

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY 070-12-04 LOCAL FORM FORM 114-7017F (01-10) REV.3	U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY RECORD OF FLOTILLA MEETING									
Unit Number	070-12-04	Meeting Date			8 May 2013		Meeting Time		1900	
Unit Name	Central Grand Strand									
Meeting Place	Surfside Beach Fire Station						Meeting Type		Member	
# Members Present	AP		IQ		BQ	13	AX	2	# Guests Present	4
Unit Officers Present	Chuck Budnick (FC/PE), Tommy Timberlake (VFC/IS/MT)									
FSO Officers Present	Billy Shaver (VE), Tony Presson (MA), Oliver Leimbach (NS/HR), Vernon Simmons (DV), Eric Hurlin (MS/PV), Jack Margolis (CM/OP), Bud Shepard (FN), Larry Koslap (CS/SR)									
Members Present	Jeffrey Nauert, Jack Stacy, Roy Gnirke, Betty Hayes, Dolorene Arruda									
Guests Present	Jim Ostergaard, Steven Smith, Jay Monsano, Mike Mulryan									
COMMENCEMENT										
Called to Order	1905									
Pledge of Allegiance	Roy Gnirke led the pledge; Oliver Leimbach led the invocation									
Introduction of Guests	Chuck Budnick introduced guests									
Roll Call/Quorum	15/28 voting members in attendance (quorum of 1/4 of voting members met) FC & VFC officers present (quorum of 1 unit officer met)									
Approval of Minutes	April 2013 meeting minutes were approved. Motion by Dolorene Arruda. Seconded by Jeff Nauert.									
Financial Report	Bud Shepard reported: 4/1/2013 Opening balance of \$535.36 4/12/2013 Deposit of \$40.00 (Dues) 4/12/2013 Closing balance of \$575.36									
COAST GUARD REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS										
No representative present										
DISTRICT/DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS										
No representative present										
FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT										
<p>Chuck Budnick reported that he created a flyer for the proposed About Boating Safely (ABS) course being offered to the community at the Inlet Mall on Saturday, June 1. He said he has posted it at local business (Marine Service Center, Booty's and Inlet Mall) and had it circulated at last weeks Blessing of the Inlet event. Ollie Leimbach asked where people could sign up for the class and Chuck Budnick said they could contact him to register. Oliver Leimbach introduced Steve Smith, Jay Monsano and Jim Ostergaard as new prospective members and mentioned they may have interest in registering. Larry Koslap asked what the cutoff date was for registration and what minimum number of students would be needed to do the class. Chuck Budnick said cutoff date for registration is May 30 and that 3 students would be the minimum number needed to do the class. He also said that he was going to the ABS course being done by Flotilla 12-10 Georgetown and would be teaching as section as preparation for teaching the course at the Inlet Mall.</p>										

VICE FLOTILLA COMMANDER REPORT

Tommy Timberlake thanked Billy Shaver and Bud Shepard for their help with the 2013 Blessing of the Inlet event at Murrells Inlet that was sponsored by the Belin Methodist Church. The Flotilla borrowed 12-10 (Georgetown) trailer and staged it at the event in order to provide information to visitors about the Flotilla's operations and boat safety programs. In addition, Coastie was on site and Billy Shaver operated Coastie while Bud Shepard was Coastie's voice. Tommy Timberlake further stated that an estimated 4,000 visitors were in attendance and Billy Shaver added that the church raised over \$55,000.

Tommy Timberlake said that he sent Division 12 Commander (Al Crothers) an email updating him on the redesign of our website and the work being done by Larry Koslap. He said he received an email response from the Commander that expressed his appreciation for the good work being done.

Tommy Timberlake said the Flotilla has received National Safe Boating Week (May 18 - May 24, 2013) proclamations from the Horry County and City of Conway Councils. He also said Surfside Beach and City of Myrtle Beach Councils were going to do proclamations with Myrtle Beach presenting theirs at their next meeting on May 14.

