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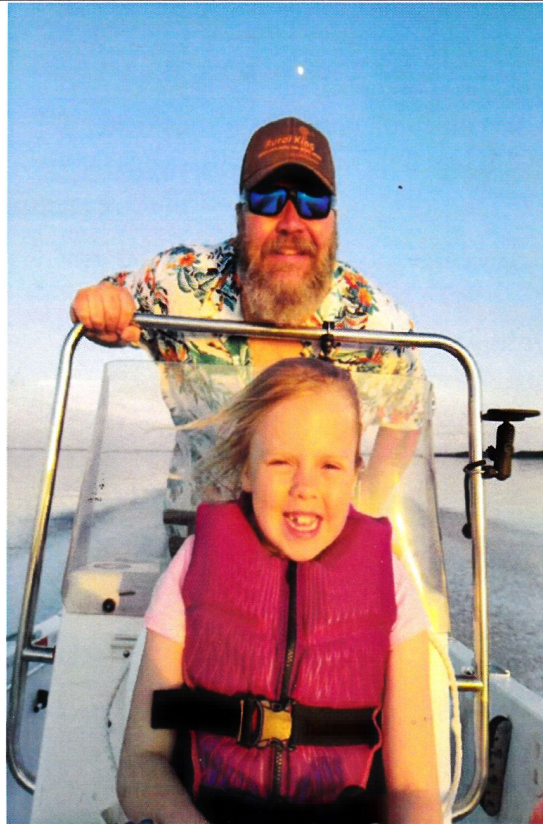
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**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

Cdr Chad Lowney, AP

Ahoy,

Wow, what a summer! Even though mother nature hasn't been the best at cooperating, this boating season has been filled with fun and adventure. Let me begin with our Fitting Out party, which went off without a hitch thanks to Jason & Lori Yecoshenko and crew. Through their efforts we were able to raise a significant amount of money for the coffers! P/C Tom Linderholm's Mediterranean chicken was about as good as it gets. In fact, it was so good he cooked us all up another batch at our dock clean-up. And speaking of dock clean-up, a few of us found some time late this spring to get the dock back in shape. From lawn mowing to power washing, our dock is sparkling after a long winter sleep. How about a big thank you to Dave Solberg for replacing our dated yard lights with LED's. We managed to get the dock whipped into shape just in time for our annual Captains Platter fishing contest. P/C Todd Carlson once again put together a fantastic event. Although the big lake wasn't very inviting, it payed off for the captains who braved the elements, congratulations Paul Lind on winning this years coveted prize.



Chad and Dakota

District 10 is hosting the National Governing Board Meeting in Minneapolis August 12th to the 19th and they are asking for help. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact P/D/C Kris Harmon at Kris Harmon (klharmon@comcast.net) And because they are hosting it this year, there will not be a Summer Rendezvous. Instead, we have the opportunity to show off our dock. The District has been invited to our next big event, the annual Corn Roast. The Corn Roast committee just had their first meeting, and this year's event is shaping up to be a great one. Your bridge would also like some help at this event, if your able and willing, please contact any one of your officers.

