

DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY  
U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
070-12-04 LOCAL FORM  
FORM 114-7017F (01-10) REV.3

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**RECORD OF FLOTILLA MEETING**

<b>UNIT NUMBER</b>	070-12-04	<b>MEETING DATE</b>	1/13/16	<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>Member Status</b>	<b>AP</b>	<b>IQ</b>	<b>BQ</b>	<b>AX</b>	<b>AX2</b>	<b>RT</b>	<b>GUESTS</b>	
<b>Present</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>5</b>	
<b>Unit Officers Present</b>	FC Oliver Leimbach, VFC Eric Hurlin							
<b>FSO Officers Present</b>	Vern Simmons (PV), Jack Margolis (OP); Pam Watts (SR); Tom Bagdas (MT); Betty Hayes (VE); Norm Fuller (MA); Jim Nelson (FN); Jeanette Brown (PB, PE); Tony Presson (CM). Tom Williamson (PA).							
<b>Members Present</b>	Billy Shaver, Rusty Miller, Lea Fuller, Alma Lyerly, John Hartwright, Bob Miller.							
<b>Guests Present</b>	Hap James, Mike Carle, Craig Medicus, Dan Thompson, Contessa Caprici.							
<b>COMMENCEMENT</b>								
<b>Called to Order</b>	1900 hrs							
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Pledge of Allegiance led by Jack Margolis Invocation given by Norm Fuller							
<b>Introduction of Guests</b>	John Hartwright will transfer from Division 1. Contessa came from a boating class.							
<b>Roll Call/Quorum</b>								
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Jim Nelson made a motion to accept, seconded by Tom Bagdas pending the addition of the names of those who attended the December meeting/party.							
<b>Financial Report</b>	We have a balance of \$3,453.84 as of 12/31/15. . Activity since that date will be reflected next months' report. Eric Hurlin made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Jack Margolis.							
<b>COAST GUARD REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS</b>								
<b>DISTRICT/DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE COMMENT</b>								
<p>Hap read the following regarding the patrols during the floods:</p> <p>The Commandant of the Coast Guard takes pleasure in present the COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS TEAM COMMENDATION TO:</p> <p>Auxiliary Division 12 2015 Flood Team for service as set forth in the following:</p>								

CITATION:

“for exceptional meritorious service from 11 October to 14 October 2015 while serving in support of South Carolina Flood Operations, members of the Division 12 2015 Flood Team, Seventh Coast Guard District Auxiliary responded without hesitation to Sector Charleston urgent patrol request to enforce a temporary no-wake zone on the Intercoastal Waterway and Waccamaw River in the aftermath of historic flooding. Demonstrating exceptional devotion to duty, members of Flotillas 12-4 and 12-10 organized four patrol units with Station Georgetown to support SCDNR and the Coast Guard, as both agencies were overly consumed with search and rescue. The no-wake zone established by DNR minimized damage to waterfront homes by slowing boats and preventing wakes in already severely flooded areas. Displaying utmost professionalism, the crews educated boaters on the no-wake zone and explained the consequences for violations. Although Auxiliary vessels were forced to deploy from distant locations due to flooded local boat ramps, the Team overcame all obstacles to ensure they were on scene for every scheduled patrol. By the Team’s outstanding professionalism and response, they enhanced the Coast Guard’s successful partnership with DNR while supporting recreational boating safety and the local community. The Team’s diligence, perseverance and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and in keeping with the highest traditions of the US Coast Guard and the USCoast Guard Auxiliary”

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized to be worn on the ribbon.

For the Commandant G.L. Tomasulo, Captain, USCG, Commander, USCG Sector Charleston.

The following members were awarded the citation: Jack Margolis, Tony Presson, Vern Simmons, Tommy Timberlake, Don Siwinski, Ollie Liembach, Billy Shaver, and Tom Bagdas.

Hap pointed out 12-4 is considered a key flotilla in establishing a new flotilla in Myrtle Beach/ Little River area. Only five people are needed to establish a detachment. 15 people are needed to establish a Flotilla. People are more likely to attend meetings if they live near the meeting place.

He reminded the members that the Division Staff Officers are willing to help flotillas with problems, etc.

**FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT**

Ollie wants to establish a mentorship program for new members this year. He also commented on the need to wear uniforms correctly. The general public assumes the auxiliary members are from the Coast Guard and our uniforms are representing them and we should be cognizant of this through correct uniforms and behavior.

Flotilla Staff Officers need to remember to get their reports to Division Staff Officers. They also have deadlines to meet.

At the Change of Watch the hours reported by auxiliary members is very important. They noted that the members had logged in 800,000 hours. Everyone should have hours to report each month.

