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5. MAJOR CHANGES. Major changes to this Manual include: changing from instruction to manual format and changing the name from Ancient Mariner Award to Cutter Recognition and Heritage Programs. The Ancient Mariner Award is included as a chapter in this Manual.
6. ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT AND IMPACT CONSIDERATIONS.
  - a. The development of this Manual and the general policies contained within it have been thoroughly reviewed by the originating office in conjunction with the Office of Environmental Management, Commandant (CG-47). This Manual is categorically excluded under current Department of Homeland Security (DHS) categorical exclusion DHS (CATEX) A3 from further environmental analysis in accordance with the U.S. Coast Guard Environmental Planning Policy, COMDTINST 5090.1 and the Environmental Planning (EP) Implementing Procedures (IP).
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9. FORMS/REPORTS. Upon certification of permanent Cutterman Insignia entitlement, the unit will present the individual with the Cutterman's Certificate, Form CG-5064 and ensure proper documentation of this achievement. Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) is the Cutterman Certificate sponsor. The form can be found at: <https://cg.portal.uscg.mil/library/forms/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

10. REQUESTS FOR CHANGES. Units and individuals may recommend changes by writing via the chain of command to: Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751); U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7324; 2703 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE, Washington, DC 20593-7324, or via email at: [HQS-SMB-CG-751-CMD@USCG.MIL](mailto:HQS-SMB-CG-751-CMD@USCG.MIL).

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**CHAPTER 1 CUTTERMAN INSIGNIA**

- A. Introduction. The Cutterman Insignia represents the personal fulfillment of the professional training and sea service associated with a seagoing Coast Guard career. Personnel who achieve this distinction stand out as significant contributors to the seagoing Coast Guard. Participation in the Cutterman Insignia Program is not mandatory.
- B. Eligibility. Coast Guard personnel (active and reserve) accrue sea time for this award if they are both:
1. Permanently or temporarily assigned to a Career Sea Pay (CSP)-eligible vessel and serving on a ship or mobile unit whose primary mission is accomplished while underway in accordance with Section 4.B. of Reference (b). The term *CSP-eligible vessel* means a U.S. Coast Guard cutter, U.S. Government ship, or a ship contracted by the U.S. Coast Guard or other federal government agency for the performance of operational missions underway.
  2. Serving continuous periods of temporary duty aboard CSP-eligible vessels that span at least two calendar days but not less than 24 hours in duration.
- C. Sea Duty Exclusions. The following service does not count toward Cutterman Insignia entitlement:
1. Sea duty completed on non-Coast Guard vessels while a member of another armed force.
  2. Sea duty performed aboard a Coast Guard cutter or U.S. military vessel as a Cadet or Officer Candidate.
- D. Temporary Entitlement. Individuals (E-3 and above) meeting the sea-duty eligibility criteria outlined in Section B of this Chapter may earn temporary entitlement to the Cutterman Insignia as discussed below:
1. Members must complete cutter-specific WQS Damage Control modules.
  2. Members must also complete all required WQS, PQS, or JQRs for those watchstations, both in-port and underway, commensurate with the member's assigned WQSB billet.
  3. Members must display a general knowledge of the ship's overall mission, engineering plant capabilities, other mission-essential systems, and basic deck equipment to an oral examination board. The membership of this board will include, at a minimum, one Cutterman each from the Engineering, Deck, Operations and Supply departments (if applicable). The oral board will make a qualification recommendation to the CO/OIC, who will make the final certification determination.
- E. Permanent Entitlement. Members (E-4 and above) of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve, including inactive reservists, may earn permanent entitlement to the Cutterman Insignia by meeting the requirements for temporary entitlement and by completing both of the additional criteria listed below. Members who have already achieved permanent

entitlement to the Cutterman Insignia are not obligated to meet the new initial requirements but must renew their eligibility as outlined in Section B of this Chapter.

1. Accumulating not less than five years sea service from at least two tours of sea duty (PCS/TAD/TDY) that meet the criteria listed in Section B of this Chapter.
2. Being recommended by the chain of command and receiving a favorable determination from the commanding officer or officer-in-charge.

F. Renewing Qualification.

1. Members with temporary entitlement as Cuttermen upon transfer to another cutter will require renewing qualification. Renewing qualification will consist of watchstation qualification and a demonstration of general knowledge of the ship's overall mission, engineering plant capabilities, other mission-essential systems, and basic deck equipment.
2. An individual renewing qualification on same-type platforms is not be required to re-complete the platform-specific PQS/JQR previously completed.

G. Administration.

1. Commanding Officers and Officers-in-Charge will ensure that all requirements have been met before certification.
2. Upon certification of temporary entitlement, the unit will present the individual with the first issue of the Cutterman Insignia and ensure proper documentation in accordance with Subparagraph 4 of this Section.
3. Upon certification of permanent entitlement, the unit will present the individual with the Cutterman's Certificate, Form CG-5064, and ensure proper documentation in accordance with Subparagraph 5 of this Section. Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) is the Cutterman Certificate sponsor.
4. Temporary entitlement to the Cutterman Insignia will be documented in a Administrative Remarks, Form CG-3307 in the member's e-PDR with an entry as follows:

*[Date] Member qualified as a temporary Cutterman and is certified to wear the Cutterman's Insignia. Member acknowledges issuance of initial silver/gold Cutterman Insignia.*

5. Permanent entitlement to the Cutterman Insignia will be documented in Direct Access and in the member's e-PDR with an Administrative Remarks, Form CG-3307 entry as follows:

*[Date] Member qualified as a permanent Cutterman and is certified to wear the Cutterman's Insignia. Member acknowledges issuance of Cutterman Insignia certificate.*

6. A member previously qualified to wear the Cutterman Insignia may be deemed disqualified by their Commanding Officer if the member fails to abide by articles and regulations governing the Armed Forces of the United States. Commanding Officers will document this administrative action in Direct Access and in the member's e-PDR with an Administrative Remark, Form CG-3307. The decision to disqualify a previously qualified Permanent Cutterman must be given significant reverence; therefore, Commanding Officers are advised to seek guidance from Commandant (CG-751) before taking such action.

#### H. Manner of Wear.

1. The Silver Cutterman Insignia is worn by enlisted personnel and the Gold Cutterman Insignia is worn by officers. Individuals wear the color insignia actually earned. Personnel who change status from enlisted to officer have the option to wear the gold insignia only after meeting both of the following criteria:
    - a. Being assigned PCS to an officer billet as an officer aboard a cutter.
    - b. Meeting the requalification requirements of Section F of this Chapter.
  2. Until certification of permanent entitlement is earned, a member who has qualified for a temporary Cutterman Insignia must remove the insignia from his or her uniform while stationed ashore. If a member with previous temporary entitlement is assigned to a follow-on afloat tour, the temporary insignia can be worn once the member has completed the requirements of Section F of this Chapter. Once permanent entitlement is earned, the insignia will be worn afloat and ashore.
  3. A member who is assigned TDY with a previous temporary entitlement must demonstrate proficiency as a qualified watchstander and be recommended by the cutter's Commanding Officer to wear the temporary Cutterman Insignia.
  4. If a member is disqualified under the provisions of Section G of this Chapter, the insignia must be removed from the uniform until such time as the member requalifies.
- I. Eight Bells – A Sea Service Celebration. Eight Bells – A Sea Service Celebration was initiated on 18 October 2017 on the 43rd anniversary of the Cutterman Insignia program, which honors the sacrifices of the men and women serving aboard Coast Guard cutters and highlights the hard work of thousands of shoreside administrative, training, and engineering personnel who enable our fleet to operate. On 18 October 1974, the Office of Personnel promulgated the Coast Guard Cutterman Insignia program to "recognize the contributions and qualifications of our personnel." Today the Cutterman Insignia represents the personal fulfillment of the professional training and sea service associated with a seagoing Coast Guard career. Additionally, there are many serving who do not wear Cutterman Insignia yet make considerable contributions to the cutter community. The Sea Service Celebration calls special attention to their contributions as well. Since 1790, professional mariners have manned the decks of our cutters and braved the high seas, Great Lakes, and our inland waterways. It is customary for Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) to coordinate with the

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Surface Navy Association (SNA) to promulgate a creative writing or art-related competition to commemorate the celebration.

