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NEWSLETTER OF FLOTILLA 12-5 - U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FIFTH DISTRICT (SR) - OCEAN CITY, MD

FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

ROBERT SHEEHAN FC



Once again, the Marlin Club has generously donated to the "Dock Safety" coloring book for publishing. Susan Seifert and Nancy Kalin, President of the Marlin Club "Crew" presented the flotilla with the donation. Thanks Susan and Nancy for your support.

The Change of Watch (COW) for 2026 has been decided by the members that the event will be held at the Lighthouse Sound restaurant like last year. Flotilla 12-05 will host and members from Division 12 will be welcome. Steve Haffner was appointed Committee lead for the upcoming event.

The Ocean City Air Show was pretty much a washout with summer storms ruling the event. Dan Collins went out on his Operational Facility on 14 June with an all female crew, Lynn Killian, Maureen Hoffman and trainee Tonya Dagstani. They were soaked with driving rains about two hours into the mission and returned to port. We are



looking forward to some On-the-Water missions with some better weather!

Congratulations to Glenn Duffy for receiving the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Award for Recruitment and Retention of new members as our Human Resource Officer. Thanks Glenn for your commitment and devotion of duty!

Semper Peratus!



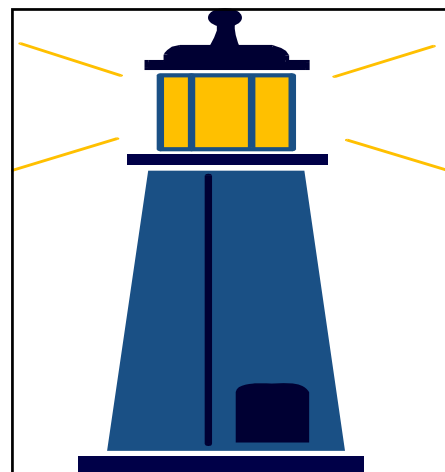
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING U.S.C.G. STATION OCEAN CITY 7 JULY 2025

The monthly meeting of flotilla 12-05 was called to order by Bob Sheehan FC via an in-person and a virtual Zoom call promptly at 1900. The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Haffner.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

PRESENT: Bob Sheehan FC, Glenn Duffy Stephen Battistone FSO-CS, Cathy Battistone FSO-PB/SR, Steve Haffner, Frank de Laurentis FSO-FN, Art Flora, Barry Cohen FSO-IS/PE/PV, Tim Mullen FSO-MS, Tonya Dagstani FSO-MT, Mark Wrightstone lead, Chincoteague Detachment, FSO-VE, Allen Burns, Jeff DeHart FSO-RS, Beth Lake, Jill Lake, Lynn Killian FSO-MA and Dan Collins.

VISITORS: John Small Vice Flotilla



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FLOTILLA 12-5 MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 1900 HOURS AT THE OCEAN CITY COAST GUARD STATION. VISITORS WELCOME!!



Commander from Flotilla 12-01, Prospective members Ron Neely, Tom Polaski and Kevin Nolan joined our meeting tonight. Missy Small and members of the Marlin Club Susan Seifert and Nancy Kalin

QUORUM: Glenn Duffy VFC determined there was a quorum.

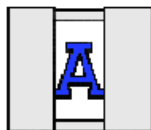
A motion was made to accept the June 2025 minutes by Barry Cohen and seconded by Steve Haffner. The motion carried.

John Small VFC from flotilla 12-01 (Salisbury) needs our help in Crisfield for the Big Little Townfest 2025. The dates are Friday, July 25, 10:00 am–6:00 pm. Saturday, July 26th from 10:00 am–4:00 pm and Sunday, July 27 from 10:00 am–2:00 pm.

We also could use your help on Labor Day Weekend, August 29-31 for the 78th National Hard Crab Derby. The Salisbury flotilla would like to create a Crisfield Detachment just as you have with the Chincoteague Detachment.