The Division Motto: "If it is to be; it is up to me!"

Ollie wants to see more training this year and well as completion of training already started.

**VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT**

Eric thanked those who participated in the Surfside Beach Christmas Parade, namely: Tony Presson, Oliver Leimbach, Betty Hayes, Billy Shaver, Norm Fuller, Jim Nelson and Eric. And those who participated in the Myrtle Beach Boat Show, namely: Olive Leimbach, Betty Hayes, Pam Watts, Tomas Bagdas, Jack Margolis, Lea Fuller, Norm Fuller, Tom Williamson, Jeanette Brown, Alma Lyerly and Eric.

New Staff Officers and returning Staff Officers were sworn in. Staff Officer duties were handed out.

He would like to see more AuxOp 11 training and AuxC Seamanship program training. The book can be found on-line. The questions can be gone over at the meeting. Tests will be given at the meeting.

**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>	7 people on call list. Noted that AP status can take up to two years to complete. It is still possible to participate in training and activities while in this status.
<b>FSO-IS (Information Services)</b>	No report
<b>FSO-MA (Materials)</b>	Norm Fuller new MA officer. He would like anyone who has flotilla equipment at home to let him know so he can list it on his inventory list.
<b>FSO-MS (Marine Safety)</b>	SEA PARTNERS ENVIRONMENTAL: six sites were tested for water quality including: Nitrite, Nitrate, Ammonia, Temperature, total dissolved solids- conductivity, Turbidity, PH, Dissolved oxygen, Bacteria (E-Coli). The equipment used for this program is worth around \$10,000.00. The water is tested from Lake Wacamaw down to Georgetown twice a month.
<b>FSO-MT (Member Training)</b>	A movie was shown called " Cold Water Survival. A power point presentation will be given on uniforms next month. 12-10 will be giving a Boat Crew Academy in Georgetown on February 3 <sup>rd</sup> . A discussion took place on providing Standby boats for special ops like SAR cases. The Coast Guard has doubts about our commitment and reliability.

<b>FSO-NS (Navigation Systems)</b>	Last month our flotilla reported 31 aids, 5 federal aids and 1 private aid discrepancy.. The center lights on both sides of the Little River Swing Bridge on Highway 17 were out. 4 reports were sent in to Division NV officer and Georgetown and Miami. 2016 Light list is now out.
<b>FSO-OP (Operations)</b>	Jack attended the Maritime Emergency Response Team meeting. The Auxiliary is a part of this team along with DNR, Fire Depts, local police, etc. A discussion took place regarding Drones. Jack explained that the FAA has to approve any use of Drones. All boat personnel need to attend the the Operation Seminar at the firehouse on February 20 <sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 11 am.This is a refresher course for all facilities and crews. 12-10 will be distributing information. Bring your PFD. All boat crew has to have a personal locator device (PLD).
<b>FSO-PA (Public Affairs)</b>	No report. Will send photo from the boat show to Division.
<b>FSO-PE (Public Education)</b>	Jeanette has planned two- session boating classes: April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3-5 Registration, April 2 & 9, 8:30-1:00pm at the MB Community Center and February 26 <sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm Registration and Feb 27 <sup>th</sup> & March 5 <sup>th</sup> , 8:30-1:00pm at Conway Fitness Center. Anyone interested in helping will be welcomed.
<b>FSO-PV (RBS Visitor Prg)</b>	No report
<b>FSO-SR (Secretary/Records)</b>	No report
<b>FSO-VE (Vessel Examination)</b>	Names were taken at the boat show from people interested in having a VE. Betty has plenty of decals for those who interested in doing VE's for friends or neighbors. Let her know if you are interested in training for Vessel Examiner.
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	
no	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
no	
<b>MEMBERSHIP TRAINING</b>	
A video called "Cold Water Boot Camp" was shown.	
<b>SWEAR IN NEW MEMBERS/STAFF OFFICERS/AWARDS</b>	
Jim Nelson, Lea Fuller and Norm Fuller were awarded certificates for completing Boat Crew training. The Flotilla was awarded the Division 12's Operations Excellent Award.	
<b>OPEN MEMBERSHIP REMARKS</b>	
<b>FSO-PB</b>	Jeanette is working on a newsletter or possibly Facebook. Wants all photos, etc. Jack has examples of

other flotilla newsletters.		
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>		
<b>Adjournment Time</b>	2050 hrs/	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	February 10, 2016	<b>Location:</b> Surfside Beach Fire Station 810 First Avenue, North Surfside Beach, SC 29575
<b>Minutes Submitted By</b>	Pam Watts (FSO-SR)	