## CHAPTER 2 ANCIENT MARINER AWARD

- A. Introduction. The Ancient Mariner Award was established in 1978 to honor those who have chosen to accept the responsibilities of serving as a Cutterman and following the path of life at sea. This award not only recognizes seagoing longevity but also extols the officer and enlisted Cuttermen whose personal character and performance standards honor the most venerable practitioners of seamanship and reflect our core values. The Gold (officer) and Silver (enlisted) Ancient Mariner Award recipients hold this distinction until retirement, release from active duty, or upon display of unsatisfactory performance or conduct.
- B. Duties and Responsibilities.
1. Recipients are charged with keeping a close watch to ensure that sea-service traditions are continued and that the time-honored reputation and professionalism of the Coast Guard as a seagoing organization steeped in ceremony, customs, and courtesies are maintained. The Gold and Silver Ancient Mariners must routinely consult with the Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) regarding the state of cutter culture, afloat policy, seagoing rates, and any other topics pertaining to the afloat community at large. Gold and Silver Ancient Mariners play an important role as cultural advisors to the Commandant (CG-00) and to the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard (MCPO-CG).
  2. Recipients will be invited by area, district, sector, and unit commanders to attend and/or take part in any official ceremony that involves our seagoing community. This includes, but is not limited to:
    - Cutter commissionings
    - Cutter decommissionings
    - Dining-ins
    - Dining-outs
    - Changes of command
    - “Oldest cutter” ceremonies
  3. Recipients will be invited to participate in cutter naming boards and other applicable panels convened by the Personnel Service Center (PSC).
  4. Recipients will be invited to participate in public affairs events that portray our rich seagoing heritage.
  5. In all cases, attendance at each ceremony or event is dependent upon the availability of funds.
  6. Recipients notify Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) by message or letter, at least annually, of the events attended in their capacity as Gold or Silver Ancient Mariner.
- C. Description. The perpetual displays for each award are large wooden plaques that depict the Massachusetts, the first of the ten cutters authorized by an act of Congress and approved by President George Washington on 4 August 1790. The Gold and Silver Ancient Mariner

plaques will be engraved with each recipient's name and date of assuming this status, and both will be conspicuously displayed at Coast Guard HQ in the vicinity of the Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) office spaces or other appropriate location. Miniature, personal versions of these plaques are presented to the new award recipients at the change-of-watch (COW) ceremony.

1. The prospective Gold Ancient Mariner will receive an authentic fore-and-aft Revenue Cutter Service hat, gold epaulets, and World War II-era looking glass (with case) preceding the presentation of the small personal plaque during the award ceremony. Upon relief, these items will be passed on to the next recipient.
2. The prospective Silver Ancient Mariner will receive a replica of a traditional lighthouse keeper's hat and World War II-era looking glass preceding the presentation of the small personal plaque during the awards ceremony. Upon relief, the looking glass (with case) will be passed on to the next recipient.
3. Recipients are authorized to wear or display these items during subsequent retirement ceremonies, commissionings, decommissionings, and other appropriate gatherings in their capacity as the Ancient Mariner.
4. Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) will procure two nametags for each recipient that are authorized items prescribed for the uniform of the day. Each nametag must be 5/8-inch by 3-3/16-inch in size with black lettering on a gold background for the Gold Ancient Mariner, and black lettering on a silver background for the Silver Ancient Mariner. The lettering size must be 1/4-inch in height for the individual's last name and 3/16-inch for the legend *USCG ANCIENT MARINER*.
5. Award items (other than the Ancient Mariner nametags) must not be worn as a replacement for authorized uniform parts during unit inspections, daily routine, or as part of civilian clothing. They should be stored or displayed when not in use in a climate-controlled area out of the direct sunlight.

D. Eligibility Requirements. To be eligible for the Gold or Silver Ancient Mariner Award, candidates must exemplify the finest leadership abilities and adherence to Coast Guard core values and must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Gold Ancient Mariner:
  - a. Be a Coast Guard officer (W2 – O10) who has served on continuous active duty with ten (10) or more years of accumulated sea duty. For officers with prior enlisted service, a minimum of five (5) years of the accumulated sea duty must have been served as a commissioned officer. Personnel with broken active-duty service will not be considered. Temporary separation is an exception to this requirement.
  - b. Be certified for permanent entitlement to the gold Cutterman Insignia in accordance with Chapter 1 of this Manual.

- c. Have not received a derogatory report on any Officer Evaluation Report (OER). For officers with enlisted service, members must have maintained Good Conduct eligibility and have not received a mark less than four (4) in the professional dimensions of *Integrity*, *Loyalty*, and *Respecting Others* on their enlisted evaluations since achieving permanent eligibility as a Cutterman.
- d. Have a distinguished record of seamanship and leadership in the cutter community.
- e. Be eligible to hold the title of Gold Ancient Mariner for at least one (1) calendar year from the official award date.

2. Silver Ancient Mariner:

- a. Be a Coast Guard enlisted member (E6 – E10) who has served on continuous active duty with ten (10) or more years of accumulated sea duty. Personnel with broken active duty service will not be considered. Temporary separation is an exception to this requirement.
- b. Be certified for permanent entitlement to the silver Cutterman Insignia in accordance with Chapter 1 of this Manual.
- c. Have maintained Good Conduct eligibility and have not received a mark less than four (4) in the professional dimensions of *Integrity*, *Loyalty*, and *Respecting Others* on their enlisted evaluations since achieving permanent eligibility as a Cutterman.
- d. Have a distinguished record of seamanship and leadership in the cutter community.
- e. Be eligible to hold the title of Silver Ancient Mariner for at least one (1) calendar year from the official award date.

E. Selection Criteria. The Gold or Silver Ancient Mariner selectee will be chosen by panel based on the earliest date of designation as a permanent Cutterman and meeting the eligibility requirements.

- 1. For the Gold Ancient Mariner Award, members with prior enlisted service who satisfy the requirements of Paragraph 4.c. (1) may use their enlisted permanent Cutterman Insignia entitlement date.
- 2. If two (2) or more candidates have identical dates of designation, the candidate with the most sea duty while a member of the Coast Guard will be chosen as the Gold or Silver Ancient Mariner selectee.
- 3. The award may be earned only once.

F. Selection Process. The steps in the selection process are outlined below:

1. Once Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) becomes aware that a new Gold or Silver Ancient Mariner is needed, Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) will request a list of members who meet the minimum sea duty criteria as determined by the Personnel Service Center.
2. Commandant (CG-7) will send an ALCOAST notice announcing the beginning of the selection process and will include the earliest known date that an eligible member became a permanent Cutterman. Any member with an earlier date of Cutterman designation will be requested to contact Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) and provide a copy of his or her Cutterman Insignia certificate and proof of the minimum sea time requirement.
3. Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) will establish a list of candidates meeting the minimum eligibility requirements. Each candidate's date of permanent Cutterman eligibility, expected loss date (retirement), and creditable cumulative sea time will also be confirmed by contacting each tentative candidate on the list.
4. Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) will request that PSC OPM or EPM convene a panel to review the military records of the candidates to ensure that their performance of duty reflects the eligibility criteria. Each panel must include:
  - a. Chief, Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751), or his/her designated representative as President.
  - b. Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard or his/her designated representative.
  - c. Deputy Commandant for Operations (DCO) Command Master Chief (CMC) or his/her designated representative.
  - d. Other representatives that PSC selects.
5. PSC will forward a report with the name of the recommended Gold and/or Silver award recipient and first alternate for each to Commandant (CG-00) for final approval along with a draft ALCOAST that announces the next recipient for each award. The report must be routed through the following offices:
  - a. Assistant Commandant for Human Resources (CG-1)
  - b. Chief, Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751)
  - c. Assistant Commandant for Capability (CG-7)
  - d. Deputy Commandant for Operations (DCO)
  - e. Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard (CG-09)



6. After approval, Commandant (CG-00) will personally notify and congratulate each recipient and send an ALCOAST announcing the next Gold or Silver Ancient Mariner.
- G. Presentation. The incumbent's command will host the official ceremony that recognizes the transfer of the Ancient Mariner title. The Change of Watch ceremony will be conducted on, or immediately prior to, the incumbent's official date of retirement or release from active duty. The incumbent's command will assign a project officer. Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) will assist the incumbent's command with planning, as necessary. A template script is provided in Appendix B) of this Manual.
- H. Funding.
1. Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) funds the travel and per diem costs for the prospective Ancient Mariner selectee to participate in the Change of Watch ceremony.
  2. Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) funds the travel and per diem costs for the spouse of the prospective Ancient Mariner selectee to attend the Change of Watch ceremony in accordance with Reference (d). Commandant (CG-7) will serve as the Travel Approving Official for Invitational Orders for each Change of Watch ceremony.
  3. Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) funds the procurement of all personal plaques, nameplates, and accoutrements and ensure that these items are available prior to the commencement of each ceremony.
  4. The incumbent's command is responsible for all planning and costs associated with the Ancient Mariner Change of Watch ceremony. The procurement of invitations and postage, programs, seating, tents, reception items, etc., is governed by Reference (e).

