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NEWSLETTER OF FLOTILLA 12-5 - U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FIFTH DISTRICT (SR) - OCEAN CITY, MD

FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

ROBERT SHEEHAN FC



The founding member of Flotilla 12-05 in Ocean City, Alonza (Andy) Anderson has crossed the bar on 15MAR24. He was 97. He served in the Army during WWII. He also served as a fireman in Ocean City. His daughter Laura is planning a memorial service on 20APR24 at the Ocean City Fire Department Headquarters on 15th street at 1300. May he rest in peace.



The Ocean Pines Expo is set for 20APR24 from 1500-1900. We will have our tent and tables set-up and ready to distribute Safe Boating literature.

Semper Paratus!



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING U.S.C.G. STATION OCEAN CITY 1 APRIL 2024

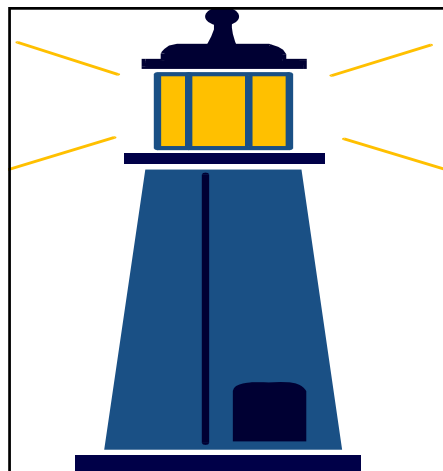
The monthly meeting of Flotilla 12-05 was called to order by Bob Sheehan FC via an in-person and a virtual Zoom call promptly at 1900. The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Haffner.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

PRESENT: Bob Sheehan FC, Glenn Duffy VFC, Bob Shevchuck IPFC, Stephen Battistone FSO-CS, Cathy Battistone FSO-PB/SR, Barry Cohen FSO-IS/PE, Steve Haffner, Dan Collins, Frank de Laurentis FSO-FN, Lynn Killian FSO-MA, Martin Killian FSO-PV, Joseph Britvch, Art Flora, Linda Busick, Maureen Hoffman FSO-PA, Jeff DeHart, Tim Mullen, Jim McCarty and Allen Burns.

QUORUM: Glenn Duffy VFC determined there was a quorum.

A motion was made to accept the March 2024 minutes and financial report by Steve Haffner and seconded by Barry Cohen. The motion carried.



FC	ROBERT SHEEHAN
VFC	GLENN DUFFY
IPFC	BOB SHEVCHUCK
FSO-CM	VACANT
FSO-CS	STEPHEN BATTISTONE
FSO-DV	KATHY VAIL
FSO-FN	FRANK DE LAURENTIS
FSO-HR	GLENN DUFFY
FSO-IS	BARRY COHEN
FSO-MA	LYNN KILLIAN
FSO-MS	TIM MULLEN
FSO-MT	TODD MONIS
FSO-NS	ROBERT SHEVCHUCK
FSO-OP	ROBERT SHEEHAN
FSO-PA	MAUREEN HOFFMAN
FSO-PB	CATHY BATTISTONE
FSO-PE	BARRY COHEN
FSO-PV	MARTIN G. KILLIAN
FSO-SR	CATHY BATTISTONE
FSO-VE	AL PARRA
HISTORIAN	VACANT
READINESS	EUGENE CLEARY
COORDINATOR	
PHOTOGRAPHERS	STEPHEN BATTISTONE
	CATHY BATTISTONE

FLOTILLA 12-5 MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 1900 HOURS AT THE OCEAN CITY COAST GUARD STATION. VISITORS WELCOME!!



**FLOTILLA
COMMANDER'S
COMMENTS**



The memorial service for Alonza (Andy) Anderson will be on 20 April 2024 at 1300 at the Ocean City Fire Department at 15th Street.

The Ocean Pines Expo will be on 20 April at 1500-1900.

The Ocean City Air Show will be 24 -25 August 2024 featuring the Italian Air Force Frece Tricolori.

Mentors needed for new members helping with new core training.

