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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



AUXDATA II has been restarted. Fairly soon we shall see how it has improved! We have successfully gone out on the Coast Guard Boat and will receive credit for Crew hours. This is a first for our Flotilla! Maureen Hoffman and Tim Mullen went out for a standard patrol and logged a few Crew hours. Special thanks to Coast Guard Station Ocean City for making this an event. There has been approval of a new Flotilla for Station Chincoteague. The details are still being worked out for Leadership and Staff positions.

Semper Peratus!



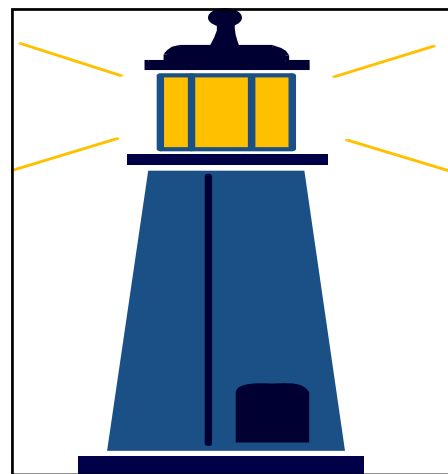
**MINUTES OF THE
GENERAL MEETING
USC.G STATION OCEAN CITY
6 OCTOBER 2025**

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/
OP, Cathy Battistone FSO-PB/
SR, Stephen Battistone FSO-
CS, Steve Haffner, Frank
deLaurentis FSO-FN, Barry
Cohen FSO-IS/PE/PV, Art
Flora, Tim Mullen, FSO-MS,
Tonya Dagstani FSO-MT, Mark
Wrightstone lead,
Chincoteague Detachment,
FSO-VE, Maureen Hoffman,
FSO-PA, Lynn Killian FSO-MA,
Allen Burns, Joan Morgan,
Roger Morgan, Jim McCarty,
Barbara Muinos and Steve
Wehlan



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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: Potential new members Alicia Rappold and Tom Rappold and potential transfer Charles R. Armstrong joined the meeting tonight.

QUORUM: Bob Sheehan FC determined there was a quorum.

A motion was made to accept the September 2025 minutes by Barry Cohen and seconded by Allen Burns. The motion carried.

JIM MCCARTY DIVISION COMMANDER COMMENTS



Great News! The Chincoteague Detachment has been approved by Jim Thomas COMO. Dave Gamble Chief of Staff was also thrilled.

At the division Change of Watch (COW), the approved Chincoteague Detachment and now resurrected Chincoteague Flotilla 12-06 will be celebrated,

Also, the new crew members from the last Boat Crew Academy will also be celebrated at the Change of Watch.

The GEOspatial Team will also be receiving a Coast Guard Team Award at the Division COW

CDR David Otani from DIRAUX and Jim Thomas Commodore plan to attend the Division COW

If you are interested in an elected office, check out the leadership courses you need to take to be considered.

Take responsibility for your own profile in AUXDATA II. Know ahead of time if you see that you may go into REYR.

Please make an effort to attend the Division Change of Watch. This year will be really special. The Change of Watch will be on January 24th, 2026 at the Captain's Cove Marina Restaurant at 1200. There will be a buffet line with seafood and meat, salad and desserts. The cost is \$42.00



STEVE HAFFNER comments on the flotilla 12-05 Change of Watch

The Flotilla 12-05 Change of Watch will be held on January 10, 2026 at the Lighthouse Sound restaurant from 1200 to 1530. We have signed up for 30-55 members to attend. It will be the same meal as last year. Last year's entrees were Crabcake, Salmon and Chicken Marsala. Salad and choice of two desserts are also included.. Last year's cost was \$19 and this year we will pay \$20. Steve's Helene Foundation will pay for \$250 for the endless salad and \$50 for the podium. Helene's foundation will save the flotilla \$300. The flotilla will pick up the additional \$10 for each

member attending the Change of Watch. The flotilla will also pay for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary guests and active U.S. Coast Guard.

Part of that \$10 will also cover the gratuity. As we get closer to the event a flyer with details, i.e., the meals, amount due and R.S.V.P. date will be sent out prior to the event.. Lynn Killian, Tonya Dagstani and Cathy Battistone will be assisting Steve Haffner on this event. Thank you Steve and Helene's foundation for your generosity.



Mark Wrightstone wanted to have use of the electronic fire extinguisher and Steve Haffner found out that Tim Welsh had this equipment at his house. This is a shared device. When Steve went over to pick it up it was covered with dirt and cob webs. Steve had to ask where it was stored since it was so dirty. Tim's wife said they had nowhere to store it and that it was out on their back porch exposed to wind and weather. She was happy to see it go. Mark found that the fire screen still worked but the wand to put out the fire did not work. The batteries were dead. They were old and hard to find but Mark found two and it now works. Steve Haffner offered to pay for the batteries with Helene's foundation and also suggested getting two more so we have them. Helene's foundation will also pay for the extra batteries.

