

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY 070-12-04 LOCAL FORM FORM 114-7017F (01-10) REV.3	<b>U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY</b> <b>RECORD OF FLOTILLA MEETING</b>									
<b>Unit Number</b>	070-12-04	<b>Meeting Date</b>			06/11/14			<b>Meeting Time</b>		1900
<b>Unit Name</b>	Central Grand Strand									
<b>Meeting Place</b>	Surfside Beach Fire Station						<b>Meeting Type</b>		Member	
<b># Members Present</b>	<b>AP</b>	1	<b>IQ</b>		<b>BQ</b>	8	<b>AX</b>	3	<b># Guests Present</b>	3
<b>Unit Officers Present</b>	Tommy Timberlake (FC), Oliver Leimbach (VFC/HS/NS)									
<b>FSO Officers Present</b>	Billy Shaver (FSO/SO VE), Larry Koslap (CS/SR), Bud Shepard (FN/PA), Jack Margolis (OP/PE)									
<b>Members Present</b>	Jack Stacy, Nancy Johnson, Pam Watts, Betty Hayes, Don Siwinski, Jack Stacy, Roy Gnirke, Dolorene Arruda									
<b>Guests Present</b>	Paulette Sanford, Aaron Sanford, Thomas Schmitz									
<b>COMMENCEMENT</b>										
<b>Called to Order</b>	1905									
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Jack Margolis led the pledge, Bud Shepard led the invocation									
<b>Introduction of Guests</b>	Oliver Leimbach introduced guests Paulette and Aaron Sanford and Thomas Schmitz									
<b>Roll Call/Quorum</b>	11/28 voting members in attendance (quorum of ¼ of voting members met) FC & VFC officers present (quorum of 1 unit officer met)									
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Oliver Leimbach said he did not have minutes from previous months meeting available at this time and would make them available for review at next months meeting.									
<b>Financial Report</b>	Bud Shepard reported an opening balance of \$1,458.98 with one dispersement of \$110 for pop-up tent lettering with ending balance of \$1,348.98.									
<b>COAST GUARD REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS</b>										
No Report										
<b>DISTRICT/DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE COMMENT</b>										
Billy Shaver (FSO/SO VE) reported that to date, Division has reported the completion of 842 Vehicle Examinations (VE) which is approximately 110 VE's ahead of last years totals for this time.										
<b>FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT</b>										
<p>Tommy Timberlake said that he has an inventory of South Carolina Department of Natural Resource Boating Guides and Tide Table Booklets available for members. He also asked that members not doing any more VE inspections this year to return unused VE Decals as the flotilla cannot order more until at least 200 inspections are done this year.</p> <p>Volunteers are needed to help perform paddle craft inspections this Saturday, June 14 at Tara Hall. Tara Hall is a long-term residential home and school that accepts neglected, troubled, and abused boys.</p> <p>Billy Shaver and Tommy Timberlake will be attending the Incident Command System 300 class, or ICS, on June 21 and 22 in Charleston. Tommy asked members contact him if they were interested in attending. The class is a standardized, on-scene, all-risk, incident management concept. ICS is the result of decades of lessons learned in the organization and management of emergency incidents.</p> <p>Station Georgetown has asked the flotilla if we would be available to perform operations for this years Murrells Inlet 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.</p>										

**VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT**

Oliver Leimbach noticed improper uniforms being worn at some recent public events and reminded members that it is imperative that members verify with staff the proper uniform required when working an event. He also said that there are multiple open staff officer positions (Materials Officer, Public Information Officer) and asked members who have not held staff positions to consider volunteering as they are important in maintaining the health of the flotilla. Any one interested should contact him directly.

**STAFF OFFICER REPORTS**

<b>FSO-CM (Communications)</b>	No Report
<b>FSO-CS (Communication Services)</b>	No Report
<b>FSO-DV (Diversity)</b>	No Report
<b>FSO-HR (Human Resources)</b>	Oliver Leimbach said there are three new members whose applications have been submitted that are being reviewed for approval. He said that there is now a longer processing period due to more rigorous standards being applied to the reviews at the national level.
<b>FSO-IS (Information Services)</b>	Tommy Timberlake reported continuing member report entry problems and asked members experiencing issues to continue to send him their information so that he can enter it for them.
<b>FSO-MA (Materials)</b>	Tommy Timberlake reported submitting the annual flotilla inventory request for equipment and materials. The request included flotilla coats and suits, personal marker lights, whistles, strobe lights and marketing materials. Jack Margolis asked if he could order an OSCAR which is a mannequin used for rescue training. Tommy said it would consider the request. He also explained the role of the Materials Officer. He said The Materials Department exercises responsibility and supervision over the procurement of materials, including stationery, forms and publications, as well as maintains and disseminates information on their procurement.
<b>FSO-MS (Marine Safety)</b>	Eric Hurlin reported three sites tested for Sea Partners Environmental for month of May.
<b>FSO-MT (Member Training)</b>	Tommy Timberlake reported no formal training was being offered at this time. He did say that Billy Shaver is working on his Coxswain certification and is close to completing sign offs on for all elements of the training. In addition, Vernon Simmons and Bud Shepard are continuing to work on their Boat Crew certification and complete sign offs on required elements of training. He said that once sign offs are completed, members can then schedule the Qualification Exam (QE).
<b>FSO-NS (Navigation Systems)</b>	No Report
<b>FSO-OP (Operations)</b>	<p>Jack Margolis reported:</p> <p>5/1: Training Patrol: Cappy w/Hap as Coxswain/Instructor; Coxswain Trainee: Billy Shaver; Crew Trainee: Vern Simmons; 6 hours underway</p> <p>5/1: Safety &amp; Security Patrol (MOM) w/two-boat training w/Cappy: Dolphin w/Jack Margolis Coxswain; Crew: Tony Presson &amp; Ollie Leimbach; 6.5 hours underway</p> <p>5/4: Regatta Patrol: Cappy w/Jack Margolis Coxswain; Crew: Hap and Billy; Security for Xterra Swim (1.5 hours) then Safety &amp; Security Patrol for 5 hours underway w/1 Assist (tow of disabled vessel w/5 occupants to Grand Dunes Marina).</p> <p>5/8: Safety &amp; Security Patrol w/training: Cappy w/Hap Coxswain; Crew: Billy Shaver; Crew Trainees: Buddy Shepard and Vern Simmons; 6.5 hours underway.</p> <p>5/25: Safety &amp; Security Patrol on Boat (Hap's boat – Flotilla 12-10); Crew: Hap James</p>

