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## Commander's Report:



Everyone likes to be recognized for the things they do. When you volunteer, or in some cases are volunteered, to a job with the squadron it is not for that big fat pay check or special yearend bonus check. You get your reward in many ways; the big one is the Merit Mark.

It is my responsibility as your squadron commander to make sure that you get recognized for all you do for the squadron. Many of you wear multiple hats, and you deserve to be recognized for all the hats you wear. Please, please make sure your department head knows about your efforts. It certainly would not hurt

and would certainly help your department head to write up your own blurb, which should include: name, certificate number and a list of all the things you do and account for all the hours you have put in.

I do want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that does work for the squadron, district or national. If you remember what I said that happy day in February, "If everyone rows just a little, it makes life easy for all". Or I have also said, "If you are not part of the crew, you are cargo".

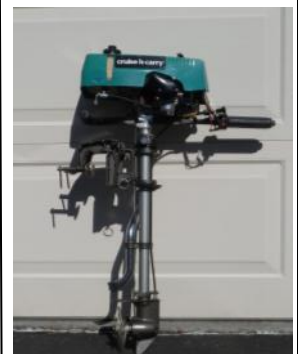
Next month we will **not** have a bridge meeting on the first Thursday of the month. However we will have a wonderful general meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>. I do not want to steal the thunder of our most excellent AO about this event, so I will let her tell you more about it. Wear your most clever costume. Enjoy the great weather and go boating.



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**Our next meeting is 5:30, October 29, in the Antioch Senior Center. See the sign-up page inside this issue, and prepare your costume.**

## Executive Report Lt/C Hal Morris, P



### GREETINGS FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DESK

Greetings from the your executive officer

Here it is September, and the boating season for most of us is coming to an end, and it just dawned on me that in all of my previous reports I have never discussed any thing concerning boating.

Do you remember the pledge you made when you became members of the United States Power Squadrons? I was just reading that pledge. It is short, only five items. I know we all have probably forgotten the pledge, so if you would like to refresh yourself you can find it on the inside back cover of your membership roster.

The second line reads, "*Promote high standards of navigation and seamanship*". I thought to myself, "How can I accomplish that?", and it came to me that it is actually one of the easiest items to do. All I have to do is advance my boating education by taking the courses and seminars that the squadron offers. It's not necessary to take all of them, although it would be nice. Try taking *Piloting* and *Advanced Piloting* and maybe a Seminar or two, and convincing others to take a safe boating course.

I was just reading a report from the United States Coast Guard and they indicated that boating deaths have hit a record low for 2010. They say that one of the contributing factors is boating education, so if you can convince just one person to take a safe boating course you just may help those go down even more next year and that definitely accomplishes that second line.

Hal Morris

## Administrative Report Lt/C Marta Van Loan, P

AHOY, DSPS Members



The days are getting shorter and cooler and fall is in the air, but there's still plenty of good boating weather; hope you've had time to enjoy some "on the water time" during the summer months.

Last Saturday **Hal Morris** (XO) and I spent the day at the USPS Leadership Training workshop hosted by District 25. The full-day of training was conducted by our own **Betty Dysart**. Betty thanks for all the time you give to the organization and your insight. Now I'm really beginning to learn my duties as the DSPS AO. It's very apparent to me, that as a Squadron, we should consider USPS training for other members thereby developing future Bridge officers. Overall, it was time well spent.

The October general meeting will be held **Saturday, October 29** at the Antioch Senior Center. It's a Halloween theme. **Yes, this means costumes!!!!** There are some great prizes (I don't mean a door prize like the roll of marine T.P. that **Ralph Price** won at the August meeting). Nice prizes. Here are the 3 categories – **Most Creative, Most Horrifying** (after all it is Halloween), and **Most Nautical. So, get busy planning your costume now.** Details for the event are in the flyer; be sure to get your reservations in to **Melissa Park** – ASAP.

The last event for the year is our annual Holiday gathering. This time we're trying something different - a Saturday night crab feed. A flyer for that event is also included in this newsletter. Again – get your reservation in **soon!**

Now is the time of year that the Squadron Nominating Committee solicits members to take a more active role in the Squadron by serving as a member-at-large on the Bridge, or volunteering for a Bridge officer position. Some of you may hesitate to serve because you feel that you just don't have the time. If not a Bridge position, what about helping with events planning, hosting a new members afternoon coffee/tea.

There are many small ways that you can make a contribution. If you are privileged to get a call from a member of the nominating committee, I encourage you to seriously consider how you might give back to the Squadron – even small contributions can make a difference.-

Marta

## Education Report Lt/C Bill Hart, AP\*

Wow, the summer is coming to an end already!? I don't know about you, but the summer season certainly went by quickly for me. I hope you all had a great summer with lots of time and fun out on the water.

I am sort of cheating on my article this month, as I have let Dave Humphrey do all the work on this one. Dave Humphrey has researched the Boat Operator Certification Program that USPS National is putting together and sent me the following information. Please check it out, and call or email Dave if you have any questions or would like any additional information. Thank you very much, Dave, for your time and effort on this subject.



### **ON THE WATER TRAINING**

#### BOAT OPERATOR CERTIFICATION SERIES INLAND NAVIGATOR – Level 1

The Boat Operator Certification Program, designed by USPS National, will allow Diablo Sail and Power Squadron to certify our members at various levels of recreational boating proficiency. This Boat Operators Certification Program utilizes some basic/primary USPS classes; some USPS elective classes; and some USPS seminar classes as a prerequisite to the final class and “On The Water Test”.

The certificate is expected to be recognized across the boating community, both domestically and internationally. Certification is also expected to meet the new National Standards set by Congress, outlining the proficiency for recreational boaters.

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***Diablo Sail & Power Squadron  
Dinner Meeting  
Halloween Costume Contest  
October 29, 2011***



*This dinner will be combined with Dos Rios Yacht Club. Dos Rios will be having their meeting before dinner so they ask that Diablo members not come to the Antioch Senior Center before 5:30. At 5:30 the bar will open. Dinner will be served at 6:30. Diablo will have their meeting after dinner.*

*Don't forget to put on your best costume. We will be awarding prizes to the top costumes.*

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>D25 FALL CONFRENCE</b>	<b>OCTOBER 22</b>
<b>DSPS FALL MEETING</b>	<b>OCTOBER 29</b>
<b>D25 HOLIDAY DINNER</b>	<b>DECEMBER 7</b>
<b>DSPS HOLIDAY PARTY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 10</b>

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