



U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Flotilla 65

USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 65 Agenda Monthly Business Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 4 September 2012
Time: 19:30
Location: [Elks Lodge](#), 6304 South West 78th Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.

- I. Call to Order: FC Anthony Lapicola @ 19:34
 - II. Roll Call: sign-in sheet 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: none
 - B. Guest introductions: Jason Gettinger is being processed for membership; Daniel Maya is being processed; Carol Moppert and John Klews were introduced as guests. Anthony Lapicola expressed that many people are interested in joining the Flotilla when encountered at the VSC.
 - C. Approval of meeting minutes: August 2012 minutes provided for member review via email and posted prior to meeting. Alfredo Nardi moved to accept the August 2012 meeting minutes; Bob Hopps seconded; passed by acclamation.
 - D. Member welfare: Roy Hellman appreciated the get well cards and calls which members directed to him during his recent illness.
 - VI. Reports. FC Anthony Lapicola calls for FSO reports:
 - Committee Reports—Elections: Frank Sullivan reported regarding whether anyone wanted to run for VC or FVC, but there were no takers. Anthony Lapicola announced it again so that nominations might be taken. Next election will be in November 2012. Even if only one person is running, there will be a ballot. Tom Walker has to be notified to have someone from Division present for the elections.
 - Committee Report—COW: Jim Scholtz was not available; three members were available—Scott Blumenthal, David Neal, and Armando Framil. Jim Scholtz confirmed he was creating a menu, which may include lobster, chicken, steak. A charcoal grill is necessary as the Sabal Chase association will not allow a gas grill. A time for the COW will be offered at the next meeting. COW commences at 6:00 p.m. and will run until 10:00 p.m.
 - The Calling Tree—this went well even though there were two such calls. Only 5 Flotilla members did not respond to the automated message and these were not active members.
- Staff Officer Reports
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">A. FSO-FN Robert Meyers—<i>see</i> previously circulated August FN report. Flotilla dues of \$55 are currently due and overdue as of 15 October 2012.B. FSO-CM Frank Sullivan—no report. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">C. FSO-CS María T. Armas—please forward announcements for uploading on our webpage.D. FSO-HR Alfredo Nardi—4 new members have been approved; 2 new applicants are being processed; 3 new applicants who |
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- are interested in joining the Flotilla. We are expecting to have a total of 9 new members. The corresponding FSOs were informed so that new training could commence. Mentoring was suggested for the purpose of retaining new and recent members. Experienced members should contact Alfredo so they may be matched with new members. Fred Jaca also commented on mentoring about other duties which are available to members. A difference of opinion ensued as to whether one need be Boat Crew Qualified to do jobs such as Marine Visitation or Vessel Examination. While Boat Crew Qualification may be necessary for some items such as Watch Standing, there are many more which do not require Boat Crew Qualification.
- E. FSO-MA Ian MacBaradit—absent.
 - F. FSO-MS James Guilmartin—on 15 September 2012 there will be the annual International Coastal Clean-Up. You can Google this event and find information for convenient areas to volunteer. This coincides with our patrol weekend. There is a new YouTube video on a lake boating accident caused by mis-crossing a wake.
 - G. FSO-MT Christopher Cohan—new member training will be commence next Tuesday. There may be a TCT refresher, may be on a Tuesday toward the end of September 2012. There are no vessels available for a September QE.
 - H. FSO-MV Fred Jaca. He will step down as the FSO-MV as of 2013. Alfredo Nardi mentioned that Scott Blumenthal was interested in this position, which Mr. Blumenthal confirmed.
 - I. FSO-IS Frank Sullivan—everything submitted has been reported. Many members are not submitting their 7029s.
 - J. FSO-OP Eric Jones—our patrol weekend is 15-16 September 2012. The USCG is not reimbursing fuel bought outside the station. Nor will the pay for food usually provided by the coxswains for September 2012. You can refuel at the Station. By 1 October 2012, the start of the fiscal year, the usual arrangement will commence. We are down three vessels, *Eagle Eye*, *Sabot*, *Lily of Miami*, and *Gruntslayer*. We currently have *Lola*, *Howdy*, and *Sunrunner* available. *Howdy* and *Sunrunner* will go on patrol. Facility and crew volunteers should contact Eric Jones. PALMS is also lagging. It was suggested that submissions be held to run over into the new fiscal year for reimbursement.
 - K. FSO-PA Bob Hopps—no report.
 - L. FSO-PE Fred Jaca—Anthony Lopicola will look into whether there is a way for this Flotilla to offer the 8-hour BS&S course without cost for which there is a private foundation which was set up to do this. Gary Ellis suggested using PSAs to get the word out about BS&S. Fred Jaca thinks passing out fliers locally and at marinas is also helpful. Armando Framil suggested doing our own 8-hour course. One

small BS&S class concluded. There is a new course starting in October. Fred Jaca will likely step down as the FSO-PE.

M. FSO-SR María T. Armas—will not stand for FSO-SR for 2013.

N. FSO-VE David Neal—the last VSC occurred on 1 September 2012 at Black Point Park, some 15 vessels were examined. There is a loss of opportunity when the owners are Spanish-speaking and the VEs are not. VSCs occur

during the first weekend of the month at Black Point Park Marina. Contact David Neal to participate. Also VEs should ensure they are submitting the 7030 completion forms as well as the 7029 forms.

O. FSO-AV Steve Cruz—aviation now has secure radios, but have marine radios to communicate with boats.

P. FSO-PB Enrique Ventura—absent.

VII. Old Business:

Stiltsville Picnic, we are set for 29 September 2012, and possibly an overnight into 30 September 2012. Contact Chris or Elena Cohan if you are interested.

VIII. New Business:

Thursday, 6 September 2012, Station Miami Beach, there will be a free Italian dinner at the Gator Den. Casual attire is acceptable. This will run from 19:30 to 21:30. Please advise Anthony Lapicola so he can advise the Station. Carpools may be available.

Comments from the Floor:

Awards: none

New Member Sworn In: Oliver Samy

Setting of date for next business meeting: 2 October 2012.

Bob Hopps moved to adjourn, Gary Ellis seconded at 20:47.