	<p>Coxswain; Jack Margolis and Chuck Budnick crew; 8 hours.</p> <p>6/5: Safety &amp; Security Patrol on Dolphin w/Jack Margolis Coxswain; Crew: Tony Presson, Ollie Leimbach, Betty Hayes, and Don Siwinski; and Vernon Simmons (Trainee). Signed off Vern's remaining underway task. Conducted 4 Man-overboard drills. Tony instructed Betty and Don concerning stern tow procedures and lines for tow. 8 hours.</p> <p>Had one assist with towing boat in Grand Dunes Regatta light can now be used at events and assisting (towing). See attached.</p>
<b>FSO-PA (Public Affairs)</b>	<p>Bud Shepard reported that the flotilla did participate in the Myrtle Beach Memorial Day parade. Billy Shaver's facility was used as the float.</p> <p>Volunteers are needed for a YMCA summer camp event in July. He plans on taking Coastie and has asked members interested in participating to contact him. Billy Shaver did volunteer to help.</p> <p>Jack Margolis shared a copy of "The Lone Sailer" newsletter which is a publication distributed by the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation. He said the cover story is devoted to the Year of the Coast Guard.</p>
<b>FSO-PE (Public Education)</b>	<p>Jack Margolis reported that the flotilla is doing an U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's <i>About Boating Safely</i> (ABS) course this Friday and Saturday June 13 and 14 at the Surfside Beach Fire Station. He said there are 9 participants registered to attend. He also said that he is considering offering the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's <i>Boating Skills and Seamanship</i> (BS&amp;S) course course this fall. The course is a comprehensive course designed for both the experienced and the novice boater.</p> <p>Obtained a variety of PFDs from Billy Shaver to use as props for Safe Boating Classes.</p>
<b>FSO-PV (RBS Visitor Prg)</b>	Eric Hurlin reported 255 total PV visits to date for the year.
<b>FSO-SR (Secretary/Records)</b>	No Report
<b>FSO-VE (Vessel Examination)</b>	Billy Shaver reported 71 watercraft and 20 paddle craft examinations for May. He reported 109 total VE's to date for the year.
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	
None	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
<p>Tommy Timberlake said that for potential new members joining the flotilla that the \$20 fee to attend an ABS course would be reimbursed by reducing the cost of their membership dues.</p> <p>Change of Command for Station Georgetown will commence on Friday, June 20 10:00amm</p>	
<b>MEMBERSHIP TRAINING</b>	
<b>SWEAR IN NEW MEMBERS/STAFF OFFICERS/AWARDS</b>	
<p>5yr Membership Award-Chuck Budnick, Bradley Sweeney  30hr Public Education Teaching Award &amp; Sustained Service 6<sup>th</sup> Award-Tomas Bagdas  Vessel Safety Checks (60) -Billy Shaver, Tommy Timberlake</p>	
<b>OPEN MEMBERSHIP REMARKS</b>	

**ADJOURNMENT**

<b>Adjournment Time</b>	2005 Betty Hayes motioned to adjourn, Jack Margolis seconded motion.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	July 9, 2014	<b>Location:</b> Surfside Beach Fire Department 810 1st Avenue North Surfside Beach SC 29575 (843) 913-6369 <a href="#">Show on Google Maps</a>
<b>Minutes Submitted By</b>	Lawrence Koslap (FSO-CS/SR)	



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### Knowledgebase: Response

## Can I use an alternating Red & Yellow Strobe light as my safety light?

Posted by on 05 November 2011 05:09 PM

The Ops Policy Manual authorizes use of the public safety vessel ID light for Aux vessel facilities. Though no specific type (rotating or strobe) is designated, as long as a strobe light meets the Nav Rules requirement (alternating red & yellow flashing light at regular intervals of 120 flashes or more per minute) you can use a strobe.

#### Applicable Nav Rules:

Lights which may be displayed for public safety activities are clearly defined in Annex V of the Inland Navigation Rules (33 CFR 88.12)

#### § 88.12 Public Safety Activities

(a) Vessels engaged in government sanctioned public safety activities, and commercial vessels performing similar functions, may display an alternately flashing red and yellow light signal. This identification light signal must be located so that it does not interfere with the visibility of the vessel's navigation lights. The identification light signal may be used only as an identification signal and conveys no special privilege. Vessels using the identification light signal during public safety activities must abide by the Inland Navigation Rules, and must not presume that the light or the exigency gives them precedence or right of way.

(b) Public safety activities include but are not limited to patrolling marine parades, regattas, or special water celebrations; traffic control; salvage; firefighting; medical assistance; assisting disabled vessels; and search and rescue.

The use of "strobe lights" is also addressed in the Navigation Rules, which prohibits their use as a "signal to attract attention". COLREG Rule 36 states:

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