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**CHAPTER 3 MASTER CUTTERMAN CERTIFICATE**

- A. Introduction. Coast Guard Active Duty personnel who have served aboard multiple cutters spending a majority of their career underway deserve special recognition. A distinctive certificate commemorating the achievements of a Master Cutterman has been created. Participation in this program is not mandatory.
- B. Eligibility. Personnel achieving Master Cutterman designation must meet the following criteria:
1. Be certified as a Permanent Cutterman in accordance with Chapter 1, Section E of this Manual.
  2. Accrue sea time on Active Duty in excess of 20 years as defined in Section Chapter 1, Section B of this Manual.
  3. Certificates will not be created nor awarded for members who retired before the creation of the Master Cutterman Certificate program in 2007.
- C. Execution.
1. Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) will query the Pay and Personnel Center (PPC) annually, review Statements of Creditable Sea Service (SOCSS), Transcripts of Sea Service (TOSS) and/or Certificates of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, DD Form 214, for those individuals with more than 20 years of sea time, and confirm receipt date of the permanent Cutterman Insignia. After confirmation, certificates will be created and forwarded to the Commandant for signature and then sent to the awardee's unit for presentation at an appropriate ceremony.
  2. Upon surpassing 20 years of creditable sea service, personnel may notify Commandant (CG-751). Members are advised that certificate award will not be based solely on e-mail or telephone notification. Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) will follow the same process detailed in Subparagraph 1, above.
  3. If a member's official SOCSS, TOSS, or Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, DD Form 214, does not reflect 20 years or greater of creditable sea service, a certificate will not be awarded. It is the member's ultimate responsibility to ensure that their official records reflect all authorized creditable sea time.
  4. Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) anticipates providing one certificate to each candidate during a career that reflects attainment of 20 years or more of creditable sea time. If a member accrues additional sea time after receipt of a certificate and desires an additional certificate closer to retirement that reflects his or her total sea time and afloat units, he or she should contact Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) for direction.

D. Description.

1. The original text of the Master Cutterman Certificate was created in 2007 by Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant (CG-00). It states:

*To all sailors who have crossed the deck of a cutter, from ghosts of the Revenue Marine to the United States Coast Guard, wherever ye may be;  
Let it be known that  
[Recipient Name]  
has stood watch, laid before the mast, made rounds, checked the navigational lights, monitored engine temperatures, launched boats as required, balanced the electrical load, provided rations, and otherwise attended to the watch, quarter and station bill for all evolutions required to guard the coast and defend the Nation for [enter appropriate numeral] years.  
Accordingly, all Cutterman with lesser sea time and those unaccustomed to venturing offshore shall show due honor and respect at all times.*

2. The text is surrounded by images of the specific cutters that the member served aboard during his/her entire Coast Guard career. The certificate will be printed on off-white parchment suitable for framing.

- E. Initial Awards. The first Master Cutterman Certificate was presented to CWO4 Paul E. Dilger aboard USCGC ABBIE BURGESS in 2007. CWO Dilger led all Coast Guardsmen, accumulating more than 26 years of sea time. The second certificate was presented to BMCM Mark W. Romesburg in 2008 at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. BMCM Romesburg was the leading enlisted member, having accrued more than 23 years of sea time during his career.

## CHAPTER 4 OLDEST COMMISSIONED CUTTER AWARD

- A. Introduction. This recognition was established to distinguish the Coast Guard Cutter that has served the fleet for the longest period of time. The term *Commissioned Cutter* includes both commissioned and in-service cutters as defined by Coast Guard regulations.
- B. Eligibility Requirements.
1. All “active, in commission” and “active, in service” Coast Guard cutters 65 feet and longer are eligible; this includes those cutters “in commission, special” and “in service, special.” CGC EAGLE is specifically not eligible for recognition due to her special historical status.
  2. The cutter with the earliest of active, in-commission or active, in-service date in the Coast Guard will be designated as the *Oldest Commissioned Cutter* and may be referred to colloquially as the “Queen of the Fleet.”
  3. The unit designated as the *Oldest Commissioned Cutter* will hold that distinction until it is placed in the status of “inactive, pending placement out of commission” or “inactive, pending placement out of service.” Major shipyard renovation periods, during which a cutter is in a “Special” status, will not be subtracted from its accrued service time.
- C. Presentation. Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) will determine which cutter is authorized to display gold hull numbers in accordance with Reference (f). A large bronze and wooden plaque is also presented to the new recipient upon transfer of the award. The name of each cutter recipient and the date the award is bestowed will be engraved on the plaque. Since this recognition is a symbol of long service to the Coast Guard and our Nation, it is fitting that an appropriate ceremony be conducted as closest to the official date of succession as practicable. A representative of the designated recipient must be present at the ceremony, which normally coincides with the decommissioning of the incumbent. Recognition of the “relief of the watch” should be part of the decommissioning ceremony; this can include the presentation of the award plaque. This information should be included in the Operating Facility Change Order (OFCO) of the incumbent, a copy of which will be forwarded to the new recipient.
1. Hull Markings. Gold (17043) numerals, per Reference (f), must be used in place of black or white letters on the vessel designated as *Oldest Commissioned Cutter*.
  2. Crew Nametags. In accordance with Reference (g), crewmembers serving aboard the oldest cutter in the fleet are authorized to attach the gold hull numbers of that cutter to their nametags using a permanent adhesive. The numbers must be of block style and must fit within a ½-inch square space. The numbers must be attached to the wearer’s right side of the nametag. The numbers must not obscure the individual’s name. The authorization is limited to the duration of the assignment to the oldest cutter in the fleet. The gold numbers should be purchased by individuals or with unit morale funds from local sources.

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**CHAPTER 5 HOPLEY YEATON AWARDS**

A. Introduction. The Captain Hopley Yeaton Cutter Excellence and Superior Cutterman Awards annually recognize two cutter crews and two Cuttermen. The Captain Hopley Yeaton Awards honor our legendary sea-going forebears and are intended to pay tribute to the legacy of resolve and professionalism he bestowed on the Revenue Cutter Service.

B. Sponsorship.

1. The Surface Navy Association (SNA) is the external sponsor for the awards (in 2017 the SNA absorbed the organization known as the Cutterman's Association).
2. The Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) is the internal coordinator.
3. SNA Mission: An association at the center of Surface Warfare. The association provides members (current and former seagoing service members) with support, programs, and various activities that enable professional growth, personal satisfaction, and camaraderie.
4. SNA Purpose:
  - a. To recognize the continuing contributions of the United States Navy and Coast Guard's Surface Forces with regard to the security of the United States.
  - b. To showcase professional excellence within the Surface Naval Forces (including CG Fleet).
  - c. To deal with the challenges that are faced by Surface Naval Forces with regard to national security.
  - d. To nurture communication among military, academic, and business communities.
  - e. To enhance and preserve the heritage of Surface Naval Forces.
  - f. To provide forums on professional matters affecting Surface Naval Forces of the United States Navy and Coast Guard.

C. Nomination Criteria.

1. The Captain Hopley Yeaton Cutter Excellence Award is presented annually to one large cutter (210 ft and above) and one small cutter (175 ft and below). All cutters are eligible, including those in pre-commissioning or commission-special status. Cutters are encouraged to provide nomination criteria to ADCON. Cutters recognized for this award will have demonstrated exceptional performance worthy of special distinction in categories including, but not limited to:
  - a. Operations and mission accomplishment
  - b. Commitment to crew and families
  - c. Cutter training and readiness

- d. Engineering
- 2. The Captain Hopley Yeaton Superior Cutterman Award recognizes one officer and one enlisted member from across the fleet who best exemplify the Cutterman spirit and Captain Yeaton's legacy. Members are ineligible for nomination if they have received NJP or other disciplinary actions within the past five years. Nominees must be Cuttermen (permanent or temporary with a minimum of one year of sea time) assigned to an afloat unit during the award period. Winners of this award will have demonstrated excellence in various dimensions, which may include but are not limited to the following:
  - a. Contribution to operational success
  - b. Training and other administrative proficiency
  - c. Personal leadership and adherence to the Coast Guard's core values
  - d. Embodiment of the Cutterman "can-do" mentality
  - e. Notable acts such as personal heroism and/or positive engagements with the public or professional mariners
  - f. Proficiency in ship handling, navigation, boat handling, deck operations, cutter engineering, and/or other professional mariner skills
  - g. Attainment of shipboard qualifications beyond normal expectations
- D. Selection. A selection committee comprised of active-duty officers, enlisted, and retired Cuttermen, representing all facets of cutter operations, will review all nominations and make recommendations to SNA for approval.
- E. Notifications. The Assistant Commandant for Capability (CG-7), as the flag sponsor of the award, will direct award recipient notifications.
- F. Presentation. Awards are normally presented in Washington, DC, in conjunction with the annual SNA National Symposium. If a unit representative or member is not available to receive the award at the symposium, the award will be accepted on his or her behalf and sent to the awardee's OPCON for presentation.



