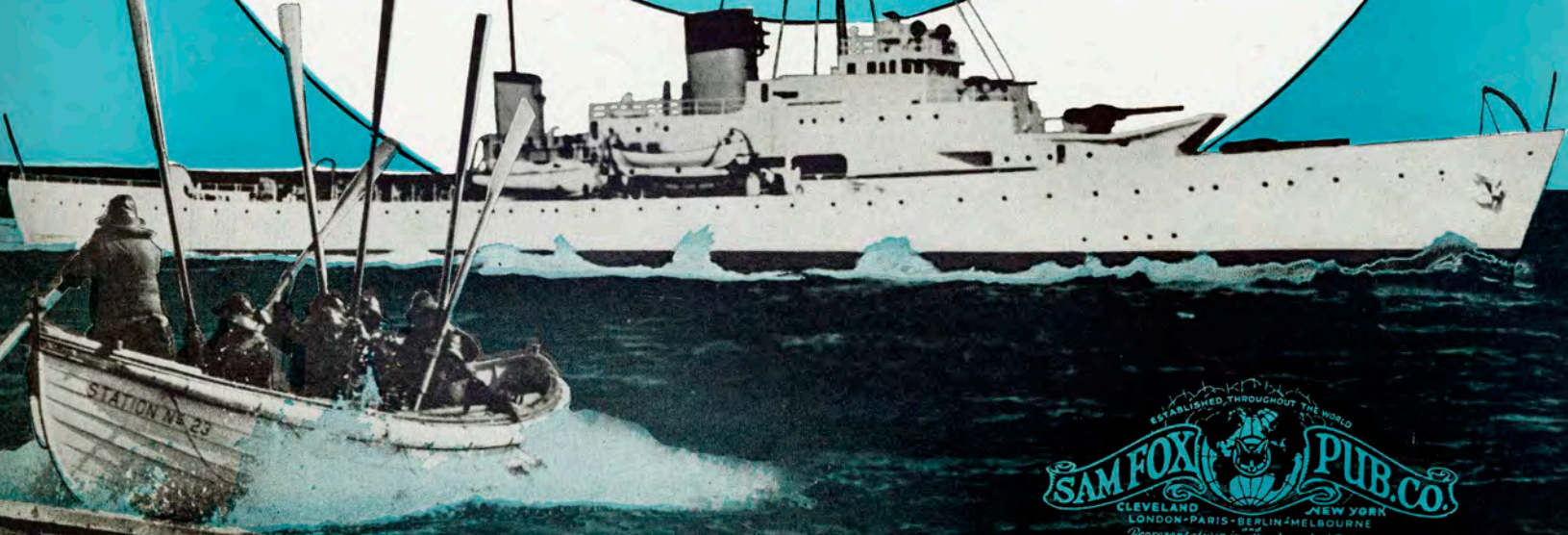
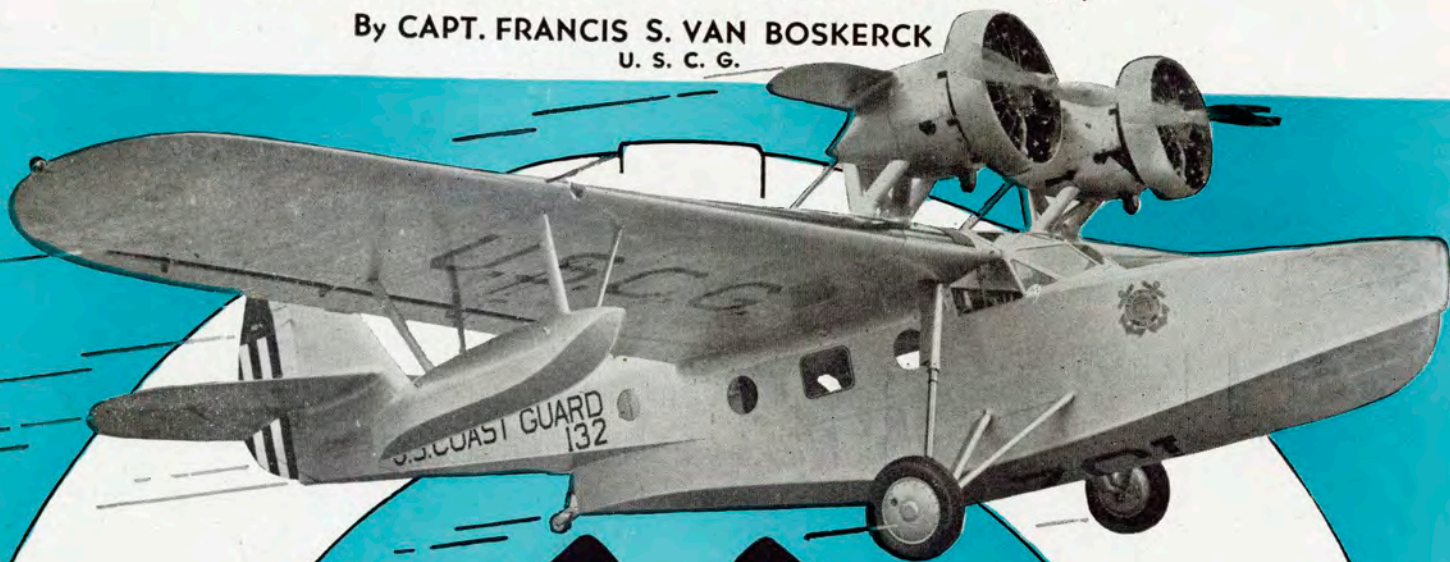


