

The long range interceptor-II significantly extends the national security cutter's range. It allows teams to arrive on scene quickly while executing missions such as drug and migrant interdiction, law enforcement, and search and rescue. U.S. Coast Guard photo.

Acquisition Update: Long-Range Interceptor Boat Delivered To Hamilton

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The Coast Guard accepted delivery of its fourth long range interceptor-II – a cutter boat designed to extend the national security cutter's interdiction and search and rescue range – to Coast Guard Cutter Hamilton in Charleston, South Carolina, Feb. 25, 2015.

Each of the three other NSCs that have been commissioned into service – Bertholf, Waesche and Stratton – are currently outfitted with an LRI-II.

The LRI-II is 35 feet long, can travel at more than 40 knots and has a range of 250 nautical miles. It can accommodate up to 15 passengers, including crew, and features shock-mitigating seats, some of which fold to allow for easier crew movement or extra storage. The LRI-II is compatible with the NSC's stern launch system, allowing for faster boat deployment.

The Coast Guard has ordered six LRI-IIs to date under its contract with MetalCraft Marine U.S.