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Subj: RADM CHARLES P. MURPHY AWARD PROGRAM

1. PURPOSE. This Instruction reestablishes the RADM Charles P. Murphy award program in honor of the late Rear Admiral Charles P. Murphy, former Chief of the Office of Marine Safety, participant at the 1948 and 1960 SOLAS Conferences and former Chairman of the International Maritime Organization Maritime Safety Committee. The award was initially established to recognize Coast Guard military and civilian personnel who made significant lifetime contributions to the Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection program nationally and internationally.

2. ACTION. All Commandant (G-M) Directors, Area and District Chiefs of Marine Safety, the Commanding Officer of the National Maritime Center, the Commanding Officer of the Marine Safety Center, the Director of the National Vessel Documentation Center, Commanding Officer of the National Strike Force Coordination Center, Manager of the Marine Safety Laboratory, Supervisor of the Container Inspection Training and Assistance Team and Commanding Officers of all Strike Teams shall actively promote the program. Nominations may be submitted by individuals or commands and can be forwarded for consideration at any time to Commandant (G-M-1). The nominees will be reviewed and forwarded to Commandant (G-M) for consideration. Internet release of this Instruction is authorized.

3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. None.

4. DISCUSSION. RADM Charles P. Murphy, in whose honor the award was initially created by the Director, Oil Pollution (OPA 90) Staff memo 5000 of 23 Sep 94, was a pioneer in the fields of marine safety and environmental protection. He was a graduate of Webb Institute and joined the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation (BMIN) in 1935. Following the MORRO CASTLE and MOHAWK investigations, Congress created a technical staff in the BMIN to improve safety through standards and design requirements. At the outbreak of World War II, the BMIN was

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transferred to the U.S. Coast Guard. LCDR Murphy led the new Merchant Marine Technical Division. He was soon promoted to Captain and then to Rear Admiral. He then became Chief of the Office of Merchant Marine Safety until his retirement in 1970. His actions and vision set the course for the Coast Guard's marine safety, security and environmental protection programs.

5. ELIGIBILITY. Nominees for this award must have demonstrated significant achievements in the areas of marine safety, security and environmental protection nationally and internationally. Nominees (both military and civilian) must neither be employed nor under contract with the Coast Guard at the time of nomination. Retired Coast Guard (military and civilian) nominees must have continued to contribute in some civilian capacity after retirement in order to be eligible for this award. The sole intention of the RADM Charles P. Murphy Award is to recognize those nominees that have documented *lifetime* achievements. There are other appropriate means, such as military and civilian personal awards, as well as Public Service Awards, to honor personnel for *other* noteworthy accomplishments.

6. PROCEDURES. Nominations must be submitted in memorandum format and must specifically document at least six examples of lifetime achievements in the areas of marine safety, security and environmental protection. The examples must include specific accomplishments and the impact of these accomplishments. Of the six examples, at least two must detail significant international contributions. Recipients of the RADM Charles P. Murphy award will receive a personalized plaque and their name will be inscribed on a perpetual plaque in the office of the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.

7. FORMS AVAILABILITY. None.

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