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**MEMORANDUM**

**For :** Commandant, Philippine Coast Guard  
**Thru :** Chief of Coast Guard Staff *g/h*  
Deputy Commandant, PCG *C/*  
**From :** Deputy Chief of Coast Guard Staff for Operations, CG-3  
**Subject :** Proposed Circular on Naming and Numbering of PCG Vessels  
**Date :** 02 March 2016

1. References: HWN from CPCG dated 01 March 2016.
2. Per above reference, CPCG made some comments regarding the proposed Circular on Naming and Numbering of PCG vessels. This includes the replacement of BRP "PATA" as a name of one of the MRRVs. He also commented in the naming of BRP Rizal to one of the small-sized vessels since it is already in the Philippine Navy inventory of vessels, as well as, the numbering of the smaller vessels and use of lighthouse names for vessels in previous circular.
3. In view of the foregoing, adjustments were made on the proposed circular as follows:
  - a. BRP Pata was renamed BRP Bagacay
  - b. BRP Rizal was omitted
  - c. The numbering of the smaller, sized vessel was changed for uniformity by having the first two (2) digits of the bow number to denote the length of the vessel and the last two (2) digits as the number in series.
4. On the use of lighthouse names, it is suggested to be maintained as this is unique identifiable only to the PCG. The previous circular was issued when the PCG was still under the Philippine Navy.
5. In this regard resubmitted herewith is the draft Circular for the CPCG's approval.
6. For consideration.

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<i>[Signature]</i> COMMANDANT



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CIRCULAR  
NUMBER 03-16)

**NAMING AND NUMBERING OF PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD VESSELS**

- I. **AUTHORITY:** Republic Act 9993 otherwise known as the "Coast Guard Law" and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.
- II. **REFERENCES:**
  - A. HPCG Memo Circular Number 01-01 dated 28 May 2001 - Placing of Philippine Coast Guard Identifying Marks on the PCG Buildings / Vessels / Aircrafts;
  - B. HPCG Memo Circular Number 01-01 dated 26 January 2001 - Numbering and Naming of Philippine Coast Guard Vessels;
- III. **PURPOSE:**

This Memorandum Circular provides policies and guidelines for the following:

  - A. Designation of names, bow and stern numbers, and class of PCG vessels that will be commissioned into the PCG service.
  - B. To improve the existing old policies, adopting the current resources development and improvement of the Command based on its acquisition programs and projects;
  - C. Help the Command and the government in facilitating and designating these vessels' own identity;
- IV. **SCOPE:**

This Circular shall apply to all PCG vessels, as follows:

  - A. PCG vessels that will be commissioned into the PCG service upon approval of this Circular;

- B. PCG vessels that were already commissioned to the PCG service prior the approval of this Circular shall retain their respective names, bow and stern numbers.

V. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

- A. Class – grouping of a type of vessel based on the similarity of their character and description. i.e., length, size and purpose.
- B. Commissioned vessel – a vessel placed on active service authorized to perform the official function of the agency.
- C. EPPV – Environmental Protection Patrol Vessel
- D. MRRV – Multi-Role Response Vessel
- E. PATL – Patrol Large Vessel
- F. PATV – Patrol Vessel
- G. PATS – Patrol Small Vessel
- H. PCG Inventory of Vessels and Watercrafts – official list of existing vessels and watercrafts currently under the PCG service;
- I. SARV – Search and Rescue Vessel

VI. POLICIES:

A. General:

1. For the purpose of this Circular, an official PCG Inventory of Vessels and Watercrafts shall be properly maintained, updated, compiled and archived for use and ready reference.
2. All PCG vessels commissioned into the PCG service shall use the acronym Barko Republika ng Pilipinas (BRP) as prefix of their respective designated names. However, it is not part of the vessel's markings and will only appear at the official PCG Inventory of Vessels;
3. All PCG commissioned vessels shall be classed according to their respective lengths as prescribed in this Circular.
4. All PCG vessels commissioned into the PCG service shall use a four (4) letter classification code as prefix of their respective bow and stern number. This will provide identification of the vessel as



to its size and purpose. However, it is not part of the vessel's markings and will only appear at the official PCG Inventory of Vessels;

5. Naming and numbering of PCG vessels shall follow the listing prescribed and enumerated in this Circular.
6. Prior the delivery and commissioning of a particular vessel to the PCG, all ship's specified markings, shall be completely and properly painted at the designated area of the vessel;
7. Names of decommissioned PCG vessel shall be automatically delisted.

