

Flotilla 65

USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 65 Agenda Monthly Business Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 4 June 2013
Time: 19:30 hours
Location: Elks Lodge, 6304 South West 78th Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.

- I. Call to Order: FC Anthony Lapicola @ 1933
- II. Roll Call: sign-in sheet circulated
- III. Presentation of colors, pledge of allegiance: Anthony Lapicola
- IV. Inspirational message: moment of silence.
- V. Business meeting, FC Anthony Lapicola
 - A. Call for additional agenda items: none
 - B. Guest introductions: Javier Agramonte, Richard Lopez, Tyler Lopez, Members from Flotilla 61 visited for training.
 - C. Approval of meeting minutes: [minutes provided for member review via email and posted prior to meeting]. Moved by Alfredo Nardi, seconded by Elena Cohan, approved by acclimation.
 - D. Member welfare: Abelardo Lopez de Queralta reports that Mandy's mom passed away, Fernando Villa's wife had surgery and is home, Carol Moppert's step mom passed away, and Roy Hellman is recovering from a fall.
 - E. Division meeting report, given by FC Anthony Lapicola: Anthony Lapicola, Mandy Framil, and Bob Hopps attended. New commander is Michael Cortese. Mandy was awarded with a boat force operations insignia for over 1000 boat-related hours over a five year period.
 - First quarter results overall were down, our Flotilla, however, now has 10 vessel examiners, 9 coxswains, 17 boat qualified crew. We only have five facilities at this time.
 - Calling tree was 87 %, our Flotilla was 94%. There will be a farewell for Lt. Abeyta on June 8, 2013; cost is \$25 per person. Anthony Lapicola will follow up for details and send an email to the flotilla.
 - The VFC is now the diversity officer, duties to follow.
 - There will be another CPR class in August.
 - The civil rights class does not have a Coast Guard instructor and so it is being offered by a civilian. It may become available online. Auxiliaries are not yet required to take this class until it becomes available online.
 - Land based VHS units will be renumbered to the nearest marina to which the member is located.
 - FSOs are to do monthly reports and forward to the VFC and the corresponding SO. If you have an event for which you want advertising, contact Tony Miyar so he can add to the Division calendar.
 - Helo-ops facilities and qualified crew are wanted by division. Contact Marcelo Ferrer.
- VI. Reports, VFC María T. Armas calls for FSO reports:

Committee Reports

Staff Officer Reports

- A. FSO-FN Robert Myers-- please refer to the previously circulated FN report. A new canopy was needed to replace the previously purchased one which was defective. The new canopy has a separate frame and canopy, if you use it, make sure you take both parts.
- B. FSO-CM Frank Sullivan, absent, report by Anthony Lapicola.
- C. FSO-CS María T. Armas— no report
- D. FSO-HR Alfredo Nardi, we have two applicants processing at this time, Rick and Tyler. Frank will assist in getting pictures taken.
- E. FSO-MA Ian MacBaradit, absent. Elena Cohan distributed contact stickers for personal watercraft. As Elena finds free stuff online, she orders and it will go into our storage space.
- F. FSO-MS James Guilmartin, great participation for youth safe boating class and NSBW event went well. Elena went to a meeting with the Boy Scout council office to discuss Sea Partners program to see if we would conduct seminars for the Cub Scout day camps, looking for folks to assist.
- G. FSO-MT Christopher Cohan, next Tuesday at 1900 there will be a one hour TCT refresher, 11 June 2013. QE is set for this Saturday.
- H. FSO-MV Scott Blumenthal, B&F Marine wants another presentation before our next BS&S class, Elena asked for assistance.
- I. FSO-IS Frank Sullivan, working on Scott's instructor rating. Patrick Powell got his security clearance, but it's not yet in Auxdata. 7029s and 7030s can still be provided to Frank. There may be a new system to replace POMS, which no one seems capable of running at this time.
- J. FSO-OP Abelardo Lopez de Queralta, we are in dire need of facilities, please contact Abe if you would like to offer your vessel as a facility. Only *Gruntslayer* is available at this time, the other vessels are having mechanical difficulties. Emails result in few responses, even if you cannot participate, let Abe know. Will ask other flotillas for trainee boat crew space.
- K. FSO-PA Bob Hopps, boating safety event went well. The calling tree went well, only four people were not reachable.
- L. FSO-PE Elena Cohan thanked those who volunteered for the Youth Safe Boating Class. This resulted in increased interest in joining the Flotilla. Next BS&S class starts 29 July 2013.
- M. FSO-SR, vacant, no report by María T. Armas. Still need help.

- N. FSO-VE David Neal, Tony and Victor Francesci did VSCs on Saturday, light traffic due to bad weather. Carol Moppert had an idea to distribute fliers at marinas where vessels are actually stored, as opposed to handing out fliers the day of the VSCs. Elena thought we would have to go through the division VE for other marinas.
- O. FSO-AV Steve Cruz, absent. No report.
- P. FSO-PB, Enrique Ventura, thanks for *Prop* contributions. Next *Prop* may issue on 1 August 2013. Pictures need to have members wearing correct uniforms.

VII. Old Business, none.

VIII. New Business.

- Stan wanted information on identification cards, but needed assistance. Members who attended Memorial Day event at the Elks Lodge were thanked by Fred Jaca. The Elks will also have a flag ceremony and Flotilla members were invited to attend, 15 June 2013, Elena will send an email.
- Awards: Maria Armas certificate of completion for the Good Mate program; Boat Crew Recertification received by: Abelardo Lopez de Queralta, Roy Hellman, James Guilmartin, Art Goessel, Elena Cohan; Eric Jones for auxiliary coxswain recertification; Chris Cohan, coxswain qualification recertification; Carol Moppert, vessel examiner certification; and Enrique Ventura, certificate of appreciation for career day participation.
- TCT training certificates awarded to John Clise, Carol Moppert, Art Goessel, Anthony Lapicola, and James Guilmartin.
- Identification Cards: Carol Moppert
- New Member Swearing In: Fernando Villa
- Comments from the Floor: none
- Adjournment: moved by Alfredo Nardi, and seconded by Enrique Ventura. Approved by acclamation, meeting adjourned at 20:45.
- Setting of date for next business meeting: 2 July 2013 @ 1930.