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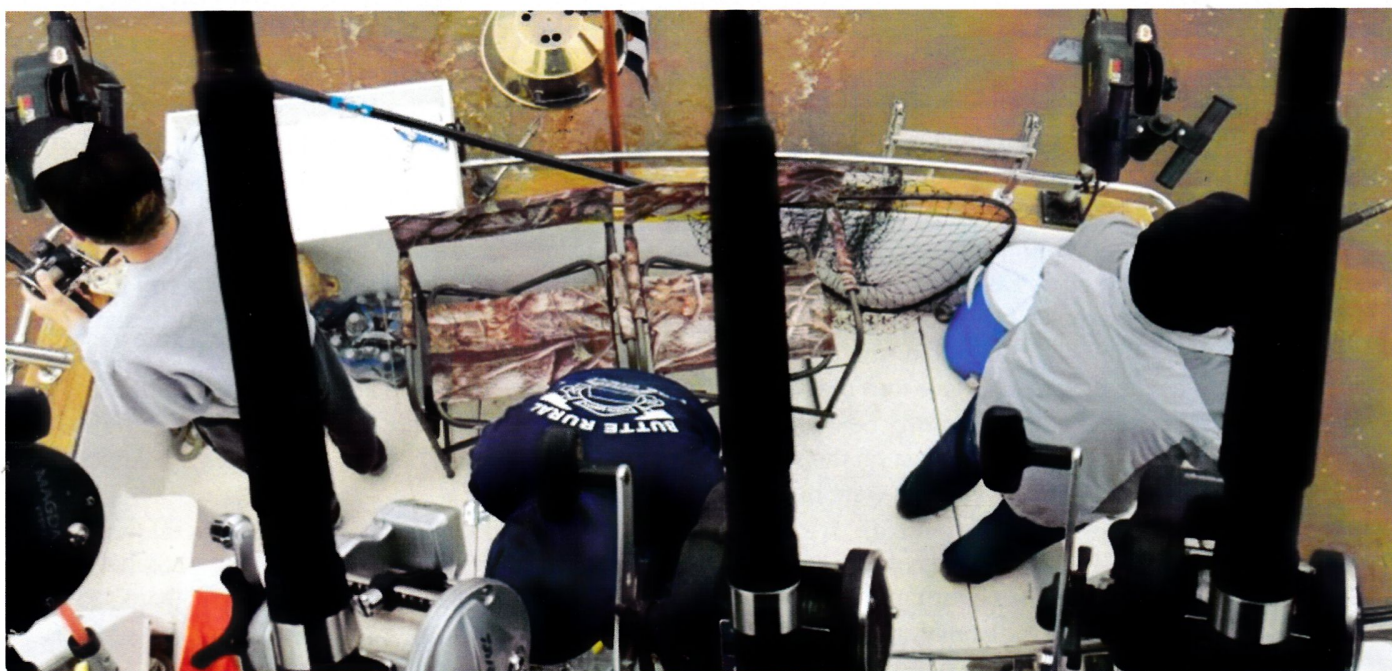
With the events that we have hosted, including a huge ABC3 class, and 3 pages of prospects obtained from the boast show booth, membership is booming. Dane and Lynn Youngblom have stepped up to the plate to become our new membership chairs. With the help of fellow squadron members, they have put together a membership program that is off the charts. Look for them at future events Thank guys!

With summer being in full force, so are the authorities. Don't forget to contact P/C Dave Carlson to have a vessel safety check performed. As squadron members it is our duty to be the peers out on the water.

This year is really shaping up to be a great one. If your wondering how you can help your club, reach out to any of your bridge members, we'd love to have you. This really is a great club and the reason it is because of the people that make it that way. We all fly our burgees with pride.


See you on the water!

Chad Lowney, Commander



Trying to catch the big one.

From Lt/C Jason Yecoshenko's boat.



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## ***Squadron Executive Officer***

Lt/C Jason Yecoshenko

Ahoy DSPS Members –

As morning broke over the power squadron dock, my father from the fat-lands of North Dakota awoke and said “you beter have the cofee going, because it is cold out.” When I stepped of Ms. Ladybug the breeze from the northeast bit through my thin pajama pants, I could hear the lake crashing in the distance and I thought, why not – we are going to poke our nose out the Superior entry. Welcome to Captain’s Plater.

As the crew awoke on cofee and donuts, we were bundled up more like an ice fshing adventure, rather than a nice early summer fshing contest. Lines were cut and we motored out along with most of our squadron dock feet.

As I was sitng on the unenclosed fy bridge with my father (did I menton this was his frst tme staying overnight on a boat and fshing the contest), we rounded the red buoy at the end of the dock and he asked what the color of the buoys meant. I explained, red – right – return, and he commented “so then why is that one on the left?” My response was, because we are not returning yet and the Duluth Superior harbor can be confusing to those not familiar with nautcal navigaton (did I menton you can take a class through the DSPS to further your educaton about this).



