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**STANDARD UNIFORM FOR THE PHILIPPINE MERCHANT
MARINE PERSONNEL**

I. PURPOSE:

To prescribed regulations for Standard Uniforms for Philippine Merchant Marine personnel employed aboard Philippine Registered Vessels (100 GTs and above for Commercial Vessels and 3 GTs and above for Fishing vessels) in the domestic and foreign trade.

II. SCOPE:

This Memorandum Circular is applicable to all Philippine Merchant Marine Officers, Apprentices and Ratings while in the performance of their duties and functions aboardship or ashore.

III. DEFFINITION OF TERMS:

- A.** Master – a duly licensed and registered master mariner who is in command of a vessel.
- B.** Officer – a duly licensed and registered deck or engine officer
- C.** Rating – a member of the crew other than an officer
- D.** Passenger/cargo ship – a vessel authorized to carry passengers and cargoes
- E.** Cargo Ship – a vessel which is not a passenger ship
- F.** Tanker – a vessel engaged solely for the carriage of liquid cargo of inflammable nature
- G.** Fishing Vessel – a vessel used for carrying fish, whales or other living creatures in the seas
- H.** Tug- a vessel engaged in towing or pushing operation.

IV. GENERAL PROCEDURES:

- A.** The standard uniform set forth in Annex “A” shall be worn by all personnel while in the performance of duties inherent in their position as merchant mariners.
- B.** All officers and rating shall provide themselves with correct sets of these prescribe Standard uniforms.
- C.** Prescribed uniforms shall be worn properly while in the performance of duties in port or underway

V. RESPONSIBILITY:

A. Shipping Company/Owners and Master

- 1. Ensure that authorized uniforms shall be provided to all ship’s complements
- 2. Ensure that proper wearing of prescribed uniform by all ships personnel shall be imposed in the performance of their duties whether in port or underway.
- 3. Direct the conduct of spot inspections to enforce the intent of this Memorandum Circular.
- 4. Improper wearing of authorized uniform shall be immediately corrected and/or disciplinary action imposed.

B. District and Station Commanders

1. Station Commanders

- a. Responsible for the strict implementation and monitoring of the provision of this Memorandum Circular.
- b. Conduct spot inspection to enforce the intent of this Memorandum Circular.

2. District Commanders

Supervise/monitor the implementation of this Memorandum Circular.

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- 1. Ensure the dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to all concerned PCG units and shipping companies/organization for their information and guidance.

2. Monitor the strict implementation of this Memorandum Circular by all concerned PCG units and shipping companies/organizations.

VI. RESCISSION:

Memorandum Circular Nr. 15 dated 1 July 1975 and other publications in contrast with these Policy are hereby rescinded.

VII. EFFECTIVITY:

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect one (1) month after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

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Annexes:

- A. – Types of uniform of officers and Rating by Ship Category
- B. – Standard Uniform for Merchant Marine Officers and Ratings

ANNEX “A”**TYPES OF UNIFORMS OF OFFICERS AND RATINGS BY SHIP CATEGORY**

SHIP CATEGORIES	OFFICERS					RATING S
	DECK	ENGINE			OTHERS	
1. Passenger/Cargo	A B C1	A B C2	E1	E2	G	
2. Cargo	A1 C1	A C2	E1	E2		
3. Tanker	B C1	B C3				
4. Fishing Vessel	C1	C2	E1	E1	F	
5. Tug Boat	C1	C2	E1	E2		
6. Overseas	A-B-C-D	A-B-C-D				

Legend:**Officers:**

- A – Type “A” Uniform
- B – Type “B” Uniform
- C – Type “C1” Uniform (Working)
Type “C2” Uniform (Working)
- D – Type “D” Uniform (Winter)

Ratings:

