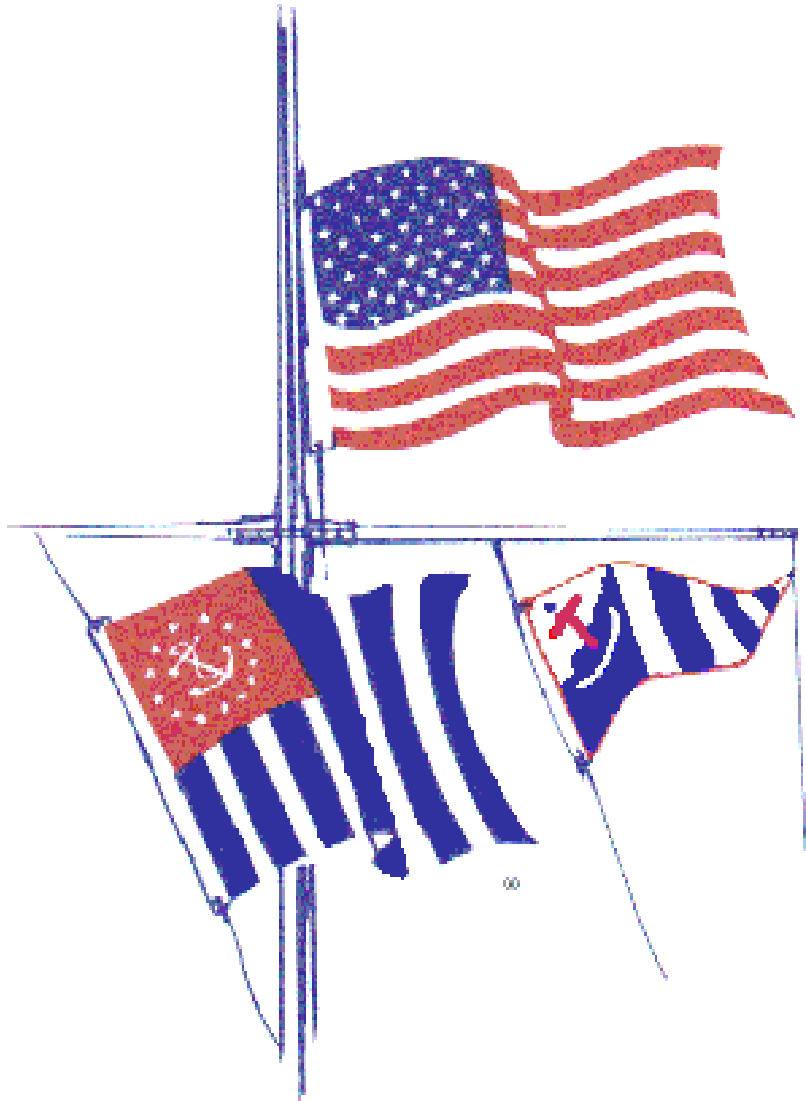


# Short Blast

## TAMPA POWER SQUADRON

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**April 2011**



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

During the month of March, we had several Executive Board members admitted into our local hospitals. I am glad to say that they are all home and our on the mend. I would like to thank our members for their thoughts and prayers, and assisting in their recovery.

I personally had a great time at our annual Kite Fly in at Fort Desoto Park. The weather and food was excellent. I was awarded a trophy for the prettiest kite. Great job to Anna Morris for a making it a wonderful event.

Once again, the Tampa Power squadron will continue to stay very busy for the month of April. Please check our web site for all the upcoming events.

Respectfully,  
Lt/C Tom Thompson, S Executive Officer  
**Tom Thompson [xo@tampaps.org](mailto:xo@tampaps.org) ..**





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## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**Lt/C Anna Morris, AP**

It's not everyday that one can tell one's commander to "go fly a kite", but that is precisely what occurred at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Edwin C. Aldrich Memorial Kite Fly-In. So, on 20 March Cdr Tom Thompson, S bravely hit the beach at Ft DeSoto Park along with competitors from the Boca Ciega, Clearwater, Naples and St Petersburg squadrons. Cdr Tom competed bravely and with honour, and he won the Prettiest Kite Flown award. Jeffery Brown, a first time kite flyer, won the First Up award in the Junior Flyers division. And although the competition was close, Boca Ciega's Cdr Donald L Grier, P won the coveted Commander's Perpetual Trophy. Boca Ciega also took home the Largest and Highest awards along with the High Flyer award in the Junior Flyers division. St Petersburg walked away with trophies for the Smallest and Best Homemade kites flown along with the Most Spectacular Crash. St Petersburg also won the 50/50 drawing for a pot of \$106.