As we turned to the right into the Superior entry, the swells were rising and the boat began to rock. About halfway through the entry, myself as a Captain was taking into consideraton three generatons of Yecoshenko’s on board and if they were up to the voyage. As we passed Superior light, my Dad mentoned “there are white caps son” – I said you are very observant, but at that tme the swells were manageable. Two minutes later the swells became very short and as the bow rose it dove into the next one and washed the windshield and fy bridge, including myself and my father. At that point, I didn’t hear anything from my wife, which wasn’t a good thing, later to fnd out she was holding the cofee and breakfast on the stove, literally. As a responsible Captain, we turned the vessel around and as always the following seas were our friend.

We entered the calm waters of the bay and fshed alongside most of the feet, playing bumper boats. I do have to admit that besides Dad, we had another frst that day – we caught our frst walleye on Ms. Ladybug!! Thanks to Bruce for catching and Dad for landing.

All in all it reminds us to be safe on the water and sometimes we have to change our foat plan, for us, it was a way to ensure that Dad comes again next year.

Thank you to P/C Todd Carlson and team for another great job!! We are looking forward to seeing you on the water and don’t forget about our next big event – 2018 CORN ROAST which is Labor Day weekend.

Fish On,

Lt/C Jason Yecoshenko

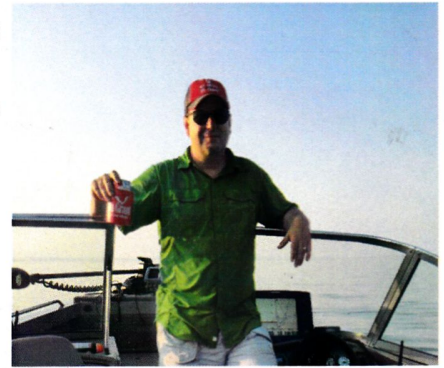
P.S. – always looking for future Bridge Members, volunteers, and new members!!



## ***Squadron Educational Officer***

Lt/C Guy Partch

Greetings Everyone – I hope you are enjoying as much time on the water as possible these days! We had a great Spring ABC class and also had 3 squadron members complete the Seamanship course. Our next ABC will be held in October, and if we have 5 or more interested folks Les has offered to do another Seamanship course this Fall. Please spread the word - these classes are great to meet fellow boaters, learn and maintain your boating skills, and remind you to keep safety in the forefront as you enjoy the water.



Speaking of safety, we have been given a great opportunity to promote boating safety by collecting data through a US Coast Guard Grant to our America's Boating Course students by the use of Crowdsourcing:

Crowdsourcing & Recreational Boating - A high-tech way to gather and use boating safety statistics with mobile devices is being pioneered by the National Safe Boating Council and East Carolina University. Traditionally, gathering boating safety statistics has focused on accident reports and resulting data is then used to identify accident patterns that lead to regulations or education for boaters related to activities and behaviors.

SOBOS (Self-Reported On-Water Boat Operator Survey) is a new iOS and Android app intended to change this negative paradigm. Instead of cataloguing only bad behavior, SOBOS collects survey data from boaters who act safely. In other words, it provides information about normal, non-accident-based recreational boaters that the developers will compare to recreational boating accidents. Currently in beta test, SOBOS will test whether crowdsourcing is a valid recreational boating data collection technique.

The mobile app has two components. First, SOBOS asks boaters to fill out a short survey that should take less than 10 minutes to get anonymous information about the boater and his boat shortly before leaving on a planned boating trip. Second, SOBOS asks the boat operator to permit the app to track a short span of his next on-water excursion. Like the survey, all on-water data points are anonymous so only date, time, latitude /longitude, speed, and bearing are tracked.

Using the data shared by boaters, SOBOS developers plan to build a situational awareness recreational boater network that enables boat operators to filter information displayed on a chart screen to display only operator-selected information as well as a risk-rating based on current conditions.