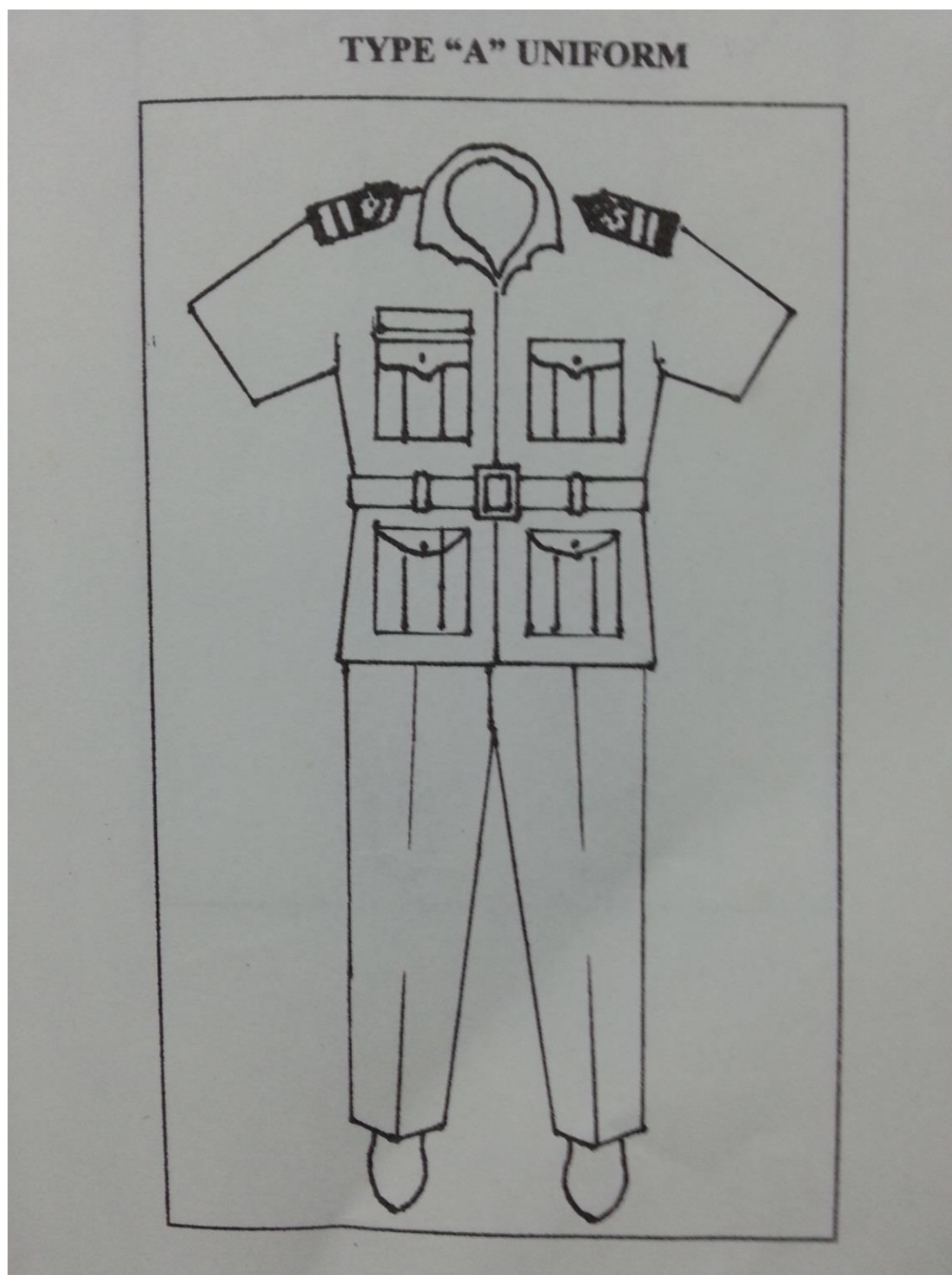
- E – Type “E1” Uniform (For Deck Crew)
Type “E2” Uniform (For Engineers)
- F – Type “F” Uniform (For Fishermen)
- G – Type “G” Uniform (For Steward)

TYPE "A" UNIFORM

1. **White Bush Jacket** – material shall be white polyester or any equivalent white color material. It is coat type fly front jacket with two, pleated small pocket with cover, a small button in gold finish. The lower pockets should be midway between the belt and the lower edge of the jacket. The second buttons of the jacket should not be more than 3 ½ inches from the first buttons. The sleeves are short, 1 inch from the inside of the forearm when bent and without fold. A belt 2 inches in width is sown with the jacket completely same at the back up to the sideband loose in front. It has laps in front to secure the front belt. The buckle shall be of brass in gold finish 3 ½ inches in length and 2 inches in width. The jacket is formal fitting and the length is proportional to the height of the wearer. The pleats at the back of the jacket are sown under the belt. The back of the jacket should fall naturally to conform with the configuration of the wearer. A backslit which appears from the belt is provided.
2. **Trousers** – material shall be the same as for the white bush jacket. It is of plain design, full cut, straightly hanging and without cuff. It is trim fitting with out bunching at the waist or bagging at the sack. There is no crease and the bottom front of the trouser is barely resting on the shoes. There are two side pockets and rear pockets with flaps
3. **Regular Shoulder Board** – They shall be 4 ½ and the inner end terminating in a symmetrical peak, extending 1 inch beyond the parallel side. The stripe shall be gold laced nylon ½ inch wide for deck/engineer officers and ¼ inch wide for patrons and apprentices, while stripes for licensed radio operators, stewards, pursers and medical officers shall be ½ inch wide silver lace nylon. Anchor, propeller, sparks half-moon, quill medical symbol shall be made of embroidered gold and silver bullion thread respectively. Shoulder board for medical officer should be with maroon background in between stripes.
4. **Cap** – a combination type cap with white cloth cover and visor which shall be stiff, standing and flaring throughout its circumference to give the outer edge of the cover a rolled or rounded effect, rather than one having a thin edge. In general, the measurement with cover on should be as follows: length crown at grommet 10 ½ inches, width 10 inches, extend height in rear of frame to top of grommet is 2 ½ inches. In front from visor top 3 7/8 inches. Hat to be fitted with a grommet to non-rustable, non-magnetic material about ½ inch wide sewed into the binding at the top. For MASTERS and CHIEF ENGINEERS, the top of the visor shall be embroidered along the edge with a single braid of laurel clusters. A gold adjustable strap on top of the visor ½ inch in width and 9 ½ inches in length is fastened at each end visor with small cap buttons. The merchant marine cap device shall be made of embroidered gold bullion thread and is mounted on the black strap band. Anchor/propeller made of metal in gold finish shall be the cap device for apprentice. (Appendix)

