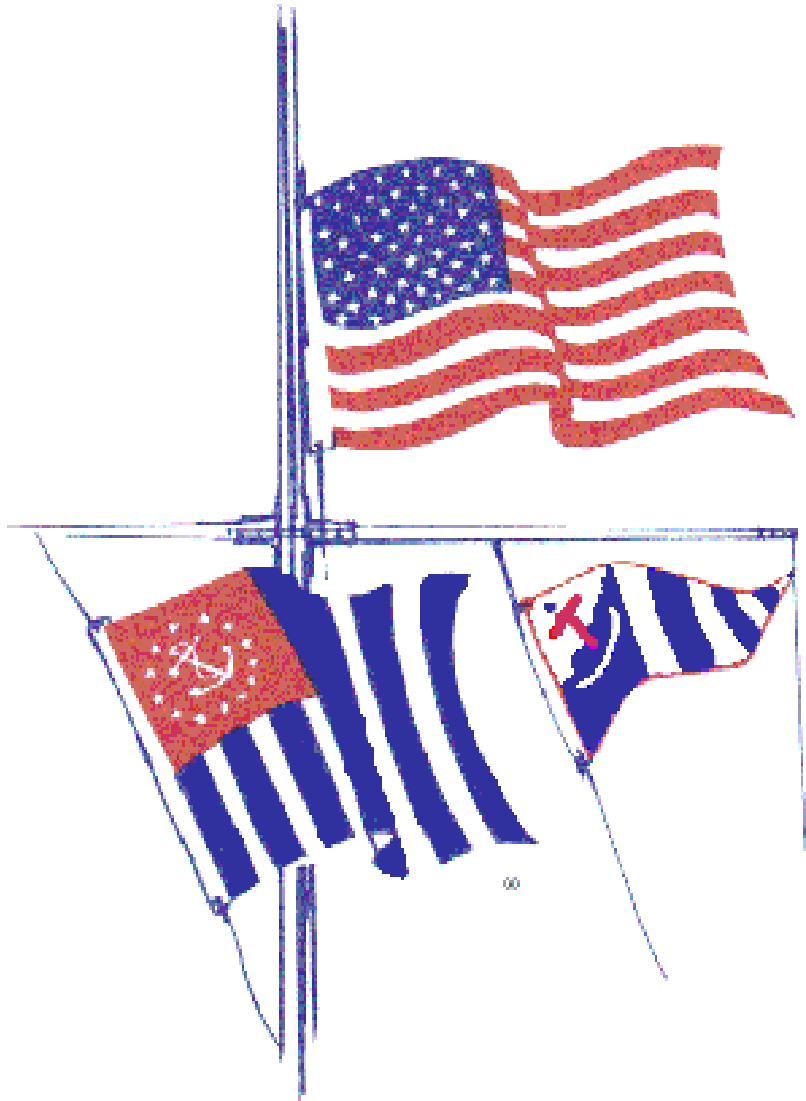


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TAMPA POWER SQUADRON
COMMANDER'S CORNER
Cdr Tom Thompson, S

I am honored to be serving as the Commander of Tampa Power Squadron as we celebrate our 64th year. I hope everyone who attended the Change of Watch had a good time and enjoyed the food and comradery.

We have many activities planned this year, so stay tuned, check the Short Blast and the calendar often for the next event. The best way to get the most out of this organization is to VOLUNTEER. Get involved!!. We welcome all help in promoting safe boating and education while having fun in the process.

We look forward to seeing you at the Kite Fly In, March 20, at Fort Desoto Park.

Respectfully,

Cdr. Tom Thompson, S
Tom Thompson

Cdr@tampaps.org ..



EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT **Lt/C Anna Morris, AP**

Once again, I must begin the 2011 Watch Year by thanking you, the membership, for the confidence that you have expressed by electing me to serve as our squadron's Executive Officer. Secondly, I sincerely offer my gratitude to the volunteers who answered to call to chair the committees of the Executive Department.

Before proceeding further, let me give you a brief synopsis of the Executive Department for those of you who have not taken the Operations Training class yet. The Executive Department is responsible for the functions best described as "external affairs". Focusing on the "civic service" side of the USPS Triangle, the Executive Department is comprised of the following committees, chaired by the following volunteers:

- 🚩 Boat Show – Lt Scott L. Morris, P and Lt/C Anna Morris, AP
- 🚩 Cooperative Charting – P/D/Lt/C Richard Alan Holcomb, SN
- 🚩 Liaison – Lt/C Anna Morris, AP
- 🚩 Public Relations – P/C Charles L. Laye, AP
- 🚩 Radio Technical – Cdr Thomas C. Thompson, S
- 🚩 Safety – Lt Scott L. Morris, P
- 🚩 Vessel Safety Check – P/C John A. Orr, III, S

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With the committee chairs in place, the 2011 Executive Department stands ready to cultivate new relationships, showing them the benefits that our squadron can provide to both them and their organizations. Having just completed the Leadership Development Committee's new DXO/SXO course while in Orlando, I am bursting with enthusiasm and raring to go. Come join us as we bring back the fun to the Tampa Power Squadron. Respectfully,

Lt/C Anna Morris, AP Executive Officer
amorris@bangheadhere.org 813.598.5939

Administrative Officer's Report
Lt/C Angelina A. Stanley, S

Thanks for a warm welcome to my family from the Tampa Power Squadron since our joining in August 2010. I had a great time at the National's 2011 Annual Meeting which was held at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort. Thanks to Anna, Tom and Alta for their coordinated efforts for me to attend the convention. I attended the DAO/SAO Training and this was my first annual meeting. I learned a lot at the convention, ordered the Power of the Seas book and enjoyed the camaraderie. As we learned at the convention, Membership is Job # 1.



