report and these are all current and up to date. As part of our bylaws, the financials are audited on an annual basis and will be scheduled sometime soon.

We have many events that we hold during the year that helps keep our balance sheet strong. These events include: Fitting Out, Captain's Platter, and Corn Roast, so please be involved, not only are these events fun, but they help to raise money to keep our dock maintained, educate our members and public on boat safety, and keep our squadron running.

I will end with a saying "Life is like Accounting, everything always should maintain balance." I agree, but am hoping to tip the scales in my favor of spending many hours on the water this upcoming season. Bring on Summer!!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Lt/C Lori Yecoshenko
Treasurer
Duluth Sail & Power Squadron

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CLASSIFIED ADDS ARE FREE TO MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. DO SOME SPRING CLEANING FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR SPONSORSHIP ADVERTISING.

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CORN ROAST



The corn roast was a big success again last fall.

Just looking at the tender pork makes me want to seek out some BBQ.

From left to right.

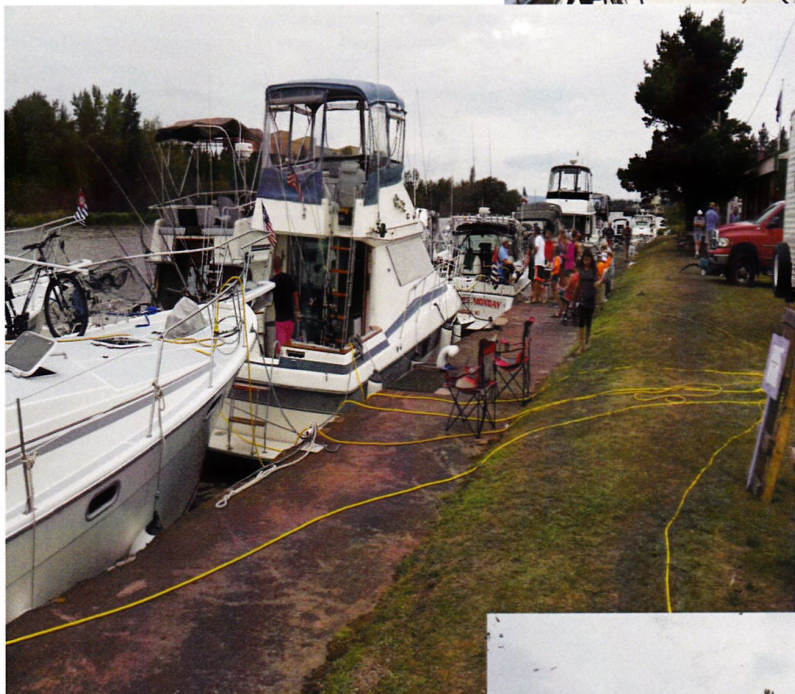
Tim Belcastro

Jeff and Sally Vangsness

Torrie and Elise

The boat dock was full with some double parked.

Diane Martinek is enjoying a beverage along with a lot of others.



The camping area was also full and this was a fun family event.

Check out the Website for any new events or information.



CHRISTMAS PARTY



The party was hosted by the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron and the 242 Yacht Club.

There were a lot of very good raffle prizes and I did not win anything again.

Captain Sherman Edwards
With his wife Jane



The wine toss was very popular
and there was more than wine on
the table.

The food again was excel-
lent at Barkers Island.



ANNUAL DINNER



The Annual meeting and election was held on February 8th at Blackwood's in Proctor.

The meeting was well attended and the food was excellent.

Top photo.

P/C John Harrison with his wife Dorothy

P/C Bob Stokes



Top photo.

Jim Einbu and Chad Lowney

Left photo.

New Members Peggy and Randy Lundgren





Elmer Engman and Bob Hecht.

Bottom photo.

P/C Tom Linderholm and P/C Dave Carlson.



Our guest speaker for the evening was Adele Yorde, from the Duluth Port Authority. She gave an overview on what to expect for 2018 shipping season.



BOAT SHOW



Elmer Engman and
Diane Martinek at the
booth on Friday
morning.

Lt/C Guy Partch was part
of the afternoon shift on
Friday.



Diane and I were there for the Friday morning start at 10 a.m. This was the first time the show started at 10 and I did not know what to expect. There was a large crowd that came in at that time and they seemed to funnel through our area. Being at the Boat show was not cheap and it's hard to put a price on public relations. Sometime you don't see any results for months after. I think we did pretty good to get over 40 people signing up for more information and many picked up the information on the Boat Safety class.

CHANGE OF WATCH

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The Change of Watch was held on March 9th at the AAD Shrine Building in Hermantown. Pipe Master Chuck Berquist pipped everyone in to dinner and Lt. Kristi Stokes gave a welcome message.



The Flag Presentation was done by the Twin Ports U.S. Navy Cadets.

MASA Stella Gunnarson

DCFA Courdin Nelson-Scaggs

CSSR Kaden Ford

CSSR Blaine Rideaux





The Flag Presentation

Swearing in of the new Commander for
2018

Chad Lowney





Dave Fine from District 10 is swearing in the New Bridge.



CDR Chad Lowney presenting past Commander Tom Linderholm a plaque and Past Commander flag.

This was a great night with a lot of information on where the Power Squadron is going with a rebranding to America's Boating Club. This describes what we are all about. To learn and have fun on the water.



EVER WANTED TO KNOW WHAT'S INSIDE A WHALE?



If you are looking for something to do on April 28th and 29th there is a maritime event that you can help with. The annual spring cleaning and fitting out of the Whaleback S.S. Meteor. Join members from the Lake Superior Maritime Museum Association, Shipwreck Preservation Society, and Superior Public Museums.

Put on your work clothes and get ready to sweep, clean, polish brass, scrape and paint.

The event starts at 0900 and goes till around 1700. Lunch is provided by Grandma's and there is also an evening meal and program.



Get to learn more about this 122 year old ship and see areas that are not open to the public.

The location is Barkers Island in Superior.



Captain's Platter Fishing Contest

Sponsored by the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron ~ www.duluthsailandpowersquadron.com

Saturday, June 9, 2018

6 am to 4 pm

Where: Lake Superior and St. Louis River Basin

Contest Headquarters: Duluth Sail and Power Squadron Dock, Allouez Bay

Cost: \$20 per person, kids 15 and under are free

Five Fish Divisions

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each of the following categories:



Walleye
Lake Trout
Brown Trout
King Salmon
Coho Salmon



Awards and Door Prizes at 5 pm

The Captain's Platter award goes to the boat captain with the greatest weight for each of the five categories. Only one fish from each category can qualify for this award. You do not need to catch one of each category to qualify for this award.

EVENTS

APRIL 27TH-SQUADRON FITTING OUT PARTY-AAD SHRINE

MAY 14-17-RIVER QUEST-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SQUADRON PROGRAM

MAY 19TH-SAFE BOATING WEEK

OTHER EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

APRIL 27TH-PROPELLER CLUB MEETING AT VIP PIZZA IN SUPERIOR AT 1200

APRIL 28TH-29TH-ANNUAL SPRING FITTING OUT ON THE S.S. METEOR. VOLUNTEER TO POLISH BRASS, CLEAN, PAINT. STARTS AT 9 A.M. AND LUNCH IS PROVIDED BY GRANDMAS.

MAY 22ND-MARITIME DAY

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Upcoming Event!

Set Sail for the Boating Season at the

Fitting Out Party and Auction

April 27 2018

at the Shrine AAD Temple

5152 Miller Trunk Hwy.

5:00 Social & Silent Auction

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Live Auction

