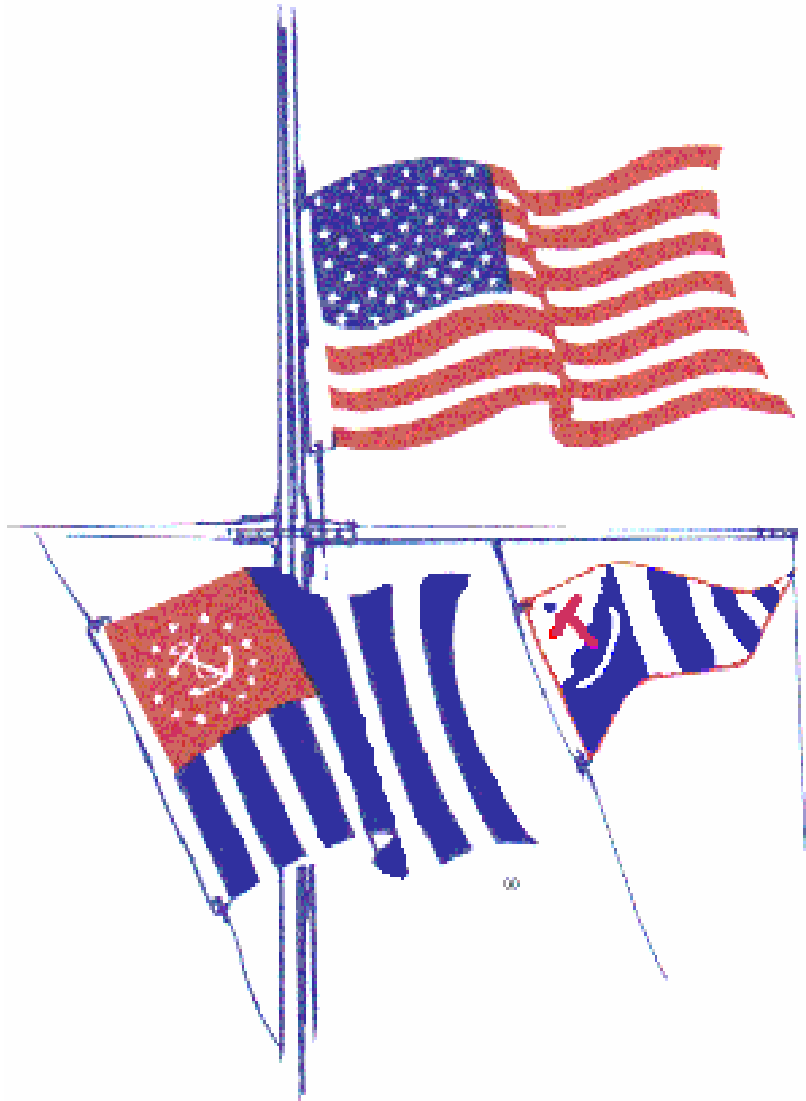


Short Blast

TAMPA POWER SQUADRON

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January 2011



TAMPA POWER SQUADRON
COMMANDER'S CORNER

Cdr Ryan Brown, S

I was glad to see we had a great turn out for the Christmas party this year.

As the year comes to an end, I would like to take this time to thank all that have done a great job of keeping us up and running for another year.

Hope you all have a great Christmas, and if I don't see you before New Years, please have a happy and safe one...

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
Lt/C Tom Thompson, S

Happy New Year to Everyone

Linda and I would like to say what a wonderful time we had at both the Christmas Lighted Boat Parade and the annual Christmas Party. Thanks again to our Administrative Officer Anna Scott for organizing both events and to the Holcomb's for their wonderful hospitality and Richard's delicious ham and fudge.

As I looked back on our accomplishments as a squadron this past year, we can be proud of our many events and classes. We once again did a great job fulfilling our mission. We may have a small group of members but we pull together to get the job done. We also manage to have fun in the process, evidenced by the photos on our web site.

This month begins a new start to the up-coming year. Our squadron will begin by electing a new Executive Board that will help steer us for next two years. The Annual Meeting with our election of Officers will be on January 6, 2011. This is an important meeting so every member should attend. Your vote and ideas, either new or old, will help give the new board direction.