## CHAPTER 6 LINE-CROSSING CEREMONIES

- A. Purpose. This Section provides guidance for ensuring that appropriate behavior and individual respect and dignity are preserved during the conduct of ceremonies intended to establish or uphold the tradition of our service.
- B. Background. Traditional line-crossing ceremonies are an important, customary part of Coast Guard history and a noteworthy personal milestone for our personnel. These ceremonies mark a rite of passage in which those who have achieved the exalted status are initiated as “new arrivals.” In days past, this sometimes involved inappropriate behaviors, such as humiliating, degrading, and even assaulting inductees during initiations. These behaviors are not and cannot be tolerated.
- C. Discussion. Appropriately conducted line crossing ceremonies and associated crew activities promote pride, camaraderie, and well-being among the crew. Therefore, it is imperative that these ceremonies be meaningful events that emphasize seagoing lore and history while preserving the inductee’s personal pride and dignity. Every effort must be made to ensure that the ceremonies contain absolutely no sexual overtone or hazing. The Coast Guard’s Core Values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty, along with the provisions of References (h) through (k), must guide our conduct. Without the proper level of oversight, ceremonies can quickly change from benign, lighthearted activities that all can enjoy to offensive behavior that demeans and alienates members of our Coast Guard.
- D. Responsibility. Traditional ceremonies are permitted provided they abide by the guidelines set forth in References (h) through (k). Commanding Officers must always be cognizant of the type and tone of ceremonial activities planned and conducted. To this end, Commanding Officers must participate as an inductee in line-crossing ceremonies only if they are confident that they can maintain complete knowledge, oversight, and propriety of all activities related to the ceremonies. Commanding Officers must be sensitive to the perceptions of all crew members in regard to the effects on the working environment created by these ceremonies. But more important, conduct of Coast Guard personnel must always adhere to the ideals of the Commandant’s Human Relations Policy. Ceremonies must be conducted in a manner such that seagoing traditions are recognized and enhanced, while upholding our Core Values and ensuring the protection of each member’s personal pride and dignity.

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**APPENDIX A. CUTTERMAN MEMORIALS**

The following are the known memorials that salute Coast Guard Cutters and/or Cuttermen:

Cutter Forces Memorial, Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC
Coast Guard Memorial, Arlington National Ceremony, Arlington, VA
Decommissioned USCGC INGHAM (WPG 35), Key West, FL
Decommissioned USCGC TANEY, Baltimore, MD
Decommissioned USCGC MACKINAW, Mackinaw City, MI
Decommissioned USCGC MCLANE, Muskegon, MI
Decommissioned USCGC ACACIA, Manistee, MI
Decommissioned USCGC BRAMBLE, Port Huron, MI
Decommissioned USCGC LILAC, New York, NY
Decommissioned US Lightship AMBROSE (LV 87/WAL 512), New York, NY
Decommissioned US Lightship HURON (LV 103), Port Huron, MI
Decommissioned US Lightship CHESAPEAKE (LV 116), Baltimore, MD
Decommissioned US Lightship NANTUCKET (LV 112), Boston, MA
Decommissioned US Lightship PORTSMOUTH (LV 101), Portsmouth, VA
USS TAMPA Coast Guard Memorial, Gibraltar
USS SERPENS Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington VA
USCGC CUYAHOGA Memorial, Yorktown, VA
BLACKTHORN Memorial Park, St. Petersburg, FL
USCGC BLACKTHORN Memorial Plaque, Base Galveston, TX
WHITE ALDER Memorial Park, New Orleans, LA
USCGC WHITE ALDER Memorial Light, White Castle, LA
Captain Hopley Yeaton Memorial, Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT
Hopley Yeaton Walk of History Plaque, Grand Haven, MI
CDR Elmer F. Stone Statue, Air Station San Diego, CA
Rescue Flotilla 1 (The "Matchbox Fleet") Memorial, Poole, England
World War II Patrol Frigate Monument, Base Alameda, CA

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USCG Bering Sea Patrol Monument, Dutch Harbor, Unalaska, AK
Coast Guard Bicentennial Monument, Newburyport, MA
Anchor Memorial, Base Honolulu, HI
Decommissioned USCGC BLUEBELL's propeller at Columbia River maritime Museum, Astoria, OR
Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington, DC
U.S. Navy Memorial, Washington, DC
Decommissioned USCGC OAK engine room, Smithsonian National Museum of American History, Washington, DC
Navy and Merchant Marine Memorial, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Arlington, VA
The Lone Sailor Statue, San Francisco, CA
Armed Forces Memorial, Wilson Historical Museum, Wilson, NY
Dearborn County Veterans Memorial, Lawrenceburg, IN

**APPENDIX B. OTHER CUTTER COMMUNITY RECOGNITION PROGRAMS**

The following are recognition programs managed outside of Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) that recognize exceptional performance by individuals and units in the cutter community. Office of Cutter Forces (CG-751) provides support to award administrators, additional information for these programs can be found in Reference (1):

<b>Award</b>	<b>Administrator</b>
Culinary Specialist of the Year (CSOY)	CG-1111
Dining Facility of the Year (DFOY)	CG-1111
Independent Duty Health Services Technician of the Year	CG-1121
Excellence in Afloat Safety	CG-113
Captain Richard D. Poore	CG-45
Vice Admiral E.L. Perry	CG-45
Vice Admiral B.L. Stabile	CG-45
Rear Admiral R.S. Lucas Plaque (afloat)	CG-45
Gunnery Award, Major and Minor Caliber	CG-721

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**APPENDIX C. LOST CUTTERS**

The vessels of the Coast Guard, Revenue Marine, Revenue Cutter Service, and Light House Service lost in action.

CUTTER NAME	DATE OF LOSS	DESCRIPTION OF LOSS
<i>PICKERING</i>	SEP 1800	Lost in a gale (after transfer to USN)
<i>GOVERNOR WILLIAMS</i>	SEP 1802	Lost
<i>DILIGENCE (III)</i>	1806	Lost in a hurricane
<i>COMMODORE BARRY</i>	03 AUG 1812	Captured by British
<i>MADISON</i>	24 NOV 1812	Captured by British
<i>GALLATIN</i>	01 APR 1813	Lost as a result of an explosion
<i>SURVEYOR</i>	12 JUN 1813	Captured by British
<i>EAGLE</i>	OCT 1814	Captured by British
<i>CRAWFORD</i>	27 MAR 1829	Lost
<i>SAM PATCH</i>	DEC 1830	Lost
<i>DALLAS (VIGILANT)</i>	21 SEP 1836	Wrecked on a bar
<i>VIGILANT</i>	OCT 1844	Destroyed by a hurricane
<i>MORRIS</i>	11 OCT 1846	Driven ashore by storm
<i>JEFFERSON (CRAWFORD II)</i>	15 DEC 1847	Wrecked
<i>ALEXANDER HAMILTON</i>	09 DEC 1856	Lost in a gale
<i>FAIRY</i>	SEP 1854	Ran aground
<i>ELIZA</i>	MAR 1857	Ran aground
<i>FRYING PAN SHOALS LIGHTSHIP</i>	1861	Seized/sunk by Confederacy
<i>ALERT</i>	18 JAN 1861	Seized by Confederacy

