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DULUTH SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

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	1/ Lt. Lynn Youngblom
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	Dane Youngblom

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1/Lt Chris Spokely
1/Lt Jim Einbu, S
1/Lt Joe Bergman, P
1/Lt Dane Youngblom
1/Lt Lynn Youngblom
1/Lt Jason Smitke



COMMANDER MESSAGE

Amy Herstad-Einbu, S

For those of you that don’t know Jim and I, let me start with a little history. Both of us are Minnesotans and we spent most of our childhood on the inland lakes. Jim loves the outdoors and anything with a motor (powerful and loud a must) and I love anything outdoors, boating, fishing, animals and we both like traveling and love our family. Jim has always resided in Minnesota and I left beautiful Minnesota and spent many years in the panhandle of Florida and Italy. In Florida and Italy I was surrounded by water and more water. I enjoyed the beach, scuba boat, charter boat, fishing and sailing I just never owned a boat. In the mid 1990’s I returned to Minnesota. In the mid 2000s I had an opportunity to do some boating and LEARN Great Lakes fishing in Isle Royale. I became forever hooked on Great Lakes fishing, boating, and Isle Royale (big shout out to long time boaters Jon & Shari V. for hosting that trip to Isle Royale)!!!

Jim and I (son Dylan and daughter Sophie) met in 2007. A couple years later we went to a friend’s house at Island Lake and they had a Trojan F26 Express on a trailer that hadn’t seen the water in a while so it was layered in dirt and pine needles. I told Jim to look beyond the dirt and pine needles and he did so we bought it! From that day on Jim’s been hooked on Lake Superior boating. Jim is so hooked we went from the Trojan F26 (Shirley’s Fault) to a 28’ Carver Voyager (What’s ? Next) and in 2017 our current 37’ Carver Voyager (Who ? Does This).

Jim and I joined the Duluth Squadron in 2016 not knowing anything about it except it had a great dock. As a new member, we eventually LEARNed and took advantage of the many membership benefits offered. As I mentioned the most valuable benefit is the Squadron Dock located in Superior, WI. As a recreational boater we LEARN so much about boating and regularly ENGAGE with fellow boaters and non-boaters and really enjoy spending time at the Squadron Dock and other marinas. We took advantage of the many quality and affordable classroom courses and seminars to LEARN safe boating. A full range of topics are covered from basic boating to advanced education in navigation, boat handling and operation, and boat systems and maintenance to Partner in Command. Many of the classes include supplemental on-the-water skill demonstration and supervised practice to help boaters gain more confidence in their knowledge and ability to apply it. Classes are open to members and non-members alike, and members enjoy preferred pricing. And, there are free Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) that meet minimum requirements of the US Coast Guard and local authorities. Don’t forget to download the America’s Boating App and apply for Dan Boater’s. There are so many benefits to being a member.

We work closely with the local Coast Guard Auxiliary station and participate and support the Western Lake Superior (WLS) Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC). Each May you can volunteer in the St. Louis River Quest event. Sixth Graders LEARN about the St. Louis River ecosystem and related commercial, industrial and recreational activities. The Duluth Squadron has a hands on station “It Floats, You Don’t; Wear your Lift Jacket!”. In May Safe Boating week is promoted. The Duluth Squadron is a Gold Sponsor in advocating for the St. Louis River Estuary Water Trail. This trail allows paddlers and outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy the abundance of the St. Louis River Estuary. The Duluth Squadron is dedicated to ENGAGE people in safe boating, safe water activities and promoting the health of the river, the harbor and Lake Superior for everyone to enjoy.

I could go on and on because there are so many enjoyable on-the-water and land-based activities that go on. The opportunities to LEARN, ENGAGE and CONNECT are abundant. Just a few include spring dock clean-up, new member and fitting out events (in 2021 fitting out will be during Corn Roast Labor Day weekend). In January or February we try to have a winter gathering at the dock (weather permitting). And, we partner with the 242 Yacht Club for our Annual Christmas celebration at a local venue (2021 will be December 11th at Barker’s Island). Enjoy and attend the events that happen annually at the Squadron, District 10 and National. Our two (2) largest Squadron events are The Captain’s Platter Fishing event 2nd weekend in June and our Corn Roast Labor Day weekend. Get and stay involved because we want to LEARN, ENGAGE and CONNECT together.

I look forward to meeting you and America’s Boating Club®- Duluth Squadron appreciates the continued support by new and renewing members in order to promote this organization’s mission!