I am honored to be nominated as a candidate for the position of Commander. This is a position that if elected, I will strive to honor those who have held this position in the past and those who have served on the board. They have led our squadron well. I look forward to continuing in their ideas and doing the very best for our Squadron.

Respectfully,
Lt/C Tom Thompson, S Executive Officer

Lt/C Tom Thompson, S
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Executive Officer



Weather Course Description

The safety and comfort of those who venture out-on-the water have always been weather dependent. In this course students will become keener observers of the weather, but weather observations only have meaning in the context of the basic principles of meteorology — the science of the atmosphere.

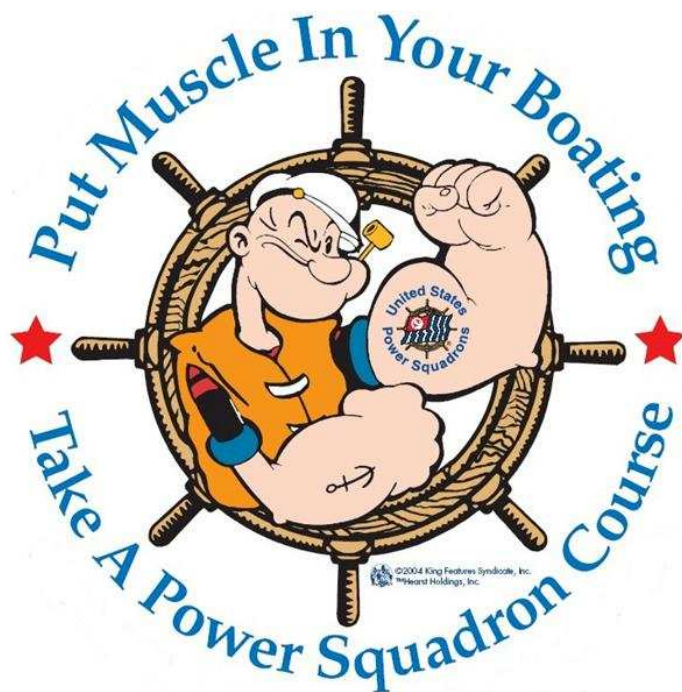
The course focuses on how weather systems form, behave, move, and interact with one another and reflects the availability of all sorts of weather reports and forecasts on the Internet. This is a general weather course benefiting those sitting in their living rooms, as much as those standing behind the helm. Each student receives:

- a Weather Manual - USPS Weather - an explanatory text with full color photographs and drawings covering weather in the United States and its coastal and inland waters;
- a set of three Daily Weather Maps - learning aids with a complete explanation of map symbols designed to develop weather map reading and analysis skills; and NOAA's Sky Watcher Chart - a reference to assist in identifying cloud types - helpful indicators of approaching weather.

This course is designed to be conducted over ten two-hour classroom sessions, but each instructor will determine the pace of the course.

<http://TampaPS.org>

813 967-0516



Class starts at
7:00 PM

Jan 19, 2011

7606 Paula
Drive



**Town 'N Country
Regional Public Library**

The fee for the instruction, supplies and materials is \$75.00 The textbook is included.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



EDUCATIONAL OFFICER'S REPORT

P/C Charlie Laye, AP

SEO Report for Jan, 2011

Now that the holidays are over and we all got the new boat we wanted ☺; it is time to go back to class. Weather starts on Jan 19th. The Public Schedule is not yet ready but it, as well as the Power Point, is being worked on. In fact I am trying to get the schedule together for all of our classes for next year. Want a certain class or Seminar? Now is the time to let me know.

Next month is the COW. The same place as last year and I expect the same good food and fun time. I hope to see you there. I do expect to have the educational calendar ready before the COW.

I hope you all have a Happy New Year. I will be in the hospital on Jan 11,12 and 13. (I have not yet heard from Tom & Linda if that entitles me to six weeks of recuperation at their "resort". Until next month, cl

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt Anna Morris, AP



As the Scottish poet Rabbin Burns wrote back in the 18th century: *Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne?*

I'm not for certain where 2010 went, but I'll not forget the people, places and times that we've spent in squadron fellowship. Most recently was the Pot Luck Supper / Lighted Boat Parade hosted by the Richard, Maria and Alan Holcomb. While it was impossible for me to attend this year, I have heard glowing reports of the event's success and I humbly offer a heart-felt congratulations to the Holcombs and thanks to all who attended.

