

GRADES AND RATINGS.



General Order No. 43.

U. S. COAST GUARD,
TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, May 18, 1920.

1. The act of Congress approved May 18, 1920, provides that "the grades and ratings of warrant officers, chief petty officers, petty officers, and other enlisted persons in the Coast Guard shall be the same as in the Navy, in so far as the duties of the Coast Guard may require, with the continuance in the Coast Guard of the grade of surfman."

2. Article 816 of the Regulations is amended to read as follows:

(a) The warrant officers shall be as follows:

- Boatswains.
- Gunners.
- Machinists.
- Carpenters.
- Pharmacists.
- Pay clerks.
- Acting pay clerks.
- Sailmakers.

(b) They take precedence of each other on the active list of the Coast Guard according to the order in which their names are borne upon the official Coast Guard register as kept at headquarters. The names of warrant officers shall be borne on the official Coast Guard register in the following order:

- (1) Warrant officers appointed boatswains from the grade of master's mate according to date of appointment as master's mate.
- (2) Boatswains appointed such from the grade of acting master's mate.
- (3) All other warrant officers according to date of appointment as warrant officer.

3. Article 817 of the Regulations is amended to read as follows:

Ratings of chief petty officers, petty officers, and other enlisted persons in the Coast Guard shall be as follows:

Classification.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS.

Seaman branch.	Artificer branch.	Special branch.
Chief boatswains' mates. Chief gunners' mates. Chief quartermasters.	Chief machinists' mates. Chief electricians. Chief carpenters' mates. Chief water tenders. Chief storekeepers.	Chief commissary stewards. Chief yeomen. Chief pharmacists' mates.

PETTY OFFICERS, FIRST CLASS.

Masters-at-arms, first class. Boatswains' mates, first class. Gunners' mates, first class. Quartermasters, first class.	Blacksmiths, first class. Coppersmiths, first class. Pattern makers, first class. Boiler makers. Machinists' mates, first class. Shipfitters, first class. Electricians, first class. Plumbers and fitters. Water tenders. Enginemens, first class. Painters, first class. Sailmakers' mates. Carpenters' mates, first class. Storekeepers, first class.	Commissary stewards. Ship's cooks, first class. Bakers, first class. Yeomen, first class. Pharmacists' mates, first class. First musicians.
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Classification—Continued.

PETTY OFFICERS, SECOND CLASS.

Seaman branch.	Artificer branch.	Special branch.
Masters-at-arms, second class. Boatswains' mates, second class. Gunners' mates, second class. Quartermasters, second class.	Blacksmiths, second class. Coppersmiths, second class. Pattern makers, second class. Machinists' mates, second class. Electricians, second class. Shipfitters, second class. Enginemen, second class. Carpenters' mates, second class. Painters, second class. Storekeepers, second class.	Ship's cooks, second class. Yeoman, second class. Pharmacists' mates, second class.

PETTY OFFICERS, THIRD CLASS.

Masters-at-arms, third class. Coxswains. Gunners' mates, third class. Quartermasters, third class.	Electricians, third class. Carpenters' mates, third class. Painters, third class. Storekeepers, third class.	Yeoman, third class. Pharmacists' mates, third class.
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SEAMAN, FIRST CLASS.

Seamen. Surfmen.	Firemen, first class.	Bakers, second class. Musicians, first class. Ship's cooks, third class.
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SEAMEN, SECOND CLASS.

Seamen, second class.	Firemen, second class.	Musicians, second class. Buglers. Ship's cooks, fourth class.
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SEAMEN, THIRD CLASS.

Apprentice seamen.	Firemen, third class. Landsmen.	Landsmen.
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MESSMEN BRANCH.

Cabin stewards. Wardroom stewards. Wardroom cooks. Warrant officers' stewards.	Citizens of United States: Mess attendants, first class. Mess attendants, second class. Mess attendants, third class. Not citizens of United States: Mess attendants, first class. Mess attendants, second class. Mess attendants, third class.
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4. Warrant officers of the Coast Guard are hereby appointed warrant officers as of May 18, 1920 as follows:

Masters' mates	To be boatswains.
Acting masters' mates	To be boatswains.
Keepers	To be boatswains.
Boatswains	To be boatswains.
Gunners	To be gunners.
Machinists	To be machinists.
Carpenters	To be carpenters.
Sailmakers	To be sailmakers.

5. Acting warrant officers are hereby permanently appointed chief petty officers as of the date of this General Order, as follows:

Acting keepers	To be chief boatswains' mates.
Acting boatswains	To be chief boatswains' mates.
Acting gunners	To be chief gunners' mates.
Acting machinists	To be chief machinists' mates.
Acting carpenters	To be chief carpenters' mates.

Commanding officers and district superintendents shall immediately upon receipt of this order recommend for examination for appointment as warrant officers in the grade for which qualified, each chief petty officer appointed such by this paragraph whose service has been satisfactory during that part of his probationary period as acting warrant officer already served.