Again, SOBOS is totally anonymous and no personally identifying information is collected. SOBOS is only interested in enhancing recreational boating safety and we hope that USPS members can help! To participate in this public service, visit [SOBOS.org](http://SOBOS.org) to download the app.

Enjoy the summer and stay safe!

Guy Partch, P

Squadron Educational Officer



## Squadron Treasurer

Lt/C Lori Yecoshenko

Greetings Duluth Sail & Power Squadron members,

My article this issue is a bit different than I would typically write, but on May 30, I attended the Duluth Superior Film Festival opening night film entitled "Virginia Minnesota." The film is not about the City of Virginia, rather a young girl who is named Virginia, but the entire movie was filmed along Lake Superior between Duluth and Grand Marais (for those of you that do not know me and Jason both grew up in Grand Marais). The description of the movie *"About two young women, torn apart by a childhood tragedy, unexpectedly reunite and embark on an illuminating 24-hour journey, where they unlock memories of long forgotten innocence and what it means to truly believe"* (Virginia Minnesota). Without ruining the film, I just want to talk a bit about a couple of the myths and legends featured in the show.



In one of the scenes, the women in the movie run into a traveling troupe, one of the actors in this troupe is dressed as the Wendigo. This mythical creature is said to have resided in the north woods of Minnesota, surrounding the Great Lakes Region. This creature is monstrous in appearance and is associated with many inhumanely taboos. It may be known by several names, including Windigo, Witigo, Witkio, and Wee-Too-Go, each of which translates to "the evil spirit that devours mankind." It was pretty scary looking.

Another mentioned is the ghost fleet of Lake Superior, specifically the Bannockburn, which disappeared in 1902. In November of 1902, the Bannockburn set out onto Lake Superior with bushels of wheat and a crew of 20 men from Ontario. About 9:00 am that morning, it suffered light grounding, but did not suffer much damage. About 50 miles southeast of Passage Island and northeast of Keweenaw Point, the Captain of the Algonquin passed the Bannockburn and that it seemed to be traveling well, despite a storm. The Captain of the Algonquin returned to his work on his own ship, but then looked back towards the Bannockburn only about five minutes later and it was just gone. All that was ever found of the ship was a lifeboat oar and a life preserver with its strings tied together on December 12. Speculation is that it could have been the weather, other thoughts are that there was a boiler explosion, the shoals near Caribou Island, or the minor accident that happened when leaving Port Arthur.

There were some people that we know that were extras in the film, so besides trying to figure out landmarks, it was fun to see friends in the movie. If you get a chance, it is a great film!

From a financial perspective, we have had our first of two major fundraisers for the year and both were successful again. Thank you to everyone that helped out or attended our annual Fitting Out event. Captain's Platter was this past weekend and a successful event as always, thank you to Todd Carlson and his crew for putting on a fantastic fishing contest. We will be scheduling our annual audit and will report on those results with the next edition. As we maintain transparency this year, if at any time you would like to see anything financial related, let me know.



Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Lt/C Lori Yecoshenko

Treasurer

Duluth Sail & Power Squadron

Photos from Rushaway Pictures, Virginia, Mn



### Secretary Safety Tips

With so many articles, news briefs, and classes that are out there regarding safe boating practices it still blows my mind how often I see careless behaviors out on the water and at the dock. There are endless suggestions on how to be safe, I've listed just a few below:

- Partner in Command/Assistant Skipper
- Proper Use of Life Jackets
- Docking Plan/Safe Spot
- Common Sense (avoid crowded areas, be alert)
- Weather Awareness
- Vessel Safety Checks

As those were just some of the basics that came to me there are hundreds of other great tips available to ensure safety within the boating community. This got me also thinking of the importance of getting back to the slip and continuing to be safe and smart once docked. A basic rule we have as we approach the marina is having our 8-year-old daughter in her "safe spot". This is a spot that she sits so she is out of the way and silent until the boat is docked safely. Many of you have also heard her yelling "getting on or getting off" from Laulaja in Harbor Cove Marina. That is another one of our rules for her every-time she gets on or off our boat. It keeps Chad and I more alert so if she slipped between we could react immediately. It may sound like a minimal thing, but the marina group is aware and very receptive to the loud and long "getting on and getting off" sounds of that happy little marina rat we call Dakota!

