

S55. UNIFORM—RN AND RM PERSONNEL—EVENING DRESS FOR PETTY OFFICERS AND RM SERGEANTS (U)

[N/STE 2937/71 (DGST(N))]

1. Evening dress comprising blue mess jacket and trousers with the items detailed in Article 0412 of BR 81 (*Uniform Regulations*) may be worn in future by RN Petty Officers, on an optional basis and on the same formal occasions as by Fleet Chief and Chief Petty Officers.
2. The design of the mess jacket is the same as for CPOs but with cuff buttons in conformity with those on the Petty Officers' uniform jacket.
3. A miniature gold on blue rating badge is to be worn on the left arm of the mess jacket, as it is on the white mess jacket at present.

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4. The alternative rig, comprising No 1 Dress negative medals with a black bow tie, may continue to be worn if preferred.
5. Royal Marines Sergeants in HM ships and RN shore establishments may wear evening dress with scarlet mess jackets as in Article 0611 of BR 81 when RN personnel are permitted to wear the dress described in paragraph 1 above.
6. BR 81 (*Uniform Regulations*) will be amended as shown in the ANNEX to this DCI.

Article 0428(16)C of BR 81 (*Uniform Regulations*) will be re-issued as follows:

“c. **Blue Mess Jacket for Senior Ratings' Evening Dress.\*** Blue worsted serge with roll collar, single breasted with patrol back; melton under collar. Fully lined; black lining to body, white lining to sleeves. Chest padded and quilted. Inside pocket in right forepart. Set in sleeves, with distinguishing buttons as for Class I & III uniform jackets. Two button holes in each front with links button in upper pair; two show buttons in each front. Front buttons  $\frac{7}{8}$ -in gilt crown and anchor crested buttons. No shoulder straps. Slightly roached over the hips with peak at back.”