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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 Ocean City Seaside Boat Show is set to go on 16-18 FEB with set-up on 15FEB. Steve Hafner has offered to take the helm for filling out the paperwork involved for time served while working the Boat Show. Members who attend should take care of the time for travel and preparation. Special thanks to Steve for taking on this huge task (as he has been doing for several years now)!

The Dock Safety coloring book is in the final stages for approval and distribution on a national level. Special thanks to Dan Collins, Lynn Killian, Maureen Hoffman, Tim Mullen, Art Flora and Todd Monis for their time and effort to this project. Plus everyone else that helped out!

Congratulations to Kathy Vail for successfully completing the studies for the AUXOP award. AUXOP is the most prestigious award in the Auxiliary!

Semper Paratus!



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING U.S.C.G. STATION OCEAN CITY 5 FEBRUARY 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/HR, 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, Kathy Vail, Becky Vail, Maureen Hoffman FSO-PA, and Allen Burns.

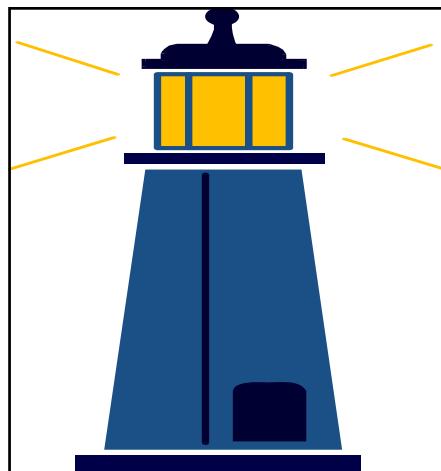
QUORUM: Glenn Duffy VFC determined there was a quorum.

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

FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



The Change of Watch was on January 20th at 12:00 PM at the Captain's Cove Restaurant.



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!!



Steve Haffner did a fantastic job as the lead on this event. The food was delicious and a good time was had by all.

The next event will be the 2024 Seaside Boat Show. The uniform will be the ODU. For the new members, even if you don't have a uniform, please attend. The Boat Show set-up will start on Thursday in street clothes at 10:00 AM. For Friday and Saturday the times are 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM. For the last day on Sunday the show starts at 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Break-down starts at 4:00 PM then return materials to the Station.

The Ocean City Air Show has been moved from June to August. This year an Italian fly team will be performing.

FLOTILLA STAFF 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:

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

Posted the Maryland Basic Boating Class for February 6th – 8th 2024 on the Flotilla 12-05 Facebook page.

Updated the Boat Show slideshow including events from 2023 and also updated the 2024 Safe Boating Class schedule slide.

Posted the Division 12 Change of Watch pictures on the Division 12 website. Photos provided by

Stephen Battistone FSO-CS, Cathy Battistone FSO-PB/SR, Dan Collins and Nancy Collins.

Posted updated versions of the Flotilla 12-05 Roster and the Division 12 Directory on their respective sites.



FRANK DE LAURENTIS FSO-FN

The balance as of 1 January 31, 2024 is \$13,988.05.

RECEIPTS

05 January Bank Deposit SBC	\$40.00
25 January Bank Deposit USCGA LLC Dock Safety Coloring Book Refund	\$1,350.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,390.00

DISBURSEMENTS

05 January Courier Ad Ck #2261	\$199.00
08 January Laptop/Antivirus/Warr Ck #2263	\$685.01
08 January La[top Mouse/Cables Ck #2263	\$67.54
12 January Checks Auto Pay	\$192.84
18 January C.O.W. Dawkins/Strong	\$60.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$1,204.39

Ending balance as of 31 January 2024 \$14,173.66



GLENN DUFFY FSO-HR

As of 31 January 2024 Flotilla 054-12-05 had a total membership of 41. Plus one from last month.

Disenrollments 0
Deaths: 0
Resigned: 0
Transferred: 0

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

BARRY COHEN FSO-IS

1. REYR
The members who let their AUX-CT lapse are now in REYR for all competencies (as of Feb 1). The remaining competencies with missing tasks will be put to REYR by Feb 15th.

2. Uniform Inspection Reports.
There are now three reports in the Quick Stop Folder to help Elected Officers and IS Officers update the Uniform Inspection fields more efficiently. Please pass this along to your FSO's and their Elected Officers.

Reports to assist in updating uniform inspection fields on the member record

Three new reports have been created in the QUICK STOP folder that allow the elected officers and IS Officers to more efficiently update the Uniform Inspection fields in the member records for their units.

Below is a quick description of how to use these reports:

From the HOME Page Navigation bar at the top:

- Click MORE
- Select REPORTS
- In the left-hand column of the REPORTS page select ALL FOLDERS

Click the top folder on the list (QUICK STOP)

Scroll down to the QUICK EDITS folder and click on it.

The three reports available are: Uniform Edits- Member ID Filter This one is good for updating a single member.

Click the filter icon and change the Member ID filter to the member number of the person you want.

In the report that appears, click the Members LAST NAME – this is a link to Detail Page in that Member's Record.