CUTTER NAME	DATE OF LOSS	DESCRIPTION OF LOSS
<i>BUCHANAN</i>	18 April 1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>HELEN</i>	JAN 1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>WILLIAM R. KING (or KNIGHT)</i>	MAR 1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>WASHINGTON</i>	31 JAN 1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>CASS</i>	31 JAN 1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>DODGE</i>	02 MAR 1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>NORTH WIND</i>	APR 1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>YORK SPIT LIGHTSHIP</i>	APR 1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>WOLF TRAP LIGHTSHIP</i>	APR 1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>WINDMILL POINT LIGHTSHIP</i>	APR 1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>SMITH'S POINT LIGHTSHIP</i>	APR 1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>LOWER CEDAR POINT LIGHTSHIP</i>	APR 1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>UPPER CEDAR POINT LIGHTSHIP</i>	APR 1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>JASPER (or FIREFLY)</i>	1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>MCCLELLAND</i>	1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>BOWLER'S ROCK LIGHTSHIP</i>	1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>HARBOR ISLAND LIGHTSHIP</i>	1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>RATTLESNAKE SHOAL LIGHTSHIP</i>	1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>HOWELL COBB (USRC)</i>	1861	Seized by Confederacy

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CUTTER NAME	DATE OF LOSS	DESCRIPTION OF LOSS
<i>DUANE</i>	18 APR 1861	Seized by Confederacy
<i>(HOWELL) COBB (USLHT)</i>	29 DEC 1861	Driven ashore by storm
<i>HORSE SHOE SHOALS LIGHTSHIP</i>	1862	Captured by Confederacy
<i>HARRIET LANE</i>	01 JAN 1863	Captured by Confederacy
<i>COMBAHEE BANK LIGHTSHIP</i>	1863	Captured by Confederacy
<i>CUSHING</i>	27 JUN 1863	Captured/burned by Confederacy
<i>MARTHA</i>	16 JUL 1864	Captured/burned by Confederacy
<i>WINSLOW</i>	14 OCT 1864	Wrecked on a bar
<i>VIGILANT</i>	07 FEB 1866	Wrecked
<i>CHAOS</i>	AUG 1866	Ran aground
<i>FLORA (NEMAH)</i>	07 FEB 1868	Burned
<i>BOWEN</i>	AUG 1872	Capsized
<i>BRONX</i>	04 APR 1873	Foundered
<i>GUTHRIE</i>	17 NOV 1873	Grounded in hurricane
<i>PINK</i>	08 JUN 1881	Sunk
<i>NARRAGANSETT</i>	21 SEP 1887	Lost in a hurricane
<i>IVY</i>	23 JAN 1888	Crushed by ice
<i>GALLATIN</i>	06 JAN 1892	Sunk
<i>LV-37</i>	24 AUG 1893	Sunk
<i>BOUQUET</i>	29 AUG 1893	Wrecked in a storm
<i>LV-58</i>	11 DEC 1905	Foundered during tow

CUTTER NAME	DATE OF LOSS	DESCRIPTION OF LOSS
<i>LILY</i>	23 NOV 1911	Hit snag and sank
<i>HARTLEY</i>	02 APR 1914	Sunk
<i>COMMODORE PERRY</i>	27 JUL 1910	Lost
<i>ARMERIA</i>	20 May 1912	Struck/sank
<i>TAHOMA</i>	20 SEP 1914	Ran aground
<i>MCCULLOCH</i>	13 JUN 1917	Collided/sank
<i>MOHAWK</i>	01 OCT 1917	Collided/sank
<i>LV-6</i>	06 FEB 1918	Sunk by moving ice
<i>LV-71</i>	06 AUG 1918	Sunk by U-boat gunfire
<i>TAMPA</i>	26 SEP 1918	Torpedoed
<i>LV-51</i>	24 APR 1919	Collided/sank
<i>LEADER</i>	02 APR 1920	Burned
<i>COSSACK (AB-3)</i>	09 MAY 1925	Burned
<i>CG-114</i>	16 NOV 1925	Lost at sea
<i>MOCCASIN</i>	18 SEP 1926	Lost in hurricane
<i>CG-247</i>	18 SEP 1926	Lost in hurricane
<i>CG-248</i>	18 SEP 1926	Lost in hurricane
<i>CG-238</i>	20 FEB 1927	Capsized in storm
<i>CG-113</i>	25 JUL 1928	Collided/sank
<i>CG-188</i>	SEP 1928	Destroyed by hurricane
<i>POINSETTIA</i>	27 DEC 1928	Explosion/fire



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CUTTER NAME	DATE OF LOSS	DESCRIPTION OF LOSS
<i>CG-111</i>	07 MAR 1931	Burned
<i>CG-243</i>	23 OCT 1931	Destroyed
<i>CG-256</i>	12 OCT 1933	Wrecked
<i>LV-117</i>	15 MAY 1934	Collided/sank
<i>ALEXANDER HAMILTON</i>	29 JAN 1942	Torpedoed
<i>ACACIA</i>	12 MAR 1942	Torpedoed
<i>MUSKEGET</i>	09 SEP 1942	Torpedoed
<i>NATSEK</i>	17 DEC 1942	Lost (unknown causes)
<i>CG-85006</i>	27 MAR 1943	Explosion
<i>ESCANABA</i>	13 JUN 1943	Torpedoed or mined
<i>CG-83421</i>	29 JUN 1943	Collision
<i>LST-167</i>	24 SEP 1943	Bombed/burned (USN, CG-crewed)
<i>BODEGA</i>	30 SEP 1943	Ran aground.
<i>EM WILCOX</i>	30 SEP 1943	Foundered
<i>LST-203</i>	SEP 1943	Stranded on reef (USN, CG-crewed)
<i>EM DOW</i>	14 OCT 1943	Ran aground
<i>LEOPOLD</i>	09 MAR 1944	Torpedoed (USN, CG-crewed)
<i>FS-172</i>	19 MAY 1944	Sunk (Army, CG-crewed)
<i>LST-69</i>	21 MAY 1944	Burned (USN, CG-crewed)
<i>LCI(L)-85</i>	06 JUN 1944	Mined (USN, CG-crewed)
<i>LCI(L)-91</i>	06 JUN 1944	Mined (USN, CG-crewed)

CUTTER NAME	DATE OF LOSS	DESCRIPTION OF LOSS
<i>LCI(L)-92</i>	06 JUN 1944	Mined (USN, CG-crewed)
<i>LCI(L)-93</i>	06 JUN 1944	Mined (USN, CG-crewed)
<i>CG-83415</i>	21 JUN 1944	Lost in a storm
<i>CG-83471</i>	21 JUN 1944	Lost in a storm
<i>LV-105</i>	20 JUL 1944	Collided/sank
<i>BEDLOE</i>	14 SEP 1944	Foundered in a storm
<i>JACKSON</i>	14 SEP 1944	Foundered in a storm
<i>LV-73</i>	14 SEP 1944	Foundered in a storm
<i>USS SERPENS</i>	29 JAN 1945	Explosion (USN, CG-crewed)
<i>FS-255</i>	11 MAY 1945	Torpedoed (Army, CG-crewed)
<i>SHEEPSCOT</i>	06 JUN 1945	Ran aground (USN, CG-crewed)
<i>MAGNOLIA</i>	25 AUG 1945	Collided/sank
<i>PC-590</i>	09 OCT 1945	Foundered in a typhoon (USN, CG-crewed)
<i>CG-83301</i>	09 OCT 1945	Foundered in a typhoon
<i>FS-406</i>	09 OCT 1945	Foundered in a typhoon
<i>FS-163</i>	09 OCT 1945	Foundered in a typhoon
<i>FS-41</i>	09 OCT 1945	Foundered in a typhoon
<i>FS-290</i>	09 OCT 1945	Foundered in a typhoon
<i>LV-78</i>	24 JUN 1960	Collided/sank
<i>WHITE ALDER</i>	07 DEC 1968	Collided/sank
<i>CUYAHOGA</i>	20 OCT 1978	Collided/sank

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<b>CUTTER NAME</b>	<b>DATE OF LOSS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF LOSS</b>
<i>BLACKTHORN</i>	28 JAN 1980	Collided/sank
<i>MESQUITE</i>	04 DEC 1989	Ran aground/stranded

**APPENDIX D. REVENUE CUTTER SERVICE**

Notable Highlights of Revenue Cutter Service History.

- a. Directing the commissioning of the first Revenue Marine officers.

