

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

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## Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2023

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

**1901:** Pledge of Allegiance led by: Gerry Davidson

**1903:** Invocation / Moment of Silence by: Chaplain Floyd Grace

**1906:** Roll Call by: Gerry Davidson FSO-SR

Attending members:

Thomas Clarke FC / FSO-HR

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

Jack Flanagan FSO-PV-PE

John Mellen FSO-CM

David Swensen FSO-MT

Gerry Davidson FSO-SR

Chris Houlihan

Thomas Hill

Lynn Colletti

**1907:** Swearing in ceremony of new member "Lynn Colletti"

**1909:** FC / VFC Remarks:

FC Clarke announced that member Don Strunk is deployed on USCG Cutter Sanibel filling in for the CS-2.

VFC Grace shared his experience regarding a recent deployment in which travelling to and from didn't go according to plans.

Topics such as having a government EGS Account and must get a Vendor No# were explained.

FC Clarke added an experience with the Interpreter Corps with advice to start early when planning.

-Update to our 2023 event calendar e.g. VE events, Tedd Karr's cookout.

-D-Train schedule to be out soon, classes mostly on weekends.

Jack Flanagan announced that Core classes are available at D-Train.

FC Clarke advised with respect to email addresses from the Gold Side, check the accuracy first.

**1922:** VFC Floyd Grace accepted FSO Reports with additional new info not yet submitted.

-Floyd informs our application has been approved and the flotilla is getting the NACO Award again for 2023.

FSO Reports Continued

FSO-MT David Swensen informed of a new TCCT course which will be available at D-Train. First Aid – CPR was briefly discussed.

FSO-MT David Swensen mentioned that Boat Crew Training is progressing well.

FSO-CM John Mellen qualified TCO for a few members from other flotillas.

FSO-PE Jack Flanagan announced that “Boat America” is the new replacement safety course and the Auxiliary is looking for more instructors.

**1944:** New Business

FC Clarke briefly mentioned the member qualification skills and personal skills lists provided by John Keyes which will be discussed at a later time.

David Swensen (MT) informed us that the 3 Core AUX-OP courses are still “non-proctor” Communication – Weather – Seamanship.

**1957:** Prior Business

Chris Houlihan discussed his progress with Station Gloucester with regards to providing Financial / Wellness services to station crewmembers. “Test and learn” at this point.

**2004:** Open Discussion

Member Tom Hill asked where one can get info for joining the Auxiliary?  
FC Clarke’s response – have the contact him whereas he is the FSO-HR for the flotilla.

Tom Hill asked about getting a replacement AUX I.D.  
Also, informed us of his involvement with the ongoing fiber optics cable project at sea.  
Tom provided project photos via his smart phone.

Member Lynn Colletti inquired to scouts from “Ship 5” participating in AUX PA events.  
FC Clarke and VFC Grace briefly explained some of the criteria regarding her question.

**2014:** SR Gerry Davidson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chris Houlihan and unanimously agreed to.

A collation was provided by Tom Clarke and Floyd Grace afterwards.

**Next Meeting:** April 18, 2023 (Tuesday)

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

**Uniform:** ODU

Respectfully submitted:  
Gerry Davidson FSO-SR  
Cape Ann Flotilla  
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