



# U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 65

## USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 65 Agenda Monthly Business Meeting

Date: Wednesday 7, September 2016  
Time: 19:30 hours  
Location: Elks Lodge, 6304 Southwest 78<sup>th</sup> Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928.

- I. Call to Order: FC David Neal.
- II. Roll Call: Sign-in sheet to be circulated.
- III. Presentation of colors, pledge of allegiance.
- IV. Inspirational message, moment of silence.
- V. Business meeting led by David Neal:
  - A. Call for additional agenda items (members wishing to have items discussed must submit for addition to the agenda). No additional items submitted.
  - B. Guest introductions: No additional new guests. Auxiliary Flotilla 61 member Al Juliachs, Auxiliary Unit Coordinator for Station Miami Beach and SO-Member Training, visits the meeting and will give an update on Division and training activities.
  - C. Approval of meeting minutes: August 2016 business meeting minutes circulated for consideration. Motion to approve: First, by Bob Hopps; Second by Stan Flanders. Minutes approved by acclamation.
  - D. Member welfare: Flotilla member Sharon Goessel passed away. Sharon was a Flotilla Commander for Flotilla 65. Members are asked to sign a condolences card to send to the family. Flotilla member Alfredo Nardi is not feeling well. Alfie sends his regards and appreciates the card the Flotilla sent to him. No other member welfare.
  - E. Division meeting report: There was no Division meeting.  
Al Juliachs reviewed Division activities:

The Division picnic is coming up at Bill Baggs park on Key Biscayne. On Tuesday nights some Auxiliary folks go to Bird Bowl for a social activity. Division Commander Roger Kidder wants to encourage more fellowship among the membership.

Al Juliachs is putting together awards and recognition for members who worked on upgrading Station Miami Beach.

There is a need for more Navigation Aids Verifiers. Only eight verifiers are available in the area of operation. The verifiers have set up a tracking system for verified lights. We are the only Division that's put in this large amount of work

verifying aids, looking for discrepancies, and also working with NOAA to update charts. All suggests for more people to get qualified and get involved. If you are out in a boat or on the shoreline, you can call in any discrepancies to a Navigation Aids Verifier.

The Auxiliary Food Service program is growing and looking for more members to take the training and become qualified. The training is currently located in Clearwater, but All is looking into setting up a training school at Station Miami Beach.

The Mandated Training can be done online through AUX-Learning, at the CG National Testing location.

Coast Guard Auxiliary is considering starting a program for paddle craft and kayaks, and canoes. If members want to develop a program they will need to take a lead to get a program off the ground. There are paddle craft clubs with mostly online events. Perhaps the Auxiliary could launch a paddle craft safety program.

Issues with Auxiliary boat crew requalification are being looked into to review the setting of standards by the USCG Active Duty. The new station Commander wants better qualification standards. For example, night operations qualification currently occurs in a limited training area in Biscayne Bay. The Commander wants a more expansive training area to be covered. However, this would create more time and effort to get night operations qualified.

VI. Reports. Committee Reports:

- A. Change of Watch 2017 - Enrique Ventura reviewed research results on locations. The Hilton and Aerosquadron are too expensive. Bahama Breeze is lunch only and has no accommodation for a room for doing presentations. The most conducive location with the right presentation equipment for a room and for our needs and with the appropriate atmosphere to hold the event is the Miami Shores Country Club. The date was secured for the Sunday in the third weekend of January. Enrique encouraged everyone to participate in the event. If members have issues or they wish to express their concerns about such things as the location, cost, transportation, or other concerns, you may see Enrique privately and give him your feedback if you wish to do so. The cost for the brunch at the Miami Shores Country Club is about \$32.00. The attire is Tropical Blue uniform or Business Attire. We may need approximately 30 or more people to attend to keep a fair price. Frank Sullivan made a motion to submit a deposit to the Miami Shores Country Club. Motion received a first by Scott Blumenthal; a second by Jim Scholz; motion approved by acclamation.
- B. Elections - Tony Lopicola, committee leader, was unable to attend the meeting. The Elections will be held at the November meeting and we will need a quorum.

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- C. Staff Officer Reports - Distributed with agenda. As a note on training, Eric Jones reported that boat operations for QE was done last month. Members who passed are Patrick Powell and Scott Blumenthal. There is no patrol set up for this month. TCT training dates have not been set up yet, but only two members need the one-hour training. Members who need to requalify with the four-hour TCT training, which is required every five years, should communicate their needs with David Neal.

Staff Officers - reports on separate document.

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| A. | FSO-FN Frank Sullivan    | J. | FSO-OP Ross Gibson       |
| B. | FSO-CM Frank Sullivan    | K. | FSO-PA Lubby Navarro     |
| C. | FSO-CS William Ambros    | L. | FSO-PE Carol Moppert     |
| D. | FSO-HR Bob Hopps         | M. | FSO-SR James Guilmartin  |
| E. | FSO-MA Dan Berger        | N. | FSO-VE vacant            |
| F. | FSO-MS James Guilmartin  | O. | FSO-AV Steve Cruz        |
| G. | FSO-MT Christopher Cohan | P. | FSO-PB Enrique Ventura   |
| H. | FSO-PV Scott Blumenthal  | Q. | FSO-DV Carol Moppert     |
| I. | FSO-IS Tony Lapicola     | R. | FSO-CC Jacquelyn Hartley |

VII. Old Business

- A. Need for 2016 FSOs: VE. We are looking for a new FSO-VE. There will be a vessel safety check day this Saturday the 10th at Black Point Marina.
- B. Payment of Dues - The last due date is September.

VIII. New Business

- A. There is a need for ordering updated navigational charts for chart number 11451 for Member Training. Individuals can order online from a website called IBoats.com for \$24.95, but would pay for the charts themselves.
- B. David asked for a motion to order five charts to be paid by the Flotilla at \$30 per order. The motion was made by Daniel Berger. First by Maria Armas, second by Jim Scholz. Motion was approved by acclamation.
- C. A motion was proposed to make photocopies of page one and page two of chart 11451, but after discussion as to the legality of such a process, the motion was withdrawn.
- D. Awards: Patrick Powell, Frank Sullivan, Fred Jaca.
- E. Comments from the Floor - Maria asked who needs their ID renewed for which a new photo is required. Maria suggested a time to be set up to ask for Frank Sullivan to take the photos for the ID cards to be renewed.

Fred Jaca mentioned he flew on an honor flight. Flotilla member Dominique Romeo was in WWII on D-Day. The Honor Flight organization is asking for WWII veterans to participate. Fred would like to make a gesture on behalf of Dominique Romeo if he would be interested in going on the Honor Flight.

A service for Sharon Goessel will be held at Stanfill funeral home on Saturday. A motion was made by Frank Sullivan to send flowers to the service for Sharon in the amount of \$100 or less. Motion received a first by Scott Blumenthal, a second by Bob Hopps. Motion approved by acclimation. Carol Moppert offered to transport the flowers to the service.

Setting of the date for the next business meeting: Wednesday 5, October 2016 at 1930 hours at the Elks Lodge, 6304 Southwest 78<sup>th</sup> Street, South Miami, Florida 33143-4928. (Note: This meeting date was changed to Thursday 13 October 2016, due to the effects of the approaching Hurricane Matthew in the area.)

Minutes prepared by James Guilmartin, FSO-SR.