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Tempo di Marcia

Piano introduction musical notation in G major, 2/4 time, marked 'Tempo di Marcia'. The piece begins with a series of chords and rhythmic patterns in both treble and bass staves.

* GUITAR

(Original version) From Az - tec shore to Arc - tic zone, To Eu - rope and Far East. The
(New version) From North and South and East and West, The Coast Guards in the fight. De-

Musical notation for the first vocal line, including lyrics and piano accompaniment.

Flag is car - ried by our ships In times of war and peace; And nev - er have we struck it yet In
stroy - ing subs and land - ing troops The Ax - is feels our might. For we're the first in - vad - ers On

Musical notation for the second vocal line, including lyrics and piano accompaniment.

spite of foe - men's might, Who cheered our crews and cheered a - gain For show - ing how to fight.
ev - ry fight - ing field. A - float, a - shore, on men and Spars You'll find the Coast Guard shield.

Musical notation for the third vocal line, including lyrics and piano accompaniment.

CHORUS

So here's the Coast Guard march - ing song, We sing on
So here's the Coast Guard bat - tle song, We fight on

Musical notation for the chorus, including lyrics and piano accompaniment.

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* Letters over Guitar diagrams are names of the chords in original key and are adaptable to Banjo or Ukulele.

Bb *F* *C7* *Ami* *C7* *F* *A7*

land or sea. Through surf and storm and howl - ing and
 land and sea. Through howl - ing gale and shot - ing and

Dmi *F#dim.* *C* *G7* *C* *C7* *F*

gale, High shall 'our pur - pose be. "Sem - per Pa -
 shell, To win our vic - to - ry. "Sem - per Pa -

B *F* *Bb* *F*

ra-tus" is our guide, Our fame, our glo - ry too,
 ra-tus" is our guide, Our pledge, our mot - to too,

C7 *Ami* *C7* *F* *A7* *Dmi* *Bbmi6* *F*

To fight to save or fight and die! Aye! Coast Guard we
 We're "Al - ways Read - y," do or die! Aye! Coast Guard we

G7 *C7* *1 F* *2 F*

are fight for you!
 fight for you!

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Official U. S. Coast Guard March Song

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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.

2nd Verse

SURVEYOR and NARCISSUS,
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.

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.

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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