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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



Congratulations to Mark Wrightstone for being appointed as Leader of the Flotilla 12-05 Chincoteague Detachment. Mark has been asked to report to VFC Glen Duffey for any activity. Congratulations to Jim McCarty for being elected our new Division Commander for 2025! Tonya Dagstani FSO-MT has created a Power Point presentation for new/existing members for the proper use of the Form 7029. Outstanding job Tonya! ALCOAST 414 24NOV 2024 use of four digit VHF-FM Working Channel Numbers: Radio manufacturers have begun using the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) channel identification standard which includes the use of four-digit channel names in place of the "A" or "B" suffixes.

### CHANNEL ITU CHANNEL

21A	1021
(pronounced 10 21)	
22A	1022
23A	1023
81A	1081
83A	1083

This ALCOAST will be cancelled on 03NOV25.

Semper Peratus!



### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING U.S.C.G. STATION OCEAN CITY 4 NOVEMBER 2024

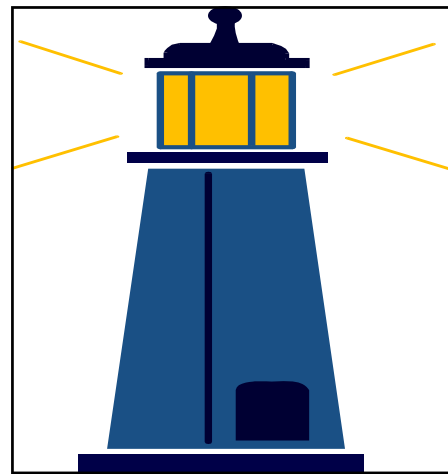
The monthly meeting of Flotilla 12-05 was called to order by Bob Sheehan FC via an in-person and a virtual Zoom call promptly at 1900. The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Haffner.

#### OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

**PRESENT:** Bob Sheehan FC, Glenn Duffy VFC, Bob Shevchuck IPFC, Stephen Battistone FSO-CS, Cathy Battistone FSO-PB/SR, Steve Haffner, Barry Cohen FSO-IS/PE, Frank de Laurentis FSO-FN, Joe Britvch, Art Flora, Maureen Hoffman FSO-PA, Linda Busick, Joan Morgan, Roger Morgan, Tim Mullen, Tonya Dagstani, Mark Wrightstone, Jenny Beauchamp, Seth Hetherington, Jill Lake, Beth Lake, Kathy Vail, Jim McCarty, Jeff DeHart and Dan Collins.

**Visitor:** BM1 Strong representing Station Ocean City

Glenn Duffy VFC determined there was a quorum.



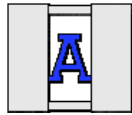
FC	ROBERT SHEEHAN
VFC	GLENN DUFFY
IPFC	BOB SHEVCHUCK
FSO-CM	VACANT
FSO-CS	STEPHEN BATTISTONE
FSO-DV	KATHY VAIL
FSO-FN	FRANK DE LAURENTIS
FSO-HR	GLENN DUFFY
FSO-IS	BARRY COHEN
FSO-MA	LYNN KILLIAN
FSO-MS	TIM MULLEN
FSO-MT	TONYA DAGSTANI
FSO-NS	ROBERT SHEVCHUCK
FSO-OP	ROBERT SHEEHAN
FSO-PA	MAUREEN HOFFMAN
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 September 2024 minutes and financial report by Barry Cohen and seconded by Tim Mullen. The motion carried.

**FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S COMMENTS**



BM1 Strong thanked Flotilla 12-05 for all that you do for the Station. Feel free to reach out if you need anything.

Elections were held for flotilla 12-05. Art ran the election for the two incumbents, Robert Sheehan, Flotilla Commander and Glenn Duffy, Vice Commander. They were elected unanimously. Congratulations! Jim McCarty reported that he had been elected Division Commander and John Evans for Vice Commander.

Jim McCarty reported that the Change of Watch (COW) has been changed to January 11<sup>th</sup> at 1200. Please mark your calendars. Also, check out the April D-Train. There is lots of great training at these meetings.

Bob Sheehan thanked Tonya Dagstani for setting up a training schedule at the Ocean Pines Library

Mark Wrightstone has been appointed Leader of the Chincoteague Detachment and will report to our VC Glen Duffy, 054-12-05, for any activity in the Detachment.

**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:

Photos from the Flotilla meeting on 7 October 2024 at the U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City have been posted on the Flotilla website. Photos provided by Stephen Battistone FSO-CS and Dan Collins.

Photos from the Harbor Day at the Docks event have been posted on the Flotilla website. Photos provided by Dan Collins.

Also posted photos from the Division 12 Meeting on 17 October 2024 at Sector Feld Office Eastern Shore in Chincoteague, VA on the Division 12 website Photos provided by Stephen Battistone SO-CS.

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

Posted the Maryland Basic Boating Class for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November at the Ocean Pines Library on the Flotilla 12-05 Facebook page.

Updates to the Flotilla Roster and Division 12 Directory were posted to their respective website.



