We claim:

1. A remotely operable port security barrier system, comprising:

one or more joined together floating port security barrier segments forming a string of port security barrier units;

one or more means for remotely latching an end of said string of port security barrier units to a fixed point, and for remotely unlatching said end;

one or more remotely operable means for moving at least one end of said string of port security barriers from its latched position to another position, and back to said latched position, and a power unit for powering said remotely operable means for moving at least one end of said string of port security barriers;

a positional guidance system whereby a position of said port security barrier string can be monitored and said remotely operable means for moving at least one end of said string of port security barriers controlled to position said port security barriers as desired; and

a control system comprising a digital processor, said control system adapted to receive information from said means for remotely latching an end of said string of port security barriers and said remotely operable means for moving at least one end of said string, and send information for control of same,

wherein said one or more remotely operable means for moving at least one end of said string of port security barriers comprises one or more remotely operable thruster units, each of said thruster units comprising one or more propeller equipped units having controllable speed and directional functions.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein said means for remotely latching an end of said string of port security barrier units comprises an axially moveable latch adapted to engage and latch to a captured element.

3. The system of claim 2, wherein said means for remotely latching an end of said string of port security barrier units further comprises a hydraulic cylinder moving said axially moveable latch.

4. The system of claim 2, wherein said means for remotely latching an end of said string of port security barrier units further comprises a gear and lead screw arrangement.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one of said thruster units is positioned proximal said means for remotely latching.

6. The system of claim 5, further comprising one or more thruster units positioned between ends of said port security barrier segment.

7. The system of claim 1, wherein said power unit is positioned on said port security barrier segment proximal said thruster unit.

8. The system of claim 1, wherein said power unit is positioned on a fixed structure with power cables routed to said thruster unit.

9. The system of claim 1, wherein a string of port security barriers comprises said one or more means for remotely latching and unlatching at each end, whereby said string can be disconnected from said fixed point at each end; and

wherein said string of port security barriers comprises a remotely operable means for moving at least one end of said string of port security barriers at least at each end thereof, whereby said string when disconnected at each end may be moved laterally from its latched position to another position, then back to its latched position.

10. A port security barrier system, comprising:

a plurality of floating port security barrier segments forming a port security barrier string;

an axially moveable latch disposed on an end of said port security barrier string, said latch adapted to engage a captured element thereby fixing said end to a fixed point;

a remotely operable thruster unit disposed proximal said latch on said end of said string of port security barriers, said thruster unit capable of moving said string from its latched position to another position, and back to said latched position, said thruster unit comprising one or more propeller equipped units having controllable speed and directional functions, and a power unit operatively connected to said thruster unit;

a positional guidance system whereby a position of said port security barrier string can be monitored and said remotely operable thruster unit controlled to position said port security barrier string as desired; and

a control system comprising a digital processor, said control system adapted to receive information from said latch and said thruster unit, and send information for control of same.

11. The system of claim 10, wherein said positional guidance system comprises a global positioning system (GPS).

12. The system of claim 10, wherein said positional guidance system comprises a light detection and ranging (LiDAR) system.

13. The system of claim 11, further comprising a light detection and ranging (LiDAR) system.

14. The system of claim 11, whereby said port security barrier string comprises two latches, one on each end of a port security barrier segment, and two captured elements on fixed points, each of said latches adapted to engage one of said captured elements; and

wherein a thruster unit is disposed proximal each end of said port security barrier segment, whereby said port security barrier segment can be detached and moved in a desired direction from the remainder of said port security barrier string, forming an opening therein.

15. The system of claim 14, wherein said positional guidance system comprises a global positioning system (GPS).

16. The system of claim 14, wherein said positional guidance system comprises a light detection and ranging (LiDAR) system.

17. The system of claim 15, further comprising a light detection and ranging (LiDAR) system.