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COMMANDANT OF MIDSHIPMEN INSTRUCTION 10123.1E

Subj: AUTHORIZATION TO WEAR CRAFTMASTER INSIGNIA

Ref: (a) MILPERSMAN 1200-040
(b) DIVPRODEVINST 3511.1N
(c) NAVPERS 15665J (U.S. Navy Uniform Regs)
(d) COMDTMIDNINST 1020.3E

1. Purpose. To issue instructions concerning requirements and procedures for authorization to wear the Craftmaster Insignia. No special markings appear since changes are extensive.
2. Cancellation. COMDTMIDNINST 10123.1D.
3. Background. The U.S. Naval Academy conducts Yard Patrol (YP) craft training cruises which transit the East Coast of the United States during the summer months and during the academic year through classroom training, Robotic Autonomous System (RAS) integration operations, Seamanship Training Team (STT) training, YP Squadron (YPRON) Extracurricular Activity (ECA) training, and various other YP tasking and operations throughout the year. Additionally, Sail Training Craft (STC) conduct training throughout the academic year and cruise and race along the East Coast and offshore during the summer. The responsibility for midshipmen safety during day and night operations in the open seas is shouldered by junior naval officers, Naval Academy Waterfront (NAW) crew members, and midshipmen who are assigned to the Naval Academy and have qualified as Craftmasters (CM) of YPs, or Skippers of STCs. When the YP or STC is underway, this responsibility is equivalent to an Officer of the Deck of a commissioned warship. Furthermore, the additional responsibility of a YP Officer in Charge (OIC), who is overall in charge of the craft and oversees the safety and employment of the vessel and crew, is the equivalent to a Commanding Officer of a commissioned warship; CM is one of the prerequisite requirements to become an OIC.
4. Objective. The objective of this instruction is to prescribe the criteria for recognizing those officers, enlisted Sailors, and midshipmen attached to the Naval Academy who participate in YP or STC underways as CMs or STC Skipper.
5. Discussion. Per reference (a), the Naval Academy has the authority to recognize those officers, Chief Petty Officers (CPOs), Petty Officers (POs), and midshipmen who have successfully completed the CM/STC Skipper qualification program, as set forth in reference (b), by awarding the Craftmaster Insignia.

6. Action. In implementing the provisions of this instruction, the following actions will be carried out:

a. The Deputy Commandant for Professional Development and Director, Naval Academy Sailing shall, for their respective programs:

(1) Monitor and maintain the standards for qualification outlined in references (c) and (d), ensure the standards for midshipman qualification are similar to the standards for officer qualification.

(2) Recognize each Officer, CPO, PO, or midshipman who has successfully completed the qualification program by authorizing the wearing of the Craftmaster Insignia, per references (c) and (d), for the remainder of their tour at the Naval Academy.

(3) Further recognize those officers or midshipmen who have qualified as YP CM/STC Skipper for a period of six months and who have participated in the varsity offshore racing, offshore sailing squadron, or Atlantic Patrol (LANTPAT) Summer Cruises, or YP Movement Orders by authorizing them to wear the Craftmaster Insignia as a permanent part of the uniform.

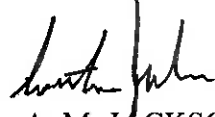
b. The Insignia, when authorized, shall be worn per reference (c) for Officers, CPOs, POs, and midshipmen. It will be worn on the active side (right breast) only when the Officer/CPO/PO/midshipman is performing duties as OIC, OTC, STC Skipper or YPRON Commadore or Pennant Commanding Officer in the workup and underway phases of any training cruise (LANTPAT, YPRON MO, OSTS, VOST, etc.) The Craftmaster Insignia replaces the star authorized for YPRON CDRE/COs in Article 3104 of reference (d).

7. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the DON Assistant for Administration, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at <https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact your local record custodian or the USNA Records Manager.

8. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, the PRODEV will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, Secretary of the Navy, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction.



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