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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



First off, the Zoom program works great if you set it up properly. Thought I did. Will do a check Systems this month to insure it works next month.

May11th is Mother's Day and I would like to honor to the women in our Flotilla.

Catherine Battistone, ADSO-CS,
SO/FSO-PB, SO/FSO-SR
MENTOR C PV VE

Linda Busick, SO-MA, VE

Tonya Dagstani, FSO-MT,
MENTOR

Annette Garrisi, C CPR VE

Maureen Hoffman, SO/FSO-PA
AX AUXULO Division 12 and
Station Ocean City, C Coastie
CPR VE WS

Lynn Killian, FSO-MA C Coastie
CPR VE

Beth & Jill Lake, New members

Joan Morgan, New member

Barbara Muinos, New member



Luann Roche, New member

Lisa Smelzer, New member

Kathleen Vail, Coastie VE PV
Crew trainee

We are blessed to have these ladies in our flotilla. None of us would be here except for the women in our lives, Thanks Mom!

Semper Peratus!

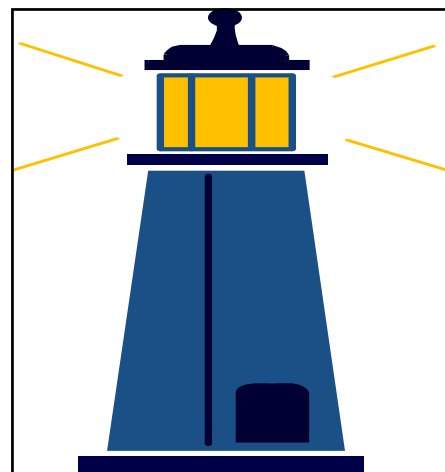


MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING U.S.C.G. STATION OCEAN CITY 7 APRIL 2025

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 Dffy Stephen Battistone FSO-CS, Cathy Battistone FSO-PB/SR, Steve Haffner, Frank de Laurentis FSO-FN, Mark Fangmeyer, Art Flora, Barry Cohen FSO-IS/PE/PV, Linda Busick, Joan Morgan, Roger Morgan, Tim Mullen, Tonya Dagstani, Kathy Vail, Mark Wrightstone, Dirk Esham, Allen Burns, Jeff deHart, Al Parra and Dan Collins.



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LYNN KILLIAN
TIM MULLEN
TONYA DAGSTANI
VACANT
ROBERT SHEEHAN
MAUREEN HOFFMAN
CATHY BATTISTONE
BARRY COHEN
BARRY COHEN (Temp.)
CATHY BATTISTONE
AL PARRA
VACANT
EUGENE CLEARY
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!!



Visitor: Steve Whelan, a potential new Auxiliary member.

Glenn Duffy VFC determined there was a quorum.

A motion was made to accept the March 2025 minutes by Barry Cohen and seconded by Steve Haffner. The motion carried.

FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



BM1 Strong is leaving soon.

The Boat Crew Academy has started on March 22nd. There are five dates left at Station Chincoteague.

Chincoteague Detachment Report: Mark Wrightstone:



First Aid: Training is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, 2025, all are invited to attend.



U.S. Coast Guard Cooperation: BM1 Meyer of the Chincoteague station advised that there is an active terrorist threat to the 100th annual Pony Swim that takes place July 30-31, 2025. He informed us that there will be an increase of law enforcement visible on the island. BM1 Meyer also asked us about the possibility of having additional vessels available for the Pony

Swim. Warren Peake has volunteered his vessel.

BM1 Meyer has volunteered to offer the Detachment suspicious vessel identification training so that Auxiliary can be better aware during the Pony Swim and report any suspicious activity to active U.S. Coast Guard members.



Public Relations: June 17 is Coast Guard Auxiliary Night at the Museum of Chincoteague. Several members of the Detachment and the Coast Guard will be on hand to offer information, answer questions and recruit future members.

We discussed having members set up a table at local Farmers Markets in Chincoteague and Captains Cove for public information. The Farmers Markets begin in approximately 7 weeks.

It was decided that we would enter a float in the 100th Pony Swim parade. We will use a boat as the float.

We also discussed the need for future vessel examinations in Captains Cove, Chincoteague Town Dock and Curtis Merritt Harbor in Chincoteague.

Training: VE training and Boating Safety training. Warren volunteered to check about getting some training materials.

Warren also said that he would check about getting materials for

Knot Tying demonstrations for the parade and Museum outreach.

Members continue to work on on-line Auxiliary training and will attend the upcoming Boat Crew Academy at U.S.C.G. Station Chincoteague.

Uniforms: This month's uniform discussion was on the Alternate Dress uniform. An example was presented. It consists of a navy-blue blazer with an Auxiliary Emblem paired with gray pants and black dress shoes.

Miscellaneous: BM1 Meyer talked about the "Sail 250" which is a celebration that is scheduled for June 12-15, 2026 in Norfolk and Onancock VA. It celebrates 250 years of ships coming in to Virginia.

The next meeting will be April 16th at 10:00 am. All are welcome.

FLOTILLA STAFF REPORTS



STEPHEN BATTISTONE FSO-CS

Provided ongoing support for the Flotilla 12-05 Website and the Flotilla12-05 Facebook Page.

Recent updates include the following:

Posted photos from the Flotilla 12-05 Change of Watch on 8 March 2025 at the Lighthouse Sound Restaurant in Bishopville, MD. Photos by Stephen Battistone FSO-CS, Cathy Battistone FSO-PB/SR and Dan Collins.

Also posted photos from the Division 12 meeting on 20 March



2025 at Sector Field Office Eastern Shore in Chincoteague, VA. Photos by Stephen Battistone SO-CS.

