§ 5.05 Organization.

The Auxiliary is a nonmilitary organization administered by the Commandant, under the direction of the Secretary.

§ 5.07 Administration.

Any authority vested in the Commandant by this part may be delegated by him to such personnel of the Coast Guard, in such manner and to such extent, as he deems necessary or appropriate for the functioning, organization, and internal administration of the Auxiliary.

§ 5.09 Eligibility for membership.

To be eligible for membership in the Auxiliary, a person (male or female) must be over 17 years of age; a citizen of the United States or of its Territories and possessions; and either own not less than a twenty-five percent interest in a motorboat, yacht, aircraft, or radio station; or have had such special training or experience as to qualify him in the opinion of the Commandant, for duty in the Auxiliary.

§ 5.11 Membership in military organizations.

Members of the Auxiliary may also be enrolled, enlisted or commissioned in the Coast Guard Reserve. Membership in the Auxiliary is not a bar to membership in any other naval or military organization.

§ 5.13 Application for membership.

Application for membership in the Auxiliary shall be made on the prescribed form which may be obtained from the Commander of the Coast Guard district in which located. Membership is based on the needs of the Auxiliary and will necessarily vary in the various Coast Guard districts.

§ 5.15 Admission to membership.

An applicant who is accepted for membership shall be enrolled in the Auxiliary and shall be issued a membership certificate and identification card. Mere ownership of such a certificate or card shall not entitle a member of the Auxiliary to be vested with or exercise any right, privilege, power, or duty vested in or imposed upon the personnel of the Coast Guard or the Coast Guard Reserve.

§ 5.17 Disenrollment.

A member of the Auxiliary shall be disenrolled on request; upon ceasing to possess the qualifications for membership; for cause; upon direction of the Commandant; or upon death.

§ 5.19 Training.

The Commandant may authorize members of the Auxiliary to pursue correspondence courses conducted by the Coast Guard Institute at cost when the furnishing of such courses does not interfere with other regular Coast Guard activities.

§ 5.21 Ranks, titles, designations, or grades.

The members of the Auxiliary shall have such ranks, titles, designations, or grades, pursuant to their qualifications, as the Commandant considers necessary for the administration and operation of the Auxiliary.

§ 5.23 Advancement.

The Commandant shall prescribe the circumstances and qualifications under which members of the Auxiliary may be advanced.

§ 5.25 Honorary members.

For conspicuous service to or active interest in the Auxiliary, the Commandant may award any person with 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.