5. **Shoes** – Shall be low cut quarter, white laced, smooth leather, plain toes and without perforation, buckles or straps, the upper portion of the shoes shall not exceed ankle- bone height.
6. **Socks** – shall be plain white.
7. **Nameplate** – shall be black plastic nameplate 3 inches in length and 5/8 inch width 3/8 inch lettering in white.

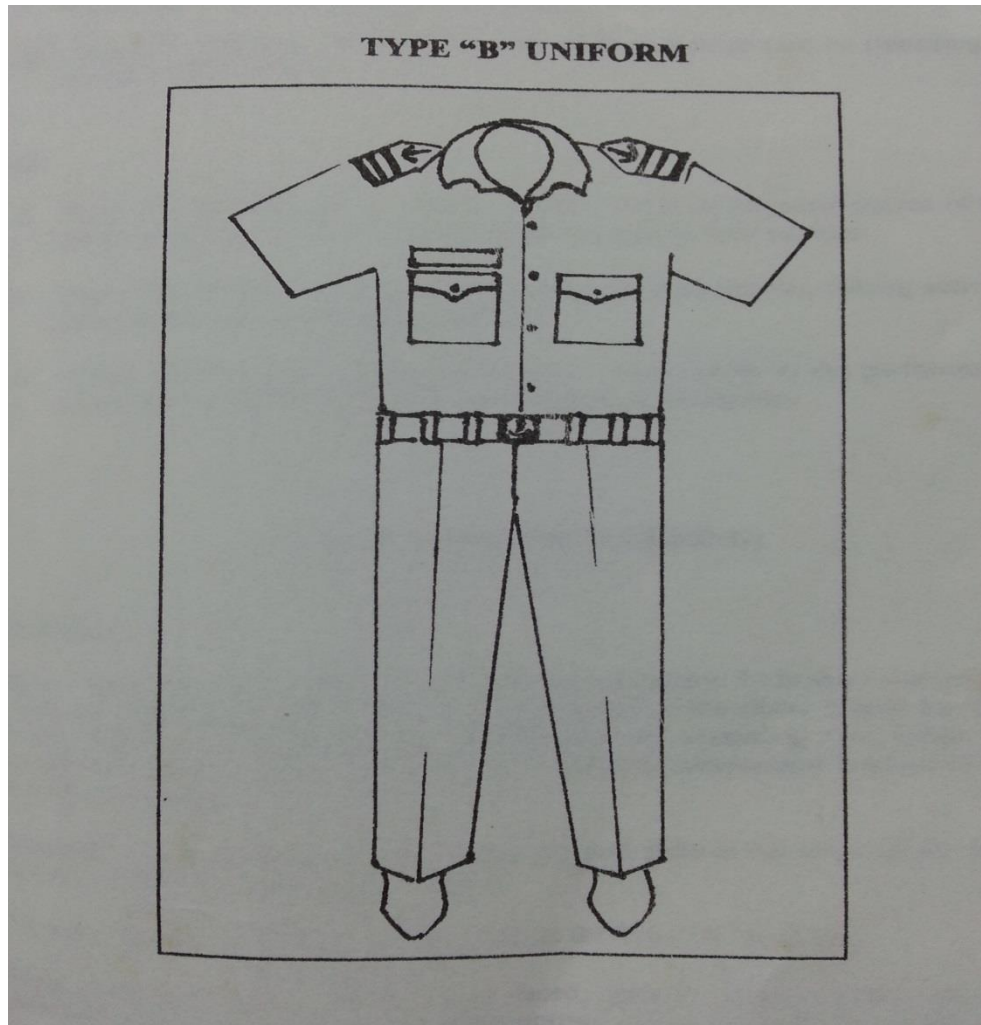
TYPE “A” UNIFORM



TYPE “B” UNIFORM

1. **Shirt** – material shall be polyester white or any equivalent. It is short sleeves not less than 1 inch and not more than 3 inches from the inside cover of the elbow. It shall have two patched breast pockets on the left and right with flaps not exceeding 2 inches wide, cover rounded and stayed at the center with non-metallic composition buttons of white shade, with shoulder straps.
2. **Trousers** – materials shall be polyester white or equivalent and style is the same as for Type “A” uniform with white belt and brass buckle.
3. **Shoulder Boards and Cap**- are the same as for the Type “A” uniform.
4. **Shoes, Socks and Nameplate**- shall be the same as for the Type “A” uniform.

