



Isaac Mayo, the sixth fast response cutter to be based in Key West, Florida, arrives at its home port for the first time. U.S. Coast Guard photo.

Acquisition Update: 12th Fast Response Cutter Delivered To Coast Guard

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The Coast Guard accepted delivery of the 12th Sentinel-class fast response cutter, Isaac Mayo, in Key West, Florida, Jan. 13.

The ship is the sixth FRC to be based in Key West. Its commissioning is scheduled for March 2015. It is named after Isaac Mayo, who received the Gold Lifesaving Medal in 1879 for leading the rescue of four sailors from a wrecked schooner during a heavy snowstorm.

The FRC is built for missions including ports, waterways and coastal security; drug and migrant interdiction; law enforcement; search and rescue; and defense readiness. FRCs are 154 feet long, can reach speeds of at least 28 knots and have an endurance of five days. They come equipped with advanced command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems to receive and share information with other Coast Guard assets and federal agencies.

The Coast Guard is acquiring 58 FRCs to replace the 110-foot Island-class patrol boats, which entered service in the 1980s. The Coast Guard has ordered 30 FRCs so far. Ten FRCs have been commissioned – six in Miami and four in Key West – and the 11th is scheduled for commissioning at the end of this month. Eleven more are currently under production. Sector San Juan, Puerto Rico, will receive the next six FRCs.