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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 a sad heart that we report that our immediate Past Flotilla Commander Robert Shevchuck, IPFC/BA-HRNS has crossed the bar on 03OCT24. Bob was an active member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary since 16APR2018. Services will be announced at a later time.

On 19SEP24 BM1 Strong QE successfully qualified eight 8 Coast Guard Auxiliary members, six for three year maintenance and two for COXSWAIN/CREW out of REYR. We really appreciate BM1 Strong's time and U.S. Coast Guard support.

Todd Monis NACO-FC is in the process of transferring to South Carolina (District 7) as they will be moving. He will be missed.

The Marlin Club in Ocean City, Maryland has given Flotilla 12-05 generous gift of \$500 to go to the printing of our Dock Safety Coloring book project.



This is perfect timing as we will just have time to print them for our upcoming Public Affairs events, Harbor Day and a new event on Fenwick Island, a Boat Show at Harpoon Hanna's.



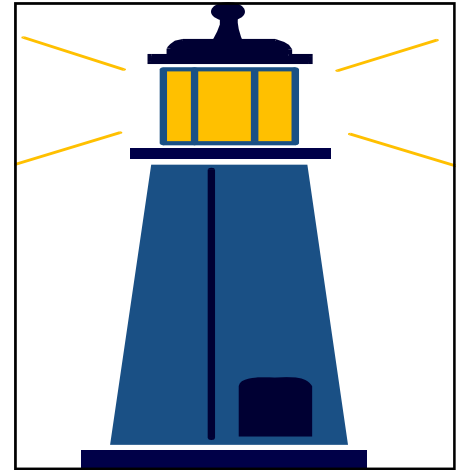
Semper Peratus!

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING U.S.C.G. STATION OCEAN CITY 7 OCTOBER 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, Martin Killian DSO-PV, Lynn Killian FSO-MA, Steve Haffner, Barry Cohen FSO-IS/PE, Frank de Laurentis FSO-FN, Joe Britvch, Art Flora, Maureen Hoffman FSO-PA, Linda Busick, Jay Brown, Al Parra FSO-VE, Joan Morgan, Roger Morgan, Tonya Dagstani, Mark Wrightstone, Lisa Smeltzer, Robert Smeltzer, Bill Roche, Luann Roche, Barbara Muinos, Gene Cleary, Jenny Beauchamp and Dan Collins.



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| 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!!



VISITORS: Prospective members Beth Lake and Jill Lake

Glenn Duffy VFC determined there was a quorum.

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

FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Sad news. Immediate Past Flotilla Commander Bob Shevchuck has passed away. I think everyone is in shock. He will be missed. Not only did he work hard for the flotilla, he also had a position with National. A sympathy card will be sent on behalf of Flotilla 12-05.

Thanks to BM1 Strong's assistance, we Q.E.'d nine people.

Flotilla member Todd Monis will be transferring to the Seventh District in South Carolina.

Pollution Response Team Eastern Shore includes Steve Haffner, Jeff DeHart and Robert Smeltzer. Jeff DeHart will be the Point of Contact.

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 Auxiliary Achievement Award presented to Art Flora by RADM Jay Van at D-Train in Richmond, VA. Photos provided by David H. Gamble, District Captain, Sector VA.

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

Posted the Maryland Basic Boating Class for 8th – 10th October 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.

KATHLEEN VAIL FSO-DV

OCTOBER NOTABLE DATES'

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH in the USA (September 15 to October 15). (See previous email message sent for more information).

10/2 -10/4 - **ROSH HASHANAH** is the beginning of the Jewish New Year, in this case, 5785, and kicks off the High Holy Days. It begins at sundown on Wednesday, Oct 12 and ends at sundown on Friday, Oct 4.

10/11-10/12 **YOM KIPPUR** begins at sundown on Friday, Oct. 11 and ends at sundown on Saturday, Oct. 12.

10/14 COLUMBUS DAY AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY



What is INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY?

The celebrating of an Indigenous

Peoples Day took root at an international conference on discrimination sponsored by the United Nations in 1977. South Dakota was the first state to recognize the day in 1989, and the cities of Berkeley and Santa Cruz, California, followed. It is now a national Holiday, honored by President Joe Biden.

Indigenous Peoples' Day, which honors Native American history and culture, falls on the calendar the same day Columbus Day, first recognized as a national holiday in 1934 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"For generations, Federal policies systematically sought to assimilate and displace Native people and eradicate Native cultures," Biden wrote in the Indigenous Peoples' Day proclamation. "... We recognize Indigenous peoples' resilience and strength as well as the immeasurable positive impact that they have made on every aspect of American society."

FRANK DE LAURENTIS FSO-FN

The balance as of 1 September, 2024 is \$13,041.59

RECEIPTS

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 09 September | |
| Bank Deposit Dues | \$90.00 |
| 17 Sept. PayPal | |
| Transfer SBC | \$38.20 |
| 24 September | |
| Bank Deposit Dues | \$45.00 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$173.20 |

DISBURSEMENTS

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| 11 Sept. Wor. City | |
| Lib. SBC Fee | |
| CK #2289 | \$90.00 |
| TOTAL | |
| DISBURSEMENTS | \$90.00 |

Ending balance as of 30 September 2024 is \$13,124.79

GLENN DUFFY FSO-HR

As of September 30, 2024 Flotilla 054-12-05 had a total membership of 49. Plus one from last month

New Members: 1 Jennie Beauchamp
 Disenrollments 0
 Deaths: 0
 Resigned: 0
 Transferred: 0

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



MAUREEN HOFFMAN FSO-PA

PUBLIC EDUCATION CLASSES: A Press Release and Calendar item was sent to all local publications for the October 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

KNOTS & KNOTS: Dan Collins' article "Surfmen", about the Ocean City Life Station Museum will appear in the October issue of The Courier. The article talks about the air show with many amazing pictures.

DOCK SAFETY COLORING BOOK: The Marlin Club Crew of Ocean City presented Flotilla 12-05 a check in the amount of \$500.00 by Chris Butler and Susan Seifert this year. We would like

to use the money to print 350 more coloring books for the Harbor Day event. The request for approval will be resubmitted in January when the new officers are installed.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2024:

Harbor Day at the Docks-Oct. 12th. The U.S. Coast Guard will bring the 45' for touring. We will not be able to bring a tent, we will be under the big tent, one table and two chairs will be provided.

POSSIBLE NEW EVENTS FOR 2025: National Night Out



CATHY BATTISTONE FSO-PB

The September 2024 edition of the High 12 News newsletter was posted to the Division 12 website.

The 2024 Division 12 Directory was revised and posted several times to the Division 12 website.

BARRY COHEN FSO-PE

Unfortunately, the September class was canceled because of low participants. It appears the October class is in the same position! I wish I could figure out why this happening. Anyone who has a suggestion or theory why this happening, PLEASE contact me

MARTIN KILLIAN FSO-PV

SEP PV totals: 18
 Dealers added: 0
 Changes: 0
 Staff added/subtracted: 0
 Current YTD: 287
 There were 12 visits SEP 2024.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2021 was made by Dan Collins and seconded by Lynn Killian. The motion carried.

| CALENDAR OF EVENTS | |
|--------------------|--|
| NOV | ACTIVITY |
| 3 | |
| 4 | General Meeting at 1900. U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City, MD |
| 5 | GENERAL ELECTION |
| 11 | |
| 28 | |

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