With 66 persons attending, the coordination of this event would not have been possible without the helping hands of many volunteers.

Lt Addie E Kimbril, S – Food Procurement and Preparation

Alex Kimbril and Marcie Radloff – Cooks

P/C John Orr, S and Lt Scott Morris, P – Judges

P/C Charlie Laye, AP – Cashier

Lt Scott Morris, P – Trophy Builder

D/1/Lt Doroty Martin, JN – 50/50 Tickets

D/Lt George J Martin, JN – Master of Ceremonies

And those are just the volunteers in our squadron! I would be most remiss to overlook the contributions of Boca Ciega's squadron Cdr Donald L Grier, P, co-coordinator; 1/Lt Joan Jarson, judge; Norma Morris, judge; Stf/C Bedford Dabney, P, cook; and, Kit Dabney, cook. St Petersburg coordinator was Lt/C Bruce Rodgers, SN who fielded two judges: P/C Tom Chamberlain, JN and Lt Evie Eibach, S.

Beautiful sunshine, great breezes, moderate temperatures, excellent company and terrific food ... what's not to enjoy? See you next year when we 'hit the beach' once more!

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



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**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S**  
**REPORT**

**Lt/C Angelina 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.\

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



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

**P/C Charlie Laye, AP**

SEO Report April 2011

After the success of the Boating Class at West Marine in Brandon and the Weather Course at the Town and Country Library, Piloting has started. If you missed the first session and want in; now is the time!

Our next class is at Brandon Foard on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Please come by and meet the students.

In other matters; the Kite Fly-In was great, and the weather was far better than a year ago. Anna did a wonderful job "getting it all together".

I also want to thank all the Squadron Members that came out for the re-naming of my "new" boat. I think everyone had a good time and I did NOT fall again even though there were several request and Big John tripping me twice. My only concern was most people did not realize we were in the Bay; they kept saying I should, "Go jump in a lake."

See you next month. As always you can e-mail or phone me.

Tampa SEO Charlie Laye

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



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

I am still working on the Tampa Squadron Historian Report since I haven't received information from many of the members who have the information that I need, to complete the History Report for 2010. I will again be emailing some of the members for input for the report. Please send me your information soon.

Our Editor, Robin Wallace has a heart of gold. She puts up with those of us who are slow or slower in getting our articles to her for the next month's *Short Blast*. Robin, thank you for being so patient with those of us who are so late in getting our articles to you.

However, in defense of myself, I have been trying to keep a low-key profile by resting a lot and not doing much of anything, since I got out of the hospital last week due to heart situations. I am doing all right now (hopefully for a long time) and I want to thank those of you who called with good wishes and offered your assistance, if Ben or I needed anything. Thank you. Your sincere concern is greatly appreciated. I have always said Power Squadron members are Class A people, and once again I have been proven right.

March was the month for hospitals. Charlie Laye was hospitalized and is once again home. And Linda Thompson was also in the hospital and is now home. And with me, that is three of us. My message to the rest of our Tampa Squadron members -- Stay Well.

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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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**Safety First**  
**Lt Scott Morris, P**

It's that time of the year again, when we start getting the boats ready for another boating season. Perhaps you have some new electronics to wire into the boat, or just need to fix a loose or corroded connection.

One thing to consider when you are doing wiring work is that the copper in the wires just doesn't like the salt air. It causes corrosion which can lead to low voltage or heat on high amperage connections.

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The heating of corroded connections can cause insulation to melt which can lead to a short circuit causing a fire aboard. You can just crimp on a connector and maybe redo the connection every year or 2 or take an extra step to assure you don't suddenly have that connection fail at the worst possible time.

There are numerous ways to deal with this corrosion from the exotic/expensive like Teflon insulation on nickel plated conductors (which I have used on occasion) to the more mundane. I like simple myself so I opt for dielectric paste for the connections. This is a paste into which you dip the wire or connector prior to crimping; this fills the connector providing a seal against the salt air and fluids to prevent corrosion. Once crimped, I then dip the connector into the paste before connecting it to a terminal block. There are many versions of this paste and you should consider the expected use when selecting one.

