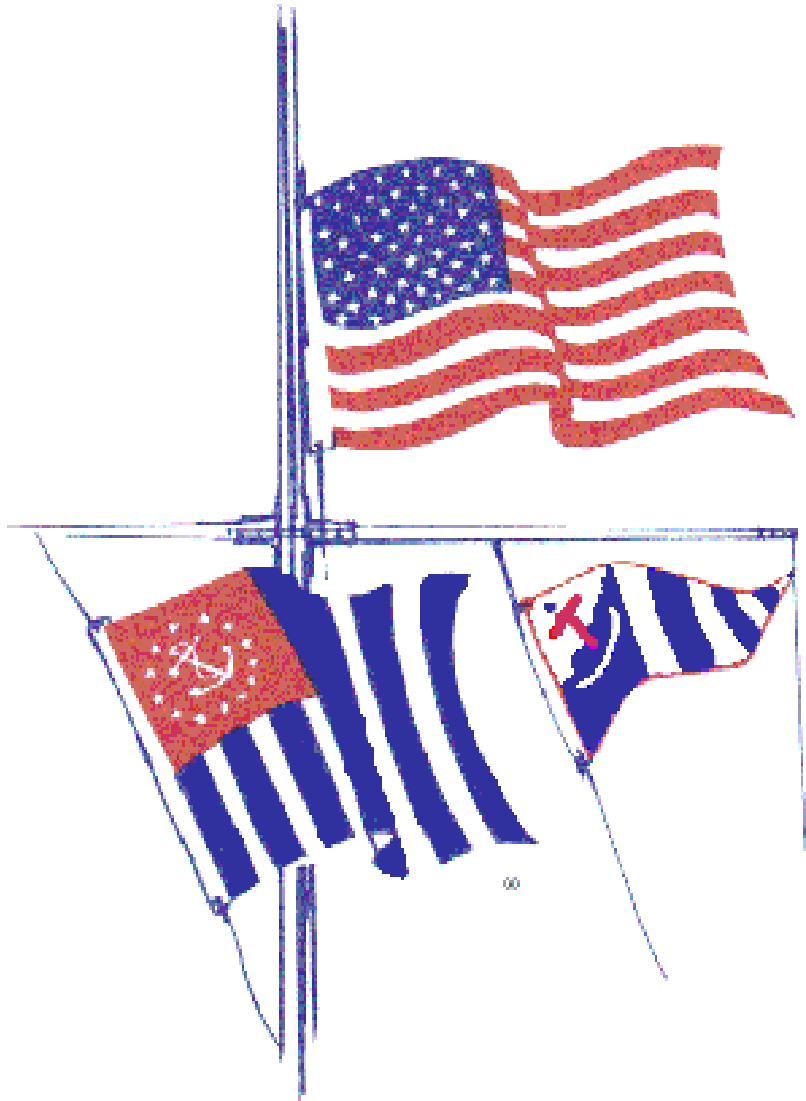


# Short Blast

## TAMPA POWER SQUADRON

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**May 2011**



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

Kudos goes out to our Education Team for a great job in our educational opportunities. They have recently taught Two ABC boating courses, A Weather class and currently conducting the Piloting class. Thank you for a great job.

The Executive Board has voted to adopt the updating of the Chart of Tampa's local waters. This is long term commitment which we support to help the boaters of our community. Richard Holcomb has agreed to chair this committee. Let's all get behind him in supporting this project.

Everyone who just attended the District 22 Spring conference in Sarasota had a great time.

Respectfully,  
Cdr Tom Thompson, S  
**Tom Thompson ..**



## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**Lt/C Anna Morris, AP**

Previously, I introduced the committee chairs of the Executive Department. This month, I thought that it might be of interest to explain a little bit about the functions of these committees.

