

## CGC VIGOROUS Seal



**CREST:** The griffin is a mythological beast noted for its intelligence and bravery, and is shown as a sea-griffin, symbolizing sea-duty. It is winged in reference to the use of helicopters by the USCGC VIGOROUS. The lantern refers to safety and the search for shipping and seafarers in peril. The demi-compass rose represents the wide scope of the Coast Guard's duties. The color Celeste stands for the Coast Guard.

**SHIELD:** Blue represents the U. S. Coast Guard, white stands for integrity and coastal waters, the location of the greater part of the mission of the service. The stylized fasces refers to authority at sea, emphasized by the trident. The bindings, suggesting two red X's, are a reference to the practice of the crew to record seizure of illegal drug shipments by means of X's painted on the mast. Gold stands for excellence.

**SUPPORTERS:** The anchors stand for the Coast Guard and service at sea, and refer also to cooperation with the United States Navy. Gold stands for excellence.

**MOTTO:** A scroll azure garnished and inscribed "PARATUS GERERE" (Ready to Act) refers to VIGOROUS' history of readiness to successfully accomplish a wide variety of missions.