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lori Yecoshenko, S

Greetings Duluth Sail & Power Squadron members! For those of you that I have not had the chance to meet yet, here is a bit about me and my family. I have been a member and involved in the Duluth Sail & Power Squadron for several years in a variety of roles. I am married to Jason and we have three children, Fayth, Kristianna, and Brock. It has been a busy summer for us so far, we graduated our youngest Brock from high school, welcomed new furry grandbabies to the family, and celebrated a big birthday. I have an accounting background by trade and have been teaching accounting at Lake Superior College for over 10 years now, I love it!! We have a 30-foot Trojan named Ms. Ladybug that is currently docked at Spirit Lake Marina and hope to spend some quality time fishing and relaxing for the remainder of the season.

- Have you received your Vessel Safety Check (VSC) this year? If not, please contact Jason Smitke to get scheduled for a complimentary VSC
- Mark your Calendars for September 3-6 - Corn Roast/District 10 Summer Rendezvous at our Squadron Dock (more detailed information included in this edition and was also mailed to you with the Roster)

Enjoy the rest of summer and I look forward to seeing or meeting you at the Corn Roast.

Lt/C Lori Yecoshenko, S
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SECRETARY

Amy Haney

My name is Amy Haney. I am a Superior, WI native who now resides in the Fish Lake area with my husband of 21 years Kevin, our 9-year-old son Wyatt and our chocolate lab Drake. I am an HR Generalist with Saturn Systems Software Engineering, an RBA company in Duluth. Getting involved in community organizations is something I love to do as I get to meet new people and also make a difference in the organizations & communities that I am a part of. I am an Ambassador for the Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce, the President of the Northland Human Resource Association, a member of the Society for Human Resource Management and on the planning committee for our annual SHRM state conference. Getting involved with the Duluth Sail & Power Squadron was an easy decision for me, as it is a community organization that aligns with my love for boating and Lake Superior.

My husband and I have been boating Lake Superior for the entire 25 years we have been together. Over the years we have had a Glastron GT 160, Glastron SX 195, 23 ft Wellcraft Nova, Sea Ray Sundancer 280 and currently in a 15 ft Carolina Skiff while we patiently await the arrival of our Sea Ray Sundancer 320 from North Carolina. We've vacationed in the Apostle Islands every summer for the past 17 years. We have yet to travel to Isle Royale, but that is definitely on our bucket list. Over the past few years we have gotten into Lake Superior fishing as Wyatt is a fishing enthusiast. It's been a fun adventure.

We joined the DSPS only a few years ago as we were not really aware what the DSPS was. We just knew there was a Squadron dock. I learned that it was so much more than just a dock, it was an entire boating community, an organization that offers a wide variety of educational courses for all levels, hosts amazing events, conducts vessel safety checks and much much more. Having such a great organization on our beautiful Lake Superior is definitely something I want to be a part of and I'm looking forward to learning more and serving as the Secretary.



2021 CLASSES

America's Boating Course

Where: Barker's Island Clubhouse
When: October 2, 9, & 16 8:00-4:00
What: Beginning course focused on safety, rules and regulations. Helpful for all boaters!

Cost: \$50

AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE

America's Boating Course provides you with basic boating knowledge to decide what type and size boat you need, what to do when meeting another boat in a crowded waterway, and how to recognize and handle hazards. Become a more competent boater, learn from the best, and enroll in America's Boating Course today.

This course is offered as a classroom course or as an interactive, online home study course for people whose schedule and obligations would make it difficult to attend a classroom course. Successful completion meets the boating education requirements for operator permits of licensure in most states.

Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete America's Boating Course. And, this course provides a sound basis for continuing your recreational boating education. What's included?

- Types of boats and their uses
- Boating laws, both federal and state
- Safety equipment, both required and recommended
- Finding your way, and adverse conditions
- Communications
- Trailing, knots and lines, and water sports topics
- Optionally, introduction to electronic navigation using paper charts and chartplotters



EDUCATION OFFICER

Niki Rowland

Hello DSPS members! My name is Niki Rowland, and I am excited to be serving as your Education Officer again this year. In case we haven't met yet, here's a quick introduction. Chris and I became members in 2012. We have a Trojan 10-meter, "Week Moment," which we keep at Barker's Island. You can usually find us throwing a tennis ball for our energetic yellow lab, Maddie, either at the Squadron Dock or the beach! We also love to fish, and enjoy taking trips up the north shore and to the Apostle Islands each summer.