TYPE “B” UNIFORM



ANNEX "B"

STANDARD UNIFORM FOR MERCHANT MARINE OFFICERS AND RATINGS

OFFICERS

A. **Type "A" Uniform**- worn while performing, attending formal, official and social functions or ceremonies.

B. **Type "B" Uniform** – worn while in the performance of duties watch officer of the deck/ engine room while in the port and/ or such other duties inherent in the position as marine officers.

C. **Type "C" Uniform (working uniform)**- worn while in the performance of duties that necessitates the use of manual labor, exposure to natural element and others that requires physical exertion and/ or in the performance of supervisory work.

D. **Type “D” Uniform (winter)** – worn while in foreign port or transiting they’re at during cold weather season.

RATINGS

E. Type “E” Uniform (Ship’s Crew) – worn while in the performance of their duties during steaming or while port and other duties in their position.

F. Type “F” Uniform (Fisherman) – worn while conducting fishing activities and/or other duties while underway or in port.

G. Type “G” Uniform (Steward / Utility) – worn while in the performance of their duties inherent their position while in port and underway.

TYPE “C” UNIFORM (WORKING)

For Deck Officer

1. **Shirt** – material shall be polyester white or any equivalent. It is short sleeves not less than 1 inch and not more than 2 inches from the inside cover of the elbow, it shall have two patched breast pockets on the left and the right with flaps not exceeding two inches wide, cover rounded and stayed at the center with non-metallic composition buttons of white shade, with shoulder straps.
2. **Trousers** – materials shall be polyester black and style is the same as for the Type “A” uniform with white belt and brass buckle.
3. **Shoulder Boards and Cap** – are the same as for Type “A” uniform.
4. **Shoes** – shall be low quarter, black, laced, smooth leather, plain toes and without perforation, buckles or straps. The upper portion of the shoes shall not exceed ankle – bone height.
5. **Socks** – shall be plain white.
6. **Nameplate** – shall be the same as Type “A” and “B” uniforms.

TYPE “C” UNIFORM (WORKING)

For Engine Officer

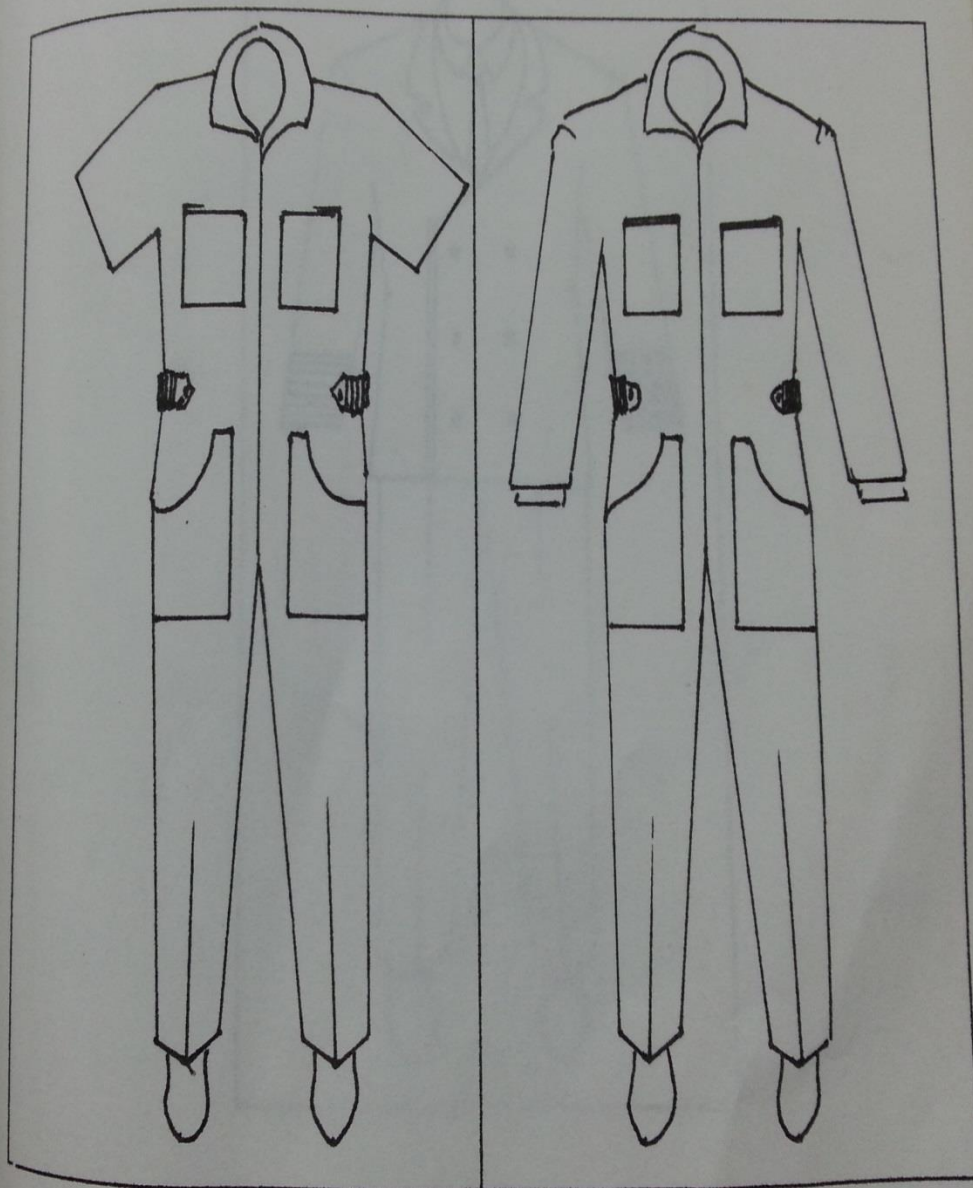
1. **Overall Suit**- material shall be white cotton or its equivalent. It is similar to that of an aviation flight suit. It has two patched breast pockets with 5 inches wide, 6 1/2

