



# U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

## Flotilla 65

### USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 65 Agenda Monthly Business Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 07 August 2012  
Time: 19:30  
Location: [Elks Lodge](#), 6304 South West 78<sup>th</sup> Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.

- I. Call to Order: FC Anthony Lapicola called the meeting at 19:30 hours.
- II. Roll Call: sign-in sheet circulated
- III. Presentation of colors, pledge of allegiance:
- IV. Inspirational message:
- V. Business meeting, FC Anthony Lapicola
  - A. Call for additional agenda items: [members wishing to have items discussed, must submit for addition to the agenda].
  - B. Guest introductions: FSO-HR Nardi introduced two new Flotilla members who are currently being processed, Mr. Piñeiros and James Robertson. Fred Jaca introduced John Clise who may transfer from Flotilla 6-1.
  - C. Approval of meeting minutes: July 2012 minutes provided for member review via email and posted prior to meeting. Moved by Henry Quintana and seconded by Bob Hopps.
  - D. Member welfare:
    - Roy Hellman had a knee replacement which led to a blood clot and re-hospitalization. Mr. Hellman has since returned home.
    - FC Anthony Lapicola was also ill with the flu and missed the Division meeting which VFC Aberlardo Lopez de Queralta attended.
    - FSOs should remember to send emails to VFC Aberlardo Lopez de Queralta first rather than directly to FC Anthony Lapicola—please follow the chain of leadership.
  - E. Division meeting report, by VFC Aberlardo Lopez de Queralta:
    - New members taking ownership—new members tend to be lost, there are many positions for which new members can immediately become active such as Vessel Examiners and by direct volunteering at DIRAUX (which pays for mileage and parking). Flotilla 6-5 is looking into providing mentors for new members to help them along.
    - FSO-MT was provided with two PFDs and one inert flair gun for training purposes which are not approved for safety patrols as they do not have the correct Auxiliary markings. The flair guns are blanks and only useable for training purposes.
    - Please ensure your phone numbers are correct for calling tree purposes. The dashboard was also addressed to ensure that goals are being met.
    - Some instructors are not properly inputting the number of PE graduates, Division will follow up with an email. This may be a DIRAUX issue.
    - There will be an Italian night at the Gator Den on 6 September 2012—all members are encouraged to participate.

- Standing Rules for each Flotilla are due—Flotilla 6-5 adopted the standardized rules during its February 2012 meeting.
- Nominations for elected office are due by 15 November 2012.
- Members are encouraged to fuel their facilities at Station. Please have the correct Form to provide to the watch—that would be the orders, must leave a copy with the watch. For reimbursement purposes, the correct amount is the amount of fuel burned during the patrol, not the amount pumped.
- Auxiliarists are reminded that we do not have law enforcement abilities.
- On 18 August 2012, there will be a workshop on how to approach boat owners about getting a vessel examination. This will be at Air Station Opa Locka from 1200-1400 hours.
- There will be an international coastal cleanup for which you may register online, <https://docstore.fedex.com/uscgaux>. The username is **uscgaux**, the password is **uscgaux1!**.

VI. Reports, VFC Abelardo Lopez de Queralt calls for FSO reports:

Committee Reports

Staff Officer Reports

- A. FSO-FN Robert Meyers—please refer to the July FN report previously attached. District has billed the Flotilla for two new members for Julio Leza and James Robertson, the existence of both was verified. Be on the lookout for the next dues letter. There will be a push to reconcile our roster by December 2012 to avoid paying dues for inactive members.
- B. FSO-CM Frank Sullivan—the SO-CM called Frank who provided a new form and packet to become CM qualified. It has now become more complex, but there is now an online exam. Upon passing, a member becomes a qualified watch stander. If interested, please see Frank.
- C. FSO-CS María T. Armas—please provide any information you would like to have uploaded.
- D. FSO-HR Alfredo Nardi—two new members have been processed and will be forwarded to DIRAUX. Ken Robertson will likely be approved shortly. To date, we have six new members. On 11 August 2012, there will be another processing meeting at Air Station Opa Locka. Please contact Alfredo if you are interested.
- E. FSO-MA Ian MacBaradit—materials requested have been distributed. There is a need for the Florida regulations which will be ordered.
- F. FSO-MS James Guilmartin—absent. No report provided.
- G. FSO-MT Christopher Cohan—Scott and Gary thanked for their assistance for the last few months. There may be another one-hour TCT sometime in September.
- H. FSO-MV Fred Jaca—not many have been done, please see Fred if you're interested in doing this duty.
- I. FSO-IS Frank Sullivan—did not receive a lot of IS items, but has seen a rush in the last few days.

