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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



Looking forward to the Air Show (24-25JUL) which we can help with two facilities and several crew. This will be an opportunity for Coxswains, crew and trainees to assist the U.S. Coast Guard and log some hours.



John Tyson an Auxiliarist in Florida offered a zoom presentation for Coxswain and Crew to get the workshops TCT/RM/OPS needed to remain active. Workshops were on 25JUN24.

Jane Peak's Celebration of Life on 30JUN was well attended by the CGAUX and many members of their community. The Mayor of Chincoteague had very nice comments about Jane and her enormous presence and help with the members of the town. She will be missed by many people in Chincoteague. May she rest in Peace!



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

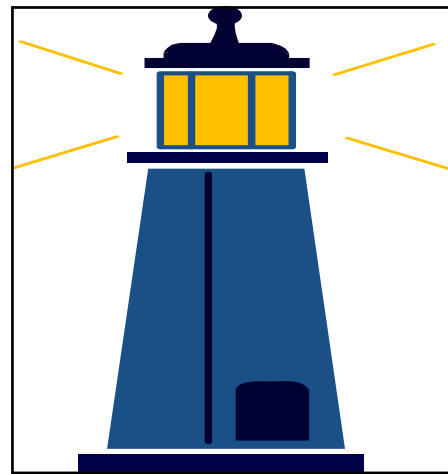
PRESENT: Bob Sheehan FC, Glenn Duffy VFC, Bob Shevchuck IPFC, Stephen Battistone FSO-CS, Cathy Battistone FSO-PB/SR, Barry Cohen FSO-IS/PE, Steve Haffner, Frank de Laurentis FSO-FN, Joe Britvch, Art Flora, Maureen Hoffman FSO-PA, Jeff DeHart, Al Parra, Tonya Dagstani, Mark Wrightstone, and Robert Smeltzer.

Visitors: Prospective member Jay Brown and Tonya Dagstani's Dad Bob Barnes.

QUORUM: Glenn Duffy VFC determined there was a quorum.



Fourth of July 15 Images PNGs, JPGs, and Vector Pink Pueblo



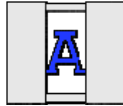
FC	ROBERT SHEEHAN
VFC	GLENN DUFFY
IPFC	BOB SHEVCHUCK
FSO-CM	VACANT
FSO-CS	STEPHEN BATTISTONE
FSO-DV	KATHY VAIL
FSO-FN	FRANK DE LAURENTIS
FSO-HR	GLENN DUFFY
FSO-IS	BARRY COHEN
FSO-MA	LYNN KILLIAN
FSO-MS	TIM MULLEN
FSO-MT	TODD MONIS
FSO-NS	ROBERT SHEVCHUCK
FSO-OP	ROBERT SHEEHAN
FSO-PA	MAUREEN HOFFMAN
FSO-PB	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!!



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

FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Art Flora was wearing his Alternate Work Uniform (AWU) to show all of the members what it looks like and also where to purchase the uniform. This uniform is cooler and can be worn in lieu of the ODU. The shirt is a polo shirt and has your last name embroidered See link to order: (<https://signexplosion.com/collections/uscg-auxilliary>) The pants are Taclite Pro Ripstop Pant or 5.11 pants and can be ordered from the 5.11 store or the Coast Guard site or use (<https://signexplosion.com/collections/uscg-auxilliary>) for men's pant and for women's pant (https://www.511tactical.com/taclitepro-pant-womens.html?queryID=2f56eaad0c8c22e3c39aa92ecad192a6&objectID=53831&indexName=magento2_productiondef_ault_products) Be sure to order the color 'Dark Navy'.

We have a lot of new members and would like to retain them. Please consider being a Mentor. As you can remember when you first joined, everything in the beginning is confusing. It would be nice to have someone to ask questions and guide you. Thank you for those who have already offered to be a mentor. The Flotilla 12-05 Mentors can be found on the flotilla 12-05 roster or the Division Directory.

Lynn Killian received more VSC decals. If you need more, call Bob Sheehan.



FLOTILLA SRAFF 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:

Photos from the Flotilla meeting on 3 June 2024 at the U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City have been posted on the Flotilla website. Photos provided by Stephen Battistone FSO-CS.

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

Posted the Maryland Basic Boating Class for July 9th – 11th at the Ocean Pines Library on the Flotilla 12-05 Facebook page.

Maureen Hoffman FSO-PA and I researched the usage of YouTube for Flotilla use.

KATHLEEN VAIL FSO-DV

See attached June Diversity Newsletter

USCG Auxiliary Diversity Moment...June 2024...T.W.O. is One

USCG Auxiliary Diversity Moment

Diversity Officers, here's an opportunity to start a discussion with your unit at your next gathering. Doing this will fulfill Goal Category 1.3 in the NACO 3-Star application. Leadership, please consider

adapting the ideas expressed here in leading your units.