Regarding members that need underway hours for this year, there is a way to do this with a

7030 form. No orders needed. Tonya Dagstani did a quick presentation on how to get to the leadership courses.

U.S. COAST GUARD UXILIARY MEETING

Chincoteague Detachment
September 17, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Chincoteague Detachment, was held at the U. S. Coast Guard Station, Chincoteague, Virginia on September 17, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Mark Wrightstone.



WELCOME AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDEES:

James McCarty DCDR, Mark Wrightstone, Bo Busler, Luann Roche, Warren Peake, Steve Myers and Steve Wehlan.

Updates from Jim McCarty, Commander, Division 12

Rescue and Survival: As discussed at D-TRAIN, all PPEs will be entered in AUX Data II to ensure that required inspections are completed every 6 months and are tracked. It's a somewhat complex system.

It will be necessary for all members of the Chincoteague Detachment, when we are granted Flotilla status, to complete form 7003 transfer request.



Change of Watch- The Division Change of Watch will take place on January 24, 2026, at Captains Cove. The cost is \$42. All are urged to attend.

Additional funding will be available soon for the U.S. Coast Guard and will trickle down to the Auxiliary.

AUX Data II will be shut down for an unknown period. Remember to back up all data with paper copies.

AWARDS

Luann has competed all of the requirements to be a Program Visitor and was given the certificate and ribbon. Bill was awarded his BQ2 Certificate.

TRAINING

Everyone was advised to discontinue using all the America Safe Boating resources. See something, Say Something resources will be available soon.

Steve Wehlan briefed everyone on drones and their future use in the Auxiliary. In order to qualify to be given a drone, four people in the U.S. Coast Guard active duty must be 107 FAA Certified. Currently, Steve Wehlan and Bo Busler are taking the course. This is groundbreaking technology and has been temporarily put on hold.



U.S. Coast Guard and Auxiliary Events for 2025

Ocean City Beach Clean-up scheduled for October 10. Contact Tim Mullen.

The Change of Watch for the Ocean City Flotilla is scheduled for January.

2025 OUTREACH EVENTS

Captains Cove Health Fair, September 20. Mark Wrightstone, Bo Busler, Luann Roche, Steve Wehlan and George Dimond will attend.

Chincoteague Christmas Parade- December 7, the USCG and the Auxiliary will both enter floats in the parade. We will use Mark's boat. Warren will send some photos of previous entries for inspiration.

There will be a Veteran's Day Memorial celebration at Captains Cove. We are invited to attend.

UNIFORMS:

The uniform of the month was the Bravo Dress Uniform. Mark brought an example and taught the approved variations. We also discussed the order in which to wear ribbons.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am.

The next meeting will be October 15, 2025, at 10:00 am.



**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 held on 8 September 2025 were posted on the Flotilla 12-05 website.

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

Updates to the Flotilla Roster has been posted on the Flotilla 12-05 website.

Posted the Maryland Basic Boating Class for 7th-9th October 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 DELAURENTIS
FSO-FN**
Financial Report August 2025

Balance as of 01 August 2025 is \$11,755.73

RECEIPTS
04 AUGUST PayPal
Transfers (2) \$97.00

05 AUGUST BANK
Deposit 2026
Dues/SBC \$190.00
18 AUGUST BANK
Deposit 2026
Dues/SBC 65.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS \$352.00

DISBURSEMENTS

27 Aug DIV Prorated
2025 Dues CK #2314 \$16.50
TOTAL
DISBURSEMENTS \$16.50

Ending Balance as of 31 August 2025 is \$12,091.23


GLENN DUFFY FSO-HR

As of SEP. 30, 2025 Flotilla 054-12-05 had a total membership of 50 No Change
New Members 0
Disenrollments 0
Deaths: 0
Resigned: 0
Transferred: 0
After confirming with our FC there are no additional changes to report. Five members are in AP and three members in IQ status.


BARRY COHEN FSO-IS

I am still getting forms submitted as photos. If you cannot email as PDF forms, copy them and snail mail to USCG AUX 1205 PO Box 1682, Berlin MD 21811. AS I am still getting multiple 7029s (what I mean is the 7029 for one month is on two or more pages). I do not know how is possible. Just received again, two months on three pages. Not sure how that's possible. The 7029 form is one month per page. When the month is completed, click save and submit. Start a new month and repeat, save and submit. When doing 7030s, 7046s and 7038s, Read the instructions. These can be used for multiple days in the same month (not combining for different months).

New item for crew. Mission 26 allows for our crew to assist CG small boats. However very specific guidelines need to be followed.


TIM MULLEN FSO-MS

Our third beach cleanup of the year will take place on **Monday, October 13 at 0900**. We will meet at the Ocean City Inlet parking lot. Parking is free in the month of October. All supplies will be provided. Uniform of the day is ODU with blouse.