inches deep, no flap and secured non-metallic shaded buttons. It is either short sleeves not less than 1 inch and not more than 2 inches from the inside cover of the elbow or long sleeves and cuffs shall be closed with strap and the buttons to secure the cuffs. A belt 2 inches in width is sown with the suit completely at the back to the side band and loose in the front. It has two loops in front to secure the front portion of the belt. The buckle shall be cloth cover 2 ½ inches in the height and 2 inches width. The uniform is slightly loose fitting to afford free movement and secured by a zipper from the lower seam of the collar straight down to the trouser portion. It has two slide pocket 6 inches in wide opening and 7 ½ inches deep and two patched pocket at the back in the trousers portion. The trousers is slightly hanging and without cuff, with no break of grease and the bottom of the trouser is barely resting on the shoes.

2. **Collar Device-** shall be fitted with non – rustable, non – metallic, gold finish propeller of 1 2/2- inch size on the right collar representing the department and gold striped of ¾ by ½ inch sized with black shade indicating the rank.
3. **Safety Shoes –** shall be black, laced, hard leather, and plain toes with metal protection inside and without perforation, buckles or strap. The upper portion of the shoes shall the anklebone. The sole must be grease/oil resistance.
4. **Safety Helmet –** material shall be hard plastic. The style is the same as that of the constructions worker's helmet. Shipping agency log shall be printed for proper identification. (Appendix)
5. **Socks –** shall be plain wool or knitted materials.
6. **Nameplate -** shall be the same as Type “A” and “B” uniform.

TYPE “C” UNIFORM (WORKING)

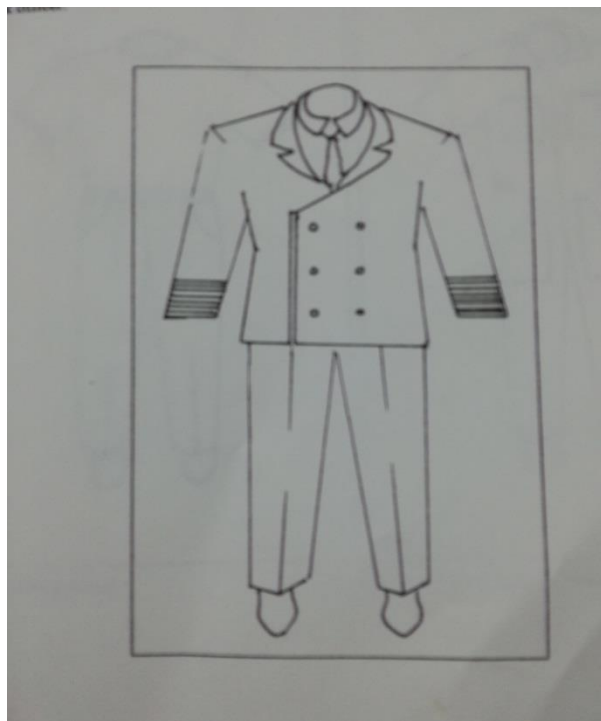
TYPE "C" UNIFORM (WORKING)



TYPE "D" UNIFORM (WINTER)

1. **Blue Coat** – material shall be navy blue cloth serge, navy blue Palm Beach or similar lightweight material. The style is double-breasted with double row of three gilt buttons down each forepart, all three buttons on right side to button, semi-fitting, seam back, no vent, reaching about 1 inch below cloth line. Length of lapel on outer edge to be about 12 inches. There shall be three outside pockets, one on each hip and one on the left breast, all to be made with welts, no flaps. Breast pocket horizontal with a 5 inches opening, welt 1 inch deep and pocket 6 ½ inches deep. Side pocket to be 7 inches wide, welt 1 ½ inches deep, pocket is 7 ½ wide and 8 inches deep. There shall be 1 inside breast pocket in the right side having a horizontal opening of 6 inches wide and 6 ½ inches deep. Sleeves and cuffs shall be closed without buttons. Buttons shall be large anchor gilt buttons, three on each forepart, 5 inches from the edge. Top buttons to be midway top and bottom buttons.
2. **Shirts** – shall be white long sleeves which of plain cotton or linen of conventional pointed collar and buttoned to the neck with a black tie.
3. **Trousers** – to match in the color with and be of the same materials as the blue, style shall be the same as for all type of uniforms.
4. **Sleeves Markings** – stripe which shall be made of gold embroidery or yellow silk embroidery which shall be fully encircle the sleeves. The lower stripe (if more than one) shall be two inches from the edge of the sleeve and spread ¼ inch apart.
5. **Cap, Shoes, Socks and Nameplate** – shall be the same as that of Type "C" uniform for the deck officer.