'T.W.O. is One'

"Total Workforce Optimization" is a natural outgrowth of diversity as it has been characterized in recent years. Let's briefly explore how diversity is different than total workforce optimization, the new focus and terminology of our Coast Guard commandant and this directorate.

"Diversity" has typically emphasized the variety of identities and backgrounds represented within a group or organization, often focusing on things such as race, gender, age, disability, etc. It emphasizes the importance of inclusivity and representation. These are worthy goals, however, "total workforce optimization" encompasses an extended broader perspective that includes diversity and inclusivity but goes further. It involves maximizing the effectiveness, productivity, and potential of the entire team, which includes individuals' talents, experiences, and perspectives.



When all involved are aware of these important qualities and incorporate them into a team's overall strategy, the end results are going to be more productive and satisfactory. Leadership should promote this approach and adapt the process to best fit their unit and the goal or goals desired. In this way, we maximize the effectiveness and potential of our entire workforce by enhancing the

performance and capabilities of every individual within the Auxiliary.

We must always look to what unites us (aside from our membership in the Auxiliary) and then leverage that diversity of thought and perspective to move our collective work forward. "Total Workforce Optimization" is not just another mission statement or slogan. It is a real and meaningful change to enhance and progress our missions. This self-investment will make the Auxiliary more effective and innovative – in addition to improving the morale of our membership.

Michael Brown, BC-DUP
Outreach (Diversity & Inclusion Directorate)



**FRANK DE LAURENTIS
FSO-FN**

The balance as of 1 June, 2024 is \$11,692.19

RECEIPTS

10 June SBC & Dues	
Bank Deposit	\$426.00
11 June PayPal	
Transfer SBC	\$38.80
21 June Dues Bank	
Deposit	\$495.00
24 June Dues Bank	
Deposit	\$225.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,184.80

DISBURSEMENTS

03 June B. Cohen	
SBC Batteries	
CK #2281	\$4.48
03 June Courier	

½ page Ad	\$202.00
06 June B. Cohen	
SBC Lunch	\$43.38

TOTAL	
DISBURSEMENTS	\$249.86

Ending balance as of 30 June 2024 is \$12,627.13

GLENN DUFFY FSO-HR

As of June 30 2024, Flotilla 054-12-05 had a total membership of 45, Plus three from last month.

Disenrollments 0
Deaths: 0
Resigned: 0
Transferred: 0

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

BARRY COHEN FSO-IS

The PPE saga continues. Anyone still using the McMurdo PLB is requested to check with the Station to see if they have the authorized PLB to issue to you. You would then return the old one. Then give me the new information to add to your profile. The next phase is to account for the PPE not issued but in storage somewhere.

With regards to your 7029, read the explanation of which 99 code is appropriate to use. When using 99D indicate the subject matter, e.g., boat crew.



MAUREEN HOFFMAN FSO-PA

PE Classes:

Press Release and Calendar items sent to all local publications for the July Safe Boating Course.

Notice was placed on The Maryland Chamber of Commerce website.

A motion was made to approve The Chamber of Commerce dues in the amount of \$249 by Barry Cohen and seconded by Glenn Duffy. The motion carried.

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

A ½ page ad was placed in the "Ocean Pines Progress" to appear in the July edition. The focus of the ad is for PE classes, vessel safety checks and recruitment. A motion was made to place a ½ page ad in the Ocean Pines Progress by Barry Cohen and seconded by Art Flora. The motion carried. The invoice will be going to Barry Cohen.

Dock Safety Coloring Book- we continue to look for funding and approval.

Upcoming events 2024: Harbor Day at the Docks-Oct. 12th

Big Truck Day Sept 7 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

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

CATHY BATTISTONE FSO-PB

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

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

The Flotilla roster and the Division Directory have been updated to the respective websites.

A sympathy card was created and sent to Warren Peake on behalf of Flotilla 12-05 and Division 12.



BARRY COHEN FSO-PE

The June 2, 2024 Boat Safety Class had 15 students 14 of whom did the test and passed the exam. The July class has 13 students currently signed up. There are approximately 4 students who have not returned their paper work. Hopefully, they will and we will have 17 for the July class.

MARTIN KILLIAN FSO-PV

JUN PV totals	31
Dealers added	0
Changes	0
Staff added/subtracted	0
Current YTD	215

There were 40 visits JUN 2023.

Regarding our funds where Maureen Hoffman spent more than what is in her budget, Barry Cohen said to take the money spent in his budget since it was for Public Education. No motion was needed.

AWARD





Kathleen Vail received a Leadership Competency Award. It will be presented when Kathleen is present.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2030 was made by Barry Cohen and seconded by Steve Haffner. The motion carried.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUG	ACTIVITY
4	U.S. Coast Guard Birthday 
5	General Meeting at 1900. U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City, MD
15	Division Meeting at 1900 Sector Field Office Eastern Shore Chincoteague, VA
SEP	ACTIVITY
2	 LABOR DAY
9	General Meeting at 1900. U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City, MD



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