STAFF OFFICER REPORTS

FSO-CM (Communications)

Jack Margolis said he attended a Team Coordination Training (TCT) refresher course to stay current with his requirements for USCG Boat Crew. The USCG requires each boat crew member to do an annual 16 hour TCT. The instructor that gave the class at Station Georgetown was able to condense the time frame to 8hr and still cover all the material and sign him off. He said the USCG Georgetown extended invitation to our members who may be interested in sitting in their radio room and listening to actual communications. Bud Shepard expressed interest in Communications Watchstander course.

FSO-CS (Communication Services)

Larry Koslap reported that reformatting, configuring and adding new content to the flotilla WOWII Website began in April. He added that that this is a "work in progress" as input from staff officers is still being sought to determine their requirements for the site and final structure has not been formally approved. Efforts have been made, however, to initially structure the website to provide pertinent and timely information to the following customers:

Central Grand Strand Community

The "Public Information" main menu section is comprised of a series of links designed to guide and provide valuable information for new and seasoned recreational boaters to make their boating experience safe and pleasant. The main "Public Information" link page is designed similar to a "blog" where announcements targeting the local community can be posted. Announcements are the fundamental WOW construct that allows us to add content to our pages and each announcement can be given a start date and a stop date, and will only appear between those dates. This enables us to prepare content long in advance, post it, and have it "run", and then disappear on cue, thus automatically keeping your site current. Below the "Public Information" link are a number of new sub-menu links and content that provide details regarding our boating safety, vessel inspection and visitation programs. A "Join Our Flotilla" link has also been added that provides information for those interested in joining the auxiliary.

Flotilla Staff Officers

The "Boating Safety, Operations & Staff Departments main menu sections are comprised of sub-menu "departmental" links that correspond to a specific Staff Officers role in the flotilla. The intent of these sections is to provide staff officers a resource page for their position that includes programs, resources and duties/responsibilities of the office. Future plans may include adding "Job Aid Kits" for each staff position that would provide job related documents, forms, and other resources. These sections would be invaluable for new elected or appointed officers as it would provide them a "Self-Study" training site that could provide

	<p>overview and assistance in performing their duties.</p> <p>Flotilla membership</p> <p>The “Members Information” main menu section is being designed to become the flotilla's “Local Knowledge” base by optimizing our flotilla members ability to find and access information regarding manuals, forms, training and currency requirements for virtually all Auxiliary events and operations. All but the newest members are expected to have a strong working knowledge of its contents, and to apply that knowledge to ones periodic Auxiliary activities. The main “Member Information” link page will be designed similar to the “Public Information link where it will be a “blog” where announcements targeting the flotilla members can be posted.</p> <p>Details</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official URL is a0701204.wow.uscgaux.info This canonical URL is the only “official” URL of your WOW II site! Never post, submit to National, or provide to the public via brochures or flyers any other address, particularly ones that are constructed of the form http://wow.uscgaux.info?unit=070-12-04 or http://dev02.cgaux.org... followed by anything! • Reformatted Flotilla home page pictures and page text. Text currently is standard default home page information developed by USCAUX. • Reformatted and added new main menu item links <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ About Flotilla 12-04 ○ Public Information ○ Departments (Boating Safety, Operations, Staff) ○ Calendar/Reports/Plans ○ Member Information • Added Calendar/Reports/Plans link. Created “Google” calendar account that will allow us to add events and meeting dates. In addition, have posted January-March 2013 flotilla meeting minutes in Adobe .pdf format. • Added “Feedback” link which will allow members to send information directly to FSO-CS. The link is still in development and not currently operational.
FSO-DV (Diversity)	No Report
Fellowship	Tommy Timberlake reported that Ron Blanchard has stepped down as Fellowship leader. He mentioned that Ron Blanchard had planned a get together at Valentino's II and asked for a member vote to decide if it will still take place. There was unanimous vote via hands that Tommy Timberlake follow through and schedule the the event. It will take place on Thursday, May 16 from 5pm-8pm. It will be a happy hour type event (horderves/drinks) and strictly cash bar event as members will be responsible for their own tab. Casual dress and spouse/friends are invited.
FSO-FN (Finance)	See report at beginning of meeting
FSO-HR (Human Resources)	Oliver Leimbach said that he was contacted by a Flotilla Commander in New Jersey who will be moving here within the next year who expressed interest in becoming an active member.
FSO-IS (Information Services)	Tommy Timberlake said he appreciates those members submitting their 7029's on time at the end of last month and urged all members to try to do the same as it is important to have member hours posted as the USCG Auxiliary annual budget is based in part on these hours.