Questions? Contact John Small on 302-669-8988 or email jsmall76@yahoo.com

FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Dan Collin's Operational Facility went out for the 14 June 2025 Air Show with an all female boat crew including Lynn Killian, Maureen Hoffman and trainee Tonya Dagstani. The weather worsened as the day went on and the Air Show ended early with all going to their home port drenched.

The flotilla was posed the question whether to have a Flotilla Change of Watch or a Division Change of Watch. The vote was to have a Flotilla Change of Watch locally.

Jeff DeHart has been appointed the new position of FSO-RS (Rescue and Safety)

U.S. COAST GUARD MEETING CHINCOTEAGUE DETACHMENT MARK WRIGHTSTONE

A meeting of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Chincoteague Detachment was held at the Refuge Inn, Chincoteague, VA on June 18, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Mark Wrightstone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDEES: Mark Wrightstone, Bo Busler, Bill Roche, Luann Roche, George Dimond, Steve Wehlan, Tom Polaski, visitor and prospective member

ELEVATED SECURITY LEVEL AT BASE CHINCOTEAGUE: Due to elevated security measures at the Coast Guard Station in Chincoteague, the meeting location was changed to the Refuge Inn. Members received a briefing on the heightened security measures and procedures to follow.

BOAT CREW ACADEMY: Due to weather concerns, the "on the water" exercises have been postponed until a later date. Time, date, and location will be announced when available.

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS: Flotilla Vessel Examiners will be conducting an examination day at White Horse Park Marina.

Pony Penning Support: The Coast Guard Chincoteague Station has requested that we provide 2-3 Operational Facilities to help with security for the Pony Penning activities. We discussed what to "look for" when on the

water and who to report any concerns to. Warren Peake continues to serve as the Auxiliary Lead for this event.

TRAINING: Mark Wrightstone is working on becoming a Commercial Fishing Vessel Examiner (CFVE) and was recently in Maryland for mentored inspections. Luann Roche has completed the Program Visitor course but must finish with mentored visits and is also working on the Vessel Examiner course. Bill Roche will try to complete the Public Education course soon. Luann and Bill attended the Painter Recreational Boating Safety classes to help and to observe. The Detachment will work together with the Painter Flotilla on the Recreational Boating Safety classes.

Outreach: Chincoteague Museum Night was a resounding success. We had 38 attendees. Two of the attendees expressed an interest in joining and have both applied since. BMC Chad Farrell spoke about his position and some of the missions undertaken by the Chincoteague Coast Guard Station. Jim McCarty, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Division 12 Commander also spoke. They both answered questions. Mark started the meeting with introductions and general information. Bill and Luann presented a recruitment slide show and spoke about the auxiliary. The attendees were very attentive, a lot of them commenting "I had no idea this existed".

CAPTAINS COVE FARMERS MARKET: We continue to have a table at the Farmers Market held every Thursday from 3:00 pm-6:00 pm at the Marina Club parking lot in Captains Cove with a different



theme each week. Our last theme was the ten ways to signal "on the water" distress. It was very well attended. Our numbers have increased every week.

CAPTAINS COVE HEALTH FAIR: We will have a table at the event to recruit and educate.

OCEAN CITY BEACH CLEAN-UP: Bo Busler will attend this event.

Public Project: We discussed various projects to help the community such as mowing the Mechanics graveyard in Chincoteague, etc. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

UNIFORMS: The uniform of the month was the Vessel Examiner Polo shirt.

OPEN DISCUSSION: We discussed the need to change the meeting time to 7:00 pm to accommodate those members who are not available during the day.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

The next meeting will be July 16, 2025, at 10:00 am.

FLOTILLA STAFF REPORTS



STEPHEN BATTISTONE FSO-CS

Provided ongoing support for the Flotilla 12-05 Website and the Flotilla12-05 Facebook Page.

Recent updates include the following:

Posted Photos of the Flotilla Meeting held on 2 June 2025 at the U.S. Coast Guard Station in Ocean City, MD. Photos provided by Stephen Battistone FSO-CS.

