



Acquisition
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FAST RESPONSE CUTTER

CHARACTERISTICS

Length:

154 feet

Beam:

25 feet

Draft:

9 feet 6 inches

Maximum Speed:

28+ knots

Range:

2,500 nautical miles

Base Endurance:

Five days

The Sentinel-class fast response cutter (FRC) is designed for multiple missions, including drug and alien interdiction; ports, waterways and coastal security; fishery patrols; search and rescue; and national defense. The Coast Guard has ordered 67 FRCs to replace the capability of the 1980s-era 110-foot Island-class patrol boats. The FRCs feature advanced command, control, communications, computers, cyber, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance equipment; over the horizon cutter boat deployment to reach vessels of interest; and improved habitability and seakeeping.

Fifty-eight of 67 FRCs that have been ordered are in service: 13 in Florida; seven in Puerto Rico; six each in Bahrain and Massachusetts; four each in California and Alaska; three each in Guam, Hawaii, Texas and New Jersey; and two each in Mississippi, North Carolina and Oregon.

Fast Response Cutter Locations

Six FRCs are assigned to Patrol Forces Southwest Asia in Manama, Bahrain



FEATURES

- Enhanced response time with a top speed of at least 28 knots
- Stabilized 25-mm machine gun mount and four crew-served .50-caliber machine guns
- Fully interoperable command and control systems with existing and future assets from across the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security and Department of Defense
- Standardized over the horizon cutter boat with stern launch capabilities

For updates on the fast response cutter, visit the program's website at www.dcms.uscg.mil/acquisition