- Please provide your IS information for uploading. For patrol purposes, if the coxswain aborts a patrol (bad weather, no crew, etc.), please send Frank an email so that the funds for that patrol may be relinquished.
- J. FSO-OP Eric Jones—absent. There are five facilities available for the next patrol. Anyone who would like to crew, please review Eric’s email and contact the coxswain. New members are encouraged to come on patrols to improve their training experience. There are two Flotillas who are short of facilities, coxswains, and crew members, e.g., Flotilla 6-1. Ops officer will send out an email to advise those Flotillas as to our availability. Gary Ellis relayed his past experiences with member training for other Flotillas. Alfredo Nardi comments that new members must have their member number prior to going on a patrol—even as a trainee. Bob Meyers recounts the rescue of four boaters whose boat sunk after drifting for some two hours after losing power; these boaters were unable to give SeaTow their position as they had no idea how to do it.
- VII. Old Business:  
Chris Cohan: Elena Cohan is looking into the Stiltsville picnic, this may occur the weekend after Labor Day for an overnight visit.
- VIII. New Business:  
Comments from the Floor:  
Bob Meyers: Notes that dues are currently \$55 and wondered if there was any need for a raise. The membership present did not think this was necessary.  
Anthony Lapicola:
- K. FSO-PA Bob Hopps—the UM research boat attached to the Rosentiel School was fined for running over a reef.
- L. FSO-PE Fred Jaca—there are 12 new students for the current BSS class. This is a Monday-Thursday class here at the Elks Lodge. There will be one more class before the end of the year. New members encouraged to take these classes.
- M. FSO-SR María T. Armas—no report
- N. FSO-VE David Neal—last Saturday was the weekend at BlackPoint for VEs. Mr. Neal was the only person there and could not assist the Spanish speaking boaters. If you are bilingual, please help out. We only have four VEs.
- O. FSO-AV Steve Cruz—there was a fuel shortage which did not actually exist so there will be aviation patrols. There are now secure radios for the aircraft. The marine radios will remain aboard to communicate with boaters.
- P. FSO-PB Enrique Ventura—the current edition of *The Prop* went out on 7 August 2012. Please provide any stories you may have such as things which may happen on patrol along with photos.

- Appointed an election committee, Frank Sullivan, to ensure members interested in elected office were qualified. If you are interested, then please provide a letter so stating. The election will be held in November 2013.
- COW will be held at our December meeting. Please provide any input on location, menu, etc. The idea was floated as to treating the COW as a BBQ event. Debate ensued as to whether new officers take office in December or January. As a result, the COW will occur the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January, 12 January 2013 at Sabal Chase. A COW committee was formed: Jim Scholz, Mandy Framil, Aberlardo Lopez de Queralta, David Neal, and Scott Blumenthal.

From Fred Jaca:

- There was a QE evaluation earlier in the month and Division 6 is well along, please continue with the high level of member training;
- For post-meeting refreshment, arrangements are being made to order food and have it at the bar.

Mandy Framil spoke for Julian Corrales, SO-VE:

- There have been complaints to Division from law enforcement agencies that boats being awarded with decals do not have the correct numbers nor the correct equipment. Note that the Power Squadron gives out the same decals and they are not necessarily strict.
- Decals are only awarded when the vessel has 100 percent compliance.

Aberlardo Lopez de Queralta spoke about the Scout Hut which currently smells rancid and is in need of a proper cleaning.

- The roof is leaking, which needs replacement. Aberlardo Lopez de Queralta was going to suggest air conditioning and lights, but was not aware that the roof is in need of replacement.
- The Flotilla has expended funds to bring the Scout Hut up to par, but then its usage is taken by the Elks Lodge.
- Fred Jaca notes that about \$1000 will be necessary to replace the roof. The Flotilla, however, does not have exclusive usage of the building. Mr. Jaca mentioned that it would help if Auxiliarists join the Elks Lodge and reminded the Flotilla that it does not pay to use the building for its meetings. The comment was made that the Flotilla does make many monetary contributions to offset its usage of the building for its meetings. Fred Jaca invited the Flotilla to seek other amenities for its meetings if unsatisfied with the current arrangement.

New Member Swearing In: none.

- Awards—receiving awards: Daniel Berger awarded with an Auxiliary Performance award for PE; Bob Hopps, Norberto Menendez, Frank Sullivan, and Enrique Ventura Performance Awards for PE; Henry Quintana awarded with a Tradewinds 2012 certificate and Certificate of Appreciation for interpretation support. Certificates and Cards for completing the CPR class were distributed *en masse*.
- Motion for adjournment at 21:05 by: Henry Quintana; seconded by Bob Hopps which passes by acclamation.
- Setting of date for next business meeting: 4 September 2012 @ 1930 hours.