The **Boat Show Committee** distributes prepared material to present USPS's civic services properly and adequately to the general public at boat shows, fairs and other functions. In order to accomplish their mission, the BSC works closely with both the boat show sponsoring organizations along with the Squadron Public Relations officer. The BSC designs and develops new display material; supervises the design, structure and display of the squadron booth; maintains squadron exhibits and attendant material; and, schedules personnel to staff the booth.

The **Cooperative Charting Committee** supplies information to the Marine Chart Division of NOS/NOAA leading to corrections to nautical charts, small craft charts, and Coast Pilot publications. They also supply data on depth surveys and range status. Dangerous situations, such as buoys off station or failed lighted buoys, are reported to the USCG as well as NOAA. NOAA's Adopt-A-Chart subprogram provides for individual squadrons to assume responsibility to keep a chart or a portion of a chart in their local boating area up to date and to get recognition on new editions for their work.

The **Liaison Committee** develops and maintains good relationships with private Boating Clubs, U.S. Navy, US Coast Guard and it's Auxiliary, Army Corps of Engineers, Division of Wildlife, Local Harbor Patrols and other state and local services or agencies related or concerned with water-based recreational activities.

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The **Public Relations Committee** handles promotions, media news releases, posters, flyers, paid ads, public events and anything that will enhance the public image and promote USPS and Tampa Power Squadron's activities and services.

The **Radio Technical Committee** acts as the focal point in the squadron regarding technical matters and regulations relating to installation and operation of marine electronic equipment, including telecommunications.

The **Safety Committee** works closely with the Education Department and emphasizes the promotion of safe boating. Responsible for the distribution of safety literature, the Safety Officer initiates safety events as will educate and interest the squadron membership.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**Lt/C Angelina Stanley, S**

Hello all! Our 2011 Administrative Department is comprised of the following committees, chaired by the following volunteers:

Auxiliary Advisory	Laye, Charles L.
Boating Activities Committee	Morris, Scott
Members Benefits Committee	Thompson, Linda C.
Members Involvement Committee	Thompson, Thomas C.
Membership Committee	Thompson, Thomas C.
Operations Training	Mullins, Alta M.

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I am working on the New Member Handbook and a one page flyer as distributed at the Membership Meeting at IHOP at 4910 Spruce Street on 3 March 2011. We had 14 people attend with 12 members and two guests. Welcome members and guests! My dad finally got sworn in by Tom and I got the photo to prove it.

I passed out flyers that Charlie gave me at the Membership Meeting to the bulletin board on Davis Island on Sunday 6 March 2011. Hopefully we can encourage some to take our boating classes.

We finished up the Weather class at the Town and Country Library on 23 March 2011. We had four test takers and all passed the course!

We had a nice group at Gator Ford on April 9, 2011. I distributed a flyer at a local yacht club. I saw a couple that was in our class at West Marine.

There are five members taking the Piloting class on Wednesdays at the Town 'n Country library. Charlie and Anna are doing an excellent job of teaching. They are soooooooooooooo patient!!!

Angelina Stanley  
[AO@TampaPS.org](mailto:AO@TampaPS.org) 813-872-2755

**Lt/C Angelina Stanley ,S      Administrative Officer**



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## EDUCATIONAL OFFICER'S REPORT

**P/C Charlie Laye, AP**

SEO Report for May, 2011

Safe Boating Week runs from Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup>. As normal, we are having a Public Boating Class on Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup> at Port Tampa Library.

We will have a GPS Seminar, open to the public on Saturday, the 28<sup>th</sup>. Watch the calendar for information or (silly me) attend a Board or Membership Meeting.

The Piloting Class will get their exams on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

They have two weeks to complete them. After that we will have another class; let me know what you are interested in, right away.

I'll tell you about my experiences at the District Change of Watch but as I am writing this in April, I haven't been there yet. I can tell you the food at the Heritage House (Der Dutchman) was GREAT!

