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## Commander's Report:



My original thought for this month's article was to write about the new and improved *Seamanship* course. The class starts on February 16th and I have been reading my instructor manual to get ready (while on my elliptical, so that I can get in my exercise and reading time efficiently). I am sure most of you have taken the course already. However, after re-reading the material, I have to say this is great course. It is new and improved, with the addition of some wonderful supplemental material. If you think you might like to freshen up your *Seamanship* knowledge base, come join me in the class. Old salts and newbie's alike can learn some things from this class, hope to see you there. According to our wonderful *Meridian* editor **Bob Burget**, this is my last article as Commander.

Wow, where did the year go? Here is a reprint of what I wrote for my final District 25 *Light 25* article:

You have heard it before, the happiest day of a boater's life is when he or she buys a boat and the second happiest day of a boater's life is when they sell the boat. The same can be said for being the Squadron Commander. Squadron's are like super tankers, once set into

motion they just go. However, if you want to turn them it takes a long lead time and the trajectory is a huge arc. It is almost time for me to get on my horse and ride out into the sunset or more fittingly, get on my boat and turn left out of the Golden Gate.

Being a Squadron Commander takes up a lot of time, especially if you have your heart in the job. Managing volunteers is very different than managing people at work. My priority may not be their priority, with trying to earn a living, needing to spend time with the family and other family commitments, the Power Squadron takes on a different ranking with different people. However, as Commander, you have to make sure the ship is running and making way to the destination.

It can be at times fun and rewarding, and at other times it gets old and frustrating, kind of like life. I must say that I learned a lot while Commander, however if it were not for my trusty advisors, it would have been much more difficult.

The boat and the Squadron share many similarities, you wax the hull, scrub the deck, clean the interior and it is time to do it all again. It takes TLC to keep the Squadron and the boat in Bristol condition. I am almost ready to turn over the buffing pad to my Executive Officer. I will still be involved, just not the head buffer and deck scrubber. If you want to go sailing, call me 925-283-0991. I won't make you scrub or wax, I promise.

I am proud to have my name added to all those wonderful people that have served before me. Thank you for your trust while I was at the helm, we kept the ship off the rocks and it's time to give the watch over to current Executive Officer Hal Morris. A big thank you to my crew, advisors and others that helped with squadron business, look forward to seeing you all at the Change Of Watch.



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**Editor: Bob Burget**

Our best wishes to  
Melinda and Geoff



**Our next meeting is the Change of Watch, at 1800 on February 11, at Bridge Marina Yacht Club, Antioch, CA**

## Executive Report Lt/C Hal Morris, P



Greetings from the your executive officer.

I was sitting here thinking that this is my last report and was feeling good about it when it occurred to me that when I get sworn in as your commander next month I will have to start all over again. I would like to take this time to thank all the help I had in the

past year and believe me, I needed a lot of help.

My boat show chair [Tom Dalisky](#) and his assistant [Bill Long](#) did an outstanding job getting the boat show booth manned. This is not as easy as you may think For one boat show, they have to acquire no less than eight members to man the booth for just one day of the boat show and believe me that takes a lot of phone calls making sure the members know where to go, when to be there, and sometimes having to show up themselves because someone couldn't make it.. So thank you, Tom and Bill.

Next there was my PICYA representative. [Leonard Komor](#) did an outstanding job attending all those PICYA dinner meetings. There are ten of these during the year and Leonard has to drive quite some distance, such as to Oyster Point Y/C, in San Francisco. He pays for his dinner (23 dollars). These meetings usually start around 7 PM and usually end around 10 PM. He then attends every bridge meeting to report items of interest to the boating public, and he is not reimbursed for any of this. That's one of the perks of a volunteer, so thank you Leonard.

Then there is the public relations officer, [Herbert Lederman](#). Herb has a unique position. It is his job to get the name of the United States Power Squadrons into the public eye so they know who we are and what we do. Herb is also our liaison with the Sea Scouts and he does a tremendous job with them,. Without the Sea Scouts we wouldn't have a wonderful meeting place for our bridge meetings and our seminars, so thank you Herb.

And then there is that great team of Vessel Safety Examiners, [Ron Glenn](#), [Leonard Komor](#), and [Mark Zeserson](#). These gentlemen spend numerous hours traveling to yacht clubs and marinas, performing vessel safety checks, keeping all those boaters informed of the latest safety items, checking their boats for safety defects, and informing them what they have to do to have a safe boat. Last year, they inspected 66 vessels which means there are 66 safer boats out on the water. It takes an average of two hours for each boat. The inspection only takes about 45 minutes but you have to figure in travel time to and from so these inspectors spend an average of 44 hours each keeping you safe Thank You Ron, Leonard and Mark.

I HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE CHANGE OF WATCH  
FEBRUARY 11 at the beautiful Bridge Marina Yacht club.