Hope we can continue to be the squadron that leads by example when it comes to safety on and off the water!

-Lt/C Stacy Lowney





# FITTING OUT PARTY

## HAWAIIAN LUAU

### APRIL 27TH



The two Hawaiian ladies at the registration table are Lori and Fayth Yecoshenko.

Member Diane Martinek is with two guests, Christine and Brad.

This was a great event with a very good turnout.







There were a lot of great giveaway prizes to sign up for: a shot gun, a freezer full of meat, and of course the silent and live auction.







The wine, beer and liquor toss was also a popular attraction.

The food was prepared by PC Linderholm and it was excellent with a lot of variety.



A great crowd and something to look forward to next year.



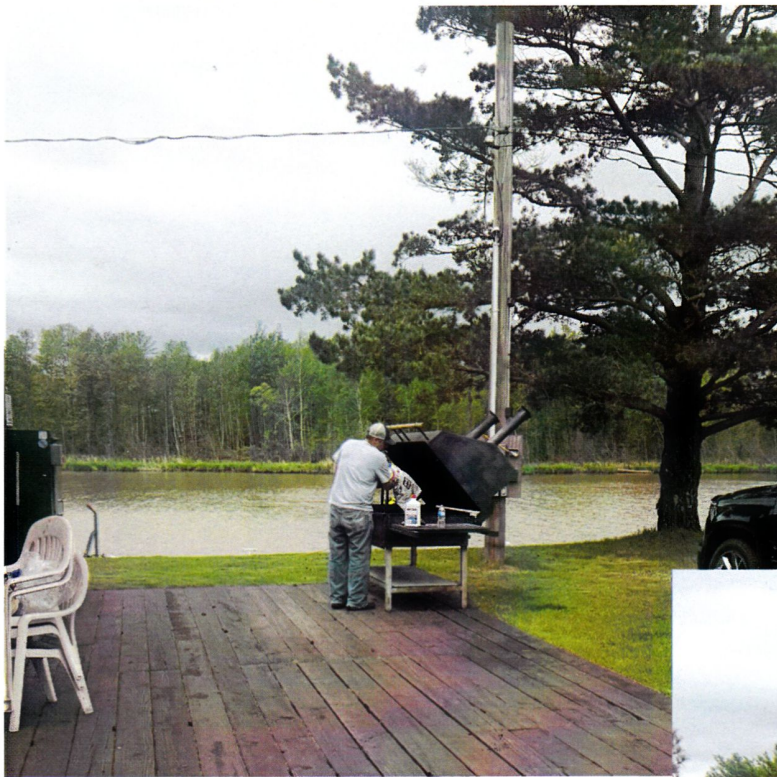
# DOCK CLEANUP 2018



It was not a pleasant weekend for a dock cleanup but a small army made it possible. Commander Chad Lowney, Randy Hansen and Brock Yecoshenko were spraying down the pavilion and picnic tables. Stacy Lowney and Jan Hansen were cleaning the sandbox and doing some trimming.







Everyone must eat and P/C Tom Linderholm did the cooking.

Treasurer Lori Yecoshenko was weeding the fire pit.



P/C Lance Olson sprucing up the camping area. A lot of work went in to getting the dock ready for the Captain's Platter.



# CAPTAINS PLATTER

## FISHING CONTEST



They were starting to cook for the large crowd that would show up.

This was my first time at the contest so I did not know what to expect. We got there early around 1300 and it was pretty quite.



The camping area was almost full and there were just a few boats at the dock.





The boats started coming back in around 1500. Many stayed in the bay to fish because off lake winds made it a little rough on the lake.

