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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



It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of one of our Division 12 Leaders Jane Peake.

In Virginia, she was a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary member for 16 years. She taught Public Education courses and served as FC during her tenure. Jane was also Coast Guard certified as TCT/RM. She taught Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary members.

Jane was a potent source and will be sorely missed by this world.

Jane Peake's Celebration of Life service will be on 30JUN, 1500-1700 at the Community Center, Chincoteague, VA.

Please contact John Evans if you plan to attend.



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

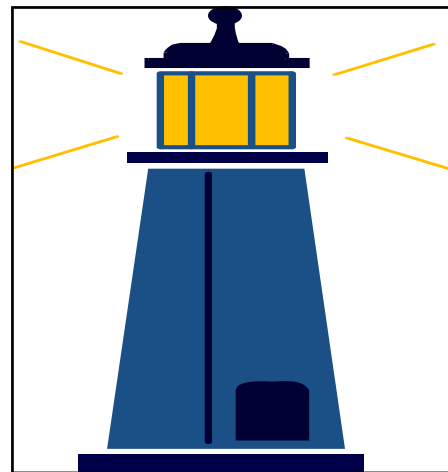
### OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

**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, Dan Collins, Frank de Laurentis FSO-FN, Joe Britvch, Lynn Killian FSO-MA, Martin Killian FSO-PV, Joseph Britvch, Art Flora, Maureen Hoffman FSO-PA, Jeff DeHart, Tim Mullen, Jim McCarty, Allen Burns, Al Parra, Kathy Vail, Becky Vail, Tonya Dagstani and Dirk Esham..

**VISITORS:** Prospective members Barbara Muinos, Mark Wrightstone, Seth Hesherington and John Crotty. Bob Neuell from Arizona visiting Auxiliarist Dan Collins and Mr. Hesherington, prospective member Seth Hesherington's Dad.

**QUORUM:** Glenn Duffy VFC determined there was a quorum.

A motion was made to accept the



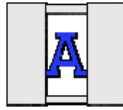
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VFC	GLENN DUFFY
IPFC	BOB SHEVCHUCK
FSO-CM	VACANT
FSO-CS	STEPHEN BATTISTONE
FSO-DV	KATHY VAIL
FSO-FN	FRANK DE LAURENTIS
FSO-HR	GLENN DUFFY
FSO-IS	BARRY COHEN
FSO-MA	LYNN KILLIAN
FSO-MS	TIM MULLEN
FSO-MT	TODD MONIS
FSO-NS	ROBERT SHEVCHUCK
FSO-OP	ROBERT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



March 2024 minutes and financial report by Barry Cohen and seconded by Art Flora. The motion carried.

**FLOTILLA  
COMMANDER'S  
COMMENTS**



Uniform inspections: Make sure you have had your uniform inspected by Barry Cohen and were accounted for.

It's that time again. Your 2025 Flotilla membership dues are now due. Please send a check in the amount of \$45.00. Make the check payable to: USCG AUX 12-05.

Mail to: USCG Aux 12-05  
P.O. Box 1682  
Berlin, MD 21811

**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:

Photos from the Flotilla meeting in May, the WBOC Coastal Live TV Interview and the Interview with the U.S. Coast Guard PA Team from Annapolis, MD with Bob Sheehan FC held at U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City have been posted on the Flotilla website. Photos provided by Maureen Hoffman FSO-PA.

Photos of the Bay Day Event held at White Horse Park in Ocean Pines, MD have also been posted on the Flotilla website. Photos

provided by Stephen Battistone, FSO-CS, Dan Collins, and Nancy MacCubbin.

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

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

Performing a District review of the Division 12 and Division 12 related Flotilla websites.

Posted the Maryland Basic Boating Class for June 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> at the Ocean Pines Library on the Flotilla 12-05 Facebook page.



**FRANK DE LAURENTIS  
FSO-FN**

The balance as of 1 May, 2024 is \$11,645.19

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
<b>07 May SBC Bank Deposit</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>

<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
<b>12 May Pro-rated Div Dues CK#2278</b>	<b>\$22.50</b>
<b>17 May Steve Haffner Coastie Parts CK #2280</b>	<b>\$90.50</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$113.00</b>

Ending balance as of 31 May 2024 \$11,692.19

Special thanks to Barry Cohen, Tonya Dagstani and Bob Shevchuck for being the first to submit their 2025 dues!



**GLENN DUFFY FSO-HR**

As of May 31, 2024 Flotilla 054-12-05 had a total membership of 42. Plus two from last month.