On the following evening, the Christmas Party seemed to be a huge success as well. Again I wish to thank everyone who attended, especially Tom and Linda Thompson for helping with the setup; Margaret Hewitt for an outstanding job selling 50/50 tickets as well as assisting with the setup; my hubby, Scott, for making the platforms for the table decorations, handling the door prize tickets and hefting tables; and to my Door Prize Elves - Alan Holcolm and Jeffery Brown.

Coming up this month is the Annual Meeting. Please note that the meeting's location has been changed! Perkins closed both of their Dale Mabry stores and even though Cdr Ryan was ready to fire up the grills, I thought that the annual elections deserved a bit more decorum than a tailgate party. So, please mark your calendars for 6 January and plan to meet at the IHOP Restaurant on Spruce Street by Tampa International Airport. We dine at 1800 and the meeting will be called to order promptly at 1900.

Happy New Year Everyone! May you have all the best of 2011.

For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne,

We'll tak a cup of kindness yet, For auld lang syne!

Lt/C Anna Morris, AP Administrative Officer

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN

My how the time flies by. Robin says it's Short Blast time again. Seems I just finished the December article, and it is time for the January *Short Blast* article. I trust all of you had a wonderful Christmas Holiday Season, celebrating the birth of our loving Savior, Jesus Christ. And that you have a safe New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

I want to give a big "Thank You" to the following three members who worked for the Secretary's Department in 2010. Robin Wallace, our fantastic Short Blast Editor. Roger Champagne our Roster Chairman. Charlie Laye our website guru, as well as for helping to get the Short Blast into the mail each month. Thank you all. I know each of you also worked in other areas during the year as well.

I hope each of you attend the 6 January Annual Meeting and have the opportunity to vote for the new officers for 2011. If you noticed in the previous Short Blast, there are some vacant positions. If you see one of the vacant slots that peak your interest, let one of the Bridge Officers know.

As I write this (yes I am late doing so), I have 3 hours to remain a U. S. Postal Service employee. Officially as of 5:00 p.m. today, December 31, 2010, I am retired. I must say I had a difficult day yesterday - my last official day to work. So difficult, that I literally forgot to go to the December Executive Committee meeting last night. And for that, I apologize.

It was hard for me to accept that I can no longer go to my office, no longer go see Matt (my son) at work, and no longer be able to assist all the Postal people I have had the pleasure of helping over the years. I will miss the people I have worked with during the past 38 years. It was a long and wonderful career for me; however, I know that this is the right decision that I have made: to retire. It will be a big change for me to be at home, and not have multiple phone calls every day.

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So if I call you and don't really need anything, just know that I just need to talk to someone. And thank you all for assisting me in the transition of becoming a retiree.

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 Annual Meeting
& *Elections* which is
On 06 Jan, 2011

IHOP
4910 W. Spruce
(Boy Scout & West Shore)

More information on our web page.

E-mail me if you need directions

Anna Morris ao@tampaps.org

I look forward to seeing you there,
Ryan.



TAMPA POWER SQUADRON



To: Executive Committee, Tampa Power Squadron


15 Oct2010

From: Nominations Committee, Tampa Power Squadron

Pursuant to Article 11, Section 11.1, the following members are nominated and have signified a willingness and ability to serve if elected:-

Commander	Lt/Cdr Thomas Thompson, S
Executive Officer	Lt/Cdr Anna Morris, AP
Administrative Officer	Angelina Stanley,
Secretary	P/D/C Alta M Mullins, SN
Treasurer	Lt/Cdr Linda C Thompson, S
Education Officer	P/C Charles L Laye, AP
Immediate Past Commander	P/C John A Orr III, S
Ass't Education Officer	D/Lt Robert Dougherty, AP
Ass't Administrative Officer	Vacant
Ass't Secretary	Vacant
Ass't Treasurer	Vacant
Executive Committee Member	D/Lt Robert Dougherty, AP
	Lt Addie Kimbriel, S
	P/D/Lt/C Richard Holcomb, SN
Nominating Committee	P/C George J Martin, JN (One Year Remaining)
	Lt Scott Morris, P (Two Years remaining)
	Vacant (Three Years)
Audit Committee	D/Lt Robert Dougherty (Chairman)
	Vacant
	Vacant
Rules Committee	P/D/C Alta M Mullins, SN (Chairperson)
	(One year Remaining))
	P/D/Lt/Cdr Richard Holcomb, SN
	(Two years Remaining)
	Vacant (Three Years)


