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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



The OC Air Show, 23-25AUG was a success with Art Flora's operational facility in the back bays and Bob Sheehan's operational facility in the Ocean.



We had three members from flotilla 12-01 Salisbury on board for their hours as Crew and Coxswain. According to the District Website, Coxswains and Crew had until 11SEP to get orders approved. We managed to schedule a QE check ride for several Crew and Coxswains on 19SEP to get qualified thanks to BM1 Strong with U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City. Congratulations to Tonya Dagstani for being appointed our new FSO-MT!



SEMPER PERATUS!



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING U.S.C.G. STATION OCEAN CITY 9 SEPTEMBER 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.

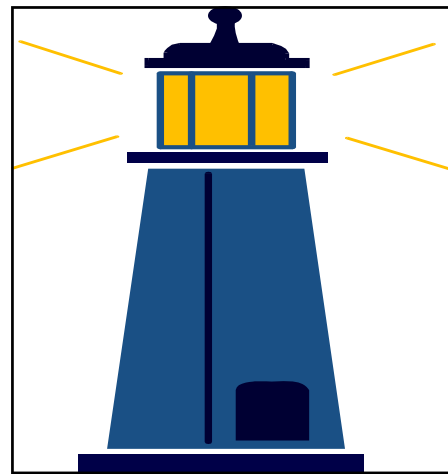
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

PRESENT: Bob Sheehan FC, Glenn Duffy VFC, Bob Shevchuck IPFC, Stephen Battistone FSO-CS, Cathy Battistone FSO-PB/SR, Steve Haffner, Frank de Laurentis FSO-FN, Joe Britvch, Art Flora, Maureen Hoffman FSO-PA, Linda Busick, Dirk Esham, Jay Brown, Jeff DeHart, Al Burns, Martin Killian FSO-PV, Al Parra FSO-VE, Jim McCarty, Joan Morgan, Roger Morgan, Tonya Dagstani, Mark Wrightstone, Seth Hetherington, Lisa Smeltzer and Robert Smeltzer.

Visitors: Jennie Beauchamp.

QUORUM: Glenn Duffy VFC determined there was a quorum.

A motion was made to accept the March 2024 minutes and financial report by Tim Mullen and seconded by Paula Hoffman. The motion carried.

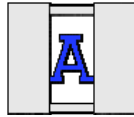


FC	ROBERT SHEEHAN
VFC	GLENN DUFFY
IPFC	BOB SHEVCHUCK
FSO-CM	VACANT
FSO-CS	STEPHEN BATTISTONE
FSO-DV	KATHY VAIL
FSO-FN	FRANK DE LAURENTIS
FSO-HR	GLENN DUFFY
FSO-IS	BARRY COHEN
FSO-MA	LYNN KILLIAN
FSO-MS	TIM MULLEN
FSO-MT	TODD MONIS
FSO-NS	ROBERT SHEVCHUCK
FSO-OP	ROBERT SHEEHAN
FSO-PA	MAUREEN HOFFMAN
FSO-PB	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!!



**FLOTILLA
COMMANDER'S
COMMENTS**



BM1 Strong said that the Coast Guard appreciated the Auxiliary assistance for the Air Show on August 23-25 August. Next year the Air Show will be back in June.

Always keep Communication with boats at the Station. On a routine patrol we usually receive calls from Station.

Art Flora on D-Train: A great training opportunity. Some of you know people attending by phone but meeting face to face is even better. At this last meeting near Richmond, Virginia, you would have had a chance to meet with Jim Thomas, the new Commodore, David Gamble, the new Chief of Staff, etc. Art also met an Admiral plus he said the meals at this location were fantastic.

Art also asked for a volunteer to be the flotilla Auxiliary Assistant Pollution Responder. Jeff de Hart volunteered to take on as the Auxiliary Assistant Pollution Responder. This is new to the flotilla. This requires listening to hear about accidents that may have leakage of fuel, etc., going to the scene of the incident and write a report. Thanks Jeff!