**FLOTILLA
STAFF
OFFICERS
REPORTS**



STEPHEN BATTISTONE FSO-CS

Provided ongoing support for the Flotilla 12-05 Website and the Flotilla 12-05 Facebook page.

Recent updates include the following:

Posted photos from the Flotilla 12-05 Meeting on 4 March 2024. Photos provided by Maureen Hoffman FSO-PA.

The March 2024 edition of the On Course Newsletter was posted on the Flotilla 12-05 website.

Posted the Maryland Basic Boating Class for April 2nd – 4th 2024 on the Flotilla 12-05 Facebook page.



**FRANK DE LAURENTIS
FSO-FN**

The balance as of 1 March, 2024 is \$13,974.28

RECEIPTS

TOTAL RECEIPTS	
04 March SBC	
PayPal Transfer	\$38.80
15 March SBC	
Bank Deposit	\$260.00
18 March SBC	
PayPal Transfer	\$19.40
27 March SBC	
Bank Deposit	\$80.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$398.20

DISBURSEMENTS

11 March M. Hoffman signs CK# 2269	\$125.37
12 March Dues CK #2272	\$1,320.00
12 March Tide Tables CK #2270	\$515.00
12 March Zoom Fee Shevchuck CK #2268	\$159.46
18 March Stamps deLaurentis CK#2273	\$20.40
20 March XMAS Lgts D. Collins CK#2266	\$55.11
20 March SBC Boat Lgts B. Cohen CK#2274	\$6.67
21 March Boat Show Tote Bag C. Battistone CK #2271	\$772.37
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,974.38

Ending balance as of 31 March 2024 \$11,371.10

GLENN DUFFY FSO-HR

As of Mar. 31 2024 Flotilla 054-12 -05 had a total membership of 39. Minus one from last month.

Disenrollments	0
Deaths: A.A Anderson	1
Resigned:	0
Transferred:	1
Transfer out Wayne Bass	

After confirming with FC Robert Sheehan, there are no additional changes to report. Six members in AP and one member in IQ status.

BARRY COHEN FSO-IS

As usual, IS was busy with a lot of information. Two items seemed important to pass on:

Crew qualification and 99A items for the 7029. See the following:

New CREW CHECK Assistant Available for both Boat and Air Mission through the PO Object.

Available on both the Patrol Request Screen and the Patrol Order Screens

Designed to assist Owner/ Operator to assess if the members they have selected for crew are qualified BEFORE Assigning them to an Air or Boat Mission

Crew Check is a feature to assist AUXDATA users with determining Competency status for potential Patrol Order Crew.

The feature appears as a button when creating a new Patrol Order or on the Patrol Order page after a Patrol has been Approved.

To use the feature:

1. Click the Crew Check button to open the tool.
2. Choose between searching for Air or Boat Competencies.

3. In the Member search, enter a Member's ID number or name to search for the Member you want to check.

4. Search results will show all Competencies the Member holds that fall within the Category being searched.

5. Results will display the name of the Competency, the status of the Competency, the soonest date a Competency Task will come due, and (as applicable) whether the Member is Night Certified.

Not so New ... Member Issues

An "Uptick" in members having issues with Global Search (within the last week).

Clear Browser Cookies--this can solve the problem

Problems with Members who use Password Managers

When they change the password they forget to update the Password Manager and get locked out

Yahoo and Hotmail: Password Reset Link

Member needs to copy the password reset link and paste it into their browser bar (they can't just click on the link)

Mission Code 99A
99A- Auxiliary Leadership (U)

"Report all time spent by elected and appointed staff performing National, District, Division and Flotilla position duties. This includes all time spent for preparation and travel for these duties".



Key Criteria:
Must be Elected or Appointed Staff

Time spent on position duties

Time spent on Prep & Travel for these duties

When is use of 99A Appropriate?

REFERENCE: See Field Guide-Original Field Guide issued in when the "99" code was divided into 5 codes A-E. Most recent update Oct 2022.

Prep & Travel for:
Mission Code 94 Activities

Mission Code 90C Activities

Meetings/Conferences, where attendance is required as part of the Officer Duties.

When is 99A Appropriate Also:

Attending Meetings of the unit where the member is the elected or appointed officer

Attending meetings at another unit if required to attend (requested or "covering").

