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FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

ROBERT SHEEHAN FC



Our Membership is actively improving with two new member applications and two prospective members, William Roche, Luann Roche, Mark Wrightstone and Mark Fragmaeyer, respectively. This brings our total membership to 41! Dirk Esham also joined us at the meeting. Station Ocean City has a "new" SAR motor vessel received from Crisfield, Maryland.. The 45' boat has twin Turbo Diesel jet drives with Detroit 825HP engines. Top speed of 40+ knots and cruise speed of 30 knots. With a minimum crew of 3, it can hold 24 people in 10' seas, 30 knot winds and a range of 250+ miles or 10 hours underway. What a great asset for Ocean City!



Semper Paratus!

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING U.S.C.G. STATION OCEAN CITY 6 MAY 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.

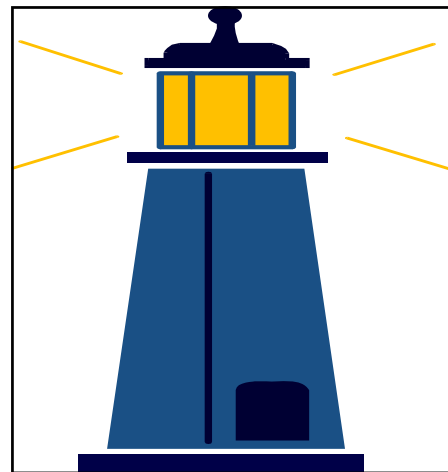
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

PRESENT: Bob Sheehan FC, Glenn Duffy VFC, Bob Shevchuck IPFC, Stephen Battistone FSO-CM, 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 and Dirk Esham..

Visitors: Prospective Members, William and Luann Roche and Mark Fragmaeyer.

QUORUM: Glenn Duffy VFC determined there was a quorum.

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

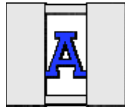


FC	ROBERT SHEEHAN
VFC	GLENN DUFFY
IPFC	BOB SHEVCHUCK
FSO-CM	VACANT
FSO-CS	STEPHEN BATTISTONE
FSO-DV	KATHY VAIL
FSO-FN	FRANK DE LAURENTIS
FSO-HR	GLENN DUFFY
FSO-IS	BARRY COHEN
FSO-MA	LYNN KILLIAN
FSO-MS	TIM MULLEN
FSO-MT	TODD MONIS
FSO-NS	ROBERT SHEVCHUCK
FSO-OP	ROBERT SHEEHAN
FSO-PA	MAUREEN HOFFMAN
FSO-PB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



**FLOTILLA
COMMANDER'S
COMMENTS**



Changes at Station Ocean City: They are suspending training temporarily for all new members.

We are starting to ramp up our activities with the Ocean City Boat Races in June and the Ocean City Air Show in August.

**FLOTILLA
STAFF
OFFICER
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:

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

The March edition of the High-12 Newsletter was posted on the Division 12 website. Performing a District review of the Division 12 and Division 12 related Flotilla websites.

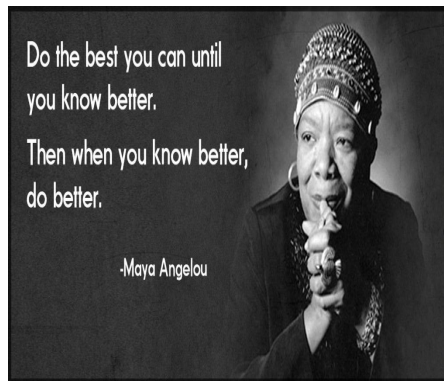
Posted the Maryland Basic Boating Class for May 4th on the Flotilla 12-05 Facebook page.

KATHY VAIL FSO-DV

One obstacle to implicit bias, which is bias that is in us that we may not even recognize, is the very fact that we don't recognize the biases we have. This is not an accusation and doesn't mean we are prejudiced. It simply means that some stereotypes, often negative, have become ingrained in us as a result of the influences of others including media.

Combatting implicit bias requires us to first know what biases we hold. To do so, please go to: <https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatouchtest.html> or Google "Harvard implicit bias test." Agree to the terms by clicking "I wish to proceed." Next, choose a category in a blue box to test your bias in that area (ex: age, race, gender, etc.). Then, take the test. You can take the test in as many areas as you like.

And in the wise words of Maya Angelou,



**FRANK DE LAURENTIS
FSO-FN**

The balance as of 1 April, 2024 is \$11,371.10

RECEIPTS

TOTAL RECEIPTS

01 April SBC Bank Deposit	\$80.00
03 April PayPal Transfer	\$19.40
08 April SBC PayPal Transfer	\$38.80
08 April SBC Bank	

Deposit	\$180.00
24 April PayPal Transfer	\$58.20
30 April PayPal Transfer	\$19.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$395.80

DISBURSEMENTS

05 April B. Cohen Class Markers CK#2275	\$100.00
06 April F. deLaurentis Printer Ink CK #2276	\$21.71
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$121.71

Ending balance as of 30 April 2024 is \$11,645.19

GLENN DUFFY FSO-HR

As of Apr, 30, 2024 Flotilla 054-12-05 had a total membership of 40. Plus one from last month.