Along with the boats came the fish and stories about the ones that got away.



The weighing of the fish started and the largest one of each species was put on the board.





The boats soon had no place to go but to tie up alongside another one. Here we have three twins tied together.

There were plenty of fish and I think everyone there could have had a fish dinner that night.



Dave Carlson signs up a new member, Scott Wallschleger.



## Final Results

## Lake Trout

Nate Rendulich 12.14#

Paul Falconer 10.71#

TW Reuille 10.36#

## King Salmon

Lynn Youngbloom 3.05#



## Coho Salmon

Dave Molitor 1.91#

Dan Hobbs 1.82#

Harry Vancastle 1.81#

## Walleye

Mike Mulvaney 9.03#

Scott Wallschleger 8.00#

Bruce McDonell 7.64#



## Brown Trout

Lynn Youngbloom 2.36#

The elusive 8# Fish Category was won by Captain Harry Vancastle and Scott Wallschleger on the rod (Walleye).

Captain's Platter award went to Paul Lind with a total fish weight of 13.91#. Congratulations to all winners and participants.







Over 200 participants competed in what was one of the hardest weather conditions in years for this contest. Many battled the 4 to 6 foot seas in hopes of hooking the contest winner. Other boats sought lesser waves and took to the St. Louis River/Bay to compete in the Walleye Division

When all was said and done, there were many happy contest champions as well as successful door prize winners.

P/C Todd Carlson P





June 9, 2018 the annual Captain's Platter Fishing Contest was held at the Squadron Dock, 249 tickets were sold and over 100 meals served. With over 40 sponsors the contest has gained popularity with members and non-members over the years (the contest started in 2004). We had new members this year that signed up for membership at the contest plus many application forms were handed out. Along with membership the contest has helped support the rising costs associated with the dock by making a profit at the event. The weather was not the best but we still had fantastic participation. We still have 5 divisions: Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Coho Salmon, King Salmon and Walleye. For the first time ever we paid out the 8# bounty at \$300.

P/C Todd Carlson P

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P/C David Stokes and his son Tanner took a scuba diving class at UMD this past winter with instructor Elmer Engman. Tanner was able to dive with Captain Sherman Edwards in Bayfield on July 23rd after Sherman completed the cleaning of the glass bottom boat.



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The reception for Jim and Amy Herstad's wedding was held at the Squadron Dock on June 30th. Amy is Lt/C Secretary.

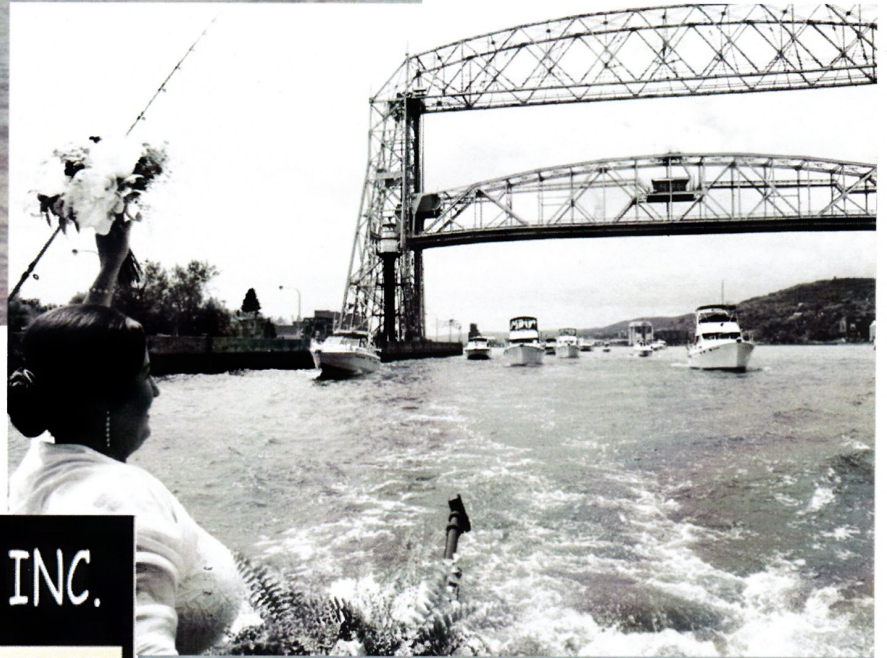






These are photos from the Einbu wedding boat parade going out on Lake Superior on June 30th.