Scroll down to the Uniform Inspection Fields and click the pencil icon next to the field you want to edit (exempt or Inspection Date).

Make the edit and click SAVE at the bottom.

Use the back button to go back to the report.

Uniform Edits- Unit Filter

This report lists everyone in the Unit and will show who has already been inspected, who is yet to be inspected and who is exempt. You can run this for a Flotilla, Division or District. This report can also be exported into Excel and printed. This report saves you the effort of navigating to each member record via name or member number search.

Click the filter icon and change the Unit ID to the Unit you want.

In the report that appears, click the Member's LAST NAME – this is a link to Detail Page in that Member's Record.

Scroll down to the Uniform Inspection Fields and click the pencil icon next to the field you want to edit (exempt or Inspection Date).



Make the edit and click SAVE at the bottom.

Use the back button to go back to the report.

Uniform Edits- Name + ID Sort by unit Like the Unit filter report, this report lists everyone in the Unit and will show who has already been inspected, who is yet to be inspected and who is exempt. The difference is that the Unit is a separate field so it allows you to sort by unit if running a report for Division or District. You can run this for a Flotilla, Division or District. This report can also be exported into Excel and printed. This report saves you the effort of navigating to each member record via name or member number search.



3. There is a new Operations Code (as of 1/30/2024) called "Curriculum Development". The source of it was a request to have an Operations Code to capture the time spent developing class materials for Leadership courses (mainly ASOC). It is to be used with the 99D Mission Code only and will require a member who is active in training to enter 99D twice: once with the Operations Code for time spent developing course curriculum and once without the Operation Code to report time spent in MT Travel, class prep meetings, etc. We have been told (verbal only) that it can also be used for developing any Curriculum for teaching a MT course. This is not for PA who can use the 10A code for



Collateral Development. There is nothing in writing from BSX on this. National IS staff will work on something to describe this code's use to include in the AUX-10 course.

LYNN KILLIAN FSO-MA

On January 11, I attended my first ever online Materials Meeting. Desiree de Liser, MA Branch Chief with Assistants Greg Pankau and Ken Sylvester along with a few others presented how National is there to give MA officers support, guidance, standardization and training. They are providing easy access to a contact list, immediate updates regarding policy changes and inventory announcements, up-to-date links to various Auxiliary material information and uniform information and PE texts and programs. They also developed "Material Bells" which is a publishing of newsworthy information sharing experiences, ideas, to answer questions and contribute articles, that I would like to discuss with Dan and Todd to see if we could submit an article about the "Dock Safety Coloring Book".

First Class Postage is now 66 cents for a regular first class envelope, Randy Ernst, who I order stamps and supplies from has requested stamps we are no longer using be returned to him.



MAUREEN HOFFMAN FSO-PA

PE Classes:

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

Notice was placed on The Maryland Chamber of Commerce website
 Notice was placed on the Coast Guard Station Marquee and The Ocean Pines marquee

PE class signs for the Boardwalk, WOC boat ramp, and Whitehorse Boat Ramp have been ordered and should be received by next week.

A 1/2 page ad will run in The Courier next week. This will contain a picture of the Aux. table with information and brochures to be given to the public at the boat show.

DOCK SAFETY COLORING BOOK

Dan Collins and Todd Monis have worked diligently to progress the safety coloring up the chain of command. Todd is now working on getting the coloring book in front of a two star for approval!!!

KNOTS & KNOTS

Dan Collins Feb. article discusses the Boat Show and hull design as part of the buying criteria



UPCOMING EVENTS 2024:

Seaside Ocean City Boat Show February 16, 17 & 18. Bay Day is Sunday May 19th in Ocean Pines and Harbor Day at the Docks will be on October 12th near the West Ocean City Boat Ramp in West Ocean City.

CATHY BATTISTONE FSO-PB

The January minutes were created and forwarded to Bob Sheehan FC. The approved minutes from January on form 7017 was forwarded to DIRAUX.

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

The Flotilla roster and Division Directory have been updated and posted to their respective websites to include new members.

Created the 2024 Public Education schedule and created an event in the Flotilla Facebook page for the first and only virtual class in February.

Created the 2024 Tide Chart to be used at Ocean City's Seaside Boat Show,

BARRY COHEN FSO-PE

All Public Education Safe Boating classes for rest of the year will be in-person. The next boat class is scheduled begin February 6, 2024. It is a virtual class. As of today, there are no students registered for this class.

The 2024 class schedule has been completed.

MARTIN KILLIAN FSO-PV

JAN PV totals 6
 Dealers added 0

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAR	ACTIVITY
4	General Meeting at 1900 U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City, MD
10	Daylight Savings Begins 
21	Division Meeting at 1900 Sector Field Office Eastern Shore Chincoteague, VA
APR	ACTIVITY
1	General Meeting at 1900 U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City, MD

Changes 0
 Staff added/subtracted 0
 Current YTD 6

There were 40 visits DEC 2023.



A motion to adjourn at 2015 was made by Lynn Killian and seconded by Barry Cohen. The motion carried.

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