TYPE "D" UNIFORM



TYPE "E" UNIFORM (SHIP'S CREW)

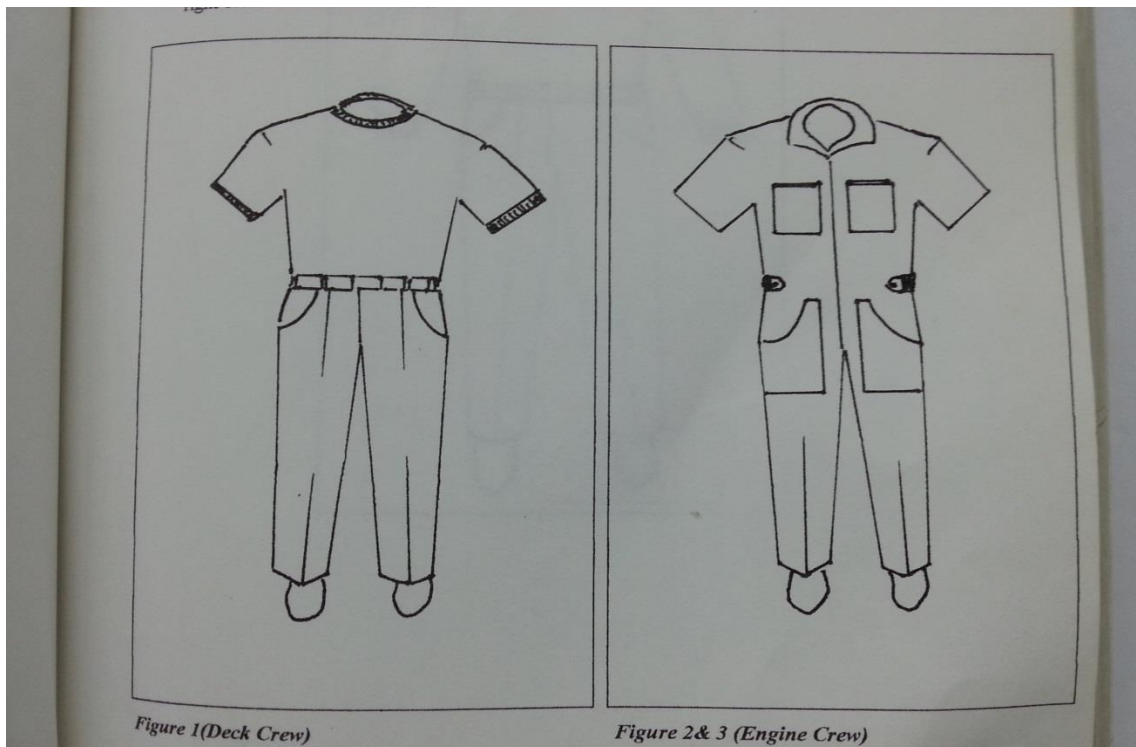
For Deck Crew (Fig 1)

1. **Shirt** – material shall be white soft cotton T-shirt, no collar, short sleeves with shipping company logo printed at the right breast and shipboard job description at the back with the family name above the centrally located 7 inches below the seam rounded collar.
2. **Trouser** – shall be blue jeans denims dungaree or its equivalent.

For Engine Crew (Fig. 2 & 3)

3. **Overall Suit** – material shall be dark blue or any dark colored button. It is similar to that of an aviation flight suit or Type "C" uniform for engineering officer. A shipboard job position is printed at the back with a family name centrally located 7 inches below the seam of the collar and company logo printed at the right breast in front of the suit.
4. **Safety Shoes, Socks and Safety Helmet** – shall be the same as for the Type "C" uniform for Engineering Officer. A shipboard job position is printed at the back with the family name above and centrally located 7 inches below the seam of the collar and company logo printed at the right breast in front of the suit

