

honorary membership in the Auxiliary. An honorary member of the Auxiliary, solely by reason of such honorary membership, shall not be entitled to any of the rights, benefits, privileges, duties, or obligations of regular members of the Auxiliary.

§ 5.27 Assignment to specific duties.

Members of the Auxiliary shall not be assigned to specific duties until they have been found, after appropriate training and examination, to be competent to perform such duties.

§ 5.29 Assignment to duty on a motorboat, yacht, aircraft, or radio station.

No member of the Auxiliary shall be placed in charge of a motorboat, yacht, aircraft, or radio station assigned to Coast Guard duty unless he has been specifically designated by authority of the Commandant to perform such duty.

§ 5.31 Power and authority.

Members of the Auxiliary, when assigned to specific duties shall, unless otherwise limited by the Commandant, be vested with the same power and authority, in execution of such duties, as members of the regular Coast Guard assigned to similar duties.

§ 5.33 Training, examination, and assignment.

The Commandant will prescribe the type of training, qualifications and examinations required before a member of the Auxiliary shall be deemed qualified to perform certain duties, and will prescribe the circumstances and manner in which certain members of the Auxiliary shall be authorized to perform regular and emergency specific duties.

§ 5.35 Use of facilities.

Section 826 of Title 14, U.S. Code, reads as follows:

The Coast Guard may utilize for any purpose incident to carrying out its functions and duties as authorized by the Secretary any motorboat, yacht, aircraft, or radio station placed at its disposition for any of such purposes by any member of the Auxiliary, by any corporation, partnership, or association,

or by any State or political subdivision thereof.

[CGFR 59-58, 24 FR 10717, Dec. 25, 1959]

§ 5.37 Offer of facilities.

Any member of the Auxiliary desiring to place a vessel, aircraft, or radio station at the disposal of the Coast Guard pursuant to the Act and the regulations in this part, shall communicate with the Commander of the Coast Guard district in which located indicating in such communication which facility is offered. Except in emergencies, an offer to the Coast Guard must be made on the prescribed form.

[CGFR 59-58, 24 FR 10717, Dec. 25, 1959]

§ 5.39 Acceptance of facilities.

No vessel, aircraft or radio station shall be deemed loaned to the Coast Guard until an acceptance, on the prescribed form, has been signed on behalf of the Coast Guard by a person authorized by the Commandant to sign such acceptance and a complete inventory of consumable and expendable stores and equipment has been made and mutually settled by the owner and the representative of the Coast Guard.

[CGFR 59-58, 24 FR 10717, Dec. 25, 1959]

§ 5.41 Emergencies.

In an emergency, as declared by the Commandant, the offer of a vessel, aircraft, or radio station may be made without the use of the prescribed form, and such facility may be accepted on behalf of the Coast Guard without the use of the acceptance section of the above form or the inventory last above mentioned.

[CGFR 59-58, 24 FR 10717, Dec. 25, 1959]

§ 5.43 Public vessels, aircraft, and radio stations.

While assigned to Coast Guard duty as authorized herein:

(a) Any motorboat or yacht shall be deemed to be a public vessel of the United States, and within the meaning of section 827 of title 14, U.S. Code, shall be deemed to be a vessel of the United States Coast Guard.

(b) Any aircraft shall be deemed to be a vessel of the United States Coast

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Guard within the meaning of section 828 of title 14, U.S. Code, and shall be deemed to be a "public aircraft" within the meaning of the act of June 23, 1958 (72 Stat. 737; 49 U.S.C. 1301).

(c) Any radio station shall be deemed to be a radio station of the United States Coast Guard and a "Government station" within the meaning of section 829, title 14, U.S. Code.

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§ 5.45 Return of facility.

A vessel, aircraft, or radio station placed at the disposal of the Coast Guard for a specific period, shall be returned at the expiration of such period, unless circumstances or emergent need make the return impracticable at that time. The Commandant will determine the method, time, and documents to be exchanged upon the return to the owner of any facility. The property shall be reinventoried as of the time, date and place of redelivery, and mutually settled by the owner and the representative of the Coast Guard. Should the vessel have been accepted under emergent conditions, any claim for lost equipment or stores must be supported by invoices showing the date of purchase and the cost thereof by the person submitting claim therefor. The representative of the Coast Guard shall take all proper precautions to protect the interest of the owner as well as that of the United States.

§ 5.47 Auxiliary ensign.

(a) The Coast Guard Auxiliary ensign is a distinguishing mark, authorized by the Secretary, and may be displayed by any vessel, aircraft, or radio station at such times and under such circumstances as may be authorized by the Commandant. The penalty for the unauthorized flying of any ensign, flag or pennant of the Auxiliary is set forth in § 5.67 of this part.

(b) The field of the Auxiliary ensign is medium blue (Coast Guard blue) with a broad diagonal white slash upon which a matching blue Coast Guard Auxiliary emblem is centered. The white slash shall be at a 70 degree angle, rising away from the hoist.

(c) The Auxiliary emblem consists of a disk with the shield of the Coat of Arms of the United States cir-

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cumscribed by an annulet edged and inscribed "U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY" all in front of two crossed anchors.

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§ 5.48 Auxiliary Patrol Boat ensign.

(a) The Coast Guard Auxiliary Patrol Boat ensign is authorized to be flown on all Auxiliary Operational Facility vessels under orders. The penalty for the unauthorized flying of any ensign, flag or pennant of the Auxiliary is set forth in § 5.67 of this part.

(b) The field of the Auxiliary Patrol Boat ensign is white. A medium blue (Coast Guard blue) Coast Guard Auxiliary emblem is centered on a broad diagonal red (Coast Guard red) slash which is at a 70 degree angle, rising toward the hoist. The red (Coast Guard red) slash is followed, away from the hoist, by two narrow, parallel stripes, first a white stripe and then a medium blue (Coast Guard blue) stripe. The entire design is centered on the ensign.

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§ 5.49 Reimbursement for expenses.

Any person whose vessel, aircraft, or radio station has been offered to and accepted by the Coast Guard shall, in accordance with instructions of the Commandant, be reimbursed for the actual necessary expenses of operation of such vessel, aircraft, or radio station when assigned to Coast Guard duty. "Actual necessary expenses of operation" includes payment for fuel, oil, power, water, supplies, provisions, and replacement or repair of equipment.

§ 5.51 Damaged equipment or facilities.

The Commandant will prescribe the nature of reports to be made and the procedure to be followed upon the return of a vessel, aircraft, or radio station. If such report shows that the vessel, aircraft, or radio station has been damaged, or that any equipment thereof is in need of replacement or repair, the Commandant shall cause an investigation to be made. If, as a result of such investigation, it is found that the responsibility for the damage rests