Flotilla elections are coming up and we need volunteers for the election committee. Steve Haffner and Art Flora will be in the committee.

**FLOTILLA
STAFF
REPORTS**



**STEPHEN BATTISTONE
FSO-CS**

Provided ongoing support or the Flotilla 12-05 Website and the Flotilla12-05 Facebook Page.

Recent updates include the following:

Photos from the Flotilla meeting on 5 August 2024 at the U.S. Coast Guard Station Ocean City have been posted on the Flotilla website. Photos provided by Maureen Hoffman FSO-PA.

Posted photos of the Ocean City Air Show on 24-25 August 2024 in Ocean City, MD. Photos provided by Dan and Nancy Collins.

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

Posted the Maryland Basic Boating Class for 10th – 12th September at the Ocean Pines Library on the Flotilla 12-05 Facebook page.

Posted the new member PowerPoint documents in the members' only section. These documents were created by Tonya Dagstani.



**FRANK DE LAURENTIS
FSO-FN**

The balance as of 1 August, 2024 is \$12,924.63

RECEIPTS

05 August Bank Deposit Dues	\$160.50
15 August Bank Deposit Dues	\$180.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$340.50

DISBURSEMENTS

05 August Stop Item/Alert Charge CK #2285	\$30.00
05 August PayPal Eck Refund Cancellation	\$40.00
19 August B. Cohen PE Boat CK #2287	\$47.55
19 August B. Cohen Ink Cart. CK#2288	\$105.99
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$223.54

Ending balance as of 31 August 2024
\$13,041.59

GLENN DUFFY FSO-HR

As of August 31, 2024, Flotilla 054-12-05 had a total membership of 48, plus one from last month.

New Members: 2
Mark Fangmeyer and Seth Hetherington
Disenrollments 1 R. Vail
Deaths: 0
Resigned: 0

Transferred: 0

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

Twelve members are in AP and one member in IQ status.

BARRY COHEN FSO-IS

It is time to update uniform inspections. Anyone who has not had one in 2024, please contact me.

With regards to your 7029, read the explanations of which 99 code is appropriate to use. When using 99D, indicate the subject matter, e.g. boat crew.

MAUREEN HOFFMAN FSO-PA

PE Classes:

Press Release and Calendar items sent to all local publications for September 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

Knots & Knots- Dan Collins article "Father's Day in August" will appear in the September issue of, The Courier. The article talks about the air show with many amazing pictures.

Dock Safety Coloring Book- we continue to look for funding and approval.

Knots on the Boardwalk:

concluded on Aug. 28, Allen Burns, Dan Collins and Joe Britvch volunteered, interacting with between 8 and 18 children and adults each week.

Upcoming events 2024: Harbor Day at the Docks-Oct. 12th. The CG 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 and the Fireman's convention. National Night Out is free for us and seems like a good fit. The Fireman's convention requires a \$600.00 fee to participate.

CATHY BATTISTONE FSO-PB

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

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

BARRY COHEN FSO-PE

Unfortunately, the August class was canceled because of low participants.

MARTIN KILLIAN FSO-PV

AUG PV totals	30
Dealers added	0
Changes	0
Staff added/subtracted	0
Current YTD	269

There were 51 visits AUG 2023.



AWARDS

Steve Haffner: 15 years of service
 Barry Cohen: 5,250 hours of sustained service
 Lisa Smeltzer: BQ Status
 Mark Fangmeyer: has new member ID
 Art Flora: Award received at past D-Train

NEW BUSINESS

Frank de Laurentis suggested we have food for the fellowship time (1830-1900) before the meeting. A suggestion was made to bring some pizzas and drinks. We have the money. There was a unanimous decision to have pizza at the October meeting. Please let Bob Sheehan FC know if you will be attending early for pizza.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 1945 was made by Tim Mullen and seconded by Allen Burns. The motion carried.

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