I am here to be your connection to all of the wonderful educational opportunities provided by America's Boating Club. Although in-person courses had to be put on hold for the past year, participation in virtual courses has soared, and members have expressed appreciation for the accessibility and convenience of virtual learning. Since last spring, we have had a total of 31 members participate in nine different virtual courses provided through District 10, including:

- ABC3
- Navigation
- Marine Electrical Systems
- Piloting
- Weather
- Boat Handling (Seamanship)
- Sail Class
- Engine Maintenance

Congratulations to all of our members who participated in these courses! Looking ahead, virtual courses are not going away. Please keep an eye on your email, our website, and our Facebook page for upcoming course opportunities.

Now, the moment we've all been waiting for, in-person ABC3 is returning in October! America's Boating Course is a helpful course for all boaters as it focuses on safety, rules, and regulations. The class will be held on three consecutive Saturdays (October 2, 9, and 16) at the Barker's Island clubhouse and will be taught by Lester and Karen Waters, our very knowledgeable, experienced instructors. More information will come out soon!

It's hard to believe that as you are reading this, our treasured summer will already be half over (I'm a teacher, so mid-July is my halfway point)! I wish you a warm, sunny rest of your season, and I hope to see you in a physical or virtual classroom soon!

Niki Rowland

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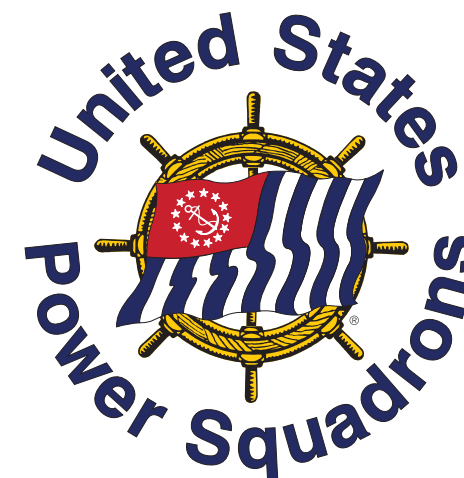
TREASURER

Brian Shold, P

Brian and Susan Shold purchased their first boat, a 2004 Sea Ray 300 Sundancer "Testing the Waters" in late fall of 2018 after backing off on plans to buy a fifth wheel camper. They joined the Duluth Squadron and completed the ABC and Seamanship classes before taking possession of the boat in the spring.

In the first couple of years they learned how much they really loved boating and began searching for a boat that would better suit their lifestyle and have a bit more room to share the experience with family, including seven adult children, and friends. In the fall of 2020, they purchased their current vessel, a 2000 Carver 350 Mariner "License to Chill."

Brian works for Altec Industries and Susan for Members Cooperative Credit Union. Brian has served on the Squadron board for the last two years and has held the position of Treasurer for the last year.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



Dane and Lynn Youngblom of Duluth have been boating for many years, starting out with a Grumman sport boat back in the early 70's. In the early 80's they purchased a 1952 Crestliner 16' runabout. With 4 kids and a dog, they quickly outgrew this boat and bought a 1961 18' Crestliner. Since then they have owned three boats named "Fire Escape" -- an '86 Bayliner 2550, 2001 SeaRay 260, and their current boat, a '96 SeaRay 330. They have been members of the Duluth Squadron for eight years and have been in charge of membership for the past three years.



DOCK MASTERS

Chris Spokely (R) and Dane Youngblom (L) are co-Dockmasters for the Duluth Squadron. Chris has been a member since 2012 and Dane joined in 2013. Chris works for Comfort Systems/City of Duluth and Dane is a retired City of Duluth fire captain. They maintain and repair whatever is needed to keep the squadron dock facility looking its best.



Past Commander

D/Lt/C Chad Lowney, AP

With the changing of the guard comes new and exciting adventures for everyone. After humbly serving our club as Commander for 3 years, it was an honor to usher in the new bridge. Amy and her crew are already off to a great start. I can't wait to see how they make our club even better!

As my schedule has opened up a bit I will now focus on my other duty for the USPS as Executive Officer of District 10. In thinking through the year ahead, one of my primary goals will be to ensure that the positive image and brand of the DSPS continues to be seen, not only through our USPS comrades, but also by the local boating community. I will focus on 'public awareness' of our DSPS mission, our offerings and our boating community accomplishments. We are a vital organization with rich resources and a desire to serve.

Need a fun activity to do and also want to perform a public Service? Then the Cooperative Charting Program of the United States Power Squadrons is for you! The Cooperative Charting Program is conducted in close cooperation with United States Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Coast Guard and NOAA's National Geodetic Survey Division (NGSD). The Program continues to be a major public service of USPS. As in the past, members supply important information to the above agencies so updates can be made to nautical charts and the National Survey Marker databases. As District Chair for this program I have first hand knowledge of how rewarding this can be. Contact me or visit the National website if you would like more information.

