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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



As most of you already know, the Current Administration has done away with all Diversity programs. All current members designated as DV officers shall cease activity until further notice.

Jim McCarty attended our FEB meeting and conducted the Swear in Ceremony for our appointed and elected officers. Thanks Jim!

The Ocean City Boat Show will be in town 14-16FEB2025. Steve Haffner has once again stepped up to Coordinate all members interested in helping out with the Boat Show. Set-up will be 13FEB at 1100 at the Station to load materials, then 1200 at the OC Convention Center to set-up the booth.

Change of Watch (C.O.W.) is set for 08MAR2025 at the Light House Sound Restaurant 1200-1500. Steve, Lynn, Tonya & Art have done a great job in finding this venue for our COW!

Station Chincoteague found 25 boxes of Auxiliary stuff, Mark Wrightstone brought them up and Lynn put them all away by herself. Hats off to you Lynn!

Semper Peratus!



## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING U.S.C.G. STATION OCEAN CITY 3 FEBRUARY 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.

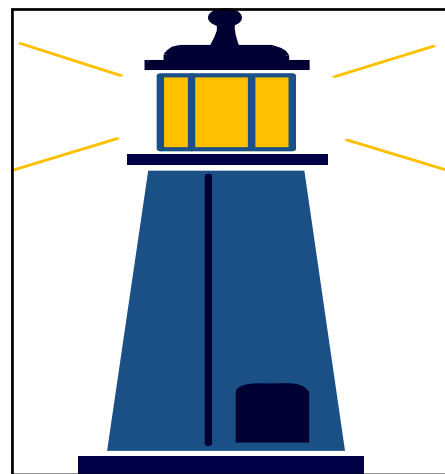
### OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

**PRESENT:** Bob Sheehan FC, Glenn Duffy VFC, Stephen Battistone FSO-CS, Cathy Battistone FSO-PB/SR, Steve Haffner, Frank de Laurentis FSO-FN, Allen Burns, Mark Fangmeyer, Art Flora, Barry Cohen FSO-IS/PE/PV, Linda Busick, Joan Morgan, Roger Morgan, Jim McCarty, Tim Mullen, Tonya Dagstani, Kathy Vail, Mark Wrightstone, Bill Roche, Luann Roche, Dirk Esham, Gene Cleary and Dan Collins.

**Visitors:** Steve Whelan, a potential new member. Welcome!

Glenn Duffy VFC determined there was a quorum.

A motion was made to accept the January 2025 minutes by Barry Cohen and seconded by Kathy Vail.. The motion carried.



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



## FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Jim McCarty Division Commander conducted the Swear in Ceremony for our appointed and elected officers.

Jim also reported that all Diversity Programs have been cancelled as per the current Administration. Cathy and Stephen have been heavily involved in checking for any DEI content and removing it from every Division and flotilla website primarily in Sectors Virginia and Maryland NCR in the District.

D-Train Richmond, Virginia will be April 10-13, 2025 at the Richmond Marriott Short Pump, 4240 Dominion Blvd, Glen Allen, VA 23060 This is a great opportunity to take many courses. In fact, there will be a four-day DIRAUX-funded course for potential Information Systems (IS) officers.

Working on a Boat Crew Academy for March or April. Stay tuned!

**Chincoteague Detachment Report:** Mark Wrightstone reported that they had a meeting on Wednesday, January 19 at Station Chincoteague. They are working on Coast Guard Training, First Aid training and working on a relationship with the Coast Guard staff. This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pony Penning on Chincoteague Island. They would like to have a vessel and crew for the last Wednesday in July. They are also working on public relations on Chincoteague. They have talked to a museum that on Tuesday nights has talks about the different organizations in the area. The Director is especially excited about having knot tying demonstrations there. They are always looking for new events.