EDUCATIONAL OFFICER'S REPORT

P/C Charlie Laye, AP

SEO Report

This is being written before the Change Of Watch and I am TIRED of winter. I am considering moving to Florida or somewhere it is warm ☺

We already have five people enrolled in our first class of the year on March 12th and one for the class on April 9th. We are changing to the ABC3 course this year and the SEO is still working on the course materials ☺

It seems that with the open-door policy to Sail Angle with our personal information now we are now going to need an eight digit "pin number" to log into the national site as Certificate numbers and Zip Codes are no longer secure. Don't worry, it is an easy process. It says so right on nationals web site:

After the 2010 Fall Governing Board, a distinction will be made between ZIP (untrusted) logons and PIN (trusted) logons. Only trusted logons will have access to functions and data which are based on jobs held or will be able to make online data updates.

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To activate your PIN based security, you must first select a security question and provide the answer. Once you have done this, you will be converted from a ZIP based logon to the more robust PIN based logon. This will prevent someone, other than yourself, from logging on using your Certificate/ZIP code and potentially compromising your personal information.

If the following procedures seem complicated, they are designed to protect your personal information. We must ascertain that you are who you say you are before allowing you to change or request a PIN or Security Question.

(I added the underlines.) Apparently we are trying to shut the Barn Door after the horse is gone 😊 Just remember it is an easy “complicated” procedure. Oh, by the way, these are sent in plain text to an unsecured site. That means if you are on a wireless network your information is probably already compromised, as well as being available to anyone that can look at your browsing history ☹

Until next month, boat safe.
Charlie Laye (813) 967-0516

P/C Charlie Laye ,AP (813) 967-0516 SEO@TampaPS.org



SECRETARY'S REPORT

P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN

By time you receive the March issue of the *Short Blast*, the Tampa Change of Watch will be over, and Tampa Squadron will have a new Commander. I am sure all of our members have a big "Congratulations" to Cdr Thomas C. Thompson, S and wish him a good year in 2011. If you weren't there, I'm sure you definitely missed a very pleasant afternoon.

Now that the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando is over, I hope all that attended, enjoyed the sessions that they had the opportunity to attend. It was my pleasure to be part of the two First Timer's Orientation Sessions that were presented on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. I hope those who attended found it informational and glad they attended. I would like to have your feedback on the session if you did attend. So the First Timer's can be enhanced at future USPS meetings.

Many summer activities are planned for your enjoyment. I hope each of our members take advantage of all these fun outings. If you don't participate, you really don't know what you are missing. I encourage all Tampa Squadron members to be active in our Squadron affairs.

I am working on the Tampa Squadron Historian Report. I will be emailing some of the members for input into the report.

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General Membership meetings
now begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Bylaws of Tampa Power Squadron and the Standing Rules are posted on the TPS website Member's Only page at <http://www.TampaPS.org>. If you don't have access to the website, let me know and I will mail you a copy.

The minutes of recent General Membership Meetings and the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings are posted on the Member's Only page.

The *Short Blast* is now being mailed to your home.
You can also read it on our Website.

Alta Mullins

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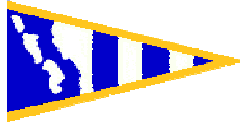


Please join us for
Our Board Meeting
w/ Pizza Served
On 31 Mar, 2011
@ Richard Holcomb's

**E-mail me if you need
directions contact**

Angelina Stanley ao@tampaps.org

I look forward to seeing you there,
Tom.



*The Tampa Bay Area Squadrons cordially invite all
D22 Squadrons and the District Bridge to*

**THE THIRD ANNUAL TAMPA BAY SQUADRONS
“EDWIN C. ALDRICH MEMORIAL” KITE FLY-IN**

Fort Desoto Park, Shelter 13 on Sunday, 20 March 2011

1030 – Kites begin launching 1200 – Lunch 1330 – Awards
?? - Departure when the food and conversation runs out!

The cost is \$6.00 per person, free under 14 years. Please bring a dish that can be shared by others. The main course (Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Soda, Condiments and Place Settings) will be provided by the Tampa Bay Area Squadrons.

Reservations are requested by Friday, 11 MARCH 2011, in order to have sufficient supplies. Contact Anna Morris at:
amorris@bangheadhere.org –or- 813.598.5939.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

The award categories are:

- ◇ **Largest kite** flown; ◇ **Smallest kite** flown;
- ◇ **Best home-made kite** flown;
- ◇ **Prettiest kite** flown; ◇ **Highest kite** flown;
- ◇ **Most Spectacular Crash**; and,
- ◇ **The Best Kite** flown by a Squadron Commander.

