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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 start into the end of Spring, time to get ready for the Summer Operations. Coxswain and Crew need to contact Barry with your PPE's and make sure they are ready to go and are entered into AUX Data II. Thanks Barry!

The Ocean City Air Show is planned for 12-15JUN from 0900-1600. Coxswain and Crew should think about what days they are available for scheduling.

"Bay Day" is coming up on 18MAY, 0900-1500 at Whitehorse Park in Ocean Pines. Anyone interested in helping out and haven't signed up, please contact Maureen to let her know.

In honor of Mothers Day we thank all the Mothers and Grandmothers all over, especially with our Flotilla. Thanks Mom!

Happy Mother's Day!

Semper Peratus!



## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING U.S.C.G. STATION OCEAN CITY 5 MAY 2025

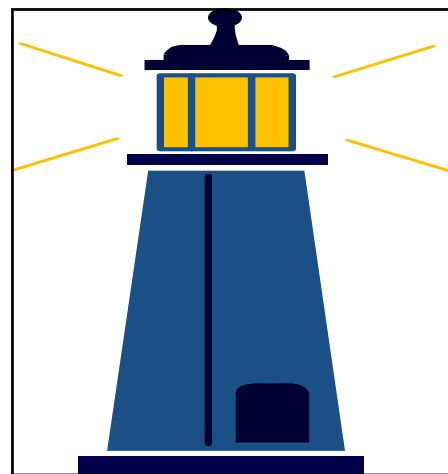
The monthly meeting of flotilla 12-05 was called to order by Bob Sheehan FC via an in-person and a virtual Zoom call promptly at 1900. The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Haffner.

### OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

**PRESENT:** Bob Sheehan FC, Glenn Duffy VFC 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, Joan Morgan, Roger Morgan, Tim Mullen, Tonya Dagstani, Mark Wrightstone, Dirk Esham, Jim McCarty, Allen Burns, Jeff deHart and Dan Collins.

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

A motion was made to accept the March 2025 minutes by Barry Cohen and seconded by Steve Haffner. The motion carried.



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TONYA DAGSTANI  
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MAUREEN HOFFMAN  
CATHY BATTISTONE  
BARRY COHEN  
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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



### U.S. Coast Guard Meeting Chincoteague Detachment

The monthly meeting of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Chincoteague Detachment was held at the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Chincoteague, VA on April 16, 2025. A brief update on the ongoing Boat Crew Academy was given. Warren Peake agreed to prepare his boat ready to use as a Facility Vessel for the academy if needed.

**Security Training:** BM1 Ben Meyer gave a presentation on Security for the upcoming Pony Swim. He discussed what a suspicious vessel could look like and how to identify suspicious behavior. He discussed what areas are important to the security of the Island should there be a threat. Included in the briefing was the process for reporting any suspicious behavior or boat operations. This year there is a greater need for higher awareness, if you see something, say something.

**Training:** Bill Roche has agreed to begin training for the Boating Safety Instructor program. His goal is to teach the Boating Safety Program. He will assist the Painter Flotilla, and their program scheduled for May 28-30, 2025. Bill and Luann are in the process of becoming Vessel Examiners. We discussed the 'Visitor Training' program. Luann has agreed to pursue this training to enable her to visit and distribute brochures and speak about the importance of Boating Safety.

**Outreach:** We have been invited to attend the American Legion meeting on May 13, 2025, for

education and outreach. The Chincoteague Museum program is scheduled for June 17, 2025. We will inform the attendees on the importance of boating safety and recruit possible new members.

**Uniforms:** BM1 Ben Meyer demonstrated the proper way to "roll the sleeve" of the ODU uniform to wear the sleeves short instead of long.

**Miscellaneous:** The Painter Flotilla will meet on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Exmore Firehouse. All are invited to attend.

The next meeting will be May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 10:00 am.

BMI Strong will be leaving Station Ocean City on June 30, 2025.



## 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:

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

Posted the Maryland Basic Boating Class for 3<sup>rd</sup> May at the Ocean Pines Library on the Flotilla 12-05 Facebook page.

