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## MEMORANDUM

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Subj: CAREER SEA PAY AND RESPONSIBILITY PAY ENTITLEMENTS DURING 225'  
WLB MIDLIFE MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY (MMA) PERIODS

Ref: (a) Title 37 U. S. Code, §305a; Special Pay, Career Sea Pay  
(b) Coast Guard Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29 (series)  
(c) Title 37 U. S. Code, §306;

1. This memorandum clarifies Career Sea Pay (CSP) and Responsibility Pay policy with regard to 225' WLB crews and commanding officers following the date their cutters are delivered to the CG Yard incident to the 225" WLB MMA Program and prior to the date they are re-assigned to a post-MMA WLB cutter.

2. Reference (a) is the statutory authority for CSP, which is a special pay intended to compensate service members for the additional arduousness of sea duty as compared to normal duties ashore. Coast Guard CSP regulations are contained in Sec.4.B. of Reference (b). The statutory definition of sea duty contains three conditions that define sea duty for which CSP may be paid:

- a. Performing duty; and
- b. While permanently or temporarily assigned to a ship; and
- c. While serving on a ship with a primary mission that is accomplished while under way.

3. Reference (c) is the statutory authority for Responsibility Pay, which is a special pay authorized for commissioned officers assigned to positions of unusual responsibility per regulations established by the service. Coast Guard policy and regulations concerning Responsibility Pay are contained in Sec. 4.D. of Reference (b). It has been long-standing Coast Guard policy that only commanding officers of commissioned Coast Guard cutters are authorized Responsibility Pay.

4. It is understood that the 225' WLB cutters undergoing MMA will remain in special commission status and crew members will remain administratively attached to their units throughout the availability, although commanding officers will be relieved of command by the CO, CG Yard when their cutters are delivered to the CG Yard at the MMA startup. Following delivery of their cutter to the CG Yard, crews (with the exception of USCGC OAK (WLB-211)) will return to their home ports and await the next 225' WLB hull to emerge from MMA. The crew will return with their new, post-MMA hull to their home ports and resume their normal ATON and other functions. The time between delivery of a WLB for MMA and the availability of a post-MMA WLB for a crew to resume sea duty is estimated to be approximately five months. Crewmembers ashore at home port and not performing duty aboard a CSP-eligible vessel are not performing sea duty for which CSP may be paid. WLBs undergoing MMA are not considered CSP-eligible vessels while at the CG Yard.

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5. When the crew member of a WLB delivered to the CG Yard departs for home port or other duty (other than TDY aboard a CSP-eligible vessel), eligibility for CSP ends 30 days following the date each crewmember departs the CG Yard (see Rule 3 in Figure 4-3 of Reference (b)) . Rule 10 in Figure 4-3 of Reference (b) does not apply in the case of the 225' WLB MMA because the affected crewmembers will not be performing duty on or near their cutter while they are on shore at their respective home ports awaiting re-assignment to a new cutter. Rule 6 in Figure 4-3 of Reference (b) will apply when affected WLB MMA crewmembers perform TDY aboard CSP-eligible vessels, but are only authorized CSP for the duration of their TDY.

6. Responsibility Pay eligibility for COs of WLBs delivered to the CG Yard incident to MMA ends upon relief from command by CO, CG Yard. Eligibility for Responsibility Pay resumes for WLB crew COs upon assumption of command of a post-MMA WLB. The CO, CG Yard is not eligible for Responsibility Pay while a WLB is in the Yard's custody during MMA.

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