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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 will be shut down on 20SEP2025. All members should backup/copy any current activity until further notice. This should protect your data from being lost in the process.



We finally got to celebrate Allen Burns for his 50th anniversary with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Congratulations Allen!



There were four new Crew Certifications from our Flotilla: Tonya Dagstani, Mark Fangmeyer, Jeff DeHart and Mark Wrightstone. The Painter flotilla had Jo Proctor and Ervin Jones. Great Job everyone!

Semper Peratus!



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING U.S.C.G. STATION OCEAN CITY 8 SEPTEMBER 2025

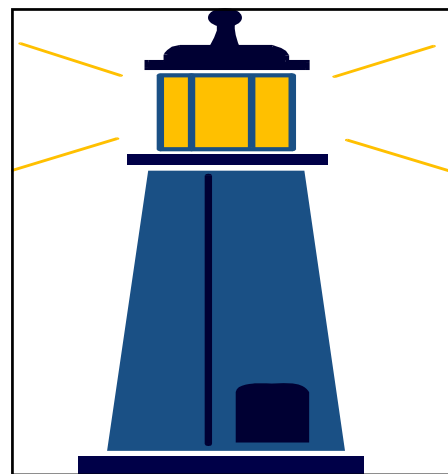
The monthly meeting of flotilla 12-05 was called to order by Bob Sheehan FC via an in-person and a virtual Zoom call promptly at 1900. The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Haffner.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

PRESENT: Bob Sheehan FC, Glenn Duffy Cathy Battistone FSO-PB/SR, Steve Haffner, Frank de Laurentis FSO-FN, Art Flora, Linda Busick, Tim Mullen, FSO-MS, Tonya Dagstani FSO-MT, Mark Wrightstone lead, Chincoteague Detachment, FSO-VE, Allen Burns, Jeff DeHart FSO-RS, Joan Morgan, Roger Morgan, Luann Roche, Jim McCarty, Kevin Nolan, Barbara Muinos Joe Britvch, and Steve Wehlan

VISITORS: John Small Vice Flotilla Commander from Flotilla 12-01 (Salisbury), Missy Small and potential member Alicia Rappold joined the meeting tonight.

QUORUM: Glenn Duffy VFC determined there was a quorum. A motion was made to accept the August 2025 minutes by Tim Mullen and seconded by Art Flora. The motion carried.



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TONYA DAGSTANI
VACANT
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EUGENE CLEARY
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!!



**DIVISION
COMMANDER
JIM MCCARTY DCDR
D-TRAIN REVIEW**



Thanks to the Big Beautiful Bill (BBB), the U.S. Coast Guard will be able to add 15,000 members by 2028. If a person is turned down for active duty or reserve they would recommend the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Crew on the water hours may now be completed on Coast Guard vessels.

On September 15 AUXDATA II is going away. September 20th is the drop dead date. Not sure if it is coming back or if another software product will take over. Please copy your qualifications, core, currency maintenance, etc.

Please remember to tell someone when you do an Auxiliary task, i.e., Program Visits, Vessel Safety Checks or Patrols. This is very important

MEMBERS IN AP STATUS. These are members that have not completed their core requirements. FC, please give these members help or disenroll.

DRONES. Steve Wehlan is interested. Nothing yet on drones but Jim believes it is going to happen. Will need to get licensed by FAA.

Beta testing of HESK (a trouble shooting software program) not starting until they see what happens with AUXDATA II. Since no flotilla volunteered, flotilla 12-05 was selected to do the beta testing.

On the new position of 'RS'. Jim McCarty attended a long session at D-Train and the RS office relies on AUXDATA II. Will still need training – inspect PPE two times a year. Stick with a paper system for now.

Stop a crewman from going on a patrol if the battery dies for the beacon. Same rules for the active duty Coast Guard.



**MARK WRIGHTSTONE
DETACHMENT LEAD
CHINCOTEAGUE**

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Chincoteague Detachment, was held at the Coast Guard Station, Chincoteague, VA on August 20, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDEES:

Mark Wrightstone, Melynda Wrightstone, Warren Peake, James McCarty, Richard 'Dick' Hall, James "Bo" Busle, Bill Roche, Luann Roche, George Dimond, Steve Wehlan, Steve Meyers and BM1 Ben Meyer.