The USPS Safety Committee in conjunction with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary are presenting a mandatory VSC workshop. The workshop can be found on the National web site at the following link: Safety Committee (usps.org) – Please make sure you are signed into the National website before you click on the link.

The workshop is intended to be viewed by certified VSC examiners and those in training. Reason for this review is twofold, one, the long absence of most VEs last year and the addition of some new items that became law this year. One new item is the eVDSD Electronic Vessel Signaling Device.

With all that's happening around our District I hope you all find time to get out on the water and enjoy summer. Let us not forget that boating is why we exist. Have a great season and maybe I'll see a few of you in the Apostle Islands this year!



Brock Yecoshenko, S

Jason & Lori Yecoshenko

Brock Yecoshenko graduated from Duluth East High School. He plans to continue his education at Lake Superior College pursuing a welding degree.



Brianna Linderholm, P

Tom Linderholm

Brianna Linderholm is graduating Summa Cum Laude from Northwestern High School. This Fall she will be attending the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City, Michigan in order to get her 3rd mates licensing for unlimited tonnage on the Great Lakes and Oceans along with her Bachelors degree in Marine Technology.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Sophie Einbu

Jim & Amy Einbu

Sophie is a 2021 Esko graduate. She enjoys boating on Lake Superior and takes every opportunity to enjoy the many beautiful sunrises and sunsets no matter what time of year. She is always on the go but does find time to weld from time to time and is quite good at it.



Rocco Molitor

David & Jill Molitor

Rocco is a 2021 graduate of Denfeld High School. Rocco enjoys many activities and has been boating and fishing his entire life.

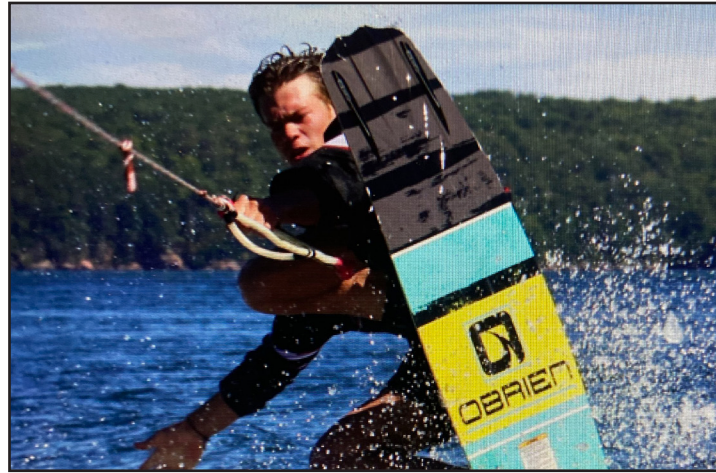


Safe Boating Week (May 22-08, 2021)

On May 28th, 1/Lt Jason Smitke (Safety & Vessel Safety Check Officer) was able to promote National Safe Boating Week and the Duluth Squadron live on Kool 101.7 with Chris Allen aboard his vessel "Windtalker". Thank you Jason and Kool 101.7.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE



Zarley Ziemski

Zach Ziemski

Zarley is a 2021 East High School Graduate. Growing up he played hockey which took up most of his winters and summers. Zarley still found time to enjoy outdoor and water activities. He continues to enjoy outdoor and water activities when he's not working at the family owned business ZRZiemski Landscaping.

50 YEAR MEMBER



P/C Kenneth VanDyke

Congratulations to Duluth Squadron 50-year member P/C Kenneth VanDyke of Duluth! Ken became a member on May 18, 1971. He is a past commander, serving the Duluth Sail and Power Squadron in 1981.



ST. LOUIS RIVER QUEST

Each May the Duluth Squadron volunteers in the St. Louis River Quest event. River Quest's mission is to provide students with hands on LEARNing experiences that enhance awareness and understanding of the St. Louis River ecosystem and interrelated commercial, industrial and recreational activities. Sixth Graders LEARN about the St. Louis River ecosystem and related commercial, industrial and recreational activities. Since its inception in 1993, River Quest has provided hands on LEARNing to more than 26,000 students.

The Duluth Squadron has a hands on station where students ENGAGE in "It Floats, You Don't; Wear your Life Jacket!". There are 10-12 stations and the Squadron along with 5 other stations are normally located on the 2nd Deck of the Vista Star that tours the Duluth Harbor. The students alternate between the Vista Star and Duluth Entertainment Convention Center Learning Stations.