For high amperage connections, such as starters or charging circuits, I like one of the pastes which contain silver as this is more conductive than the copper wire so that little or no heating occurs at the crimp (assuming the crimp is good). Also, as silver corrodes, it does not change its properties. For more common low amperage circuits, I use a paste which contains zinc, which is available in your local home center in the electrical section. The zinc in the paste serves the same purpose as the zincs on your boat. The zinc in the paste will waste away before the wire does if there is ever current leakage, protecting the wire.

Everyone have a good boating season. Let's all be safe out there and set a good example for the newbies.



Please join us for  
*Our Membership Meeting*

*Which is*

*On 5 May, 2011*

**IHOP**

**at**

**4910 Spruce**

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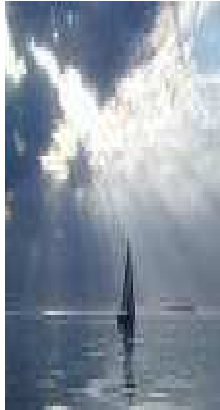
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Angelina Stanley [ao@tampaps.org](mailto:ao@tampaps.org)

I look forward to seeing you there,  
Tom.

# Note Change!

Due to inclement weather  
the Board Meeting for  
March 31st was cancelled.  
It will be held following  
the Membership Dinner  
on April 7th.  
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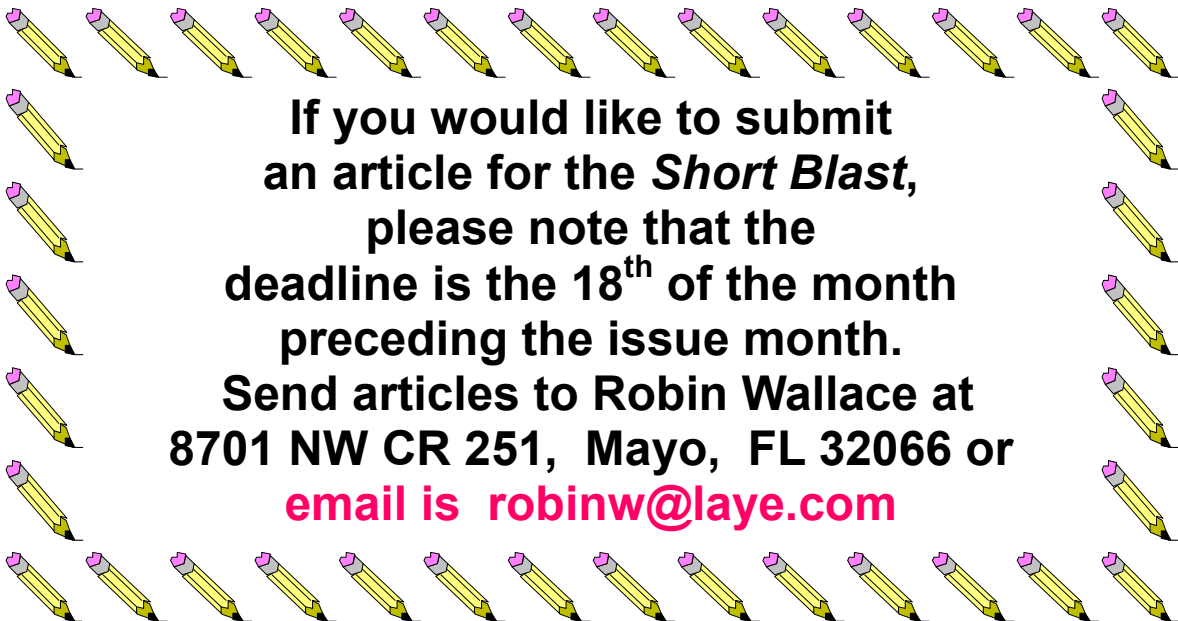


  
*Birthdays  
of the Month*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU !!**

**April Birthdays**

<b>George Martin</b>	<b>03</b>
<b>William Collum</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Margaret Albano</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Ken Halverson</b>	<b>23</b>

  
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 April 7, 2011**

**Membership Dinner (IHOP @ 4910 Spruce)**

**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

## **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

## **JUNE, 2011**

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

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**Secretary - P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN**  
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Tampa Power Squadron  
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Meetings are held at 1900 the  
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