Boat safe and let me know if you need anything, cl

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Tampa SEO Charlie Laye

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

The **Vessel Safety Check Committee** provides a public program of free safety inspections which helps to achieve voluntary compliance with federal and state recreational boating safety laws, particularly with regard to the carriage of safety equipment while raising boater awareness about safety and environmental issues through voluntary contact by a Vessel Examiner (VE). VE discussions with recreational boaters is designed to motivate maintaining and operating their boats in a safe manner, taking boating safety courses to increase their knowledge and skills in boating, and promoting safe boating.

**Lt/C Anna Morris, AP Executive Officer**

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

My how the time flies when you are retired. Seems I don't have as much time to accomplish things now as I did when I was working. I suspect I was much more organized when working.

If you went to the D/22 Spring Conference at Sarasota the end of April, I trust you had an opportunity to sit in on some of the meetings and glean much information that will be beneficial for you to apply to your duties within the Squadron.

As I am writing this, the D/22 Spring Conference is next week. My goal is to maintain a low profile at the Conference, but still have a good time and also learn something I can use here in Tampa. A good source of information is available to all of us by networking with members from other Squadrons.

Until next time, I hope all of you stay well and happy.

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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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**TAMPA'S 63rd CHANGE OF WATCH  
REPORT**

26 Feb 2011

What makes a great Change of Watch? A thoughtful blend of preparation, teamwork, recognition of achievement, pride, enthusiasm, friendship and ceremony.

Mix all that into comfortable surroundings with good food and enough door prizes to guarantee a "take home" for nearly everyone.

The Tampa Police Explorers Honor Guard opened the proceedings with a smartly executed presentation of colors. Outgoing Cdr. Ryan C. Brown, S, expressed sincere and

heartfelt remarks during and after presenting the Tampa Commanders Support Award to Lt/C Tom Thompson, S, and the Tampa Well Done Award to Lt/C Anna Morris, AP. Later, newly installed Cdr. Thompson (who already has considerable experience as acting commander) held back by respiratory illness, nevertheless provided brief but significant inspiration for the coming year.

In between, District Commander Mary Paige Abbott, N, said it best when she recounted Tampa Power Squadron's accomplishments before our assembled officers, members, friends and honored guests at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge. She described Tampa's increasing membership, the creditable record of our Education Department, and in particular the truly outstanding achievements of our Co-Op Charting Committee under the leadership of P/D/LT/C Richard Holcomb, SN.

District Lt. Commander Margaret Barber, JN, presented the D/22 Outstanding Teacher Award jointly to Lt Scott Morris, P and to Lt/C Anna Morris, AP. P/C George J. Martin, JN, received the annual E. Bruce Hewitt Educational Award, presented by Margaret Hewitt as in the past.

Between the various installations and dismissals of officers and committees our Emcee (with a capital "E") P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN, provided the stories and humor for which she has become well known, if not legendary. Included was a quiz designed for a show of hands by those who might be "Older than Dirt."

Thanks to P/C Charles L. Laye, AP, Lt/C Linda C. Thompson, S, Lt Addie Kimbril, S, Lt Angelina A. Stanley, S, and their assistants for creating a showcase for our Squadron and its successes over the past year. Our achievements, coupled with an increasingly active bridge and membership, are very encouraging for our coming year.

Please join us for  
*Our Membership Meeting*

*Which is*

*On 5 May, 2011*

**IHOP at**

**4910 Spruce**

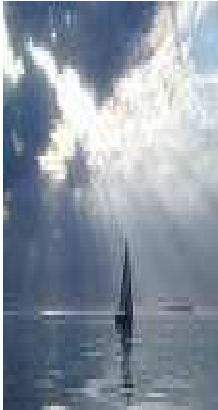
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More information on our web page.

E-mail me if you need directions

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I look forward to seeing you there,  
Tom.