This year's 2021 St. Louis River Quest event was virtual CONNECTing to another 1,500 preteens from 13 area schools. Teachers and students were provided a combination of videos and hands on worksheets from each LEARNing station host. The link to the LEARNing station site is:

<https://stlouisriverquest.org/event/2021/>

What Will Float? Follow the worksheet to test an array of fruits & vegetables on what floats and what doesn't based on density. The students ENGAGE and decide if an orange with peeling will float/sink or if a peeled orange will float/sink. The results are very interesting as students ENGAGE and LEARN facts about density. Go to the link to watch the video and follow the worksheet with your kids! Finally, the results are in and the LEARNing station with most views: **"It Floats, You Don't; Wear your Life Jacket!"**. Education Officer Niki Rowland did an awesome job on the video and the students were able to LEARN, ENGAGE and CONNECT with **"It Floats, You Don't: Wear your Life Jacket!"**



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

DULUTH SQUADRON

Captains Platter

P/C Todd Carlson, P

June 12th and 13th the Duluth Squadron hosted it's well renowned Captain's Platter Fishing Contest. This has been a traditional contest that was started in 2004 by a small handful of members. The first couple years the contest had 25-30 contestants. As the popularity of this event increased, it has grown to hundreds of participants. This year we changed the format from a 1 day event to a 2 day extravaganza. The dock was peppered with many styles of sleeping quarters. Many campers, ice lodges, RV's, and even a tent was set up on the hill near the south end of the dock. The dock wall was filled up to the top and many boats were rafted up to each other to share the camaraderie of this special event. This year we added a caterer and also sold refreshments to aid in the fundraiser/membership drive. We had several top dollar door prizes that were given out and we also made sure that every kid 15 and under took home a fishing rod. With a lot of help from many, we had another successful event. Special thanks to all that helped pull this off and of course thank you to our sponsors.





Carver Kilichowski

Joel & Crystal Kilichowski

Carver has a love for the water and fishing. He's a first mate for some of the charter boats on Lake Superior and if he isn't working on the water, you will find him out there enjoying the sea of blue!



Ethan Kilichowski

Joel & Crystal Kilichowski

Ethan enjoys being adventurous on the water! He also loves to fly his drone, edit videos and play hockey. Ethan is always on the go and busy with an adventure.



Dakota Lowney

Chad & Stacy Lowney

Dakota loves her time on the YMCA swim team, Duluth Devo Mountain Biking, North Shore SUP paddle boarding, Mont Du Lac Big Kahuna and Outta Control Passholder, and Superior Area Lacrosse. Even with all that she still finds time to practice her piano with Hamlin Music Studios.



Vinny Bolf

Matt & MacKenzie Bolf

Vinny loves sports! He loves lacrosse, basketball, golf, soccer and football. When he isn't playing sports he loves boating, especially when he is driving. Vinny has been living his boat life since he was born, whether it's on Lake Superior, or other lakes around Minnesota with family and friends.

JUNIOR SKIPPER MEMBERS

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Zander Ziemski

Zach Ziemski

Zander enjoys hunting and anything outdoors but his real passion is fishing. He's been boating, fishing and basically living on the water since he was born. He enjoys all water activities and in the summer you will find him on his 27 foot Lake Superior Boat Elixir.



Tanner Stokes

Dave & Kristi Stokes

Tanner loves boating, fishing and anything related to the big lake. You can even find him underwater scuba diving! When he's not on the water he enjoys snowmobiling, dging and ice fishing.



Wyatt Haney

Kevin & Amy Haney

Wyatt absolutely loves fishing. If you find him around a body of water, he will have a fishing pole in his hand. When asked what he wants to be when he grows up he says he wants to own a Lake Superior Fishing Charter.



Eva Hobbs

Dan & Corrine Hobbs

Eva enjoys boating, fishing and time in the sun. When she isn't on the water her hobbies include; skiing, snowmobiling and hanging with friends.



Corn Roast

Lori Yecoshenko

Corn Roast, this is our biggest event held at our dock facility each year on Labor Day weekend. All day there are events for everyone to enjoy. Following the meal we enjoy music. The whole weekend is filled with many events for families and guests.

Our pavilion lets us enjoy our events rain or shine. Over the years we have made improvements to the dock facility such as a storage container and picnic tables that were built by members on a Labor Day weekend some years ago.

Some highlights to Corn Roast this year:

- Live music both Saturday and Sunday evenings
- Bingo (make sure to bring some dollar bills)
- 50/50 Raffles, Meat Raffles
- DSPS Apparel Sales
- Games for the kids and adults
- And of course – delicious meals!

