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[EXCERPT OF THE 1907 SECTION OF THE *REGULATIONS* RELATING TO
PAINTING OF CUTTERS]:

PAINTING.

784. 1. Except as mentioned in the following paragraph, the general scheme for painting revenue cutters is that the outside of hulls above the copper, or above the bottom paint, as the case may be, shall be white, and, except at the water line, on the rigging, and at the top of the smoke pipe, there shall be no paint in sight other than white and straw yellow. The living quarters, engine room, storerooms, etc., shall be painted white. (See art. 790.)

2. The hulls of vessels of the third class (harbor boats) shall be painted black, but in all other respects such vessels shall be painted in accordance with the regulations prescribed for the painting of the larger vessels of the Service.

3. The paint work on the outside of boats shall be white, except that the bottoms of power launches may be coated with copper paint up to the water line.

4. The decks of vessels shall not be painted, except when especially authorized by the Department.

5. The letters in the ship's name on the stern shall be gilded the letters on the bows of the boats shall be gilded or painted (lark blue. (See art. 756.)

785. Detailed instructions in regard to painting ships and boats, specifying the colors that may be used and the parts or places to which each color may be applied, and for caring for bright woodwork, will be given in general orders as may be necessary. (See arts. 801 and 802.)

786. In preparing the hulls of iron, steel, composite, and sheathed ships for general painting above the water line, and the bulwarks inboard, all rust spots and blisters must first be cleaned to the metal and the metal then cemented and painted. When dry, the entire surfaces shall be scrubbed with burlap or scrubbing brushes, using soap, fresh water, and, if necessary, fine sand to make them clean and smooth. The ironwork of wooden vessels shall be treated in the same manner. Paint must not be applied over scale, rust, or dirt.

787. 1. Hulls (outside), bulwarks, deckhouses, and other exposed parts shall be kept painted and in proper condition.

2. All paintwork shall be touched up as occasion may require.

788. When an iron or steel vessel is hauled out to have hex bottom cleaned and painted, care must be exercised that no paint which is firmly adhering to the bottom is removed; only the marine growth and foul accumulations shall be taken off. Steel scrapers shall be used only when necessary. Fresh paint shall not be applied until the bottom has been

thoroughly cleansed and dried.

789. When a vessel is docked for cleaning and painting, there shall be entered in the ship's log a note of the condition of the paint remaining upon tile bottom, the kind and number of pounds of cement used, and the kinds, and number of gallons of each kind, of paint and composition used, together with the number of coats of each, in repainting tile bottom.

790. The lanyards, service, and seizings of standing rigging, and other exposed hemp rope, shall be tarred or blacked at least once every six months. The exposed parts of wire standing rigging and other wire rope (except as otherwise provided in general orders) shall be painted lead color as often as may be necessary to prevent them becoming rusty.



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