

# UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Cape Ann Flotilla (013-04-06)

Minutes for Meeting of 19 April 2022

**Note:** You should have a 7101 form on file. You are not obligated to wear a mask aboard USCG Station Gloucester, but you are encouraged to if you are not fully vaccinated.

## 1900: Opening Ceremony

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Invocation / Moment of Silence

## 1905: Roll Call

## 1910: Introduction of Guests

## 1915: FC Remarks

## 1930: Staff Officer Reports – Discuss plans for RBS Season

## 2000: Old Business / New Business

Training opportunities.  
Hybrid Meetings.  
Beach Cleanup April 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>.  
Memorial Day Wreath Laying.  
D1 COC Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.  
NSBW is May 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.

For the Good of the Auxiliary – Don Strunk Surgery Awards  
Recognition of Ill Members  
Announcements

## 2030: Move to Adjourn

**Next Meeting:** Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1900

**Location:** USCG Station Gloucester

**Uniform:** ODU's

Member Name	Present
James Beauvais	
Michael Bergmann	
Edward Bunker	
Thomas Clarke	x
Gerald Davidson	
Wesley Dittes	
John Flanagan	x
David Foss	
Floyd Grace	x
Thomas Hill	
Nicole Horgan	
John Keyes	x
Evangeline King	x
Mark Lapham	
Paul Maglio	
John Mellen	x
Ralph Milroy	x
Ivan Muise	
William O'Neill	
Deborah Sawin	
Charles Steiger	
Brian Stinson	
Gregory Stone	
Donald Strunk	
Bruce Tarr	
Anthony Venezia	
Quorum? (7+)	Yes

Flotilla Website: [www.USCGACapeAnn.com](http://www.USCGACapeAnn.com)

Flotilla Message Center: 1-844-GOCGAUX (1-844-462-4289)

Flotilla Twitter Account: @CapeAnnAux

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**FSO-AS**            **Floyd B. Grace**

## Goals

1. - Become fully qualified and trained for AS position.
2. - Meet and familiarize with leadership and membership of Sea Scouts Ship #5.

On April 10, 2022 I attended the quarterly AUXSCOUT all staff forum led by DVC-SY Bruce Johnson. While much of the meeting was concerned with news and housekeeping there was input that may be of interest to our flotilla.

There is currently a push to have more support generated in the Auxiliary for Sea Scout involvement. Division is providing some helpful guidelines for involvement with Ships already in place and urges flotillas to make an ongoing commitment to the local Ship to provide adult leadership, training, and exposure to the Auxiliary.

That involvement would include, regular Ship meeting attendance, the provision of opportunities to get out on the water, inclusion in flotilla activities including VSC days, PA booths, picnics, and make ourselves available the local Ship. Our skills and experience are in valuable to aspiring Sea Scouts.

While our flotilla would serve as a chartered organization the Ship operates independent of the Flotilla. A flotilla may offer some financial support for a Ship however, each Ship is responsible for its own support and administrative leadership, through its Committee. The Ship is responsible for its own activities, missions and meetings.

Adult Scout leadership only minimally overlaps with flotilla. That is to say that some Scout leaders may become Auxiliarists but not all Auxiliarists are to become Scout Leaders. The Ship becomes a consumer, if you will, of flotilla services, i.e., training, programs, PA booths, and other activities. Opportunities for Ship and flotilla may be few or many, there is no rule, but an accommodation of convenience. Involvement may vary as to intensity. It is up to the Ship/Flotilla partnership to decide how much involvement is beneficial.

Auxiliarists working with Scouts on a regular basis are required to take the Youth Protection Training. Regular contact is defined as at least once a year, occasional visits of a Scout to a flotilla is not considered regular contact, however, any activity such as an adult visit to a Ship or a joint mission afloat is regular involvement and would require the training.

Concerning Covid-19 issues, USCG, AUX, and BSA standards apply but different areas may have different standards, check to make sure. It may be helpful to understand the historic benefit of Sea Scouts with the Auxiliary. There are 27 Chartered Ships and about 450 Sea Scouts. Out of that number there are 120 Scouts identified in AUXDATA II and in 2021 they contributed over 16,000 hours of service. Currently there are 2 Sea Scouts registered to begin classes at the USCG Academy.

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DVC-SY Bruce Johnson is urging that each DCO be brought up to speed on Sea Scouts and be involved by appointing a DSO whose only job will be AUX Scouts. Their goal is to make sure there is an SO-AS in every district who will enjoy support from their flotillas.

## **FSO-CS            John W. Keyes**

Annual Goal: Maintain flotilla website, volunteer accounts, Twitter & Instagram accounts. Increase followers by 10% (63+ Twitter, 33+ Instagram).

Status: Currently on target, no blockers.

