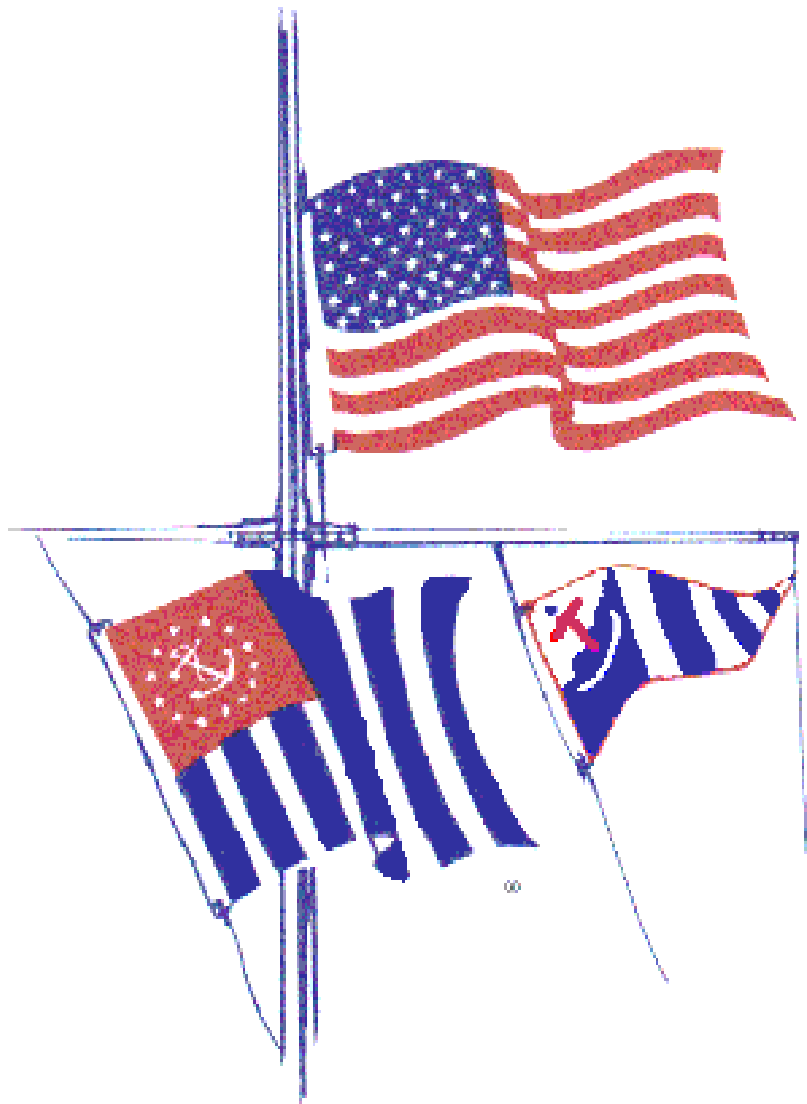


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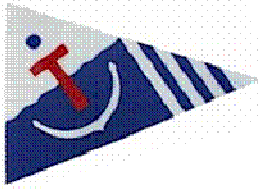
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**June 2011**





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

It's hard to believe this year is almost half over already. Time is flying fast.

We are still waiting to hear from NOAA as to our acceptance of the Tampa Bay charts. Hopefully we will be approved soon and can plan our initial outing for updating the chart. Richard Holcomb will keep us updated on the status.

Our well wishes go out to Charlie Laye as he has gone into the hospital for his 5,000-mile check up. He hopes to be in for only a day, our thoughts and prayers are with you for a speedy recovery.

Piloting class is almost over and Marine Electronics class will start the first Wednesday of June at the Town and Country Library. We also have an ABC boat class June 25 at Port Tampa Library. We need volunteers to speak with the students about membership and the benefits of belonging to the Power Squadron.

Our Dinner meeting is set for June 2 and Anna Morris has obtained a guest speaker for our meeting. We hope to see everyone there for this event.

Respectfully,  
CDR Lt/C Tom Thompson, S ,  
**Tom Thompson [cdr@tampaps.org](mailto:cdr@tampaps.org) ..**



## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**Lt/C Anna Morris, AP**

The mission statement of National's Executive Department reads, *"To enable USPS squadrons and districts to achieve national visibility and name recognition, cultivate sustainable membership growth, and create new opportunities for member development and life-long learning through innovative and motivational approaches. To enhance the capabilities of squadron and district leaders through enhanced communication, productivity aids, and opportunities to offer valuable membership benefits. To identify and implement practical national initiatives and incentives supporting recreational boating safety."* In and of itself, this sounds to be a fairly tall order. Therefore, when I attended last month's D/22 Spring Conference, I was not surprised that the central theme at the Executive Officers' roundtable was, "PR is everyone's responsibility!"

