



# U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

## Flotilla 65

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

Date: Tuesday, 6 March 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 @ 1935
- II. Roll Call: sign-in sheet to be circulated
- III. Presentation of colors, pledge of allegiance: FC Anthony Lapicola
- IV. Inspirational message: FC Anthony Lapicola
- V. Business meeting, FC Anthony Lapicola
  - A. Call for additional agenda items—added to new business by Chris Cohan.
  - B. Guest introductions: SO-PE Sofy Rios; FSO-HR Nardi introduced prospective new members Tomás N. Regalado, Jr., Auddy Julio Leza, accompanied by his mother, Breezy Evia Leza and his sister; our other guests included: James Robertson, Sonia Blumenthal, and Hanna Ellis [who will soon transfer to Flotilla 65].
  - C. Approval of meeting minutes: Nardi motioned, Ventura seconded. Approved by acclamation.
  - D. Member welfare: looking for information on Shelly, Armando Framil is ill.
  - E. Division meeting report, given by FC Anthony Lapicola:
    - MST2 Feus wants at least 3 members from each flotilla to become a pollution responder, these responders will make a report as to what they find. There will be 3 training classes, must be available at least once per week. Need dedicated members to do this. Will likely be a lot of land calls to travel to spill sites, not likely to need boat travel. If interested, contact FC Anthony Lapicola who will contact Bill Tejero. This is a real commitment, do not apply if you do not have the actual time to volunteer. Training begins in May 2012—there is no risk for members as members will not deal with the actual hazards, or clean up activities. Member would be on call 24-hours per day.
    - Judith Hudson addressed metrics for flotillas which will include VEs [comparison of current numbers to past numbers], BSB graduates, number of AUX members, etc.
    - Standing Rules addressed, which F65 already submitted.
    - Division will not have a March 2012 meeting.
    - There will be a coxswain workshop which all coxswains must attend on March 13, 2012 @ 1930 at the Elks Lodge. There may be no orders issued to coxswains who fail to attend. If you plan on becoming a coxswain, you are welcome to attend, but it is not mandatory.
    - WOW [without web master] website, logon at [www.a0700605.wow.uscgaux.info](http://www.a0700605.wow.uscgaux.info). Most FSOs can amend it. Sign in with a log-in available at <http://webforms.cgaux.org>. click on “get password”, follow instructions and then you can sign into the f65 website.

If you see the word “config”, then you can add data to the website. To make changes, there is a user guide.

- There will a *Coast Guard Miami* filming similar to *Coast Guard Alaska*. This will start sometime in May 2012, please pay attention to your uniforms. All members should be in the same uniform if they want to have their footage make the show.
- There are four marinas at which there will be a computer kiosk for the public to file float plans, VE requests, etc.

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

Committee Reports

Staff Officer Reports

- A. FSO-FN Robert Meyers—February 2012 report given [see attachment]. March 2012 statement will reflect payment of National dues.
- B. FSO-CM/IS Frank Sullivan—IS essentially caught up. Members can submit 7029s and 7030s by email, mail, or fax. Resources are *Lily of Miami*, *Lola*, *Eagle Eye*, *Gruntslayer*, *Howdy*, *Sabot*, and *Daydream*. See Frank to get your radio added as a facility. Please submit IS reports on a timely basis as Division will be monitoring on a quarterly basis. Active duty has not been paying palms as the Auxlo has been attending school. Apparently, the Auxlo does not have a back-up.
- C. FSO-CS Vacant
- D. FSO-HR Alfredo Nardi—we have 8 leads, which has produced 2 new members, with 2 more coming soon.
- E. FSO-MA Ian MacBaradit—we have received sticker for canoes, rowboats, and kayaks.
- F. FSO-MS James Guilmartin—absent, no report
- G. FSO-MT Christopher Cohan—The following courses will be available: AuxOp, April 2012, AuxCom, late April and September 2012; AuxSea, May 2012; AuxPat, June 2012; Intro to Marine Safety, July 2012; and AuxWea, August 2012. On 13 March 2012, there will be a mandatory training for coxswains. Monica Zima needs numbers of members interested in the following courses, TCT, ICS 210, and CPR Refresher Training—Contact Chris if you’re interested in one of these classes.
- H. FSO-MV Fred Jaca—small class at UM/Rosentiel, there were only 5 students [4 of whom had books from prior students]. There may be an additional BS&S class added at UM. There will be a BS&S course starting in May at the Elks Lodge. Visitations—please see Fred if you are interested. For National Safe Boating Week,

there are already quite a few kids registered for it. More information will follow as that event gets closer to 19 May 2012 [see Elena Cohan's email].

- I. FSO-NS Enrique Ventura
- J. FSO-OP Eric Jones—Patrol on 17-18 March 2012. Facility owners were contacted by email, with few responses. *Lola* is now available, but won't be available. *Daydream* is still down. Right now, only *Eagle Eye* is committed to the Sunday patrol, South Bay. Jim Scholz will take Saturday patrol, North Bay. Division wants any facility which is Heli-hoist certified or which wants to be certified, please contact Eric Jones.
- K. FSO-PA Bob Hopps—Boat Show participants thanked, reminder as to National Safe Boating Week.

#### VII. Old Business

- Roy Hellman addressed distribution of roses at the February 2012 member meeting—thanks were given to Scott Blumenthal.
- FSO-HR Nardi reported that he had the chance to ride the new Group 45 rescue boat.

#### VIII. New Business

- SO-PE Sofy Rios—encourages PE program development, focus on the number of students who graduate. Flotilla 6-5 has an exemplary program. There will be a seminar, 17 March 2012, Broward County, to which all instructors are invited and to which all member who want to become instructors are invited as well. Wants to increase by 3% the number of instructors within the Division.
- Fred Jaca—Wounded Warrior project in May at Key West, Florida. If some of those Wounded Warrior come to Miami, Fred may ask members to make their vessels available for a tour.
- Chris Cohan requests about \$200 for Public Education classes. Motion by Frank Sullivan, seconded by Bob Myers. Passed by acclamation.

- L. FSO-PE Fred Jaca—see prior report at H.
- M. FSO-SR María T. Armas—no report.
- N. FSO-VE Clifford Harrison, given by FC Anthony Lapicola, there were 8 vessels examined at Black Pointe Marina. Another call for VEs—there is an online, open book exam. Other marinas can be visited. Vessel owners can visit the website and ask for a VE. Last year we did 97, but our goal was 200. Our goal for this year is 110.
- O. FSO-AV Steve Cruz—absent, no report.
- P. FSO-PB Enrique Ventura—*Prop* emailed to members. A better pdf version will be sent for the next issue. Please send articles and interesting links.

- Chris Cohan: Dan Berger got us access to a military, museum display by MetroZoo, Friends of the Military of South Florida. Contact Dan Berger at [danielberger@yahoo.com](mailto:danielberger@yahoo.com). We have access at 1100, on Sunday, 11 March 2012.
- Future member training: Bob Meyers encourages all members to participate in training. Frank Sullivan emphasizes the importance of training.

Comments from the Floor—none

Awards—awards: Gary Ellis, Auxiliary Performance Award, bronze star; Victor Francheschi, Certificate of Recognition for Vessel Examination Program; and, Fred Jaca, Auxiliary Performance Award for Public Education; Chris Cohan, Auxiliary Certificate of Performance for Training.

Setting of date for next business meeting: 3 April 2012 @ 1930, Elks Lodge.

Adjourned for refreshments.