



Duluth Sail and Power Squadron

A local unit of the United States Power Squadron

Commander's Report to the 2007 Fall Conference of District 10

- **Education:** Lt Kay Bakke, AP, SEO, and Instructors completed the spring **Squadron Boating Class** with 25 attendees. Instructor-Steve Ferrell, AP. Instructor Development, started Sept 18. Instructor-Larry Anderson, S. Piloting, started Sept 26, Instructor-Glenn Peterson, P. Upcoming: EM, ME, Cruise Planning, Weather, S, and 4 seminars from GPS to VHF/DHC. October 13, 2007 is the start of the next Squadron Boating Course.
- **National Safe Boating Week:** The Education Dept presented a Safe Boating Course to 15 members of the Saint Louis County Sheriffs Dept Rescue Squad during this time.
- **Civic:** P/C Charlie Grubb, N, and crew again successfully completed the 2 day, 6 boat trip **Riverquest**, PFD presentations to Duluth's 6th graders. An article about this event was published in a Lake Superior Marine Museum publication,
- **Fundraiser:** A very successful **Fitting Out Party/Dinner/Auction** netted the DSPPS over \$8,000 in profit. Lt Todd Carlson, S, AO chairing the event.
- **Roster:** Again a very well done annual **DSPPS Roster**, with no cost to the Squadron given revenue from ads. Lt Val Ouellette, AP, Treasurer and crew, publication, P/C Dave Carlson, SN, ads.
- **Communication Publication:** Lt Karen Bray and her bi-monthly **Channel Chatter** will again win her the Distinction in Journalism award.
- **VSC's:** Duluth is again leading D10 in total exams at 278, chaired by D10 and Squadron Safety Officer, Lt Jim Munger, N,
- **Membership:** In the last 12 months, we have added 19 members, and have had 44 non-renewals. Chair, Lt Valerie Ouellette, AP
- **Boating Activities:** Our one major and successful "boating activities" event was the **Great Lakes Cruising Club** kickoff picnic co-hosted by the DSPPS at the "Dock". Some 150 members from both groups enjoyed a great picnic.
- **D10 Activities:** The DSPPS had a full complement of its officers at the D10 Spring Conference.
- **Squadron Activities:** **Fishing Contest** hosted by Lt Todd Carlson, S, AO attracted over 60 fishing participants at the dock. All fees went to prizes. Very successful as judged by the fisherman. **Corn Roast**. Probably the biggest and best in recent memory, hosted by 1/Lt Dave Stokes. Dave spent tens of dozens of hours in preparation as well as a huge financial contribution. Bill Gooder, P, spent many hours with the kid's games, and prizes. P/C Dave Carlson, SN, fed over 80 people with his Saturday Italian meal. P/C Jack Soetebier, AP, and crew fed about 140 "roast beef of baron" dinners with fresh corn and all the trimmings. Cdr, Murray George, Lt Todd Carlson, Keith Kymala, Lt Karen Bray and crew prepared & served a Sunday

Brunch, and Larry Evenson, S, Diane Evenson, Marv Anderson, Micki Lund, and crew prepared & served a Monday Breakfast. Everyone was well fed and then some. Adding live music (Shack Shakers), adult and kid games, dingy run, corn husking, Halloween theme, trick and treats for the kids, and just great camaraderie, along with Dave Stokes outdoing himself, the weekend turned out to be perfect. Upcoming-**Christmas Party** should again be as successful as last years at the Androy Hotel in Superior, WI., hosted by 1/Lt Lauri Welch, S, AAO and her crew.

- Meetings: Bi-monthly **Executive Committee** and quarterly **General Meetings** with programs continue to be well done.
- General: Lt Val Ouellette, AP, continues to spend a good part of each day juggling the **Treasurer, Membership, and Flag Officer** duties. P/C Dave Carlson, SN, and Carol Hesch continue to put out and mail all of our publications and flyers. P/C Len Robinson, S, works throughout the year in completing the **Merit Mark** reports and filings. Lt Dave Solberg, P, Lt Lauri Welch, S, and crew continue to maintain the Dock, along with volunteers. New **Public Relations** department headed by 1/Lt Bob Hansen and 1/Lt Rod Saline have created an impact with new advertising and distribution. Our all important **Nom-Com Committee**, P/C Mary Brisky, AP, P/C Len Robinson, S, and P/C Dave Mattson, AP, have taken on additional duties of filling the 2007 Exec slot, and 2008 Cdr position. Our **Webmaster**, P/C Bob Ouellette, AP, has taken on the huge responsibility of significantly updating and keeping our website current. P/C Richard Bibby, AP, has done yeoman's duty in sending cards and memorials, as well as being our active **Chaplin**. Finally, P/C Robert E Stokes, AP, (44 merit marks) will be presented his **50 year membership award**, plaque, pin and tribute at the D10 Fall Conference. Congratulations.

Respectfully submitted;

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