	<p>He said that he and Billy Shaver will be traveling to Charleston this weekend to participate in a Search and Rescue Course (SAR) being offered by the USCG Charleston.</p> <p>He also requested that members interested in being part of boat crews in June contact him so he can create a schedule.</p>
FSO-MA (Materials)	Tony Presson said his has extra ODU's available for distribution and members interested should contact him.
FSO-MS (Marine Safety)	Eric Hurlin reported doing 6 site visits for the Sea Partners environmental program.
FSO-MT (Member Training)	No report
FSO-NS (Navigation Systems)	Oliver Leimbach said eRponder is working fine. He also mentioned that he was contacted by a Flotilla Commander in New Jersey who will be moving here within the next year who expressed interest in becoming an active member.
FSO-OP (Operations)	<p>Jack Margolis said the 2nd day of the TCT refresher course focused primarily on operational risk management (when on the water). Chuck Budnick said there is USCG Aux document available called Operational Risk Management (ORM).</p> <p>Billy Shaver said that he was informed by Jason Reiling (USCG representative for the Flotilla) that on Tuesdays & Thursdays each week, USCG Georgetown is usually looking for volunteer "victim boats" to participate in their training. He said members interested should contact Jason Reiling.</p>
FSO-PA (Public Affairs)	Chuck Budnick reported that Tommy Timberlake is heading up the National Safe Boating Week event. He said that he has contacted some media outlets including the Sun News. Tommy Timberlake reported being contacted by a Sun News reporter who is interested in doing an article about boating safety and told him that she may make an appearance at the Flotilla's May 18 event.
FSO-PE (Public Education)	Chuck Budnick reported that he is still in need of instructors for the June 1 "About Boating Safely" course being offered by the Flotilla. He said instructors could choose to teach 1 or more of the 10 sections of the material being taught on that day and that each section lasts about 50 minutes. He said that he would mentor any member needing assistance. He also said that Bud Shepard is a trainee and offered his assistance if required.
FSO-PV (RBS Visitor Prg)	Eric Hurlin reported doing 10 Marine Dealer site visits.
FSO-SR (Secretary/Records)	No report
FSO-VE (Vessel Examination)	<p>Billy Shaver reported doing a Vessel Safety Check (VSC) blitz at Crazy Sister Marina in Murrells Inlet. 12 Personal Water Crafts (PWC) and 6 Carolina Skiffs that are part of their rental fleet were inspected for safety and awarded awarded the USCG distinctive VSC Decal.</p> <p>He also reported the monthly summary of VSC's performed in April. Personal Boats – April (56) YTD (74) Goal (200) Paddle Craft – April (8) YTD (9) Goal (50)</p> <p>He also reported the his VE team will be performing VSC's during National Safe Boating Week at two public boat ramps on May 17/18 & again on May 24/24.</p>
OLD BUSINESS	

None		
NEW BUSINESS		
None		
MEMBERSHIP TRAINING		
None		
SWEAR IN NEW MEMBERS/STAFF OFFICERS/AWARDS		
<p>Chuck Budnick presented Flotilla Awards for April 2013 Joshua Gray - Vessel Examiner Jack Margolis - Vessel Examiner</p> <p>Chuck Budnick presented USCG Aux Certificate of Appreciations for April 2013 Betty Hayes - Stormfest 2013 Event Oliver Leimback - Stormfest 2013 Event Vernon Shepard - Stormfest 2013 Event</p>		
OPEN MEMBERSHIP REMARKS		
None		
ADJOURNMENT		
Next Meeting	Wednesday, June 12, 2013	Location: Chick-Fil-A 4400 Highway 17 Murrells Inlet, SC 29576 (843) 652-9955 Show on Google Maps
Adjournment Time	2015	
Minutes Submitted By	Lawrence Koslap (FSO-CS/SR)	