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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

ROBERT SHEEHAN FC



GENERAL MEETING U.S.C.G. STATION OCEAN CITY 3 MARCH 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.

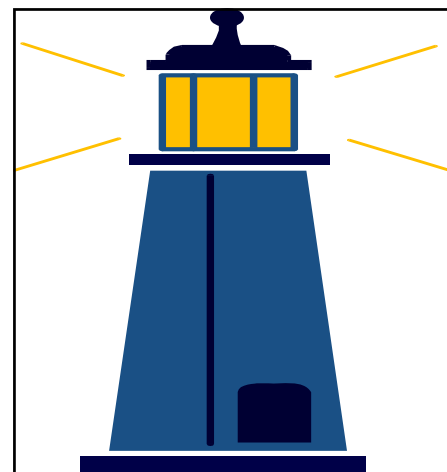
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

PRESENT: Bob Sheehan FC, Stephen Battistone FSO-CS, Cathy Battistone FSO-PB/SR, Steve Haffner, Frank de Laurentis FSO-FN, 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.

Visitor: Steve Whelan, a potential new Auxiliary member.

Bob Sheehan FC determined there was a quorum.

A motion was made to accept the February 2025 minutes by Barry Cohen and seconded by Maureen Hoffman. The motion carried.



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READINESS
COORDINATOR
PHOTOGRAPHERS

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VACANT
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FRANK DE LAURENTIS
GLENN DUFFY
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LYNN KILLIAN
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TONYA DAGSTANI
VACANT
ROBERT SHEEHAN
MAUREEN HOFFMAN
CATHY BATTISTONE
BARRY COHEN
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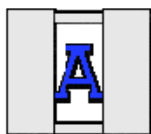
FLOTILLA 12-5 MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 1900 HOURS AT THE OCEAN CITY COAST GUARD STATION. VISITORS WELCOME!!

The Seaside Ocean City Boat Show at the Ocean City Convention Center was a great success. Special thanks to all of the new members who attended, Cathy Battistone for recording the visitor numbers for the event all three days, Steve Haffner for planning, taking roll of members attending and as well as providing the proper form 7030 to record hours for members who attended. Flotilla 12-05 held their Change of Watch (C.O.W.) on 08MAR25 at the Lighthouse Sound restaurant. Thanks again to Steve, Art, Lynn and Tonya for finding the venue and Cathy Battistone for preparing the C.O.W. flyer and meal name tents for the dinner. Our U.S. Coast Guard Senior Chief Dawson attended and was there to swear in the Division Officers. Congratulations to Tonya Dagstani for receiving the 2024 "Auxiliarist of the Year" award as well as being appointed the new Division SO-MT Officer!

Semper Peratus!

MINUTES OF THE



**FLOTILLA
COMMANDER'S
COMMENTS****Chincoteague Detachments
Report:** Mark Wrightstone

reported: two members completed BQ and are now ready to participate in flotilla activities. In May we will start planning for the 100 year anniversary of the Pony Penning. U.S. Coast Guard Station Chincoteague has had terrorist threats. Getting involved with the American Legion to possible attract recruits for the Chincoteague Detachment

Ocean City's Seaside Boat Show

13-16FEB Steve Haffner: Friday 216 patrons and 52 for knots; Saturday 507 patrons and 81 for knots, Sunday 348 patrons and 79 for knots. Total for three days; 1,071. Eighteen Auxiliary members worked the events during show hours. Very honorable mention: Roger Morgan 18 hours, Mark Wrightstone 22 hours, Mark Fangmeyer 16 hours, Kathy Vail 14 hours and Tonya Dagstani 22 hours. Bravo Zulu honors; Cathy Battistone, Stephen Battistone and Joe Britvch, each 22 hours. Dan Collins and Tim Mullen for mentoring and teaching knots to Roger Morgan, Mark Wrightstone and Mark Fangmeyer who in turn were seen teaching patrons.

Flotilla Change of Watch (C.O.W.) Committee including Steve Haffner, Tonya, Dagstani, Lynn Killian, Art Flora and Cathy Battistone.

