

FAST RESPONSE CUTTER



Acquisition Directorate

CHARACTERISTICS

Length:	154 feet
Beam:	25 feet
Draft:	9 feet 6 inches
Displacement:	353 long tons
Maximum Speed:	28+ knots
Range:	2,500 nautical miles
Base Endurance:	five days



Coast Guard Cutter Angela McShan



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 Coast Guard existing and future assets and with the departments of Homeland Security and Defense
- Standardized over the horizon IV cutter boat with stern launch capabilities

“The fast response cutters are the mainstay of the Coast Guard’s coastal patrol fleet, providing multi-mission capabilities and interagency interoperability.”

– Adm. Karl Schultz,
commandant of the Coast Guard

For updates on the FRC, visit the program’s website at www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Acquisitions-CG-9/Programs/Surface-Programs/Fast-Response-Cutters/

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Sentinel-class fast response cutter (FRC) is designed for multiple missions, including drug and migrant interdiction; ports, waterways and coastal security; fishery patrols; search and rescue; and national defense. The Coast Guard has ordered 60 FRCs to date and plans to acquire a fleet of 64 FRCs to replace the 1980s-era Island-class 110-foot patrol boats. The total value of Phase 2 of the contract is currently approximately \$1.48 billion; it has a total potential value of \$1.74 billion if all options are exercised. The FRCs feature advanced command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance equipment; over the horizon cutter boat deployment to reach vessels of interest; and improved habitability and seakeeping.

Forty are currently in service: Six each are in Miami and Key West, Florida; seven in San Juan, Puerto Rico; four in San Pedro, California; three in Cape May, New Jersey; three in Honolulu, Hawaii; three in Galveston, Texas; and two each in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina; Ketchikan, Alaska; and Pascagoula, Mississippi; and two are transiting to their Bahrain homeport.

Two additional FRCs have been delivered and will be commissioned at their new homeport in Guam later this year. Future FRC homeports include Astoria, Oregon; St Petersburg, Florida; Boston, Massachusetts; Kodiak, Seward; and Sitka, Alaska.

Mission execution begins *here*.