Disenrollments 0
Deaths: 0
Resigned: 0
Transferred: 1 transfer in James Batchelder

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

Notes: There are two new ember applications at DIRAUX.



TIM MULLEN FSO-MS

Our first "Adopt a Beach" clean-up of 2024 took place on April 29. We

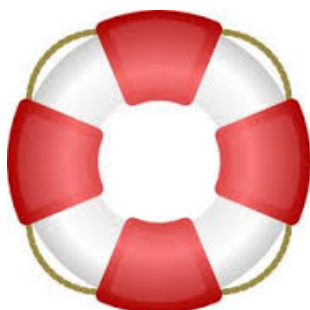
collected approximately 20 pounds. of trash. Interesting that we collected that much, since the tourist season hadn't started yet, and the Ocean City DPW sand sifter had gone over the beach before we started collecting trash.



I want to thank Jeff DeHart, Frank DeLaurentis, Steve Haffner, Art Flora and Marty Killian for volunteering to clean up the beach as part of Earth Day.

Our next beach clean-up is scheduled for Thursday, June 13 at 9:00 a.m. We can expect to gather much more trash since the tourist season will have just begun and Memorial Day visitors will have left a lot of trash on the beach. I'll provide more details and a reminder of our June 13 beach clean-up at the June 4 flotilla meeting.

I don't expect we will have another beach clean-up after the June cleanup until September or October due to the summer heat and the requirement that we wear full ODUs.



MAUREEN HOFFMAN FSO-PA

PUBLIC EDUCATION CLASSES:
A Press Release and Calendar item sent to all local publications for May Safe Boating Course.

A notice was placed on The Maryland Chamber of Commerce website. A notice placed on the Coast Guard Station Marquee and The Ocean Pines marquee

OCEAN PINES EXPO KICK-OFF :
April 20 3:00 PM-7:00 PM

Seven Auxiliary. Members volunteered at the event. Our booth was visited by 24 children and 132 adults. Thirteen people learned knot tying. A total of 156 community members visited our booth

BAY DAY - May 19, 10AM-2PM



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK (NSBW) begins May 18, 2024.
The Auxiliary will celebrate this at the Bay Day event on May 19.

WRDE COAST LIFE will be at the station on May 7 at 11:00 AM to interview a member of the Auxiliary and Senior Chief Dawkins about National Safe Boating Week and the importance of boating education.

A half page 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 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Cost is approximately. \$210.00

KNOTS & KNOTS -Dan Collins
The May article is on the topic of, Artificial Intelligence "AI".

DOCK SAFETY COLORING BOOK:
There are- no updates

Ocean Pines Kickoff and Expo
April 20, rain date 27 3:00-7:00 PM.

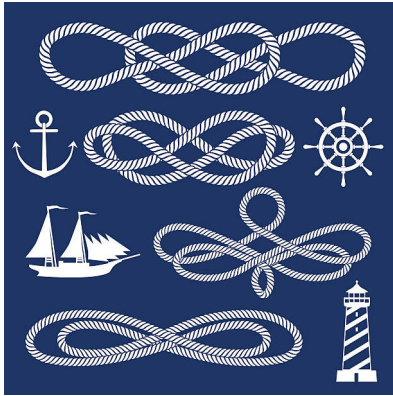
UPCOMING EVENTS 2024:

Bay Day Sunday May 19

Harbor Day at the Docks-Oct. 12th

Big Truck Day?





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

CATHY BATTISTONE FSO-PB

The April minutes were created and forwarded to Bob Sheehan FC. The approved minutes from March 2024 on form 7017 was forwarded to DIRAUX.

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



BARRY COHEN FSO-PE

April had a small class. We are behind schedule on the numbers. We averaged twenty-five students last year and we are averaging seventeen this year. We need all members to be ambassadors for the Safe Boating classes.



MARTIN KILLIAN FSO-PV

APR PV totals 84
Dealers added 0
Changes 0
Staff added/subtracted 0
Current YTD 135

There were 43 visits in APR 2023



A motion was made by Dan Collins and seconded by Glenn Duffy to reimburse Steve Haffner for parts needed to repair Coastie. The motion carried.

AWARD:



Kathy Vail received the Leadership Competency-Level One Instructor Award.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 1955 was made by Barry Cohen and seconded by Steve Haffner. The motion carried.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUN	ACTIVITY
3	General Meeting at 1900. U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City, MD
20	Division Meeting at 1900 Dinner at 1800 Sector Field Office Eastern Shore Chincoteague, VA
23	U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Anniversary 
JUL	ACTIVITY
1	General Meeting at 1900. U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City, Mad
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