P/C George J Martin, JN
Chairman

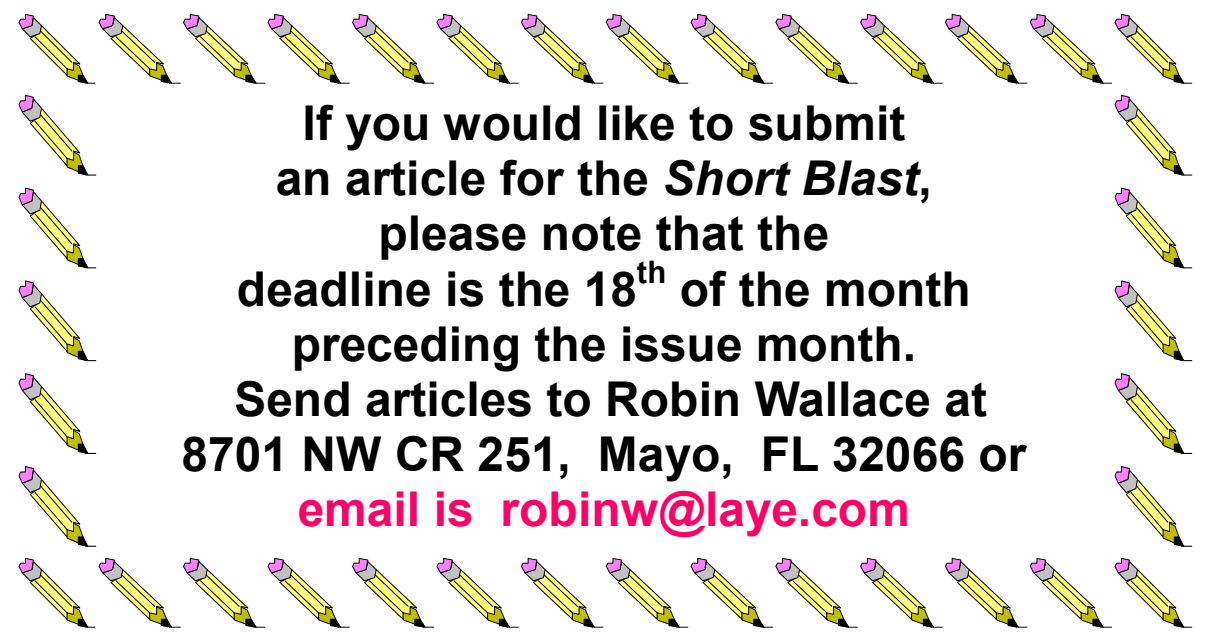

Lt Scott Morris, P
Member




*Birthdays
of the Month*
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU !!
January Birthdays

Janet Garber 07

Ryan Brown 18


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 10 Feb, 2011

Olive Garden at
2801 E Busch Blvd
[Special Date]

More information on our web page.

E-mail me if you need directions

Anna Morris ao@tampaps.org

I look forward to seeing you there,
Ryan.

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Calendar of Events

Need more information?
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2011 Board Meetings will be held at:
Village Inn on Hillsborough Avenue **Meet-**
ings are at 1900 unless other wise
noted

JAN, 2011

- 06 TPS Annual Meeting & Elections** (IHOP, [4910 W.Spruce])
- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 19 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 26 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 27 Board Meeting**
- 29 Gasparilla

FEB, 2011

- 01 - 06 USPS Annual Meeting, Lake Buena Vista, FL**
- 02 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 09 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 10 Membership Dinner (Special Date** Olive Garden; 2801 E Busch Blvd.)
- 14 Valentines Day
- 16 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 21 President's Day
- 23 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 24 Board Meeting**
- 26 (Sat) Tampa Change of Watch**

MARCH 2011

- 02 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 03 Membership Meeting**
- 09 Weather Course** (Town 'N Country Regional Public Library)
- 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)
- 31 Board Meeting**

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Commander - Cdr Ryan Brown, S

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Secretary - P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN

Treasurer - Lt/C Linda Thompson, S

Executive Committee -

Lt Addie Kimbril, S

D/Lt Bob Dougherty, AP

Immediate P/C John Orr, III, 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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