There will be a separate competition for participants 14 years of age and younger for the **first kite up** after the starting signal for this competition. There will be a group of six judges - two from each Tampa Bay Area Squadron - and the judges' decisions are final.

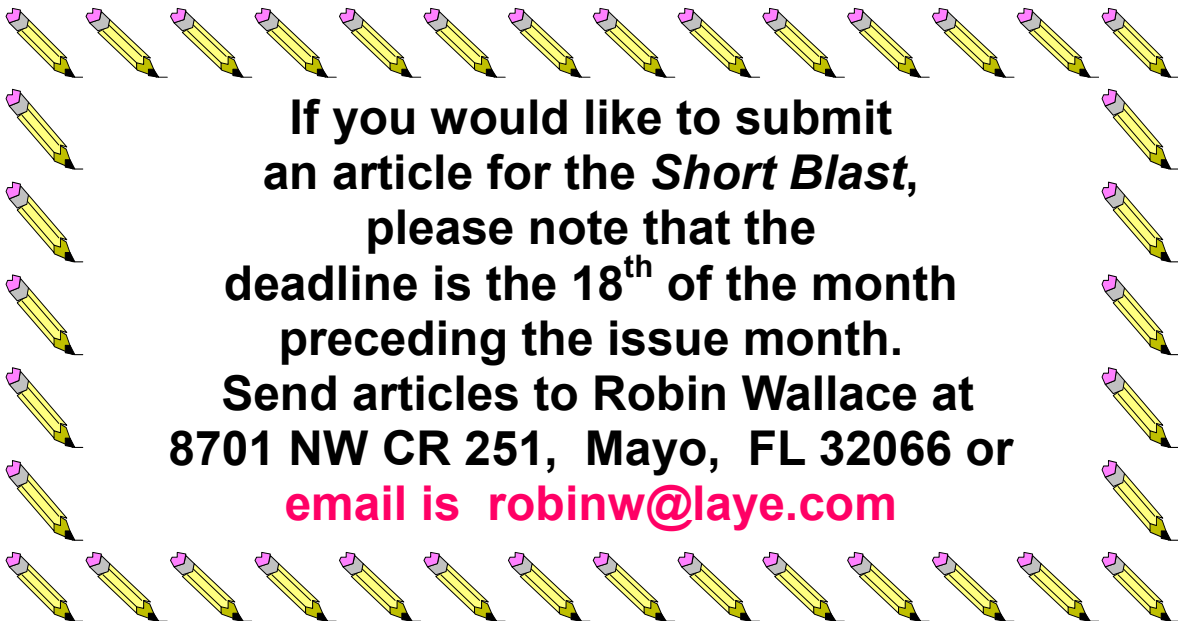



*Birthdays
of the
Month*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU !!

March Birthdays

Rodger Champagne 26


**If you would like to submit
an article for the *Short Blast*,
please note that the
deadline is the 18th of the month
preceding the issue month.
Send articles to Robin Wallace at
8701 NW CR 251, Mayo, FL 32066 or
email is robinw@laye.com**

Please join us for
Our Membership Dinner
Which is

On April 07, 2011

International House of Pancakes
4910 Spruce

More information on our web page.

E-mail me if you need directions

Angelina Stanley ao@tampaps.org

I look forward to seeing you there,
Tom.

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Calendar of Events

MARCH 2011

- 02 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 03 Membership Meeting** (IHOP @ 4910 Spruce)
- 09 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 12 ABC3 Course** (West Marine Brandon)
- 16 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 17 St. Patrick's Day**
- 20 [Kite Fly-in](#)**
- 23 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 30 Piloting Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 31 Board Meeting** ([Special Place - Richard Holcomb's - Pizza Served](#))

APRIL, 2011

- 06 Piloting Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 07 Membership Dinner** (IHOP @ 4910 Spruce)
- 09 ABC3** (Gator Ford)
- 13 Piloting Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 20 Piloting Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 24 Easter Sunday**
- 27 Piloting Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 28 Board Meeting**
- 29 District Conference**

MAY, 2011

- 01 District Conference**
- 04 Piloting Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 05 Membership Meeting** (IHOP @ 4910 Spruce)
- 05 Cinco de Mayo**
- 08 Mother's Day**
- 11 Piloting Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 18 Piloting Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 21 ABC3** (Port Tampa Library)
- 21 - 27 Safe Boating Week**
- 26 Board Meeting**
- 30 Memorial Day**

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Lt Addie Kimbril, S

P/D/Lt/C Richard Holcomb, SN

Immediate P/C Ryan Brown S

Short Blast Editor - Lt Robin Wallace, S

Tampa Power Squadron

General Membership

**Meetings are held at 1900 the
first Thursday of odd numbered months.**

The Executive Committee Meetings
are held at
1900 the last Thursday of each month

(Exceptions are announced
in the *Short Blast*.)

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