It is requested that you email Tim Mullen

(tbmullen54@msn.com) and let him know if you will be participating. This information is requested to ensure the needed amount of supplies and so participants can be notified of a

schedule change in the event of inclement weather. Thank you for volunteering to help keep our beach and ocean pollution free.



TONYA DAGSTANI FSO-MT

Member Training Report
Flotilla 12-05
Ocean City, MD
06 OCT 2025

Training Opportunities and Notifications:

TWO UPDATES ON AUXCT (CORE TRAINING COURSES):

Auxiliary Core Training Courses that need to be repeated every 5 years are listed below.

Please check your AUXDATA II records to ensure you are current with these courses.

The courses are available in the Moodle Online Classroom.

Link to the Training Directorate:

<https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=T-DEPT&category=core-training>

Link to the Moodle Online Classroom:

<https://classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/>



AUXILIARY CORE TRAINING (AUXCT)

Auxiliary Core Training (AUXCT)

Auxiliary Core Training (AUXCT) is a series of training courses focused on sup Coast Guard Auxiliarists' assignment and performance of duties. The Coast Guard required to ensure that its Auxiliarists are appropriately trained, tested, and four competent before being assigned to duty. The course selection is a minimum bar: organizational familiarity and expectation supporting this goal. The value of this has formed the core of every Auxiliarist's pledge and commitment to support the Guard and abide by its governing policies.

AUXCT contains a series of courses that members must take as a one-time requirement upon joining the Auxiliary or re-certify once every five years.

AUXCT Course Requirements and Completion Options

Course Number	Course Name	Completion Frequency
502379	Sexual Assault Prevention, Response, and Recovery	Every 5 years
810030	Security Fundamentals	Every 5 years
810015	Privacy at DHS / Protecting Personal Information	Every 5 years
810000	Sexual Harassment Prevention	Every 5 years
502319	Civil Rights Awareness	Every 5 years
20231120a	Suicide Prevention	Every 5 years
502306	Ethics 1 / Personal Gifts	1 time only
BQ II **	Basic Qualification Course II	1 time only

Two courses have been reinstated and are now required for AUXCT (Core Training) certification. If you haven't yet done these, please complete them.

Sexual Assault Prevention, Response, and Recovery
Civil Rights Awareness
These are available in the Moodle Online Classroom.
Link to the Moodle Online Classroom:

<https://classroom2.cgaux.org/moodle/>

AUX Monthly Meeting Training:
-OCTOBER: AUXDATA ACCESS

Unique Training Opportunities/UPDATES:

-The next **Boat Crew Academy** is in the works. Stay tuned for dates and location. (If you haven't done this, it is so worth it!)

-Pollution Response College training: If you are interested, please let me know. I will pass your name on to the person in-charge. Most meetings are online.



RISK MANAGEMENT ONLINE COURSES:

I have communicated with my contact from the Western Rivers District. She will let me know when the next online course is available. (expected for October and November) I am also working to get certified so that I can teach it in-person for our Division.



MAUREEN HOFFMAN FSO-PA

Public Affairs events:

Harbor Day -Saturday Oct. 11, 10:00AM-3:00PM

The application has been accepted. This will be a joint event with the Coast Guard bringing the 45' for the public to tour.

We will be given the same location as last year near the 45'. Volunteers needed.

Senior Chief is still checking to see if the Coast Guard can participate.

KNOTS & KNOTS.

Dan Collins article in the October Courier is titled, "Changer". and It's part nautical As it reviews all the changes in boats over the years, and also newspapers and how we communicate.

Notices were placed in local publications for the October Safe Boating Class.

Dock Safety Coloring Book: No updates



CATHY BATTISTONE FSO-PB

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

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

The flotilla roster was revised to include new members.



BARRY COHEN FSO-PE

As of 10/06/2025 we have two students signed up for the October class !!! The class was cancelled.



UPCOMING EVENTS

OLD BUSINESS

Harbor Day is on Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 1000 to 1500. Set-up is from 0900 to 1000. We will be close to the Governor's dock and we will need volunteers to help set-up the canopy and tables, etc. Hopefully, the shutdown will be over and the Coast Guard boat will show up. The uniform is the ODU.

The beach clean-up will be on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 0900 at the Inlet Parking Lot. Parking is free at this time. No worries. The clean-up takes about an hour. If you plan to volunteer, please email Tim Mullen and let him know.



NEW BUSINESS

The Chincoteague Detachment/ Flotilla 12-06 will be participating in a parade in Chincoteague. All are invited to attend.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1958 by Steve Haffner and seconded by Allen Burns. The motion carried.

The next meeting is on Monday, November 3, 2025.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOV	ACTIVITY
3	General Meeting at 1900 U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City Ocean City, MD
3	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER
11	VETERANS DAY
27	Happy Thanksgiving



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