***From George Washington to Alexander Hamilton, 6 October 1790***

*To Alexander Hamilton*

*Mount Vernon Octr 6th 1790.*

*Sir*

*I have received your letter of the 29th ulto. The papers concerning Capt. Lyde, put into your hands by the Vice President, which you say were enclosed to me, have not been transmitted—but from the recommendations in favor of Captain Williams, I think him entitled to a preference. Not being possessed of any commissions, I have to request (unless your farther enquiry should point to more proper characters) that you will signify to the undermentioned persons my intention to appoint them to command the revenue Cutters on the stations opposite their respective names, and that you will furnish them with the necessary instructions for proceeding to superintend the building and equipment of their several Vessels.*

<i>Hopley Yeaton</i>	<i>New Hampshire</i>
<i>John Foster Williams</i>	<i>Massachusetts</i>
<i>Richard Law</i>	<i>Connecticut</i>
<i>Patrick Dennis</i>	<i>New York</i>
<i>James Montgomery</i>	<i>Pennsylvania</i>
<i>Simon Gross</i>	<i>Maryland</i>
<i>Richard Taylor</i>	<i>Virginia</i>
<i>William Hall</i>	<i>South Carolina</i>

*I am, Sir, Yr most Obedt Servant*

b. USRC PICKERING action during the Quasi-War with France.

W. H. Thiesen, PhD, Coast Guard Atlantic Area Historian:

*“In early October 1799, the French sent the most powerful privateer in the West Indies on a mission to take Pickering. With between fourteen and eighteen nine-and six-pound cannon, and double-manned with between 175 and 250 men, l’Egypte Conquise out-gunned and out-manned Pickering’s defenses of only fourteen four-pounders and a crew of less than one hundred. Termed by witnesses as “severe,” the brutal nine-hour gun duel occurred on October 8, 1799. The warships fought for five hours, broke off the firefight for an hour, and re-commenced the battle for three more hours. Exhausted and heavily damaged, with numerous dead and dying on her bloody decks, the privateer struck her colors and surrendered. Pickering’s epic battle with l’Egypte Conquise serves as a testament to his leadership and his crew’s bravery in the face of overwhelming odds.”*



Figure 1 - USRC PICKERING Takes a French Prize by Aldis Brown, 1937

c. USRC SURVEYOR.

Lt. John Crierie of the Royal Navy described his admiration for Master Samuel Travis's defense of the Revenue Cutter Surveyor in the Battle of Gloucester Point:

*"I am at a loss which to admire most, the previous arrangement on board the Surveyor or the determined manner in which her deck was disputed inch-by-inch."*



Figure 2. Battle for USRC SURVEYOR by Patrick O'Brien

d. USRC EAGLE.

*“The officers and crew, together with the volunteers, on board the cutter, have done their duty as became American sailors.”*

CAPT F. Lee, Commanding Officer, USRC EAGLE



Figure 3. USRC EAGLE crew battle to save the cutter by Aldis Browne

e. USRC HARRIET LANE.

Civil War Correspondent, B. S. Osbon, who had been aboard the cutter:

*“... an incident occurred, which I have never seen recorded, but which seems to me worthy of note. A vessel suddenly appeared through the mist from behind the Bar, a passenger steamer, which was made out to be the Nashville. She had no colors set, and as she approached the fleet she refused to show them. Captain Faunce ordered one of the guns manned, and as she came still nearer turned to the gunner.*

*“Stop her!” he said, and a shot went skipping across her bows.*

*Immediately the United States ensign went to her gaff end, and she was allowed to proceed. The Harriet Lane had fired the first shotted gun from the Union side.”*



Figure 4. USRC HARRIET LANE fires across the bow of Nashville.

f. USRC HUDSON in the Second Battle of Cardenas during the Spanish-American War.

*Executive Mansion*

*June 27, 1898*

*To the Congress of the United States:*

*“On the 11th of May, 1898, there occurred a conflict in the Bay of Cardenas, Cuba, in which the naval torpedo boat Winslow was disabled, her commander wounded, and one of her officers and a part of her crew killed by the enemy's fire.*

*In the face of a most galling fire from the enemy's guns the revenue cutter Hudson, commanded by First Lieutenant Frank H. Newcomb, United States Revenue-Cutter Service, rescued the disabled Winslow, her wounded commander, and the remaining crew. The commander of the Hudson kept his vessel in the very hottest fire of the action, although in constant danger of going ashore on account of the shallow water, until he finally got a line made fast to the Winslow and towed that vessel out of range of the enemy's guns, a deed of special gallantry.*

*I recommend that, in recognition of the signal act of heroism of First Lieutenant Frank H. Newcomb, United States Revenue-Cutter Service, above set forth, the thanks of Congress be extended to him and to his officers and men of the Hudson; and that a gold medal of honor be presented to Lieutenant Newcomb, a silver medal of honor to each of his officers, and a bronze medal of honor to each member of his crew who served with him at Cardenas.”*

*WILLIAM McKINLEY*

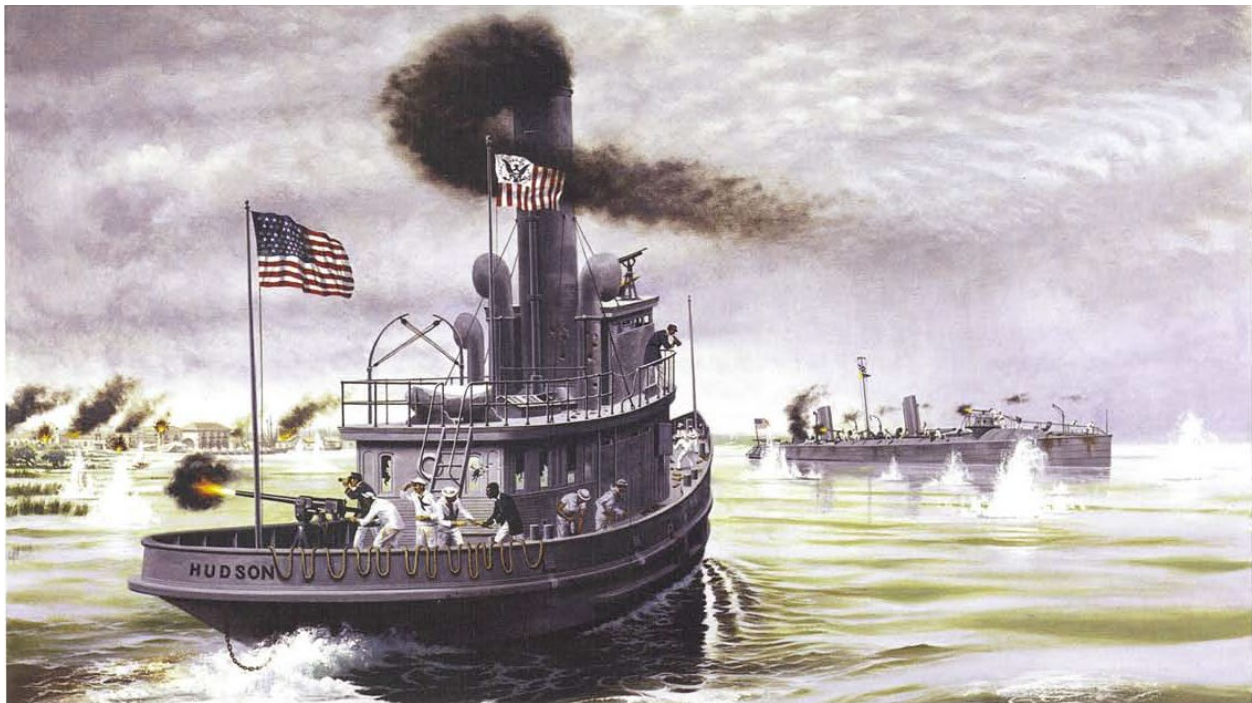


Figure 5. USRC HUDSON, moves to assist a disabled USS Winslow during the Second Battle of Cardenas.



g. Overland Relief Expedition.

President McKinley recommended Jarvis, as well as Bertholf and Call, for a specially struck Congressional Gold Medal.

An excerpt of President McKinley's letter to Congress:

*"The hardships and perils encountered by the members of the overland expedition in their great journey through an almost uninhabited region, a barren waste of ice and snow, facing death itself every day for nearly four months, over a route never before traveled... with no refuge but at the end of the journey, carrying relief and cheer to 275 distressed citizens of our country, all make another glorious page in the history of American seamen. They reflect by their heroic and gallant struggles the highest credit upon themselves and the Government which they faithfully served. I commend this heroic crew to the grateful consideration of Congress and the American people."*



Figure 6. Overland Expedition approaches whalers trapped in the Arctic ice.