6. (a) Petty officers and other enlisted persons are transferred as of May 18, 1920 from the ratings they held under the old classification of ratings and are hereby permanently appointed to the ratings provided in the new classification, as follows:

Old rating.	New rating.
Masters-at-arms ¹	With three years' service, or more, as master-at-arms, to be chief commissary stewards.
Masters-at-arms	With less than three years' service as master-at-arms, to be commissary stewards.
No. 1 surfmen	To be boatswains' mates, first class.
Electricians	With three years' total service, or more, as electrician and electrician, first class, to be chief electricians.
Electricians	With less than three years' total service as electrician and electrician, first class, to be electricians, first class.
Oilers, first class	With less than three years' total service as oiler, first class, and oiler, second class, to be enginemen, second class.
Blacksmiths, first class	To be blacksmiths, first class.
Plumbers, first class	To be plumbers and fitters.
Painters, first class	To be painters, first class.
Assistant masters-at-arms	To be masters-at-arms, second class.
Quartermasters	To be quartermasters, second class.
Electricians, second class	To be electricians, second class.
Carpenters, second class	To be carpenters' mates, second class.
Oilers, second class	With three years' service, or more, as oiler, second class, to be enginemen, first class.
Oilers, second class	With less than three years' service as oiler, second class, to be enginemen, second class.
Coxswains	To be coxswains.
Water tenders	To be water tenders.
Blacksmiths, second class	To be blacksmiths, second class.
Plumbers, second class	To be plumbers and fitters.
Painters, second class	To be painters, second class.
Electricians, third class	To be electricians, third class.
Baymen	To be pharmacists' mates, third class.
Seamen	To be seamen.
Surfmen	To be surfmen.
Firemen	To be firemen, first class.

¹ The term "old rating" as used in this paragraph means the Coast Guard rating on the date of the passage of the act.

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Buglers.....	To be buglers.
Ordinary seamen.....	To be seamen, second class.
Coal heavers.....	To be firemen, third class.
Cabin stewards.....	To be cabin stewards.
Wardroom stewards.....	To be wardroom stewards.
Cooks.....	Serving on vessels, to be cooks, second class.
Cooks.....	Not serving on vessels, to be cooks, third class.
Steerage cooks.....	To be warrant officers' stewards.
Cadet cooks.....	To be wardroom stewards.
Boys, first class.....	To be mess attendants, first class.
Boys, second class.....	To be mess attendants, second class.
Electricians, first class.....	With three years' service, or more, as electrician, first class, to be chief electricians.
Electricians, first class.....	With less than three years' service as electrician, first class, to be electricians, first class.
Yeomen.....	With three years' total service, or more, as yeoman and ship's writer, to be chief yeomen.
Yeomen.....	With less than three years' total service as yeoman and ship's writer, to be yeomen, first class.
Ship's writers.....	With three years' total service, or more, as ship's writer, to be chief yeomen.
Ship's writers.....	With less than three years' total service as ship's writer, to be yeomen, first class.
Wheelmen.....	With three years' service, or more, as wheelman, to be chief boatswains' mates.
Wheelmen.....	With less than three years' service as wheelman, to be boatswains' mates, first class.
Signal quartermasters.....	With three years' service, or more, as signal quartermaster, to be chief quartermasters.
Signal quartermasters.....	With less than three years' service as signal quartermaster, to be quartermasters, first class.
Machinists, first class.....	With three years' total service, or more, as machinist, first class, oiler, first class, and oiler, second class, to be chief machinists' mates.
Machinists, first class.....	With less than three years' total service as machinists, first class, oiler, first class, and oiler, second class, to be machinists' mates, first class.
Carpenters, first class.....	With three years' service, or more, as carpenter, first class, to be chief carpenters' mates.
Carpenters, first class.....	With less than three years' service as carpenter, first class, to be carpenters' mates, first class.
Sailmakers, first class.....	To be sailmakers' mates.
Oilers, first class.....	With three years' total service, or more, as oiler, first class, and oiler, second class, to be engine-men, first class.

(b) In computing length of service in any rating under paragraph (a) of this article, service as acting petty officer in that rating shall be included and all service in the rating (acting and permanent) shall be credited, whether continuous or not.

(c) Acting petty officers, without regard to time in acting rating, shall be rated to the grade provided by this general order for permanently rated petty officers of the same grade.

7. Until further instructions are issued chief petty officers, petty officers, and other enlisted persons are authorized to continue to wear the uniforms and rating badges they now have until no longer serviceable.

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8. Wherever in the regulations, general orders, circular letters, or other instructions issued by the department or headquarters there appears a grade or rating which this general order abolishes, substitute the corresponding grade or rating as established by this general order.

9. Until new complement lists are received, substitute the corresponding ratings as established by this general order for all ratings abolished.

10. Instructions relative to promotion of the enlisted personnel will be promulgated in the near future. Until such instructions are received no ratings shall be made to any of the petty officer ratings nor shall any person be enlisted in a petty officer rating after the ratings have been adjusted to corresponding ratings as prescribed by paragraph 6 of this general order, unless specifically authorized by headquarters.

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Secretary.

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