Disenrollments	0
Deaths:	0
Resigned:	0
Transferred:	0

After confirming with FC Robert Shevchuck there are no additional changes to report. seven members in AP and one member in IQ status. Notes: There is one new member applications at DIRAUX

**BARRY COHEN FSO-IS**

As you are aware, the Coast Guard has started a project to account for all of the issued PPE. This will require all members who have been issued PPE to account for all of the items in your possession. In addition, unfortunately, the rules are constantly changing. For example the McMurdo PLB are now authorized until the current battery expires. In addition the type III life jacket does not need the V34 at the end of the serial number is no longer needed. The same is true for the float coat. There are additional rules that will be discussed at the meeting.





**TIM MULLEN FSO-MS**

Our next beach clean-up is scheduled for Thursday, June 13 at 9:00 am. We can expect to gather a good amount of trash since the tourist season has begun.

Uniform of the day is full ODUs.

Please notify Tim if you can volunteer for this project so he can contact you in the event of inclement weather.



**MAUREEN HOFFMAN FSO-PA**

PE Classes:  
 Press Release and Calendar items sent to all local publications for the June Safe Boating Course. A notice was placed on the Maryland Chamber of Commerce website. A notice was placed on the U. S. Coast Guard Station Marquee and the Ocean Pines marquee



**NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK EVENTS**

**WRDE Coast Life** came to the U.S. Coast Guard Station on May 7 at to interview Senior Chief Dawkins and Bob Sheehan Flotilla Commander for National Safe Boating Week. National Safe Boating Week and the importance of taking a safe boating course and having a Vessel Safety Check was emphasized.

Two members of the U.S. Coast Guard Public Affairs office were at the station and also interviewed Bob Sheehan about activities our flotilla is involved with. This will be placed on the Coast Guard page.

A half-page Coast Guard Auxiliary ad was placed in The Courier listing our Public Education classes for the season, how to get a Vessel Safety Check and information on joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

**Bay Day** - May 19, 10AM-2PM

National Boat Safety Week (NSBW) begins May 18, 2024.

Thanks to our members and good weather as we succeeded in having another very successful Public Affairs event!!!!

We had 221 patrons - 53 learned knots and we thank you Allen Burns and anyone else who may have joined in. There were also 69 Adults and 99 Children who

encountered Coastie and visited our tables and asked questions of us. One Male signed up to join the Auxiliary. Senator Mary Beth Carozza stopped by our table and took pictures with us.



**Thank You!**

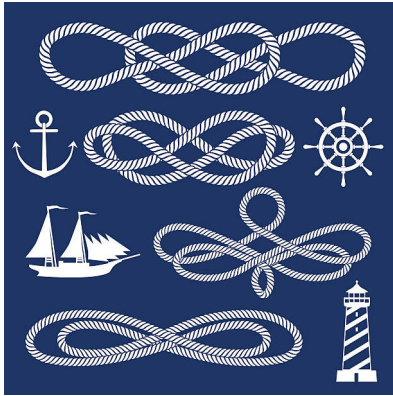
Thank you Bob Sheehan and Art Flora who did some tweaking of Coastie when we had an initial electrical problem and head phone problem.

**Knots & Knots** -Dan Collins' June article is an argument for boaters to take the Safe Boating Class and to avoid alcohol consumption while operating a vessel. This will be published in the Safe Boating edition of The Courier.

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

**Upcoming events 2024:** Harbor Day at the Docks Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> and Big Truck Day Sept. 7th 10 AM—2:00 PM





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

**CATHY BATTISTONE FSO-PB**

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

The May 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.

Created and sent a sympathy care on behalf of flotilla 12-05 and Division 12 for Warren Peake.



**BARRY COHEN FSO-PE**

The May 1, 2024 Boat Safety Class had 13 students all of whom passed the exam. The June Safe Boating Class is scheduled to start tomorrow. There are 13 students registered for this class.

There are about five registration forms outstanding.

**MARTIN KILLIAN FSO-PV**

MAY PV totals 49  
 Dealers added 0  
 Changes 0  
 Staff added/subtracted 0  
 Current YTD 184

There were 61 visits in May 2023



Allen Burns celebrated 50 years in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and he is still going strong! Congratulations Allen on 50 years!!



A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2020 was made by Steve Haffner and seconded by Allen Burns. The motion carried.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
JUL	ACTIVITY
1	General Meeting at 1900. U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City, Mad
4	
AUG	ACTIVITY
4	U.S. Coast Guard Birthday 
5	General Meeting at 1900. U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City, Mad
15	Division Meeting at 1900 Sector Field Office Eastern Shore Chincoteague, VA



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