



COMDTINST 1650.3
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COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 1650.3

Subj: BOAT FORCE OPERATIONS INSIGNIA CRITERIA

- Ref: (a) Boat Crew Qualification Guide – Volume I – Crew Member, COMDTINST M16114.10A
 (b) Boarding Officer/Boarding Team Member Personnel Qualification Standard, COMDTINST M16247.3B
 (c) Uniform Regulations Manual, COMDTINST M1020.6D

1. DISCUSSION. The boat force operations community is the Coast Guard’s primary source of direct service to the public and executes missions to support all five Strategic Operational Goals. The Boat Force Operations insignia is intended to identify those Coast Guard personnel currently working in the boat force operations field and to recognize the commitment of Coast Guard members who have repeatedly served in the community. The insignia, when silver-tone and highlighted with gold compass rose, boathook and oar, further distinguishes those members of the boat force operations community who have achieved a heightened level of qualification, knowledge and experience that includes both practical and operational components, with a broader understanding and appreciation for boat force command, management, support and leadership issues.
2. ACTION. Area and district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, commanding officers of headquarter units, assistant commandants for directorates, chief counsel, special staff offices at headquarters, group commanders, station commanding officers, and officers in charge shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this instruction.
3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. Uniform Regulations Manual, COMDTINST M1020.6D.
4. DESCRIPTION & DESIGN. This device will consist of one design with two color schemes to designate levels of professional development. The basic insignia design and color scheme is comprised of pewter-tone waves (representative of operations), crossed boathook and oar (representative of boats), and a superimposed compass rose (representing leadership and direction).

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For personnel who have earned additional qualifications (paragraph 5.b.2 below) the insignia will be silver with gold-tone compass rose, boat hook and oar. (see enclosure (1))

5. ENTITLEMENT. Enlisted members and officers of the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve (including inactive reservists), Coast Guard Civilians, and Coast Guard Auxiliary, who complete the criteria listed below, are entitled to wear the Boat Force Operations Insignia.

a. Pewter-tone Insignia:

- 1) Service requirements: Five years of cumulative service (in a satisfactory conduct status) at Boat Force field units. The following qualify as Boat Force field units: Groups, Activities, Bases, Sections, Marine Safety and Security Teams, Stations and Aids to Navigation Teams. Auxiliary service requirements: A minimum of 1 day per week of support, patrol or watch standing at a boat force unit for 5 years (or an equivalent amount of service representing a prolonged and dedicated commitment directly impacting boat force operations community).
 - a. For Activities, Sections, Bases and Groups combined with marine safety or aviation units – only service in a billet with direct and regular involvement in boat operations or boat support qualify (commanding officer determination).
 - b. It may be appropriate to credit time enlisted and auxiliary members serve in positions that are specifically designated for multi-mission boat operations at units not on this list (ex: boat divisions at Marine Safety Offices). In such cases, the unit shall submit a written request for determination of eligibility to Commandant, Office of Boat Forces (G-OCS) via their chain of command.
- 2) Qualification Requirements: Attainment of a boat crewmember qualification code (enlisted) or certification letter (officer) by completing the Personnel Qualification Standard (PQS) promulgated in reference (a). (For Auxiliary members: Attainment of auxiliary boat crew qualification completed in accordance with auxiliary qualification requirements.)
- 3) Command Endorsement: A favorable recommendation from the Group Commander.

b. Silver and Gold-tone Insignia:

- 1) Service requirements: Five years of cumulative service (in a satisfactory conduct status) at Boat Force field units as defined in paragraph 5.a.1 above.
- 2) Qualification requirements:
 - a. Attainment of a boat crewmember qualification code (enlisted) or certification letter (officer) by completing the PQS promulgated in reference (a).
 - b. Attainment of a boarding team member or boarding officer qualification code (enlisted) or certification letter (officer) by completing the PQS promulgated in reference (b). (Auxiliary members are exempt from this requirement.)

- c. Attainment of the Boat Force Operations qualification code (enlisted) or certification letter (officer) by completing the Boat Force PQS. Enlisted personnel at a Station or Aids to Navigation team in an EPO, XPO, or OIC billet will, by virtue of their successful service in these positions, have gained the knowledge and experience associated with the PQS and are therefore exempt from this requirement.

3) Command Endorsement: A favorable recommendation from the Group Commander.

6. TEMPORARY ENTITLEMENTS. Personnel who have served at their present boat unit for at least 6 months and have successfully completed the qualification requirements found in paragraph 5.a.2 may be authorized to wear the pewter insignia while actually assigned to a boat force unit/billet (as defined in paragraph 5.a.1 above) with command approval.

7. PRIOR QUALIFICATION.

4) Pewter-tone Insignia: Personnel must meet all the requirements as listed in 5.a above.

5) Silver and Gold-tone Insignia: Personnel who meet all of the following criteria prior to 1 September 2002 are entitled to wear the silver and gold-tone insignia:

6) Five years of cumulative service (in a satisfactory conduct status) at Boat Force field units as defined in paragraph 5.a.1.

7) Three of the five years of qualifying service as a qualified group operations center watchstander, Assistant and/or Operations Officer, Engineering Petty Officer, Engineering Officer, Executive Petty Officer, Executive Officer, Officer in Charge, or Commanding Officer of Boat Force Field units (as defined in paragraph 5.a.1).

8) Two of the five years of qualifying service as an active member of a unit's Ready for Operations program.

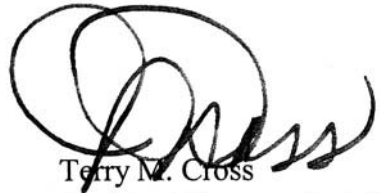
9) Commanding Officers shall evaluate the member's record to ensure the service is representative of a heightened level of qualification, knowledge and experience in boat operations.

8. ADMINISTRATION.

a. Commanding Officers and Officers in Charge will ensure that all requirements have been met before certification.

b. The pewter-tone insignia will not be worn in conjunction with the coxswain, □urfman or silver and gold-tone Boat Force Operations insignia.

- c. Issuance of the Boat Force Operations Insignia shall be documented with an Administrative Remarks (CG-3307) entry in the member's Personnel Data Record (PDR) and a copy of the CG-3307 shall be sent to Commander (CGPC-adm-3).
9. FORMS AVAILABILITY. Administrative Remarks (CG-3307) is available on the standard workstation in Jetform Filler.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Cross", written over a light blue grid background.

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Encl: (1) Boat Force Operations Insignia Illustrations

