



# U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

## Flotilla 65

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

Date: Tuesday, 1 May 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 @ 1931
- II. Roll Call: sign-in sheet circulated
- III. Presentation of colors, pledge of allegiance: Anthony Lapicola
- IV. Inspirational message: Anthony Lapicola
- V. Business meeting, FC Anthony Lapicola
  - A. Call for additional agenda items—no new items introduced.
  - B. Guest introductions:
    - Alfredo Nardi introduced Ken Robertson who was on his way to having his membership package completed; Oliver Samy introduced by Gary Ellis, will likely be processed at the Opa Locka event. Grady O'Neal present.
    - SO-CS Tony Miyar. Flotilla takes a vote to accept the WOW website as its website. FSO-SR Armas volunteers to take on the FSO-CS duties. All staff officers should be able to append the website. This is a national website—the older websites were done on other servers which were not inter-connected. The ADSO-CS can update and assist with any Flotilla's webpage. These pages can be viewed by the public; portions of the page can also be viewed on a members-only basis. <http://a0700605.wow.uscgaux.info> Alfredo Nardi moved to accept the wow website as our own, seconded by Bob Meyers; approved by acclimation.
  - C. Approval of meeting minutes: Alfredo Nardi moves to accept minutes, seconded by Eric Jones; approved by acclimation.
  - D. Member welfare: Fred Jaca reports Dominic Romeo has been twice hospitalized in the last month at Baptist and South Miami.
  - E. Division meeting report, by FC Anthony Lapicola:
    - Flotilla 6-1 received award for best Flotilla. Trident device was presented to a member of Flotilla 6-1.
    - Lt. Abeyta announced that the filming crew was at Station Miami Beach—please ensure that whatever uniform of the day is on patrol, make sure it is correctly worn and that all patrol members are wearing the uniform correctly.
    - Lt. Abeyta will get more involved in getting boats inspected as this may spur boat owners to have their vessels inspected.
    - Joel Auerbach wants a Sea Partner volunteer—volunteer gives lectures on maritime issue. Division has extra money which will result in all facility owners getting a first aid kit.
    - Calling Tree: June 1-October 1 2012 is hurricane season, which means there will be a calling tree, 4 names have been deleted, 10 have been added. The Flotilla needs 3 more volunteers as we now have 5 more leads and 4 alternates were needed. Bob Hopps, Aberlardo Lopez de Queralta volunteered as leads; Steve Cruz volunteered as an alternate. Search for leads and alternates will continue.

- First Quarter results: Flotilla 65 excelled in 4 out of the 6 goals. We had two qualifying coxswains; there will be another coxswain who will re-qualify. Get this report from Anthony Lapicola. Three facilities were re-certified including *Sunrunner*. David Neal is our new FSO-VE.

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

Committee Reports

Staff Officer Reports

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| <p>A. FSO-FN Robert Meyers—see the previously attached April 2012 FN report. Bob had a national ensign and a heaving line to give away.</p> <p>B. FSO-CM Frank Sullivan—no report. Elena Cohan asks to see if Flotilla can do its communications exercise at Black Point. One will be planned out, but not for May 2012.</p> <p>C. FSO-CS Vacant</p> <p>D. FSO-HR Alfredo Nardi—10 prospective members, one declined. Two already became members on 5 April 2012, Auddy Leza and James Robertson. We are in the process of adding new members. At the Division level, there was a discussion as to retention. Division Captain Judith Hudson will visit the Flotillas to discuss retention. Elena Cohan announces that the next BS&amp;S class starts 7 May 2012, and encourages new members to attend it.</p> <p>E. FSO-MA Ian MacBaradit—absent. Elena Cohan reports helping herself to various necessary forms.</p> <p>F. FSO-MS James Guilmartin—absent.</p> <p>G. FSO-MT Christopher Cohan—no report.</p> | <p>H. FSO-MV Fred Jaca—if anyone wants to volunteer to do this, please see Fred.</p> <p>I. FSO-OP Eric Jones—this last month our patrol came during poor weather. <i>Sunrunner</i> did not make it out of the dock, but showed willing. We still had 3 fully crewed facilities. <i>Sabot</i> did not leave the dock. <i>Howdy</i> did go out. 19-20 May 2012 are our next scheduled patrol dates. One slot is filled by <i>Lily of Miami</i>, Saturday, South Bay. This weekend also falls on National Safe Boating Week. We need a facility at Elks Lodge on 19 May 2012. <i>Gruntslayer</i>, North Bay, 19 May 2012. <i>Sabot</i> available for 20 May 2012. Work progresses on getting coxswains and crews for that weekend. Volvo Ocean Race at Bicentennial Park, downtown—they want Auxiliary facilities for the 12-13 May 2012 for a youth boat race. From 18-20 May 2012, they want Auxiliary escort/lead boats to navigate Government Cut. For more information on events, <a href="http://volvoceanracemiami.org">volvoceanracemiami.org</a>.</p> <p>J. FSO-PA Bob Hopps—discussion as to the Air &amp; Sea Show, which seemed</p> |
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very last minute as to its organization. Alfredo Nardi notes that on 12 May 2012 there will be a processing event at Opa Locka Air Station from 0900-1400.