**JAMES MCCARTY
DIVISION COMMANDER**

Jim McCarty, DCDR, Division 12, discussed the procedure for the Detachment to become a flotilla. Members will need to be transferred from their current flotilla once the new flotilla is established. This will include members currently in Flotilla 12-05. He is currently working with the chain of management at

higher levels to determine the correct procedures to be followed to accomplish this transition. The transition can take place after the detachment has the required number of members for a flotilla.

BOAT CREW ACADEMY:

Current boat crew academy members will be completing their QA September 3, 2025. Jim McCarty DCDR discussed the pros and cons of boat crew mentoring versus the boat crew academy. The dates for future academies will be announced when dates are available.

**VESSEL SAFETY CHECK
EXAMINATIONS:**

VSCs continue to be performed throughout the Chincoteague area. There are several detachment members working on the vessel examiner certification.

TRAINING:

Most new members have begun their BQII training and CORE training. Anyone who has difficulty accessing these training, should contact Mark, Luann or Tonya for help.

OUTREACH:

The Painter Flotilla will hold its annual picnic on September 13th at Kiptopeke State Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Rain or Shine. RSVP by August 31, 2025.

The U. S. Coast Guard Station, Chincoteague is working to reschedule the U.S. Coast Guard



Open House that had to be cancelled during the 100th Annual Pony Swim. Date to be announced later.

Our detachment will provide a float for the Chincoteague Christmas Parade. We plan to decorate a vessel as our float.



CAPTAINS COVE FARMERS MARKET:

We continue to have a table at the Farmers Market held every Thursday from 3-6:00 pm at the Marina Club parking lot in Captains Cove.



CAPTAINS COVE HEALTH FAIR:

September 13, 2025. We will have a table at the event to recruit and educate. We will be offering Fire Extinguisher training.

The Division 12 Change-of-Watch will take place on January 24, 2026 at the Captain's Cove Marina Restaurant. The cost will be \$45 per person.



The Detachment is still exploring other Community.

SERVICE PROJECTS. UNIFORM DISCUSSION OF THE MONTH:

A Uniform Checklist for the Tropical Uniform and ODUs was presented.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

The need to change the meeting time to 7:00 p.m. to accommodate those members who are not available during the day. BM1 Meyer confirmed this will not be a problem for Station Chincoteague. A final decision vote will be conducted by members at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

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

Updates to the Flotilla Roster and Division 12 Directory have been posted on the Flotilla 12-05

website and Division 12 website respectively.

Posted the Maryland Basic Boating Class for 10th – 11th September 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

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 August DIV 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 Aug. 31, 2025 Flotilla 054-12-05 had a total membership of 49.



Plus one from last month.

New Members: 1 Kevin Nolan

Disenrollments 0

Deaths: 0

Resigned: 0

Transferred: 0

After confirming with our FC there are no additional changes to report. Five members 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. Just received again, two months on three pages. NOT sure how that's possible. 7029 is one month per page. When the month is completed, click save and submit. Start a new month and repeat, save and submit.

New item for crew. Mission 26 allows for our crew to assist Coast Guard small boats. However, very specific guide line needs 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

08 SEPT 2025

Submitted: Tonya Dagstani,

Training Opportunities and Notifications:

If you have a training idea you would like to see presented or would like to present, please let me know.

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

-DROP-IN MEETINGS: EVERY WEDNESDAY, THE PINES CAFÉ FROM 1:30 TO 2:30. 11101 Cathell Rd, Berlin, MD 21811

AUX Monthly Meeting Training:

-SEPTEMBER:

WATCHSTANDER-presented by Maureen Hoffman

Online Training Format: The Google classroom is **on hold** as I am reformatting it in a different

space. In the meantime, I will be sending any new training powerpoints and slideshows by email and by link.

Unique Training Opportunities/UPDATES

-New link to Guides and Handbooks:

<https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=BX->

[GROUP&category=guides-and-handbooks](https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=BX-GROUP&category=guides-and-handbooks)

-Update on AUX Operations Process Guide: many changes made

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

-Still awaiting follow-up information on Pollution Response College training.

-Still awaiting follow-up information on AUXPAD (paddle craft—kayaks, canoes, paddleboards) training.

BOAT CREW ACADEMY:

The QE Check Rides were completed on Wednesday, September 3 out of Harborton, VA with the wonderful crew out of Station Wachapreague. Division 12 has six new Boat Crew Members. (Jeff DeHart, Mark Fangmeyer, Ervin Jones, Jo Procter, Mark Wrightstone, and Tonya Dagstani)

THE DATE FOR SEPTEMBER D-TRAIN IS:

SEP 04-07, 2025 – MARRIOTT SHORT PUMP, GLEN ALLEN, VA 23060

Click this link for details: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/35af10c8-a657-48bd-b805-5f4e73e76b89>

RISK MANAGEMENT ONLINE COURSES

Please check your email for a Sign-Up Genius link to **indicate your interest** in taking a Risk Management/Team Coordination Training course.