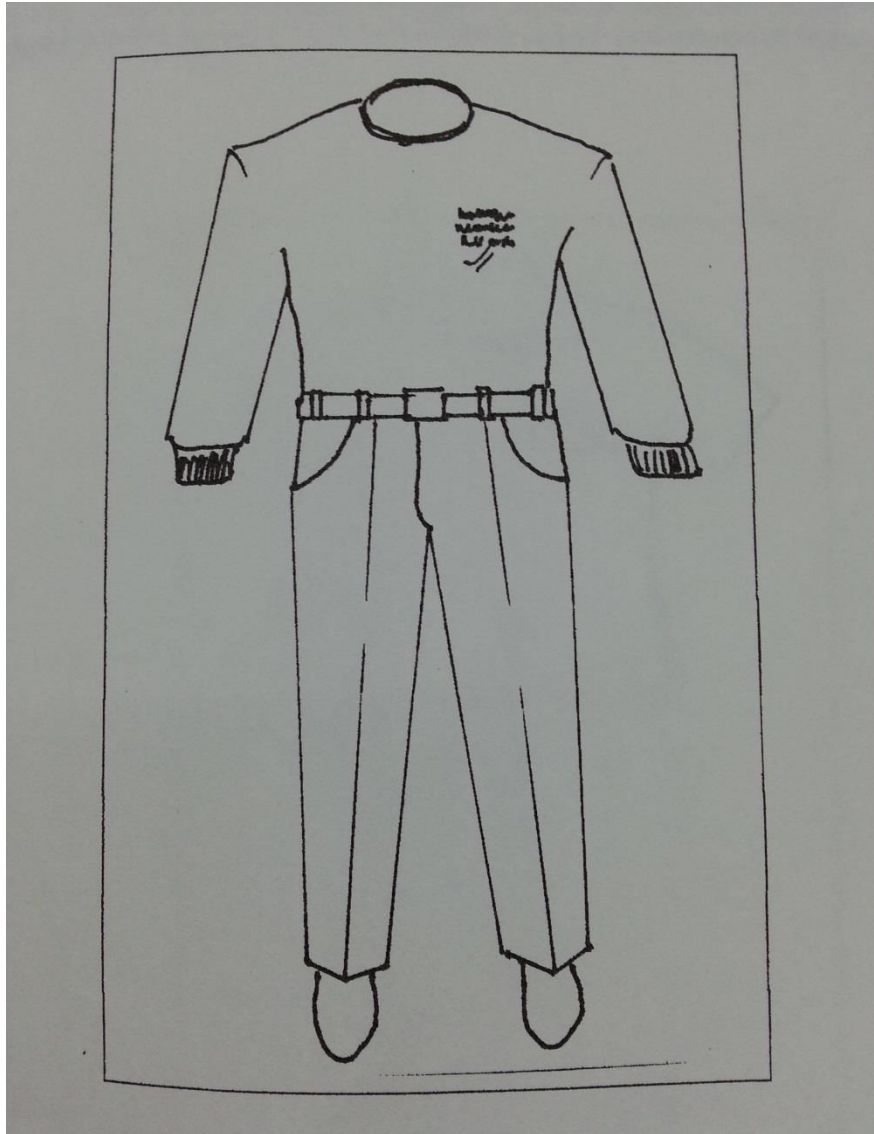
TYPE "E" UNIFORM (SHIP'S CREW)



TYPE “F” UNIFORM (FISHERMAN)

1. **Shirt** – material shall be white or colored soft cotton T-shirt, no collar, long sleeve with shipping company logo printed at the right breast and job position at the back with family name above for identification.
2. **Trousers** – shall be any colored pants.
3. **Rubber Boots** – shall be black or colored rubberizes shoe. It must be grease/oil resistance.
4. **Bonnet** – shall be plain wooing, or knitted material.

TYPE “F” UNIFORM (FISHERMAN)