Duluth Sail & Power Squadron Corn Roast/D10 Rendezvous



*September 3 through 6
Saddle Up and Ride-on Out to the
Squadron Dock for a
Country Western Themed Weekend*



Friday, September 3

6:00 pm Open Grill, Bingo and Bonfire

Saturday, September 4

8:00—10 am Commander's Omelet Breakfast

8:30—11 am Eye-Openers

11 am—Silent Auction begins

Noon Dinghy Run

6:00 pm Shrimp Boil

7:30 pm—Line Dance Party with Crescent Moon, Bonfire & S'mores

Sunday, September 5

8:00 —10:00 am Pancake/French Toast Breakfast

1:00—3:00 pm Kids Games / Volleyball & Bags Tournament

3:30 pm—Silent Auction ends

5:00 pm— Corn Roast Dinner

8:00 pm—Stompin boots to the music of Aftershock

9:00 pm—Drawings (50/50, Raffle Ticket)

Monday, September 6

8:00 am— Coffee and Rolls

8:30 am— Clean up

**Purchase one wristband that will
admit you to all four meals!**

Adults \$50

Children 12 & under \$20

Family of 5 \$130

**Individual meal wristbands
will be available.**

**Wristbands will be required for all
meals.**

Hotel Information:

Hampton Inn—(715) 718-2723

Barkers Island—(715) 392-7152

Be sure to mention DSPS—Corn Roast

RSVP by August 27th to let us know if you plan to attend, the number in your party and if you will be purchasing meal wristbands. Please **RSVP** to:

duluthsailandpowersquadron@gmail.com OR
call Lori at (218) 349-4717

Come by horse and buggy, boat, outrigger, truck, car, motor home, bike, etc.

Just make sure to come! Everyone is Welcome!

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

Questions—Contact Lori Yecoshenko (218) 349-4717

Disclaimer: Above schedule subject to minor changes.



Change Of Watch

The Duluth Squadron dinner and installation honoring the incoming new Commander and the Bridge (Change of Watch aka COW) was held at The Dry Dock the end of May. This dinner and installation is usually held in March after the Annual Meeting that is usually held in February. With the pandemic the Annual meeting and COW have been combined in 2020 and 2021. We are hopeful we'll be able to return to normalcy in 2022. D/C Kevin Wehrmann was able to attend our COW, gave an overview of District 10, awards the Duluth Squadron received in 2020, dismissed the 2019-2020 Bridge officers and installed the 2021-2022 Bridge officers. Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Bridge! The last couple of years have been challenging but together the Bridge and members stayed the course in being dedicated to the Duluth Squadron, District 10 and America's Boating Club.

Duluth Squadron and District 10 awards and standings in 2020 included:
 2nd Place MIRA – Membership Involvement Recognition Award
 New Member Award (17 new members) – Recruiting 15 or more new members by July 31, 2020
 District 10 was 8th out of 33 Squadrons Nationally for Vessel Safety Checks (VSC)

Another highlight at the Change of Watch (COW) ceremony is the Sacred Calabash. The award is presented to the unlucky boater who has made the biggest blunder of the past boating season. This is usually a fun event. Members who have had some type of boating-related problem are asked to explain their mishap before the entire group or delegate someone to explain their mishap. The member with the biggest blunder or "learning experience" receives the annual award. You need not be present to win!! D/Lt/C Chad Lowney, AP received this award in 2020 (from 2019 boating season) and with no biggest blunder or "learning experience" from the 2020 boating season the award remains with him. Yes that's correct, our Past Commander received the award so nobody is exempt. We need your help in knowing who had the biggest blunder or "learning experience".



2021 Fall Governing Board
 August 29 - September 5, 2021
 Raleigh, North Carolina

National

National Governing Board Meeting is September 1-5 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Of course this is during our Annual Corn Roast so if you are unable to attend, I would encourage you to view the recorded seminars and workshops that will be available online. If you are interested in attending go to the National website and click on the National Meetings link. D/C Kevin Wehrmann, S will be attending and is trying to make an appearance at the 2021 Corn Roast/D10 Rendezvous.

