

Dept. of Homeland Security  
US Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Flotilla 070-12-06 East Cooper  
Auxiliary – Record of Unit Meeting

Unit Number: 070-12-06

Location: Sea School, 624 B Marina Dr., Charleston, SC 29492 (Daniel Island)

Date: 20 July 2023

Time: 1900

Type of Meeting: Regular Business

The meeting was held in person and electronically via Zoom and was called to order by FC John Swink at 1900, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation by Dr. Phil Poole.

**Officers present:** FC John Swink, VFC Dawn Gallapis, FSO–IS, HR Joe Ego, FSO–PV, VE Bob Gerber, FSO–PB Mike Pascale, FSO-CM Rhett Myers, FSO-FN, PA Justo Torres, FSO–SR Kathy Pascale

**Members present:** Walter Runck, Wilfredo Rios-Fret, Phil Poole, Craig Hammer, David Desplaces

**Total attendance:** 13 present, QUORUM was met.

**Guests Present:** Diana Belknap, Travis Rogers, Braden Kushdilian, Dik Kushdilian, Mari Luiz Rios-Fret, ENS Tom Yurkin, Mikela Yurkin,

**Guest Speaker:** ENS Tom Yurkin, discussed mutual cooperation possibilities between flotilla 12-06 and CGC HAMILTON.

**Training:** None

A motion was made by Rhett Myers, seconded by Joe Ego, to approve the April minutes. The motion was approved.

**FC Announcements:**

- Awards will be presented at the next meeting; Susan White for Public Education hours, Mike Pascale for Watchstanding hours.
- Susan White taught a Water & Kids class at Sullivan’s Island Elementary. Will teach another in September.
- Welcome to guests in the membership process. Introduction of guests.
- D Train meeting and training session 9/19-9/24 in Orlando, FL.
- Making headway with facilities. Justo Torres's 24’ center console recently approved.
- Boat Crew Academy: Recently requalified are Walter Runck, Justo Torres, John Frassanito. If anyone else is interested in becoming qualified, let Walter know.

- Walter: Division meeting held on Sat. Mike Pascale was selected as Division Auxilarist of the Quarter. Mike has accepted the challenge and raised the bar with the Newsletter, Watchstanding, and Ombudsman.
- Elections coming up. Two elected jobs will be voted on in October. Appointed jobs will be filled for next year as well.

**VFC Announcements:** None

**Staff Reports:**

**Justo Torres: FN, PA:** Nothing to add

**Joe Ego: IS, HR:**

HR: 6 new applications, 2 or 3 will be coming back within a week.

IS: Please get your hours in in a timely manner.

**John Swink: OP**

OP: "Good Life" is back in business as a new facility.

**Susan White: PE, MT:** Not present

**Bob Gerber: VE, PV:** Nothing new to add

**John Frassanito: MA, NS:** Not present

**Rhett Myers: CM:** Division is doing a VHF net each month. Also, second Thursday of each month doing a HF directed net.

**Dawn Gallapis MS, CS:**

MS: In addition to report, will be starting Assistant Pollution Responder training in CHS. Starting 8/10 6:30-7:30 via Zoom, joining Sector CHS for training. Includes Hazmat training.

**Scott Heisler: DV:** Not present

**Mike Pascale: PB:** Nothing to add.

John Swink: John Frassanito will reschedule a Culinary Assistant class. Station Georgetown needs help.

Dawn Gallapis: Update on CGC CALHOUN – did well on shipbuilder trials, will be heading to Charleston in fall.

**Old Business:** Survival gear. Need to make sure active boat crew members have up to date PLBs.

**New Business:** Joe Ego: Group of new people coming aboard, Joe would like to set goal that all are BQ qualified within 30 days.

John Swink: There is a new virtual flotilla created in D7 for Chaplains. Phil Poole will be transitioning to the new flotilla. He will be officially a member of the virtual flotilla but will attend 12-6 meetings.

**Awards:** Awards to be awarded next month.

A motion to adjourn was made by Craig Hammer and seconded by Joe Ego.  
The meeting was adjourned at 1955. Next meeting will take place on 17 Aug, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by FSO–SR Kathy Pascale