Posted Photos from the Ocean City Air Show Patrol on 14 June 2025. Photos provided by Nancy Collins.

The June 2025 edition of the On Course Newsletter was posted on the Flotilla 12-05 website.



FRANK DE LAURENTIS- FSO-FN

The balance as of 01 June 2025 is \$10,969.60

RECEIPTS

04 JUN PayPal Transfer/SBC	\$173.91
03 JUN Deposit SBC & 2026 Dues	\$760.00
16 JUN Bank Deposit 2026 Dues	\$335.00
16 JUN PayPal Transfer SBC	\$38.80
26 JUN Bank Deposit 2026 Dues	\$135.00
Total Receipts	\$1,442.71

DISBURSEMENTS

02 JUN Serpone Pizza CK #2308	\$122.99
20 JUN A. Flora Awards Burns/Duffy	\$220.74
25 JUN Wor. County Rec & Pks Harbor Day Fee CK #2307	\$50.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$391.73

Ending balance as of 30 June 2025 is \$12,018.58

GLENN DUFFY FSO-HR

As of June. 30 2025 Flotilla 054-12-05 had a total membership of 46.

New Members 0
Disenrollments 0
Deaths: 0
Resigned: 0

Transferred: 0

After confirming with our FC there are no additional changes to report.

Three members are in AP and four members in IQ status.

BARRY COHEN-FSO-IS

Let's talk about the 7038 form; Since there are 3 mission codes for this form, in the remarks section there needs to be a separate paragraph for each mission code. Section two is the summary for the information.

The remarks section should look like this;

91A	Day	Mon	Yr	Start Time	End Time	# of VSC	Location
	07	Jun	2025	0800	1100	3	OC-Rmp
	08	Jun	2025	0800	0900	2	WO C
91H	Day	Mon	Yr	Start Time	End Time	# of VSC	Location
	09	Jun	2025	1100	1300	5	OP

New item: 7029 is a monthly form. Only one month of item(s) per that month. Even if there is only one item.

LYNN KILLIAN FSO-MA

Bob Sheehan and Glenn Duffy: Let Lynn know what you take out of the material room so more can be ordered so we have a good supply. Remember 877 24 WATCH to report a suspicious behavior – not profiling. There are stickers in the material room with that number. Just be aware if you are out on the water.



TIM MULLEN FSO-MS

Our second beach cleanup of the year took place on June 23. We cleaned the beach from the amusement pier to the inlet.

A special thank you goes out to our volunteers, Steve Haffner, Cathy Battistone, Steve Battistone, Jeff Dehart, Barry Cohen, Bo Busler and Mark Wrightstone who were successful in gathering over 50 lbs. of trash.

Our next beach cleanup will take place sometime in September when temperatures cool down.

**TONYA DAGSTANI FSO-MT**Training Opportunities and Notifications:

If you have a training idea you would like to see presented or would like to present, please let me know.

-Planned monthly training meetings at the library are replaced by monthly meetings 90 minutes prior to monthly Flotilla meetings.

-DROP-IN CHANGE: EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY through the summer... meetings will continue to focus on familiarization with AUXDATA II, Moodle Classroom, and Certifications.

AUX Monthly Meeting Training:

-JULY: SUSPICIOUS VESSELS- presented by Mark Wrightstone

-AUGUST: WATCHSTANDER- presented by Maureen Hoffman

Weekly Drop-In meetings are NOW every-other Wednesday at

The Pines Cafe.

Online Training Format is now available via Google Classroom and subject-specific, step-by-step slide shows. The Google classroom is easy to access, via a link and passcode, a larger amount of information as opposed to me emailing individual Power Point Presentations. (The take up a lot of space.) <https://classroom.google.com/c/NzYzNzc1NTc4NzE3?cjc=bv6j35j7> CODE: bv6j35j7

Unique Training Opportunities/UPDATES

-New link to Guides and Handbooks: <https://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=BX-GROUP&category=guides-and-handbooks>

-Update on AUX Operations Process Guide: many changes made

-ONLINE IMSEP: Awaiting the schedule for the next six-month agenda.

