

# United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 46, Cape Ann Gloucester, MA

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## Meeting Minutes: May 15, 2023

**1900:** In person meeting held at USCG Station Gloucester - called to order by: FC Tom Clarke

**1900:** Pledge of Allegiance led by: David Swensen

**1902:** Invocation / Moment of Silence by: Chaplain Floyd Grace

**1904:** Roll Call by: Gerry Davidson FSO-SR

Attending members:

Thomas Clarke FC / FSO-HR

Floyd Grace VFC / FSO-AS-DV, D1N-ACS

John Keyes IPFC

Jack Flanagan FSO-PV-PE

John Mellen FSO-CM

David Swensen FSO-MT-OP

Gerry Davidson FSO-SR

Chris Houlihan

Paul Maglio FSO-FN-MA-VE

Lynn Colletti

Don Strunk

**1905:** FC / VFC Remarks:

FC Clarke announced updates to the flotilla's event calendar  
e.g. Warrior Weekend, Beverly

Wreath Ceremony, Ten Pound Island Plaque in Gloucester, May 27, 9:30 hrs, ODUs  
meet at Pavilion Beach (weather permitting)

Beach Cleanup event, after discussion, forgo to a future date TBD in the fall.

**1910:** VFC Floyd Grace accepted FSO Reports with additional new info not yet submitted:  
FSO-MA Paul Maglio announced his assistance to John Mellon's request for providing items  
for children attending an event at Station Gloucester.

IPFC John Keyes informs:

-USCG Base Boston will be receiving new color pants for their  
personnel thus, used CG pants will be available to the auxillerists.

-June 15 COW Boston, probably no parking and must have (if wearing) correct uniform  
or business attire.

-June 24 District Award Luncheon, Base Boston 1100 hours, pot luck (bring a dish)  
info forthcoming.

-No lighthouse tours, Hospital Point Closed. However looking for other venues.

### Continued FSO Reports

FSO-CM John Mellen researched some radio sites with repeaters and other available equipment.

FSO-PE Jack Flanagan touched on the “Boat America Course” that was recently held in Essex whereas it was well attended by both adults and children.  
Also plan on having another public offering.

FSO-FN Paul Maglio reported on our finances including some details from the recent Boat America Course in Essex.

FC Clarke remarked that if an FSO doesn't have anything to report, just report to that affect.

### **1938:** New Business

John Mellen (CM) explained the “Common Access Card” and it's use.

Fellowship Event was decided for July 15, Station Gloucester and voted unanimously to invite all paid FL46 members no matter what their member status is.

-It was also suggested to invite 3 Elks Club leadership personnel to our Fellowship as a goodwill gesture.

-Don Strunk re: Fellowship, suggested to invite STA Gloucester personnel.

Paul Maglio responded busy time of the year for the base.

John Keyes, did invite in the past but, didn't work out.

John Mellen added, STA Gloucester doesn't have a large staff.

FC Clarke: inquired of inviting local veteran group leaders to a Flotilla meeting?

Don Strunk expressed the downside.

David Swensen (MT) informed us of the June 3 (basic first responder) First Aid-CPR class for Boat Crew and Coxswain. Cost is \$70 @

The Flotilla voted in favor to cover the cost for 6-Boat Crew students and 2-Boat Crew non-students.

### **2010:** Prior Business

Don Strunk shared his exploits of being deployed on CG Cutter Sanibel as a CA.

FYI, Next year D-TRAIN will be in person, S-TRAIN will be virtual (opposite of this year).

96% positive feedback for 2023 D-TRAIN.

Chris Houlihan advised us with regards to providing Financial / Wellness services to crewmembers at Station Gloucester, that it was decided by the CO not to pursue such a program.

Paul Maglio informed us the details and success of the public boating course given on May 6 in Essex.

**2034:** Other Discussion

Don Strunk secured additional storage space at Station Gloucester.

-There is now space available in the maintenance building which were the CG Reserve lockers.

-Whereas the lockers are ideal for uniform storage, you can turn in uniforms/items to Don.

**2037:** (SR) Gerry Davidson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul Maglio and unanimously agreed to.

A collation was provided by FC Tom Clarke afterwards.

**Next Meeting:** June 20, 2023 (Tuesday)

**Location:** USCG Station Gloucester, 1900 hrs

**Uniform:** ODU

Respectfully submitted:  
Gerry Davidson FSO-SR  
Cape Ann Flotilla  
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