Think about it. Squadrons cannot exist without members. But, to attract those members, they have to know that the Tampa Power Squadron exists! We need to market ourselves. And how do we do that, you might ask. The simplest idea that I have heard was voiced at the National Meeting in Orlando – wear your club shirts out and about; apparently boaters go to common venues like grocery stores and movie theaters! I'm going to start hanging out at the library in mine. Where will you go?

Until next month,

Lt/C Anna Morris, AP  
Executive Officer

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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

**Lt/C Angelina Stanley, S**

Hello all and Happy Safe Boating Month! I had called new Cyber members and spoke to them about the Port Tampa class and the GPS seminar. However, no students showed up at the Port Tampa Library on May 21, 2011. I guess they were involved in other activities. I think it was the date that got their attention. Now, we look forward to more students at the June class. If we have one student it will be a 100% improvement.

We received our tests at the Village Inn on Humphrey and Dale Mabry for the Piloting class. Some of us couldn't make it for the May 18 review so we rescheduled at the Village Inn on Friday, May 20. Our hats go off to Charlie and Anna for being such excellent instructors. Our tests are due at the June 2 membership meeting at IHOP on Spruce Street.

We have a GPS seminar scheduled for May 28, 2011 at the West Marine store in Brandon. I am looking forward to it myself. My brother said he will come.

I am looking forward to the great activities that our squadron has and I really enjoy the friendship. See you all soon!

Angelina Stanley  
AO@TampaPS.org 813-872-2755

# Safety Article

**Hurricane season is almost upon us again so this is a good time to check your lines and support gear. Take a few minutes to go over your lines and make sure they are in good shape, if they look worn, frayed or otherwise questionable they should be replaced. You may be betting your vessel on those lines in a storm. Check your ground tackle and make sure it is ready to work under heavy shock loads.**

**One item a lot of losses can be traced to in a storm is chafing gear or lack of same. A lot of people like to use old hose because it wears quite well in the line chocks, unfortunately it can also make lines fail. During a storm with a lot of wave action those lines get a lot of shock loading which causes it to stretch which is one reason we use nylon.**

**When the nylon stretches this produces heat and under extreme circumstances this heat buildup can cause the line to weaken significantly or even melt. Therefore, your chafing gear should allow water to reach the line to help cool it.**

**One thing we used a lot when I lived on the other coast was Kevlar. Completely wear proof and it will allow water to reach the line. A cheap source for this is old flak vests which contain a lot of material and are available at most any surplus store. cut the nylon shell and take out the Kevlar sheets wrap the line and bobs your uncle.**

**Lt. Scott Morris, P**



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**EDUCATIONAL OFFICER'S**  
**REPORT**

**P/C Charlie Laye, AP**

**P/C Charlie Laye ,A P (813) 967-0516 [SEO@TampaPS.org](mailto:SEO@TampaPS.org)**

SEO Report June 2011

The March 21<sup>st</sup> class was a strange kick off for Safe Boating Week. There was seven staff with one more scheduled and no students! What a shame they missed out on a great day of education. I highly recommend you stop by one of our classes. I know that you know the material, but seeing the professional manner of its presentation by these instructors is something you should behold!

Our next "Boating Class" is on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Please help get the word out. On May 28<sup>th</sup> we have/had a GPS seminar at West Marine in Brandon. On June 1<sup>st</sup> the Marine Electronics Series begins at the Town and Country Library. There are educational opportunities to be had.

June has started. Prepare yourself; the Boat Show, the Card-board Boat Race, the Pizza Party, the Lighted Boat Parade, the Holiday Party and Change of Watch are all coming fast. Don't miss out on any of the fun.

As always you can contact me by e-mail or (813) 967-0516.

P/C Charlie Laye AP Squadron SEO



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

**P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN**

Oh my, time flies when you are having fun. I must be having a ***great*** retirement and a lot of fun, because *Short Blast* time gets here sooner and sooner every month.

I planned on getting off my you-know-what and go to the Boating Class last Saturday; however, the class was canceled due to lack of students. It was the boaters' loss; those who haven't yet had a boating course.

We have several of our members who have medical situations. We wish them good health. Linda Thompson has been in the hospital, and Charlie Laye is scheduled for medical procedures tomorrow. We hope both Linda and Charlie will feel better soon. Keep them in your prayers.

This is the time of year, when we all should get prepared for hurricane season. Check your hurricane supplies and be sure you have the needed items to weather a storm. However, if you are advised to evacuate, don't be a die-hard and stay at home. You could be betting your life that the hurricane will not come your way. Are you ready and willing to do that?

Until next month.