District 10



St. Paul Squadron
 Presents



District 10

2021 Fall Conference

5-7 November 2021



WDNR Restoring Wild Rice

This July, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) conducted a Canada Goose roundup at the Duluth Squadron Dock as part of their on-going effort to restore wild rice in the St. Louis River Estuary. Once abundant throughout the estuary, wild rice has been reduced to a few remnant stands and areas where restoration efforts have been implemented. Research in the estuary has determined that Canada goose herbivory is the #1 impediment to successful establishment of self-perpetuating wild rice beds. A variety of techniques have been used to reduce the impacts of geese (e.g., hazing, egg addling, mylar flashing, swan decoys, and exclosures) without a sufficient reduction in herbivory. Wildlife professionals from the WDNR and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) implemented the goose roundup at the Duluth Squadron Dock on 1 July 2021 in which 51 geese were captured. This contributed to a total of 187 geese removed at strategic locations in the estuary near wild rice restoration sites.



DSPS DOCK FLAGPOLE HISTORY

P/C Robert Ouellette, AP

In the summer of 2008 while hoisting the colors at the Squadron dock, I paused to read the plaque at the base of the flagpole. I was surprised that it's been 10 years since Bob Holmes died and the flagpole was erected as a memorial. I realized many of you never had the chance to meet him. I learned a lot about him in his obituary, but I knew him best from our time taking Advanced Piloting. We sat near each other and often worked on problems together. He was taking the class to improve his skills, not because he had any grand plan that I was aware of. He found value in our programs and fellowship. He enjoyed being a Squadron member. His cancer came as a shock, during a trip to Japan he thought he might have had a mini-stroke. He was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor shortly after his return.

I was the Squadron Commander when Bob died, he and his wife Dorothy wanted to donate a memorial to the Duluth Squadron and the Board had been discussing a flagpole for the dock, so it was a perfect match. Tom Cawcutt was a welder and Administrative Officer at the time that personally took on the project. It was fortuitous that we were able to fly the Anniversary Ensign from the Bob Holmes Memorial Flagpole that summer during a program that National was sponsoring to send an Ensign around the country from squadron to squadron.

(Article taken from 2008 Channel Chatter on DSPS Dock Flagpole History)



JOHN HARRISON & HIS BOATING STORY

My father, Calvin Harrison, was a charter member of the Duluth Power Squadron in 1939. Most of the first members, including Calvin, were Park Point residents. His first boat was the Jinx but he had too many problems with it so he then acquired a 26-foot double-ender in about 1936, which he named the Tossing Tessie. We went to Isle Royale in it in 1937, 1938, and 1939. I have his log books from those trips. My bed was on top of the gas tank in the bow. In 1941, we moved to Port Huron, Michigan. Calvin was a compass adjuster working on lake freighters. He was involved in starting the Port Huron Power Squadron. Unfortunately, he died in there in 1944 from a surgery that went wrong.

I got into boating in about 1955 and my first boat was the Otter, which I kept at Connie & Ed's Landing, later called Drill's Marina, at about the foot of 72nd Avenue West. It was also not a good boat, so I then acquired the Tossing Tessie from Past Commander Bruce Nimmo. I went to Isle Royale in it three times in the late 50's. Ed Drill then moved his marina to Riverside, which he called Drill's Marina, and now is Spirit Lake Marina. I got married in 1965 to Dorothy and moved to Park Point, so I then anchored in the harbor just behind our house. Over the years I got a 28-foot Richardson, then a 32-foot Steelcraft twin screw, so then I docked at a couple of places on the Point. I was the Duluth Squadron Commander in 1974.

I worked for KDAL, now KDLH-TV from 1961 to 1991 and also started Harrison Marine Electronics then. Over the years our family, which includes 4 kids (all who are into boating) spent many days poking up and around the Duluth-Superior harbor, up to Fond du Lac and into Pokegama and Kimballs Bay, and exploring Whiteside Island, and on to the Apostle Islands. In the winter, we had an ice boat. In 1993, we moved off the Point to just east of Lakeside, so our boat was kept at Spirit Lake Marina. This year, our son Jeffery, who has a sailboat (Big Bird) as well as our daughter Joanne and her husband Michael Hillestad, who now have a twin-screw boat (Last Call) joined the Duluth Squadron. Our son Jim is getting my 18-foot boat, Jimbo, and has been busy painting and doing miscellaneous repairs on it. Our daughter Diane is building a boat from scratch and plans to launch it this summer.

TELL US YOUR SQUADRON STORY!

This is a new addition to our Member News for the Channel Chatter. Each edition will feature a short story about someone who has been a Duluth Squadron member for many years. If you would like to tell us your story, email Lynn at membershipdps@gmail.com. Please include a few pictures as well.