Ocean City Air Show: June 14-15, 2025 featuring the Blue Angels. Bring in PPEs to have them checked.

PFDs must be worn while performing Vessel Safety Checks.

**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:

Posted photos from the Ocean City Seaside Boat Show on 14th-16th February 2025 on the Flotilla 12-05 website.

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

Posted the Maryland Basic Boating Class for 4th – 6th March at the Ocean Pines Library on the Flotilla 12-05 Facebook page.

**FRANK DE LAURENTIS-FSO-FN**

The balance as of 01 February 2025 is \$12,914.87

RECEIPTS

03 FEB Bank Deposit SBC	\$80.00
07 FEB Bank Deposit SBC	\$80.00
21 FEB Bank Deposit C.O.W.	\$570.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$730.00

DISBURSEMENTS

07 FEB CK #2299 Restaurant Deposit for C.O.W.	\$500.00
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25 FEB CK #2301 Restaurant Payment	\$631.20
26 FEB CK #2302 ABC Printers	
Tide Tables	\$515.00
27 FEB CK #2300 Div and Nat'l Dues	\$1,584.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$3,230.20

Ending balance as of 31 February 2025 is \$10,414.67.

Frank brought up the fact that we did not have a budget item for the Change of Watch (C.O.W.). A motion was made by Frank de Laurentis and seconded by Barry Cohen to create a line item for the C.O.W. and increase the receipt to \$500.00. The motion carried.

GLENN DUFFY FSO-HR

As of February 27, 2025 Flotilla 054 -12-05 had a total membership of 45.

New Members 0
Dis-enrollments 0
Deaths: 0
Resigned: 0
Transferred: 0

After confirming with our Flotilla Commander there are no additional changes to report. Four members are in AP and four members are in IQ status.

BARRY COHEN-FSO-IS

I am still receiving mission reports in picture format. Besides using much more ink, they do not copy, scan or print properly. I have examples to show at the meeting, I will not pass them around or attached so that the members names are not readable to the members attending this meeting. If you cannot scan the original form, mail it to me at our P.O. Box **USCG AUX 1205, P.O. Box 1682, Berlin, MD 21811.**



MAUREEN HOFFMAN FSO-PA

PA EVENTS:

OCEAN CITY'S SEASIDE BOAT SHOW- Feb. 14-16

The Auxiliary participated in seeing 1,071 members of the community over the three day event. Coast Guard Auxiliary recruitment, Safe Boating Classes and Vessel Safety Checks were also promoted. Brochures and literature on safe boating was handed out along with coloring books. Eighteen (18) members of the flotilla helped out at the three day event!

Upcoming Public Affairs events:

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

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

The New: Atlantic Coastal Sport Fishing Association would like us to help out with a kids fishing on the pier next to the Coast Guard Station.

Knots & Knots-Dan Collins' March article published in The Courier focuses of "60 years of Changes for the Better" in boating. Coastie made the front page!

Dock Safety Coloring Book- No updates



CATHY BATTISTONE- FSO-PB

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

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

Assisted Steve Haffner with the C.O.W. by making the Change of Watch flyer and name tents for the people attending displaying their meal choices.



BARRY COHEN FSO-PE

Unfortunately, due to the snow, the Ocean Pines Library closed on February 11, 2025 and the class was cancelled. The Public Education Flyers have not been distributed yet. I will have the Flyers at the March meeting for the PVs who want to distribute them. The March class starts on 3/4//2025. We currently have 11 people signed up for the course.





BARRY COHEN-FSO-PV

The number of PVs done in February was 13.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APR	ACTIVITY
7	General Meeting at 1900 U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City Ocean City, MD
26	BIG TRUCK DAY Veterans Memorial Park 10:00 AM—2:00 PM
MAY	ACTIVITY
5	General Meeting at 1900 U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City Ocean City, MD
17-23	
18	BAY DAY 10:00 AM –2:00 PM White Horse Park Ocean Pines, MD
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