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



AHOY DSPS:

This is my last column as your Administrative Office and I thank you for the opportunity to have served the Squadron. It's been an enriching year for me. It seems as though every

month I learned something new. Much of my learning was the result of members mentoring me through the process and always answering my questions. For their advice and getting me over the steep side of the learning curve, thanks go to [Ralph Price](#), [Craig McConnaughey](#), [Joe Klaczynski](#), and [Betty Dysart](#). A number of other people have served the Squadron fulfilling jobs in the AO department and quietly worked behind the scenes to get a wide variety of tasks done. [Bob Burget](#) has done a marvelous job as Editor of the Meridian. Working with Bob on assembly & distribution, production and proof reading were [Richard McKay](#), [Neville Guard](#) and [Dick Spragens](#). Thanks to these men we have an award winning newsletter. Several events like the Oxbow Cruise, Solano Yacht Club dinner and program, and the October Halloween Meeting were made possible by the efforts of [Geoff](#) and [Melinda Goselin](#), [Mark](#) and [Brenda Galbraith](#), [Dave Anderson](#), [Barbara Hannafan](#), and [Melissa](#) and [Kevin Park](#). [Brenda Galbraith](#) also took on extra duties as the Phone Tree Coordinator, assisted by [Barbara Hannafan](#), [Craig McConnaughey](#), and [Commander Schwartz](#). In any organization, smooth operations depend on the time and talent of many members; our Squadron is no different. My thanks to all of you for jobs well done.

On another note, we recently received word that [Melinda Goselin](#) is in the hospital. Barbara and I did have short visit with Melinda last weekend and she's doing well. I'm sure the long days in the hospital could be lightened by just a brief note from any of us. If you would like to send a card or note to Melinda the address is: Kaiser Medical Center – Room 1106, 2425 Geary Bld., San Francisco, CA 94115. Do keep Geoff in your thoughts too.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Change of Watch, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

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



My third year as SEO has come to an end. I would summarize the past year as productive, but also could say I wish it had been better. With my crazy work schedule, I found it difficult to give the time and effort that this position deserves. With the coming year ahead and the members who have stepped up to help our education department, I'm optimistic that 2012 will prove to be a banner year for the Squadron. The positives from 2011 are:

We were able to put on a Paddle Smart class – thanks to [Rich Holden's](#) efforts. He and [Mary Holden](#) held an in-class seminar and also had an on-the-water training. It was a big success. Many thanks to Rich and Mary Holden for all they did!!

We also put on an *ABC* Class in early 2011. The class was held at the Sea Scouts building in Martinez. [Betty Dysart](#) and [Rich Holden](#) were the instructors. [Bill Long](#), [Jim Brunelle](#), and [Herb Lederman](#) also all helped with making the class happen and its success. Although the training cruise never came to fruition, I want to thank [Les Johnson](#) who once again was very generous in offering his boat for the training cruise.

We put on an *Instructor Development* Class that added a new instructor to our ranks – [Guy Schwartz](#). [Betty Dysart](#) was wonderful. She coordinated the class so it could be held at the Antioch Adult School. She was also the instructor for the course, and provided the students extra needed time in order to complete the difficult class and pass the test.

The other people who warrant a big “Thank You!” for all their contributions this past year are:

[Ralph Price](#) who fielded the Squadron phone messages, sorted through them and forwarded the information and potential students to the appropriate people within the Squadron.

[Marta Van Loan](#) who helped with promotions and incoming membership. She found a new way to advertise the Squadron's educational department, by advertising and promoting the Squadron in local city newspapers. She also helped the education department in many other ways. She researched and located other places in which to hold our classes. She found the Bridge Marina Yacht Club in Antioch, which looks to be a fabulous location for the Squadron.

[Mark Zeserson](#) who posted the offered classes and seminars on the Squadron Website.

[Bob Burget](#) for his patience with me waiting for my articles, and also for providing the Squadron with a quality paper.

Also, thank you to the commander and the entire bridge for their tireless efforts to keep the Squadron afloat.

The coming year looks very promising. We have an *ABC* Class scheduled, as well as a *Seamanship* and *Engine Maintenance*, plus four other seminars. All of these courses will take place between now and May. Please continue to check the website for upcoming seminars and classes, and, of course, upcoming classes and seminars will be discussed in each month's Meridian.

I'll see you all at the Change of Watch on February 11.

Happy Boating!

# Mark Your Calendars



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## Saturday, February 11, 2012



*Bridge Marina Yacht Club*

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# **NOMINEES FOR DIABLO SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON 2012-2013**

Submitted: December 20, 2011

The following list of nominees is proposed by the Nominating Committee to serve the Diablo Sail and Power Squadron during 2012-2013. Additional nominations may be submitted to the Secretary (as in Section 11.1 of the Bylaws) at least 15 days prior to the date of election, February 11, 2012.

## **Executive Committee:**

Commander: Lt/C Harold Morris, P  
 Executive Officer: Lt/C Marta Van Loan, P  
 Administrative Officer: Vacant  
 Assistant AO: Vacant  
 Education Officer: Lt/C William R. Hart, AP\*  
 Assistant SEO: Lt William Long, P  
 Secretary: P/C Richard A. Holden, AP\*  
 Assistant Secretary: Vacant  
 Treasurer: Lt/C Marie Guard  
 Assistant Treasurer: P/Lt/C Sherrill Zeserson, P  
 Immediate P/C: P/C Guy Schwartz, SN\*

## **Elected Board:**

Lt Geoff Goselin  
 Lt Herb Lederman, P  
 Lt Mark Zeserson, S

## **Nominating Committee:**

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 (2 years): P/C Ron Glenn, P  
 (3 years): P/C Guy Schwartz, SN\*

## **Rules Committee:**

Chair (1 year): P/D/C Joseph C. Klaczynski, JN\*  
 (2 years): P/D/C Gary Smith, JN  
 (3 years): Vacant

## **Audit Committee:**

Chair (1 year): P/Lt/C Phyllis Price, P  
 (2 years): Ken L. Shepard

Submitted by: D/Lt/C Gary Smith, JN, Nominating Committee Chair  
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**DSPS CHANGE OF WATCH FEBRUARY 11**

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*Please Refer to your current Roster*