- K. FSO-PE Fred Jaca—anyone interested in teaching a class or assisting, please see Fred. Class will be at the Elks Lodge at 1930.
- L. FSO-SR María T. Armas—no report.
- M. FSO-VE David Neal—Exams will occur on 20 May 2012; there will also be a VE in Hialeah on 5 May 2012. Anthony Lapicola notes we need more VEs and tasks David Neal with recruiting VEs.

- N. FSO-AV Steve Cruz—Swimming Drills—there will be two more, one in Opa Locka and the other in Key West. We are down three facilities so aviation has slowed down.
- O. FSO-IS Frank Sullivan—electronic delivery of reports are almost caught up. PALMS has been a problem to get payments done. Frank has done his end, but Ens. Brownlee is delayed. Please be patient. Frank will upload forms provided today.
- P. FSO-PB Enrique Ventura—next issue of the *Prop* is coming, please provide articles, links, and pictures for inclusion.

VII. Old Business—None

VIII. New Business:

- National Safe Boating Week (NSB) 19-20 May 2012. Youth Safe Boating class will happen on 19 May 2012. Set-up will occur on Friday, 18 May 2012. Elena Cohan is looking for volunteers. Need a volunteer to serve as an ambassador to recruit adults into Flotilla membership. On 20 May 2012, from 0830-1200—events will occur at Black Point Park Marina—there will be VEs there. Even if you are not a VE, you can still help out by asking boat owners if they would like to have their vessel examined. Need volunteers to meet and greet at the ramp; send kids to the display booth, etc. If there are enough volunteers, there will be a cook-out following the event.
- Marine Flea Market, Tropical Park, from 0900 on 18-20 May 2012—Joel Auerbach is in charge of this and is asking for volunteers. Contact Joel Auerbach or Anthony Lapicola if you are interested.
- Discontinuation of Pizza at Elks Lodge: The Flotilla can no longer order pizza as the Elks Lodge has its own kitchen facility and needs the business. Elks Lodge will provide a menu, but the Flotilla can not fund individual meals. At this time, the Flotilla will discontinue the pizza, but will continue the fellowship.
- Elena Cohan suggests that the Flotilla have a get-together at Matheson Hammock. This would occur 9 June 2012. Frank Sullivan will provide hot dogs. Elena Cohan will send a coordination email, the deadline to advise if you are interested is 5 June 2012, our next Business Meeting.

Comments from the Floor

Awards—Neal received Good Mate award and dressed with his epaulettes; Meyers received Coxswain Third Year Requalification Certification; Lapicola received third-year Coxswain Recertification; Cruz received Third Place Pilot Award which required explanation; Chris Cohan received 8<sup>th</sup> Sustained Service Award; Jaca, received an Auxiliary Performance Award.

New Members to be Sworn In: Auddy Leza and James Robertson, not present. Will try again at the June meeting.

Elena Cohan motions to adjourn, seconded by Aberlardo Lopez de Queralta.

Setting of date for next business meeting: 5 June 2012.