

**Flotilla 12-04 Central Grand Strand
Meeting Minutes
13 March 2013**

Opening:

The regular meeting of Flotilla 12-4 was called to order at 1900 on 13 March 2013 at Surfside Beach Firehouse by FC Chuck Budnick.

Present:

Members: Chuck Budnick, Tom Williamson, Vernon Simmons, Jack Stacy, Nancy Johnson, Tommy Timberlake, Jack Margolis, Dolorene Arruda, Oliver Leimbach, Bud Shepard, Josh Gray, Eric Hurlin, Donald Siwinski, Tony Presson, Jim Nelson, Betty Hayes, Jeffery Nauert.

Guests: Erica Williams.

Minutes:

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Financial Report:

Bud Shepard reported a bank balance of \$686.66 plus deposits of \$34 and \$6 less \$189.00 (for Div. 12 dues) or \$537.66.

Coast Guard Comments:

Auxiliary Liaison BM 2 Jason Reiling reported it is kind of slow on the active side. A DNR boat flipped and they had to right the boat. Also they had to assist four people in a john boat who had become hypothermic. On the Auxiliary side only QE and assist active duty missions have been approved. Chuck asked Jason to go over CG boarding requirements. Jason said when boarding they were to ask questions, paraphrase, and summarize. If they run into drugs or a DUI they would get local law enforcement involved. Recently they did 3 boarding's. All had expired flares so they couldn't go offshore. The only requirement for a boarding is to have a boarding Officer, Petty Officer or Chief Petty Officer on the vessel.

Comments By District, Division Staff Officers Present:

Division Commander: None

Auxiliary Elected Officers Comments:

Flotilla Commander:

Chuck Budnick asked for approval to reimburse Tom Williamson for Life savers handed out at the Christmas parade. Also he asked for approval to purchase 10 more ABS manuals for PE. Chuck will pay directly and the Flotilla will reimburse him. Eric made a motion to do so. Jim Nelson asked about the propriety of doing it that way because Chuck can sign checks. Discussion followed. The motion was

approved after a second by Tom Williamson.

Matt Creswell's farewell party will be at Reserve Marina 12 April. Tommy Timberlake will e-mail details.

There will be a chart reading class this Saturday at Station Charleston. Anyone interested can meet Chuck at the Surfside Piggly Wiggly at 0545 Saturday.

2013 Tide Tables are at 12-10 for pick up. Tommy said he had picked them up and were available at this meeting.

An OPS training workshop will be held after the meeting. Attend at your discretion.

Chuck now has his IDC/IT certification. He needs volunteers for ABS instructors. Tom Williamson, Bud Shepard, and Jack Margolis volunteered. Chuck would like to get DNR involved in the classes. He is looking into classroom availability at Inlet Mall and Tupelo Bay.

At the CCU fishing seminars he said he pitched type 5 (inflatable) PFD's and the use of rescue radios (RTV).

Vice Flotilla Commander: None.

Immediate Past Flotilla Commander: None.

Staff Officer Reports:

Tommy Timberlake reported:

Information Services: Tommy reminded members to get in their 7029's submitted.

Member Training: There will be a ICS 210 class 20 July at the Brass Buckle, Station Charleston.

Eric Hurlin reported:

Marine Safety: Six sites were visited for Sea Partners-Environmental. Eric mentioned that radio telephone service on frequency 2182 may be degraded. You can use HF instead. Chuck remarked that most noncommercial boaters use VHF red button.

Marine Dealer Visits: Four visits were completed.

James Nelson reported:

Communications Services: All normal.

Jack Margolis reported:

Communications: Nothing new.

Operations: An OPS workshop will be held after the meeting.

Tom Williamson reported:

Public Affairs: Our next event will be Storm Fest 13 April. We will be working with 12-10 and are looking for volunteers. Future events include the Memorial Day parade. Tom talked about last years parade and discussion followed. Also according to news reports the Myrtle Beach Air Show will be held without the Thunderbirds.

Oliver Leimbach reported:

Human Resources: Our guest tonight Erica Williams is a former Coastguardsman. Erica said she misses the Coast Guard and does have her captain's license and a boat.

Ollie attended a leadership weekend where they talked about motivation for volunteering. He passed out a Volunteer Motivation Inventory and asked members to fill it out. Answers next month. Most popular reasons for volunteering, learning and values.

Aton: All Quiet.

Tony Presson reported:

Material: Friday after the monthly Flotilla meeting will be the deadline for material orders. Tommy Timberlake remarked that Tony has two boxes of 2012 DNR regulations available.

Tommy Timberlake for Billy Shaver reported:

Vessel Examinations: one VE completed. We had a good VE workshop. A schedule of planned VE's is on our web site.

Comments By District, Division Staff Officers Present: None.

Committee Reports, Future Plans:

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Swear in New Members / Staff Officers / Awards:

Josh Gray received his ID card. An ID card was also received for Larry Koslap.

Questions and Discussion by members: None.

Comments from members and guests:

Chuck said it had been a most frustrating month. The help desk is overloaded. The system is making it easier for members to update. Call Chuck if you have problems. Changes are being made. Some items such as OPFAC certification are being streamlined.

Training:
OPS workshop after meeting.

Adjournment:
Motion was made for adjournment by Jack Margolis and seconded by Don Siwirski.
The meeting adjourned at 1957 hours. The next general meeting will be held at the
Surfside Beach Firehouse, 10 April 2013 at 1900 hours.

Minutes submitted by: Tom Williamson, Secretary