



U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Flotilla 65

USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 65 Meeting Minutes 6 December 2011

- I. Call to Order: VFC Anthony Lapicola calls to order the Monthly Business Meeting of USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 65 at 19:42 hours, 6 December 2011, at the [Elks Lodge](#), 6304 South West 78th Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.
- II. Roll Call: Member María T. Armas took the meeting minutes and circulated the attached sign-in sheet which is incorporated herein.
- III. Presentation of colors, pledge of allegiance—led by VFC Anthony Lapicola
- IV. Inspirational message—given by VFC Anthony Lapicola
- V. Business meeting, FC Armando Framil
 - A. Call for additional agenda items—none.
 - B. Guest introductions—Robert Cohen introduced as a prospective new member.
 - C. Approval of meeting minutes—postponed as we did not have them.
 - D. Member welfare—nothing reported.
 - E. Division meeting report, given by VFC Anthony Lapicola:
 1. Division wants to ensure that we annually invite AUXLO to a patrol. VFC Lapicola has the email address for these persons such as Victor Ramirez, victor.j.ramirez@uscg.mil and Grady.T.O'neil@uscg.mil.
 2. Flotilla 65 won first prize at the cookout.
 3. Division change of watch (“COW”) will be January 8, will cost \$35 per ticket, must pay before December 15, else it will be \$50 at the door. To increase member attendance, the Division will notify members that they will be given an unspecified award, which will be revealed at the COW.
 4. December 8 will be the free Christmas party at the Gator Den. Salad, arroz con pollo, lasagna are on the menu. Other flotillas will bring food items.
 5. There will be a new coxswain workshop. Division wants full attendance. Failure to attend will result in non-issuance of orders. The workshop will be casual in attire and its purpose is to review basic requirements to ensure uniformity.
 6. The Flotilla 65 COW will occur on 17 January 2012. The monthly Flotilla business meeting will not take place. Costs for the COW have not yet been set, further details to be resolved.
 7. Incoming Staff Officers introduced, to be sworn in at the COW on 17 January 2012:
 - a. Abelardo Lopez de Queralta as VFC;
 - b. Frank Sullivan, FSO-CM;
 - c. Norberto Menendez, FSO-CS;
 - d. Bob Meyers, FSO-FN;
 - e. Alfredo Nardi, FSO-HR;
 - f. Frank Sullivan, FSO-IS;
 - g. Ian MacBaradit, FSO-MA;
 - h. James Guilmartin, FSO-MS;
 - i. Christopher Cohan, FSO-MT;

- j. Eric Jones, FSO-OP;
- k. Vacant, FSO-AN;
- l. Robert Hopps, FSO-PA;
- m. Enrique Ventura, FSO-PB;
- n. Fred Jaca, FSO-MV and FSO-PE;
- o. María T. Armas, FSO-SR;
- p. Clifford Harrison, FSO-VE.

VI. Reports, VFC Anthony Lapicola calls for FSO reports:

- A. FSO-FN Robert Myers
Took in dues for four members and prorated for one member. One donation from Harrison Davis, which may have been in error as an overpayment. Balance as of 11/1/2011 is \$10455.67, after expenses, net balance as of 11/30/2011 is \$9752.98. Members with receipts for reimbursements will result in mailing of checks as the necessary checkbook was unavailable at the business meeting. Fred Jaca will look to provide needed paperwork on the Boy Scout Hut tenting.
- B. FSO-CM Frank Sullivan—no report
- C. FSO-CS Norb Menendez—no report, absent.
- D. FSO-HR Alfredo Nardi—Flotilla 65 has nine new members. One member had prints rejected because the wrong color was used to print the new member. Gary Ellis will transfer into our flotilla along with his facility, *Eagle Eye*. Mr. Ellis is considered a fine training officer.

VFC Lapicola noted that the deadline for submitting AUX-Data forms never lapses. The deadline, however, for award purposes lapsed. Online completion of the AUX Data forms receive a confirmation. All AUX-Data forms sent to VFC Lapicola has been uploaded.

