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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 we begin 2025, we should not forget members who have left our Flotilla. Several for personal reasons, while members like Bob Schevchuck, our Immediate Past Flotilla Commander (IPFC), was totally committed to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, even serving at the National Level, died suddenly last year. Marty Killian joined us in 2015 (an avid golfer) did all the requirements to become Crew, got elected for Vice Flotilla Commander in 2018 with Barry Cohen as Flotilla Commander. COVID, the worst pandemic since the Spanish Flu of 1918, first occurred in December of 2019. Marty Killian had the helm when this happened here in the U.S. Marty figured out a way that we could resume our meetings using an on-line service we could use from home. Marty

held offices of FSO-HR, FSO-PV, SO-HR, SO-SR, IT and Fingerprint Tech and Security along with being the voice of Coastie and a key member of the lawn crew 'blades up.' [ We have surely lost a valuable asset. Fair winds and following seas to you Marty! We will miss you!

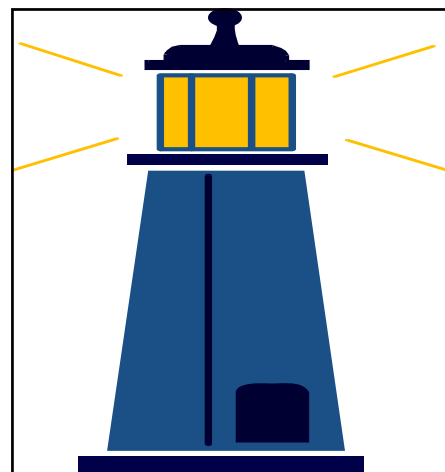
Semper Peratus!



### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING U.S.C.G. STATION OCEAN CITY 6 JANUARY 2025

The monthly meeting of flotilla 12-05 was called to order by Bob Sheehan FC via virtual Zoom call because of inclement weather promptly at 1900. The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Glenn Duffy VFC.

**OFFICERS AND MEMBERS  
PRESENT:** Bob Sheehan FC,  
Glenn Duffy VFC, Stephen  
Battistone FSO-CS, Cathy



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	TONYA DAGSTANI
FSO-NS	VACANT
FSO-OP	ROBERT SHEEHAN
FSO-PA	MAUREEN HOFFMAN
FSO-PB	CATHY BATTISTONE
FSO-PE	BARRY COHEN
FSO-PV	BARRY COHEN (Temp.)
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!!



Battistone FSO-PB/SR, Steve Haffner, Frank de Laurentis FSO-FN, Mark Fangmeyer, Art Flora, Maureen Hoffman FSO-PA, Barry Cohen FSO-IS/PE/PV, Linda Busick, Joan Morgan, Roger Morgan, Jill Lake, Jim McCarty, Allen Burns, Tonya Dagstani, Kathy Vail, Lynn Killian, Mark Wrightstone, Jeff DeHart and Dan Collins.

**Visitors:** John Small VFC, Flotilla 12-01 Salisbury, MD

Glenn Duffy VFC determined there was a quorum.

A motion was made to accept the December 2024 minutes and financial report by Barry Cohen and seconded by Glenn Duffy. The motion carried.

## FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



**Frank de Laurentis** has finished the 2025 budget with one change. Frank's budget was underfunded. He is increasing his budget by \$200 to \$700. A motion was made to approve the 2025 budget by Glenn Duffy and seconded by Barry Cohen. The motion carried.

The **Ocean City's Seaside Boat Show** is coming in February on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> (set-up day) through Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> (break-down day). Maureen Hoffman was questioning who the contact was so we can make sure we are in the same spot as previous years. Kathy Vail reminded her that it was the Optimist Club. A suggestion was made by Lynn Killian to go to the Convention Center. Maureen will follow-up. Hopefully Steve Haffner will be the coordinator for this 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

**Change of Watch (COW)** Jim McCarty DCDR is concerned that there is another winter storm on the horizon for Saturday as luck would have it. Steve Haffner has worked very hard to setting up this affair including the menu, working with the three flotillas and Bob Haberman SO-FN and our own Frank de Laurentis FSO-FN; The day after the flotilla meeting the Division Commander, Jim McCarty cancelled the COW because of the forecast with the venue in a rural area where the roads would be the last to be taken care of. Thanks again Steve Haffner for all that you do for Flotilla 12-05 and Division 12. Thank you Frank de Laurentis for all that you do for Flotilla 12-05. Thank you also to Stephen Battistone for seeking out photos for the four members that would have been in the memorial part of the program. Thank you to Steve Haffner for printing and framing the photos.



