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**PCG SEA SERVICE
BADGE**

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1. REFERENCES:

- a. PCGM 07-01 "PCG Uniforms (S-2007)"
- b. HPCG Circular No. 06-10 dated 25 May 2010 "PCG Awards and Decorations"

2. PURPOSE: This circular prescribes the policy and procedures governing the award of the PCG Sea Service Badge.

3. OBJECTIVE:

- a. To recognize the qualification and competence of PCG personnel serving aboard PCG commissioned vessels and small craft including PCG manned BFAR MCS vessels;
- b. To provide policies, guidance and procedures for recommending, processing, deliberating and conferring of PCG Sea Service Badge.

4. SCOPE: This circular applies to all PCG personnel who are qualified as per its salient provisions to receive the above-mentioned award.

5. THE PCG SEA SERVICE BADGE:

- a. **Description:** A blue-colored compass rose enclosed in a three (3) stripped, orange-colored life ring floating on top and center of a symmetrical three (3) crested wave and a scroll below with the inscription "MARE MUNERI" meaning "Sea Service". Sea Service Badges for Officers are rendered in gold while EP Sea Service badges are rendered in silver.

The design of the Sea Service Badge depicts the following traditional and typical elements of the Coast Guard service:

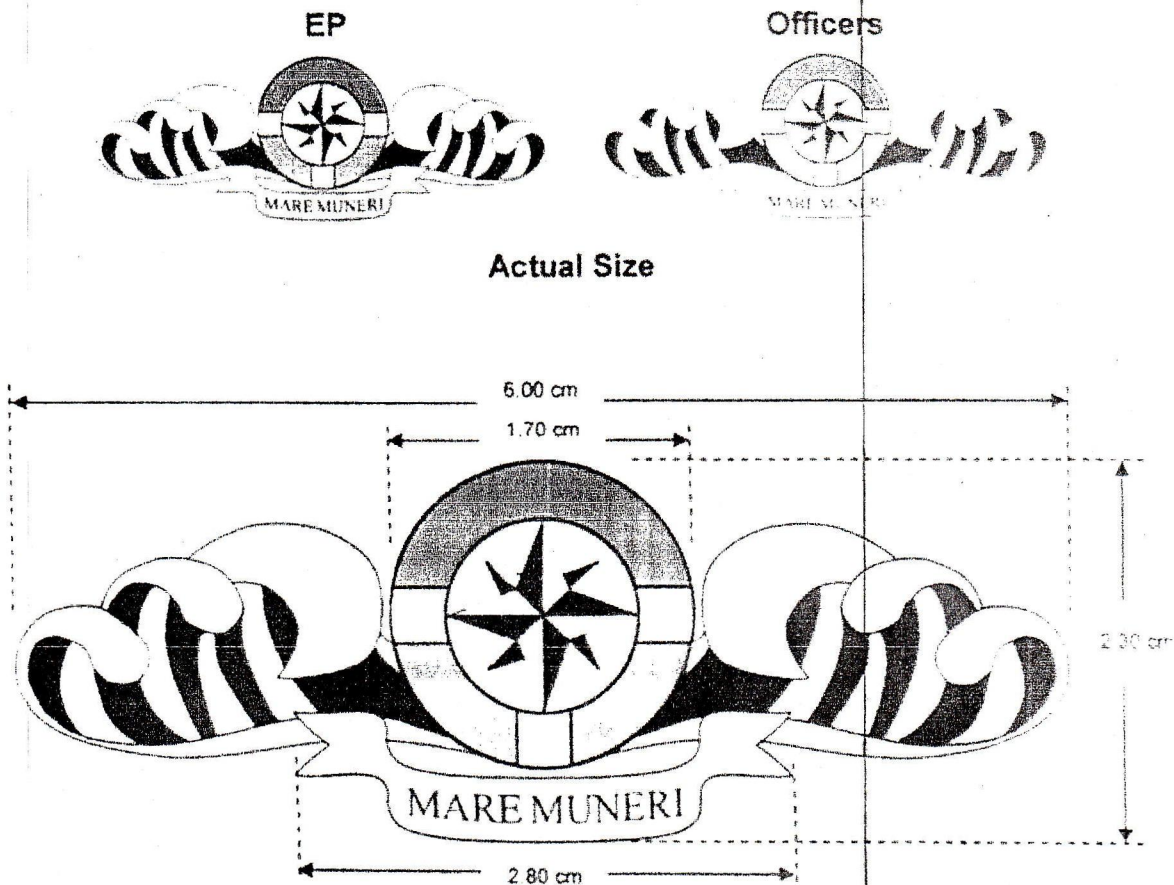
- 1) Three (3) stripped, orange colored life ring – represents the Philippine Coast Guard and its three (3) major functions, Maritime Safety (MARSAF), Marine Environmental Protection (MAREP) and Maritime Security (MARSEC);

