

ARTICLE VII.

GENERAL DUTIES OF THE REVENUE CUTTER SERVICE.

98. The general duties of the Revenue Cutter Service as fixed by law are as follows:

1. The protection of the customs revenue. (R. S., 2747, 2760, 2762, 3059.) Customs revenue.
2. The assistance of vessels in distress. (R. S., 1536, 2759.) Vessels in distress.
3. The enforcement of the laws pertaining to the quarantine. (R. S., 4792.) Quarantine.
4. The enforcement of the neutrality laws. (R. S., 5288.) Neutrality laws.
5. The enforcement of the navigation and other laws governing merchant vessels. Merchant vessels.
6. The protection of merchant vessels from piratical attacks, and the suppression of piracy. (R. S., 4293-4298.) Piracy.
7. The protection of the seal fisheries and sea-otter hunting grounds in Alaska. (R. S., 1956; 19 Stat. L., 357.) Seal fisheries.
8. The protection of wrecked property. Wrecked property.

- Timber reserves. 9. The protection of the timber reserves of the United States against deprecations. (R. S., 2460, 2463.)
- Firearms, etc., in Alaska. 10. The suppression of illegal traffic in firearms, ammunition, and spirits in Alaska. (R. S., 1954, 1955.)
- Slave trade. 11. The suppression of the slave trade. (R. S., 5557, 5560, 5563, 5567, 5569.)
- Mutinies. 12. The suppression of mutinies on board merchant vessels.
- Life-saving stations. 13. The superintendence of the construction of life-saving stations. (R. S., 4249.)
- Life-saving crews. 14. The inspection and drilling of crews of life-saving stations. (Act 18 June, 1878, c. 265, s. 8, v. 20, p. 164.)
- Fish and fisheries. 15. The assisting of the Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries. (Act 3 March, 1885, c. 360, v. 23, p. 494.)
- Anchorage of vessels. 16. The enforcement of the provisions of law in regard to the anchorage of vessels in the ports of New York and Chicago. (Acts of 16 May, 1888, v. 25, p. 151, and 6 Feb., 1893.)
- Cooperation with Navy. 17. The cooperation with the Navy when directed by the President. (R. S., 2757.)
- Refuge station. 18. The establishment and maintenance of a refuge station at or near Point Barrow, Alaska. (Act 2 Mar., 1889, c. 411, v. 25, p. 945.)
- The President may direct a revenue cutter. 99. The President may direct any revenue cutter to perform any duty, or make any cruise, which, in his judgment, may be necessary for the public service.
- The Secretary of the Treasury may direct a revenue cutter. 100. The Secretary of the Treasury may direct any revenue cutter to perform any duty which, in his judgment, may be necessary for the protection of the revenue.
- When revenue cutter is subject to the direction of collector of customs. 101. For duty connected with the collection of the revenue, each revenue cutter is subject to the direction of such collector of customs, or other officer thereof, as may from time to time be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury.
- Public service. 102. Revenue cutters shall be used exclusively for the public service, and in no way for private purposes. (Act 7 July, 1884, c. 332, v. 23, p. 199.)