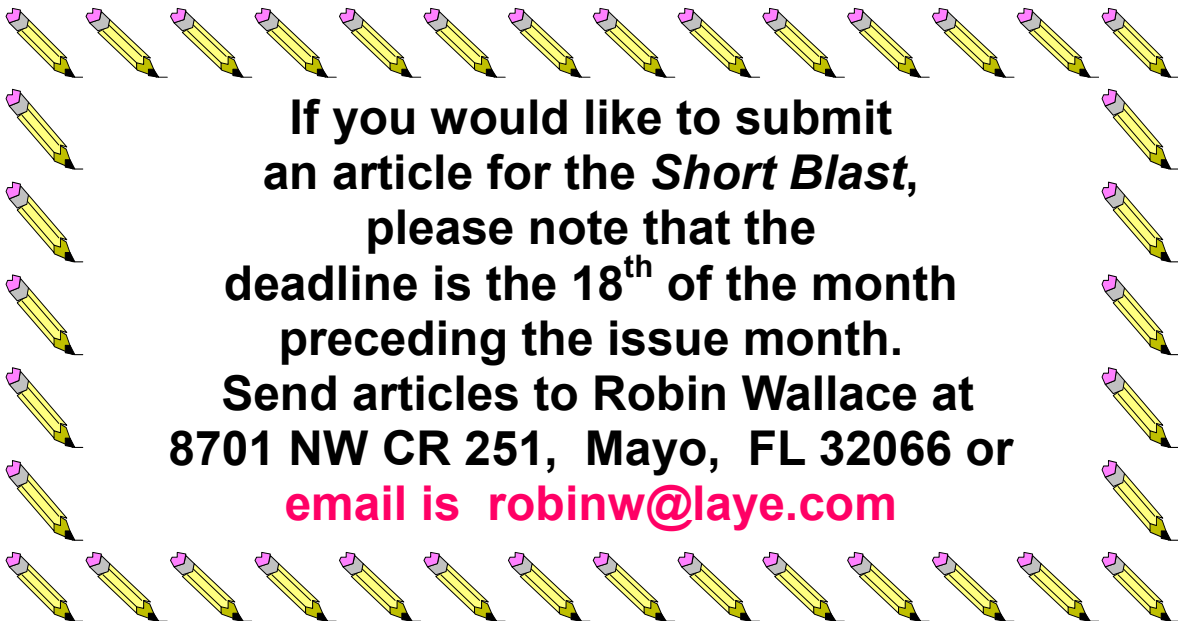


  
*Birthdays  
of the Month*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU !!

May Birthdays

John Orr	03
Richard Safford	12
Tom Thompson	18
Robert Dougherty	19
Daryle Wohlleber	26

  
If you would like to submit  
an article for the *Short Blast*,  
please note that the  
deadline is the 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:robinw@laye.com)**

Please join us for  
*Our Membership Dinner*  
*Which is*

**On 02 June, 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](mailto:ao@tampaps.org)

I look forward to seeing you there,  
Tom.

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# Calendar of Events

## **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**
- 28 GPS Seminar**
- 30 Memorial Day

## **JUNE, 2011**

- 02 Membership Dinner** (IHOP @ 4910 Spruce)
- 14 Flag Day
- 19 Father's Day
- 25 ABC3** (Port Tampa Library)
- 30 Board Meeting**

## **JULY, 2011**

- 04 Independence Day
- 07 Membership Meeting** (IHOP @ 4910 Spruce)
- 09 ABC3 Course** (West Marine Brandon)
- 28 Board Meeting**

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**2011 Bridge and Executive Committee**

**Commander - Cdr Tom Thompson, S**

**Executive Officer - Lt/C Anna Morris, AP**

**Educational Office - P/C Charles L. Laye, AP**

**Administrative Officer - Lt/C Angelina Stanley**

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

**Treasurer - Lt/C Linda Thompson, S**

**Executive Committee -**

**D/Lt Bob Dougherty, AP**

**Lt Addie Kimbril, S**

**P/D/Lt/C Richard Holcomb, SN**

**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  
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**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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