**Mark Wrightstone**, leader of the Chincoteague detachment commented on their last meeting. Some members are still having a hard time acquiring the larger size U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary uniforms. A few comments were made where to find the larger size uniforms. Lighthouse Uniform Company (<https://lighthouseuniform.com>) on the west coast and The Salute Uniforms ([www.uniforms-4u.com](http://www.uniforms-4u.com)). For new members you can also shop at the Coast Guard Exchange ([shopcgx.com](http://shopcgx.com)) and the Auxiliary Center (AUXCEN).

**DAN COLLINS: Report on the Flotilla 12-05 tree decorated in Ocean Pines** Discussion was made regarding taking down the decorations. It was agreed that Dan Collins, Jeff deHart and Bob Sheehan will take down decorations on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at noon. Thank you to everyone that helped make flotilla 12-05's tree extra special in 2024.

## 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:

A photo from the Flotilla 12-05 SPponsored Christmas Tree for 2024 in Ocean Pines, MD was posted on the Flotilla website. Photos provided by Dan Collins.

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

The Flotilla Unit Calendar has been updated for 2025.

The Flotilla Boating Class Schedule has also been posted on the Flotilla 12-05 website.



### FRANK DE LAURENTIS-FSO-FN

The balance as of 01 December 2024 is \$12,985.92

**RECEIPTS**

02 December Bank  
Deposit Dues '25 Dues \$135.00  
02 December Bank  
Deposit USCG AUX  
ASSN Coloring Book  
Reimbursement \$500.00  
09 December Bank  
Deposit '25 Dues \$90.00  
**TOTAL RECEIPTS \$725.00**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

02 Dec CK #2295  
Serpone's Pizza  
USCG AUX MTG Social \$142.00  
17 Dec CK #2297  
ABC Printers  
350 Coloring Books \$500.00  
18 Dec CK # 2296  
ABC Printers  
SBC Schedule \$115.00  
**TOTAL**  
**DISBURSEMENTS \$757.00**

Ending balance as of 31 December  
2024 \$12,953.92

**GLENN DUFFY FSO-HR**

As of December 31, 2024 Flotilla  
054-12-05 had a total membership  
of 48.

New Members 1 George Dimond  
Disenrollments 2, Martin Killian  
and Jennie Beauchamp  
Deaths: 0  
Resigned: 0  
Transferred: 0

After confirming with our FC there  
are no additional changes to report.  
Ten members in AP and one  
member in IQ status.

**BARRY COHEN-FSO-IS**

The major push for the end of year  
was the 7007 form for change of  
officers. This was completed and  
DIRAUX notified. For this year with  
new members we need to educate  
them on the proper use of the 7029  
form.

**CATHY BATTISTONE- FSO-PB**

The approved minutes from  
December 2024 on form 7000  
was forwarded to DIRAUX.

The December 2024 edition of  
the On Course Newsletter was  
created and submitted for posting  
to the Flotilla website.

**BARRY COHEN-FSO-PV**

Unfortunately the PE Flyers have  
not been distributed yet, I will  
have the Flyers at the January  
meeting for the PVs who want to  
distribute them, The first class  
starts on 2/11/2025

As the temporary FSO-PV, the  
number of PVs done in 2023 was  
355. The number done in 2024  
was 282. A difference of less in  
2024 by 73 visits.

**AWARDS**

**Glenn Duffy,** Fingerprint  
Technician and Security  
Coordinator

**Barbara Muinos,** Completed all  
Core training and Basically  
Qualified (BQ).

**Mark Fangmeyer,** Completed all  
Core training and is Basically  
Qualified (BQ).

*Congratulations!*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

JAN	ACTIVITY
6	<b>General Meeting at 1900 U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City Ocean City, MD</b>
11	<b>Division 12 Change of Watch (C.O.W.) Captain's Cove Marina Restaurant 3332 Captains Corridor Greenbackville, VA 23356 Social Hour at 1200 Luncheon at 1300 Reservations: Steve Haffner <b>CANCELLED</b></b>
FEB	ACTIVITY
3	<b>General Meeting at 1900 U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City Ocean City, MD</b>
14-16	<b>Ocean City's Seaside Boat Show Roland Powell Convention Center Ocean City, MD</b>

A motion to adjourn the meeting at  
2025 was made by Lynn Killian and  
seconded by Glenn Duffy. The  
motion carried.

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