Annual Goal: Distribute 100 "If Found - Contact" decals via SASE mail-ins.

Status: No blockers but behind schedule, will try advertising on social media platforms.

Flotilla web pages, Twitter and Volunteer accounts were tested and updated where required this month.

We continue to receive requests for "If Found - Contact" paddle craft decals via U.S. mail (advertised online). We are at 637 followers on Twitter and 460 Followers on Instagram.

## **FSO-DV            Floyd Grace**

Goals

1. - Make USCG AUX Diversity and Inclusion an integral characteristic of FL-46.
2. - Identify personnel needs and desires of FL-46 and engage in targeted recruitment.

I have begun to put together the NACO Three Star Award for Excellence in Diversity application for 2021. I will need to contact some of you to gather info pertinent to this application in the very near future. Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

## **FSO-FN            Paul Maglio**

I have not received bank statement as of yet, last month's balance was previously reported.

New balance will be reported in May, 2022. Reimbursement of \$139.48 to Ralph Milroy for Public Education materials we approved unanimously.

## **FSO-HR            Tom Clarke**

Am considering new ways to recruit members locally and welcome Flotilla input/suggestions.

No inquiries/applications from prospects this month. Nothing else to report.

## **FSO-IS            John W. Keyes**

Annual Goal: Get over 60% of flotilla members to submit Activity Logs in AUXDATA II for CY2022.

Status: No blockers. More than 850 hours reported so far this year.

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I have started receiving input from flotilla members for 2022. If you are attending meetings and writing reports (at the very least), you should be recording this activity. Need help? Contact me via email or telephone.

I have received AUXDATA hours from the following flotilla members so far this year:

Clarke, T	Davidson, G
Flanagan, J	Grace, F.
Keyes, J.	King, E.
Mellen, J.	O'Neill, W.
Strunk, D.	

**FSO-MA Paul Maglio**

I have a good supply of material as needed please contact me for materials.

## Operations & Marine Safety

**FSO-CM John Mellen**

Working on training two new TCOs. Adding Ralph Milroy's mobile radio facility. Standing up "Radio Annisquam.

**FSO-MS Jim Beauvais – No Report**

**FSO-NS Evangeline King – No Report**

**FSO-OP Evangeline King – No Report**

## Recreational Boating Safety

**FSO-PA John W. Keyes**

Annual Goal: Conduct at least two major Public Affairs events, one in coordination with Station Gloucester (Safe Boating Day, date is TBD) and one with the local community (Beach Cleanup?).  
Blockers: None - although COVID still adds to the planning load.

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Progress Report: Upcoming events include Memorial Day, Safe Boating Week, a lighthouse event.

Annual Goal: Support the D1NR Public Affairs Program with at least one major event.

Blockers: None

Progress Report: Beach Cleanup for Earth Day?

**FSO-PE**            **Ralph Milroy**

Four PE classes scheduled so far: one in Essex, two in Ipswich and 1 in Rockport. First class is to be held in Essex Community Center on 4/30. Need reimbursement for materials (approved).

**FSO-PV**            **Jack Flanagan**

## PROGRAMS

Cape Ann Flotilla 46 hopes to conduct Program Partners Visits at locations that may have been closed during winter. We should reintroduce ourselves and ask if there are any specific materials that these locations need.

Cape Ann Flotilla Gloucester 46 has the Program Partners in good standing of John Keyes, Tom Clarke and Jack Flanagan.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE

Cape Ann, Gloucester 46 Flotilla has completed a total of 7.50 hours in Program Partner Visits as of March, 31, 2022.

## CONCERNS

As stated previously, anyone having trouble with the new AUX Data 11 system please notify FSO-IS for assistance.

## For the Good of the Auxiliary

April is often quoted as the month of spring. I urge Program Visitors to use good judgment when scheduling Program Partner visits as it is not uncommon to see the Program Partner location change from a sedate business in winter to a whirlwind of activity in spring. For instance, try to determine which days are "good to visit"

**FSO-VE**            **Paul Maglio**

I have VE Stickers as reported and if found stickers and forms for vessels and paddle craft as needed.

## Additions

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**D1N ACS      Reverend Floyd B. Grace**

The D1N-ACS team continues to serve the gold side in Sector Boston AOR. Our responsibilities are meeting the spiritual and sometime morale needs of the men and women of our US Coast Guard. As the recreational boating season gets underway, we will see a rise in Station and Cutter activity. Coupled with that is a busy ceremonial season with many changes of command, retirements, memorials and other occasions. In the next few months will have additional training and staff meetings as well. We expect to be busy. Good news is that we will have another ACS Chaplain added to our team this summer, that will make 5 of us altogether.

## **Administrative**

**FSO-SR      Gerry Davidson**

Compiled the above report from FSO submissions.