Attending Meetings of members in program area (ex: VE's).

Attending Conferences as elected or appointed.

Administrative Activities, email and phone calls

Preparation of Reports and Records Management related to the position.

99A NOT Appropriate:

When travelling to and from a Boating Safety Class as an Instructor or Aid.

When travelling to and from a Marine Safety Mission

When taking Member Training (TCT, Workshops, AUXOP Courses, Etc.)

When Travelling to and from Member Training as an Instructor or Aide.

When Travelling to and from a CG Support Mission such as Culinary, Radio Watch, Chaplain.

Attending Meetings that are not required..



TIM MULLEN FSO-MS

Our first "Adopt a Beach" cleanup in 2024 will take place on April 29. All the needed materials, gloves, bags & grabbers, will be provided.

We will meet at the inlet parking lot at 9:00 am. Parking at the inlet will be free.

Please let Tim Mullen (tbmullen54@msn.com) know if you are able to help. This will assist Tim in contacting everyone in the event the cleanup is postponed due to inclement weather.

Dress of the day is ODU or AWU (Alternative Work Uniform).



MAUREEN HOFFMAN FSO-PA

PE CLASSES:

Press Release and Calendar item sent to all local publications for April Safe Boating Course.

Notice was placed on The Maryland Chamber of Commerce website.

A notice was placed on the Coast Guard Station Marquee and The Ocean Pines marquee.

Public Education class signs for the Boardwalk, West Ocean City boat ramp, and Whitehorse Boat Ramp have been placed on the Boardwalk, The West Ocean City Boat Ramp and The White Horse Boat Ramp.

OCEAN PINES KICK-OFF EXPO: April 20 3:00 PM-7:00PM (rain date: April 27). Volunteers needed.

Bay Day application has been submitted- May 19, 2024 10AM-2PM, White Horse Park.



NATIONAL BOAT SAFETY WEEK (NSBW) begins May 18, 2024.

The Auxiliary will celebrate National Safe Boating Week at the Bay Day event on May 19, 2024.

WRDE Coast Life will be at Station Ocean City on May 7 at

11:00 AM to interview a member of the Auxiliary and Senior Chief Dawkins about Boat Safety Week and the importance of boater education.

I'm requesting to place an ad in The Courier listing our PE classes for the season, how to get a VSC and information on joining the U.S. Coast Auxiliary. Cost: approx. \$210.00

KNOTS & KNOTS: Dan Collins April article is on the topic of, "Small Craft Advisory". This is an excellent article on what that means and the importance of checking the weather before leaving the shore.

DOCK SAFETY COLORING BOOK- no updates

UPCOMING EVENTS 2024:

New Event-Ocean Pines Kickoff and Expo April 20, rain date is April 27 3:00-7:00 PM.

Bay Day Sunday May 19, Harbor Day at the Docks-Oct. 12th

Big Truck Day?

Knots on the Boardwalk to begin on July 3 10:00AM-10:30AM, every Wednesday until Aug. 28.

MARTIN KILLIAN FSO-PV

MAR PV totals 22
Dealers added 0
Changes 0
Staff added/subtracted 0
Current YTD 51

There were 59 visits MAR 2023.

CATHY BATTISTONE FSO-PB

The March minutes were created. The approved minutes from February on form 7017 was forwarded to DIRAUX.

The March edition of the On Course Newsletter was created and submitted for posting to the Flotilla website.

Created and sent a sympathy card to the Anderson family.

BARRY COHEN FSO-PE

The next boat class is scheduled begin April 2, 2024. As of today, there are 15 students registered for this class. There are about 5 registration forms outstanding. The March class had 24 students attend with everyone passing.

JIM MCCARTY VDCDR COMMENTS

Jim is going to be a facilitator so he can teach the TCT class. There are 15 facilitators in the District of which 10 are in REYR. Only 5 are available. We need to be sure that all Vessel Examiners have plenty of forms when they go out to do their VSCs. Please keep Lynn informed if you see the supply going down.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 1955 was made by Barry Cohen and seconded by Art Flora. The motion carried.

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