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## **APPENDIX E. PERMANENT CUTTERMAN CEREMONY SCRIPT TEMPLATE**

CO opening remarks:

I ask that all Permanent Cuttermen onboard join me up front.

[RANK NAME] (normally the senior Cutterman aboard) please collect and pour water from the sea into the ship's bell (or Cutterman cup), a symbol of our mighty cutter [call crew to attention just before the bell is filled].

This water comes from the sea. As all seas and oceans flow together, this is the surface on which you have plied your trade for over 5 years and earned this insignia.

Will all the permanent Cuttermen place their Cutterman's Insignia and a touch of flavor from previous cutters served upon from our fleet into the bell/cup. Salt represents white hulls, dark sand for black hulls, and ice from all who served upon ice breakers.

[The senior most Cutterman goes first and then reads the history of the Cutterman Insignia while the remaining permanent Cuttermen take their turn.]

### History of the Cutterman Insignia

"The Cutterman's Insignia was instituted in 1974 to provide recognition for Coast Guard personnel who, in the tradition of professional mariners, have performed duties afloat in keeping with their grade and rate and who have endured the rigors and dangers of sea duty for a substantial period.

It signifies that they have exhibited the requisite professionalism and dedication to duty expected of seagoing Coast Guard personnel. The Insignia is a visible means of recognizing their qualities and identifies the wearer as a professional mariner.

The design can be divided into three basic areas. Each is representative of a Cutterman's special qualities. The wheel and the waves represent the heritage of the sea. The five-point star represents five years of sea duty and the center, the shield, represents the Coast Guard and its seagoing tradition."

[CO places his/her Cutterman Insignia in the bell/cup and calls the prospective Permanent Cutterman front and center.]

And now, we will ask you to draw from the sea an Insignia. In this bell/cup are Cutterman Insignia that represent over XX YEARS of combined sea time. From these devices and the experience they represent, from both Officer and Enlisted, from Deck, Ops, and Engineering comes your Insignia as you are a part and a product of all those Cuttermen who have helped you along the way. I'll now have [RANK NAME] pin on your new, much saltier permanent Cutterman's Insignia.

KNOW YE ... all salts, swabs, sea lawyers, landlubbers, sons of farmers and sand peeps wherever ye may be, AHOY! Let it be known that this sailor has distinguished himself/herself by

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sailing the seas and oceans for 5 years and is therefore designated a PERMANENT CUTTERMAN.

Enjoy your special designation as a Cutterman; you have earned it!

[CO closing remarks]

**APPENDIX F. ANCIENT MARINER CEREMONY SCRIPT TEMPLATE**

Ladies and gentlemen, may I have your attention please. The Gold/Silver Ancient Mariner Change of Watch ceremony will begin in five minutes. Please take your seats. For those of you carrying cell phones, I ask that you please place them in silent mode for the duration of the ceremony. Thank you.

Good morning ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to Coast Guard UNIT. I am [RANK NAME], the [POSITION], and I will be your Master of Ceremonies for today's event, the Change of Watch for the Coast Guard Gold/Silver Ancient Mariner. The Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral [NAME], will be the Presiding Official (or designated representative).

During today's ceremony, military members in the audience are requested to remain covered and to follow my command for hand salutes.

We are honored to have with us today [INSERT VIPs].

I would also like to introduce the Chaplain [RANK NAME], United States Navy Chaplain Corps, who has already joined me on the stage as a member of the Official Party.

Ladies and gentlemen the Gold/Silver Ancient Mariner Change of Watch Ceremony will commence with the arrival of the Official Party. Please rise and remain standing for the Rendering of Honors, our National Anthem, and the invocation.

Now, [RANK], arriving:

[RANK NAME proceeds to his/her chair on the stage and remains standing.]

Now, Gold/Silver Ancient Mariner, arriving:

[RANK NAME proceeds to his/her chair on the stage and remains standing.]

Now, Coast Guard, arriving:

[CCG proceeds to his/her chair on the stage and remains standing.]

Hand, Salute!

Four Ruffles and Flourishes and the Admiral's March played.]

Ready, two!

Color Guard, present the Colors.

[National Emblem March

Presents the Colors on their own commands.

Hand, Salute!

National Anthem played.]

Ready, two!

Color Guard, post the Colors.

[Posts the Colors and departs on their own commands.]

Chaplain [NAME] will now offer the invocation.

[Chaplain takes the podium, delivers invocation, and returns to his/her chair].

Ladies and gentlemen, please be seated.

The Cutterman Insignia is a qualification Insignia earned by Coast Guard officers and enlisted personnel assigned to Coast Guard Cutters 65 feet and longer.

The criteria for earning it are two-fold:

First, the individual must meet all criteria and qualifications to become watchstation qualified in accordance with the position to which the individual is assigned.

Secondly, the individual must complete critical damage control training applicable to their cutter.

Finally, the individual must demonstrate knowledge of the cutter, including deck and engineering equipment, other mission-essential systems and the cutter's missions to an oral board comprised of Cuttermen from each of the cutter's departments.

Following multiple assignments to Coast Guard Cutters totaling not less than five years of sea time, this temporary Cutterman qualification becomes permanent.

The Ancient Mariner award was established in 1978 to honor the officer and enlisted Coast Guard Cutterman who personifies the dedication and professionalism associated with long service at sea and who have held the distinction of Cutterman longer than any other officer or enlisted member. The Gold and Silver Ancient Mariners must have served a minimum of 10 years cumulative sea time.

The Ancient Mariners are charged with keeping a close watch to ensure that the sea service traditions are continued and that the time-honored reputation of the Coast Guard is maintained.

It is now my distinct pleasure to introduce the [XX]th Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral [NAME].

[CCG takes the podium, delivers remarks, and returns to his/her chair. Insert remarks.]

Thank you Admiral [NAME]. It is now my distinct pleasure to introduce the [XX]th Gold/Silver Ancient Mariner of the Coast Guard, [RANK NAME].

[Ancient Mariner takes the podium, delivers remarks, and returns to his/her chair.]

[insert remarks.]

At this time, we will commence with the Gold/Silver Ancient Mariner Change of Watch where [RANK NAME], the [XX]th Gold/Silver Ancient Mariner, will be relieved by [RANK NAME], who will assume the duties as the XXth Gold/Silver Ancient Mariner.

[CCG, Incumbent and Relieving step forward on the stage.]

Uniformed personnel, Attention!

[Faces CCG.]

Sir, I am ready to relieve the Gold/Silver Ancient Mariner of the Coast Guard.

[Salutes.]

Very Well.

[Returns salute. Faces Incumbent Member.]

I relieve you.

[Salutes.]

Very well.

[Retrieves Incumbent Member's combination cover (and new hat) from table, then proceeds over to Relieving.

Incumbent Member exchanges hat with combination cover. An assistant takes hat and swaps with the new one.

Hands Relieving Member the new hat.

Relieving Member exchanges Combination Cover with hat. An assistant takes Combination cover and old hat over to the table. Retrieves Long Glass.

An assistant hands Long Glass to Incumbent Member, then returns to table and stands by.

Incumbent Member Hands Long Glass to Relieving Member.

Faces Relieving Member, salutes.]

I stand relieved.

[Returns salute].

Very well.

[Faces CCG.]

Sir, I have set the [XX]th watch.

[Salutes Relieving Member.]

Very well.

Returns salute.

[Faces CCG, salutes.]

Sir, I stand relieved.

[Returns salute.]

Very well.

[An assistant retrieves Long Glass from Relieving Member, and places it back on table.]

Ladies and gentlemen, please be seated.

[Incumbent Member returns to his/her chair.]

Admiral [NAME] will now present the Gold/Silver Ancient Mariner Plaque to Relieving Member [RANK NAME].

[Retrieves Gold/Silver Ancient Mariner Plaque and hands it to CCG.]

Ladies and gentlemen, I am pleased to present the [XX]th Gold/Silver Ancient Mariner of the United States Coast Guard, [RANK NAME].

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[Retrieves Gold/Silver Ancient Mariner Plaque from Relieving Member and returns it to table. CCG returns to his/her chair.

Relieving Member takes the podium, delivers remarks, and returns to his/her chair.]

Will the guests please rise for the benediction and remain standing for the playing of Semper Paratus, and the departure of the Official Party.

[Chaplain takes the podium, delivers benediction, and returns to his/her chair.

Semper Paratus played. ]

Now, Coast Guard, departing.

Now, [XX]th Gold/Silver Ancient Mariner, departing.

Now, Gold/Silver Ancient Mariner, departing.

Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the [XX]th and [XX]th Gold/Silver Ancient Mariners, we invite you to join us for a reception at [LOCATION NAME] for food and refreshments. Thank you and have a great Coast Guard day!



## **APPENDIX G. MASTER CUTTERMAN CEREMONY SCRIPT TEMPLATE**

Good morning ladies and gentlemen. I am [NAME], U.S. Coast Guard Cutter [NAME]'s Commanding Officer. Before today's ceremony begins, I would ask that all cell phones be placed in silent mode. I would like to take this moment to welcome some of our distinguished guests.

Commandant, United States Coast Guard Admiral [NAME]

Commander, Coast Guard District X, [Admiral NAME]

Commander Coast Guard Sector X, Captain [NAME]

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, [NAME]

Fellow Commanding Officers, Officer in Charges and Cuttermen.

It is also my pleasure to introduce the family of [TITLE /NAME], his/her wife/husband, [NAME], and his/her parents', [NAMES].

Good morning and welcome to today's Master Cutterman Ceremony.

To be a Cutterman not only signifies time sailed on Coast Guard vessels. It is an accomplishment that represents personal fulfillment of professional training and sea service associated with a seagoing Coast Guard career. Personnel who achieve this distinction stand out as significant contributors to the seagoing Coast Guard service.

The Cutterman's Insignia was instituted in 1974 to provide recognition for Coast Guard personnel who, in the tradition of professional mariners, have performed duties afloat in keeping with their grade and rate, and who have endured the rigors and dangers of sea duty for a substantial period. It signifies that they have exhibited the requisite professionalism and dedication to duty expected of seagoing Coast Guard personnel. The Insignia is a visible means of recognizing their qualities and identifies the wearer as a professional mariner. The design can be divided into three basic areas. Each is representative of a Cutterman's special qualities. The wheel and the waves represent the heritage of the sea. The five-point star represents five years of sea duty and the center, the shield, represents the Coast Guard and its seagoing tradition.

Of the [##,###] Active-Duty members serving in the Coast Guard today, only [####] members have earned this distinction.

After the selection of the Gold (Officer) Ancient Mariner in 2006, a discussion began about the possibility of recognizing the Coast Guard member with the most sea time. In 2007, the Master Cutterman program was officially approved along with the design of the certificate. Cuttermen with 20 years of sea duty now earn the title and award of Master Cutterman. The certificate incorporates images of cutters associated with their career and is signed by the Commandant.

BOSN Paul Dilger was the first Master Cutterman and was officially recognized on 27 July 2007 after completing 26 years of Sea Duty.

At this time, [TITLE/NAME] will read a message from BOSN Dilger.

Of the all Active Duty members serving today, there are only ## with more than 20 years of sea service.

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Today we recognize [TITLE/NAME]'s accomplishments and sacrifice of many years at sea dedicated to serving our country.

In [TITLE/NAME]'s [XX] years in the Coast Guard, he/she has proudly served 20 years on board [XX] Coast Guard Cutters.

His/Her saltiness has forever left tarnish aboard the vessels on which he/she has served. These Cutters include:

[LIST]

Presenting the Master Cutterman's certificate this morning is [TITLE /NAME].

[INFO ABOUT PRESENTER]

It is now my honor and pleasure to welcome [NAME OF PRESENTER].

[PRESENTER REMARKS]

To all sailors who have crossed the deck of a cutter, from ghosts of the Revenue Marine to the United States Coast Guard, wherever ye may be; let it be known that:

[RANK NAME] has stood watch, laid before the mast, made rounds, checked the navigational lights, monitored engine temperatures, launched boats as required, balanced the electrical load, provided rations, and otherwise attended to the watch, quarter and station bill for all evolutions required to guard the coast and defend the Nation for 20 years.

Accordingly, all Cuttermen with lesser sea time and those unaccustomed to venturing offshore shall show due honor and respect at all times.

Signed,

[NAME], Commandant United States Coast Guard

It is now my Privilege to introduce the [##]th Commandant, Admiral [NAME].

[COMDT remarks]

[RECIPIENT TITLE/NAME] the floor is yours!

[RECIPIENT remarks]

This concludes today's ceremony. Thank you for joining us. Guests and shipmates are invited to congratulate TITLE/NAME on this remarkable achievement in his/her career.

## APPENDIX H. OLDEST CUTTER CEREMONY SCRIPT TEMPLATE

Ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon and welcome to today’s ceremony. I am [RANK NAME], [CUTTER NAME]’s [POSITION], and I will be your Master of Ceremonies.

[Eight bells struck]

The striking of eight bells that we have just witnessed is a longstanding maritime tradition, signifying the end of one watch and the beginning of a new watch.

This change of watch is why we have gathered here today – to recognize [CUTTER NAME]’s assumption of the title “Queen of the Fleet” – the Oldest Commissioned Cutter.

Already joining us on stage to provide today’s invocation and benediction is [RANK NAME], US Navy Chaplain Corp and [##]th Coast Guard District Chaplain.

For those guests carrying cell phones or other electronic devices, we request that you place them in silent or stand-by mode for the duration of the ceremony.

Ladies and gentlemen, please rise for the arrival of the official party and remain standing for the presentation of colors, the national anthem, and the invocation. Military guests, follow my lead for salutes.

Now, [OFFICIAL PARTY MEMBER NAMES AND TITLES], arriving.

[Hand Salute]

Ready Two

Color Guard, present the Colors.

[Hand salute]

[Post the colors]

Ready Two

Chaplain [NAME] will now offer the invocation.

[Invocation]

Ladies and gentlemen, please be seated.

[Ship’s Company Parade Rest]

A ship’s designation as the Oldest Commissioned Cutter is a recognition distinguishing the Coast Guard Cutter has served the fleet over the longest period of time.

Since the establishment of this designation, the honor of being the Queen of the Fleet has been held by only [X] cutters:

CGC INGHAM (WPG-35); commissioned 1936, decommissioned 1988

CGC FIR (WLM-212); commissioned 1940, decommissioned 1991

CGC STORIS (WMEC 38); commissioned 1942, decommissioned 2007

CGC ACUSHNET (WMEC 167); commissioned 1943, decommissioned 2011

CGC SMILAX (WLIC 315); commissioned 1944 – 20##

And now:

CGC NAME [DESIGNATOR XX], commissioned [YEAR] – and standing ready to relieve the watch.

It is my honor to introduce Commander, Coast Guard [##]th District, Rear Admiral [NAME].

Rear Admiral [NAME] assumed command of the [##]th Coast Guard district in [MONTH, YEAR]. In this capacity, he/she has overall responsibility for the full range of Coast Guard maritime safety and security missions carried out in the [BLANK] region, from [X] through [Y].

Ladies and gentlemen, Rear Admiral [NAME].

[District Commander remarks]

At a ceremony commemorating the longevity of a cutter it is only befitting that we have the Gold and Silver Ancient Mariners present.

The Gold and Silver Ancient Mariner titles are honorary positions held by the officer and enlisted members with more than 10 years of cumulative sea duty and who have held the qualification as a Cutterman longer than any other officer or enlisted member.

[INTRODUCE ANCIENT MARINERS IF PRESENT]

Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my distinct privilege to introduce Admiral [NAME], Commandant United States Coast Guard.

[CCG remarks]

We will now recognize the current active duty crew of CGC [NAME] with the presentation of their distinctive new name tags.

The name tags are unique in that only members currently attached to the oldest cutter in the Coast Guard are authorized to wear the hull number of CGC [NAME, #].

[OFFICIAL PARTY ASSIST IN PRESENTING NAME TAGS TO CREW.]

[CGC NAME's CO]: Admiral, request permission to assume the watch as the Oldest Commissioned Cutter.

[CCG]: Very well.

[Ships present sound one prolonged blast of whistle.]

[CGC (NAME) responds with two short blasts of whistle.]

Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my pleasure to introduce [RANK NAME], Commanding Officer CGC [NAME], the Queen of the Fleet.

[CO remarks]

Will the guests please rise for the benediction and remain standing for the retirement of the colors, playing of Semper Paratus, and the departure of the official party.

Chaplain [NAME] will now deliver the benediction.

[Benediction]

Color Guard, retire the colors.

[Hand Salute]

Ready Two

[Semper Paratus is played]

[Departure of official party]

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for joining us today for this special occasion. This concludes the Queen of the Fleet ceremony. Guests are cordially invited to join us for a reception on the pier shortly, all the cutters present here today have opened their decks for tours.