**FRANK DE LAURENTIS FSO-FN**

The balance as of 01 October 2024 is \$13,124.79

**RECEIPTS**

<b>08 October Deposit Dues/SBC</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>08 October. PayPal Transfer SBC</b>	<b>\$19.40</b>
<b>25 October Bank Deposit Dues</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>25 October PayPal Transfer SBC</b>	<b>\$19.40</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$233.80</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

<b>10 Oct '25 Refund S. Shevchuck Ck #2290</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>13 Oct. Mtg. Social Refund A. Flora</b>	<b>\$145.00</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$190.50</b>

Ending balance as of 31 October 2024 \$13,168.09

**GLENN DUFFY FSO-HR**

As of October 31, 2024 Flotilla 054-12-05 had a total membership of 49. Minus two from last month

New Members  
Disenrollments Michael Wiercinski  
Deaths: Robert Shevchuck  
Resigned: 0  
Transferred: 0

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



**TONYA DAGSTANI FSO-MT**

**TRAINING DATES AT OCEAN PINES LIBRARY**

What courses to take:  
• Initial course requirements

- Courses that suit your interests
- FEMA courses and/or updating courses that have expired, etc. ([cgaux.org](http://cgaux.org))

How to access the courses: **(Moodle classroom):** the online classroom to take courses

How to track your progress and how to locate your profile on AUXDATA:

**(AUXDATA II) :** the platform that keeps record of your coursework like completion dates and expiration dates.

Member Training Schedule			
Tue s	Nov. 19	5:30 – 6:30 pm	Big Room
Mon .	Dec. 9	5:30 – 6:30 pm	Small Room
Mon .	Jan. 13	5:30 – 6:30 pm	Small Room
Mon .	Feb. 10	5:30 – 6:30 pm	Small Room
Mon .	Mar. 10	5:30 – 6:30 pm	Small Room
Mon .	Apr. 4	5:30 – 6:30 pm	Small Room

**NEW COURSE REQUIREMENT (IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY).**

Suicide Prevention #100643  
 Completion Date Deadline: 31 December 2025



**AFTER COURSE COMPLETION**

Course completion certificates:  
 1) Keep a copy for your records.  
 2) Send a copy to Barry Cohen for loading into AUXDATA II for training credit.

Send to:  
[barrycohen54@gmail.com](mailto:barrycohen54@gmail.com)



**TIM MULLEN FSO-MS**

Our beach cleanup was held on November 4. We picked up 35 lbs. of trash from the OC Amusement Pier to the inlet.

Special thanks go out to our volunteers: Mark Wrightstone, Barry Cohen, Steve Haffner, Tonya Dagstani, Beth Lake, Bo Busler, Cathy Battistone and Steve Battistone.

We'll resume our beach cleanups in the Spring of 2025.



**MAUREEN HOFFMAN FSO-PA**

**PE CLASSES:**

A Press Release and Calendar item were sent to all local publications for the November Safe Boating Course.

Notice was placed on The Maryland Chamber of Commerce website.

Notice placed on the Coast Guard Station Marquee and The Ocean Pines marquee

**PA EVENTS:**

**HARBOR DAY AT THE DOCKS- OCT. 12**

Aux. members 1000-1500  
 Maureen Hoffman, Frank Delaurentis, Art Flora, Dan Collins and Al Parra.

Art and Frank ran Coastie, and encountered: [120 Children](#)  
 Maureen, Dan and Al manned the tables

**203 adults**

[102 children](#)

**305 total**

Coast Guard members: BM2 Zalidivar, MK2 Cheyney, BM3 Gomez, and SN Colon

**100+ Adults and Children toured the 45' vessel**

**BOAT SHOW AT FENWICK ISLAND - OCT.19 0800-1300**

Six Auxiliary members participated. Bob Sheehan, Al Parra, Dan Collins, Tim Mullen, Barry Cohen and Steve Haffner.

Twelve patrons and no children. Coastie was bummed out! There were definitely far more boats at this event than patrons.



**KNOTS & KNOTS-** Dan Collins' article "Fuel Docks" which discusses fueling, pulling into a fueling station, and winterization.

**DOCK SAFETY COLORING BOOK-**  
No updates

**POSSIBLE NEW EVENTS FOR 2025-** National Night Out

**SUMMARY OF 2024**

Six PA Events, Including TV interview with WRED Coast Life

Eight knot tying trainings on the boardwalk  
Three and ½ newspaper ads for Public Education classes, recruitment, and VSCs

Six signs posted in the community for Public Education classes and VSCs

Eleven press releases and calendar item to publications



Twelve articles published by Dan Collins in, the Courier”

Two donations \$1,500 total, for publication of the Dock Safety Coloring Book

**CATHY BATTISTONE FSO-PB**

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



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

Many revisions were made to the flotilla roster and Division Directory



**MARTIN KILLIAN FSO-PV**

OCT PV totals: 6  
Dealers added: 0  
Changes: 0  
Staff added/subtracted: 0  
Current YTD 293

There were 14 visits OCT 2023.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Change of Watch (COW) discussion on how much the flotilla will be contributing to each member in good standing. The cost of the COW is \$54.00. The discussion was tabled until the December meeting.



Dan Collins brought up the decorated Christmas Tree in Ocean Pines. Would we like to participate again this year?

Everyone agreed. This year a theme was brought up to have the tree half red and half green (port and starboard). A motion was made by Tim Mullen and Kathy Vail to purchase red and green lights up to the amount of \$150.00. The motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2011 was made by Steve Haffner and seconded by Barry Cohen. The motion carried.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
DEC	ACTIVITY
2	General Meeting at 1900. U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City, MD
9	Member Training - 1730 - 1830 Ocean Pines Library Small Room
25	
JAN	ACTIVITY
11	Change of Watch Captains Cove Marina Restaurant 1200

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