-Remaining FOAM (Flotilla Organization and Management) Zoom meeting topics:

Session #11 Jul 21st & 22nd Dues billing and the disenrollment process

Session #12 Aug 18th & 19th Award writing made easy
Session #13 Sep 15th & 16th Screening Committee Responsibilities

Session #14 Oct 6th & 7th Flotilla elections and election result reporting

Session #15 Nov 24th & 25th Flotilla change of administration

Session #16 Dec 1st & 2nd Flotilla change of administration

**BOAT CREW ACADEMY:**

06 July 2025-Several members had the opportunity to secure boat crew certs out of Harborton.

The date for D-Train is:

SEP 04-07, 2025 – MARRIOTT SHORT PUMP, GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

DIRAUX deadline to enter travel authorization in E2 Solutions: 14JULY2025

DEADLINE to Register for D-Train self-funding: 14AUG2025

This link walks you through how to get your travel orders via E2:

<https://form.jotform.com/251686209241154>.

RISK MANAGEMENT ONLINE COURSES

July 16 and 17, 2025 1700 Mountain/1800 Central/1900

Eastern Time -please adjust for your time zone. This is a 2-night class 2 hours each night.

Classes not meeting minimum number of students will be cancelled.

All classes are on line, and may be given over 2 evenings or 1 day class.

All classes will be ~4 hours in length. Each class has to meet minimum enrollment to be presented.

To register send your Member Number, District, Division and Flotilla C. Susan Lowe ADSO-MT RM cslowe4@verizon.net for February classes.

A response will be sent within 36 hours. Two to three days prior to class you will receive a Class Reminder with Zoom link and Handouts- this will serve as your class Reminder- if you do not receive this email let me know.

CATHY BATTISTONE- FSO-PB

The approved minutes from June 2025 on form 7000 was forwarded to DIRAUX.

The June 2025 edition of the On Course Newsletter was created and submitted for posting to the Flotilla website.

BARRY COHEN FSO-PE

The July Public Education class was cancelled.

BARRY COHEN-FSO-PV

FSO-PV, the number of PVs done in 2025 is 115.



J. MARK WRIGHTSTONE FSO-VE

During the month of June 2025, Flotilla 12-05 Vessel Examiners completed 105 VSCs, with a total of 286 VSCs to date.

Also, during the month, a VSC day took place at White Horse Park Marina, 5 members took part. Contact was made with the Ocean Pines Marina Manager to set up VSCs. The Marina Management distributed an email to all slip holders with contact information to arrange for a check.

We are halfway through the 2025 boating season, Vessel Examiners are reminded that a minimum of 5 VSCs annually are required to maintain certification.

Reminder to all Vessel Examiners, please turn in your VSC counts before each monthly Flotilla meeting to the FSO-VE, these numbers will be included in future monthly reports. Please forward to: jwrightstone1924@comcast.net.

NEW BUSINESS: The last two Division meetings we had the Staff Officers send in their reports in advance and I (SO-SR) concatenated the reports and sent them out at the beginning of the week for a Thursday meeting to all of the staff officers. No reports were read at the meeting. This allowed time for other business or a member training presentation. A motion was made by Cathy Battistone and seconded by Glenn Duffy. The motion carried. Let's have the reports turned in no later than the Friday before the next meeting. The due date for the next meetings' reports is Friday August 1st.

AWARDS: Glenn Duffy received a special award for membership recruitment and retention. Since Glenn has taken over the flotilla HR position the flotilla has grown from 30 to at one point 50 members at the highest. We are now at 46 with three prospective members in the queue.

Congratulations Glenn!

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2003 was made by Barry Cohen and seconded by Steve Haffner.. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be on August 4, 2025 at 1900.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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4	General Meeting at 1900 U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City Ocean City, MD
21	Division Meeting at 1900 Sector Field Office Eastern Shore Chincoteague, VA
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8	General Meeting at 1900 U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City Ocean City, MD



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