



# U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

## Flotilla 65

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

Date: Tuesday, 2 October 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 @ 1932
- II. Roll Call: sign-in sheet was circulated
- III. Presentation of colors, pledge of allegiance: FC Anthony Lapicola
- IV. Inspirational message: by Aberlardo Lopez de Queralta
- V. Business meeting, FC Anthony Lapicola
  - A. Call for additional agenda items: none
  - B. Adoption of Revised Standing Rules—25% attendance achieved and Article 6-6, written ballots. In February, the Flotilla received an amended Standing Rules which our Flotilla adopted. The Division has now amended the amended Standing Rules, which amends Article 6-5 from requiring a written secret ballot when only one person is running for office to only requiring a written secret ballot when requested. Moved by Roy Hellman; seconded by Fred Jaca; approved by acclimation.
  - C. Guest introductions: Russ Gibson, introduced by Alfredo Nardi, will be transferring from a Las Vegas, Nevada Flotilla to Flotilla 6-5.
  - D. Approval of meeting minutes: September 2012 minutes provided for member review via email and posted prior to meeting; Alfredo Nardi moves to approve, seconded by Eric Jones; approved by acclimation.
  - E. Member welfare: Bob Hopps' wife broke her wrist and is in hospital; Cal Gordon is living in North Carolina where he is recovering from pneumonia, reported by Roy Hellman; but Bob Meyers reports Mr. Gordon is not ill.
  - F. Division meeting report, by FC Anthony Lapicola:
    - Judith Hudson stressed the importance of the performance measures: number of PE graduates, VE checks, program visits, MT hours, patrol hours, new members. Flotilla 6-5 came in 2<sup>nd</sup> on the new member number.
    - John Tyson is the new District Commodore.
    - First Aid kits were issued to all facility owners which contain about 40 items and were distributed at the meeting upon signature.
    - The Division started a care package for Coast Guardsmen at sea; our Flotilla was assigned the Cutter *Adak*. Please donate items for the care package by 01 November 2012—give these items to Anthony Lapicola by 25 October 2012.
    - Dues and Disenrollment: Bob Meyers reports 30 persons are delinquent as to dues. Division says rosters must be purged for delinquent members by 01 December 2012. If you intend to pay your dues, but will be late, please advise Bob Meyers. If you are not going to pay your dues, you will be purged from the roster.
    - Columbus Day Regatta: we have three patrols, *Eagle Eye* on Friday, *Howdy* on Saturday, *Eagle Eye* on Sunday. There will be no trainees, a limited

number of crew, and no cameras. We will have Vessel Safety Checks on Saturday, Black Point Marina at 10:00 on 06 October 2012. If any facility needs crew, Flotilla 6-7 has a surplus.

- Helo Ops—more facility and members are needed. Our Flotilla is lacking crew member certifications. Trainings are available by contacting Marcelo or Alex. To have a facility certified, please send a picture of the vessel so they may determine if it is possible to drop a basket on the facility deck. Frank Sullivan is a qualified instructor. Members report problems with having vessels properly equipped for this function. Fred Jaca will set up a class for member training on this process. *Eagle Eye* is certified.
- QE qualifications—there will only be three chances to qualify as a crewman or coxswain. If you fail the first time, then for the second attempt to you must be tested by a different QE. If you fail the second time, then on the third attempt you must be tested by the USCG Operation Training Officer (OTO); if you fail the third time, you will have no more attempts-ever.
- AUXPAT is available on 9 November 2012 at Station Miami Beach. Bob Meyers clarified that as to the AUXOP classes, these are one-day refreshers prior to the proctored AUXPAT and AUXCON exams.
- Division COW will be 13 January 2012, starting at 10:30 a.m., \$35, at Miami Shores Country Club. Various Flotilla 6-5 members will receive awards at this meeting [names were read out].
- Monica Brugerra Foundation—we were offered to join Flotillas 6-7 and 6-9 for PE purposes. Our PE team has to meet with the established teams to observe how they go about teaching their ABS courses. There is a link to the class schedules on their brochure. The About Boating Safety course is free to the public, but the Flotilla gets paid \$30 per person and provides the course materials, the one-day 8-hour class booklets. This decision was left to the instructors.
- TCT refresher and the 8-hour course will be taking place soon.
- There are many people in a prolonged AP status, i.e., over one year. This should only take about six months. Names were forwarded to Judith Hudson to resolve.