**Ocean City's Seaside Boat Show**  
13-16FEB- Steve Haffner:

Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> - Boat Show set-up: meet at Station Ocean City at 11:00 AM then regroup at the Convention Center at 12:45 PM

Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

As in previous years, Steve Haffner will be coordinating the event. There is a lot of work to be done but it is also fun to be able to talk to everyone that attends as part of the Auxilliary's Fourth Cornerstone, Fellowship. Many members work the entire Boat Show hours from set-up to break-down. A very rewarding experience

**Flotilla Change of Watch (C.O.W.)** Committee including Tonya, Dagstani, Lynn Killian, Art Flora and Steve Haffner. Steve reported that the Change of Watch will be on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Lighthouse Sound Restaurant. Steve talked to the Chef. The salads (Caesar and Lighthouse Sound House) are bottomless at the cost of \$250. Steve's foundation will pay that amount. There will be a choice of three Entrees, Crab Cake, Salmon or Chicken Marsala. There will also be a choice of desserts, Cheesecake with fruit topping or Chocolate Cake. Of course there will also be rolls plus your drinks. Best of all, the price is \$19 as the flotilla will be paying the other half of your dinner. Thank you Flotilla 12-05! A flyer will be sent out soon provided by Cathy Battistone with details. A cash bar is available. We have the room from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Dress is Service Dress Blue or Business Attire. You may wish to arrive early if you want a cocktail and visit with your fellow members. A good time will be

had by all! Thank you Steve Haffner and the C.O.W. Committee!

## 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:

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

Posted the Maryland Basic Boating Class for 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February at the Ocean Pines Library on the Flotilla 12-05 Facebook page.

All DEI-related content has been removed from all Division and Flotilla websites in the 5<sup>th</sup> District



### FRANK DE LAURENTIS-FSO-FN

The balance as of 01 January 2025 is \$12,953.92

## RECEIPTS TOTAL RECEIPTS

## DISBURSEMENTS

09 Jan CK #2298	
D. Collins	
XMAS Tree Lights!	\$39.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$39.05</b>

Ending balance as of 31 January 2025 is \$12,914.87.

**GLENN DUFFY FSO-HR**

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

New Members

Disenrollments: 2, J. Taylor, W. Rowlands  
Deaths: 0  
Resigned: 0  
Transferred: Out Todd Monis

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

Four members in AP and four members in IQ status.

**BARRY COHEN-FSO-IS**

While I thought all the 7007 were submitted and process, that turned out not to be correct. I did record the changes for 2025 but DIRAUX stated they did not receive the 7007. I was able to find my emails for all but one, I submitted that today. Do we have the new 7038 for VEs. New information is required for vessels that fail to receive a sticker.

**MAUREEN HOFFMAN FSO-PA****PA Events:**

**BOAT SHOW-Volunteers needed**  
February. 17 and 19  
Hours of show: February 17-18  
10:00 AM- 6:00 PM  
Sunday February 19 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

**BAY DAY-** May 18 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

**BIG TRUCK DAY** – April 26 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

**Knots & Knots-** Dan Collins had two articles published in The Courier, the January article discussed the importance of having an "EPIRB" and how they work. The February article discussed "Hyperthermia"

**Dock Safety Coloring Book-** No updates

**Possible New Events for 2025-**  
National Night Out

**CATHY BATTISTONE- FSO-PB**

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

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

All DEI related content has been removed from all Divisions and Flotillas in the fifth District.

**BARRY COHEN-FSO-PV**

There were no Program visits in January, 2025

**AWARDS:** Todd Monis, Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation to Auxiliary Marketing and Branding Focus Group, Todd was one of 17 members from across the country who worked to create marketing promotions as well as "Proud Traditions, Worthy Missions" for a new slogan. Todd has recently moved to South Carolina and joined District 7.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

MAR	ACTIVITY
4	General Meeting at 1900 U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City, MD
9	
20	Division Meeting at 1900 Sector Field Office Eastern Shore Chincoteague, VA
APR	ACTIVITY
7	General Meeting at 1900 U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City, MD

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2025 was made by Steve Haffner and seconded by Barry Cohen. The motion carried.

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