- 2) Blue-colored compass rose – represents the different billets aboardship;
 - 3) Three (3) crested symmetrical wave – represents the maritime jurisdiction of the country which is the traditional area of responsibility of the PCG;
 - 4) Scroll with inscription “*MARE MUNERI*” – meaning “**SEA SERVICE**” represents our commitment to provide dedicated and uncompromising service aboard PCG commissioned vessels and small crafts in support of the PCG mission and functions.
- b. **To Whom Awarded:** PCG Officers and Non-Officers who have qualified, are performing and completed initial sea duty billets aboard PCG commissioned vessels and small crafts including those PCG manned BFAR vessels.
- c. **By Whom Awarded:** Commander, Coast Guard Fleet upon the recommendation of Commander, Ready Force.
- d. **Requirements for the Award:**
- 1) For Officer's –
 - i. must hold certifications and has been qualified by competent authority as an Officer of the Deck (underway and in port);
 - ii. Must have completed at least eighteen (18) months of sea duty.
 - 2) For EP –
 - i. must hold certifications and has been qualified by competent authority as members of navigational or engineering watch;
 - ii. temporarily awarded to those who have completed at least eighteen (18) months sea duty and are currently performing such duty aboard PCG commissioned vessels and small craft and PCG manned BFAR MCS vessels;
 - iii. Permanently awarded to those who have completed three (3) years sea duty.
 - 3) Certifications mentioned in para d1i and para d2i refers to certificates issued upon completion of required shipboard courses such as OOD/OOW course (for officers), Shipboard Familiarization Course, Ratings Specialization Courses, etc.

e. **Dimensions:**

- 1) Height – 2.30 cm (fm base to top of the lifering)
- 2) Length – 6.00 cm
- 3) Diameter of Buoy – 1.70 cm
- 4) Length of Scroll – 2.80 cm

f. **Illustration:**



6. **POLICY GUIDELINES:**

- a. The Commander, Coast Guard Fleet (CCGFLT) upon recommendation from the Commander, Coast Guard Ready Force (CCGRF) has the sole authority to approve the award of the PCG Sea Service Badge to qualified PCG personnel.
- b. For the purposes of this circular, the Commander, Coast Guard Ready Force (CCGRF) is the designated competent authority who shall determine the qualification and certify the competence of personnel serving aboardship. This designation can be delegated to current Commanding Officers, Officers In Charge and Boat Captains of PCG

commissioned vessels and small crafts including PCG manned BFAR MCS Vessels.

- c. Any personnel who meets the requirements for the award shall be recommended by their respective Commanding Officers (CO) who shall issue, among other documents, a certification (Encl 1) that the particular personnel being recommended has been qualified and are satisfactorily performing their current shipboard duties/ billets for the prescribe period.
- d. All COs shall ensure that all shipboard personnel shall have undergone the proper shipboard training courses from CGFREG or other recognized training institutions prior assignments to current shipboard duties/ billets.
- e. CCGRF shall ensure that sea duty records of all personnel performing sea duty are properly updated and authenticated through established personnel data management systems within their command. These sea duty records shall be the sole basis for determining that personnel being recommended for the award are qualified.
- f. CCGRF shall likewise ensure that certification and qualification procedures for shipboard personnel are properly implemented through the unit COs as this is one of the primary component for granting this award.
- g. All recommendations for this award shall be forwarded to CCGRF for processing and eventual endorsement/ recommendation to CCGFit. CCGRF shall process the recommendation using current procedures in verifying the authenticity of documentary evidences/ certification prior endorsement.

7. MANNER OF WEARING:

- a. The Sea Service Badge is worn above the line of medals/ribbons above the left or right breast pocket.
- b. Personnel currently performing sea duty aboard PCG commissioned vessels and small crafts to include PCG manned BFAR MCS vessels shall wear the sea service badge above the right breast pocket.
- c. Personnel not currently serving or have already completed the required sea service shall wear the badge above the left breast pocket.

8. TRANSITORY PROVISIONS:

- a. Upon approval and effectivity of this circular:
 - 1) Personnel currently performing sea duty and have already been certified and qualified as per the above requirements shall be awarded the sea service badge upon submission of recommendation and corresponding documentary requirements;

- 2) Personnel who have already completed the requirements for the award but are not currently performing sea duty shall be awarded the sea service badge upon submission, through proper channels, of recommendation and documentary evidences of sea duty duly authenticated by CGAO or RF1, CGRF (assignment orders, billet assignment orders, payslips, etc). In addition, other documentary evidences (certificates of training, certification from former COs and Department Heads, etc) shall be submitted as additional proof of qualification and competence.
- 3) Personnel who have completed the above requirements aboard non-PCG commissioned vessels and small craft are not qualified for this award. However, officers who have completed their junior billets aboard non-PCG commissioned vessels shall be qualified for this award upon resumption of sea duty (second sea tour) and compliance with the above-cited requirements for the award.
- 4) Officers who have been awarded the PCG Command at Sea Badge (PCG CAS Badge) to include those temporarily wearing the said badge by virtue of being awarded the initial CAS Badge are automatically qualified to receive this award.

9. RECISSION:

- a. Para 1s, section V of HPCG Circular 06-10 dated 25 May 2010 (PCG Awards and Decorations) and other related provisions in PCGM 07-01 is hereby modified upon approval and effectivity of this circular.
- b. Other policies that are inconsistent with this circular are hereby rescinded upon approval and effectivity of this circular.

10. EFFECTIVITY:

This circular is hereby implemented effective this date.

BY COMMAND OF VICE ADMIRAL TAN:

OFFICIAL:


ALGIER D. RICALFRENTE
LCDR PCG
Coast Guard Adjutant

AARON T RECONQUISTA
COMMO PCG
Chief of Coast Guard Staff

ENCLOSURE 1

(OFFICE LETTERHEAD)

Date

CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the following named personnel currently performing the **billet (s)** opposite their names are qualified and has been satisfactorily performing said billets:

	Name	Billet (s)	Period
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

This certification is issued in connection with their recommendation for the award of the PCG Sea Service Badge.

Name, rank and signature
CO, BRP _____ (____)