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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.**



**Need a Marine Electronics Class?**

Please join us for  
*Our Membership Meeting*

*Which is*

*On 7 July, 2011*

**IHOP at**

**4910 Spruce**

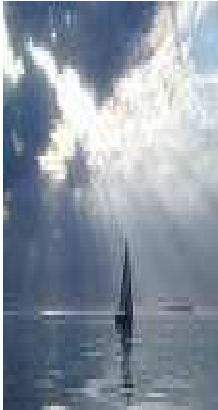
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More information on our web page.

E-mail me if you need directions

Angelina Stanley [ao@tampaps.org](mailto:ao@tampaps.org)

I look forward to seeing you there,  
Tom.

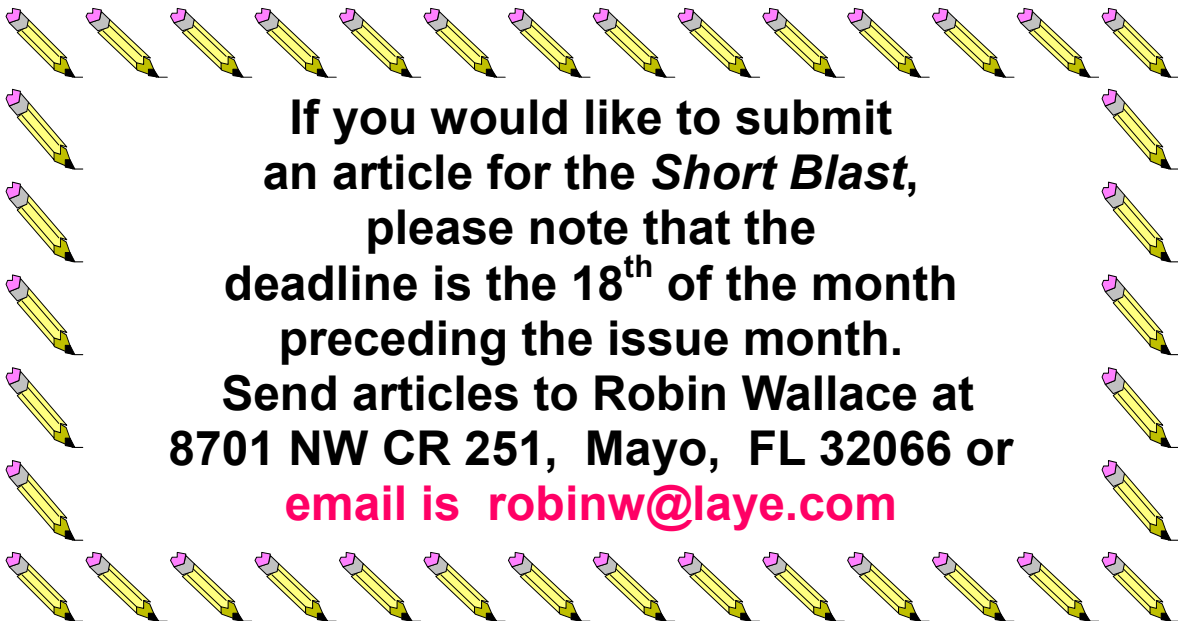


  
*Birthdays  
of the Month*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU !!

June Birthdays

James Jordan	01
Travis Collum	05
Scott Morris	05
Randy Franklin	18

  
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an article for the *Short Blast*,  
please note that the  
deadline is the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month  
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Send articles to Robin Wallace at  
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# Calendar of Events

## **JUNE, 2011**

**08 Marine Electronics Class**

14 Flag Day

**15 Marine Electronics Class**

19 Father's Day

**22 Marine Electronics Class**

**25 ABC3** (Port Tampa Library)

**29 Marine Electronics Class**

**30 Board Meeting** (ABC Pizza, 7512 W. Hillsborough. *South side West of Hanley*)

## **JULY, 2011**

04 Independence Day

**06 Marine Electronics Class**

**07 Membership Meeting** (IHOP @ 4910 Spruce)

**09 ABC3 Course** (West Marine Brandon)

**13 Marine Electronics Class**

**20 Marine Electronics Class**

**27 Marine Electronics Class**

**28 Board Meeting**

## **AUG, 2011**

**04 Membership Dinner** (Landers Steakhouse, 4744 N. Dale Mabry)

**20 ABC3** (Port Tampa Library)

**25 Board Meeting**

## **SEP, 2011**

**01 Membership Meeting** (IHOP @ 4910 Spruce)

05 Labor Day

**09 - 11 [Tampa Boat Show](#)**

**10 ABC3** (Gator Ford)

**12 - 17 Governing Board, Greensboro, NC**

**24 [Cardboard Boat Race](#) @ Cypress Point** (new location)

**29 Board Meeting**

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**Meetings are held at 1900 the  
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