The March 2025 edition of the On Course Newsletter was posted on the Flotilla 12-05 website.

The March 2025 edition of the High-12 Newsletter has also been posted on the Division 12 website.

Updated version of the Division 12 Directory have been posted on the Division 12 website.

Updates made to the Unit Calendar on the Flotilla 12-05 website.



FRANK DE LAURENTIS-FSO-FN

The balance as of 01 March 2025 is \$10,414.67

RECEIPTS

05 MAR Bank Deposit	
SBC PayPal	\$58.20
07 MAR Bank Deposit	
SBC & Dues	\$165.00
Total Receipts	\$223.20

DISBURSEMENTS

06 MAR CK #2303	
S. Haffner for C.O.W.	
Chief Dawkins	\$36.00
06 MAR CK #2304	
F. DeLaurentis	
Dues Priority	
Mail/Stamp/Printer/Ink	\$81.07
10 MAR CK #2305	
A. Flora	\$67.01
Aux of the Year Award	
25 MAR CK #2306	
B Cohen Class Markers	\$100.00
TOTAL	
DISBURSEMENTS	\$284.08

The ending balance as of 31 March 2025 is \$10,353.79

GLENN DUFFY FSO-HR

As of March 31, 2025 Flotilla 054 -12-05 had a total membership of 45.

New Members

Disenrollments 0

Deaths: 0

Resigned: 0

Transferred: 0

After confirming with Bob Sheehan our FC, there are no additional changes to report.

Four members are in AP and four members are in IQ status.

BARRY COHEN-FSO-IS

If you are completing data entry forms, the format has changed. Please carefully review the new format so the information is pace in the right data box. Continue to email me a copy of the original document.

If you complete a workshop on line, that does not have a self-attestation form the system will enter that in your file. However, It may take 2 to 3 weeks for that process to happen. If there is a self-attestation form, complete it and email to me.

If you do not know how to view your record, email me what you are trying to confirm, I will check it out!



TIM MULLEN FSO-MS

Our first beach cleanup for 2025 is scheduled for Monday, May

12. We will meet at the Ocean City Inlet parking lot at 0900. The ODU is the uniform of the day. Parking at the Ocean City Inlet parking lot will be free. All necessary supplies will be provided. The beach clean-up usually takes about an hour.

Please let Tim know if you plan on helping so he can reach you in the event of inclement weather.



TONYA DAGSTANI FSO-MT

ACTIVITIES:

Monthly library meeting: Monday, April 14 5:30 to 6:30.

Weekly library meeting:

Wednesday, April 9 12:00-1:00. Continue weeding old materials from the Auxiliary room. (ongoing process)

Boat Crew Academy at Station Chincoteague

MSEP Training: Via Zoom, Monday, April 14 at 7:00pm. TOPIC: Environmental Impact of Recreational Boating New Course: FEMA Geospatial Damage Assessment

Focus:

Creating easy-access slide shows for instruction

Working on Google Classroom; would provide a one-stop place for slideshows, questions, and discussions.

GOAL: To send out a link to the Flotilla by the end of this week.

Results of Survey: In response to the survey, members who participated indicated that they would appreciate training via step-by-step Power Point slide presentations.

Created slideshows to easily email a link as opposed to sending a large folder of Power Points for each concept

Working on creation of a Flotilla 12-05 Google Classroom for training

Will continue with monthly training meetings in the evenings that focus on basic access skills (AUXDATA II, Moodle Online Classroom, FEMA Courses, NTC access, etc.) Will continue with weekly library drop-in dates on Wednesdays from 12:00-1:00.

Also available for random meeting times



MAUREEN HOFFMAN FSO-PA

PA EVENTS

Next Public Affairs events:

Big Truck Day: April 26 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Bay Day: May 18 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

West Marine:-May 24th set up table to distribute information?

Harbor Day -Saturday Oct. 11, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM \$50.00 fee

The Atlantic Coastal Sport Fishing Association: Was informed we would not be able to participate in the kids fishing event. We are looking into placing an ad in The Courier for Boat Safety Week

Four signs for the PE classes have been ordered and will be here this week. Signs are to be placed on the boardwalk, the West Ocean City boat ramp, Ocean Pines boat ramp and White Horse Park ramp.

Knots & knots: Dan Collins' April article for The Courier is titled, "First Aid and CPR"

Notices have been sent to all local publications for the April Public Education class

Dock Safety Coloring Book- No updates

CATHY BATTISTONE- FSO-PB

The approved minutes from March 2025 on form 7000 was forwarded to DIRAUX.

The March 2025 edition of the On Course Newsletter was created and submitted for posting to the Flotilla website.

The Division 12 Directory has been revised.

BARRY COHEN FSO-PE

We had a big change for people taking the April PE Class. The class was held on April 1 and 2, 2025. On 01 April we had 11 people signed up. On 02 April we had 10 people signed up (2 were walk-ins that the library employees were told to come in and sign-up for the class). That was not the only weird thing, only 17 did the test. All of whom passed. For the May class, we have 17 people signed up so far.

BARRY COHEN FSO-PV

The number of Program Visits done in March was six.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY	ACTIVITY
5	General Meeting at 1900 U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City Ocean City, MD
17-23	
18	BAY DAY 10:00 AM –2:00 PM White Horse Park Ocean Pines, MD



AWARDS: Lynn Killian received the Auxiliary Annual Service Performance Award for services in excess of 60 Vessel Safety Awards/Program Visits during 2024.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2025 at 1955 was made by Barry Cohen and seconded by Lynn Killian. The motion carried.

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