There were 22 boats on the water.



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# Duluth Sail & Power Squadron

## Corn Roast Celebration

*August 31 to September 3- Squadron Dock*



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*Come Celebrate Mardi Gras*

### Friday, August 31

**6:00 pm** Open Grill and Bonfire by Chris Spokely.

### Saturday, September 1

**8:00-10 am** Commander's Omelet Breakfast by P/C Tom Linderholm and P/C Todd Carlson. Cost: Adults \$8, children 12 & under \$3, children 6 & under free.

**8:00-10 am** \$5 Bloody Mary Bar/Screw Ups— by Lt/C Stacy Lowney and Lt/C Amy Einbu

**Noon** Dinghy Run

**6:00 pm** Shrimp Boil, prepared by the Ziemiński and Molitor crew. Cost: \$15 for adults, \$8 for children 12 & under, children 6 and under free.

**7:00-7:30** Dessert auction by Val Ouellette and Susan Leach

**8:00-12:00** Karaoke, Bonfire and S'mores

### Sunday, September 2 *Hit Me With Your Best Beads!*

*Break out your Carnival masks, costumes, and beads and Dress the Part for Sunday's Festvites! Best costume will win a Treasure Basket filled with Carnival Flair!*

**8:00 - 10 am** Pancake/French Toast Breakfast donated by Perkins Restaurants and prepared by Lt/C Jason and Lt/C Lori Yecoshenko. Cost: \$8 for adults, \$3 children 12 & under, age 6 and under free.

**3:00-5:00pm** Kids Games by Sophie Einbu and Brianna Linderholm with prizes sponsored by Duane and Marlene Flynn.

**5:30 pm** BBQ dinner catered by Farley's and of course the corn roast by Jim Einbu and crew. King Cake for dessert and whomever gets the trinket wins a prize! Cost \$20 for adults, \$8 for kids 12 and under, kids 6 and under free.

**8:00pm** Dance to the music of Aftershock

### Monday, September 3

**8:00am** Coffee & Rolls by P/C Dave Carlson

**8:30am** Clean up - Thank you

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Adults \$50

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Family of 5 \$130

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6 people per meal are needed.

**Come by boat, outrigger, truck, car, motor home, bike, etc....**  
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**Everyone is Welcome!**

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

Arriving by boat? Call for docking assistance on Channel 16.

*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.*

Questions? Contact

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## Vessel Safety Checks

The boating season has started and in the photo we have Bob Stokes, Dave Carlson and Larry Anderson doing some of the first inspections of the season.

Diane Martinek and Elmer Engman did safety checks at Barkers Island on June 30th and it seemed that everyone had

carbon monoxide detectors on board. There were a few new boat owners that did not pass because of running lights, fire extinguishers or no registration.

# EVENTS

Power Squadron National Convention August 12-19-Minneapolis, Mn

Corn Roast August 31 to September 3rd

D-10 Conference October 26th-28th-Wisconsin Dells

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This was a surprise on Father's Day on June 21st and ended up a tourist attraction for the ones still in town after Grandma's Marathon. You don't wish this on anyone no matter what size vessel you have. But you have to wonder after reading Lori's article in this issue, that maybe the Windigo had something to do with this.



The American Victory had left port a few hours previous under tow to a scrap yard in Turkey. Every vessel seems to develop a life of its own and the Victory had a long one. Something must have been set up with the Wendigo to maybe give American Steamship on last jab and run the American Spirit aground.