B. Specific:

1. The Commandant, PCG shall be the sole approving authority concerning the provisions of this Circular.
2. All PCG vessels, of any type, that will be commissioned into the PCG service shall be specifically designated with class, class code, name, bow and stern number.
3. PCG vessels more than 125 meters in length shall be designated as "Kapuluan" Class with a class code of PATL (Patrol large Vessel). They will be named after the major island groups of the country to denote diversity and unity. They shall be numbered in single digit and named, as follows:

Name	Bow and Stern Number
BRP Luzon	PATL-1
BRP Visayas	PATL-2
BRP Mindanao	PATL-3

4. PCG vessels 80-125 meters in length shall be designated as "Bulkan" Class with a class code of PATV (Patrol Vessel). They will be named after the Philippine volcanoes to denote their character- huge, majestic and dangerous. They shall be numbered in two (2) digits and named, as follows:

Name	Bow and Stern Number
BRP Mayon	PATV-10
BRP Pinatubo	PATV-20
BRP Kanlaon	PATV-30
BRP Taal	PATV-40
BRP Hibok-Hibok	PATV-50
BRP Musuan	PATV-60

5. PCG vessels 35-45 meters in length shall be designated as "Parola" Class with a class code of MRRV (Multi Role Response Vessel). They will be named after the primary lighthouses in the country to denote the importance of the lighthouses which

provides light, guidance and direction. They shall be numbered in four (4) digits. The first two digits will refer to the length of the vessel and the remaining two digits will refer to the number of the vessel. As such, 44-meter vessels shall be named and numbered, as follows:

Name	Bow and Stern Number
BRP Tubbataha	MRRV- 4401
BRP Malabrigo	MRRV- 4402
BRP Malapascua	MRRV- 4403
BRP Capones	MRRV- 4404
BRP Suluan	MRRV- 4406
BRP Sindangan	MRRV- 4407
BRP Nogas	MRRV- 4408
BRP Cabaoangan	MRRV- 4409
BRP Bagacay	MRRV- 4410
BRP Sigaboy	MRRV- 4411
BRP Jintotolo	MRRV- 4412
BRP Cabadbaran	MRRV- 4414

6. PCG vessels 20-30 meters in length that will be commissioned to the PCG service shall be designated as "Kalayaan" Class with a class code of PATS (Patrol Small Vessel). They will be named after the islands in the West Philippine Sea presently occupied and administered by the Filipinos to denote their character- small, swift but with high potential and capability. They shall be numbered in four (4) digits. The first two digits will refer to the length of the vessel and the remaining two digits will refer to the number of the vessel. As such, 24-meter vessels shall be named and numbered, as follows:

Name	Bow and Stern Number
BRP Pag-asa	PATS-2401
BRP Patag	PATS-2402
BRP Kota	PATS-2403
BRP Parola	PATS-2404
BRP Panata	PATS-2405
BRP Likas	PATS-2406
BRP Lawak	PATS-2408

7. PCG MARPOL Vessels shall be designated as "Karagatan" Class with a class code of EPPV (Environmental Protection Patrol Vessel). They will be named after the Philippine Seas to denote their character-serene, clean and peaceful. They shall be numbered in four (4) digits and will be named, as follows:

Name	Bow and Stern Number
BRP Sibuyan Sea	EPPV-1100
BRP Camotes Sea	EPPV-1200
BRP Sulu Sea	EPPV-1300
BRP Samar Sea	EPPV-1400

8. Order of numbering shall be on a "first come first serve" basis during commissioning.

VII. TASK:

A. CGFLEET

- Shall oversee the implementation of the provisions of this Circular;

B. CGRF

- Shall implement the provisions of this Circular;
- Ensure that all PCG commissioned vessels have the designated classification, names, bow and stern numbers.

C. CG-3

- Closely monitor the implementation of this Circular.
- Shall collect data, update, maintain, compile and archive the PCG List of Inventory of Vessels and Watercrafts;  
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- Shall initiate and facilitate the periodic evaluation and review of this Circular.

VIII. PERIODIC EVALUATION:

This Circular shall be reviewed and updated to ensure its applicability particularly during acquisition and before delivery of vessels for the PCG service.

IX. EFFECTIVITY:


This Circular is effective upon approval.

X. RECISSION:

All previous publication in conflict with this Circular are hereby rescinded.

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