- E. FSO-MA Ian MacBaradit—no report, absent.
- F. FSO-MS James Guilmartin—no report, absent.
- G. FSO-MT Christopher Cohan—There will be member training on 7 and 16 December 2011 at the [Elks Lodge](#), 6304 South West 78th Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.
- H. FSO-MV Fred Jaca—no report.
- I. FSO-NS Enrique Ventura—no report.
- J. FSO-OP Abelardo Lopez de Queralta—Available vessels, *Gruntslayer*, needs coxswain for this Saturday. *Eagle Eye* for Saturday night needs crew. A Sunday patrol might be possible. At this time, we have only four facilities certified for duty. Email will go out to recruit for patrol. Bob spoke with Jim about a coxswain for *Gruntslayer*, but still need a crew for *Eagle Eye*. Frank Sullivan can go out on the 17 December 2011 patrol.
- K. FSO-PA Bob Hopps—no report.
- L. FSO-PE Fred Jaca—Next BS&S class starts in January 2012 at the [University of Miami Rosentiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science](#), 4600 Rickenbacker Causeway, Miami, Florida 33149-1098.
- M. FSO-SR Elena Cohan—no report, absent.
- N. FSO-VE Clifford Harrison—no report.

- O. FSO-AV Steve Cruz—no report, absent.
 - P. Enrique Ventura, PB—If you have pictures or ideas for publication, please advise and submit. Frank Sullivan opined that the Flotilla should make the last page of the newsletter available for member announcements.
- VII. Old Business—none.
- VIII. New Business.
- A. FC Armando Framil distributed identification cards to various members.
 - B. FC Framil swore in new member Scott Blementhal.
 - C. Awards and Presentations
 - 1. Sustaining members, 750 hours of service for each bronze star:
 - a. Roy Hellman received his second bronze star.
 - b. Elena Cohan received her fourth bronze star.
 - c. Armando Framil received his eighth bronze star.
 - d. Christopher Cohan received his fifth bronze star.
 - 2. Sustaining members, 25,000 hours for each silver hour glass
 - a. Fred Jaca, received a silver hour glass.
 - 3. Cliff Harrison received a sustained auxiliary service award for the third time, but no star as we did not have it.
 - 4. TCT Training certificates
 - a. Robson Tavares.
 - b. Fred Jaca.
 - c. Roxana Varela
 - 5. Ribbons for the USCG unit commendation measures were available, but not handed out as recipients were not present.
 - 6. USCG Unit Commendation, Team Unit Award for Operations awarded to:
 - a. Eric Jones
 - b. Bob Meyers
 - c. Bob Hopps
 - d. Fred Jaca
 - e. Frank Sullivan

The citation itself was not read aloud as it was not available.
 - 7. 2011 National Safe Boating Week Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendations awarded to:
 - a. Daniel Berger
 - b. Elena Cohan [absent]
 - c. James Guilmartin [absent]
 - d. Fred Jaca
 - e. Abe Lopez de Queralta
 - f. James Scholz
 - g. Enrique Ventura
 - h. Christopher Cohan
 - i. Armando Framil
 - j. Clifford Harrison
 - k. Anthony Lapicola
 - l. Daniel Ravish [absent]
 - m. Frank Sullivan

- n. Claudia Varela [absent, accepted by Roxana Varela]
 - o. Marshall Welch [absent]
 - p. Eric Jones
 - q. Alfredo Nardi
 - r. Norberto Menendez [absent]
8. 2010 Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation awarded to:
- a. Enrique Ventura
 - b. Frank Sullivan
 - c. Armando Framil
 - d. Eric Jones
 - e. Cliff Harrison
 - f. Roy Hellman
 - g. Robson Tavares
 - h. Bob Hopps
 - i. Anthony Lapicola

IX. Floor Comments

- A. Frank Sullivan is pursuing payments for boat owners or coxswains for previously uploaded payment receipts. There have been no payments since before Columbus day.
 - B. There will be a fishing seminar on how to catch trout and other fish at West Marine located on Bird Road and US1. Seminar begins at 7.
 - C. There will be a Boy Scout event on 21 January 2012.
 - D. Fred Jaca announced that wreaths will be laid at the National Cemetery at Lake Worth on 10 December 2011 starting at 1000.
 - E. Fred Jaca announced that he has two Wounded Warriors visiting who need attention. It was noted that the Auxiliary can only provide surface boat trips, no Auxiliary diving is authorized.
 - F. All members encouraged to recognize all members of the World War II era on 7 December 2011.
 - G. Alfredo Nardi announced that there will be new qualifications for coxswains and crews who participate in helicopter operations which are now required. There will be a meeting at Air Station Opa Locka on 11 December 2011 at 15:50. If you are interested in helicopter operations, then you should further inquire. Previously, facilities, rather than individuals were certified for helicopter operations. Christopher Cohan will further inquire.
 - H. Coast Guard Bowl T-shirts were made available for pick-up and sale.
- X. Instruction Presentation—none given.
- XI. Setting and Announcement for Next Business Meeting: 17 January 2012 @ 19:30 for the Change of Watch, location to be announced.
- XII. Call for adjournment of business meeting at 21:05.