§ 13.01–20 Definitions.

As used in the statutes cited and in the regulations in this subpart:

(a) “Peril of the water” includes all perils on water caused by, or which are such by reason of, the sea or bodies of water such as lakes, bays, sounds and rivers; whenever, wherever and in whatever way human life is directly imperiled by the sea or a body of water is a peril of the water.

(b) A “shipwreck” includes an incident threatening persons whose lives are endangered by perils of the water as well as those who are, strictly speaking, no longer in danger from the sea or a body of water, that peril already having passed, but who are in imminent danger and in great need of succor or rescue, as e.g., being adrift in an open boat or stranded on some barren coast where, without succor or rescue, they would die of starvation, thirst, or exposure.

(c) “Waters within the United States or subject to the jurisdiction thereof,” embrace all waters within the United States, and any other waters over which the United States exercises jurisdiction.

§ 13.01–25 Description of Gold Lifesaving Medal.

(a) The Gold Lifesaving Medal is 99.9 percent pure gold and consists of a pendant suspended by a swivel from the head of an eagle attached to a silk grosgrain ribbon 1 and 3⁄8ths inches in width, composed of a 3⁄16ths of an inch red stripe, a 1⁄32d of an inch white stripe, a 15⁄16ths of an inch gold stripe, a 1⁄32d of an inch white stripe, and a 3⁄16ths of an inch red stripe. The pendant is 1 and 7⁄16ths inches in diameter and 3⁄32ds of an inch in thickness. There appear, on the obverse side of the pendant, three men in a boat in a heavy sea; one is rescuing a person clinging to a spar at the end of which is a block and line; another is standing, prepared to heave a line; a third is rowing; in the distance to the left, is the wreck of a vessel; the whole is encircled by the words: “United States of America”, in the upper half, and “Act of Congress, August 4, 1949”, in the lower half. On the reverse there appears a laurel wreath encircled by the words: “In testimony of heroic deeds in saving life from the perils of the water.”

(b) Engraving: Before presentation, the recipient’s name shall be inscribed on the “monument”, on the reverse of the medal.

§ 13.01–30 Description of Silver Lifesaving Medal.

(a) The Silver Lifesaving Medal is 99 percent pure silver and consists of a pendant suspended by a swivel from the head of an eagle attached to a silk grosgrain ribbon 1 and 3⁄8ths inches in width, composed of a 3⁄16ths of an inch blue stripe, a 1⁄32d of an inch white stripe, a 15⁄16ths of an inch silver gray stripe, a 1⁄32d of an inch white stripe, and a 3⁄32ds of an inch blue stripe. The pendant is 1 and 7⁄16ths inches in diameter and 3⁄32ds of an inch in thickness. On the obverse side of the pendant there appears the figure of a woman hovering over a man struggling in heavy sea and extending to him one end of a long scarf; the whole is encircled by the words: “United States of America”, in the upper half, and “Act of Congress, August 4, 1949”, in the lower half. On the reverse there appears a laurel wreath encircled by the words: “In testimony of heroic deeds in saving life from the perils of the water.”

(b) Engraving: Before presentation, the recipient’s name shall be inscribed inside the laurel wreath, on the reverse of the medal.

§ 13.01–35 Description of gold and silver bars.

(a) The bar is plain and horizontal, composed of the same metal as the medal previously awarded recipient, and is 1 and 3⁄8ths inches long by 3⁄16ths of an inch wide with a flowing ribbon draped over the left end and passing in back and appearing beneath the bar. The part of the ribbon showing beneath the bar bears the inscription “Act of Congress, August 4, 1949”, in raised
§ 13.01–40 Miniature medals and bars.

(a) Miniature Gold and Silver Lifesaving Medals and bars are replicas of the Lifesaving Medals and bars, to be worn on civilian clothing. Such miniatures are not furnished by the Government.

(b) Miniature medals and bars may be procured from sources authorized by the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, to furnish same to persons who produce original documentary evidence of having been awarded the medal or bar for which a miniature replica is desired.

§ 13.01–45 Replacement of medals and bars.

The Gold or Silver Lifesaving Medal or bar will be replaced at cost to the applicant upon submitting a statement in affidavit form of having been awarded a medal or bar and the circumstances involving loss of same. A Lifesaving Medal or bar, however, may be replaced without charge in the discretion of the Commandant, if said medal or bar has, under extremely unusual circumstances, been lost, destroyed or rendered unfit for use without fault or neglect on the part of the person to whom it was awarded.

Subpart 17.01—General Provisions

§ 17.01–1 Basis and purpose.

In accordance with 10 U.S.C. 2601 (formerly the Act of March 11, 1948, secs. 1, to 4, 62 Stat. 71, 72); and Treasury Department Order No. 167–1, dated January 16, 1953 (18 FR 671), the regulations in this part are hereby prescribed to provide for the acceptance and subsequent use of gifts, devises, or bequests of property, real or personal, made on the condition that they be used for the benefit of, or in connection with, the establishment, operation, maintenance, or administration of any school, hospital, library, museum, chapel, or other institution or organization under the jurisdiction of the United States Coast Guard.


§ 17.01–10 Authority to receive gifts.

(a) The Commandant, United States Coast Guard, may accept, receive, hold, or administer gifts, devises, or bequests of property, real or personal, made on the condition that they be used for the benefit of, or in connection with, the establishment, operation, maintenance, or administration of any school, hospital, library, museum, chapel, or other institution or organization under the jurisdiction of the United States Coast Guard. The Commandant is authorized to pay all necessary fees, charges, and expenses in connection with the conveyance or transfer of any such gifts, devises, or bequests.

(b) The Commandant may authorize or designate officers of the United States Coast Guard to accept gifts, devises, or bequests.


Subpart 17.05—Administration

§ 17.05–1 Gifts.

The gifts or bequests may be in money or negotiable instrument form. If in the form of a money order, check, etc., it should be made payable to the Treasurer of the United States.

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