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**BOW DESIGNATION OF COAST GUARD  
INDIGENOUS WATERCRAFT**

**I. PURPOSE:**

To prescribe the policy and procedure in the bow designation of indigenous watercraft found in the inventory of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

**II. SCOPE:**

This Circular applies to all existing indigenous watercraft of the PCG.

**III. DEFINITION OF TERMS:**

1. Indigenous Watercraft – are motorized banca with outriggers made of indigenous materials and utilized by PCG elements in the conduct of seaborne patrols and in the attainment of its other mandated functions.
2. OW – stands for “Outrigger Watercraft”.
3. Bow Designation – designated nomenclature and bow number of an indigenous watercraft covered by appropriate orders from HPCG.

**IV. POLICIES:**

- a. All PCG Indigenous Watercraft shall have bow designation for accounting and identification purposes.
- b. No indigenous watercraft shall be activated and included in the PCG inventory without bow designation assigned by HPCG. Accordingly, CPCG is the authority to direct the deactivation of indigenous watercraft.
- c. Bow number designations shall be numbered consecutively by districts.

c. Bow designations of deactivated Indigenous Watercraft shall not be used again and assigned to newly acquired watercraft.

**PROCEDURES:**

1. All Indigenous Watercraft in the present inventory of the PCG shall be given a new bow designation in accordance with this provisions of this Circular.
2. Bow designation shall be preceded by the two letters "OW" and followed a numerical designation of three digits. The first digit represents the District where the watercraft is deployed and the next two digits represent the consecutive numbering of the watercraft in that particular District.
3. The bow designation of CG Indigenous Watercraft is further illustrated hereunder:

<u>District</u>	<u>Number Designation</u>
1CGD	101 to 199
2CGD	201 to 299
3CGD	301 to 399
4CGD	401 to 499
5CGD	501 to 599
6CGD	601 to 699
7CGD	701 to 799
8CGD	801 to 899
9CGD	901 to 999
10CGD	001 to 099

**Example:**

1. The fifth indigenous watercraft assigned with 10CGD – OW 005  
First digit (0) represents – 10CGD  
Next two digits (05) represents the consecutive number (of the Watercraft in the 10CGD)
  2. The fourteenth Indigenous Watercraft of 2CGD – OW - 214
4. All bow designations shall be covered with proper orders from HPCG.

**TASK:**

The District Commander shall be responsible for the implementation of this Circular.

**V. RECISSION:**

Policies and procedures in conflict with this Circular are hereby rescinded.


**VI. EFFECTIVITY:**

This circular takes effect upon approval.

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