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

Committee Reports

Staff Officer Reports

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| A. FSO-FN Robert Meyers— <i>see</i> the previously provided FN report. Dues—please pay, cash or check, but not a credit card. | D. FSO-HR Alfredo Nardi—we have 9 expected new members and 3 transfers; so we may reach a 20% growth of our membership base. There are 3 applicants at DIRAUX for final processing. |
| B. FSO-CM Frank Sullivan—all 7029s were uploaded; patrol orders were submitted.   | E. FSO-MA Ian MacBaradit—not present; no report   |
| C. FSO-CS María T. Armas—no report  |   |

- F. FSO-MS James Guilmartin—§ 327.33, Fla. Stat., addresses reckless and careless operation of a vessel.
- G. FSO-MT Christopher Cohan—no report. Fred Jaca discussed prior QE missions to address that facilities, such as *Bravo Zulu*, from other Flotillas, were not well prepared for its function which was a disappointment to him.
- H. FSO-PV Fred Jaca—he has not been overly involved but for a few visits due to other activities. Scott Blumenthal previously agreed to take on this task.
- I. FSO-IS Frank Sullivan, no report.
- J. FSO-OP Eric Jones—patrol opportunities were declared as to the Columbus Day Regatta, but trainees are not eligible for this patrol opportunity, *supra*. To stay certified, members need 12 hours of patrol. The next opportunity is the weekend of 20-21 October 2012. Please contact Eric Jones to volunteer. Gary Ellis will attend the Columbus Day Regatta meeting, who will then email Eric Jones. Coxswains will relay the information to their crews. Ed Burbank donated a PFD which can be donated to a needy member.
- K. FSO-PA Bob Hopps—no report.
- L. FSO-PE Fred Jaca—one more class is set before the end of the year. Numbers have declined, possibly due to the state of the economy. Elena Cohan reported that for the next class, only 4 persons have signed up. Florida Fish and Wildlife offers an online, superficial, free course. The only ones coming to the class, are those who received a citation. Gary Ellis stated that the PE courses allow for revenue, but also allows us to promote BS&S at the ABS courses. Elena Cohan and Fred Jaca both declared that there will not be a minimum limit as to class size. We will teach however many people show up.
- M. FSO-SR María T. Armas—no report
- N. FSO-VE David Neal—not present, no report. Next VE day is 6 October 2012.
- O. FSO-AV Steve Cruz, not present, no report.
- P. FSO-PB Enrique Ventura—the *Prop* is collecting articles for the next publication in November. Aberlardo Lopez de Queralta reported he went to interpreter training at Camp Landing which caused him to miss various Flotilla meetings. The classroom training went well; field training was more of a challenge as it involved camping in extreme conditions. The training did not last as you will see from pictures submitted to the *Prop*.
- VII. Old Business:

- COW, James Scholz circulated the COW invitation. No alcohol will be permitted at Sabal Chase and he needs at least 3 charcoal grills as gas grills are not allowed. There will be a DJ at this event. Elena Cohan was surprised to find that she was working on a decorating subcommittee. This will occur on 12 January 2013, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Sabal Chase Club House, 10999 SW 113<sup>th</sup> Place, Miami, Florida; the cost is \$25 per person. Please pay Bob Meyers by no later than 8 January 2013.
- On 6 November 2012, we will have our next election. We need assistance to step up and increase their involvement. The Flotilla will not run on “automatic”. Aberlardo Lopez de Queralta will not stand for Vice Commander. If you intend to run for this office, you must be either a VE, crew qualified, and you must provide Frank Sullivan with a letter of intent. You will also need to pass the administrative course.
- Stiltsville Picnic—four boats were available. Elena Cohan reported that it will become more complicated to get to the house which now requires going through the Stiltsville Committee which requires a \$50 per person fee—they are working to get the fee waived.

#### VIII. New Business:

- Chris and Elena Cohan volunteered for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Kid’s Fishing Tournament on 3 November 2012 at Tropical Park.
- Lincoln Marti Boy Scout event will be held in January 2013.
- Youth Boating Class for the Boy Scouts will be held in March 2013, this will be about 400 kids.
- Abelardo Lopez de Queralta announced the restoration of the pizza service at the Elks Lodge. Members welcomed this news enthusiastically.
- Home Depot, Lowes, and Bass Pro Shop give a 10% military discount with the Auxiliary identification card.

#### Comments from the Floor:

- Awards—Scheduled to receive awards are: Henry Quintana (sustained service), María Armas (VE examination passage), Chris Cohan (2) (sustained service and CCE for multi-directive RBS, MS, the kitchen sink), Fred Jaca (2)(Commodore’s Certificate for Excellence (CCE) in member service and boating safety); James Scholz (2)(CCE for operations and marine safety); Bob Meyers (CCE for operations and marine safety); Peter Fernandez (Past Division Captains/Commander). The Flotilla was recognized for member growth and Alfredo Nardi was recognized for his efforts.
- New Member to be Sworn: none.
- New Identification Cards: James Scholz.

Setting of date for next business meeting: 6 November 2012. Henry Quintana, moved to adjourn; seconded by Peter Fernandez; adjourned by acclamation.