OFFICIAL COAST GUARD MARCHING SONG

SEMPER PARATUS
(ALWAYS READY)

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U. S. C. G.

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Semper Paratus
(Always Ready)

Words and Music by
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Tempo di Marcia

From Aztec shore to Arctic zone, To Europe and Far East. The

Flag is carried by our ships In times of war and peace; And never have we struck it yet In

spite of foe-men's might, Who cheered our crews and cheered again For showing how to fight.

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Land or sea, Through surf and storm and howling gale, High shall our purpose be. "Semper Paratus" is our guide, Our fame, our glory too.

Land and sea, Through howling gale and shot and shell, To win our victory. "Semper Paratus" is our guide, Our pledge, our motto too.

To fight to save or fight and die! Aye! Coast Guard we are for you! You!

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Official U. S. Coast Guard March Song
By CAPTAIN FRANCIS SALTUS VAN BOSKERCK, U.S.C.G.

Verse
From Aztec shore to Arctic Zone,
To Europe and Far East.
The Flag is carried by our ships
In times of war and peace:
And never have we struck it yet
In spite of foemen's might.
Who cheered our crews and cheered again
For showing how to fight.

CHORUS
So here's the Coast Guard marching song,
We sing on land or sea.
Through surf and storm and howling gale,
High shall our purpose be.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide.
Our fame, our glory, too.
To fight to save or fight and die!
Aye! Coast Guard, we are for you.

2nd Verse
SURVEYOR and NARCISUS,
The EAGLE and DISPATCH,
The HUDSON and the TAMPA,
The names are hard to match:
From Barrow's shores to Paraguay,
Great Lakes or ocean's wave.
The Coast Guard fought through storms and winds
To punish or to save.

3rd Verse
Aye, we've been "Always Ready"
To do, to fight, or die.
Write glory to the shield we wear
In letters to the sky.
To sink the foe or save the maimed
Our mission and our pride.
We'll carry on 'til Kingdom Come
Ideals for which we've died.

New Version

Verse
From North and South and East and West
The Coast Guard's in the fight.
Busting subs and landing troops
The Axis feels our might.
For we're the first invaders
On every fighting field.
From Arctic zone to tropic shore
You'll find our Silver Shield.

CHORUS
So, here's the Coast Guard battle song
We fight on land and sea
Through howling gale and shot and shell
To win our victory.
Semper Paratus is our guide,
Our pledge, our motto, too.
We're "always ready", do or die
Aye, Coast Guard we fight for you!

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