

FAST RESPONSE CUTTER



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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 Benjamin Bottoms



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

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 56 FRCs to date and plans to acquire a domestic fleet of 58 FRCs to replace the 1980s-era Island-class 110-foot patrol boats. The total value of the contract is currently approximately \$1.23 billion; it has a potential value of \$1.42 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. Thirty-four FRCs are stationed throughout the United States. Six each are in Miami and Key West, Florida; seven in San Juan, Puerto Rico; four in San Pedro, California; two in Ketchikan, Alaska; three in Cape May, New Jersey; two in Pascagoula, Mississippi; two in Honolulu, Hawaii; and two in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina.

Galveston, Texas; Apra Harbor, Guam; Astoria, Oregon; Boston, Massachusetts; and Kodiak, Seward, and Sitka, Alaska, are future FRC homeports.

Mission execution begins *here*.



For updates on the FRC, visit the program's website at www.dcms.uscg.mil/

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