DIVISION PROMOTIONAL/ INFORMATIONAL VIDEO:

The committee is currently collecting photographs of all of our events, Division-Wide, to create a video that demonstrates what we do, as Auxiliarists, to support the Coast Guard and our communities. Thus far, we have in our database, photos from: (and more are coming)

EVENT	LOCATION
Boat Show	Ocean City Convention Center
Boat Crew Academy	Station Chincoteague and Harborton, VA
Duck	Crisfield
Crab Derby	Crisfield
Knots on the Boards	Ocean City
Farmers' Market	Chincoteague
Culinary Assistants	Station Cape Charles
Pony Penning	Chincoteague



MAUREEN HOFFMAN FSO-PA

PUBLIC AFFAIRS EVENTS:

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

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'.

KNOT TYING on the Boardwalk concluded on 8/27/25. Thanks to Dan Collins and Alan Burns for representing the Auxiliary every Wednesday morning teaching the public knot tying. Thanks also to Auxiliary members Joe Britvch, Roger Morgan, Tim Mullen, Cathy Battistone, Joan Morgan and Tonya Dagstani for helping for several sessions to give more personalized demonstrations in smaller groups. This year we had the most volunteers helping with the knot tying.

Knots & knots.

Dan Collins, has published two articles in, The Courier titled, "Northwest" and 'Knowledge is Good"

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

Dock Safety Coloring Book- No updates

CATHY BATTISTONE FSO-PB

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

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



BARRY COHEN FSO-PE

As of 8/17/2025 we have two students signed up for the September class !!! The class was cancelled.



MARK WRIGHTSTONE FSO-VE

During the month of August 2025, Flotilla 12-05 VE completed 68 VSC's, with a total of 503 VSCs to date.

John Evans, Division 12 SO-VE, has advised the additional decals will be shipped soon.

We are getting through the 2025 boating season, Vessel Examiners are reminded that a minimum of 5 VSCs annually are required to maintain certification. Also, ensure the FSO-IS receives an ANSC 7038 accounting for all VSC's you conduct. This is important to have an accurate VSC count in ADII for the flotilla. These numbers will determine how many decals the flotilla receives in 2026.

Reminder to all Vessel Examiners, please turn in your VSC counts before each monthly Flotilla meeting to the FSO-VE, these numbers will be included in future monthly reports. Please forward to jwrightstone1924@comcast.net.

Watchstanding Presentation by Maureen Hoffman

You are the eyes and ears of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Learn by on the job training.

After you learn the job you take the Boards that includes the Chief, Engineer and another officer. They

make the decision if you will become a full fledged Watchstander.

You communicate with the U.S. Coast Guard vessels, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary vessels as well as answer random questions from the public.

Channel 16
CG 111 primary
CG 409 secondary
CG 22A HHS

Rescue 21 – 911 on the water

The Comms Office is the Command Center.



Harbor Day: October 11 Volunteers needed. Call Maureen Hoffman.

Change of Watch (COW) is a dinner meeting where officers are sworn in for that year. This year's venue for flotilla 12-05 will be at the Lighthouse Sound on Saturday, January 10th at 1200. The restaurant requires a \$500 deposit now. A motion was made by Maureen Hoffman and seconded by Tim Mullen to spend \$500. The motion carried.

Steve Haffner's foundation purchased two six foot easels. They will be perfect to spread out our posters at the Seaside Boat Show instead of all of them bunched up on the center table. Thank you Steve!



AWARDS



Allen Burns for 50 plus years with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Congratulations Allen!



Glenn Duffy received the Sustained Service Award for 750 hours of Outstanding Service and Support to the U.S. Coast Guard.

Luann R. Roche for certifying for Program Visitor.

Thomas A. Polaski for Certificate of Membership

Meylinda Wrightstone for Certificate of Membership

Congratulations!

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2001 by Tim Mullen and seconded by Maureen Hoffman. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be on October 6, 2025.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT	ACTIVITY
6	General Meeting at 1900 U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City Ocean City, MD
16	Division Meeting at 1900 Sector Field Office Eastern Shore Chincoteague, VA
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3	General Meeting at 1900 U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City Ocean City, MD
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