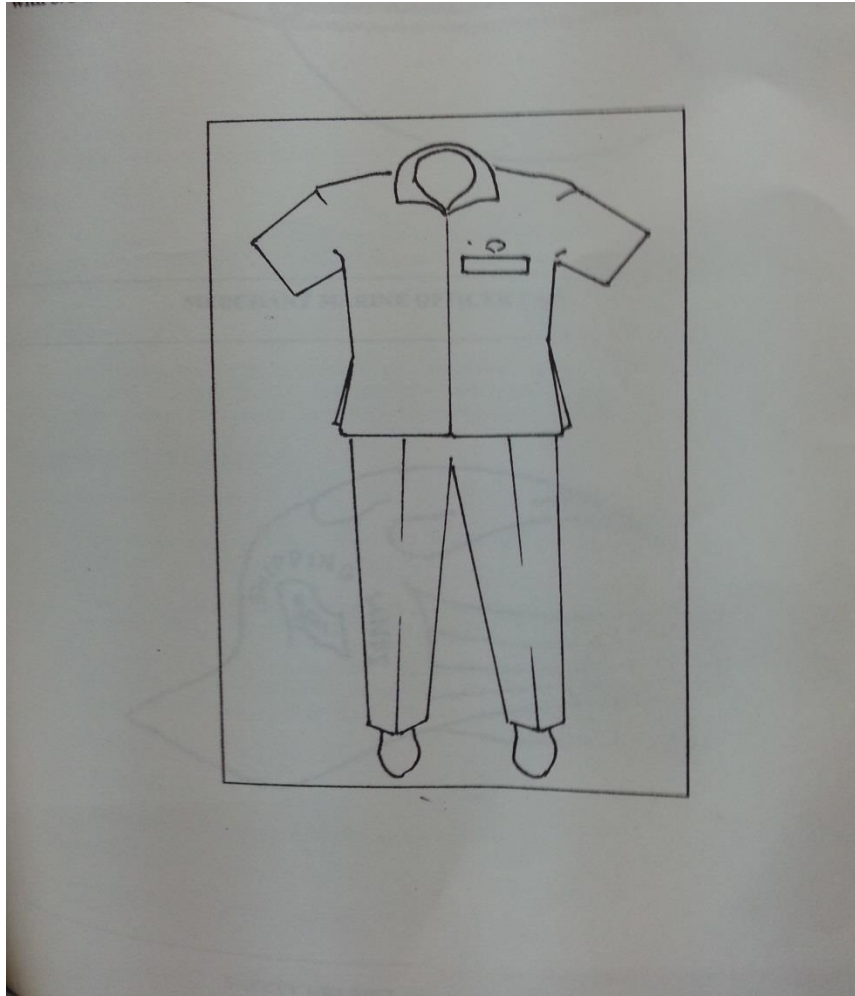


TYPE “G” UNIFORM (MESS STEWARD)

1. **Shirt** – material shall be cream white or as appropriate colored chiffonel or any of its equivalent. The style is a casual Barong Tagalog, short sleeves with company logo embroidered at the right breast. The suit is slightly loose fitting. It has a slits on both sides 5 inches long at the bottom side of the suit.
2. **Trousers** – material shall be any appropriate textile, any desired color. It is of plain design, full cut, straight hanging and without cuff. It is trim fitting without bunching at the waist or bugging at the sack. There is no crease and the bottom front of the trouser is barely resting on the shoes. There are two side pockets and rear pockets.
3. **Shoes** – shall be as appropriate, leather with or without perforation, buckles or straps.

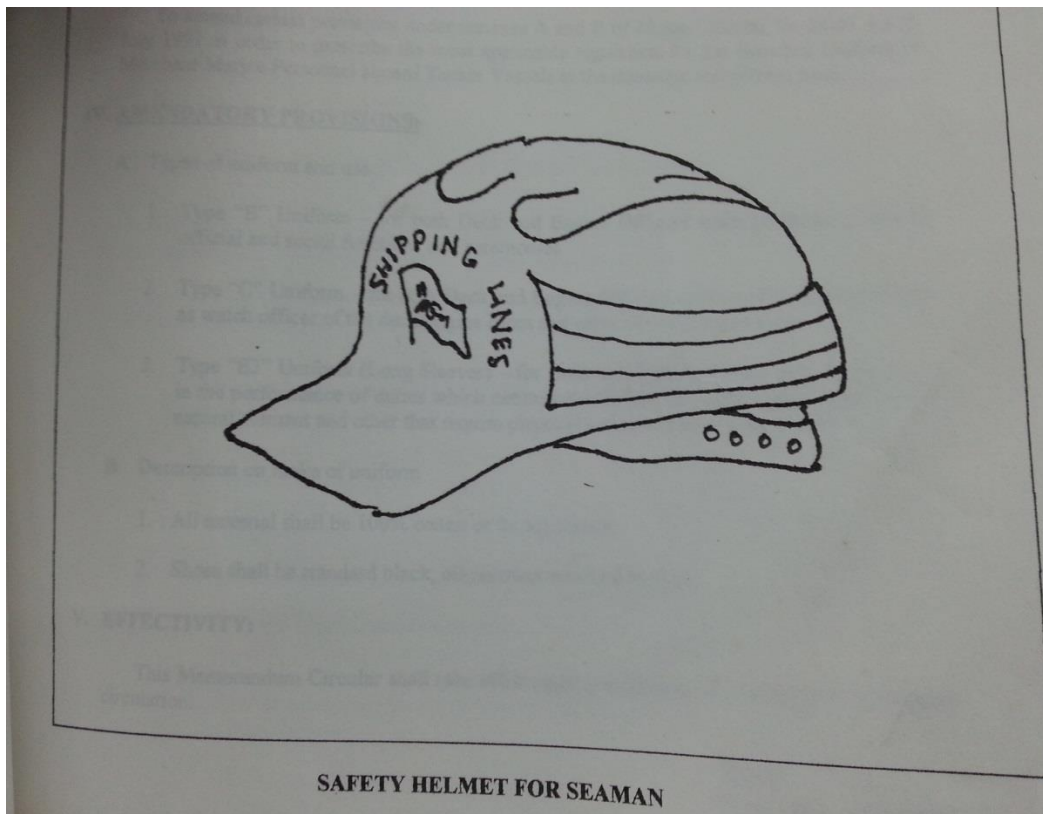
4. **Nameplate** – shall be white plastic nameplate 3 inches in length and 1 ½ inches in width with 3/8 inch lettering in regulated color with shipboard job description below the name.

TYPE “G” UNIFORM (MESS/STEWARD)





MERCHANT MARINE OFFICER CAP



SAFETY HELMET FOR SEAMAN