Updates made to the Unit Calendar on the Flotilla 12-05 website



### FRANK DE LAURENTIS FSO-FN

The balance as of 01 April 2025 is \$10,3353.79

#### RECEIPTS

01 APR Bank Deposit	
SBC	\$240.00
09 APR Bank Deposit	
SBCs	\$160.00
28 APR PayPal	
Transfer/SBC	\$97.01
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$497.01</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

<b>TOTAL</b>	
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>

Ending balance as of 30 April 2025 is \$10,850.80

### GLENN DUFFY FSO-HR

As of April 30 2025 Flotilla 054-12-05 had a total membership of 45.

New Members 0  
Disenrollments 0  
Deaths: 0  
Resigned: 0  
Transferred: 0

After confirming with our FC there are no additional changes to report.

Three members are in AP and four members are in IQ status.

### BARRY COHEN-FSO-IS

If you are completing data entry forms, the format has changed. Please carefully review the new format so the information is placed in the right data box. Continue to email me a copy of the original document.

If you complete a workshop on line, that does not have a self-attestation form the system will enter that in your file. However. It may take 2 to 3 weeks for that process to happen. If there is a self-attestation form, complete it and email to me.

If you do not know how to view your record, email me what you are trying to confirm, I will check it out!



### TIM MULLEN FSO-MS

Our first beach clean-up for 2025 is scheduled for **Monday, May 12**. We will meet at the Ocean City Inlet parking lot at 0900. ODU is the dress of the day. Parking at the Ocean City Inlet parking lot will be free. All necessary supplies will be provided. The beach clean-up usually takes about an hour.

Please let Tim know if you plan on helping so he can reach you in the event of inclement weather.



### MEMBER TRAINING FSO-MT

#### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND NOTIFICATIONS:

**Planned monthly** training meetings at the library are replaced by monthly meetings 90 minutes prior to monthly Flotilla meetings.

Through the summer, meetings will continue to focus on familiarization with AUXDATA II, Moodle Classroom, and Certifications.

**GOAL:** FALL meetings will be subject-specific (to include varying opportunities within the AUX, uniform components and how-tos, tying knots, etc.)



**Weekly Drop-In meetings** at the library are replaced by weekly drop-ins at the Pines Café in Ocean Pines. This provides us with a more social atmosphere and it supports the local high school Culinary Arts program.

Members continue to bring their questions and issues so that we can work on solving problems on a weekly basis.

**Online Training Format** is now available via Google Classroom and subject-specific, step-by-step slide shows. The Google classroom is easy to access, via a link and passcode, a larger amount of information as opposed to me emailing individual Power Point Presentations. (They take up a lot of space.)

### UNIQUE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Several members are participating in the Boat Crew Academy which began in March and is scheduled to wrap-up in May. Those members who complete all qualifications and are certified will have an opportunity to participate in the OC Air Show and Pony Penning in Chincoteague. **Additional Unique Training Opportunities that members have registered for or are participating in:**

AUXPAD Training-Yorktown, VA from 19-22 June. Lynn Killian

FEMA Geospatial Damage Assessment Training online training has begun. Mark Wrightstone, Jeff DeHart, and Tonya Dagstani

Sector Virginia Pollution Responder Qualification, Baltimore, MD. Jeff DeHart, Steve Haffner, and Robert Smeltzer

12 May: ONLINE IMSEP (Introduction to Marine Safety and Environmental Protection) <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6092892496?pwd=V3B2VXZjdVBvent1QlhGRXBDUUJoQT09&omn=86393146620>





15 May: ONLINE High Tide Flooding in D5SR <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6092892496?pwd=V3B2VXZjdVBvemt1QlhGRXBduUJoQT09&omn=86393146620>

Thank you for all you do!!! :)



### RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE MAY 2025

May 6 and 7, 2025 1700 Mountain/1800 Central/1900 Eastern Time -please Adjust for your time zone. This is a 2- night class.

May 12 and 13, 2025 1700 Mountain/1800 Central/1900 Eastern Time -please Adjust for your time zone. This is a 2 night class 2 hours each night.

May 17, 2025 0900 Mountain/1000 Central/1100 Eastern Time please Adjust for your time zone. This is a 3.5-4 hour class.