NEW MEMBERS

Michael Hillestad

Al & Teri Johnson, Abby, Carly, Samuel & Jack

Jim Ledenbach

Mark Johnson

Crystal, Carver & Ethan Kilichowski

Andy Wilson

Shawn McGowan

Doug & Starla Dahlblom

Jeff Prather

Darren Dallum

Steve and Jill Miner, Gabe & Isla

Jeff Harrison

Tanner Stokes

Jeff & Kim Pearson, Jeff Jr., Sarah &

Mitchell

John McMurtry

Jim L'Allier

Justin Hilfers & Samantha Lamberta

Gary Campbell Sr

Alex Smith

Scott & Gina Kleive, Parker, Devin, Kalei

David Phillips

James Andler

Bill Linster

Joe Kujawa, Jessica Brickson & Kenzie

Bob Sherman

Brandon Godmare

Dwayne Truhlsen

Sam Bergstedt

Ryan Tuhkanen Family

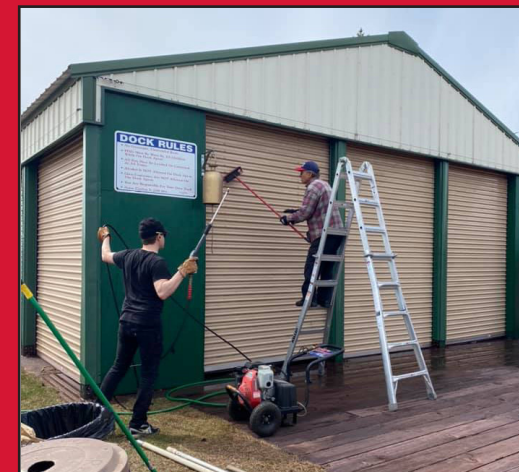
Ken Buehier



NEW MEMBER PARTY

So far this season, the DULUTH SQUADRON has acquired close to 50 new members! Considering we are just emerging from a very strange year due to Covid, we have much to be proud of! We are seeing a fair amount of people signing up who own a camper or RV versus a boat. We continue to see 'word of mouth' as the most effective way to grow our membership, especially since the 2021 Boat Show and other events were canceled. Another great way to find new members is to take your family and friends over for a visit to the squadron dock!

On Saturday, May 29, we held our first new member party since early 2019. Due to Covid, we were not able to celebrate our new members until now, so we had quite a list to invite. It was a beautiful, sunny Memorial Day weekend and though attendance was light, we had a great time! There were 4 campers at the dock, 14 boats, and a few people came by car. Our dock was very diverse, with sailboats, a tug boat, fishing boats, and power boats of every size. There were kids and dogs running around and we had a nice fire going for s'mores. Thanks to all who attended! Our plan is to have one new member party each year and we all look forward to the next one in June 2022.



DOCK UPDATE

Our Dock Masters, Chris Spokely and Dane Youngblom, have been busy this year tending to many repair projects around the Duluth Squadron Dock. The lower dock was repaired thanks to Chris and P/C Chad Lowney and his crew. The supports were reconstructed and the dock was lifted with a boom truck. This was all done right before the Captain's Platter Fishing Contest, making plenty of room for the influx of boaters at the dock. There have been many people helping with mowing and trimming projects this year - any time help is needed our dock masters put out the word on Facebook and folks show up ready to work. Thanks to the many people who have volunteered for mowing and trimming: Nick Dagel, Kevin Haney, Dave Solberg, and Chris and Dane. Our dock cleanup day was a great success with a good crew of volunteers including P/C Chad Lowney, Stacy Lowney and Dakota Lowney, Commander Amy Einbu and Jim and Sophie Einbu, Chris Spokely and Niki Rowland, Dane and Lynn Youngblom and Joel Youngblom, Ed Schumacher and Sean. Dane Youngblom, Chris Spokely, Ed Schumacher, and Kevin Haney spent a day pressure-washing, treating and patching the many spots along the dock where the cement had corroded away. There has also been a lot of new and updated wiring work done recently by Dave Solberg and Chris Spokely. The plan is to eliminate all the extension cords, add more outlets, and have permanent wiring with light switches. Our dock masters are committed to making the squad dock safe, beautiful, with a full woodshed for those bonfire nights. The Duluth Squadron dock facility is our home - a gathering place for boaters and campers from all around the area. Looking forward, we will need some work done on all of the garage doors in the pavilion. If anyone has experience with these commercial rollup doors, give Dane or Chris a call! Keep an eye out on the Facebook page for future dock maintenance gatherings. Many hands make short work!



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COVER IMAGE

Crystal Kilichowski

This photograph was taken by Crystal Kilichowski aboard Benedict. It was a beautiful August evening in the canal at the Port of Duluth, MN.

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