May 20 and 21, 2025 1700 Mountain/1800 Central/1900 Eastern Time -please Adjust for your time zone. This is a 2- night class.

May 27 and 28, 2025 1700 Mountain/1800 Central/1900 Eastern Time -please Adjust for your time zone. This is a 2- night class.

Classes fill up fast – so if you have a date that you want, do not wait to register.

Class not meeting minimum number of students will be cancelled.

All classes are on line, and may be given over 2 evenings or 1 day class.

All classes will be ~4 hours in length. Each class has to meet minimum enrollment to be presented.

To register send your Member Number, District, Division and Flotilla to C. Susan Lowe ADSO-MT RM [cslowe4@verizon.net](mailto:cslowe4@verizon.net) for February classes.

A response will be sent within 36 hours.

2-3 days prior to class you will receive a Class Reminder with Zoom link and Handouts- this will serve as your class Reminder- if you do not receive this email let me know.



### MAUREEN HOFFMAN FSO-PA PUBLIC AFFAIRS EVENTS:

**BIG TRUCK DAY** was held on April 26 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

The Coast Guard was unable to participate due to an event at the station, this had an effect on the number of patrons to our table. We taught knot tying and handed out safety information.

Eight (8) members from the flotilla participated

Fifty-four (54) patrons visited out table including 8 children

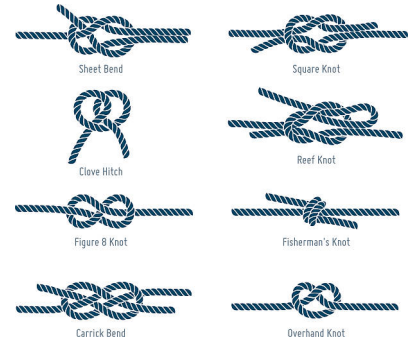
**BAY DAY-** May 18 10:00 AM-2:00 PM at White Horse Park



Volunteers needed!!

Coastie is fixed and will be there.

**\*West Marine:** May 24 set-up a Safe Boating table to distribute information?



**KNOT TYING** on the boardwalk will begin on 7/9/25-8/27/25, every Wednesday 10:00-10:30

**HARBOR DAY** -Saturday Oct. 11, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM \$50.00 fee

A half-page ad will be placed in The Courier for Memorial Weekend, this year

We decided to use a picture of the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary training together on the water.

Four (4) signs were ordered and we received 5. We will place two on the boardwalk, one at the West OC boat ramp, one at White Horse boat ramp and one at the Yacht Club.

**KNOTS & KNOTS.**

Dan Collins May article for The Courier is titled, "Spring Practice"

## DOCK SAFETY COLORING BOOK-

No updates

### CATHY BATTISTONE- FSO-PB

The approved minutes from April 2025 on form 7000 was forwarded to DIRAUX.  
The April 2025 edition of the On Course Newsletter was created and submitted for posting to the Flotilla website.



### BARRY COHEN FSO-PE

We had a big change for people taking the April PE Class. The class was held on April 1 and 2, 2025. On 01 April we had 11 people signed up. On 02 April we had 10 people signed up( 2 were walk-in that the library employees told to come in and sign-up for the class). That was not the only weird thing, only 17 did the test. All of whom passed. For the May class, we have 17 people signed up so far.

### BARRY COHEN-FSO-PV

The number of PVs done in March was 6.

### AWARDS:



**Daniel Collins:** Superior Performance of Duty with over 4,500 hours Outstanding Service and Support since 08AUG2013.

**Timothy Mullen:** Annual Service Performance Award for 60+ Vessel Safety Checks.

**J. MARK WRIGHTSTONE** is now a Designated Program Visitor.

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**LUANN ROCHE**, Enrolled as a Member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and is Basically Qualified (BQ).



If you need Vessel Safety Check decals, contact Art Flora.



A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2025 at 1955 was made by Barry Cohen and seconded by Steve Haffner. The motion carried.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE	ACTIVITY
3	General Meeting at 1900 U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City Ocean City, MD
19	Division Meeting at 1900 Sector Field Office Eastern Shore Chincoteague, VA
23	U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Anniversary
JULY	ACTIVITY
4	
7	General Meeting at 1900 U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City Ocean City, MD



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